Doonesbury Characters

- Michael Doonesbury
- B.D.
- Mark Slackmeyer
- Zonker Harris
- Boopsie
- Phred
- President King
- Rev. Scot Sloan
- Joanie Caucus

- Roland Hedley
- Duke
- Jimmy Thudpucker
- Lacey Davenport
- Alice Schwartzman
- J.J. Caucus
- Alex Doonesbury
- Zipper and Jeff
- Elias
As Garry Trudeau Sees Doonesbury

• It’s not about the specific events of these past decades
• It’s about how it felt to live through them
• Garry developed “the Doonesbury Gang”, which eventually became the Doonesbury Mob.
• Originally “Bull Tales” sports comedy while at Yale, then re-labeled “Doonesbury”
B.D.

• Initials stood for Brian Dowling, the quarterback of the Yale football team
• The real Brian Dowling was smart, not like the obtuse B.D. The real person loved the comic strip.
Mike Doonesbury

• “Doone” meant benign doofus
  – Clueless, but without any mean in him.
• Garry’s high-school friend Charles Pillsbury was a “Doone”, so Garry created the portmanteau “Doonesbury”.
Mark Slackmeyer
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COACH!
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