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Mr. Clint Kanaga
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Dear Clint:

Don't feel too badly about Bill being identified with the Sour Owl. I thought it was unfortunate the magazine was published, but it seems like young people seldom have the same attitude on this sort of thing as their parents. The magazine was not complimentary to the staff, to the student body, or to the University, but on the other hand, it wasn't so terribly bad.

Answering your first question, it probably is a little worse than previous issues of the Sour Owl, but that is partly compensated for in the fact that the general attitude and conduct of young people today have changed quite a bit in that direction since the last Sour Owl was issued. Fortunately this issue did not contain many direct barbs at individuals, which I think is a mean, underhanded thing to do.

I believe it is necessary for the school to take some disciplinary action because if this were passed by, we probably would have some dirty, filthy sheet issued anonymously before the end of the school year. It seems we always have people who want to outdo someone else in dishing up smut, and such publications do hurt the University. I remember the fervor that was caused by the "Bustle Tustle" about twenty years ago, and as I recall, more than one student was suspended from the University.

I like Bill and dislike to see anything happen which would injure him, and I know what a fine boy he is. In this instance I think he is fortunate to have a Commanding Officer who is a level-headed, understanding man, who recognizes issuance of the magazine was a mistake, but that no great punishment should be visited upon the sailors who were identified with it.

I had a good letter from Clint Jr. the other day and I answered it back by return mail because I certainly enjoy hearing from him.

Sincerely,

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Dolph Simons