

The Gospel According To

Steve Hill



Traditionally the opinion/editorial page of OU's *Oklahoma Daily* has been dominated by the wit and wisdom of the comic strip "Doonesbury" and the often imaginative reasoning of student columnists and letter writers. This year, however, the star of the *Daily* staff, outdistancing the word-merchants for succinctness and rivaling "Doonesbury" for humor, is a senior radio-TV major, cartoonist Steve Hill.

Hill's targets run the gamut of the newsworthy, from world events to campus crises, and his pen-and-ink editorial statements seldom miss the mark. Working diligently to develop his own distinctive style, Hill carefully balances humor and message in his cartoons.

The cartoonist comes by his wide-ranging interest in national and international affairs honestly. With the Federal Aeronautics Administration regularly transferring his father all over the world, the Hill family moved often. Steve began his cartooning career while living in Oklahoma, as a ninth grader with the *Yukon Review*. As an OU freshman he gained his first following with a comic strip character named "Bart Derrick," a specialist in campus foibles. Hill began to tire of Bart last year and, with a surer hand and keener insight, turned to editorial cartoons, although Bart is occasionally resurrected for special purposes, such as a recent *Daily* insert on campus security for OUPD.

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The anti-nuke rallies - Three Mile Island - Black Fox - the controversial topics of the '80s were made to order for the barbed wit of campus cartoonist Steve Hill.



For the local market, Hill had to develop a good caricature of the OU president. He was pleased with the Bill Banowsky above trying to make amends for recommending the new tuition hike and for changing KGOU's rock 'n roll format.





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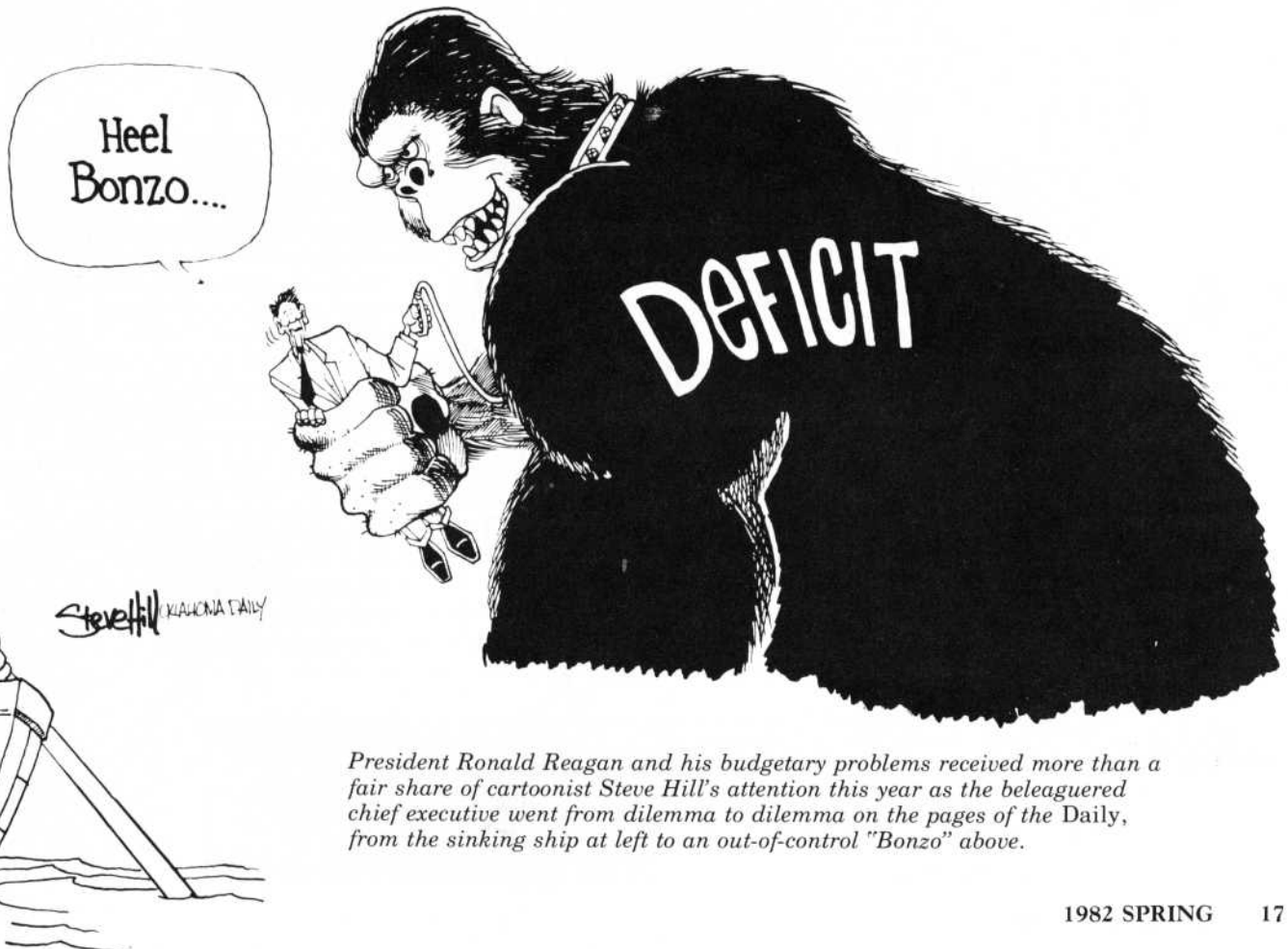
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Converting OU radio station KGOU from commercial rock 'n roll to non-commercial national public radio was an ongoing issue in the Oklahoma Daily, inspiring Hill to design this album.



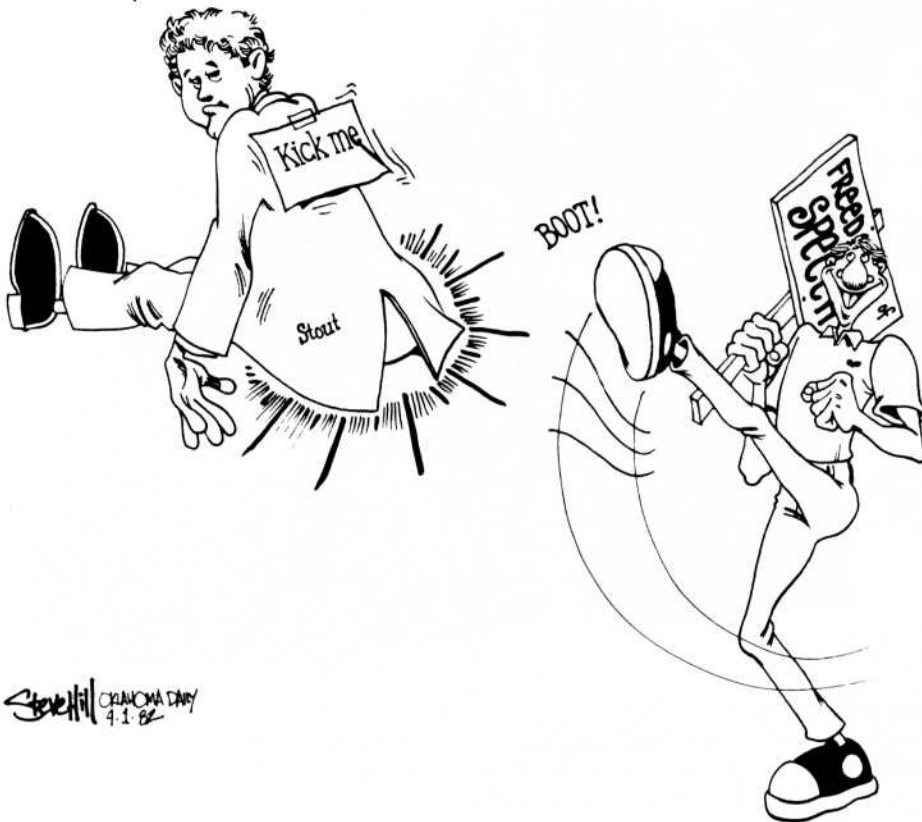
President Ronald Reagan and his budgetary problems received more than a fair share of cartoonist Steve Hill's attention this year as the beleaguered chief executive went from dilemma to dilemma on the pages of the Daily, from the sinking ship at left to an out-of-control "Bonzo" above.

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At least it's printed in english...



The local targets of Steve Hill's humor usually take the attention in stride. Hill is particularly proud of two notes from Vice President for Student Affairs Jack Stout. "You have a great future in your professional field," Stout wrote after Hill illustrated a campus security insert for the Daily. Hill earlier had praised Stout for clamping down on Ruf-Nek hazing (above). The cartoonist wasn't so complimentary, however, when Stout issued an edict requiring international groups to publish meeting notices in English (see "It's a Small World," page 28). Stout responded to Hill's cartoon at left with a second note: "I still think you do great cartoons."

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