



## Oh, Woe Is Me!

I was just doing some maintenance work on my Dated collection...and whenever I work on my Dated collection...I always get depressed!

I teach History, and so History is more than just 'interesting' to me; it's 'special'! That's one of the main reasons why I got interested in Dated covers to begin with. That date on that cover somehow makes it an "official" historical document—"This cover officially commemorated this bank's 50th anniversary in 1943..." or "This cover shows that in 1961, the Cubs played these teams during the season" [*They lost, of course, but they did play!...ha ha*].

And that's why I always get depressed when working on my Dated collection...That's when I realize that the only people who issue Dated covers anymore are... collectors! "2004 AMCAL Convention"..."Come to the 2005 RMS Convention!"..."Don't Miss UES 2006!"

It's just depressing! [*sigh*]