

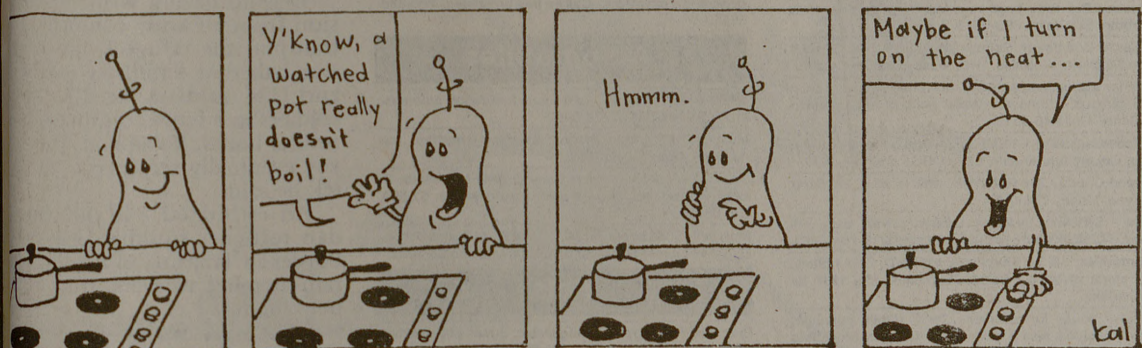
### Bubularman

By Boomer Cardinale



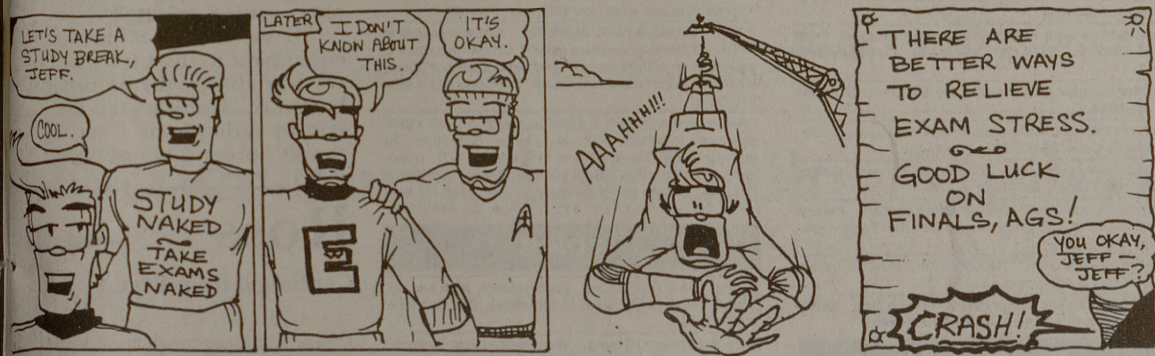
### Bartholomew

by Calvin



### Eisenhower

By Alex



## Contest honors best flush letters

The Associated Press

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — Business student Scott Caudill received a rejection letter from a computer manufacturer that really stung. It thanked him for an interview he never even had.

But it wasn't a big enough gaffe to win the second annual "Ugly Rejection Letter Contest."

That dubious honor went to a letter received by senior Tom Maguire from a financial services firm. The letter said he wouldn't be hired, but "We hope you consider referring others to us as applicants for employment or as clients."

The University of Virginia's McIntire School of Commerce's contest helps ease the tension that is par-

ticular to this time of year.

"The idea of the whole thing is to say, 'You're not alone,'" Maguire said.

The contest, which ran throughout the spring, received letters with grammatical errors, misspellings, gender confusion and nonsense.

A panel of judges sorted through the "don't call us" mail.

In the spirit of the season and the job market, a university hangout offered a free drink for every five rejection letters presented by a student.

Ron Morse, owner of the Greenskeeper, estimated more than 400 students packed the restaurant for the April 20 promotion.

One student came armed with 80 rejection letters.

## Clinton hires help to polish tarnished image

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — If Ronald Reagan was the Teflon president because nothing stuck to him, Bill Clinton is the Velcro president: Doubts from his past cling like burrs.

Clinton is adept at shaking them off, but they have a habit of returning.

Now he is hiring a personal lawyer to deal with pre-presidential allegations — a step suggesting just how disruptive the character question has become to his presidency.

Robert Bennett, one of Washington's best-known white collar criminal lawyers, is being brought in. White House counsel Lloyd Cutler said he had spoken with Bennett about the possibility of him helping if Paula Jones, a former Arkansas state employee, files suit against Clinton.

Jones is said to be contemplating legal action; she asserted at a Feb. 11

news conference here that in 1991, when Clinton was governor, he summoned her to a hotel room and made sexual advances toward her.

There was a time when election to the presidency granted political rebirth. New presidents were absolved of past sins.

For example, Herblock, the Washington Post cartoonist, always had portrayed Richard Nixon as a heavy-bearded habitue of the sewers. But once Nixon was elected president in 1968, Herblock gave him a shave.

No one has given Clinton a clean shave. During his campaign he had to deal with a barrage of questions about his personal life and behavior. He carried an Arkansas sobriquet, "Slick Willie."

As a result, he came into office without having established the moral authority Americans traditionally give their presidents, says Suzanne Garment, resident scholar at the American Enterprise Insti-

tute and author of "Scandal: The Culture of Mistrust in American Politics."

"He belongs to the group of '60s kids that didn't want to go fight in Vietnam and that first used marijuana as a kind of cultural statement, and that was the antithesis of being grown up," she said.

The public wonders "not simply whether he has an OK character or whether he committed this or that sin, but whether he's a grownup and can be trusted."

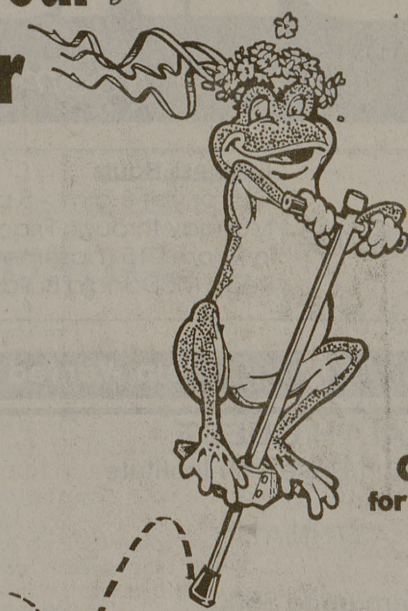
In addition, Republicans have found it useful to capitalize on personal questions because Clinton hasn't given them much political ground from which to attack him. He's stolen some of their issues. The economy is doing fine.

So Whitewater becomes a way to slow his progress. Senate GOP Leader Bob Dole threatens to bring the Senate to a halt until Whitewater hearings are called.

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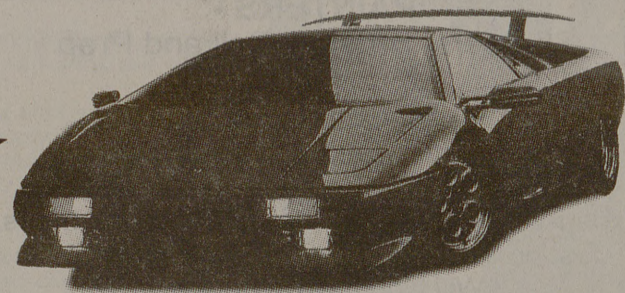
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