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@Bill Thompson, here's my 700-word Guest Column: Gordon Wayne Watts (Lakeland, Fla.)

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Bill, this is Gordon – sorry for the delay in my follow-up submission for a guest column, but we are being evicted, and the landlady is going to tear down the house to get it off the tax rolls for the next fiscal year: She says the \$225.00/month we pay is not enough to make money, and 821 Alicia Road will soon be FLATTER than a pancake-- we gotta be out by Dec 01, 2018... LOL -- anyhow, thank you again for publishing my last guest column: "'A Polk Perspective: Fix our bankrupt policy on student debt,'" by Gordon Wayne Watts / Guest columnist, *The Ledger*, August 4, 2016 [700-words]

· <https://www.TheLedger.com/opinion/20160804/a-polk-perspective-fix-our-bankrupt-policy-on-student-debt>

Please find, enclosed, in Microsoft Word format, as you requested, said follow-up, also 700-words, with bonus text. It is on the 2nd-to-last page. The last page hammers home my point (a funny MEME), and the preceding pages are important cites to document my scary claims in my submission.

Since our mutual friend, U.S. Rep. Dennis A. Ross (R-FL-15th) is the subject of my word-science, I'm including his key staff a cc, as well as Alan Collinge (a famous advocate I cite), and your boss, publisher, Brian Burns (to keep him in the loop) -- and, in both PDF and DOC format: In case you get careless and edit the Word Doc & screw it up, here's a frozen (and almost-uneditable) PDF as a backup. What can you do for publishing something (my piece, **and** the Editorial Board's reaction) by election day, Tuesday, 06 Nov 2018? (I make some scary claims about the economic situation, AND Education is both popular in your readership AND genuinely important, to boot.)

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"First, they [Nazis] came for the Jews. I was silent. I was not a Jew. Then they came for the Communists. I was silent. I was not a Communist. Then they came for the trade unionists. I was silent. I was not a trade unionist. Then they came for me. There was no one left to speak for me." (Martin Niemöller, given credit for a quotation in The Harper Religious and Inspirational Quotation Companion, ed. Margaret Pepper (New York: Harper & Row, 1989), 429 -as cited on page 44, note 17, of Religious Cleansing in the American Republic, by Keith A. Fornier, Copyright 1993, by Liberty, Life, and Family Publications.

Some versions have Mr. Niemöller saying: "Then they came for the Catholics, and I didn't speak up, because I was a Protestant"; other versions have him saying that they came for Socialists, Industrialists, schools, the press, and/or the Church; however, it's certain he DID say SOMETHING like this. Actually, they may not have come for the Jews first, as it's more likely they came for the prisoners, mentally handicapped, & other so-called "inferiors" first -as historians tell us -so they could get "practiced up"; however, they did come for them -due to the silence of their neighbors -and due in part to their own silence. So: "Speak up now or forever hold your peace!"-GWW

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