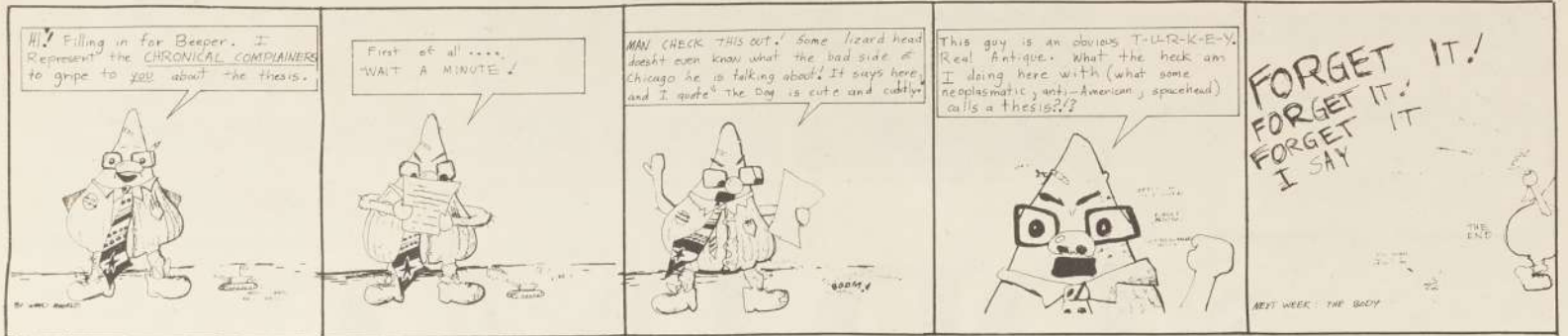


# Monologue



## Watt's resignation overdue

By Shelley Ball  
News Editor

Interior Secretary James Watt has ruffled many a feather in Washington lately. But his eyebrow-raising tactics are over, as of Sunday, Oct. 9, when he made a public statement announcing his decision to resign from the office of interior secretary.

Earlier that day, Watt phoned the White House to inform President Reagan of his resignation, which reportedly was accepted, but with reluctance.

Yes, Mr. Watt really put his foot in his mouth this time. His ill-fated remark, in which he described the members of an advisory panel on coal leasing as "a black... a woman, two Jews and a cripple," was made weeks ago, yet Watt has been appearing frequently in the news ever since.

Although Reagan has stated Watt's remark was not worthy of his resignation, the Republican-controlled Senate thought differently, so much that they were willing to vote on a resolution that would call for Watt's dismissal.

Apparently the Senate succeeded in scaring Watt into resigning. Watt evidently thought it less embarrassing to resign, rather than face a vote of no confidence from the Senate.

It's amazing how one remark has wreaked so much havoc upon James Watt. Or is it? Was Watt forced to resign solely because of that one statement, or did it just serve as a scapegoat for previous discrepancies in Watt's career?

Actually, it is hard to believe one comment alone was responsible for so much animosity toward Watt. For the past 2½ years, Watt's adversaries have accused him of 'raping and ruining' America's parks, wildlife refuges, wilderness areas and seacoasts." Likewise, Watt has compared his foes to "a left-wing cult dedicated to bringing down the type of government I believe in."

And as for Watt's remark, there is no doubt it was made in the thoughtless, poor taste of a boob—yet only part of that statement was really distasteful. After all, what's wrong with referring to a black as a "black," and a

woman as a "woman?"

In any case, the future looks bleak for Mr. Watt. He has resigned in the hopes of saving what little face he has left. However, Watt should not have been forced to end his government career in that manner. He should have been ousted long before this mess, for the primary reason—his previous actions that drew heated remarks from those who saw him as making grave mistakes.

Since it appears that many people saw Watt as not having done a good job overall, why wasn't he dismissed earlier, at the first sign of trouble?

A lot of time, trouble and remarks like "... two Jews and a cripple" would have been avoided, had action for Watt's dismissal, not resignation, been initiated much sooner.

Oh well, I guess it's just the end result that counts.

## Calendar of events

Wednesday, Oct. 12

"The Vulture Environment," Community Center Mall, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 13

"Understanding the Soviets," The Soviet Military Establishment, McLoughlin Theatre, 7:30 p.m. Free.

Friday, Oct. 14

"Single Parenthood," Small Dining Room, 7-10 p.m. \$3.

Saturday, Oct. 15

Instructional Improvement Day: "Recycling in School," Environmental Learning Center. 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. \$12.

Tuesday, Oct. 18

Traditional Amercian Rug Hooking, CC101. 9 a.m.-3 p.m., \$10.

"Goats: Dairyland and Wool," Clairmont Hall, room 133, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., \$5.

Movie: "M": part of film series "World of Crime," McLoughlin Theatre, 2:30 and 6:30 p.m., Free.

## Tie/sock hanger phenomenon leaves questions unanswered

By Doug Vaughan  
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Why do they put socks on sock hangers when everyone puts them in a drawer?

In this world of high technology wouldn't you think somebody would have a logical answer for a very stupid question like this.

That is not the only thing that amazes me. Did you ever notice when you go into a store ties are on nice plastic hangers, kind of convenient. Why is it then, when you buy the tie they dispose of the hanger and fold the tie and throw it in a sack?

The underprivileged individual, like yours truly, who does not have a tie rack, is forced to throw them in the drawer with our socks. Or should we use our vacant sock hangers for our ties?

What would life be like without these mysterious questions? Or better yet who cares? The constant run-around of life needs these little breaks.

Here is another. Did you ever realize when you went to get your driver's license it would be the last time you ever drove that way? Come on DMV, let's revise the test.

First of all, all smokers should be required to strike a match, with a cigarette in their mouth while traveling in mid-day traffic. After that is accomplished, they must light the

cigarette (looking cool at all times) and execute precisely by throwing the match out the crack of the window.

Also, when was the last time that you saw a woman taking her driving test as the same time she is putting on her make-up and letting her nails dry?

Men are no exception either. In fact, their test might be the hardest of the trio. A brief obstacle of weaving in and out of traffic (intersection or not) while we try adjusting the stereo with our right hand, and at the same time hold a beer with our left below the window.

Isn't school the place where you go to get smart? Then why are so many dumb things associated with education?

Try this one on. You go to school to get smart, right? Then how come when you get smart with a teacher you get in trouble? Isn't that dumb.

The thing that bothered me most in school was spelling. When the years got tougher so did the teachers. Time and time again I would hear the phrase "look it up in the dictionary." How are you supposed to find it if you don't know how to spell it?

Sound it out, right? Good solution—for maybe 50 percent of the words in the English language. Try sounding out hors d'oeuvres.

To make it simple, everything in life is not suppose to make sense, just confuse people like me who waste time thinking about them. Can I borrow a few sock hangers?

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