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# cheshire fortnightly

## DON'T READ THIS COLUMN.

Remnants from a Tattered Notebook

(Excerpted from "Confessions of a Former Nerd")  
"Wow," I thought to myself as my mind expanded throughout Tingle Dorm — I mean through the walls, man, those paper-thin gaudy colored walls! — anyway, like, I thought — well, "Wow."

### This could happen to you:

"Dear, please answer the door."  
"I'm watching the game. You get it."  
"Oh, all right . . . Fred, come quick! There's a burning sack on the front porch!"  
"Damn pranksters — OK, I'm stomping it out."  
"Oh, Fred — you just trampled the baby kittens inside!"

Remember — there is a fine line between comedy and

tragedy. Using the above example, please draw it.

Mike Visits a Social Consciousness Cell Somewhere On Campus.

"Please — don't blow-dry your hair tonight," my guide warned me. "It will only make them suspicious."

"Janice?"  
"Yes, Donald?"  
"Could you stop doing the dishes and sit down for a minute? It's important."  
"Sure."  
"Janice — your mother died."  
**SPLAT!**  
"I suppose you're wondering why I hit you with that cream pie, Janice . . ."

Funny J-school joke: How long does it take Halverson to put down Metzler?

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — The militants who have held the U.S. embassy under siege for three months released all of their hostages today following the discovery that their demands

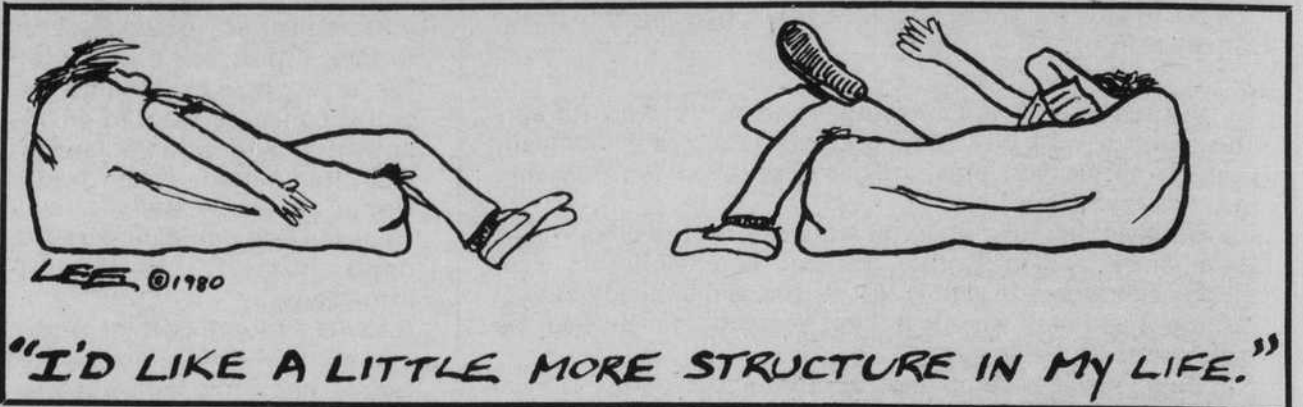
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"I'D LIKE A LITTLE MORE STRUCTURE IN MY LIFE."

I mean, that's really neat — a column with no cohesive (ooooooooh, three syllables) theme at all. I wouldn't have to, y'know, trouble myself with drawing subtle analogies, or any of that pseudo-intellectual junk. I could just be — weird.

Dear Mom and Dad: I take back all that "middle class" stuff. Now can I have my car back?

You too can use comedy to take the pressure off of any tense situation! Watch . . .

And I'll write a narrative, a "state of consciousness" thing — balloons, man, it feels balloons in my feet — yeah, that's it, hahahahahaha hahahahaha hahahahaha hahahahaha hahaha hahahahaha — and a cartoon with Deep Meanings — so what if I don't draw well, I still get five bucks for it — mmmmmm, that spot on the back of my throat feels n-i-i-i-i-i-ce.

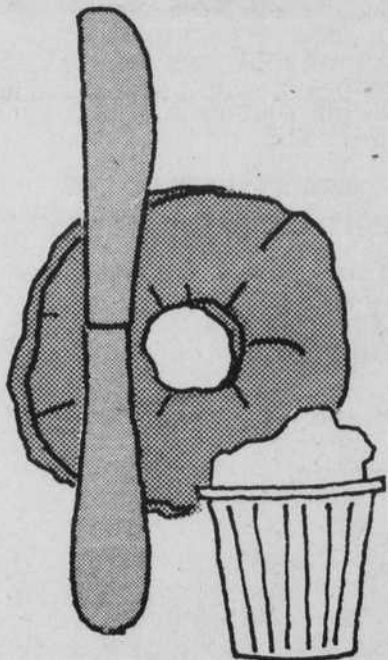
### Lee's First Law of Creative Pessimism:

The results of a given event are inversely proportional to the expectations.

were misinterpreted.  
"Death to Sha-na-na" is the correct chant, a red-faced Ayatollah Khomeini announced today. The Iranians were angered by the rock group's cancellation of a November concert in Tehran.

Oh, wow — and that heavy metal Rock music — twang, TWANG — ooh, the bass, my ears, my guts — "vicious," what a word — hell, there goes my head through Stan's rug again — I-I can't keep the pen tip on the page. . .

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## Keller announces candidacy

Eugene Mayor Gus Keller is running for re-election.

Keller announced his candidacy at a Friday press conference. "Four short years don't allow us the opportunity to complete the goals we set for ourselves," Keller said.

Continued work on Eugene's economic development, city planning, transportation and cooperation between government agencies require him to serve another term, Keller said.

"Obviously we are in trouble with local financing," Keller said. Eugene will ask its citizens to approve a new tax base on May 20, but Keller said he

doesn't know what amount that proposed base would be. "It will be an excessive amount by past standards," he said.

Keller mentioned a new Spectra-Physics electronics manufacturing plant under construction west of town as an example of economic development. But, said Keller, Eugene will not tender unlimited hospitality to electronics industries.

"Spectra-Physics obviously is the first clean, labor-intensive industry in Eugene," Keller said. "It is a model we can all be proud of. But, take San Jose, take Boston — they (electronics industries) have destroyed them." So, he says, Eugene will limit growth of that type of industry.

The new civic center, said Keller, "offers economic security for the downtown core area. It will be a resource for our own

local artists and a cultural center for our citizens."

Keller said future planning work includes identifying land to be held for Eugene's expansion. A possible county development moratorium or failure of the May 20 tax-base election could block the planning process, he said.

Keller noted that the T-2000 transportation plan has been approved by Lane County, Eugene and Springfield. He said its implementation will help integrate the area's travel system. Bicycle, pedestrian, street and freeway traffic are included in the plan, he said.

Other concerns Keller mentioned included a "dog control commission that is functioning and doing a good job," plans for a public golf course and "encouraging EWEB to take a good hard look at geothermal energy."

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