

# S P R I T Z

An anthology of the comic strip *Spritz* from  
the University of Tennessee's student newspaper,  
*The Daily Beacon* (1998 - 2000)



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NO, WE WON'T TEACH YOU HOW  
TO ROLL OVER OR PLAY  
DEAD - BUT YOU WILL LEARN  
HOW THE U.S. CONSTITUTION  
APPLIES TO THE THREE  
BRANCHES OF GOVERNMENT



TOO LATE, SPOT LEARNED  
OBEDIENCE SCHOOL WAS ACROSS  
THE STREET FROM THE  
UNIVERSITY. HE DID, HOWEVER, EARN  
A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN POLITICAL  
SCIENCE.

# INTRODUCTION

It's not something I normally spend a lot of time philosophizing about, but a thought occurred to me as I've been snapping roll after roll of film, attempting to capture my final semesters of college life on thin celluloid as a tangible version of my memory: I rely on visual images to remember the past. They seem to tell me more than a simple written account or reliance on my own memory as an inventory of life.

I keep this physical personal history in boxes in my bedroom closet - old photos, programs from recitals and ceremonies, old newspapers, sheet music, ticket stubs, stickers - and use them as records of my life and thoughts. Perhaps this is why I draw. I began very young as a way to express all the imaginary stories I would make up without having to rely on words I could not write yet. After a few years of polished education, I could finally write stories to go along with my pictures. Words, however, troubled me when it came to expressing my innermost thoughts. I could write and write and write, but what I wanted to express still wouldn't be there. Pictures and drawings were better in describing thoughts, feelings, actions, stories.

Which brings me to cartooning. This is my favorite form of drawing short of doodling: no need for realism and lots of time-consuming detail, the shifting balance of words and pictures in telling a story, and the element of humor. Just sketching a character with a wild expression makes me smile, and the execution is just so effortlessly light and easy. A few strokes to get the idea across, a few funny words, and it would be completed. I got my first big publishing break for my mid-

dle school newspaper, *The Anchor*, which ran once a month and occasionally had one of my cartoons in it. This then progressed to space-filling cartoons in the high school *The Crow's Nest*, where I also worked as an editor, my first taste of graphic design.

By my second year of college, I was still waffling on whether to work for my university's paper, *The Daily Beacon*. It seemed big and intimidating - I would have to regularly put out five cartoons a week instead of occasionally! I didn't even think I could come up with that many. Finally, three people prodded me into following through on all my talk.

Originally, I hadn't even planned to do a one-panel strip. I was envisioning a horizontal character strip about a group of college students and their zany adventures. The first thirty or so strips were already planned out, but when I went to talk to the *Beacon* adviser, he said that there weren't any horizontal spaces open for the summer, but there was a recently vacated one panel strip space at the bottom. I decided to take it, and came up with a new set of cartoons that fit the bill. Lost for a name, I called it *Spritz* after the spritzer bottle I was

looking at while my adviser was telling me I needed a name for my cartoon. I began drawing for the twice-a-week summer issues in 1998, stayed on for the next semester, and have continued to this day.

When I first started, the other in-house comic strips at the time were dark, gritty, cynical, or serials. I didn't necessarily want *Spritz* to be fluffy and trivial, but it's always been my firm belief that people read the comics page to be entertained or to laugh. And drawing a funny cartoon not only makes my audience happy, but the very act of sketching and inking something merry out makes me happy in an extended fashion.

Personally, I thought *Spritz* would be good therapy. I am a biochemistry major, and at the time I was taking a full load of science classes. I hadn't really had a chance to flex my creative muscle since *The Crow's Nest*, really. Cartooning gives me the chance to switch my mind off from science and analytical subjects for a breather.

Like a writer, I tend to base my cartoons on what I've experienced. I'm one of those people that likes to keep a close eye on pop culture and news phenomena, and then twist possible strip ideas in my mind until come up with something suitably humorous - the spoof of the *Who Wants to Marry a Multi-Millionaire?* saga on the left, for example. My ideas come from TV shows, movies, conversations with other people on campus, random gossip, the Internet. All my life, I've

quietly sat back and watched things happen. Now I can report what I've seen in an entertaining package to a circulation of thousands. A fellow cartoonist, Tom Millar, pretty much sums up my cartoon philosophy in his spoof of my strip below.

I hope this anthology of *Spritz* will prove enjoyable. As my senior project, I have selected 100 cartoons from my first five semesters at *The Daily Beacon* and dedicated at least two pieces of trivia to each one. Cartoons from this, my final semester, are peppered throughout the book in reduced form, like on this page. I also spent a few years at the *Beacon* working in design, so I also made the pages for the book myself, using QuarkXpress. I will soon graduate and move on, but perhaps *Spritz* will come back one day in some form, keeping readers and myself happy.



IN THE PAST, THIS CARTOON HAS BEEN ALL ABOUT CUTE & FUZZY ANIMALS, SILLY KIDS AND DENSE COLLEGE STUDENTS DOING INANE AND/OR VAGUELY ABSURD THINGS TO MAKE YOU CHUCKLE (HABE), TO HELL WITH THAT. THIS MARKS A NEW ERA FOR SPRITZ. YOU WHO ARE SQUEAMISH, CAST YOUR GAZE ELSEWHERE, FOR WE SHALL BE TACKLING THE TOUGH ISSUES IN THE FUTURE. NO MORE CHUCKLES. WE NOW THAT THIS REBORN SPRITZ WILL BE MUCH MORE LIKELY TO MAKE SCREAM OR CRY. REMEMBER, SPRITZ IS NOT THE SOUND OF SELTZER FROM A SQUIRT BOTTLE, IT'S THE SOUND OF YOUR TIMPANIUM BURSTING AS BLOOD SPRAYS OUT OF YOUR EARS. SPRITZ: STRIKELY FOR THE HARD CORE.

# GLOSSARY

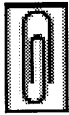
The first multi-purpose knife the Swiss army used in 1889 had a blade, reamer, screwdriver and can opener.

The educational portion of this anthology; a factoid box that will mention at least one researched fact about the cartoon

**ON**



TV shows watched on the day the cartoon ran; a limited sampling, as the author did not have cable at the time



Tidbits and various random thought-points about details in the cartoon one might miss otherwise

**E.Y.I.**



**HIT PARADE**

Cartoons especially well-liked by the general public, friends, or even the author herself

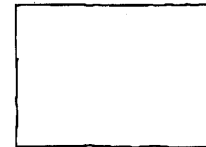


Drawings indicating details about the background of constructing the cartoon

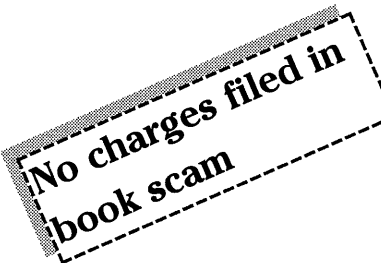


**The Cold Facts**

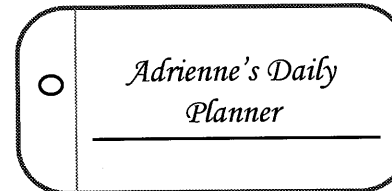
Discusses context of the cartoon - how it came about, the background at the time, and how the author devised it



Indicates the original doodles that led to the finished cartoon on the page



Headlines taken straight from the front page of *The Daily Beacon* on the days the cartoon ran



What the author was doing on the day that the cartoon ran (the author is a very busy college student)



**MEMO**

Information on cartoons that run as part of a special series

\* Additionally, on page 97, a selected letter from a Speech Communication class assigned to write Letters to the Editor about the cartoon section

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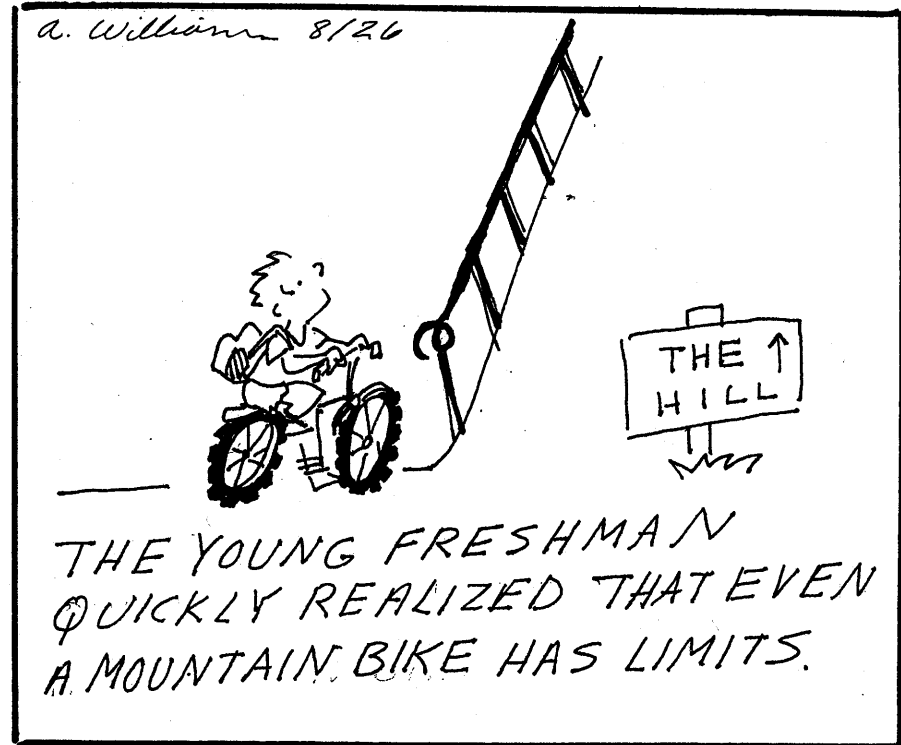
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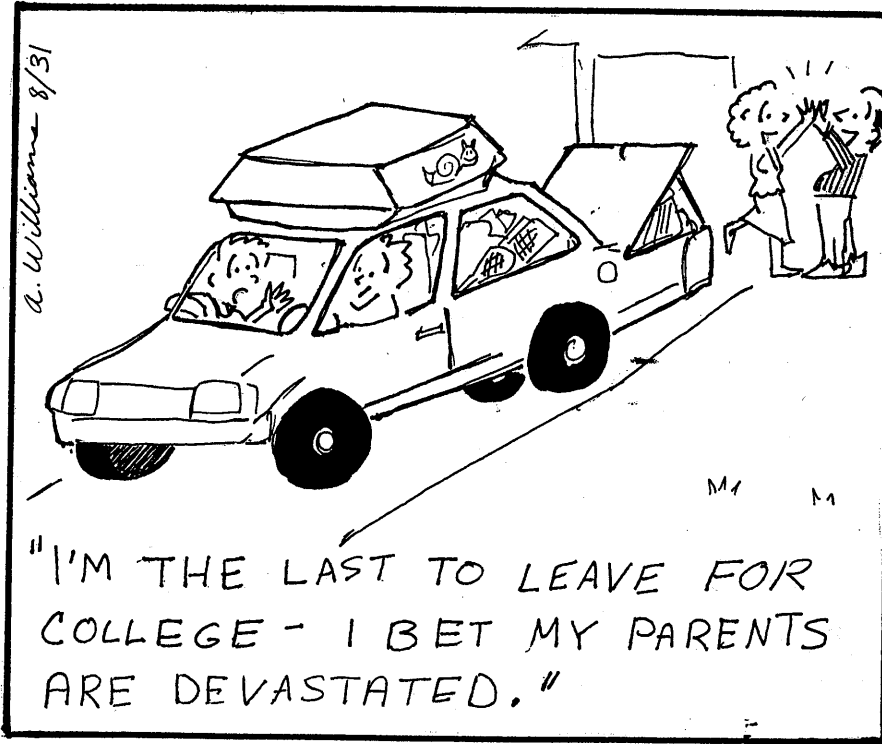
The University of Tennessee, originally Blount College, was moved to Barbara Hill in 1826. Today, it is referred to as "The Hill".



### The Cold Facts

Although this was the first Spritz cartoon to run in The University of Tennessee's student newspaper, *The Daily Beacon*, (fall semester 1998), this was by no means my first cartoon. I actually ran about eight cartoons during the summer edition, giving me a chance to hone my skills

# Oh, it's Time to Go to College!



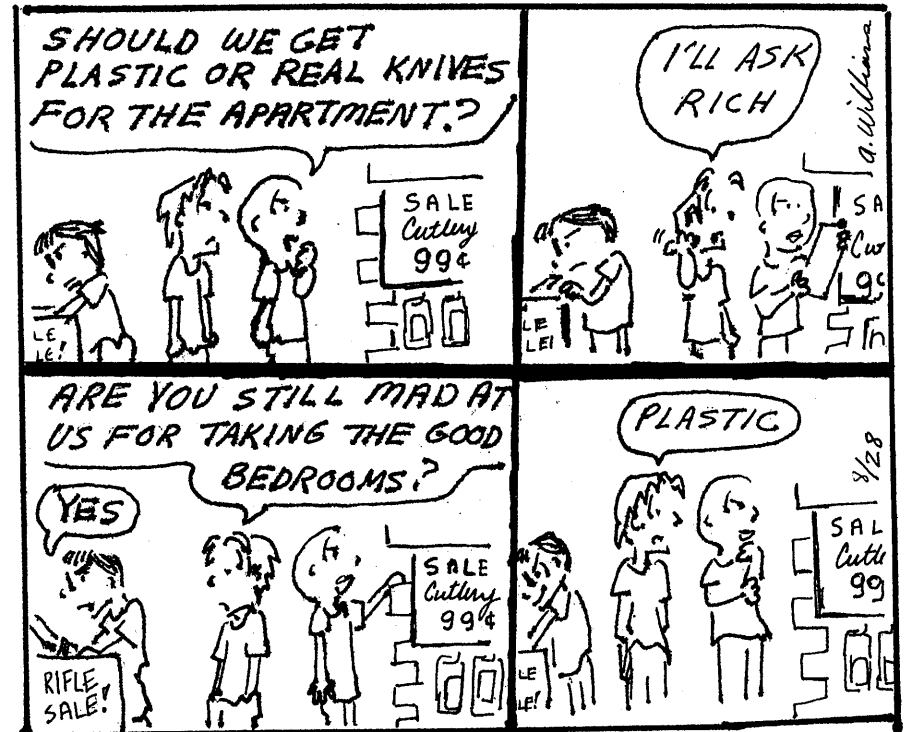
The Empty Nest Syndrome can lead to feelings of joy, fulfillment, and relief and/or loneliness and anxiety.

**No charges filed in book scam**

# Oh, it's Time to Go to College!

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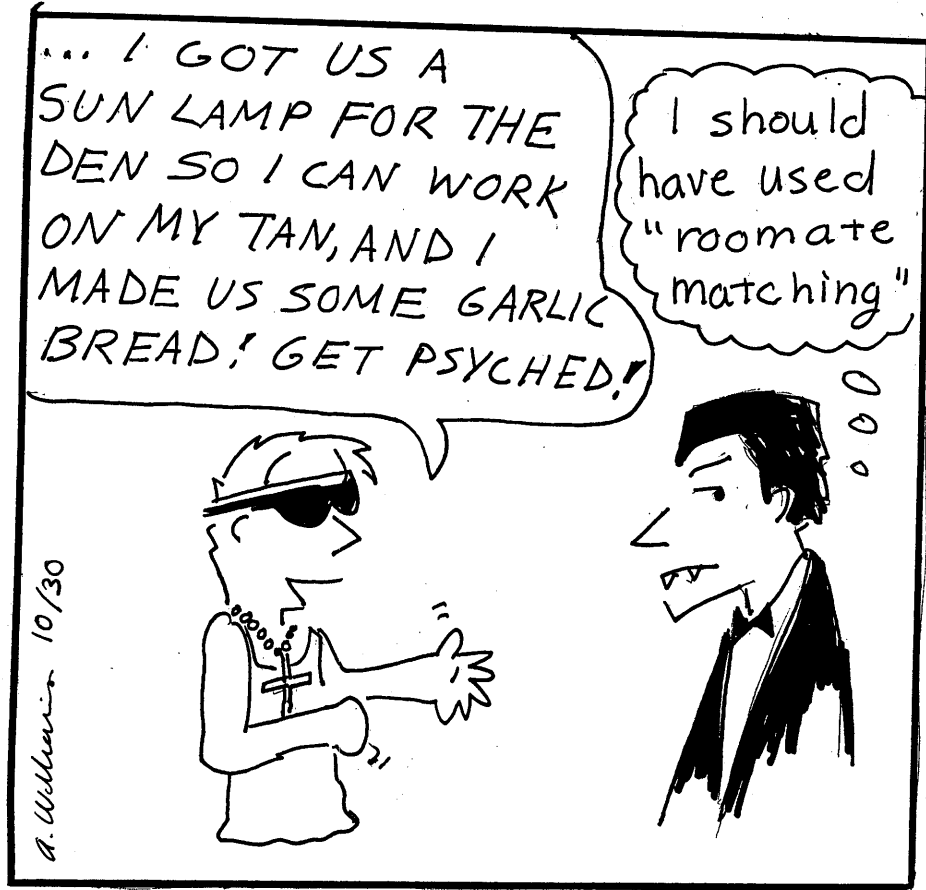
The first multi-purpose knife the Swiss army used in 1889 had a blade, reamer, screwdriver and can opener.



**F.Y.I.**

The character Rich is going through a box marked "Rifle Sale" while conversing with the other characters.

# Oh, it's Time to Go to College!



Vampire bats in the same colony support their roommates by regurgitating blood to bats who could not find any.

I timed this cartoon to run near Halloween, with Dracula being the pickiest monster to have as a roomie



## Adrienne's Daily Planner

October 30, 1998:

Biochemistry exam @ 9

Statistics @ 10

Biochemistry Lab @ 1:15

# Oh, it's Time to Go to College!

RoommateWorks!, a Boston-based company, searches, investigates, and matches compatible roommates with contracts guaranteed for two months.

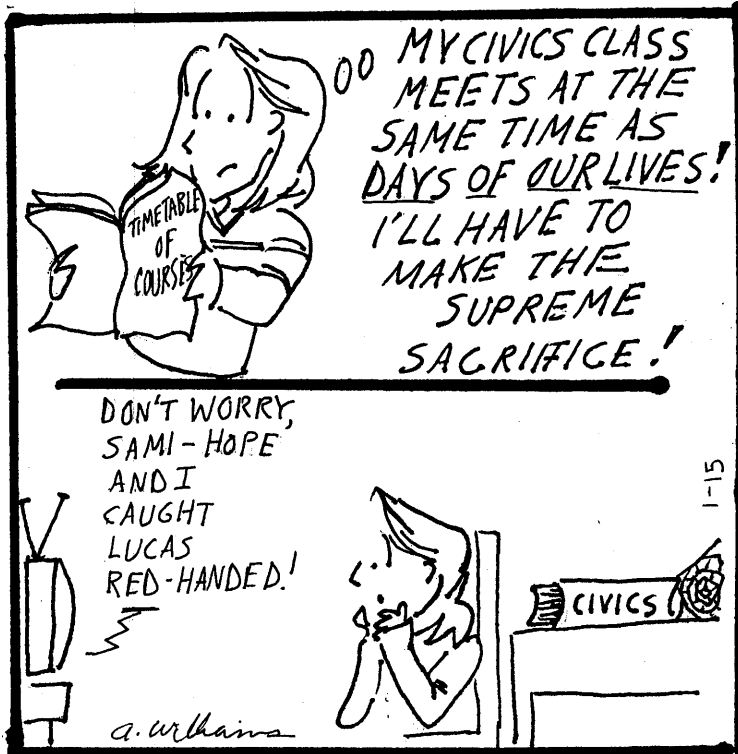
**ON TV**



9 p.m., ABC  
I was watching *The Big Moment*, a game show that is now cancelled.



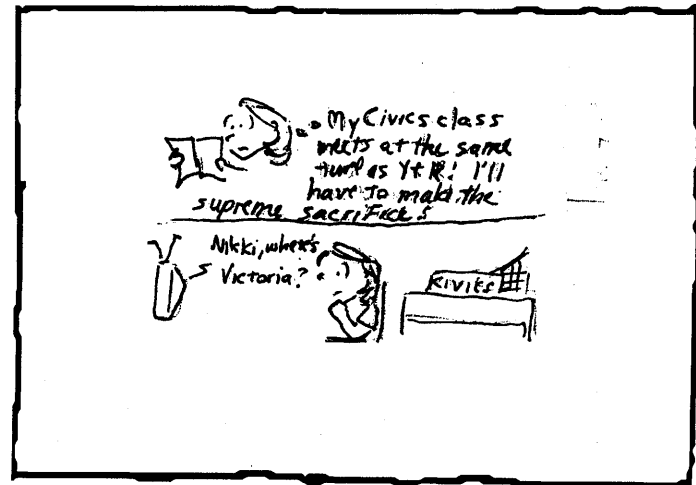
# Oh, it's Time to Go to College!



## TIP OF THE DAY

Not Only are some Beanie babies worth thousands of dollars, but they also do a great job of keeping dust off your TV.

Days of Our Lives started its run on November 8, 1965 as the first colorized soap opera.



Oh, it's Time to Go to College!

IDG Books, owner of the  
...For Dummies series,  
bought Cliffs Notes in 1998.

**HIT PARADE**

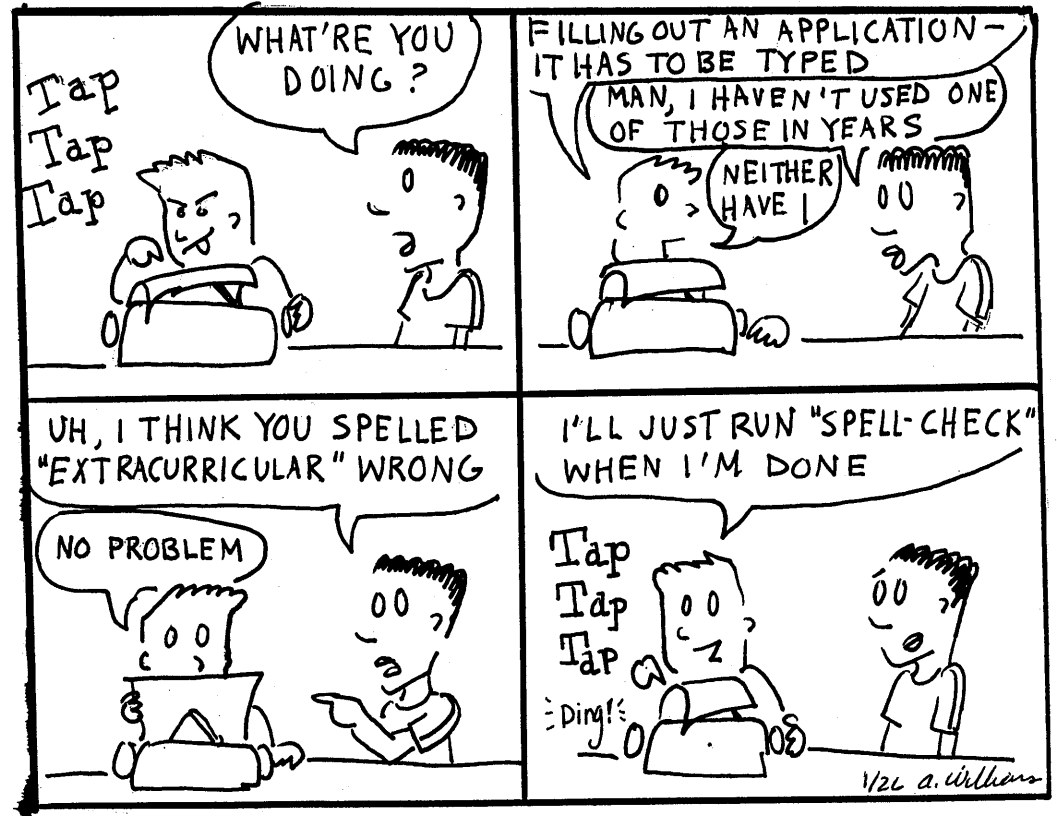
My English major friends liked this particular one; I liked The Pelican Brief cheat notes there.







Sholes, the inventor of the typewriter, originally had the keys in alphabetical order, but they tended to jam. QWERTY was the best arrangement, but tends to favor left-handed people.



## Adrienne's Daily Planner

January 26, 1999:

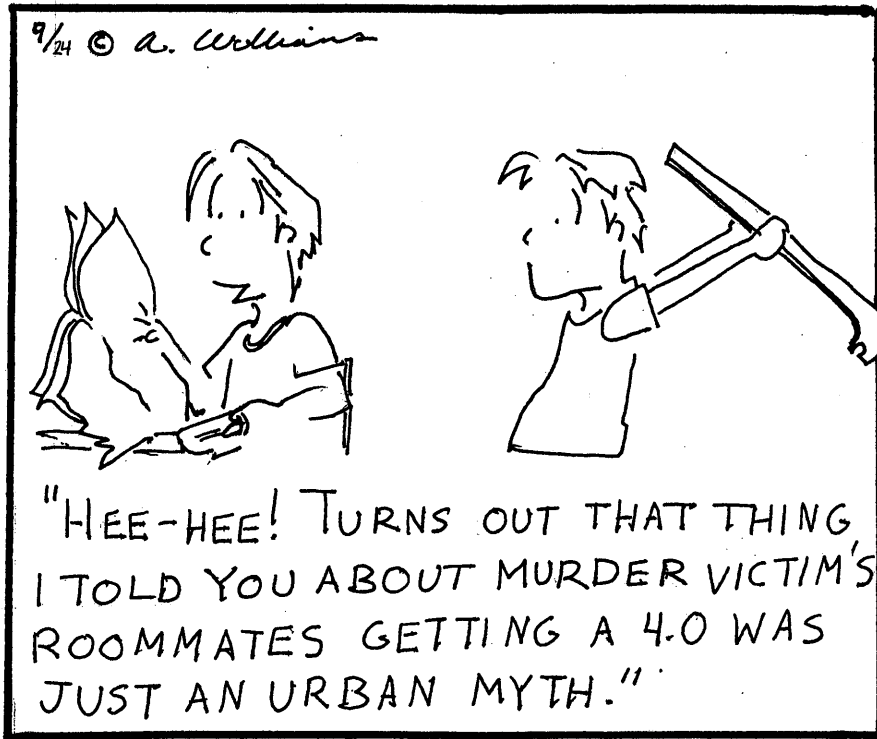
Genetics @ 9:40

Lab work with Dr. Gwinn

Honors Seminar at 3:40


Work at the Beacon

# Campus High-Jinks

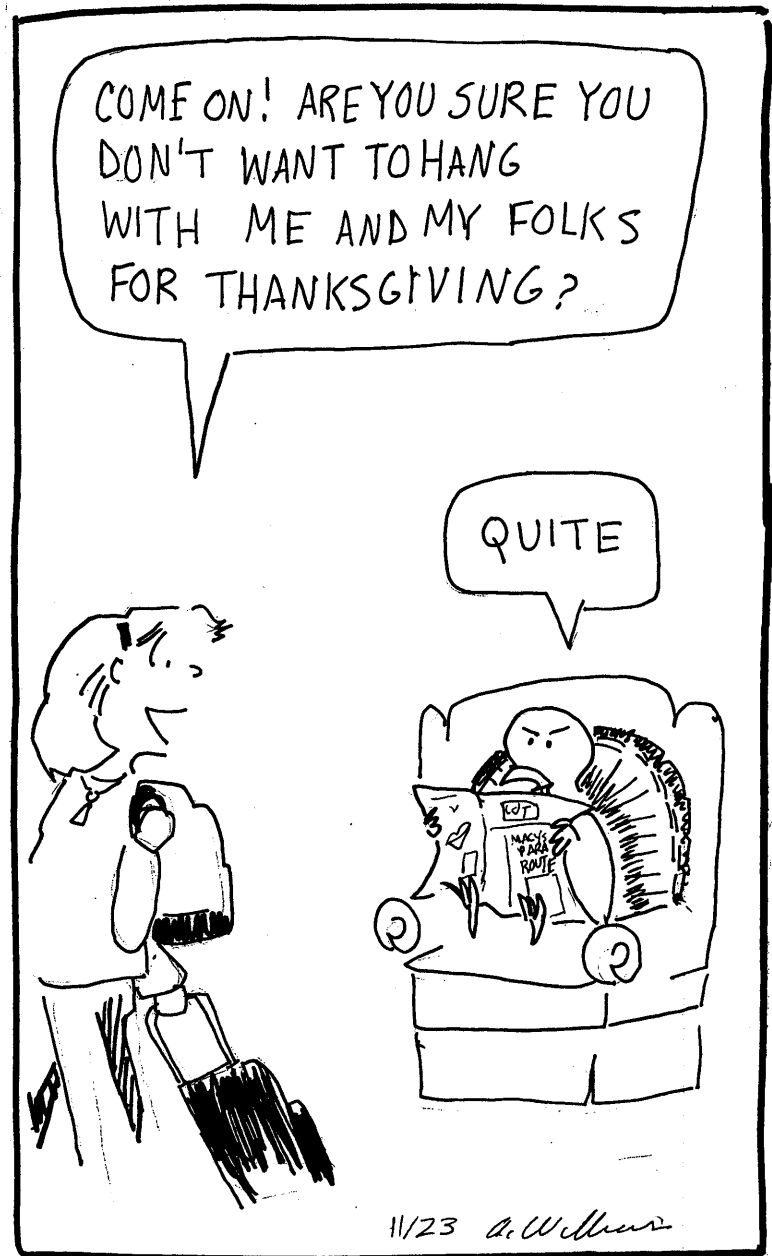


The famous email urban legend about the revenge cookie recipe is actually a hoax that has passed through the years, with the recipe changing from the Waldorf-Astoria Velvet Cake to Mrs. Fields' Cookies to Nieman-Marcus cookies.

My uncle thought this cartoon would incite students to try and kill their roommates



In 1939, FDR proclaimed Thanksgiving to be the third Thursday in November, because he felt it having it on the fourth was too close to Christmas. However, the latter was passed into law by Congress.

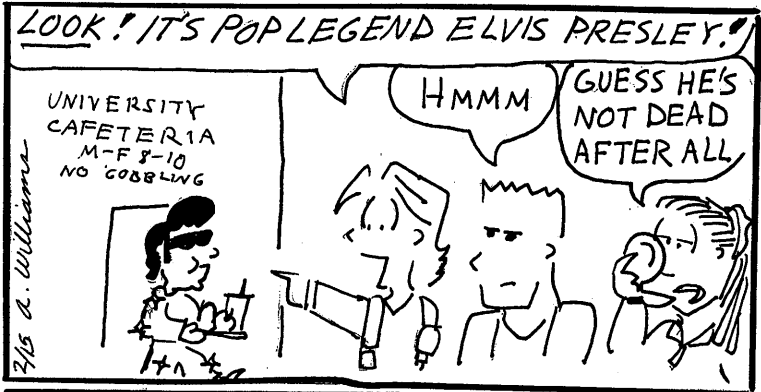
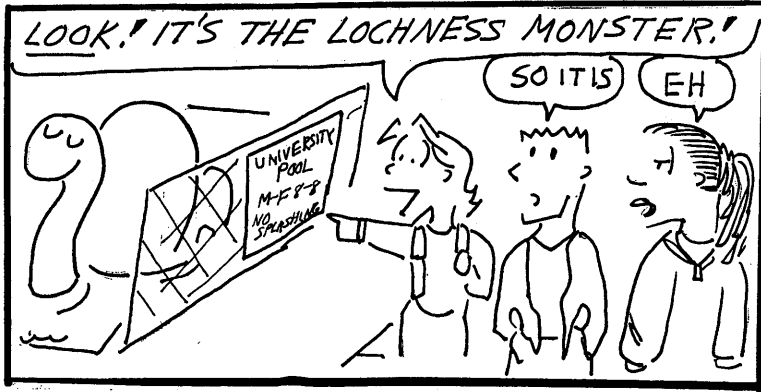


**ON**



9 p.m., ABC  
I was watching *Whose Line Is It, Anyway?*

# Campus High-Jinks



Permits for commuter students are issued two per space - permits for noncommuters are issued three for every four spaces.

**HIT PARADE**

Parking at UT, like I suppose at many campuses, is a big problem, therefore, making this cartoon was pretty popular.

Emily Dickinson spent the last 32 years of her life at the same house in Amherst, Massachusetts, seldom leaving her room.

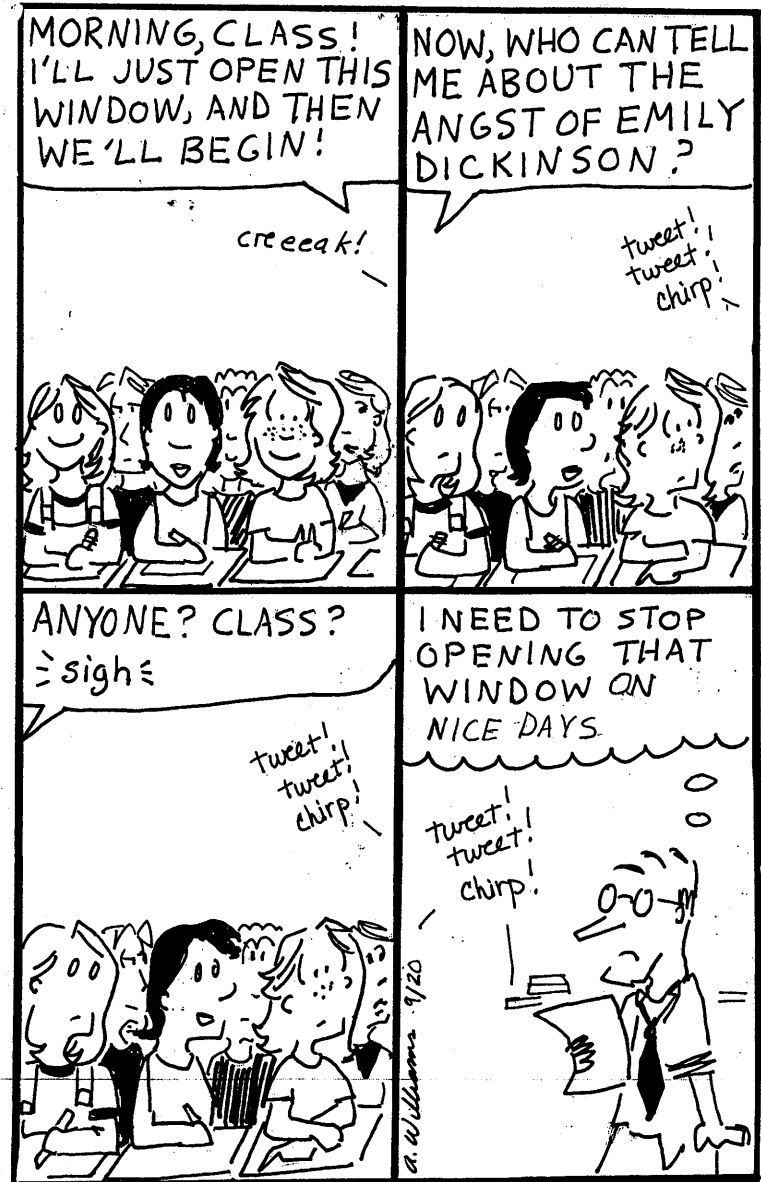


*I originally planned for this cartoon to center around the three students in the front row and the curly-haired guy in the back.*



**The Cold Facts**

When I originally applied to the *Beacon*, I had doing a horizontal strip in mind, and submitted a series on the zany antics of college students. This is a relic of the original set. Also, I originally ran this as a summer cartoon and changed "summer days" to "nice days" so I could use it in the fall.

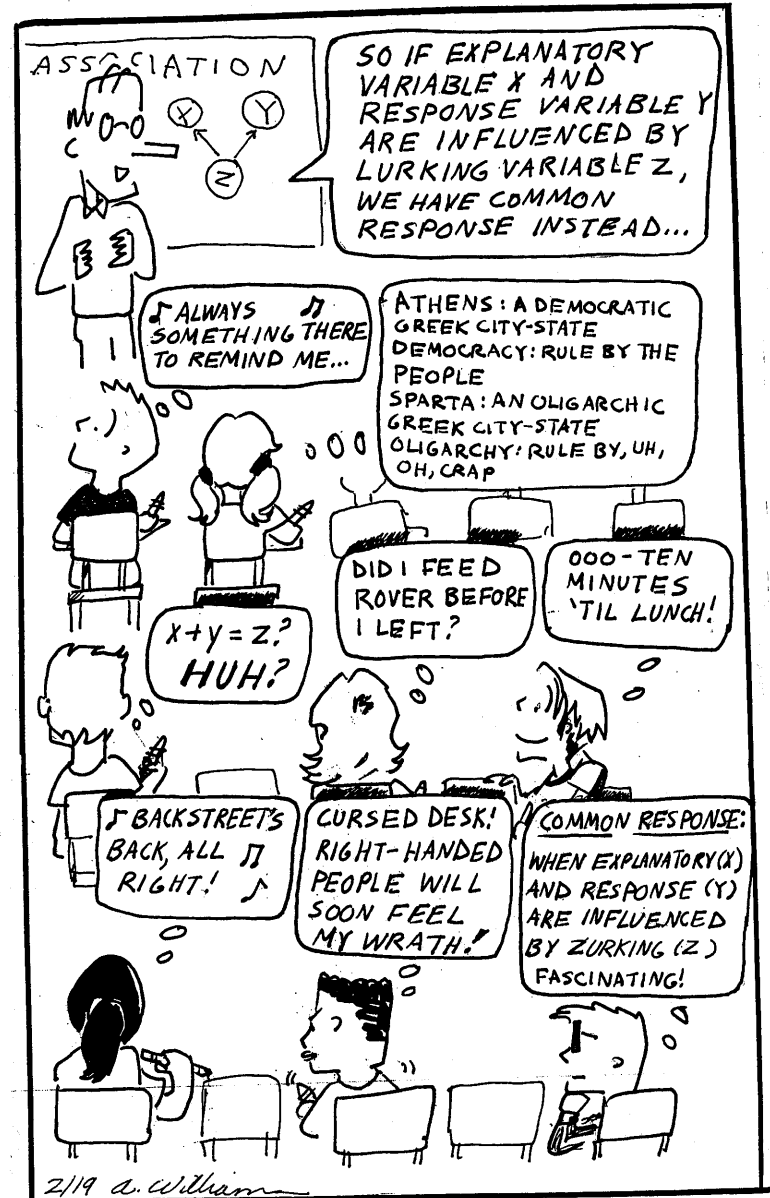




The city of Ferndale, Michigan bought 99 extra stop signs in the event of a Y2K power outage, and is now selling them for \$99 each in an attempt to recoup.

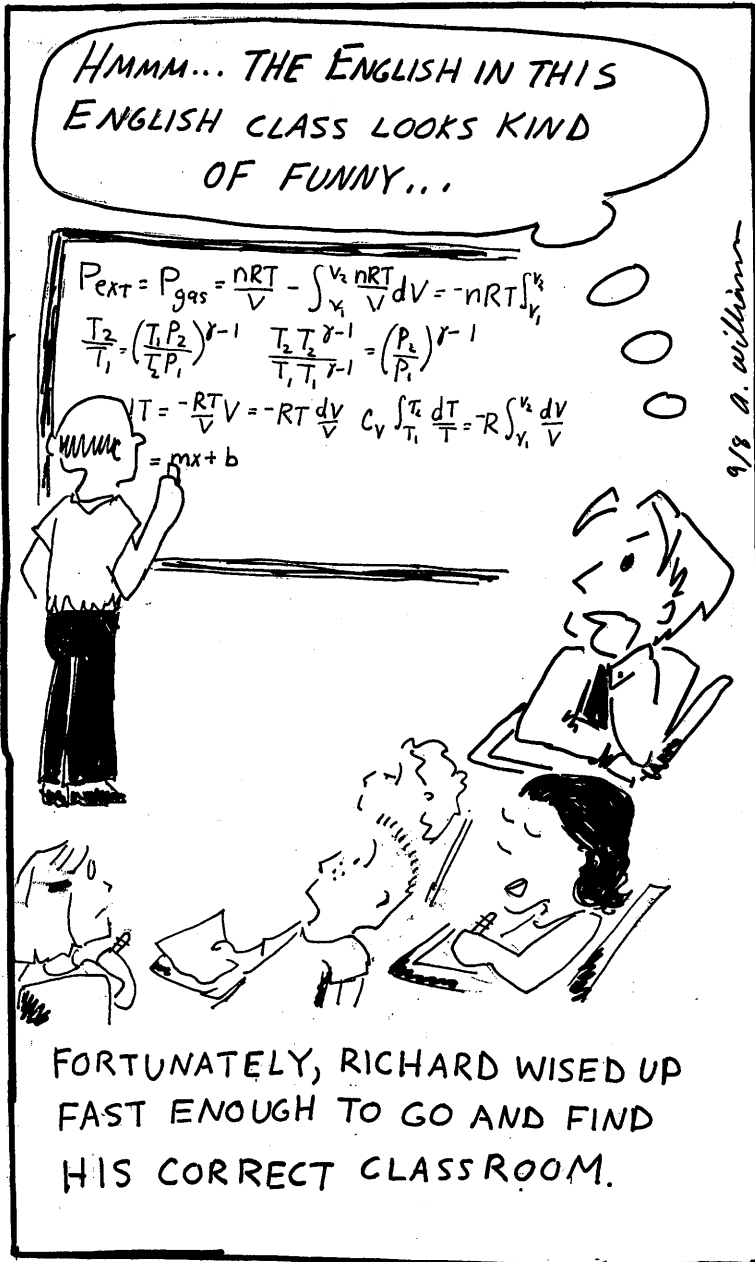
**Sundquist stresses education**

"Always Something There to Remind Me" was written by Burt Bacharach and first sung by Naked Eyes on March 12, 1983.



F.Y.I.

The professor in this particular class is discussing statistics for conducting medical trials.



The Ideal Gas Law states that pressure times volume is equal to the number of moles of gas times an R constant and the temperature in degrees Kelvin:  
 $PV = nRT$

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September 8, 1999

○ Biochemistry class @ 8

Work Activities Fair booth for Issues @ 10

○



Population of New York state (1994):  
18,169,000  
Population of New York City (1990):  
7,323,000



## The Cold Facts

This was one of a five-part series I dubbed *Students Across America*. I based it on fellow interns I met in Richland, WA one summer. They were from Oklahoma, California, New York City, and Tennessee (me). This was my personal favorite because Dave Lu, who I based it on, was a typical New Yorker - rude, corrupt, and obnoxious.



# Campus High-Jinks



Fresca, which is still available for consumption, owes its strange taste to grapefruit flavoring.

## ? MEMO

This is the first of a three-part Depressing Dan series. The introductory episode shows Dan dramatically pondering his loneliness while shunning society.

In the United States, the death rate is nine people for every one thousand.



**? MEMO**

This is the second of the three-part Depressing Dan series. Here Dan must deal with society and their knowledge of the truth in the ever dreaded group project.



At the time of this drawing, *Drive Me Crazy* was ranked 11 in the box office and accumulated \$15, 012,000. For *Love of the Game* was ranked 13 and raked in \$32, 206, 534.


♥ This cartoon originally ran in the summer, so I replaced *Runaway Bride* and *Wild Wild West* with the movies *Shower*.

## ? MEMO

This is the third of the three-part *Depressing Dan* series.

This is my favorite, with Dan at his pretentious best ordering coffee and the girls bickering over taste in men.

The trombone was first introduced into orchestras in 1809, with Beethoven's Fifth Symphony.

 I drew this cartoon as a sort of thank you to one of three people who prodded me into college cartooning, a trombonist.



8 p.m., FOX  
I was watching *King of the Hill*, which moved to Tuesdays.

# Campus High-Jinks



"Pomping" involves crumpling pieces of crepe paper into little balls, which are then used to fill out and decorate the skeleton of a parade float.

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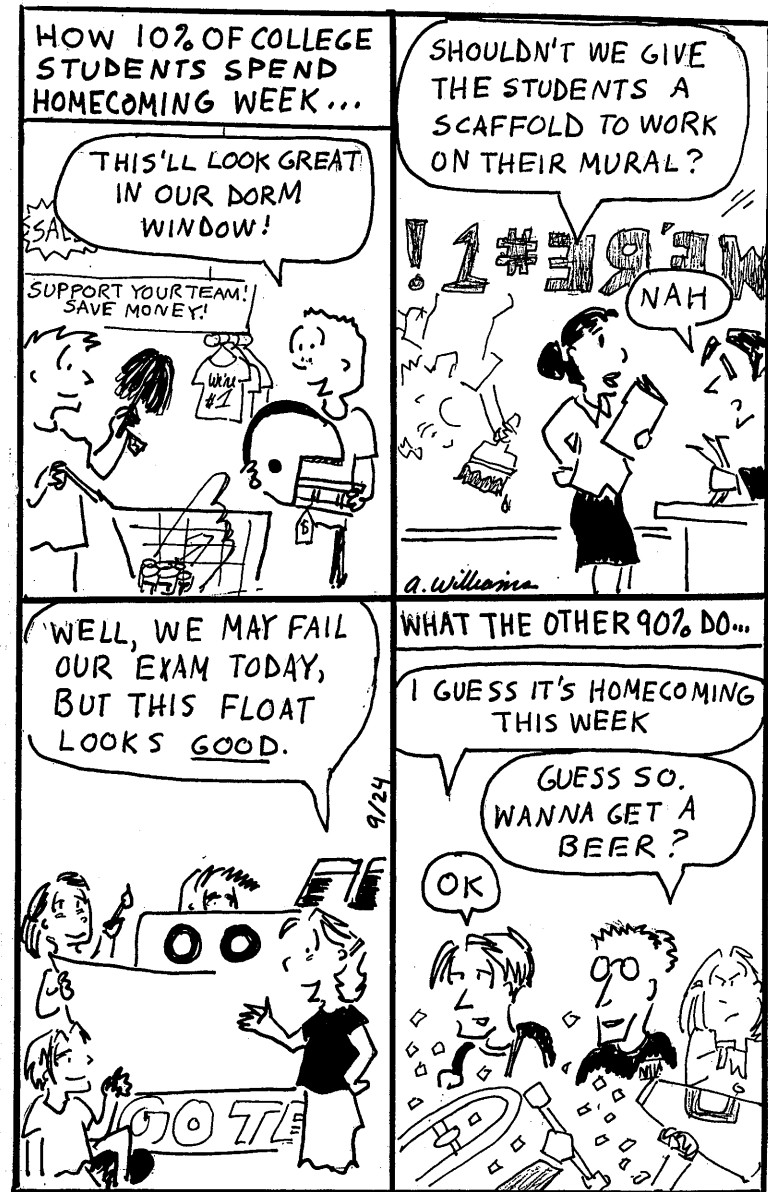
November 6, 1998

Biochemistry @ 9

Statistics Quiz @ 10  
Project Due

Lab @ 1:30

At the University of Tennessee, All Campus Events (ACE) takes care of student homecoming activities, while the UT Alumni Office handles actual alumni homecoming events.



I had the Titanic in mind when I was drawing the float in panel three.

**F.Y.I.**



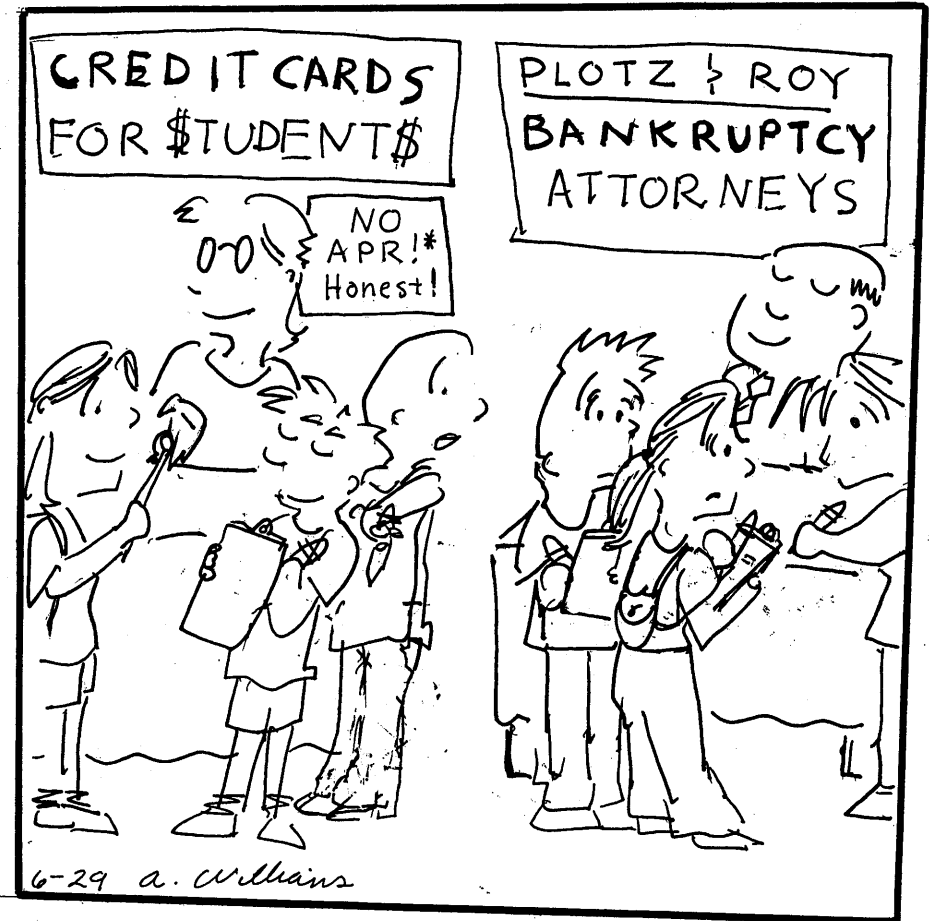
In 1998, the University of Tennessee had six cases of disorderly conduct, all of which were cleared.

## HIT PARADE

This was a spoof on the most popular part of our student newspaper, the Crime Log.



According to Consolidated Credit Services, 80% of colleges and universities permit some form of on-campus credit card solicitation.



**F.Y.I.**

The "No APR! Honest!" sign has an asterisk on it.

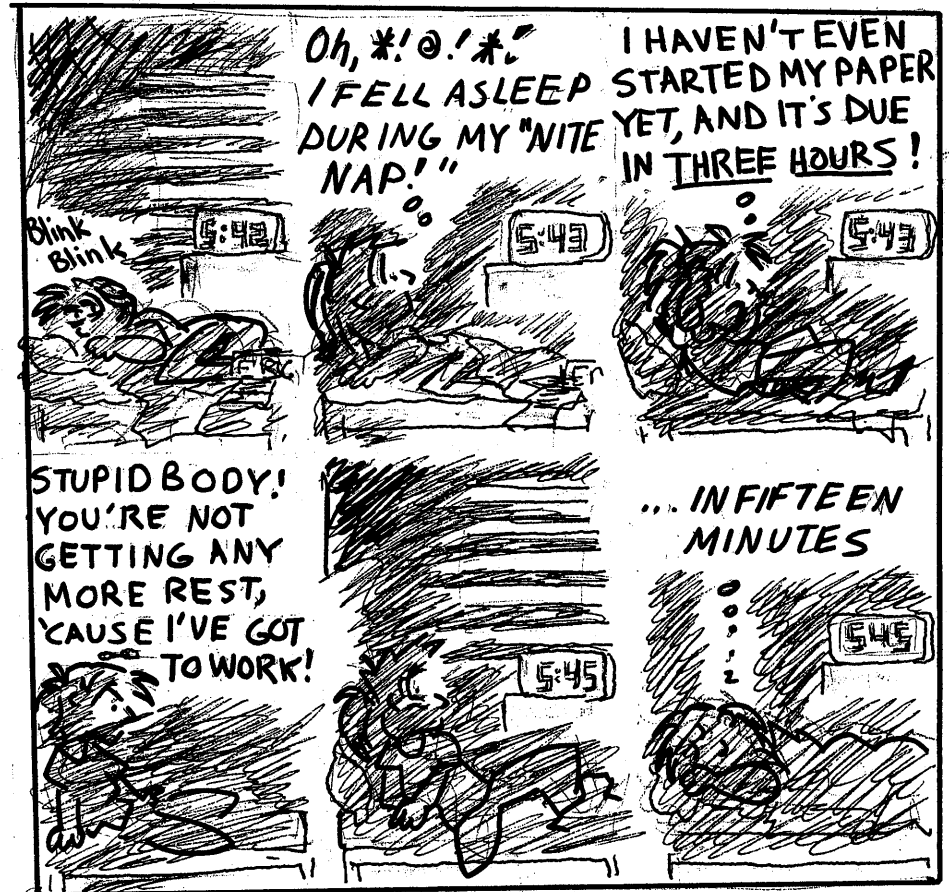
# Campus High-Jinks



A February 1997 fire at two Geneva, NY schools led to many colleges and universities banning halogen lamps.



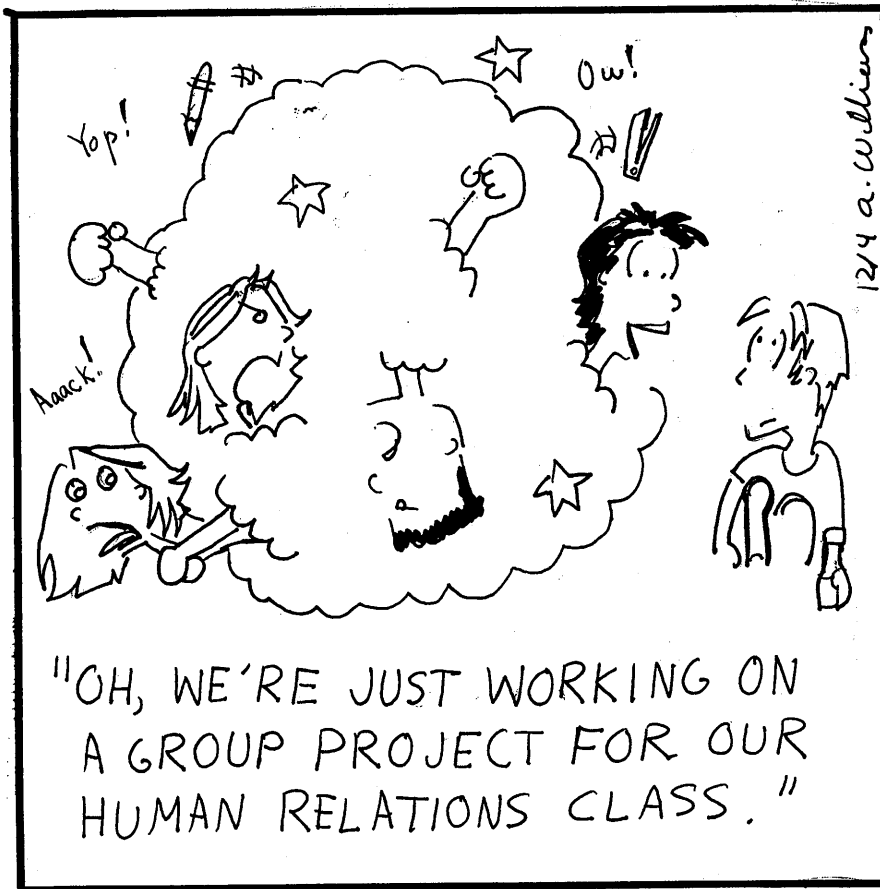
Insomnia is an occasional problem for 25% of Americans and a chronic one for 10%.



### The Cold Facts

In order to get the effect of darkness, I tried a variety of pens and markers to make the room as dark as possible without obscuring the character's actions. I even made sure real time passed on the clock. I liked this one because one could feel the exhaustion and stress in the student.

# Exams, Stress & Mess



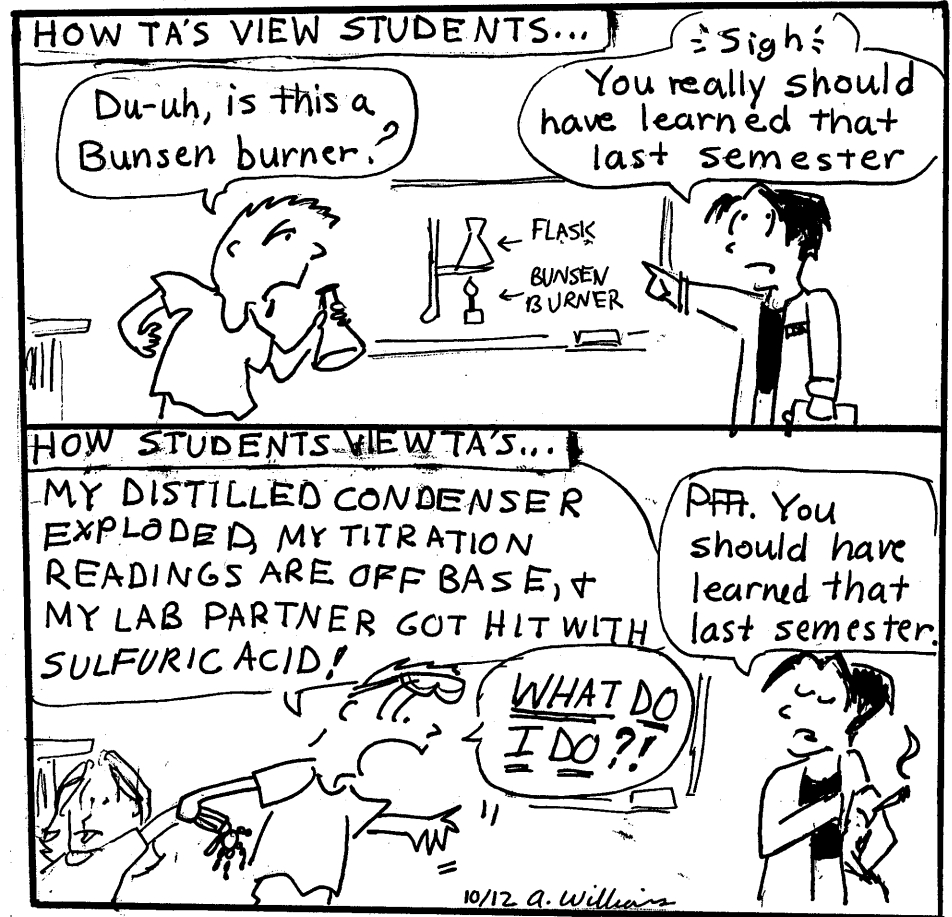
In a USA Today survey, the third most stressful aspect of the workplace to employees was working with others.

**UT hosts panel discussion on environment**



I was inspired by watching an actual group duke it out in the library study lounge

Titration is a process in which a measured volume of solution of known concentration is added to a second solution. An indicator separate from the solution indicates when the reaction is complete.



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October 12, 1998

Biochemistry @ 9

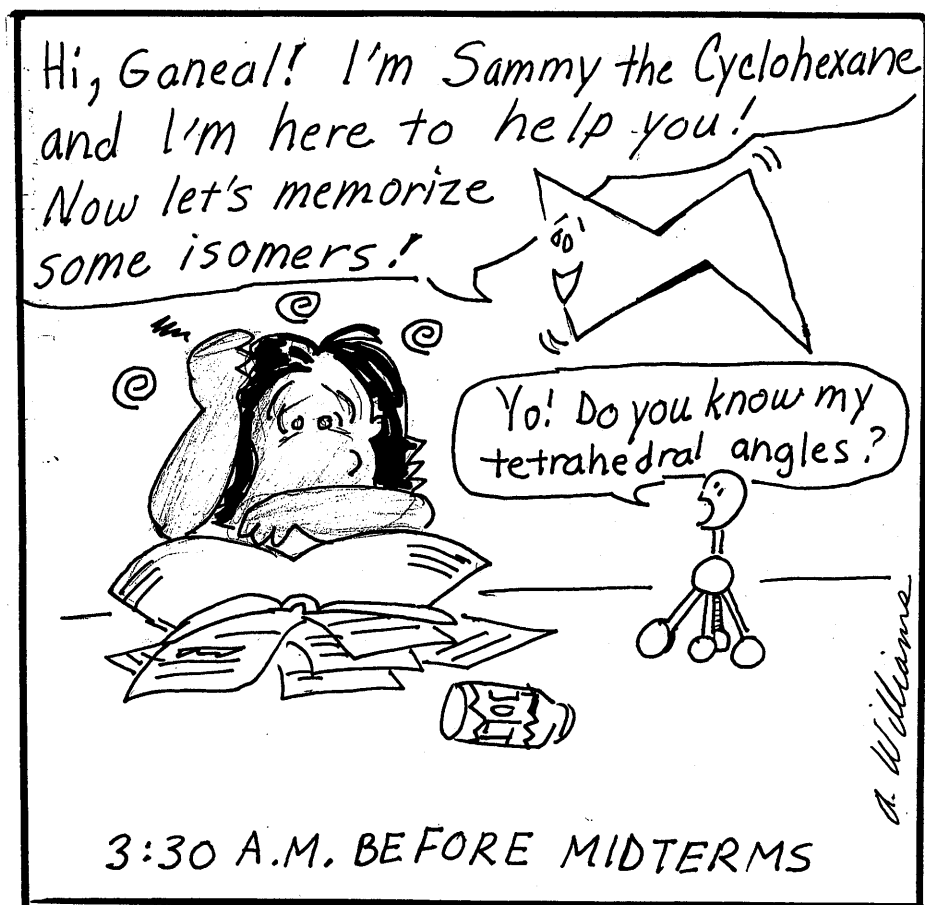
Statistics Quiz @ 10

Microbiology @ 11

Issues @ 6:30

Work at Daily Beacon

## Exams, Stress & Mess



A cyclohexane is a six-carboned ring that shifts between "chair" and "boat" conformations.



### HIT PARADE

This particular cartoon was well-liked by organic chemistry students and teachers.

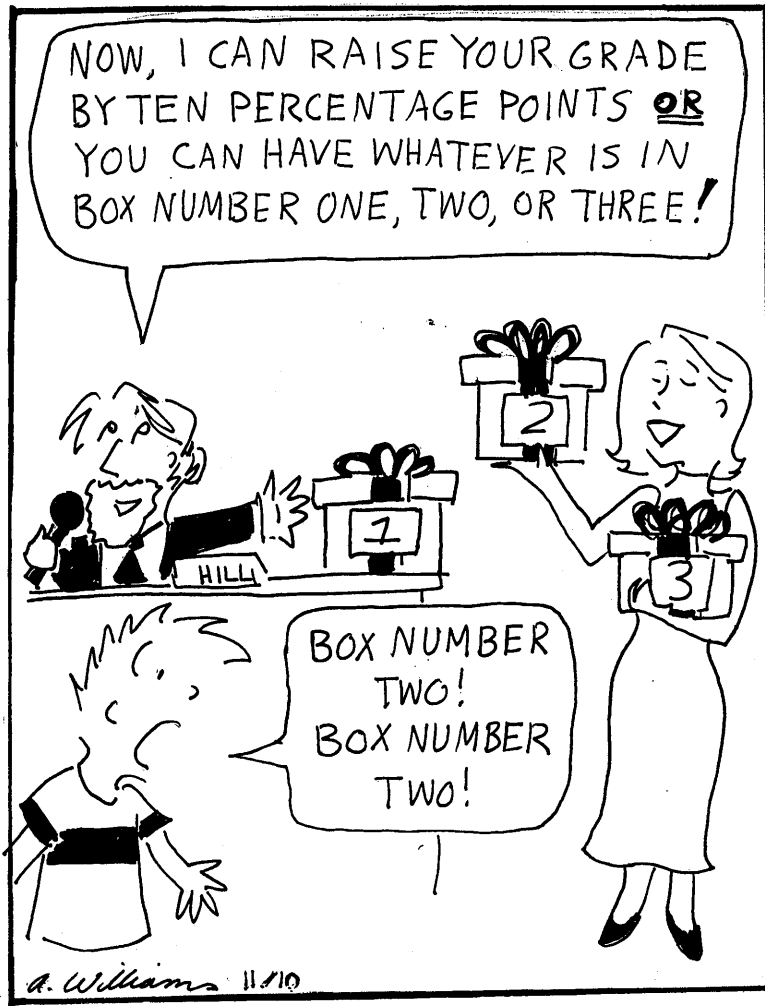
Jackson Pollack became a renowned artist for his style of throwing paint onto the canvas.



**F.Y.I.**

"Due Tom." means the art student was really waiting until the last possible minute to complete the project.

## Exams, Stress & Mess



PROFESSOR HILL LIKED TO PLAY MIND GAMES WITH HIS STUDENTS

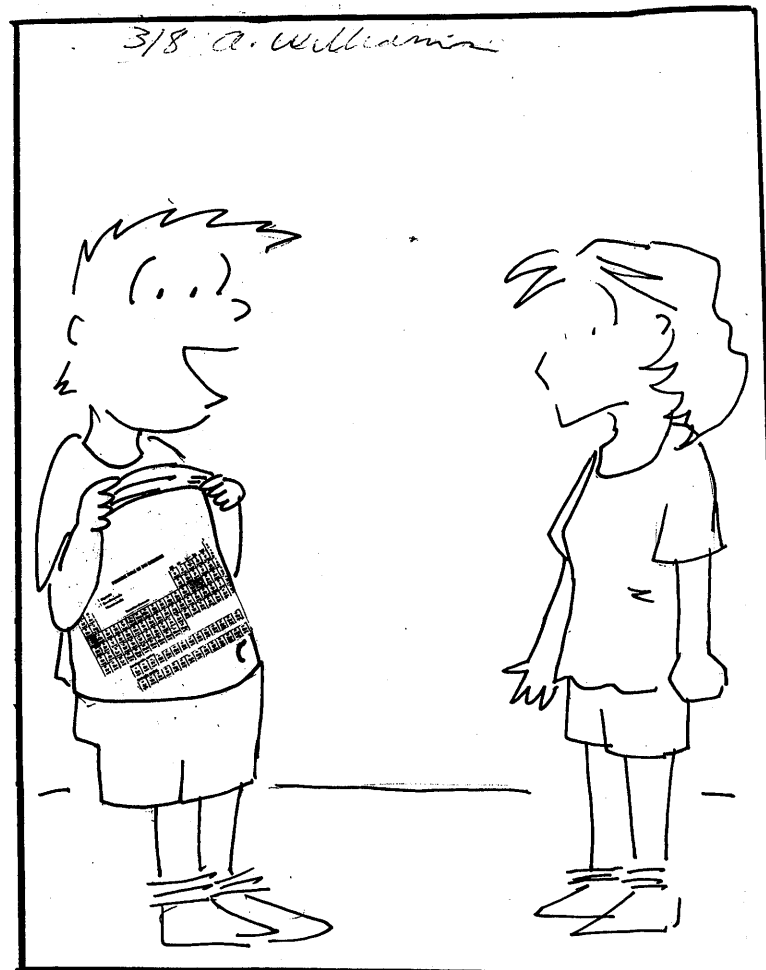
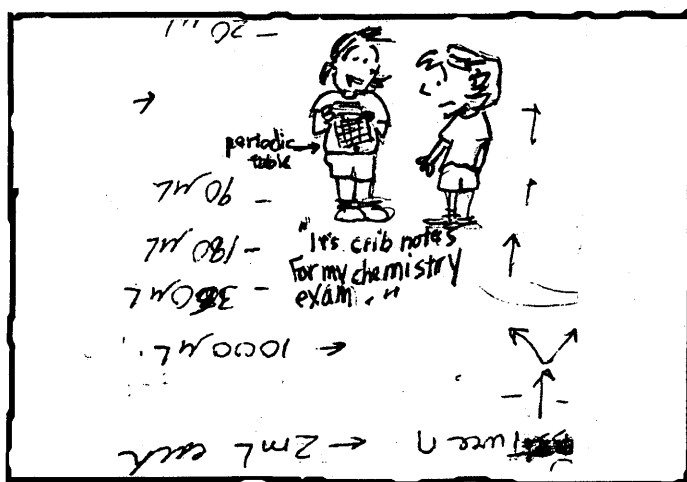
The longest running game show still on the air is *The Price is Right*, enjoying its 28th season on CBS.



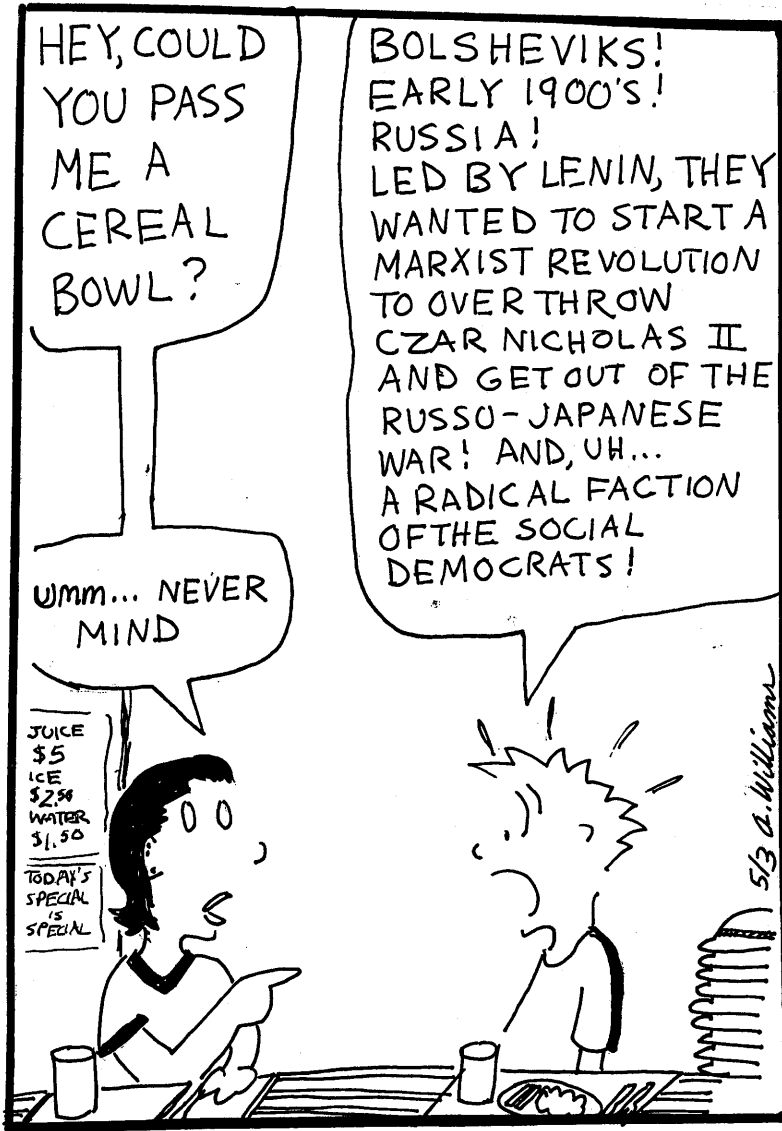
9 p.m., NBC  
Maybe I'll watch *Dateline*, but only if I'm really desperate.



As of 1992, there are 111 elements  
in the Periodic Table



"IT'S CRIB NOTES  
FOR MY CHEMISTRY  
EXAM."



THE STUDY DAY BEFORE FINALS

Alexander Kerensky was the original leader of the Russian Revolution, but was overthrown by Lenin and Trotsky in 1918 and fled to the United States.

UT Presidential Search Nears End

The first inflatable products appeared on the market in the 1950's and 1960's: they included pool toys, floating mats, and air mattresses



*It goes without saying, but I came up with well more than six ideas for this week*

**? MEMO**

This is the first of a six-part series I called Evil Roommate Week.

This introductory strip showcases items in my actual apartment, from Beanie Babies to inflatable sharks..



# The Evil Ones



According to a campus survey at Purdue University, 93% of college students own or use an answering machine.

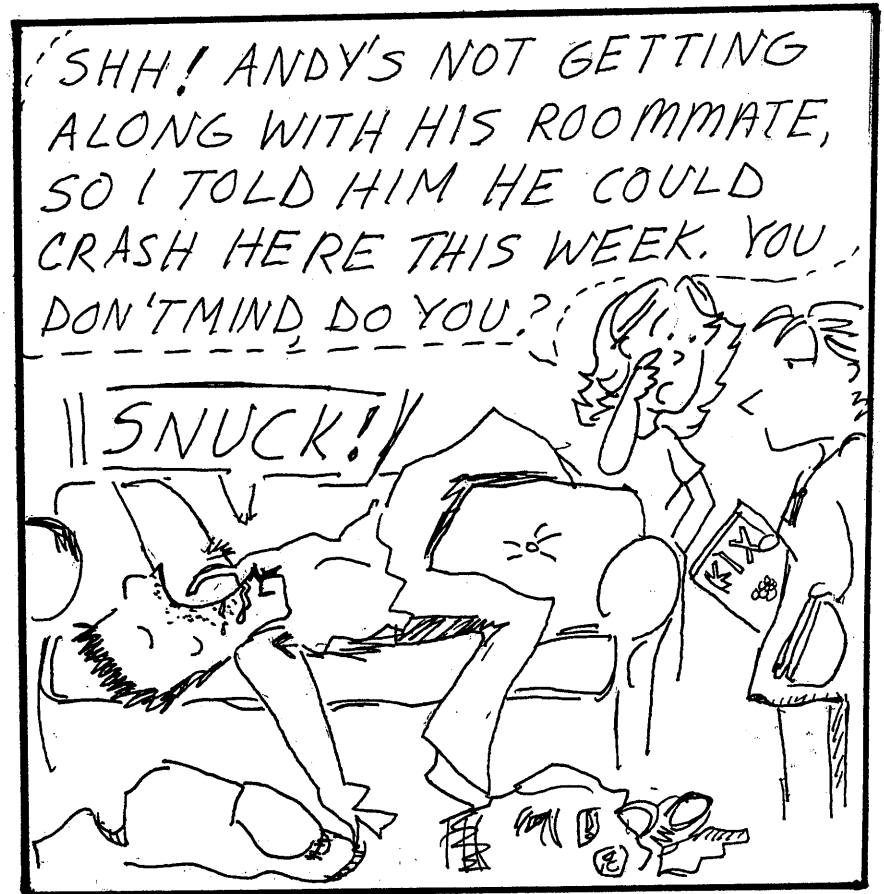
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November 10, 1998:

- Biochemistry @9
- Microbiology @ 11:30
- Michael Moore talk in Alumni Gym @ 7:30

Kix, one of the first puffed cereals, was introduced by General Mills in 1937.



8 p.m., CBS  
That Bill Cosby and  
*Kids Say the Darndest  
Things* - it's so funny!

## The Evil Ones



According to an IDC (International Data Corporation) survey, the second largest cause of computer damage is spills (about 50%).



**F.Y.I.**

Actually, the beer only hits the keyboard - the term paper could still be salvaged!

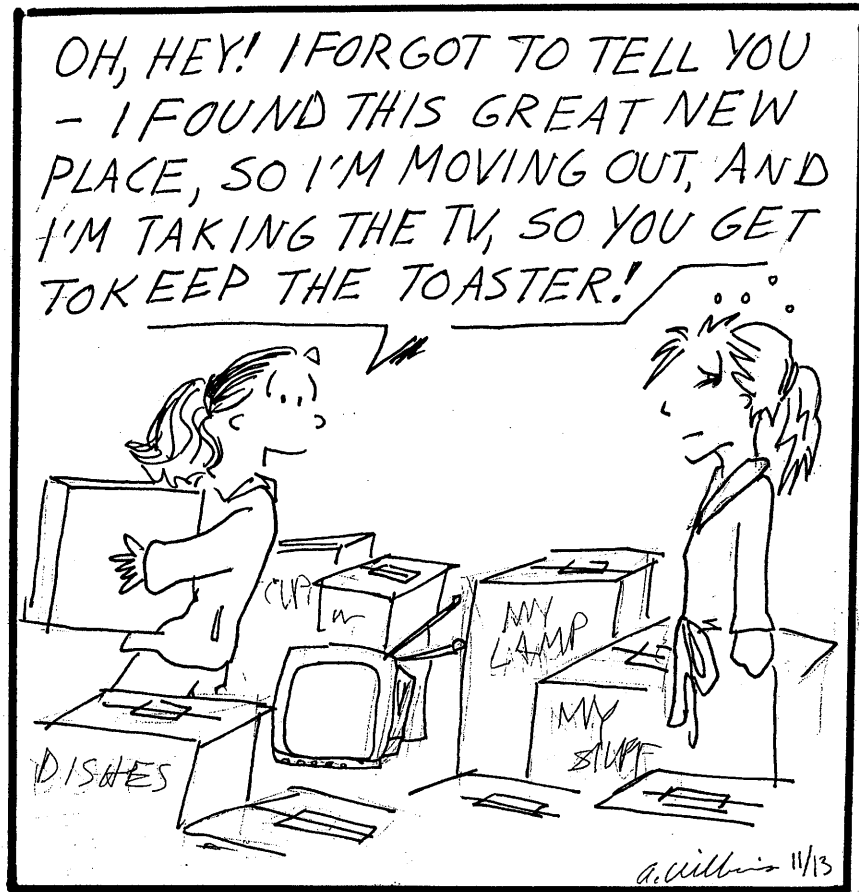
Dirty dishes that sit in the sink for too long can grow germs.



### The Cold Facts

The chief bone of contention in my apartment was the dishes - some people wanted them clean, some let them go, and some didn't care. And when they piled up high enough or stunk hard enough, someone would finally get irritated enough to wash the whole batch themselves.





Hertz Truck Rentals  
recommends wrapping dishes  
in bubble wrap and laying  
them on their side to prevent  
breaking while in transit. \*

**Campus hit with rash of bike thefts**

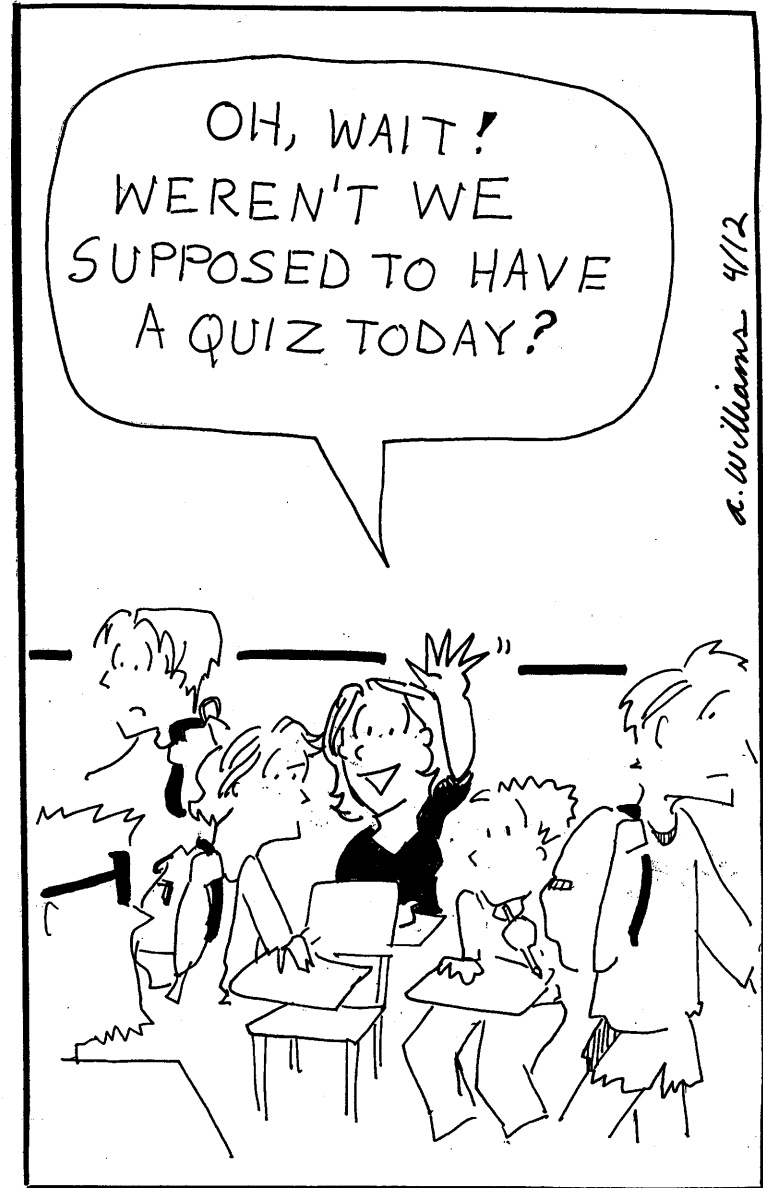


Outdoor backpack sizes range from 3,000 to 7,000 inches of cubic space.

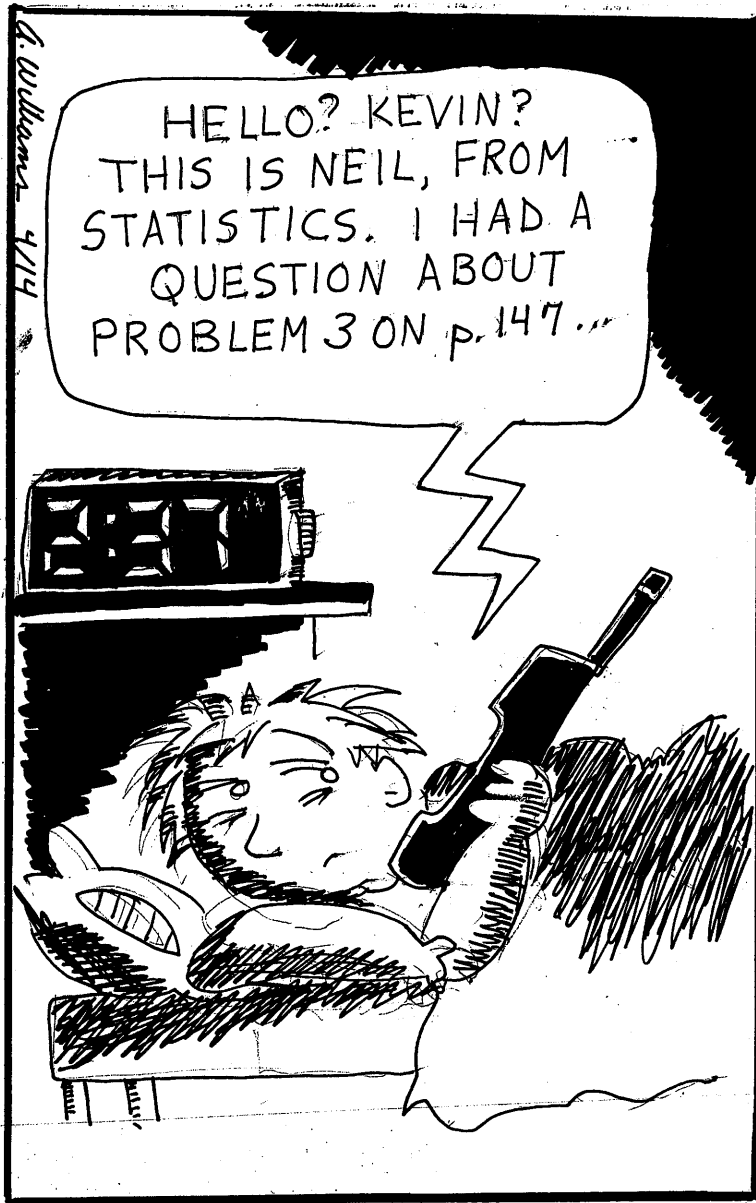
**?** MEMO

This is the first of a five-part series called Evil Classmate Week.

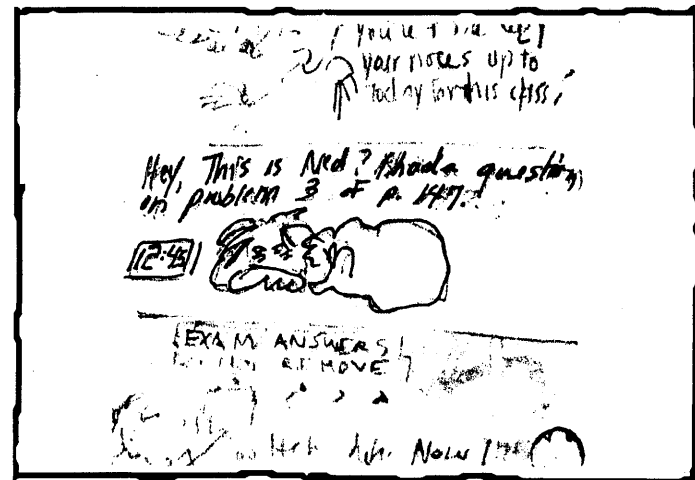
Basically, I look at how fellow students tend to annoy each other.



# The Evil Ones



Statistics can refer to numerical data as well as the actual methods of analysis.



The first pair of sunglasses were sold in 1929, a pair of Foster Grants.

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April 15, 1999

Genetics @ 9:40

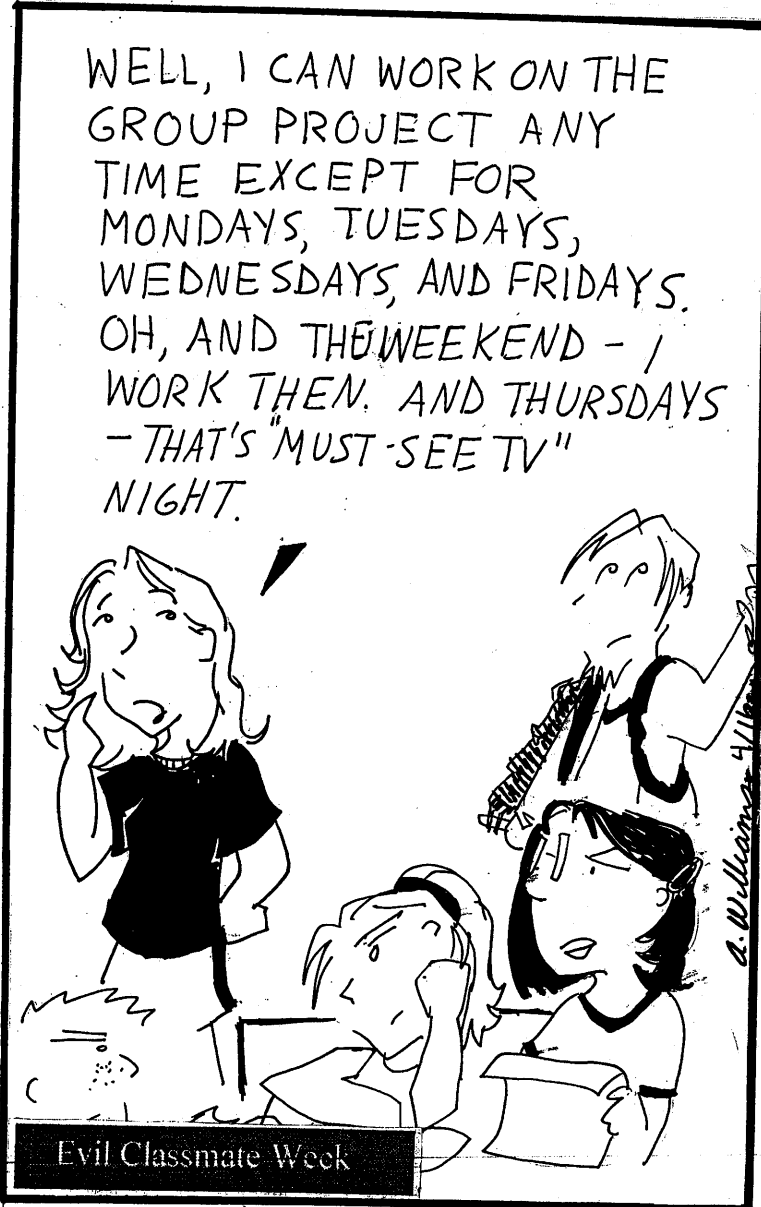
Executive meeting @ 11:30

Lab rotation w/ Howell @ 2

Work at the Beacon



# The Evil Ones



The phrase "Must-SeeTV" dates back to NBC marketing in 1997.



## HIT PARADE

Many of my friends related to this, having to fit five different schedules into meeting times for the dreaded group project.

StudentU.com hired students at 62 universities to take notes in as many as 50 classes per campuses in lecture classes.

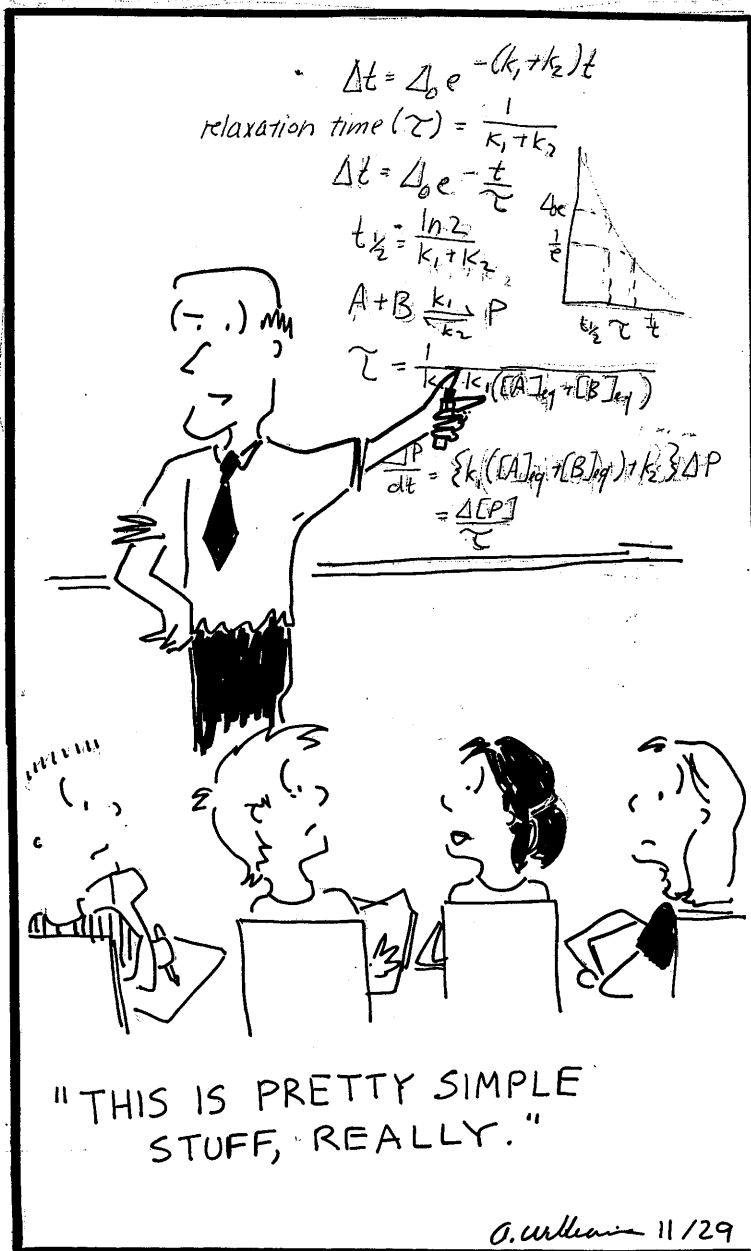
**? MEMO**

This is the first of a five-part series, called Evil Teacher/ Evil Student Week.

It was going to criticize just teachers, but then I realized it could go both ways



# The Evil Ones



Relaxation Time is the time required for concentration to decrease to 1/e (.3679) of its initial value.

## The Cold Facts

I was taking Biophysical Chemistry from a very demanding professor, who covered the chalkboard with equations. I figured that no one read the *Beacon*, so I drew this parody. It turns out he reads it, because he mentioned this cartoon in class. Boy, was my face red! But I did get an A, so he must not have been too offended.

The University of Tennessee Course Evaluations by students are not meant to be the final word on the quality of a class, but it does give information helpful in determining what the class is like.



### HIT PARADE

I had a friend that loved this cartoon because his professor still hadn't given the first exam back, and it was late November.



"Free term papers" entered into Webcrawler.com yields 701 hits for sites where essays can be freely downloaded, including schoolsucks.com.

I got the idea for this cartoon from a student who copied a term paper off the Internet - he was caught, though, by a TA undergraduate friend of mine



**F.Y.I.**

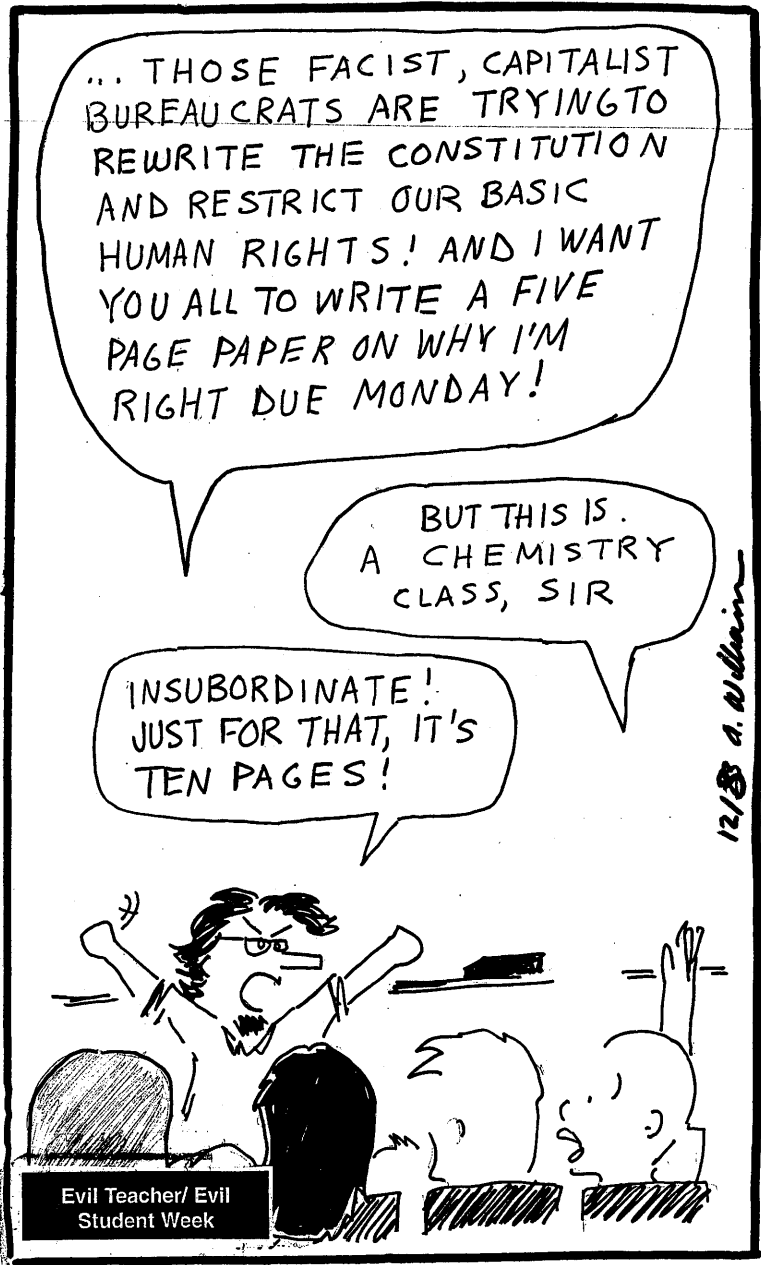
I have no idea if i\_cheat.com is a web site. Try it and find out - it'll be fun!



Even though the writers of the U.S. Constitution thought stating basic human rights would be redundant, the majority of the states wanted them in writing; hence the Bill of Rights.

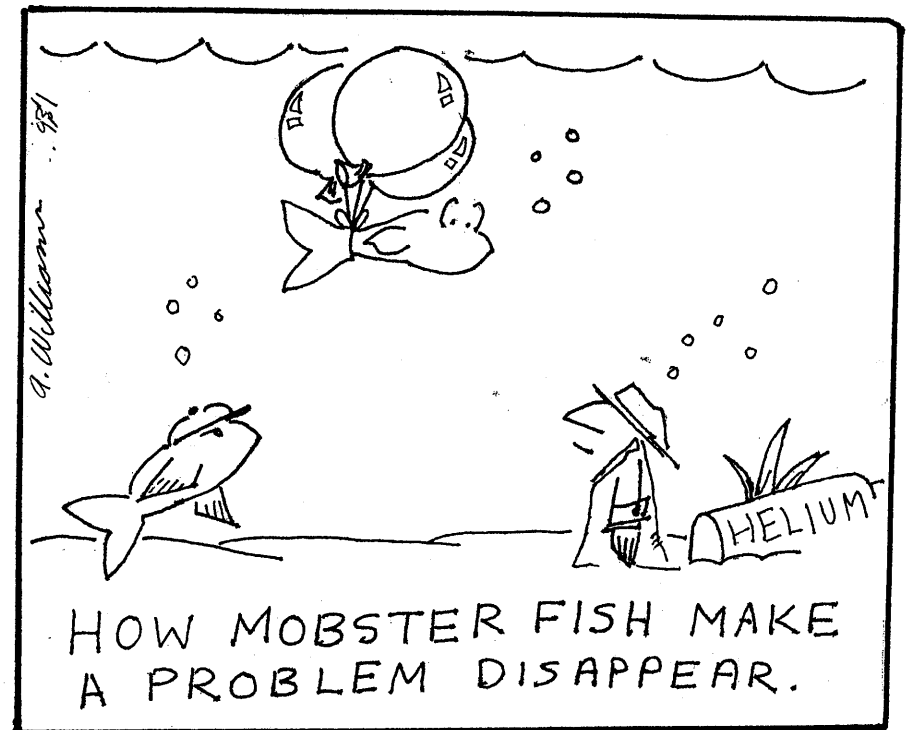


9:00 p.m., CBS  
They have this great new show, *Now and Again*, not to be confused with *Once and Again* on ABC.





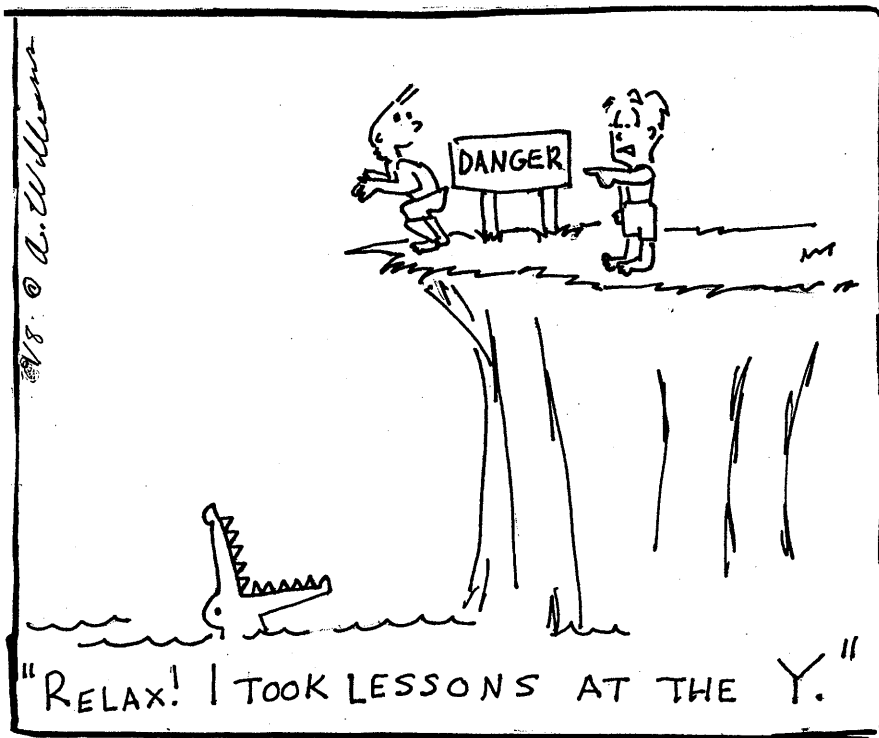
American organized crime was given its start during the Prohibition Era, by dealing in then-illegal alcoholic beverages.



### HIT PARADE

This was one of the first cartoons I received overwhelming positive feedback from. People tell me to this day how funny it was.

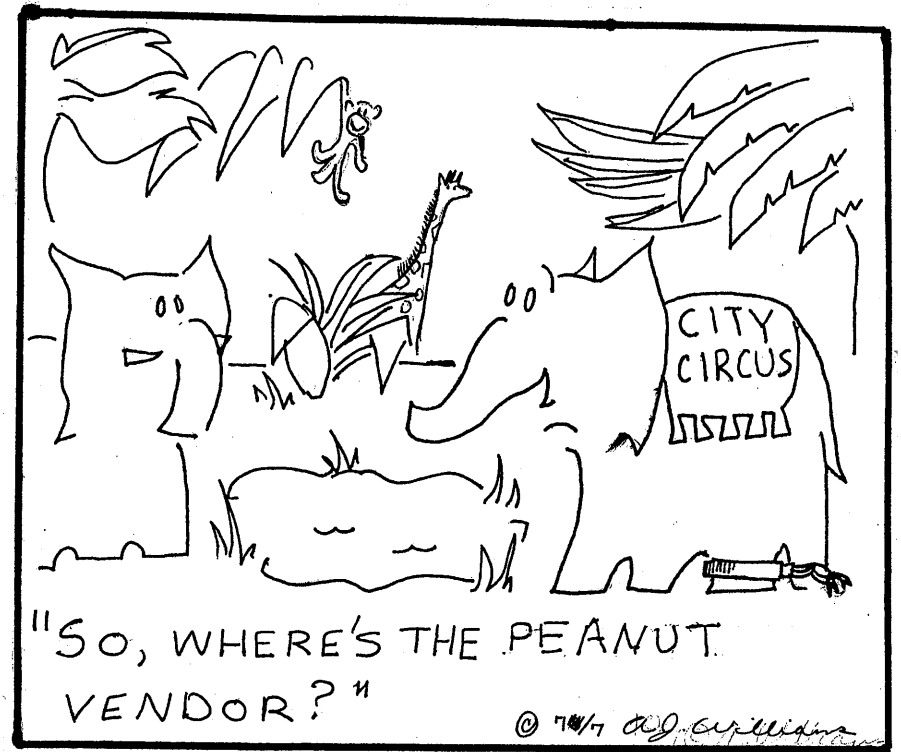
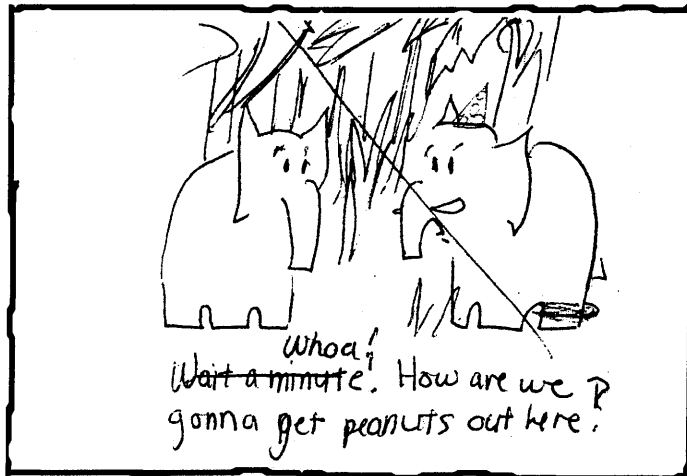
## Animal Kingdom



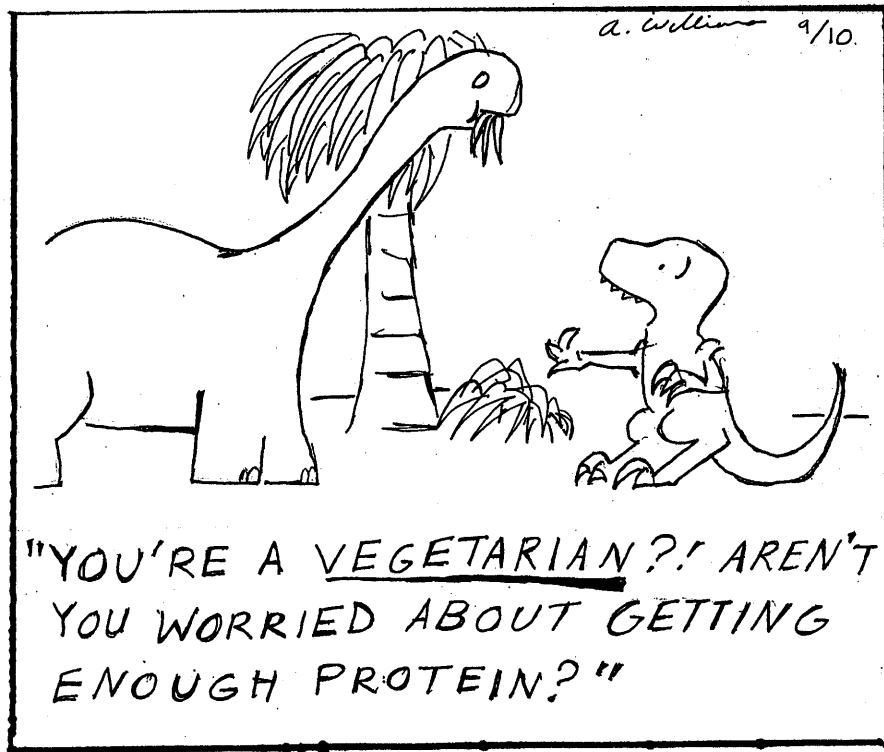
Alligators have a wider head and blunter snout than crocodiles. Also, crocodiles tend to dwell in Africa while alligators can be found in North America.

**Ordinance could limit campus nightlife**

African elephants are slowly losing their habitat through quickly growing populations of people, conversion of open lands into agricultural and dwelling lands, and clearing of tropical forests.



## Animal Kingdom



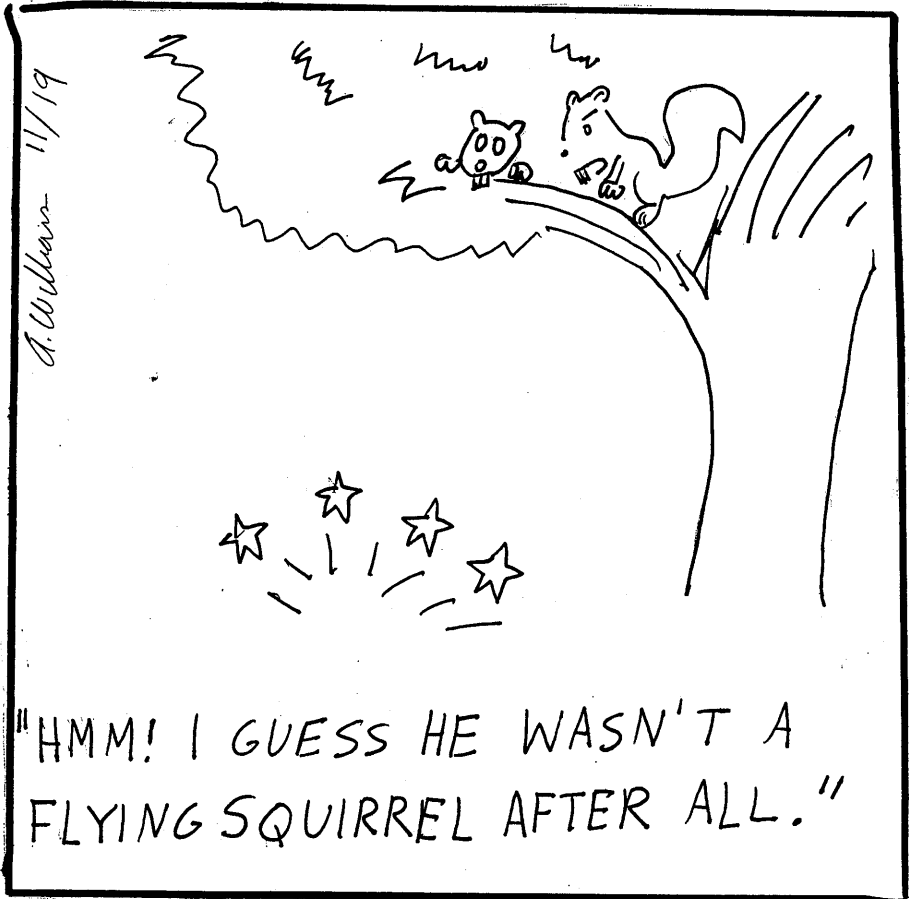
A meat-centered diet wastes 2,500 gallons of water for one pound of beef.



### **The Cold Facts**

My roommate and several friends and acquaintances became vegetarians. Some of them are pale and sickly, while others are more robust and healthier than even me. I think alternate sources of protein is the reason. Those that ate a lot of nuts and greens tended to be in the healthy category, while those that ate a lot of junk food were, well, not.

Flying squirrels have a membrane of skin connecting their front and hind legs; when spread out, they can use the membrane to glide more than 1300 feet.



"HMM! I GUESS HE WASN'T A FLYING SQUIRREL AFTER ALL."

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November 19, 1998

Micro @ 11

Biochem @ 12:40

Issues @ 3:30

See T.A. @ 4

# Animal Kingdom



Bowling is popular with 65 million Americans and in 50 countries.

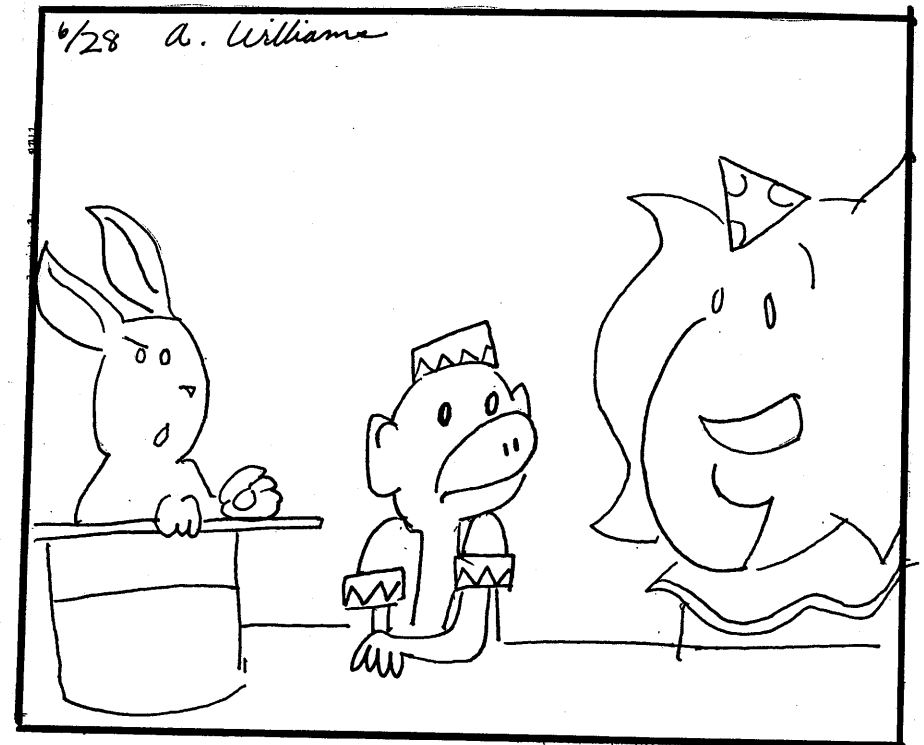


**F.Y.I.**

The turkey is properly attired in regulation bowling shoes. I also added detail with a shoe return shop, lane arrows, and the ball return.



The peanut plant is unusual in that when the pod forms, it is pushed underground by the stalk, where it then matures.



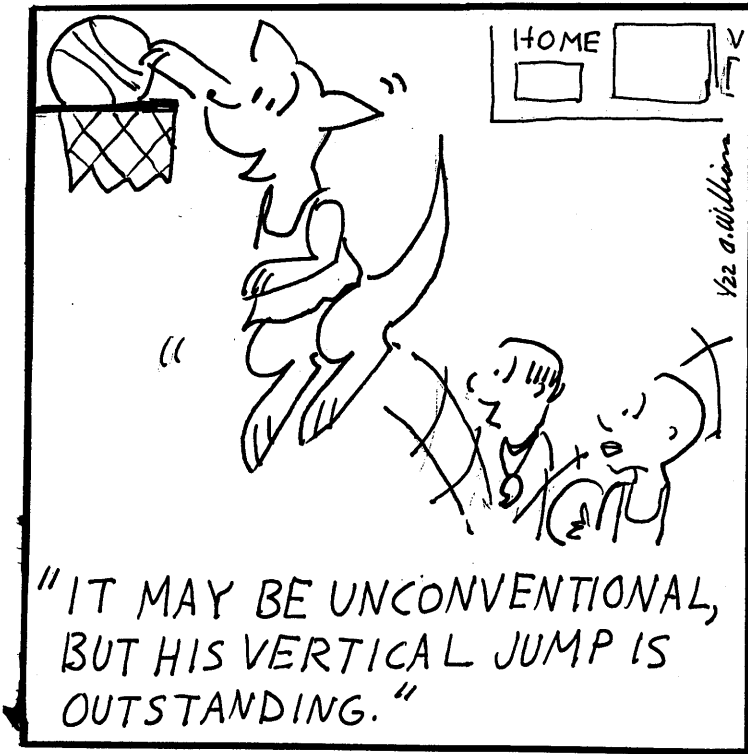
"I THINK WE NEED SOME KIND OF A UNION. I MEAN, DO YOU WANT TO WORK FOR PEANUTS?"

**ON TV**



9:00 p.m., FOX  
I don't like *Ally McBeal*,  
but unfortunately, my  
roommates do.

# Animal Kingdom



QUOTE  
OF  
THE DAY

"If  
I had three  
million bucks,  
I wouldn't  
blow it on a  
durn ball."

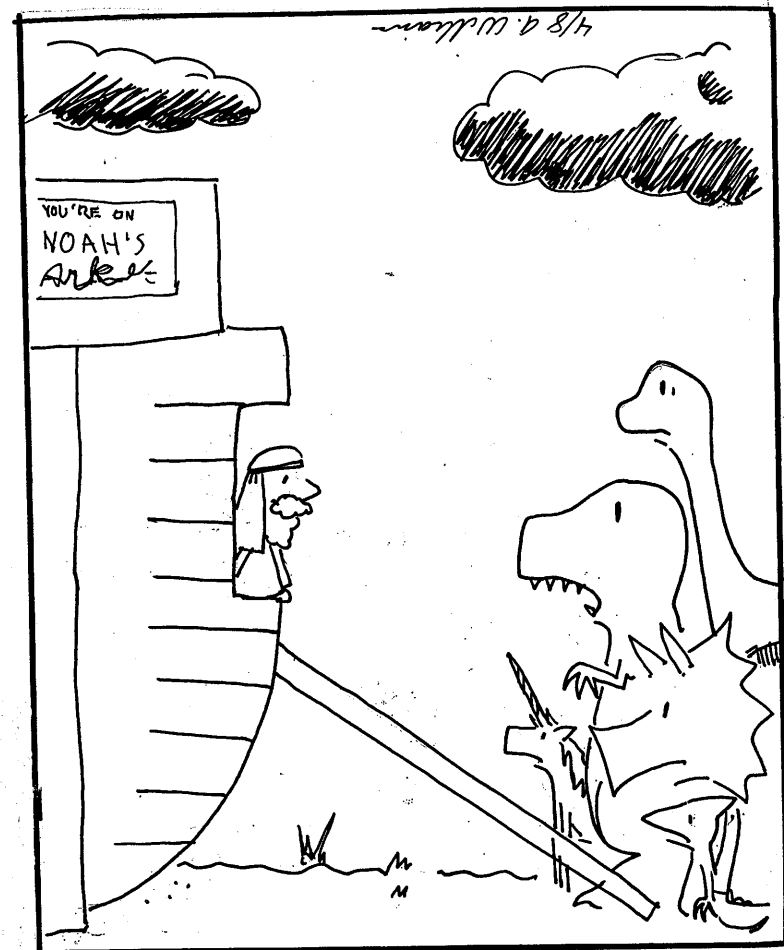
Three-quarters of a kangaroo's  
size and weight lies in its  
hindquarters, enabling it to  
leap 30 miles an hour.

**UTPD works on alcohol abuse**

By the by, cartoons with  
these odd quotes and tips  
were part of my attempts to  
adjust to a new strip size.  
Eventually, it was rescinded  
into the vertical cartoons I  
do today.



It rained 40 days and 40 nights, but the Great Flood did not begin to subside until 150 days later.

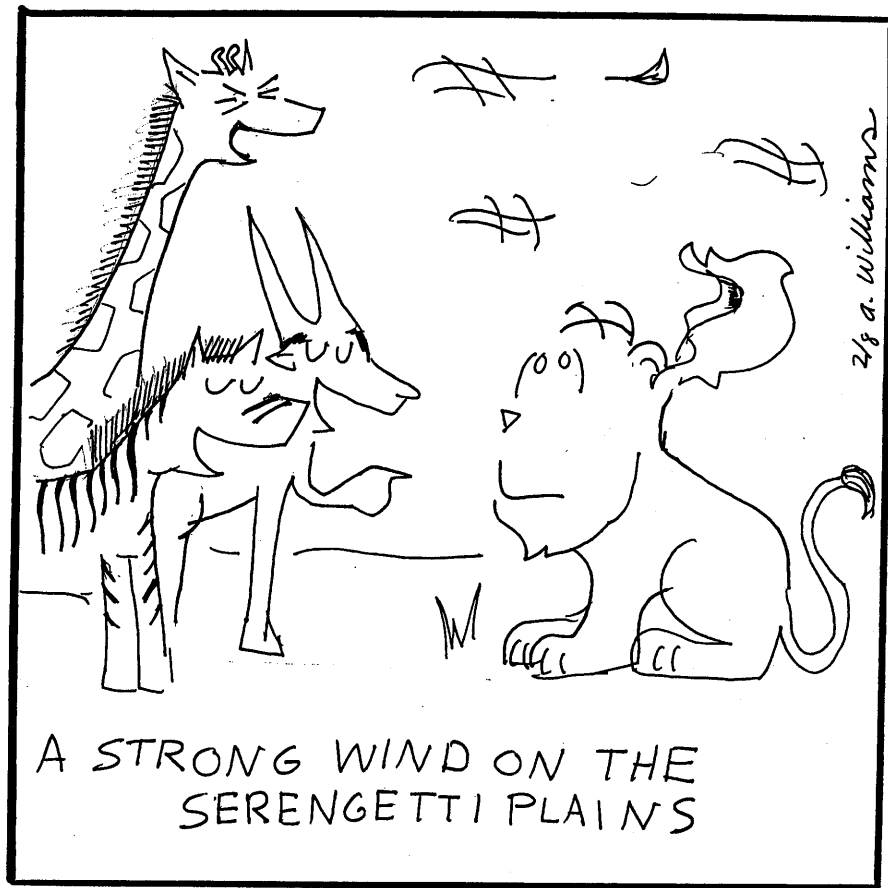


### The Cold Facts

This cartoon was based on a book I'd read that said when dinosaur bones were first discovered, creationists explained them by saying the dinosaurs failed to survive because they were not among the animals God told Noah to take on the ark. My twist is, what if the dinosaurs didn't *want* to go?

"YOU DON'T HAVE ON-BOARD ROOM SERVICE? SORRY, BUT I THINK WE'LL SHOP AROUND SOME MORE."

## Animal Kingdom



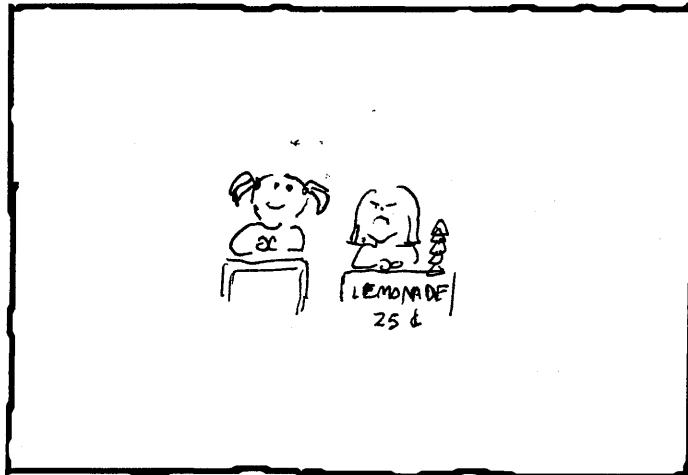
Six hundred thousand wildebeest migrate through the Serengetti plains of Kenya, Africa every spring for their migration.



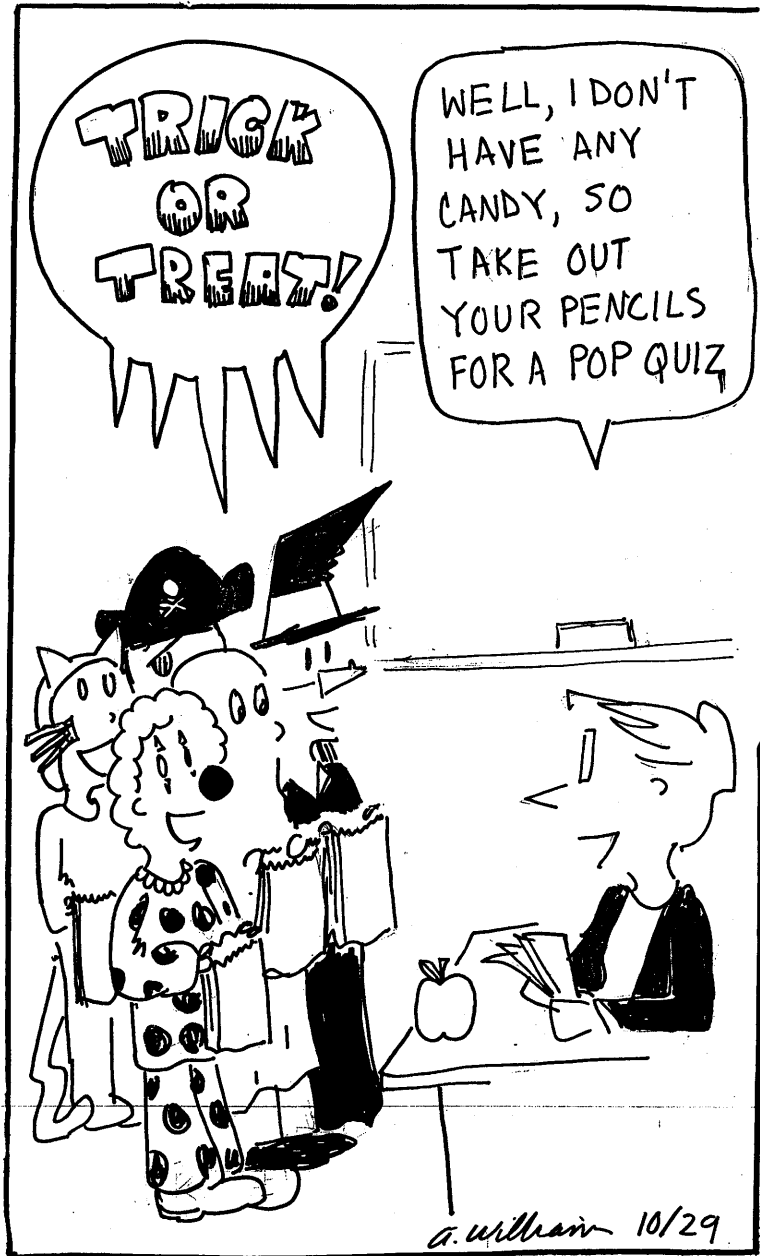
### HIT PARADE

I was complimented on this cartoon by one of my fellow one-panel cartoonists at the *Beacon*, Margaret McGarr.

Ty originally announced it was going to retire the entire Beanie Baby line, but then said it wouldn't after fans overwhelmingly voted otherwise.



# Kidding with People



Halloween derives from the three-day celebration of the Druids in early November. They believed the dead's spirits roamed the earth on October 31.

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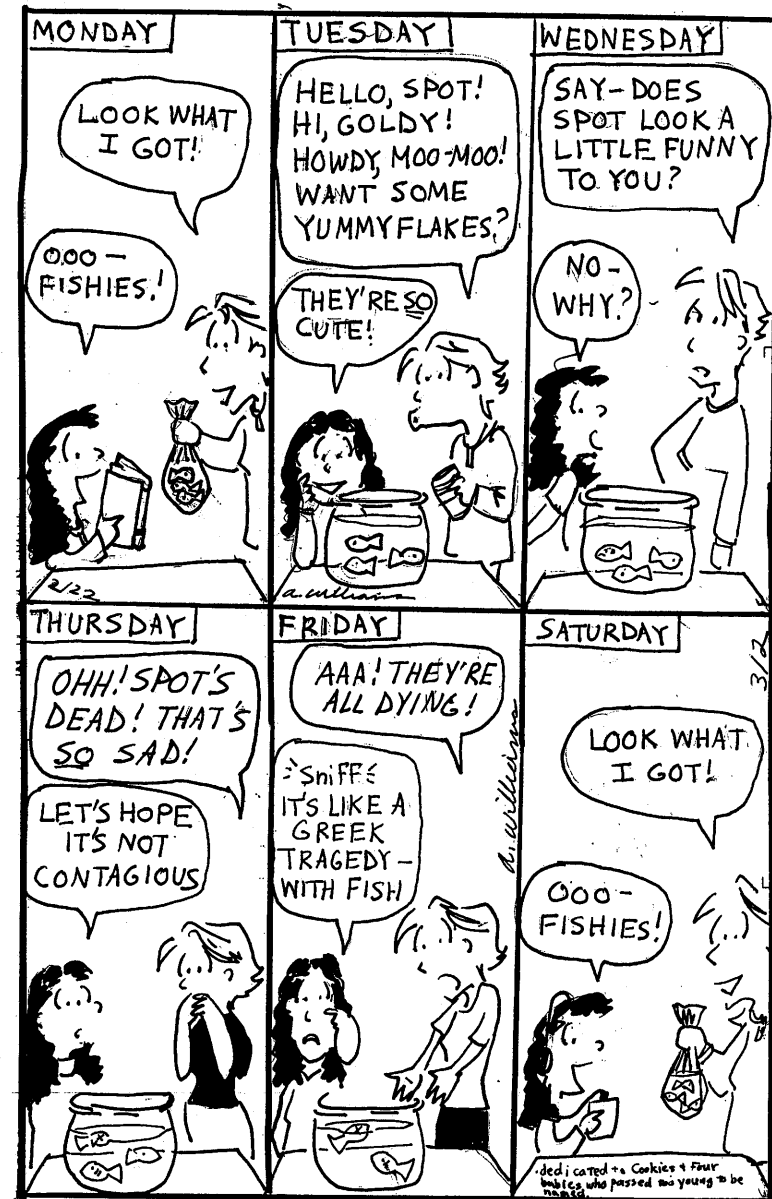
October 29, 1999

Biochem @ 8:00

GO HOME EARLY

\* don't forget fall back an hour

Goldfish belong to the carp family and can be black, spotted, white with silver, or of course, golden.



## The Cold Facts

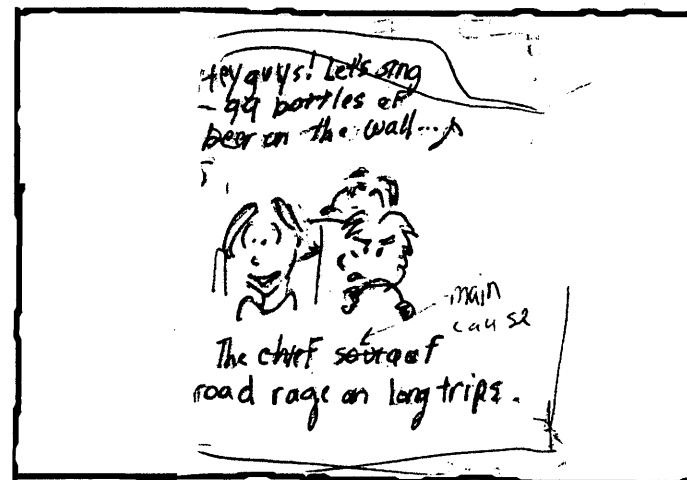
This cartoon was based on the tragically short lives of Cookies and Spot, two fish my roommate got at a pet shop. Spot died pretty quickly, and then Cookies died giving birth to four baby fish. We didn't know babies needed special food, so they all died within a week. It was a sad affair, really. But they were soon replaced with fish that cost a lot less and lived a lot longer.

# Kidding with People



THE MAIN CAUSE OF  
ROAD RAGE ON LONG  
TRIPS

The National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration claims  
two-thirds of traffic  
accident deaths in the  
last two years resulted  
from road rage.





The Romans originally meant *procrastinate* (in Latin meaning forward motion belonging to tomorrow) as a positive way of careful, deferred decision-making.



FRIDAY NIGHT WITH THE  
INDECISIVE



**F.Y.I.**

On the clock in the background, time passes from about 9 p.m. to about 1 a.m. Four hours were lost!

# Kidding with People



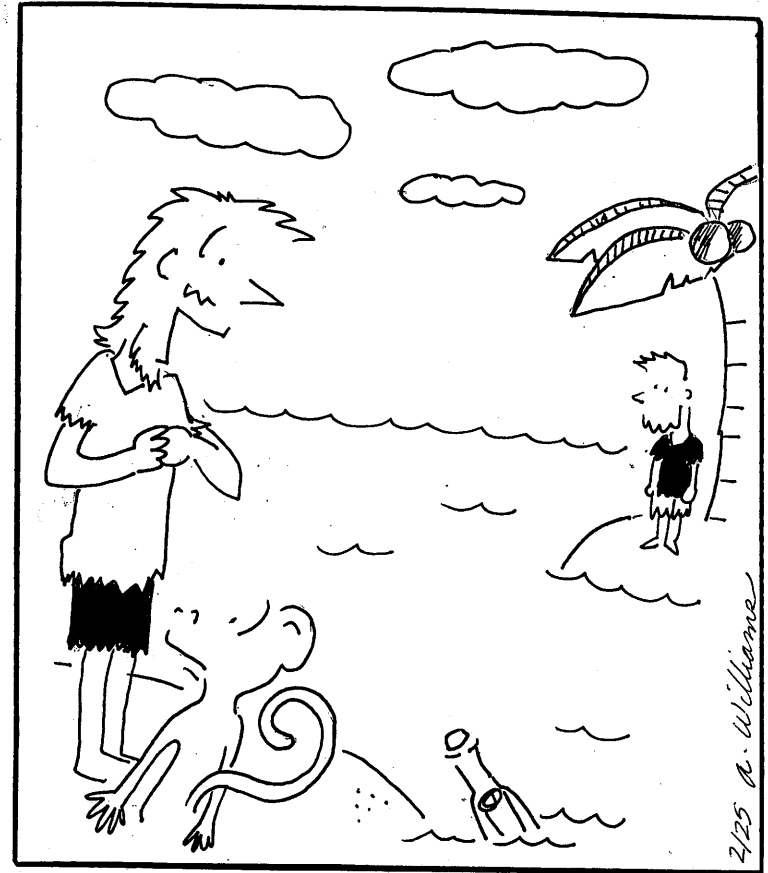
Construction salaries increase at a rate of about 4 percent annually.



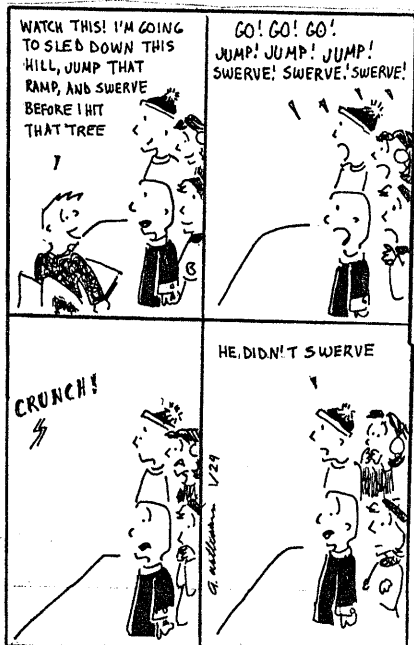
9:00 p.m., FOX  
Every now and then,  
*Party of Five* is good  
for a laugh.

Message in a Bottle, starring Kevin Costner, was in theaters at the time, and eventually went on to gross \$52.8 million.

**SGA Passes Voting Changes**



"OH, WOW! I JUST GOT PAGED!"



In Greek mythology, Zeus is called Jupiter and his wife, Hera, is known as Juno.



**F.Y.I.**

An unnamed goddess is chatting with Hera in Mount Olympus, the ancient Greek's version of heaven.



Mars & Venus



**It never worked out. For ultimately,  
Doug was a dog person and Rita was a  
cat person.**

Dogs are the most popular pet,  
with cats placing second.



North Carolina State's defeat of then top-ranked Houston in 1983 is considered the third biggest upset in NCAA men's basketball tournament history.

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March 5, 1999

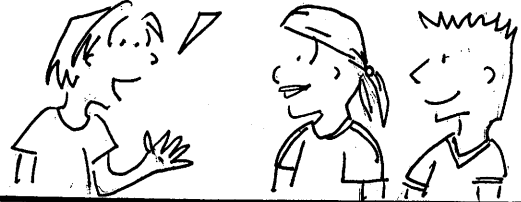
Ethics @ 9

BCMB @ 11

\* email Cicely

\* if I'm up to it, Ethics or Stat

... AND THEN, IN 1976, WHEN PENN STATE UPSET THE JIMMY JOHNSON-LED MIAMI. AND WHEN NC STATE BEAT HOUSTON IN THE MARCH '83 TOURNEY- THAT WAS A CLASSIC! AND SUPER BOWL 24 WAS AWESOME, WHEN THE JETS RAN THE TABLE. BUT I'LL NEVER FORGET...



... OUR ANNIVERSARY, WHICH WAS YESTERDAY!

RIGHT, RIGHT



3/5 a. williams

THE MALE MIND IN ACTION



Hair and fingernails still grow, and individual cells continue to function after death (failure of vital organs).

Flowers aren't the only thing Death's killed in this cartoon.



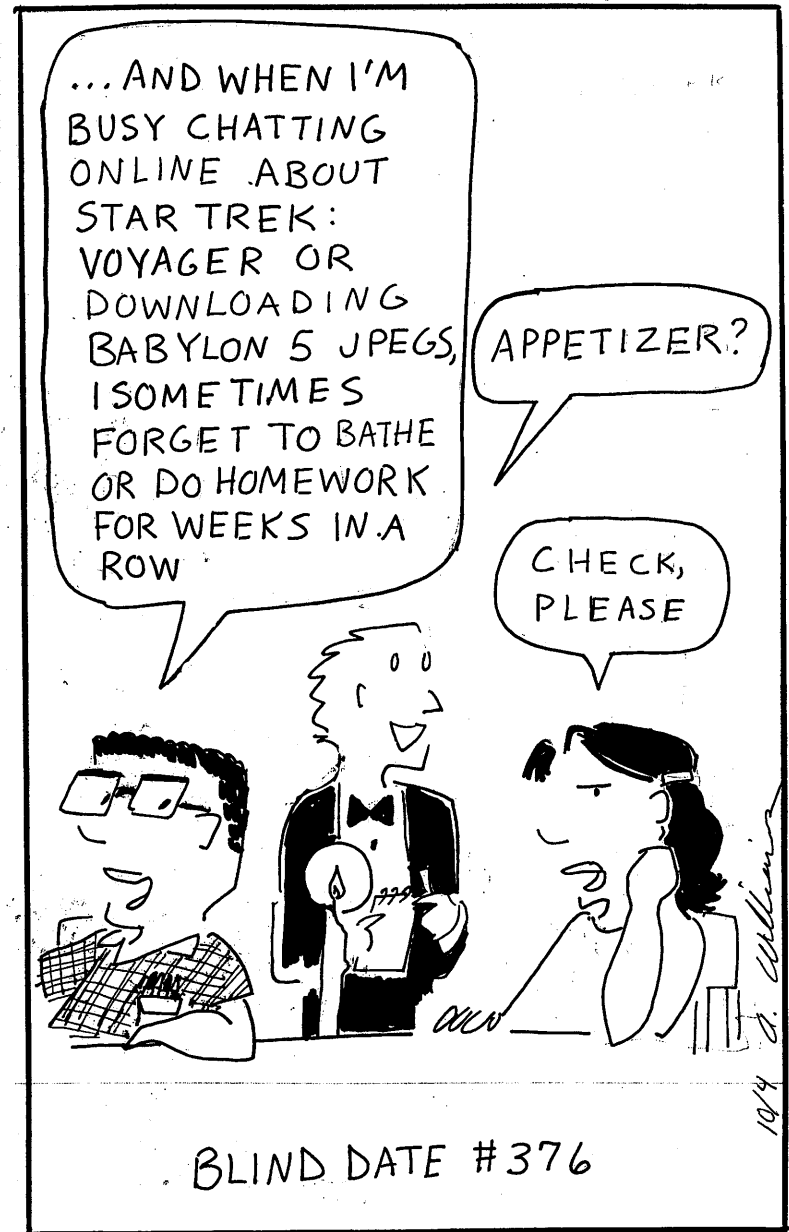
**HIT PARADE**

My student publications adviser particularly liked this cartoon, which I based lightly on the works of former *Beacon* cartoonist Greg Delozier.



The original *Star Trek* series aired 1966-1969; *Next Generation* ran 1987-1994, *Deep Space Nine* lasted 1993-1999, and *Voyager* continues to this day.

E-mail alerts ESPN writer





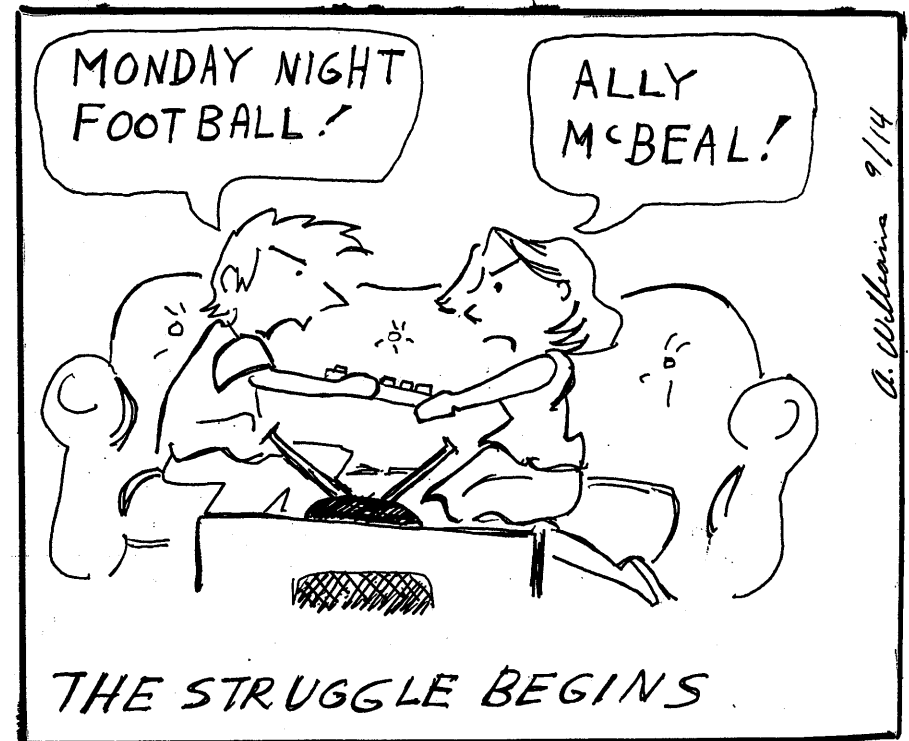
Pepper spray cannot be sold to minors or taken into a night club or airport.



### The Cold Facts

I was out shopping for some fresh pepper spray and mace for a first date and realized how the absurdity of the situation might make for a good cartoon. It's sad, I guess, but that's the times for today.

Having begun on ABC in 1970,  
*Monday Night Football* turns  
30 years old this year.



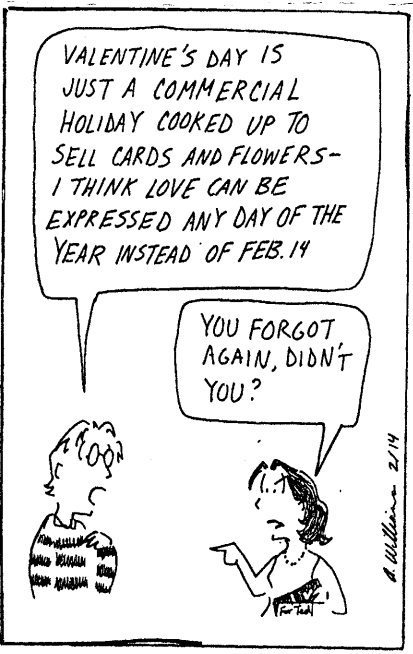
**ON**



9:00 p.m., ABC  
*Monday Night Football*,  
of course! This night,  
the 49ers whaled on  
the Redskins, 45-10.

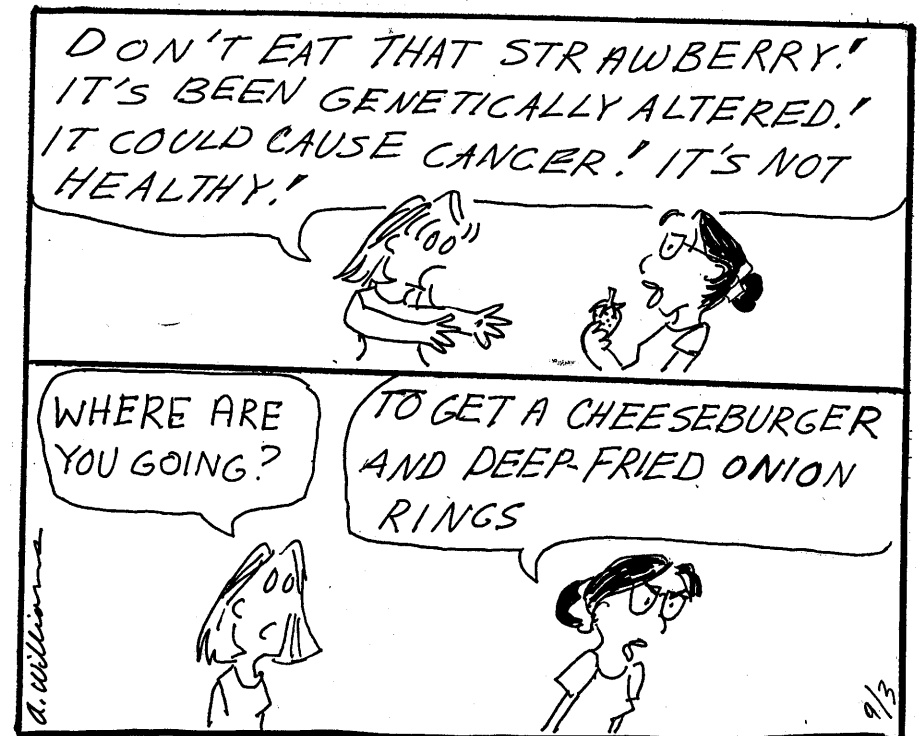
VALENTINE'S DAY IS  
JUST A COMMERCIAL  
HOLIDAY COOKED UP TO  
SELL CARDS AND FLOWERS-  
I THINK LOVE CAN BE  
EXPRESSED ANY DAY OF THE  
YEAR INSTEAD OF FEB. 14

YOU FORGOT  
AGAIN, DIDN'T  
YOU?



A. Williams 2/14

The Organic Trade Association, founded in 1985, promotes organically grown food and also protects the integrity of organic food by enforcing standards.



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Planner*

September 3, 1998

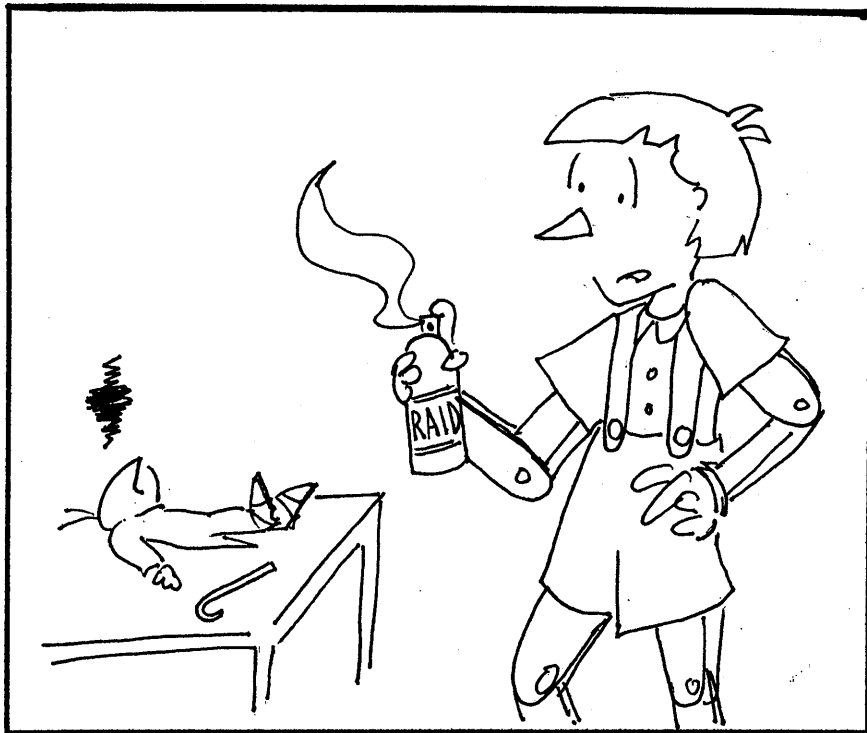
Micro @ 11

Biochem @ 12:40

Threshold @ 5 p.m.

Work at Beacon

# SIGNS OF THE TIMES

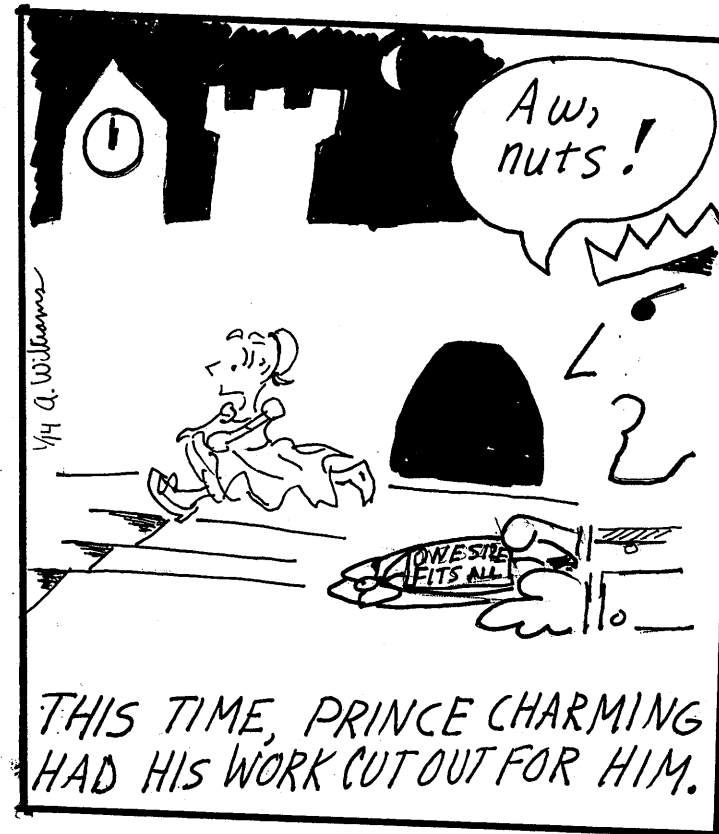


"Sorry, Jiminy - I thought you were a termite."

The Disney classic *Pinocchio* is 60 years old, and is the first Disney animated masterpiece to be released on DVD.



Although there are many versions of Cinderella around the world, Charles Perrault's French version is the one most recognized by Americans.



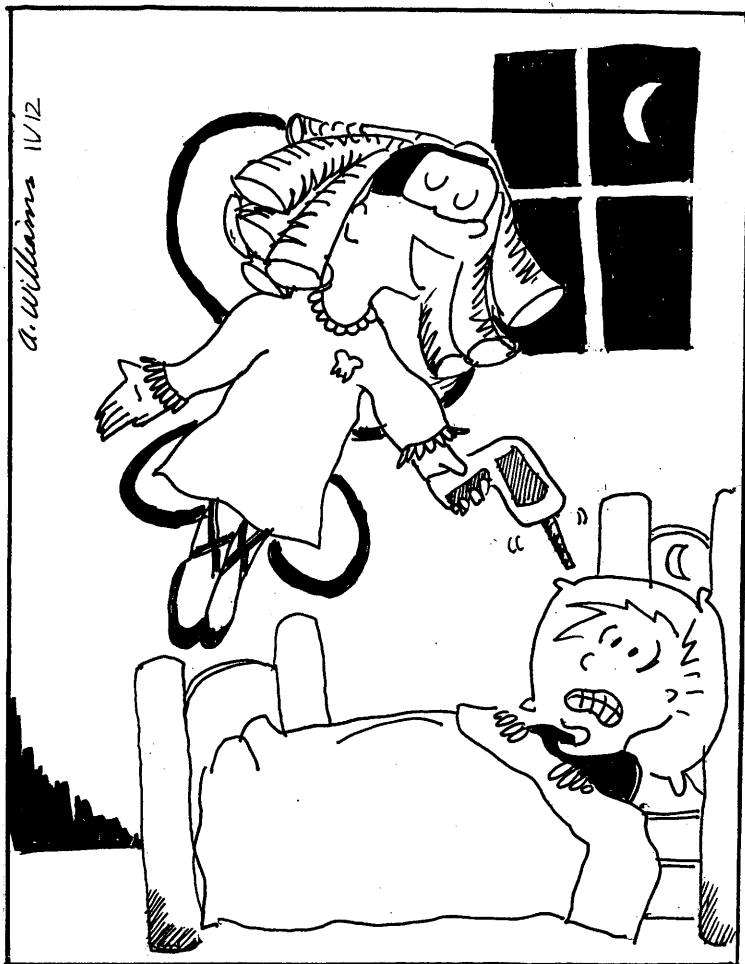
PLATITUDE  
OF  
THE DAY

“Unruly grows the hair of a Chia Head™ that is not brushed, combed, or fertilized.”



F.Y.I.

The clock in the background is striking midnight as the prince holds Cinderella's slipper, the label saying "One Size fits All".



"OH, I'M NOT THE TOOTH FAIRY- I'M THE CAVITY FAIRY. NOW OPEN WIDE!"

The leading cause of cavities is the bacterium *Streptococcus mutans*, which feeds on sugars and excretes acid as waste.

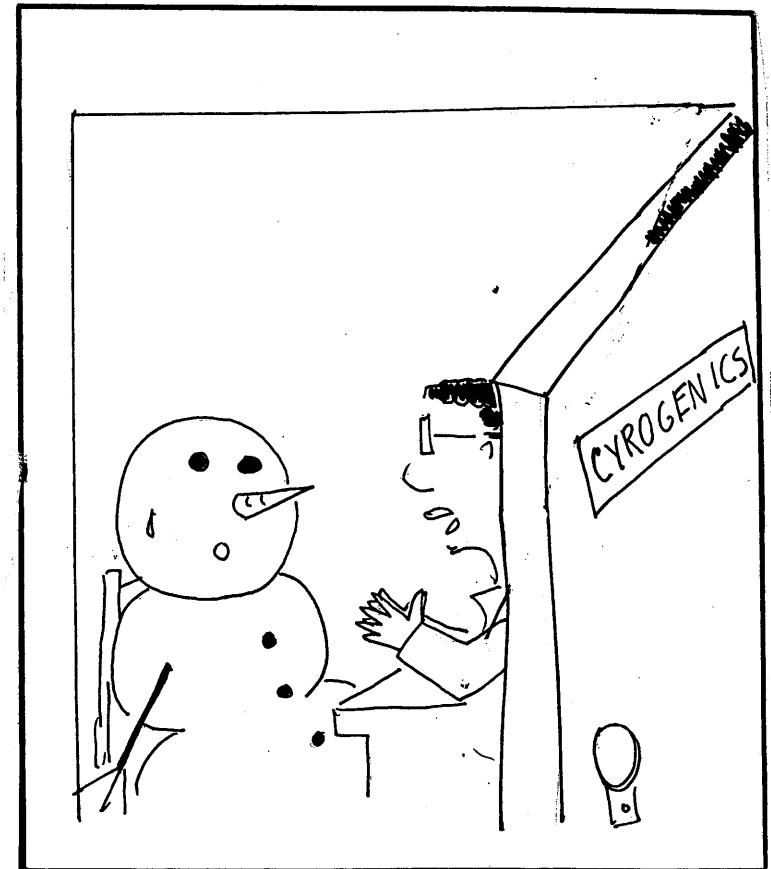
Did this cartoon possibly foreshadow my massive cavity feelings



11:00 p.m., ABC  
Ah, there's nothing quite like local news - important news, weather, sports, and the occasional human interest story, all in one package



Cryogenic gases like argon, nitrogen, oxygen, helium, and hydrogen, are liquid at temperatures below 60 degrees Celsius.



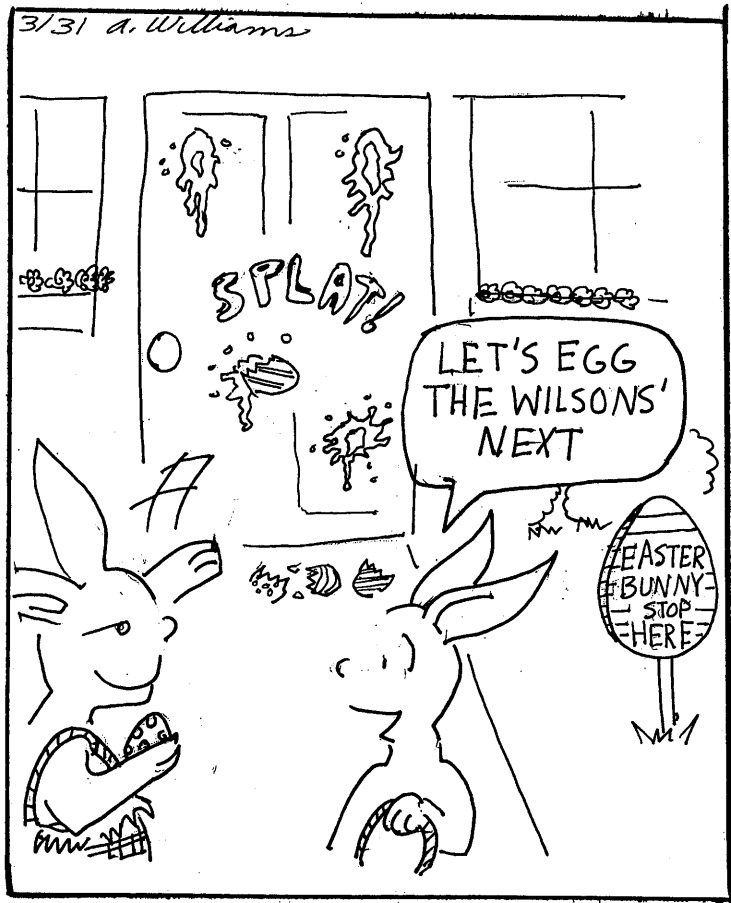
"WITH TODAY'S ADVANCES, WE COULD PRESERVE YOU UNTIL THERE ARE BETTER LIFE ALTERNATIVES - SAY, NEXT WINTER."



### The Cold Facts

Cryogenics? Cold facts? Get it? Hah-hah!  
But seriously, I got the idea after seeing gags about snowmen and frozen embryos, and thinking about how sad snowmen are in animated cartoons (like Frosty) to melt away.

## SIGNS OF THE TIMES



WHEN EASTER BUNNIES  
GO BAD

Easter falls on seemingly random Sundays in spring because in 325 AD, a church decided it should be celebrated on the first Sunday after the first full moon or on or after the vernal equinox of March 21.

### HIT PARADE

Not only did I like this cartoon (which does not happen often), but the fellow cartoonist I mentioned earlier also liked it. It was a good combo of elements and text.

The movie *Sleepy Hollow*, starring Johnny Depp and Christina Ricci and out in theaters at this time, eventually earned \$100.6 million.

**TeamVOLS aid homeless**





When the Roman Catholic and Eastern Greek Orthodox churches split, the Catholics made Christmas December 25, while the Eastern Church selected January 6.

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December 9, 1999

Movie @ 9.40 for  
Comp. Sci.  
Hodges Audit. 101

LUNCH

Stat @ 2:10

LAST DAY CLASS

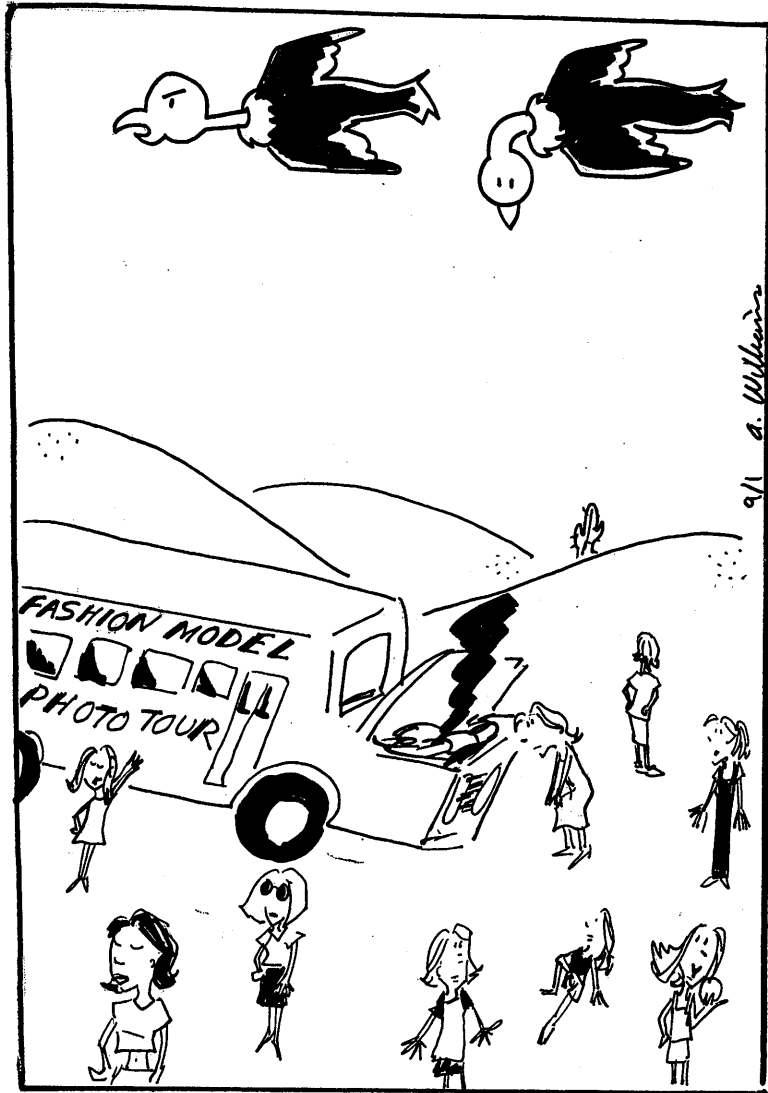
Clement Moore wrote the "Twas the Night Before Christmas" poem, but he called it "A Visit from St. Nicholas". It was released in 1822.

**ON TV**



8:00 p.m., PBS  
My guilty pleasure is eating dinner while watching *Antique Roadshow*.





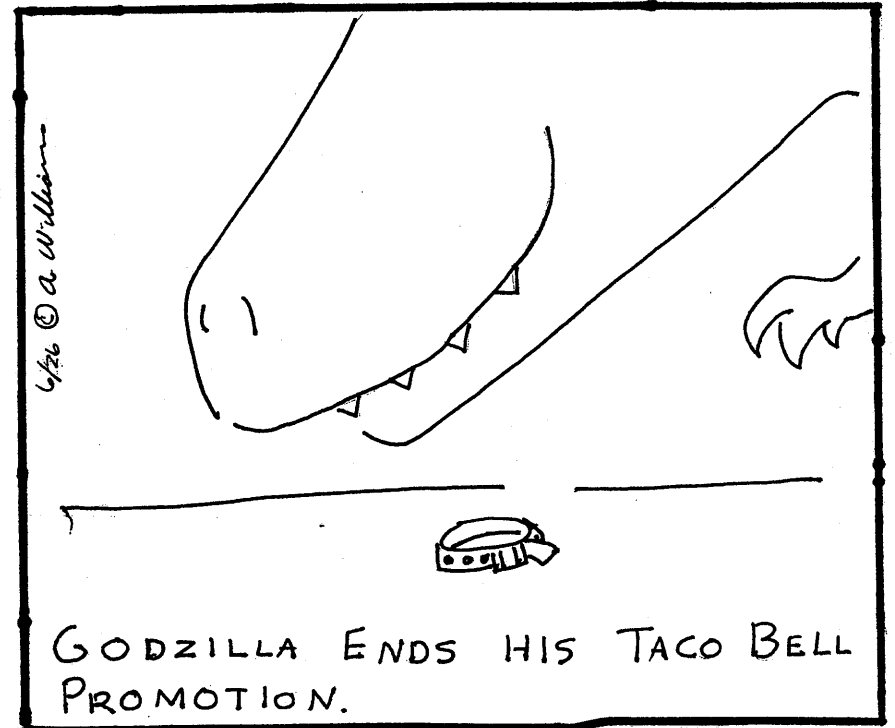
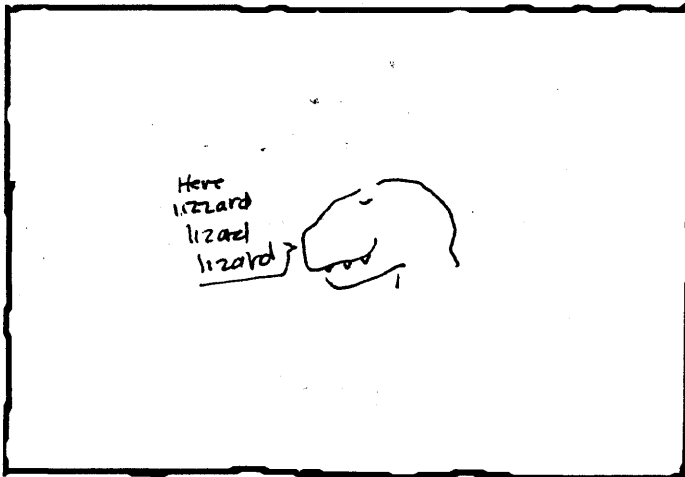
"JUST KEEP GOING"

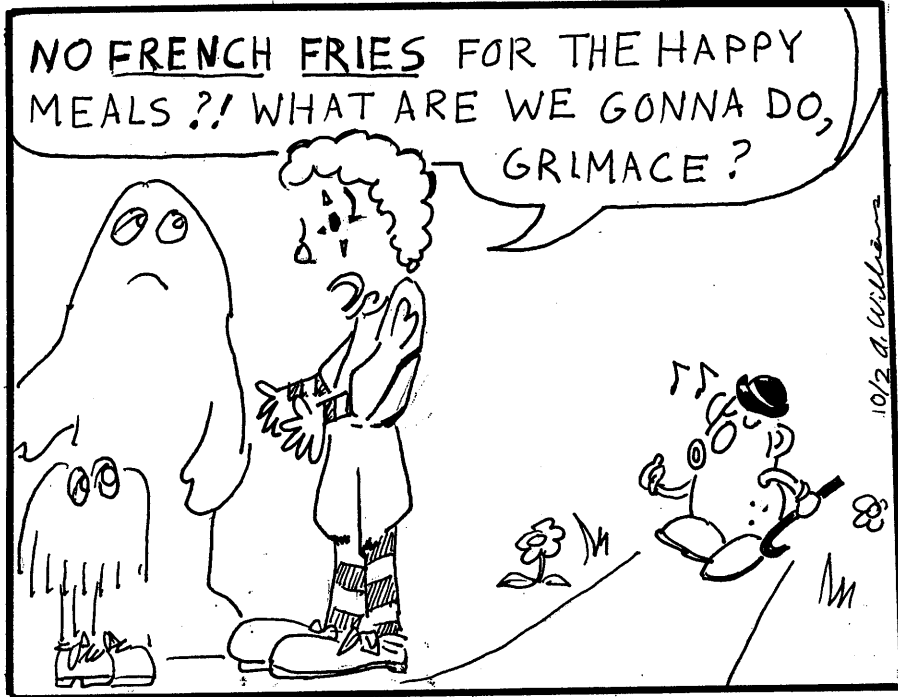
Three-quarters of college women surveyed thought they were overweight, when in reality only one-fourth of them were.

**F.Y.I.**

They may be unnaturally skinny, but they're not dumb! I have at least one model taking a look at the overheated engine.

After a promising start with a \$55.7 million opening on 3,310 screens, the *Godzilla* movie only ended up making \$136.3 million.





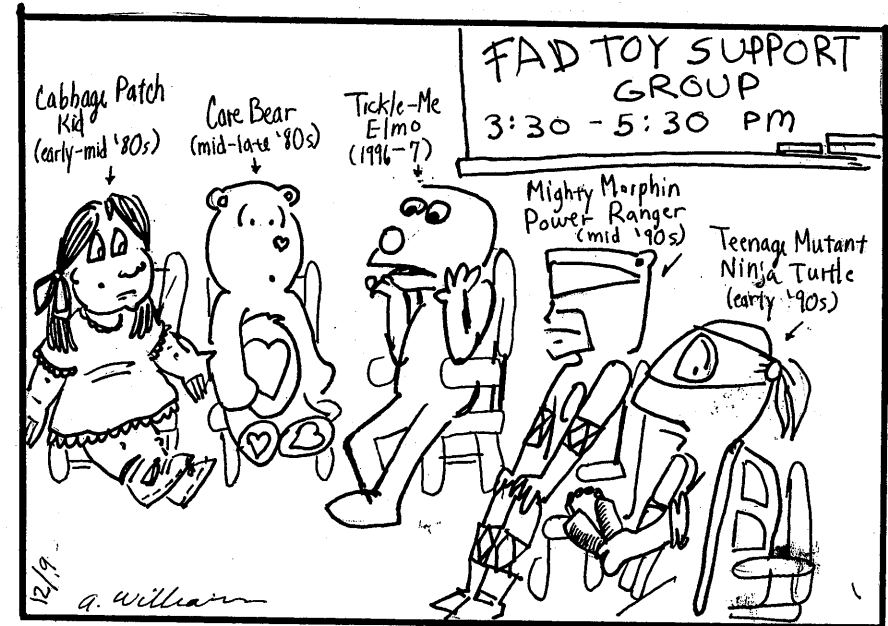
As of 1999, there were 26,806 McDonald's restaurants in 118 countries.

WHEN RONALD McDONALD MET MR. POTATO HEAD.

**Race promotes awareness of breast cancer**



A Cabbage Patch doll made the set of 15 U.S. Postal Service Stamps that represented the 1980's.



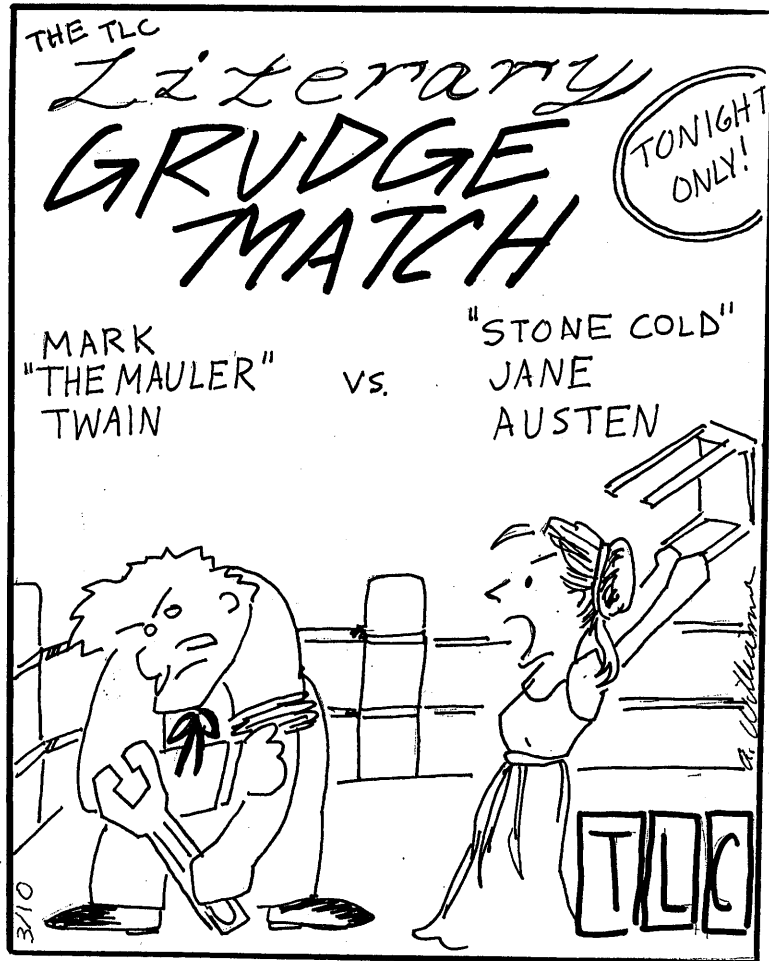
"THEY WERE PUSHING AND SHOIVING JUST TO GET ME. I THOUGHT THEY REALLY LIKED ME..."



## The Cold Facts

Being a child of the '80's, I've watched many a toy fad come and go. This year was Furby, I think, so I wondered what a toy's reaction would be after it realized it was no longer "special". I actually have a pretty crowded support group.

Note: This was BEFORE Pokemon.



THE LEARNING CHANNEL  
DURING "SWEEPS WEEK"

Jane Austen wrote 6 novels in her short life, two of them before she turned 22.



This cartoon was a dedicatory thank you to another of the three people that encouraged my cartooning.

**HIT PARADE**  
This one was great, beloved by many. It combined classical literature with pro wrestling. I know people that like one or the other, so why not integrate the two?

The word "toy" originally came from Dutch and Old English, and meant "tool or implement".

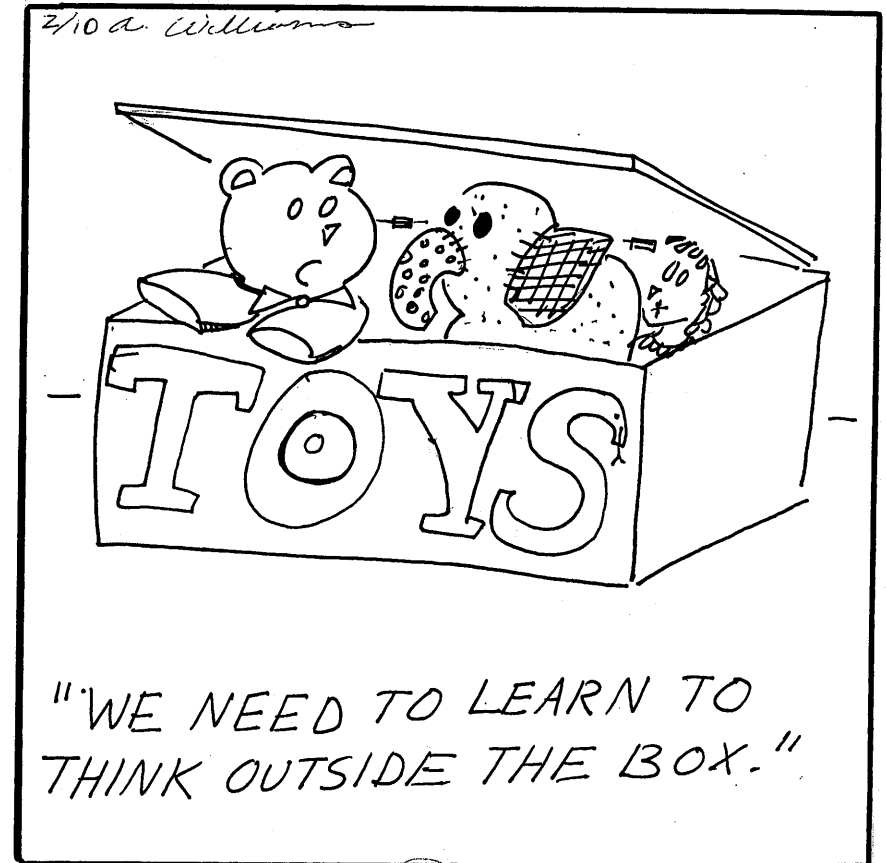


I was really flattered when I saw this cartoon posted at someone's office!

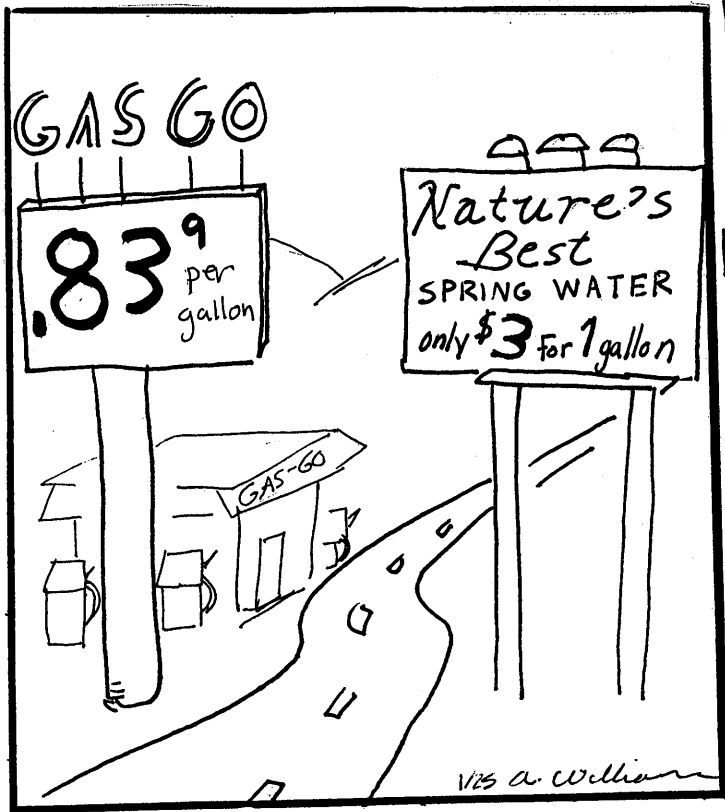
**ON**



11:30 p.m., NBC  
Even though I do not like Jay Leno, some nights I end up watching *The Tonight Show* while working.



# SIGNS OF THE TIMES



## TIP OF THE DAY

Join an extracurricular activity that gives out Free Food at meetings.

At the time of this cartoon, gas was painfully cheap; at the time of this book, the price was rising so quickly, it will likely be \$2 a gallon this summer.

### Adrienne's Daily Planner

January 10, 1999

Ethics @ 9

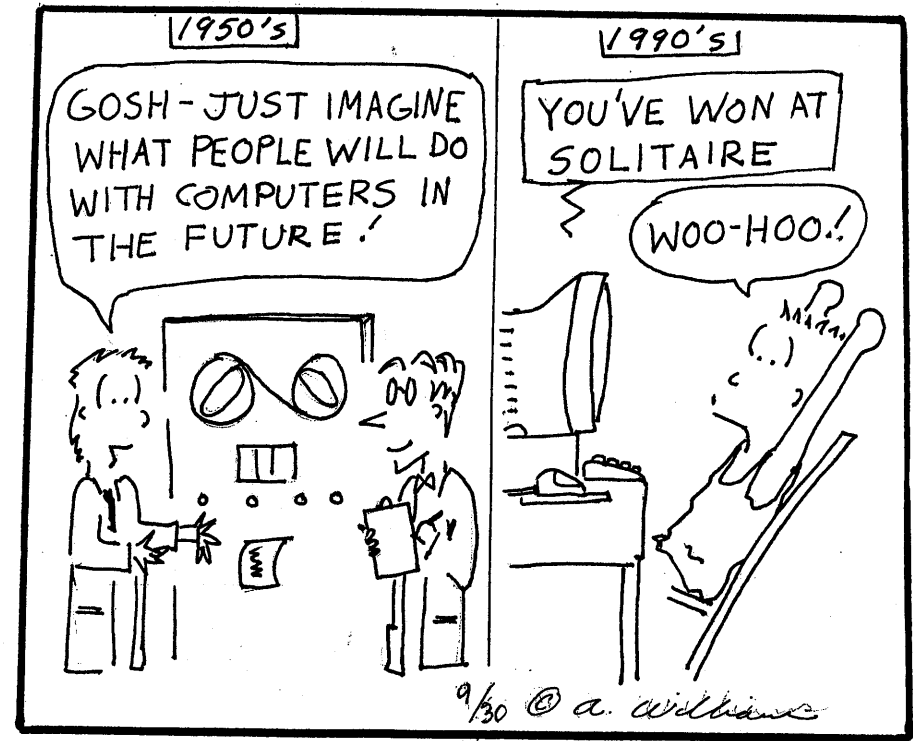
Buy stuff

Work in Gwinn's lab

Issues @ 6:30

UC 203

ENIAC, the world's first electronic, large-scale, general purpose computer, was activated at the University of Pennsylvania in 1946.



**The Cold Facts**

I was watching one of those dated filmstrips that mentions how in the future everyone will be using nuclear power and driving bubble cars in their everyday lives. This cartoon was sort of a dedication to the unbridled optimism of science.



Bill to honor Baker's years at UT

The Ford Excursion won the Sierra Club's "Exxon Valdez" award as the most environmentally destructive SUV, consuming a gallon of gas per 12 miles, and emitting the carbon monoxide of two cars.

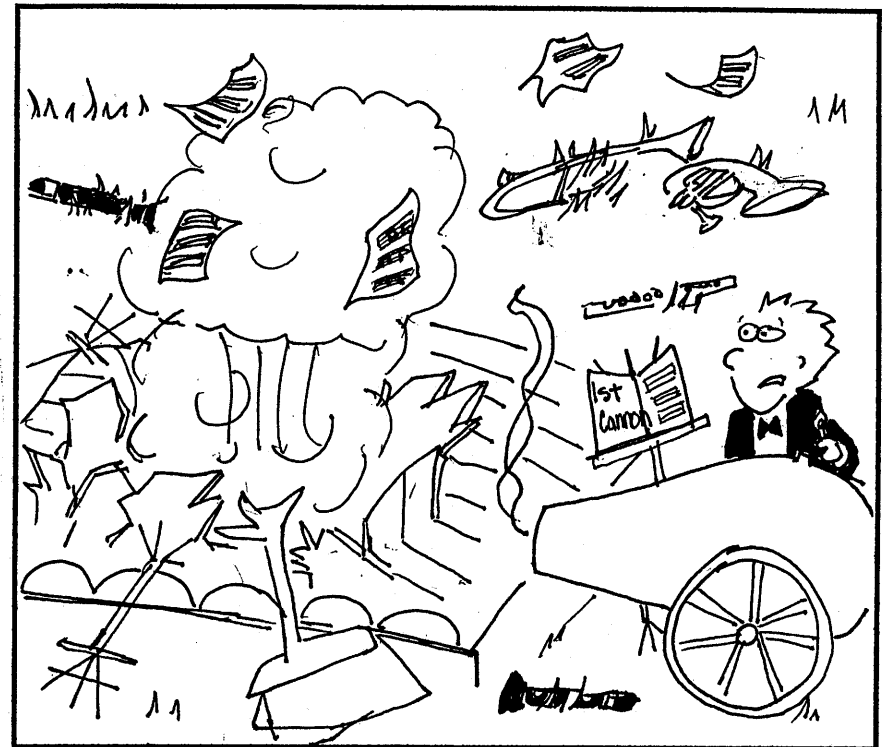


BLACK HISTORY FACT OF THE WEEK

Benjamin Banneker helped design the capital, Washington, D.C.

## Miscellaneous Mayhem

Piotyr Ilyich Tschaikovsky  
composed *The 1812*  
Overture in 1880, and it is  
not considered to be one of  
his best works.



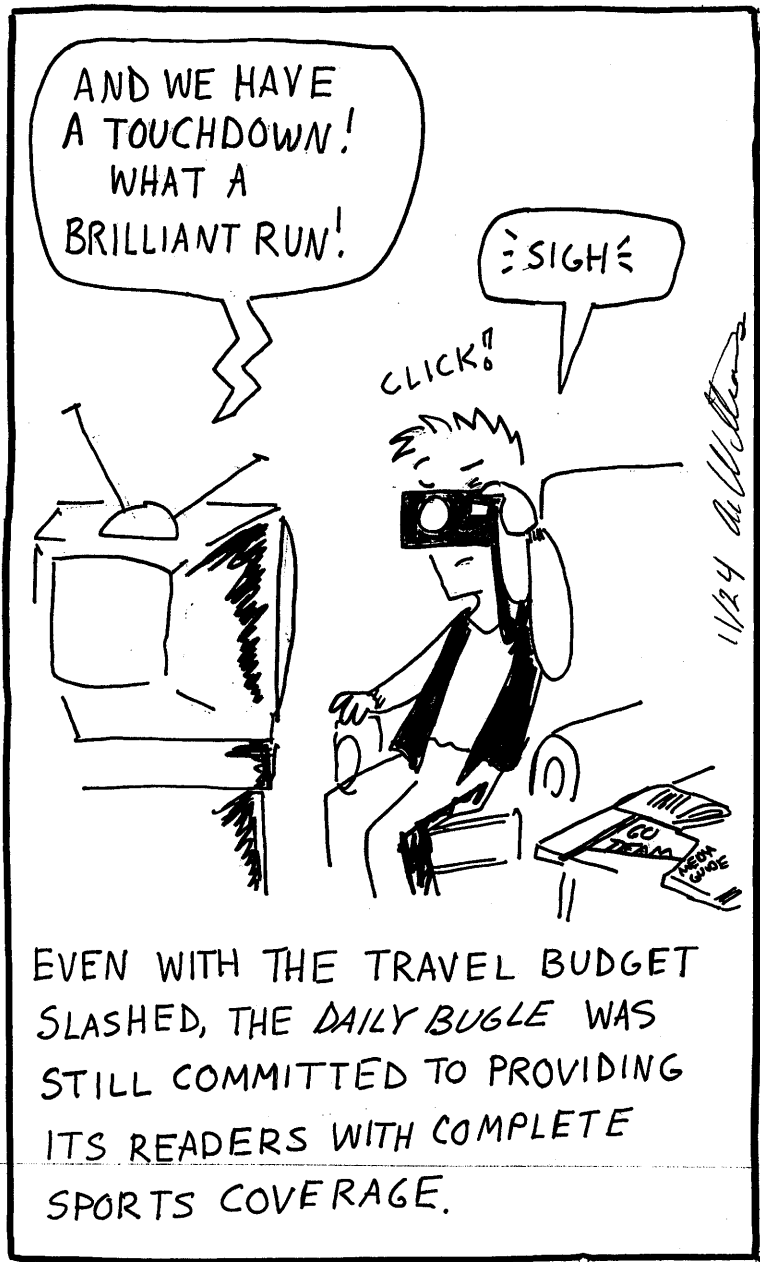
The orchestra fired Bob the day after his crucial  
mistake during *The 1812 Overture*.



**F.Y.I.**

Note that Bob plays 1st cannon  
and lying in the ruins are a  
French horn, a trombone, a  
flute, and two clarinets.

# Miscellaneous Mayhem



The Daily Beacon is the editorially independent student newspaper of the University of Tennessee and has been in existence since 1906.



## HIT PARADE

This cartoon was obviously a big hit in the *Daily Beacon*, especially the Sports department, which has an 11x14 version of this hanging on their wall.



President Teddy Roosevelt spared the life of a bear cub while hunting in November 1902. This so captured the public's imagination that companies began creating "Teddy's bears", later becoming teddy bears.

Dear Sir  
This letter is to address my concern over the downfall of the quality of your comic strips. Not only are they not even the slightest bit humorous anymore, but they are downright stupid, and even offensive at times. A talking [redacted] and [redacted] which are actually [redacted] is not anywhere near amusing. The only remotely funny strip at the present time is the two you place at the bottom of the column [redacted] and [redacted] which are actually quite quirky. The Beacon used to have some syndicated strips that were funny and could even crack a smile in even the most cynical person every once in a while. The creators of your comics are huge and almost disturbing cynics. The majority of your readers do not understand what the authors point is or what his message is trying to get across. I encourage you, as an avid reader of the Beacon, to either bring back some of the syndicated strips or find some actual talent. With 25,000 students on this campus, it can't be that hard.

March 1, 1999

Thank you  
*Rachel A. Hirsch*  
Rachel S. Hirsch



# Miscellaneous Mayhem



Runners have improved muscle definition, increased attention span, high self esteem and a strong immune system.



2:00 a.m., NBC  
If you stay up late enough, you can watch *Friday Night Hits*, the poor man's answer to MTV.

Bird droppings have not been found to cause any human disease.



*Adrienne's Daily  
Planner*

January 20, 1999

Ethics @ 9

\*pick up check

Biochem @ 11

LUNCH

Genetics @ 3:30

# Miscellaneous Mayhem



Many entertainment magazines like *US* and websites like *E!* have their own Fashion Police for celebrities.

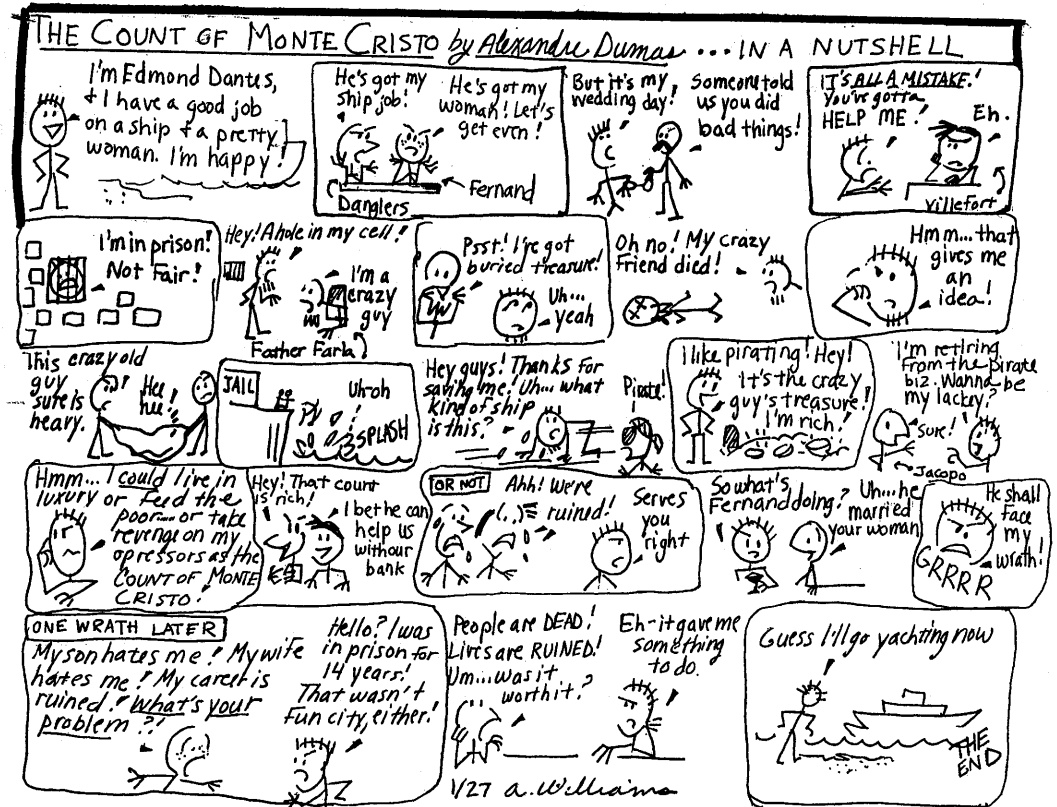
Fashion Police was a cartoon I intended to run back in high school, but never got around to it



**F.Y.I.**

The day is both cold and windy (See the leaves blowing by?), yet Fashion Police does not sink to wearing a jacket.

The Count of Monte Cristo was written by Dumas, also the author of *The Three Musketeers*, in 1845.



## The Cold Facts

I've always been a big fan of *The Count of Monte Cristo*, but have no idea what possessed me to do an all-stick figure rendering of it. It probably came about because this strange shape for a cartoon gave me all kinds of space. I had even more ideas for other classics, but then my cartoon space was cut in half into the vertical panels. Oh, well.

THERE'S A BIG EXAM TODAY -  
WHAT DID YOU DO LAST NIGHT?

ARE YOU KIDDING??  
I CRAMMED ALL  
NIGHT! I CAN'T EVEN  
SEE STRAIGHT NOW!



WELL, I HAD TO  
WATCH ER - BUT  
I STUDIED THE  
REST OF THE TIME.



3/17  
G. Williams

I WATCHED SOME  
SITCOMS AND A GAME  
SHOW, WENT OUT TO  
EAT WITH SOME  
FRIENDS... I HIT THE  
BOOKS AROUND TWO



UM... I PAINTED MY  
TOENAILS!

UH-HUH

IT TOOK TWO COATS!



Raccoons are nocturnal animals, meaning they are most active at night. They are also adaptable to civilization, meaning they eat garbage.

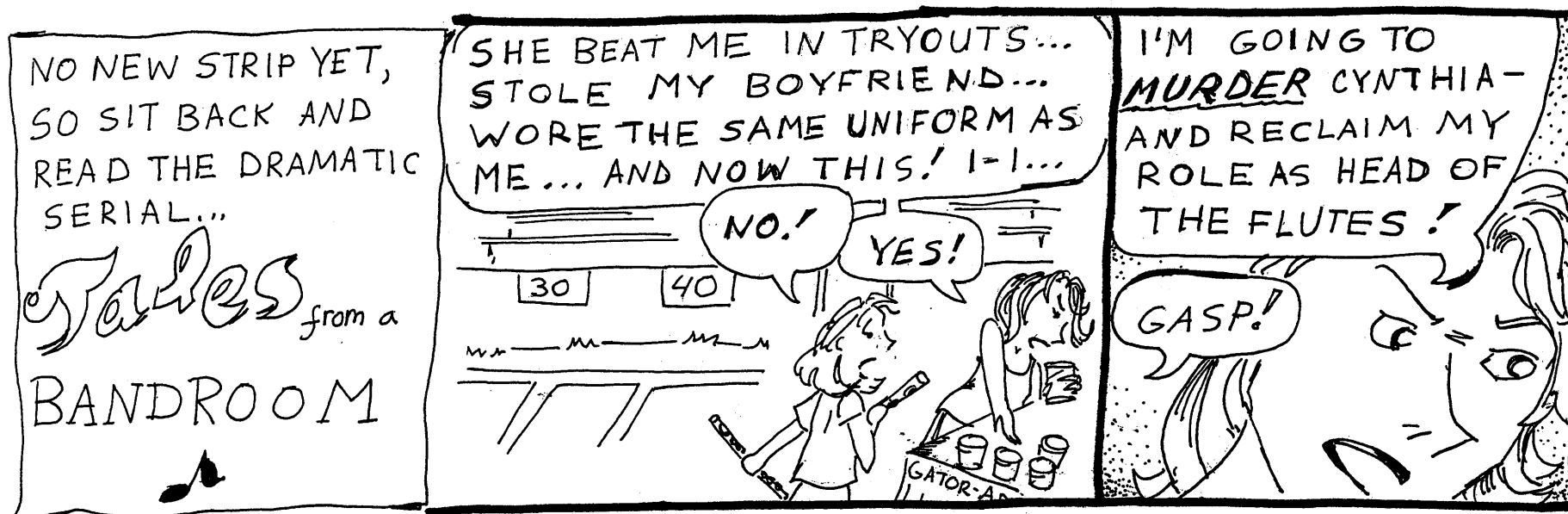


**MEMO**

This is day one of my many-day run doing filler strips. The cartoonist for Under Erasure abruptly quit, leaving a big nasty hole in the middle of the comics page. At the time, I was there working as an editorial production assistant. So I asked if I could just do filler until another cartoonist was found. For the first day, I decided to address the vacancy issue while also poking fun at Under Erasure, which was one of those grim, serious, artistic cartoons.

## Filler Strips

The Music Man was a Broadway musical about a con man who sold band instruments. It began its run on December 19, 1957.

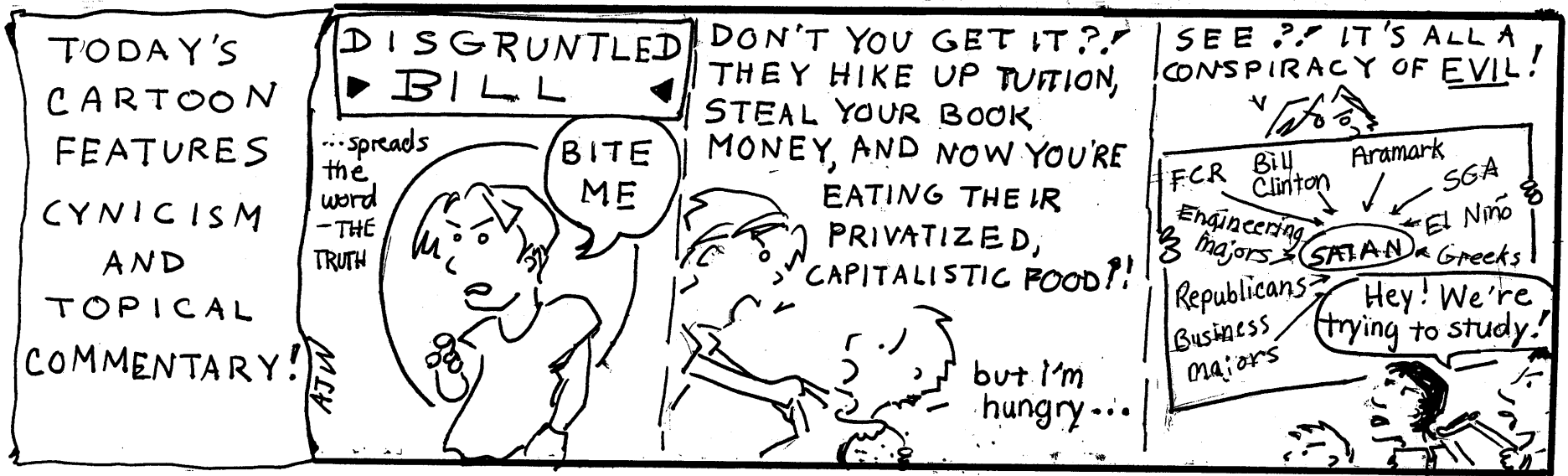


### ? MEMO

This is day two of my many-day run doing filler strips. I had always wanted to do an Apartment 3-G/ Rex Morgan, M.D. kind of cartoon with realistically drawn characters in soap opera situations. This was my big chance. Having just quit band, I called upon memories from my marching days to a band camp setting and power struggles.



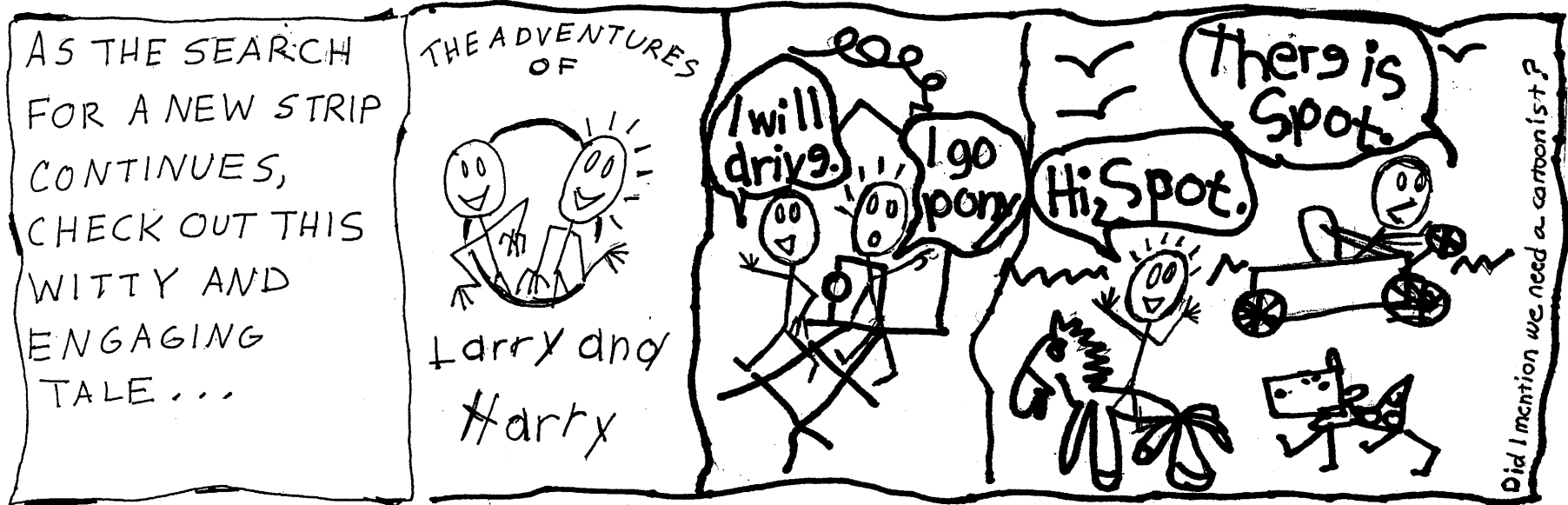
Until 1994, Aramark used to be called ARA, standing for Automatic Retailers of America.



**? MEMO**

This is day three of my many-day run doing filler strips. At the time, there were some students who were coming up with all these conspiracy theories about secret societies and the terrible quality of food with the advent of Aramark taking over UT's Dining Services. I also threw in some other campus niches that a paranoid, Arts and Sciences major might think are the root of all evil. All in fun, but I did get some criticism for that.

A pony is a small breed of an actual horse.



## ? MEMO

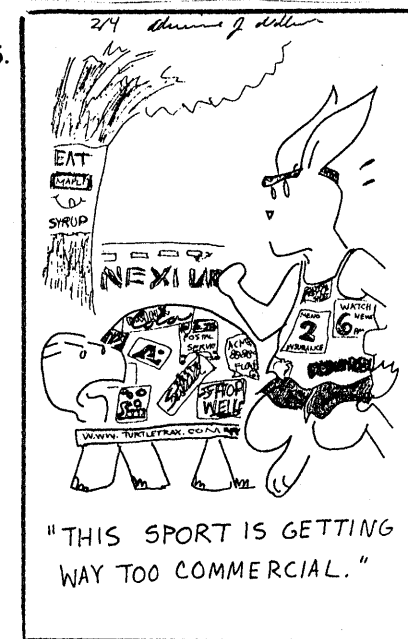
This is day four of my many-day run doing filler strips. By now, I was running low on ideas, so I decided to try different styles of cartoon strips. This one was what I called minimalist. It was fast, easy, and cute. I later did a Ziggy-type cartoon, and an abstract art-type cartoon. Fortunately, by then another cartoonist had been found. Whew!





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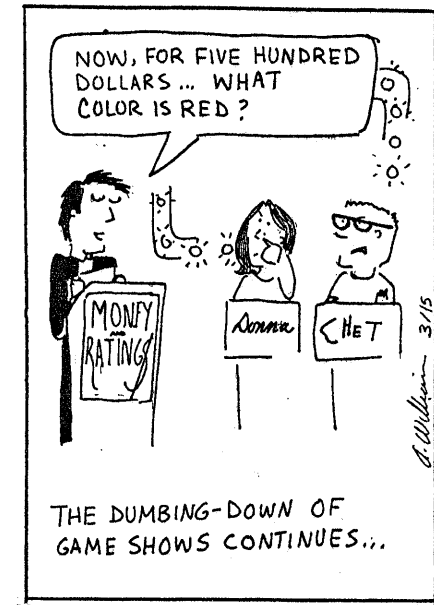
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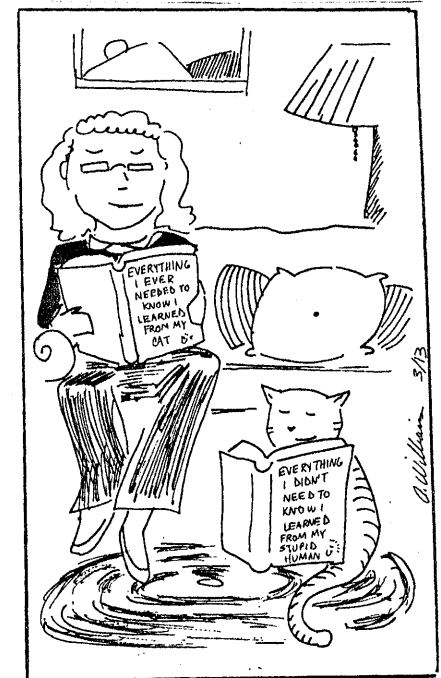
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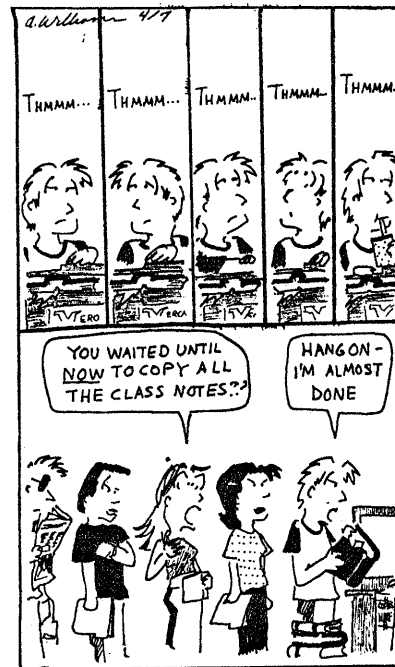
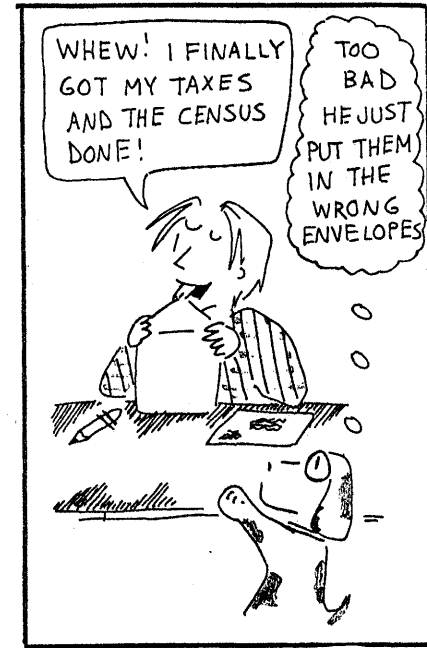
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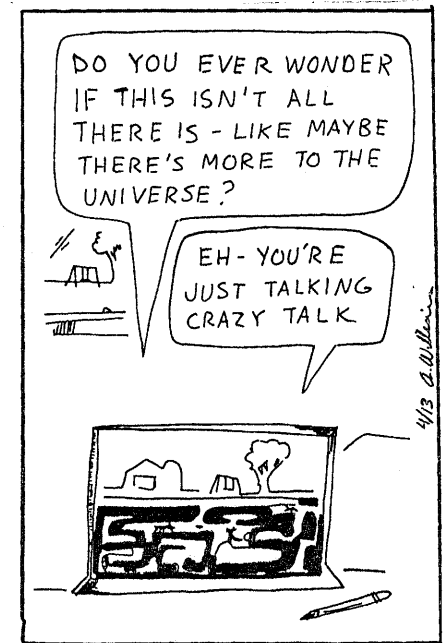
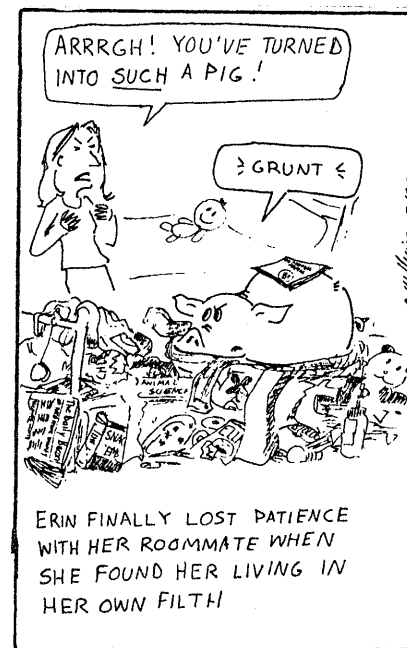
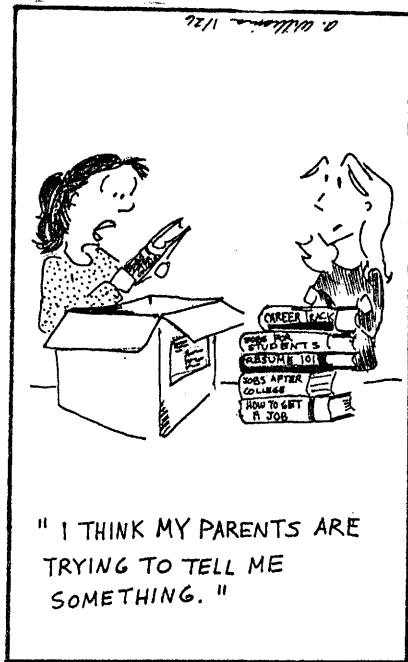




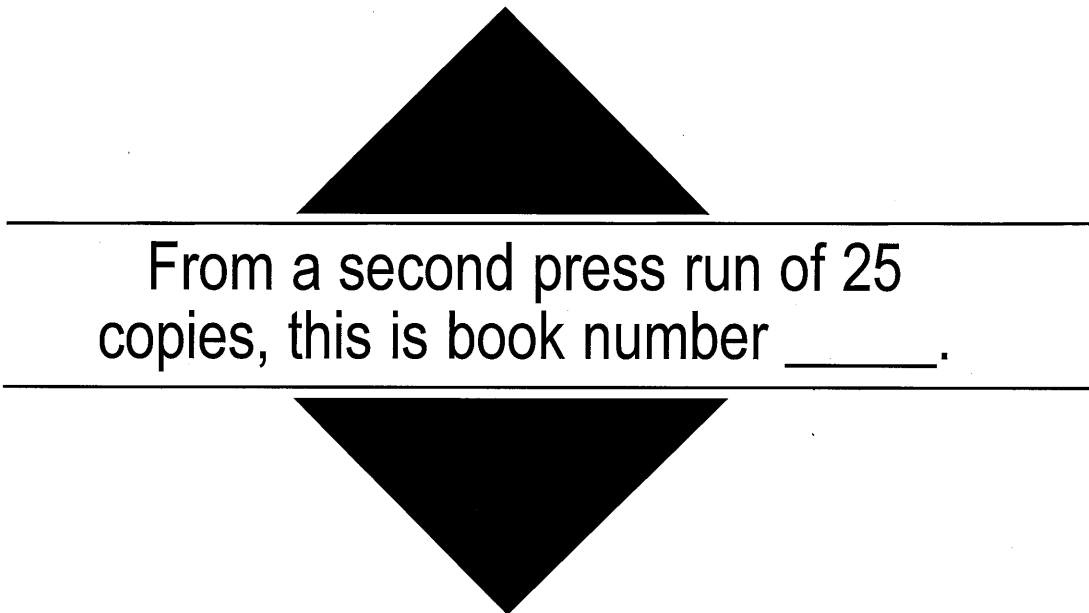
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