

## Privacy Discussion/List

Actress Gwen Stefani arrives at the local airport from New York City, where she has attended the premiere of her new movie, a Watergate drama. A *Collegian* photographer takes a picture of her kissing prominent local banker John Popper. He is married, but the rumor is that Stefani and Popper are having an affair. Both parties sue the paper for invasion of privacy after the photo appears with this caption: "John Popper greets his intimate friend Gwen Stefani at the airport." What invasion will they choose? Is the photographer in trouble?

Tony Bennett and k.d. lang, two UMass students, attend a nude dance contest by the campus pond. Neither of them participates, but their picture appears with the *Collegian* article covering the event. They are identified as being at the event, at which "students shed their inhibitions as well as their clothes." They sue for invasion of privacy.

Van Morrison, 1992 Amherst Person of the Year and chair of the United Way, sues the *Collegian* after the paper reports that 30 years ago, he served six months in prison for embezzling. The paper has documented his conviction on the charge. What invasion of privacy is involved here and how successful might he be?

Sen. John Prine is a candidate for re-election to the Senate seat he has held for 20 years. The *Collegian* endorses his opponent, saying that Prine has availed himself of prostitutes. The reporter's only source for the information is a tape he made of one of the senator's conversations with a woman friend in his apartment. The tape was made from the apartment next door using an electronic device. What invasion is involved? What will the reporter argue in his defense?

Used car dealer Marty Balin runs an ad on local television stations showing a customer fainting when he hears about the car deal he's about to be offered. The customer sues the station for invasion of privacy, saying he had posed for the video because he thought it was a gag--not a commercial. His neighbors, he says, are now making fun of him. Will he be successful with a false light claim? Could he try something else?