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OFFERED DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY FROM OTHER SOURCES." (italics mine-page 2, para.6) It is obvious to any reader of the "Guardian" that it relies heavily on other sources for its information. Originality is practically nonexistent; but then why should they be original when they are expected to be mediocre. Mediocrity does not demand originality, or quality, or commitment!

Those rare original editorials which do appear are usually of a very local nature and SEEM TO LACK SOUL, CHARACTER AND MERELY CONVEY THE FACTS IN A FLAT, UNPLEASANT MANNER. MOST OF THE EDITINGS IN THE GUARDIAN IS UNIMAGINATIVE, AND LACKS FLAVOR AND LIFE." (italics mine-page 2, para. 7) Due to its lack of commitment and involvement in those issues of concern, the "Guardian" appears drab and dull unlike the who, immersed in the concern of a contemporary man, writes with passion and commitment reflecting his personal stake in these vital issues. In the whole, the "Guardian" is extremely mediocre. This reflects not only its readers but the "Guardian" staff as well.

In my view, it is the responsibility of all Islanders to demand a qualitative medium for expression. I might add that the above criticism applies equally to the "Evening-Patriot" and the "Journal Pioneer".



At the athletic banquet in Montgomery Hall, Wednesday, April 11, Andy Packard and Nancy Berrigan (pictured above) were awarded trophies for outstanding male and female athletes of the year.

Let's Be Realistic,

S. Dalton Is Off The Track

These few lines are in reply to Stan Dalton's article of Apr. 11th, "In Defense Of The Good". This article after one dispenses with the sarcastic references to the business world has a point. The question that I ask is: Do you Mr. Dalton know of any system or society in existence in this world that is doing a better job of providing equality and freedom? One can look to our northern neighbours and see that the common man, in this country that is supposedly run by the common man for the common man has little choice in his life. His career is chosen so that he can best serve the needs of the state. The beauty of our system is that it allows people to make mistakes and when they do

does not neglect them but supports them with the excess of the successful. I sometimes wonder how long some of us and our individualistic beliefs would be tolerated in some other societies.

Freedom of expression is a right that is taken very seriously by the members of the staff of this paper and to my experience this is one of the most free societies that has ever existed on the face of the earth. To speak of what would be better than the present situation is fine however our society is based on money, as have all modern societies and until we can find a better system lets not be too critical of the one we have.

KJM

Dear Mom...

Dear Mom:

It has been 3 months since I left for College. I have been remiss in writing and I am very sorry for my thoughtlessness in not having written before. Please sit down before you read this.

I am getting along pretty well now. The skull fracture and concussion I got when I jumped out of the window of my dormitory when it caught fire shortly after my arrival, are pretty well healed now. I only spent 2 weeks in hospital and I can see almost normally now and get those headaches only once in a while.

Fortunately, the fire in the dormitory and my jump were witnessed by an attendant at the gas station nearby and he was the one who called the fire department and ambulance. He also visited me in the hospital and since I had nowhere to live because of the fire he was kind enough to invite me to share his apartment with him. It is really a base-

ment room, but it is kind of cute. He is a very fine boy and we have fallen in love and are planning to marry. We haven't set the date yet, but it will be sometime before my pregnancy shows.

Yes, mother and dad, I am pregnant. I know you are looking forward to being grandparents and I know you will welcome the baby and give it the same tender care you gave me when I was a child.

The reason for the delay in our marriage is that my boyfriend has some infection which prevents us to marry without a premarital blood test and I carelessly caught it from him. This will clear up with the penicillin injections I am taking daily.

I know you will welcome him into our home with open arms. He is kind and, although not well educated, he is ambitious. Although he is of a different race and religion than ours, I know your oft-

expressed tolerance will not permit you to be bothered by the fact that his skin color is somewhat darker than ours. I am sure you will love him as I do. His family background is good, too, for I am told that his father is an important gun-bearer in the village in Africa from which he comes.

Now that I have brought you up to date, I want to tell you that there was no fire in my dormitory, I did not have a concussion or skull fracture, I was not in the hospital, I am not pregnant, I am not engaged, I do not have syphilis, and there is no one in my life, however, I am getting a D in History and an F in Science and I wanted you to see these marks in their proper perspective.

Your loving daughter,
(Expert taken from long Beach "Chapter Chatter"
November 1967)

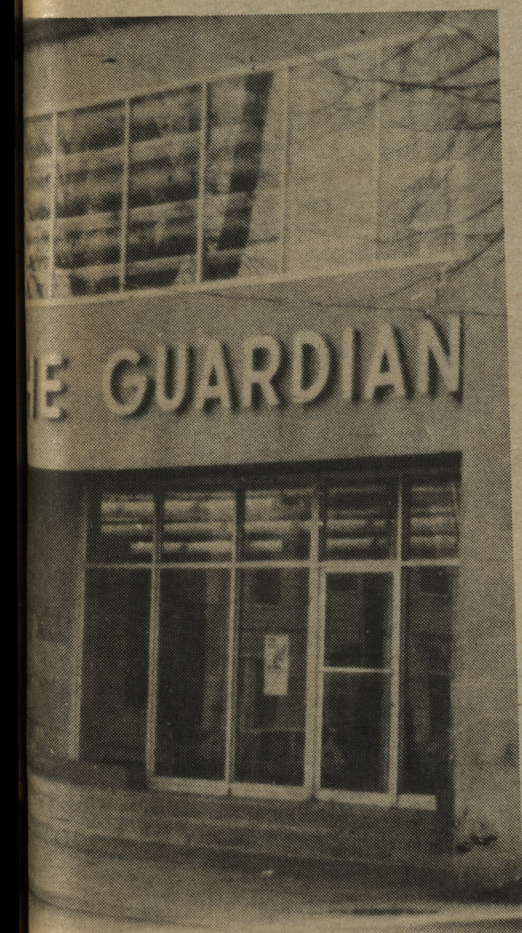


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