

Computer Comics Introduction

Computer Comics was a series of comic books that I wrote and drew in 1970 through 1975, with a total of twelve issues. Each book had a story that was satirical humor about the Wayne State University Computing and Data Processing Center.

These connecting stories featured characters and events that resembled real people and real events, closely or distantly, at WSU. Although the stories were fictional, contemporary readers at WSU saw the resemblances to real events that had happened.

My motive in preparing these stories was to entertain the readers by showing how things can, and often do, go wrong.

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Aardvark Jacobson	Arvid Jacobson, former Director of WSU Computation Laboratory
Ad-lib Analysis	Administrative Analysis
Ad-lib Programming	Administrative Programming
ADS (Agitators for a Detached System)	ADS (Administrative Data Systems)
Alex Magilla	Alex McGill, supervisor of Tabulating
Alex Wasterman	Alex Wasserman, Production Control employee
APL (Agony, Pain and Loneliness)	APL ((Academic) Applications Programming)
Artie the Clown	Art Mack, Software Systems programmer
Barbara Beanstalk	Barbara Dean, Computer Operations employee
Barbara Humm	Barbara Hamm, Computer Operations employee
Barbara Lib	Barbara Wolfe, User Relations employee
Barry	Barry Wolfe, WSU School of Medicine employee
Big Daddy Harlan	Harlan Pedersen, supervisor of Production Control
Bob Disbursement	Bob Bursick, WSU Budget Office employee
Bottom End, The	WSU The South End student newspaper
Brinx, The	Associate Director Charlie Briggs--User Relations
CDPC (Competing and Dollar Pursuing Center	CDPC (Computing and Data Processing Center)
Charlie Heaver	Charlie Hoover, IBM technical representative
Charlie McWallace	Chuck Wallace, Manager of ADS Analysis
Chemistryland	WSU Chemistry department
Chuck Sto-peer-a	Chuck Stopera, RJE station employee
Clod McMillion	Claude McMillion, former APL programmer
Computer Scienceland	WSU Computer Science department
Computerland	Computing and Data Processing Center (CDPC)
Confuser Relations	User Relations
Confuser room	User room
Cookie Adams	Cathy Adams, Production Control employee
Curly Bloom	Jerry Bloom, ADS lead programmer
Curtis Crock	Curtis Brock, Software Systems programmer
Daily Free Press	Detroit Free Press
Daily News	The Detroit News
Dave Jackobs	Dave Jacobs, Software Systems programmer
Dave Tinkerer	Dave (Turner?), User Relations employee
Dee Dallas	Dee Houston, Computer Operations employee
Dell Brightness	Dell Bright, Computer Operations employee
Dirty programmer	Duty programmer
Don Cis-low	Don Cislo, Software Systems programmer
Doug Dagwood	Doug ---, User Relations employee
Dr. Soother, Electron Engineering	Eugene? Sather, WSU Electrical Engineering professor
Dug-less Ackley	Douglas Ackley, APL programmer
Esther Trammis	Esther Travis, Software Systems programmer
Everett Tiff	Everett Taft, assistant to Bob Jones
Eye-sam files	ISAM files
Flash Mack	John Mack, Manager of Computer Operations
Florence Migraine	Florence Megrian, secretary
Gary Smiley	Gary Smith, WSU Education professor
Gene Roamer	Gene Raymer, User Relations writer
George Crock-it	George Crockatt, ADS analyst
George Rumorsan	George Morosan, WSU Manager of Personnel department
Goldie Fox	Dody Fox, Production Control data enterer
Gracie O'Riley	Gracie O'Rourke, Tabulating employee
Helen Bacque/Back	Helen Bergman, Production Control data enterer
Henry Bodzkin	Henry Bodzin, Software Systems programmer
Huggy-bear Mazzei	John Mazzei, Software Systems lead programmer
Ida Squirrels	Ida Searles, ADS analyst
Igor Left-out-ski	Mike Lefkofsky, APL lead programmer
J. Don Marshmallow	J. Don Marsh, WSU employee
Jane Nurlman	Generic ADS low level employee
Jeanie with the light brown hair	Jean (Orava?), Production Control employee
Jerry K	Jerry Kasiowniak, Tabulating employee
Jerry Steely	Jerry Steele, RJE station employee
Jim Hambelly	Jim Hansberry, day supervisor of Computer Operations
Jim Pansart	Jim Ponsart, Production Control employee
Jim Simian	Jim Simmons, Manager of Control
Jimmie Gimme/Gimmie	Jimmie Jackson, Computer Operations employee
Joe Btfspk	Joe Btfspk, Li'l Abner comic strip bad luck omen
John No-vac	John Novak, Software Systems programmer

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Ken Smartie	Ken Smythe, WSU (lawyer?)
King Frank	New Director Frank Westervelt
Larry Campbell	Bob? Campbell, ADS lead programmer
Larry Meander	Larry Alexander, Computer Operations employee
Lee Crashmeyer	Lee Maschmeyer, User Relations programmer
Len Lanky	Len Langkam, Software Systems programmer
Leon Tricks-em	Leon Dixon, Computer Operations employee
Li'l Abner Mims	Randy Mims, Software Systems programmer
Little Miss Killjoy	Joann(e)? Kilgore, Production Control employee
Lucy Dee	Dee McFarlane, secretary
Machiavelli Hall	WSU Mackenzie Hall
Maggie Canty	Maggie Canty, ADS analyst
Margaret Commune	Margaret Common, WSU (Registrar?)
Maria Bored	Maria ---, afternoon supervisor of Computer Operations
Master Bates	Lee Bates, Manager of Software Systems Programming
Maury Longjohns	Maury Long, ADS analyst
McCarty de Sade, The	Jim McCarty, supervisor of APL
Melvin Belvin	Melvin (Bernstein?), User Relations employee
Merry Berman	Miriam Berman, office assistant
Mestercrazy	Szabolcz Mesterhazy, former APL programmer
Mike Earache	Mike Ehrlich, Software Systems programmer
Mike Frantic	Mike Frederick, ADS programmer
Milt Schtick	Milt Glick, WSU Chemistry professor
Mo/Moe Raben	Jeff Raben, ADS lead programmer
More-a Tallway	Maura Conway, office assistant
Mr. Greenjeans	WSU (Vice-President?) --- Green
Mr. Toodles, ICM salesman	Bob Tuttle, IBM sales representative
Mr. Wizard	Assistant Director Bob Monroe--Software Systems Programming and Computer Ope
MTS (Michigan Takeover System)	MTS (Michigan Terminal System)
Nancy Pretty	Nancy (Perry?), Software Systems programmer
Nardina Steppoff	Nardina (Steffoff?), Computer Operations employee
Natalie Fracas	Natalie Frazis, supervisor in Software Systems programming
Neal Hair-us	Neal Harris, Computer Operations employee
Oddjob Zdan	Bill Zdan, APL programmer
Office of Student Futile Aids	WSU Office of Student Financial Aids
Old Mother Hubbard	WSU Assistant Vice-President Bob Hubbard, acting Director of CDPC
Operations	Computer Operations
Out-of-control	Control
Palace of Computing, The	Main building
PANDA (Pompous and Arrogant) Association ..	WSU P&A (Professional and Administrative) Association
PANDA union	WSU P&A (Professional and Administrative) Association
Patience Craft	Pat Craft, supervisor of RJE station
Paul Cool-yas	Paul Gulyas, WSU Student Records officer
Paula	Paula Talayco, APL programmer
Paula Telco	Paula Talayco, Software Systems programmer
Peggy Publication	Peggy Peterson, publications officer
Percy Vamperry	Percy Perry, night supervisor of Computer Operations
Physicsland	WSU Physics department
President Gull-em	WSU President George Gullen
President Yeast	WSU President William Keast
Prestigeland	The University of Michigan
Prestigeland	Ann Arbor, Michigan
Prince Peterson	Dave Peterson, former Manager of Computer Operations
Prince Schtick	Milt Glick, WSU Chemistry professor
Prince Slavey	Bill Slaby, WSU Registrar
Prince Soother	Eugene? Sather, WSU Electrical Engineering professor
Production-out-of-control	Production Control
Professor, The	Associate Director Bob Jones--Control (Production Control and miscellany)
Ray Dranford	Ray Danford, Computer Operations employee
Reggie O'Noodle	Reggie O'Neal, WSU employee
Rene Honda	Rene Vega, (Software Systems programmer?)
Richard Hairison	Richard Harrison, RJE station employee
RJE (Remote Junky Establishment) station ...	RJE (Remote Job Entry) station
RM	Assistant Director Bob (Robert) Monroe
Rodger the Dodger	Assistant Director Roger Hardenbergh--Administrative Data Systems
Rol Sharpener	Rol Charpentier, ADS analyst
Room 293, CDPC Building	Director's office

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Russ Crouton	Russ Wootton, Computer Operations employee
Russ Mopperman	Russ Wichterman, WSU employee
SCAT Association (Slaves, Chattels, and Typis	WSU (SC&T?) (Secretarial, Clerical, and Technical) Association
See-more Wolfson	Seymour Wolfson, WSU Computer Science professor
Shirley Sharp	Shirley Sharpe, supervisor of Keypunch
Sick-fifty	IBM 650 computer
Silly Liaison Committee	Systems Liaison Committee
SLC	Systems Liaison Committee
Sloperations	Computer Operations
Soft-where-systems	Software Systems Programming
Sophia Loraine	Loraine Raymer, office assistant
SOW (Superiority of Women) committee	WSU Status of Women committee
Spillover	Overflow newsletter
Stan Steins	Stan Stynes, WSU Engineering professor
Staring committee	WSU CDPC Steering committee
Steve Fuzzybinder	Steve Fasbinder, User Relations employee
Superfrank	New Director Frank Westervelt
Svenlany	Jim Mullany, Manager of ADS Programming
SWS	Software Systems Programming
Systematical Managers	Systems Managers
Three-sickly machine	IBM 360 computer
Tom Gorgeous	Tom Gordon, Software Systems programmer
Tony Modzone	Tony Falzon, Software Systems programmer
Tony Trajectory	Tony Trojan, ADS analyst
TP (Treachery Processing)	TP (Tele-Processing)
University	Wayne State University (WSU)
University's Secret Police	WSU Security Police
Vera (Hot Pants) Kootchie	Vera (K---?), User Relations employee
Vice-President Gull-em	WSU Vice-President George Gullen
Vice-President Pushman	WSU Executive Vice-President Edward Cushman
Virginia Huff	Virginia Huth, WSU (Assistant Registrar?)
Virtue Machine	Virtual Machine
Walter Huffman	Walter Hoffman, former (late) Director of CDPC
WARP system	WRAP (Wayne Remote Access Processor) system
Wayne Rag, The	WSU Wayne Report newspaper
Weirdsma	Richard Wiersma, User Relations employee
What's his name	US President Richard Nixon
You-deck	UDEC (Unitized Digital Electronic Computer)