

# Opinion and Comment

## Froseth's action deplorable

In Thursday's editorial regarding the flyer fiasco, it was not the intention of this editorial writer to disregard cleverly the deplorable actions of former ASWSU vice-presidential candidate Heidi Froseth. The writer apologizes if the tone of his editorial led anyone to believe that he, the *Evergreen*, or the student body should not be appalled by such a serious breach of judgement and ethics.

Froseth's misguided action reeked of poor sportsmanship. Apparently she has yet to reconcile herself to her loss in the second general ASWSU election last spring. Still feeling sorry for herself and angry at ASWSU President Mike Coan for appealing to a greater portion of the student body, Froseth stooped to making personal attacks.

It is unusual that Froseth chose to attack Coan for his supposed low grades since taking office. Had Coan taken 18 hours of upper division courses and received straight A's, most would wonder if he were devoting enough time to his presidential duties.

Froseth apparently thought she had an important point to make so she went to the copy store for an emergency order of 500 defamatory flyers. But she didn't sign her

name on them. Perhaps she felt a sense of modesty and did not wish to take credit for her glorious dedication to the health of the community. More likely she chose anonymity because filth spread reflects on its spreader.

Froseth's method of disseminating dirt represents a blatant violation of ethical norms. Stealing a newspaper's logo in violation of an implied copyright is an outrage to that newspaper and to the public who read it.

In January, state Rep. Dick Van Dyke (R-Bothell) was made to apologize publicly to the House for circulating faked newspaper editorials that appeared to support his candidacy.

The distinction between the otherwise similarly unethical acts is that Rep. Van Dyke merely attempted to promote himself; Froseth, in an underhanded manner, tried to defame a person.

As mentioned, Rep. Van Dyke apologized. Froseth, in the face of overwhelming evidence, continues to deny her actions. She does not have the character to admit her mistake and offer an apology. Refusing to take responsibility for her error is at least as bad as the error itself.

Wm. Smith Greig

## Nicaraguan covert war not democratic

In his State of the Union address, President Reagan called for continued support of the anti-government rebels, the so called "contras" in Nicaragua. He asked Congress to continue funding of the covert war against the Sandinista government in Nicaragua.

What exactly is this covert war in Nicaragua? The term "covert" seems to indicate there is a certain amount of secrecy. But who is the war being kept secret from? Certainly neither side in the Nicaraguan conflict: they both know where the rebels' arms and money are coming from.

The war is covert because the Reagan Administration is trying to keep as many details as possible from the American people and the rest of the world.

It is indeed ironic that the United States, which prides itself on its democratic principles, is carrying on a covert war with little or no public debate.

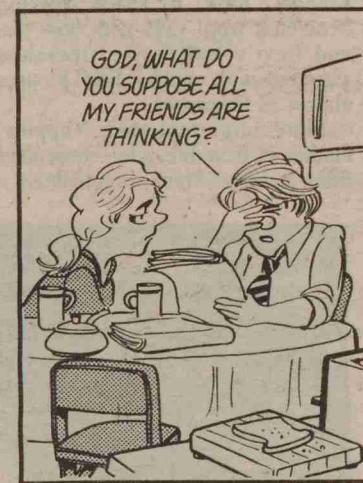
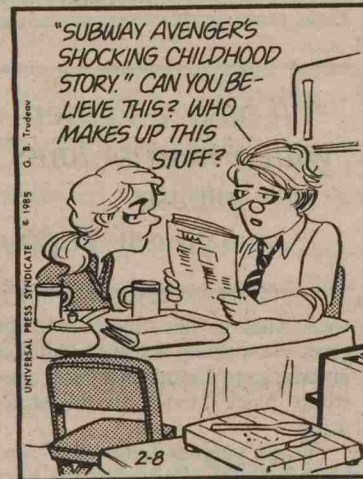
Congress should cut off all funding for the covert war in Nicaragua. If the Reagan Administration is genuinely concerned about the threat of the Sandinista government to other governments in Central America, then it should take overt actions to stem that threat and allow public debate on the issue.

By choosing instead to carry on a covert war, President Reagan is undermining the very principles of democracy that he claims to be ardently supporting.

Joe Hughes

## Doonesbury

BY GARRY TRUDEAU



## Rename paper

Dear Editor:

What this campus needs is a new and innocuous issue. I wish to propose one. I am not altogether certain as to the justification for calling the *Daily Evergreen* the *Daily Evergreen*. As I look across the rolling wheat fields, the evergreens are few and far between — I counted eight.

Actually, I like the rolling wheat fields — they kind of grow on you. So, why not rename the paper to reflect the true spirit, flora, and fauna of the region?

For starters, how about the *Palouse Prairie Companion* (very yuppie), or the *Daily Wheaties* (earthy, down home), or the *Cougar Chronicle of Higher Education* (redundant, hopefully).

Dean Funabiki

## Arts praised

Dear Editor:

Jim Goins' February 5th article on John R. Elwood, chairman of the English Department here, was greatly appreciated. It was appropriate that it was included in a paper that the same day was devoted almost entirely to computers. This gave people here at WSU an opposite yet complimentary view of the "Computer Age."

The current trend to disregard the humanities as inessential has contributed greatly to the widespread closed mindedness among students focusing on "higher education." Those who give the humanities a chance will realize that in so doing their appreciation for life and for the entire spectrum of human existence will increase a hundred-fold.

John Robinson

## Writer demands return to reality

Dear Editor:

I think it is absolutely ridiculous that the various non-school related groups think that the school should fund their organizations. I'm talking about the Gay People's Alliance and the Virgin Awareness groups. Be real people!

Why shouldn't the school also give money to all the heterosexuals and sexually active people on campus? Get back to reality. If these people want funds for their organizations why don't they have a bake sale.

Hans M. Brandt

## Editorial page needs some new issues

Dear Editor:

Okay, I give up. When did you say the editorial page was going to become more exciting? I must've fallen asleep in the middle of another letter on the funding of the Gay People's Alliance. Aren't you guys sick of that yet? Who cares what their sexual preference is? I'm heterosexual, does that mean I can form a Heterosexual People's Alliance and get funding for it? That would be great because I need the extra beer money (Boyer Park season is coming up, you know).

And if I read one more article on President Reagan being compared to Hitler or Stalin or a bag of dirty socks, I'll puke. I'm not too thrilled with the guy either, but it's no use ranting and raving now. He'll die of old age before people can impeach him, so don't worry about it.

I hope the *Evergreen* finds in its editorial heart to print

some more stimulating controversies.

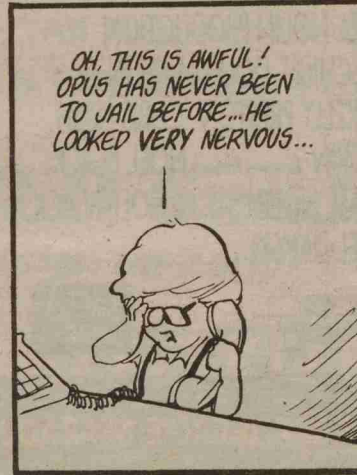
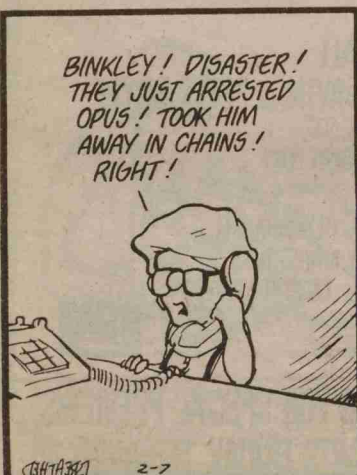
More letters like the one that criticized the Cougar band for being too immature at basketball games. If you guys don't like the way our band acts then transfer to Prosser High School. I'm sure the high school students would appreciate some of your maturity there.

Or maybe a letter on why those bacteria low-lives at Montana State won't move their football game with us to August 31 (when we can catch some rays) instead of November 16 (when we become icicles). Just because sheep like cooler weather shouldn't mean we have to endure it, too.

These are the really interesting issues and lot more fun to read than homosexual problems, if you ask me.

Tony C. Duarte

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## by Berke Breathed

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