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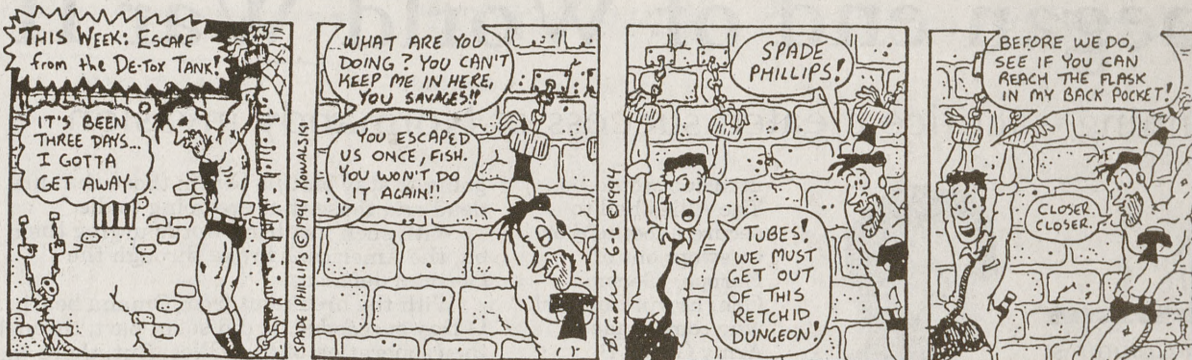
**AGGIE RING ORDERS**  
 THE ASSOCIATION OF FORMER STUDENTS  
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 DEADLINE: JUNE 15, 1994  
**Undergraduate Student Requirements:**  
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### Tubularman

By Boomer Cardinale



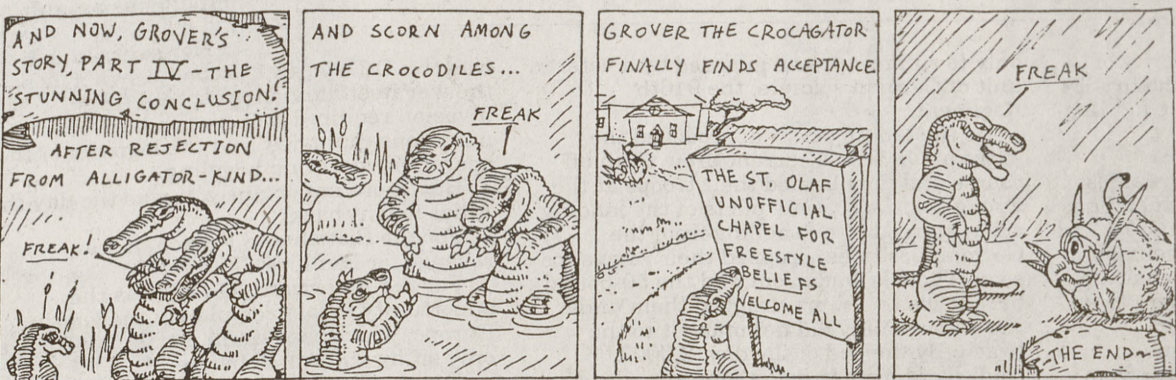
### HEATHER

By JL



### OUT THERE

By JD



## Mail Call

### Other views on gun control issue

I am writing in response to Elizabeth Preston's June 1 guest column that discussed gun control issues in America.  
 I have lived around guns all of my life. When I was little, I was taught how to shoot one and was taught the need for respect of them. Unlike many Americans, I have no fear of guns; I simply fear some of the people behind them. I am not referring to policemen, hunters or people simply trying to protect themselves and their loved ones. Perhaps Preston did not consider just what she stated, but her conclusion was "Guns Kill." That is very interesting because in all the years I have been around them, I have never seen one spontaneously go off and kill someone of its own accord.  
 The plain and simple truth is that people kill one another, not

guns. People killed one another long before guns were ever invented. There are things known as weapons (and there are quite a variety of them) that people have used from the dawn of time. If there were no guns we would simply find another way to kill, and please don't doubt for a minute that we would.

How I do wish that the world we lived in allowed for us to speak to complete strangers and leave our doors and windows unlocked at night. The plain and simple fact is that there is rape, violence and murder in our society. Crime is running rampant and there is nothing that we can do to stop it with overcrowded prisons and a bureaucratic judicial system. Our Congress seems more willing to pass tough legislation to restrict our rights than to get serious about the real issues. Preston stated that the framers of the Constitution did not mean for everyone to have guns, that they addressed the

states' rights issue; but I am sure that they never expected gangs, drug dealers and serial killers. If someone was to ever break into my home and threaten to harm me or someone I love then yes, I would shoot them. I would rather explain the "bloody corpse" of a burglar to my children than for them to be hurt or killed themselves. If you think that is wrong, then I am sorry, but that is between me and my maker. Let's pray it never happens. A prayer may be all that we have left.

April Justice  
Class of '94

In reference to Elizabeth Preston's advocating strict gun control in America I'd like to make a few counter-points. Once you divorce yourself from the emotional and political aspects of this controversial issue, there are some basic problems with this policy.

Gun violence isn't the real issue, but merely a symptom of the problem: the person who uses the gun to commit crime in the first place. Guns have been readily available in the past, while gun violence is a relatively new problem. If you were able to outlaw all guns, you would have fewer guns than we currently have today, but this would merely push the gun trade underground, much like illegal drugs are sold on the streets. Criminals would not cease to have guns, merely the law-abiding citizen. If punishment for gun-related crime really was bad enough to deter the criminal from committing it in the first place we wouldn't be having this debate. Gun control would only disarm the hunters, collectors and weekend sportshooters, while guns would be as available as illegal drugs are today. If it exists and there is a market for it, be it abortion, drugs or alcohol, making it illegal won't make it go away.

Mike Royal  
College Station

Elizabeth Preston holds a very idealistic and left-wing view of guns, their purpose, and the methods of control. I also find many of her statements one-sided and unfounded. On the issue of a total and complete ban of all firearms — if a bill of this type was ever introduced in Congress, it would never make it. The NRA,

### Amerasians

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abroad."  
 "My father left for the United States already," Tran Viet Truc says through a translator. Like all of the Amerasians, he speaks little or no English. "I know nothing about my father. I am not angry with my father. I want to go to the United States to meet with my father so I can get an education."

The stories told at the Amerasian Transit Center are much the same: Their mothers abandoned them or are dead. Father unknown. Raised by a grandmother or other relatives or friends.

Some are impostors seeking a better life in America. It is often hard to sort out the truth. The Amerasians have learned to lie to survive.

While they all say they want to be reunited with their fathers, officials believe that may have been the case when they were children, but now as young adults it is a secondary reason.

"The truth of the matter is the Amerasians here don't have a stable life and they want to seek some opportunities in the United States," says Le Ba Tung, assistant director of the transit center. "And the seeking of their father is just the final thought."

Ly Thi Huong is one of the Amerasians born of Vietnamese mothers and black American servicemen, a double curse in Vietnam. "I have no more information about him," she says. "My father left before I was born."

as much as Preston would like to believe, is not a minority group making a lot of noise, but a strong organization with many supporters throughout America. Americans have grown up with firearms, and they are a part of our heritage. If, in the beginning, firearms were kept solely in the military, then today a ban would work. That is not the case.

Preston forgot to think about the millions of hunters in this country that would no longer be able to hunt for food or game. If wild game were no longer hunted, the population would explode, causing multiple other problems we are not yet ready to handle at this time.

Preston also made the statement that guns kill. I have yet to this day seen a gun get up on its own accord and fire at a person. There must be an individual on the end of that gun holding it, aiming it and firing it. Thus the firearm is only the method by which the killing has occurred. Knives also kill, but you don't see anyone trying to ban knives.

The answer is not to ban firearms, but to educate people on the proper use of the weapon and the laws that surround ownership. I have never fired any of my weapons in anger at another human. I have been educated of the proper use, cleaning and storage by my Dad, a former police officer. The thought that on day my owning a firearm might be illegal makes me furious!

Also, human life must mean something once again before the killing will stop. As long as the court system and the American people continue to say that it is all right to kill another human as long as you have an excuse, then the killing will go on. Even with a ban, those how really want a gun will find a way to get the gun.

Robin L. Chaney  
Class of '86

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