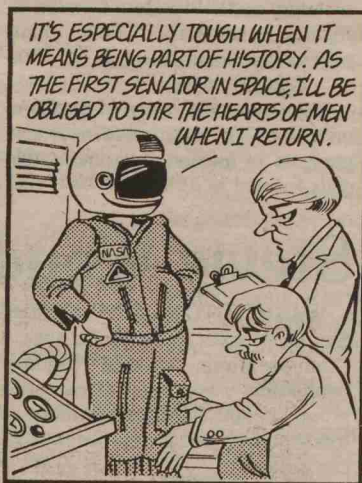


Opinion and Comment

Doonesbury

BY GARRY TRUDEAU



About face by Bartlett

While it may not have been wholly unexpected that the ASWSU Senate would deny the Gay People's Alliance funding Wednesday night, it was sad to note that at least one senator was not true to his word on the issue.

Several weeks back Rob Bartlett, senate chair pro tem, said he fully supported funding for the GPA so long as its orientation was that of an awareness organization, not a group espousing any particular lifestyle.

During the last month when both public and private debate over whether to fund the group raged, the GPA was careful to indicate it would stick to that function if granted committee status.

In short they promised not to become a gay support group.

But, it seems that in the end all of the platitudes and statements by senate members about "support group vs awareness group" being the key to the vote, meant nothing.

Rob Bartlett seems to be the worst offender of all.

Last month Bartlett was quoted as saying, "My personal feeling and whether I think the group should receive funding as an awareness organization that will attempt to educate the public as to the problems facing the gay community are totally separate."

Wednesday night Bartlett voted against the funding bill, in direct opposition to his public statements.

Through the course of the year, Bartlett has attempted to steer the senate clear of major controversy, but when it has hit, with Ticketgate and budget woes, he has been a consistent leader, one who stuck with his convictions and voted as an informed elected official not a scared mirror of his constituent's uninformed views.

What his rationale for changing his mind (or misleading the press) is hard to imagine, after all he has not indicated he wishes to run for an executive post next year.

At least finance committee chair Wayne Asmussen can hide, partially, behind that excuse.

Mike Shepard

Claims to know God's thoughts

Dear Editor:

Dear Mr. Duxbury and all the other Christians who support GPA, I would like to inform you on how God feels about immorality. "No immoral, impure or greedy person — such a man is an idolator — has any inheritance in the Kingdom of Christ and God." (Ephesians 5:5)

If you truly "love your brother as yourself," then why encourage their sin when you know the price is so severe? Wouldn't it be better to "have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them?"

I tell you, anyone who truly loves his brother as himself, would expose his wrong-doing — even at the sacrifice of himself.

Janell Beman

Evergreen owes Froseth

Dear Editor:

Wm. Smith Greig's editorial of February 8th reveals him as a prime candidate for a press position — perhaps with the *National Enquirer* or the *New York Post*.

Exactly what do you mean, Mr. Bill, by "implied copyright"? How can one violate a copyright that does not exist? No copyright is no copyright. The *Evergreen* is in the public domain.

The analogy between Rep. Van Dyke and Ms. Froseth is ludicrous. Van Dyke "rewrote" a published endorsement by substituting his name for his opponent's in order to sway citizens' vote. How can you equate

his actions with Ms. Froseth's? If she is indeed responsible (this has yet to be proven beyond doubt... unless the *Evergreen* stepped above the "innocent until proven guilty" edict), she has the right, as a conscientious citizen, to call into question the actions of elected officials (read the First Amendment). Perhaps it would be prudent to at least discuss whether Coan's grades are relevant to his duties. As to whether or not he at all passed his courses, it is his word against his accuser's unless his advisor of the dean of students cares to jump into this controversy.

Please, Mr. Bill Greig, exercise some journalistic integrity and overcome your perceived malice towards Ms. Froseth. Honestly, you folks at the *Daily Evergreen* should fall down on your knees and apologize to both Ms. Froseth and Mr. Thomas. At least they have provided some excellent copy for this "newspaper" over the past year.

K. Guinn
K. Gifford

Intellectual overindulgence is the most gratuitous and disgraceful form which excess can take, nor is there any the consequences of which are more disastrous.

Samuel Butler

City Council needs student

Students, who are waiting until the ASWSU elections later this spring to begin their indoctrination into the political arena, should jump at the chance to apply for the open City Council position.

Last week, Robert Koppe resigned from the council, effective March 15, and the council will accept applications for the open position until Feb. 27.

Since Koppe represents Ward 1, an area which includes Sunnyside Hill, East Pioneer Hill, southeast College Hill and south Military Hill, that means only students who live in that area may apply.

The one and only student ever to serve on the council, Bill Marler, 1978-1982, was a definite plus to the students' interests and there isn't a tangible reason why another student can't follow in Marler's footsteps.

It is an outrage that students makeup about two-third of this city and don't have a single

representative on the council.

This year, ASWSU President Mike Coan is using a city liaison to take care of relations with the city government, but while that set-up has been relatively effective, that doesn't go far enough — student concerns aren't receiving the platform they deserve.

City dwellers opposed to a student council person will claim students are transients without a legitimate stake in this community, but that ethnocentric attitude should make students realize those opposed to a student council person don't give a damn about the students.

With only a few months left on the job, Coan would be smart to start pushing a few students to apply for the open council position.

Just because apartment owners aren't kicking students out of their rooms on their hands and knees doesn't mean everything is all fine and dandy in the city.

Michael R. Wickline

U.S. aid to contras immoral

Dear Editor:

The editorial in Tuesday's *Evergreen* is one more piece of propaganda of why America should be killing people in Nicaragua and not trying to strangle their economy. Let's not get too self-righteous in finding reasons to attack a small third world country.

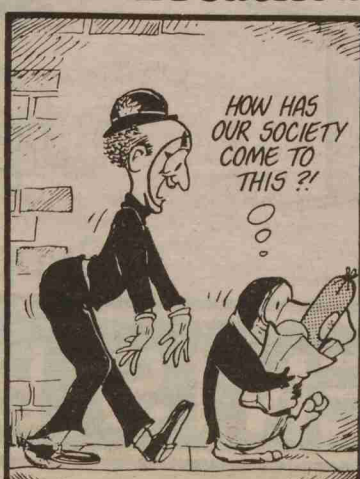
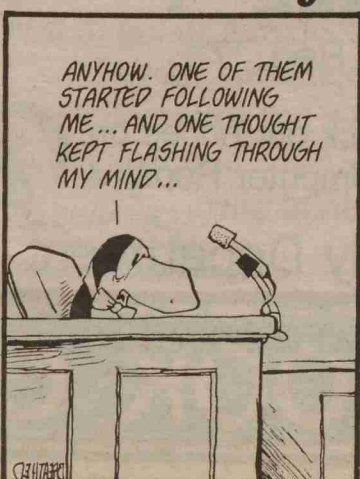
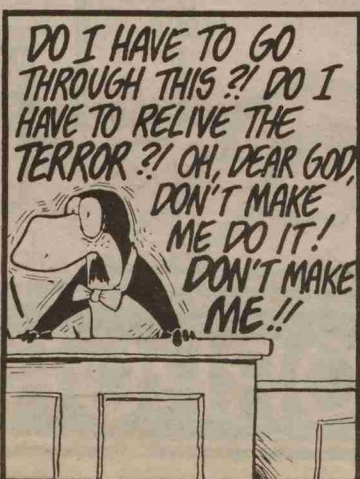
The Contras Stevens supports have publically supported assassination. They have killed school children in several instances. They have killed nuns and nurses. Stevens can

cover all this up with rhetoric, but I think as an American she should go stand in front of a few Contra guns and see how she feels about one nation hiring a bunch of thugs to ravage the villages and communities of another.

To me it is kind of sick that our congressmen will even have a chance to vote on whether the killing will go on. They will never know, or have to feel, the pain they cause.

Jim Hogg

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by Berke Breathed

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