

Editorial

Alan Small



Wherever you go it's there. Everyone can get it. No one is safe.

We're not talking about some new disease. What we are talking about is how people are paranoid about the media.

As I write this editorial, I have been witness to no less than two cases of media paranoia in one 24-hour period. The stereotype of the ink-stained wretch who continually misquotes people or quotes out of context should be toned down somewhat.

I'm sure there has been the rare occurrence of a person having been misquoted. But nowadays, especially in the sporting world where millions of dollars a year are on the line, the print media is blamed for everything from a misquotation to an athlete's drug habit.

Often, star athletes, politicians, or whomever are heard saying that they were quoted out of context. What probably happened is they just didn't know what they were saying at the time. The old "put brain in gear before mouth in motion" routine comes to mind. Maybe when George Bell misses the cutoff man or doesn't want to play DH, he should think about what to say before he criticizes half the universe.

Another scenario: When Jimmy "The Greek" Snyder gave his treatise on black genetics, the TV cameras were rolling and did not miss a word of his speech. If he said the same things in an interview with a print journalist, Jimmy would have said "I was misquoted... out of context... while off the record". Many would have still blasted The Greek but just as many would have blasted the unethical journalist for "breaking" the code of ethics. The Greek may have still lost his job at CBS, but he probably would have got a job somewhere else in the broadcasting world. When he gave his speech on videotape, he dug his own grave.

So, to everyone who gets interviewed by a reporter from *The Gateway*, remember if you don't want something printed, then either say the statement is off the record or don't even say it at all. There is nothing more annoying for a reporter and nothing more distressing for an editor than a source coming back to them complaining about the way he was treated in print.

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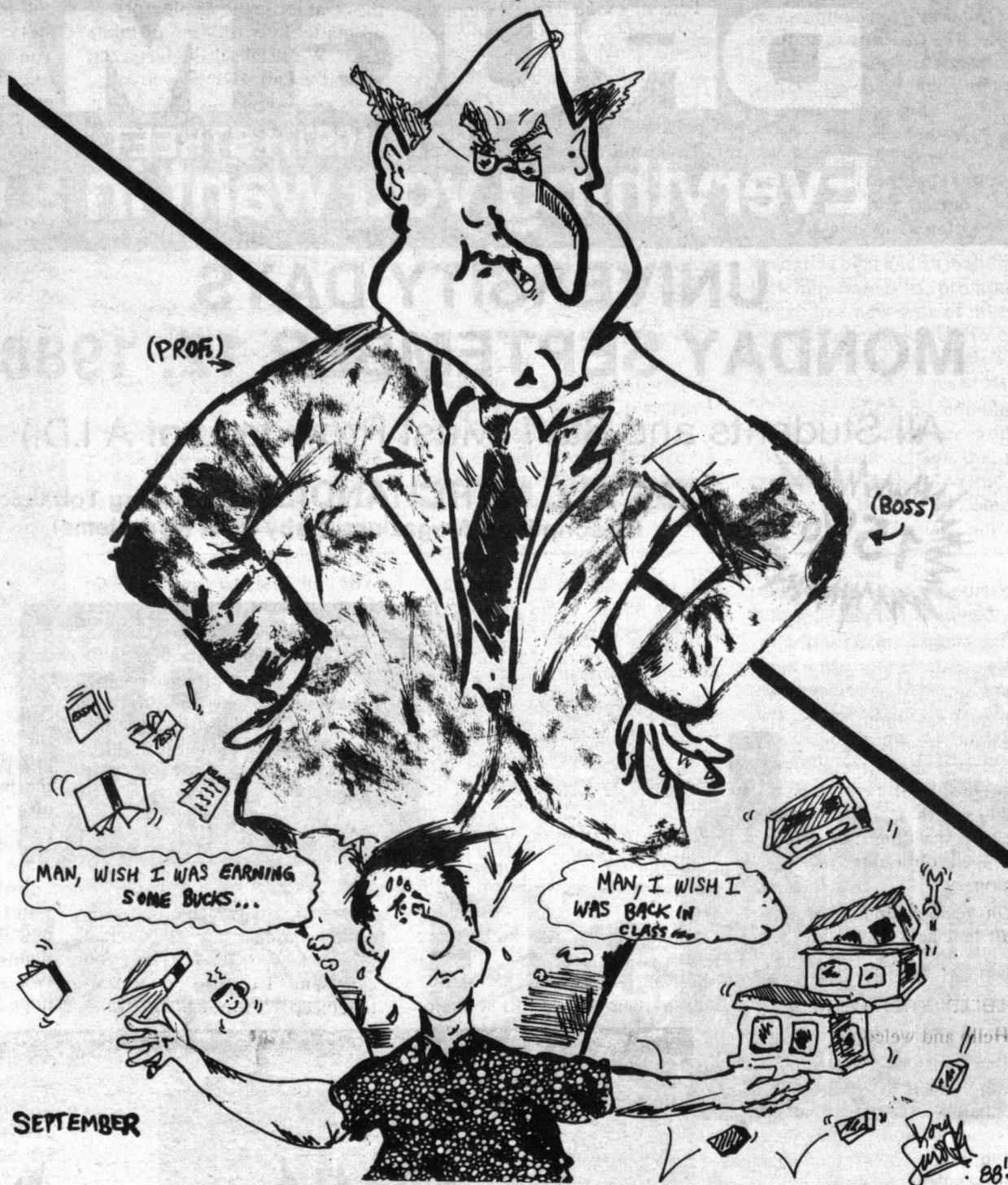
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Letters

Foreign friends

I am an English teacher in a noted high school in Seoul, Korea. This school has about 2,500 students of both sexes. I am eagerly seeking foreign students who would like to correspond with our students.

Throughout my foreign language teaching career, I've thought that this correspondence would improve not only my students' English and their emotional lives, but would also expand their knowledge of foreign lands.

It would also promote world-wide friendship as well as serving as a true foundation for world peace.

The only information I need of a student is his or her name, address, age, sex, hobbies, and a picture if possible. I would welcome requests from groups or classes.

Interested students please write to:

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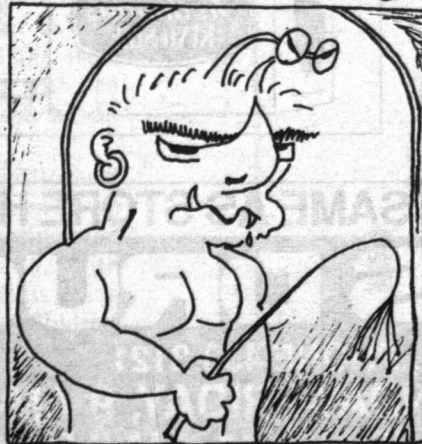
Prison penpal

I am presently confined at the State Prison of Southern Michigan, and I'd be very grateful if I could perhaps establish a correspondence with anyone wishing to do so. Please understand — just because I'm in prison, that doesn't necessarily mean that I'm a criminal. We all can make a mistake, because imperfection is due to anyone who's not perfect. But nothing can change a particular situation unless there's a will to do so. Is God the only one who forgives? I hope it hasn't been accounted presumptuous if a man of low and humble station — has ventured to have a friend.

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