

Editorial

The number of assassinations or attempted assassinations of prominent men this year has prompted some thought on the matter of why? Assassinations are certainly not a new phenomenon, but the concentration of attempted political murders within a relatively short time span, and occurring world wide must point to some prevalent global condition.

Is it boredom? Kierkegaard once proposed that boredom is the root of all evil. Children, for example, "are always well-behaved as long as they are enjoying themselves... if they sometimes become unruly in their play, it is because they are already beginning to be bored - boredom is already approaching..."

In a certain sense the world does appear to be in a stagnant position; there are no great wars going on, the economy is equally depressing in most countries, and the masses are feeling particularly helpless politically, especially in the sight of what often appears as uneffective leadership. Nothing is getting

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Not Laughing

Dear Editors:

I would like to express my displeasure with certain features in the SUN. I realize that the SUN is a university paper and I will agree that it reflects something of the higher education which distinguishes our university. I also agree that humorous articles have their place, however, I would like to see such articles labelled as such. An example of what I mean is "Rumor Hath It...", clearly a fun article which does not appear to be news. However, some "comical" sections appear as news or mixed in with news (or newslite) articles.

For a specific example of what I'm complaining about, I will take the page "View From the Top" in the October 8 issue of the SUN. This page, which poses as a bi-weekly news page (and appears to contain a smattering of it), included a joke item which demonstrated the difficulty professors have in comprehending or expressing the fact of a flat tire. (A kind engineer defined for us: Tire - a round thing with air in it; or something like that.)

Also, on this page, there appeared several sexist remarks, which taken out of the context of humor, are every

offensive: e.g. "to service the girlfriends of impotent .. students," (as though the purpose of a girlfriend is such that she must be serviced) and, "a committee to recruit pale young females for social events"?

Furthermore, the egotistical dig directed towards a particular (named) "Biology" student through an esoteric article entitled "Geek of the Week" and the obscene initials cursing Jim F. could be taken as being very offensive. since the page ("View From the Top") was not expressly written as a page of "comedy".

Certainly I'm not so blind or unfair as to suggest that the page was not meant as a "comic" page, but it does look bad for our student body (in particular our engineering students who expressly take responsibility for the page) when such daring "comic" remarks are not labelled as such. Also, I do not suggest that this is the only article to risk the dangers involved in not clarifying "comedy" or humor, as such, (depending upon how one defines "comedy" - perhaps "comedy" should not be equated with "humor").

Thank-you!
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better, nothing is being resolved, in fact nothing is happening - the natives are restless. Boredom, therefore change.

This situation cannot be understood through the application of any strict political or economic theory, rather, it requires a human theory which involves a number of diverse features, not the least of which is change, sometimes known as progress.

The ultimate change must certainly involve death. So whether an assassin is considered sane or not, the intent of killing involves hopes of change which also implies a prior condition of impatience or boredom. Alternate to this argument is the idea that the assassin feels his interests are being threatened by the policies of the man who becomes his target. But when this argument would eventually point to an initial condition of discontent or boredom which caused the establishment of separate or different interests than that of the state.

In many countries today the process of political change has been highly institutionalized and internationalized. This very condition creates impatience, boredom, and frustration for many of those not directly involved in the political process. Unfortunately, this condition has led to radical attempts of assassination by persons or groups who do not see that even the killing of one man does not make a lot of difference anymore. Things have changed.

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