

# Editorials

## Generally Speaking

by Martha Ojard

Perhaps this column should be re-named "Optionally Speaking," at least for this week, because we wish to comment on *The Option*, a recently published "underground" paper.

Although journalistically, the paper has its errors, *The Option* offers an opportunity for all students, regardless of "previous servitude" (we took note, *Option*!) a chance to have their works published. This goal is to be commended, because *The Grantonian* rarely offers this opportunity. For we do require "previous servitude," so our writers will be fully prepared to tackle all problems—whether or not those problems arise.

We enjoyed the "Student of the Week,"

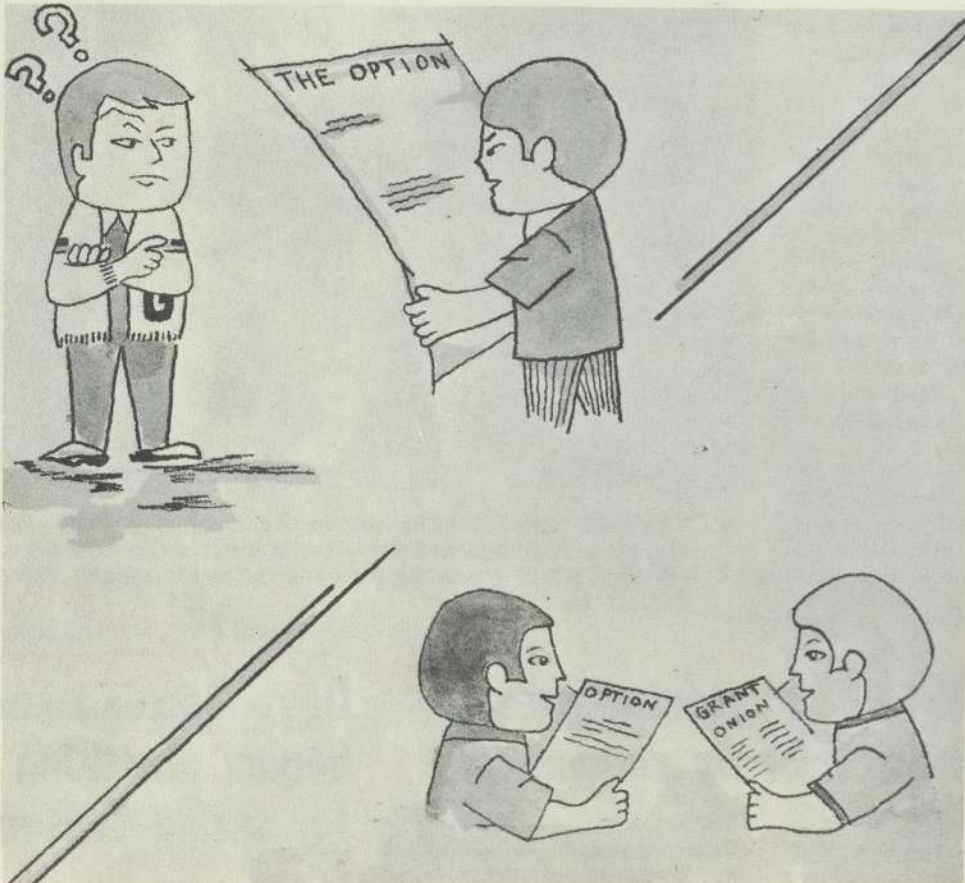
and also "Hip Chick of the Week." (We're glad that *Option*'s staff reads *The Grantonian*; *The Grantonian* staff reads *The Option*.)

We also enjoyed the layout of the paper, although we got a bit dizzy turning the paper around all the time.

*The Option*'s cartoonist is to be commended—his/her ideas of layout are also interesting.

In conclusion, we wish to suggest that each *Grantonian* reads one issue of *The Option*. It would probably be worth your while.

We would also like to request that *The Option* never lose sight of its goal: that of providing a source for students to see their work in print.



## Generals comment on space travel

by Kathi Robinson

To a person living on the earth, "space" is the vast region in which one is so far from any other heavenly body such as the moon, sun, stars, and planets. In space there is nothing solid, not even the particles that we breathe. That is why the task of going to the moon is such a difficult one to attempt.

In the near future we will probably be transporting animals or even people to the moon and the students in high school will be the people with the power to continue the space program or end it. Students have been asked to voice their opinions about the subject so that maybe we can get an idea of how the space program affects the high school students.

"I think that it is stupid, stupid, and silly. The men from the moon might come down and invade the earth," stated Robin Towne.

"The moon used to be such a big mystery associated with witches and ghosts on Halloween . . . now people are going to have to look at Mars for the nearest mystery planet because people have to look towards something that is supposedly unattainable," commented Jean Taylor.

Mike Soule commented, "I think it is really fantastic that man is capable of reaching a goal as great as the moon. But I think that too much time and money is being spent on the space program whereas it could be more useful in fields such as medicine, economics, and social problems, which are now becoming immediate problems on earth," he concluded.

"Scientifically it is good, but it's a waste of money. I don't see why we are exploring other planets for possible living because we can't take care of our own world," commented Randy Newman.

Dick Nagel commented, "I feel that the moon walk explorations may tend to some day bring a great discovery that could be much to our advantage. Maybe we can find a way to live on the moon or some other planet yet to be explored. This would be great, due to the population explosion. Moon walks could bring us closer to planets that are out of reach at the present time, as we may be able to put space stations on the moon," he concluded.

Dave Blanchard commented, "I think that we should clear up the problems here on earth first and then it would be all right to explore other planets," he concluded.

"If the moon is not made out of green cheese, then why is there such a rat race to get there," commented Adrian Kalil.

"I think that the money should be spent on better things like taking care of

## Whitlow, Ireland hiking treks attract many student followers

11-8-3 Hike! Sounds like football? Well, it's not—it's "Cross County." That's right. Not country, but county—Cross County!

The name of the game is hiking, and teachers Leonard Whitlow and Rich Ireland are the energetic Pied Pipers who've been enticing students to accompany them on their weekend and holiday treks through city parks and even suburban areas.

Mr. Whitlow, history and geography teacher, began hiking with seniors LaVada Nudo and Rick Stover, and junior Ron Weiderman—set out to glimpse the salmon slithering up stream at Oregon City Falls.

To their disappointment, after waiting several minutes, they learned that the Game Commission ladder was closed down. Then the ambulating quartet decided to tour the paper mill, and then footed it to nearby Silver Falls State Park . . . about a three-mile trail.

"It's a great pastime and a lot of fun," sniffed Mr. Whitlow on returning from the trip. "But in light of my present cold, future hikes will be postponed until the warm rays of spring bathe the land."

Rick added, "It was pleasant but the forest and falls would have been much prettier in the spring."

The group slogged back to school after the exuberating excursion, arriving about 4:30 in the afternoon.

The other nature-loving facultyman, Mr. Ireland, a new teacher of Sociology and American Problems this year, is also a devotee of the out-of-doors. To date he's been on four hikes and plans to go on many more in the future again with student groups.

Larch Mountain, Triple Falls, Eagle Creek, and Huckleberry Mountain, all along the Columbia Gorge, were some of the objectives of his hiking parties.

Seniors who joined Mr. Ireland in one or more of the hikes were: Jerry Mishler, Janeen Olsen, John Moyer, Larry Wheeler, and Doug Boardman. A few others were Judith and Randy Davidson,

Steve Basel, Melinda Anderson, and Caroline Krutsoner.

All who went on the Eagle Creek trip agreed that it was not only refreshing because of the clear sunny day, but also breathlessly beautiful country.

"I love nature and I love hiking," exclaimed Janeen Olsen. "Everyone has to get away from the fury of the cemented city and hikes like this one to Eagle Creek can sure do the trick. I felt like I was in another universe," she concluded.

The most recent hike was to Huckleberry Mountain, on the highway toward Mt. Hood, last Friday.

"I can see that students are interested in hiking and if at any time they wish to join me, I would be very happy to have them along," stated Mr. Ireland. "If interested, please see me."

A hike to Ramona Falls is tentatively scheduled for mid-December.

## Retraction:

Exchange teacher from Russia visits; answers questions about USSR life

In the last issue of *The Grantonian*, November 21, 1969, an article appeared concerning a Muscovite teacher visiting here, Mrs. Victoria Georgievna Annikova. That article contained erroneous information.

The fifth paragraph of the article described the clothing of the Russian teenagers. Instead of girls wearing "brown dresses, a white collar and cuffs, and WHITE aprons," they wear "brown dresses, a white collar and cuffs, and BLACK aprons." "The boys do not wear" gray slacks and blue jackets, "but grey jackets and blue shirts."

It was also reported that Mrs. Annikova said "people are people everywhere . . ." What she actually said was "children are children everywhere."

In the sixth paragraph, the two kinds of schools in Russia are mentioned. But there are not "normal schools"—they are called "general schools."

The seventh paragraph states that "my daughter receives 11 rubles a month." This is incorrect—she receives 35.

The ninth paragraph states that "special school English classes are broken up into groups of eight to ten." This is wrong—the groups are of 10-12.

Paragraph 12 deals with drugs and the Viet Nam Moratorium. Mrs. Annikova said "nothing about drugs," and the references related to the Moratorium were "made about protests in general," with no specific reference to any protest.

The last correction to make on this article concerns the "requirement for obtaining a drivers' license." Mrs. Annikova says she made no reference to drivers' licenses.

## New library rules made as book supply shortens

Everything from Aaron Burr to zoology is available to students in the library. This material can be a great aid to anyone needing research or just reading material.

The only problem is that many of the references are mysteriously disappearing.

For example, Mrs. Annahill Miller, assistant librarian, states that the supply of L. C. Douglass' book, "The Robe" has shrunk from 13 copies to one.

The motorcycle books—which are in much demand—are so restricted now that they may be obtained only from the reserve shelf, Mrs. Miller reports. Because of this, book withdrawals are limited to one class period or an overnight study.

According to Mrs. Miller, another target for the book thief is science fiction. "These problems cause the serious student to be at a disadvantage, because it limits his resources," she remarked. "They must wait for replacements of books which results in an inconvenience," she concluded.

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