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The pressure can be intense.

One of my duties here at *Tempest* is to write these editorials that some of you occasionally take the time to read. It is probably one of the most important tasks I perform because it sets the tone for the magazine. These editorials seem to shape what you people think of us as humans which probably isn't fair to the rest of the staff.

It would probably behoove me to write several drafts of each editorial, each version becoming more fluid than the last until finally my thoughts had been crafted into a cohesive body of inspirational prose. My readers would crave each paragraph just as if it were a Monet painting that needed to be absorbed piece by piece before the recipient could appreciate the whole of the work.

Every two weeks *Tempest* readers would be able to turn to page five for another chapter in *Patrick Lalley's Guide to Life, Love and Politics*. They would read not once but several times at different periods of the day to dissect the writing from a different perspective. Days, perhaps weeks later they would be struck by the realization of the logic of the piece. All of the subtle details would suddenly and unmistakably make sense. There would be no denying the righteousness of thought.

Eventually the *Argus Leader* would have no choice but to invite me as a guest

member of the editorial board for the pure good of the community.

Well, as it turns out, that isn't how it happens. I don't really want to be on the *Argus Leader* editorial board anyway. I think that having a several people writing opinion pieces tends to water down the final product.

Usually these editorials are one of the last things I do for each issue, this week being no exception. In fact, it is Monday the 8th of June, a mere two days before you may have this in your hand.

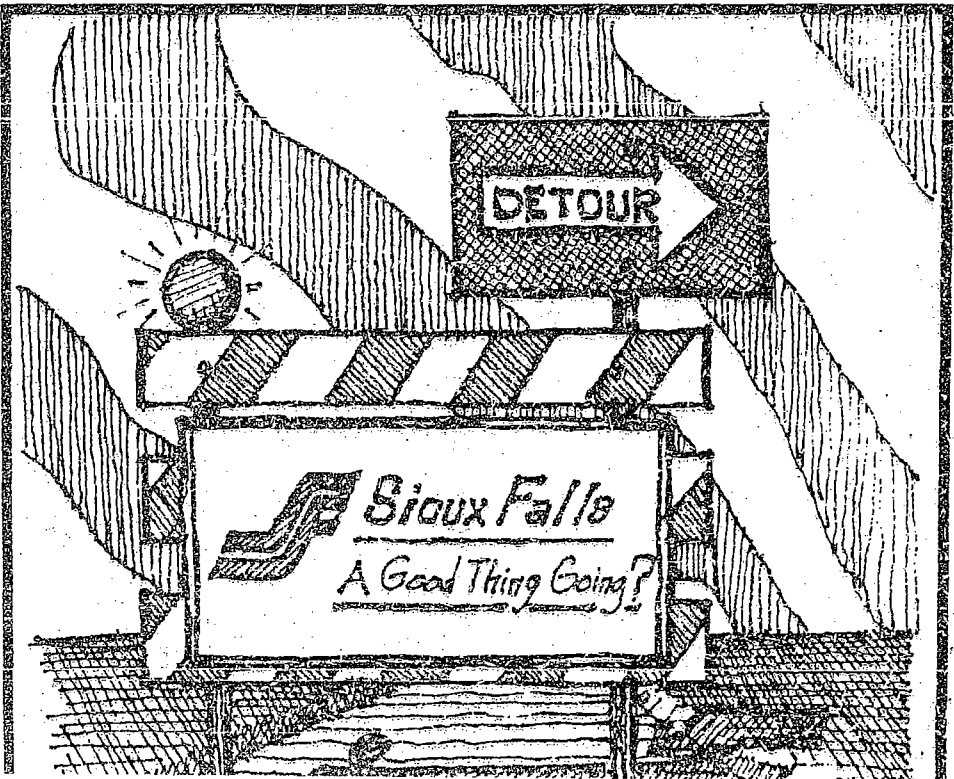
In a strange way, I like this method. It allows for spontaneity and emotion if not always the most proper composition.

I have always hoped to elicit correspondence from you, the reader, and lately that has happened as you will see in the next *Tempest*, due to hit the stands June 24.

In those letters you will see several people who have taken exception to my views of the responsibilities that a capitalistic society has to those who have not been able to realize the American dream. That is good. I am happy.

We should all be able to discuss the issues facing our nation as we plunge into, what I feel, is a new chapter in our experimentation with democracy.

Ah hell, I'm just one guy. One guy that doesn't listen to Rush Limbaugh. ☹



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