

WHERE'S RONALD? Police in Provo, Utah, home of **Brigham Young University**, are looking for a statue of Ronald McDonald, stolen from a local McDonald's and lifted over a 6-foot high fence. "We still have his feet though," said the manager of the restaurant. The statue was bolted in cement. The thieves amputated the statue at mid-calf on one leg and above the ankle on the other.

BIKE THEFTS. At the **University of Delaware**, bicycle thefts, up 32 percent since last year, are becoming a major campus crime problem. University police are recommending that students do not chain locks to poles because the poles can easily be pulled from the ground. Best way to avoid theft, they say, is by removing the front wheel and locking it to the back wheel.

CAMPUS SCENE

AROUND & ABOUT AMERICA'S COLLEGE CAMPUSES

COLLEGE ROMP. History buffs are warned in advance that the **Cornell University** depicted in Matt Ruff's *Fool on the Hill* is not the real place. The Atlantic Monthly Press recently published the first novel of the 22-year-old Cornell *summa cum laude*.

QUOTES AND OPINION. Shefik Tallmadge, senior political science major at **Northern Arizona University**, on why he continues to play the lottery after winning more than \$6 million in an Arizona jackpot: "My chances are still the same as if I hadn't won. At least that's what my stats teacher says" . . . Carlos Sanabria, architecture student at the **University of Miami**, on winning \$8.3 million in the Florida lottery: "Everything will go on as planned. Now I can dedicate myself to school" . . . *Kaleidoscope* student newspaper of the **University of Alabama at Birmingham**, on the tenure process for teachers and professors: "Inadequate-sometimes incompetent-instructors can be kept on with institutions simply because they have tenure. Their poor performance in the classroom can't be used against them. No matter how much parents and students complain, these people are usually in until they retire. The originators of the tenure process may have had good intentions, but the end result unfortunately may be causing more problems than benefits. And the ones who lose in the end are the students" . . . E. Glenn Griffin, professor emeritus of English at **Purdue University**, on the problem of studying: "Some students will drive to college and some will be driven. The student who says, 'I'm studying because I want to' is going to succeed" . . . Valerie J. Mead, Editor in Chief, *University News* of **Boise State University**, "You know, I'm getting kind of tired of having other people trying to do my job for me . . . I'm talking about the people who disagree with our editorial stances and try to bully us by making empty threats, or patronizingly remind us that we can be sued, or withhold information because they don't feel a story is appropriate for a student newspaper, or demand to see an article before it's printed to make sure we get the facts straight. Empty threats don't scare us . . . We don't need to be censored."

YCOC (YOUNG COUNCILMAN ON CAMPUS). At **Eureka (Ill.) College**, (former President Reagan's alma mater) senior Jerry Hoynes is a member of the football team, president of the student body and, at age 21, a city councilman in the city of Eureka. Two years ago, when he was just a sophomore, the mayor appointed him to fill an unexpired council term. Then he ran for office and won.

WHAT'S REAL? Front-page headline in the **University of Nevada's Yellin' Rebel**: "Student Visits Israel."

SUPERCOMPUTERS. They're now being used by undergraduates. At the **University of Nevada at Las Vegas**, student Maria Aneas and Professor Yonina S. Cooper are using an improved computer model of the formation of stars and galaxies . . . Perry Jones and Scott Shearer of the **University of Kentucky** are applying machine vision techniques to determine the sex of baby chicks . . . At **Pace University**, Neha Shroff, Nicholas Berbari and Mary-Beth Krogh-Jespersion are conducting theoretical studies into the way platinum anti-cancer compounds attack their targets.

NO-F POLICY. It may end at **Stanford**. A new report by the University Committee on Academic Appraisal and Achievement suggests that the F should be revived by the university. The two decades-old no-F rule was designed to encourage students to take difficult courses and protect them should family illness or other misfortune unfairly threaten their ability to get high grades. The Faculty Senate is expected to debate the present rule, which many faculty consider the cause of "grade inflation." Meanwhile, students in danger of getting a C or D can continue to request that their professor fail them in order to avoid a low grade. Failure simply means no credit is given.



'FILTHY RICH.' That's the title of the latest poster idea of **University of Colorado** graduate Jeffrey Burns, whose earlier "Justification For Higher Education," showing a five-car garage filled with exotic sportscars, ruffled the feathers of some academics. They simply did not like the materialistic connotation. "Filthy Rich" does little to smooth things out, spotlighting an \$8 million water-front estate, complete with yacht, helicopter, Ferrari and BMW.