

## Baseball with Goliath

Washington State's baseball team may have to take on Goliath before it is allowed to compete in an NCAA regional tournament.

Yesterday the athletic directors of the PAC-8 met to decide upon a second conference team to play in regional action. Four conference directors voted to send UCLA, the Southern Division runnerup to USC. Four directors voted to send WSU, champions of the Northern Division.

A similar incident occurred in 1975 where the directors were asked to choose between Northern Division champion WSU and Southern Division runnerup Stanford and the directors after voting 4-4, chose WSU because it was a division champion.

Not so in 1978. The directors, in a Monday morning decision, decided to have a one-game playoff in Palo Alto, Calif., between WSU and UCLA to determine the PAC-8 representative to the Rocky Mountain Regionals.

"It's ridiculous," Coach Chuck "Bobo" Brayton said Monday after receiving a call from the conference table in Corvallis, Ore.

"We came out of a tough weekend series and can't use either one of our top pitchers (Eric Snider and Steve Quealey)," Brayton said. "The president for something like this has been established."

In a mad scurry yesterday morning arrangements for transportation and lodging for the Cougars had to be made.

Baseball managers drove 13 players and a coach to Lewiston before noon to fly out, via Seattle, and on to San Francisco. Seven players left Pullman, flew to Seattle, and then on to San Francisco about noon. Late Monday afternoon

Coach Brayton and four others flew out of Pullman to Seattle, and then to San Francisco.

Brayton hoped his players might be settled into their motel in Redwood City by midnight last night.

The Cougars lost a day of practice yesterday just trying to get to the playoff site. The team will suit up at 10:30 this morning, loosen up and play UCLA at 1:30.

UCLA has had more than a week of rest. The Bruins can throw their ace pitchers. Their players are well rested.

On the other hand, the Cougars are weary after narrowly losing to the nation's number-one team last weekend, USC, by scores of 3-2 and 5-4.

Even if the Cougars win today they will spend the rest of the week traveling to get home and back to Tempe, Ariz., by Friday to play Gonzaga University in the opening game of the Rocky Mountain regional at 4 p.m. In essence, WSU has lost this entire week of practice, which is tough on a team in national competition.

UCLA backers contend that because the Bruins defeated WSU twice in April, UCLA should be the PAC-8 representative to the regionals.

But WSU was on the final leg of an exhausting 17-game, 14-day road trip through Idaho, California and Oregon. WSU had played nine games in the six previous days and the Cougars had four starters on the sideline with injuries.

And if they beat UCLA, the Cougars will need all the support and prayers they can get to carry them to the championship of the Rocky Mountain regional. They deserve to win.

-D.G.

## Your views

### Not alone

If you're becoming a bit tired of reading gay articles, you're probably not alone. I have observed the verbal volleyball for three years and during that time the topic has undoubtedly ranked number one on the hot issue charts at WSU. For me, however, the issue has become an almost burdensome dilemma. In terms of a public stand, I have three choices, yes, no and no opinion.

A statement against funding would seem to be the most popular and probably remove myself from the certain threat of criticism. I could even urge that ASWSU take steps to see that GAC be not only not funded but not even recognized as an ASWSU committee. Isn't that what the majority of students want and therefore in the best interest of the union? Or is it?

I could choose to abstain from stating my opinion, but of course, ASWSU-elected officers haven't the luxury of being non-committal and refraining from analysis and evaluation of issues. But wait! Maybe, therein, good friends, lies the beauty of the entire matter and it's not in the final judgment of the moral question of homosexuality; but in the confrontation itself. By censoring the topic and further isolating Pullman from the social realities of our world, we will, in fact, be denying the yet-to-come students with the opportunity to be confronted with a controversial issue and personally wrestle with and deal with the

divergent expressions of human character.

The question is not does ASWSU condone the sexual activities of a homosexual. But, rather, does ASWSU condone and even promote the discussion and information dissemination of a controversial phenomena in our 20th Century society. I will say it absolutely must, lest we run the dreaded risk that this reality of our society becomes literally unspeakable and unthinkable.

Tom Pirie

### Worn out

I can appreciate the Palestinian problem and the Israeli problem and I can understand the desire of our Palestinian and Israeli students to express their feelings about this matter. The Evergreen has been very good about printing their letters, which have been interesting to an extent, but I feel the subject has worn out the already limited interest of the students.

The majority of the students on this campus are not from the Middle East and do not have enough interest in the subject to warrant the continued printing of these letters. Both sides have had valid points, but their points are best made to each other rather than to the student body. I would recommend that the Evergreen supply the authors with each others' addresses so they can continue their correspondence between themselves and not through the Evergreen.

Lance Baird  
Gary Quantz

## Let's call a ceasefire

The latest battle in the Arab-Israeli War is currently raging on this campus.

The confrontation came a week-and-one-half ago on the thirtieth anniversary of the creation of Israel. The battlefield has not been on the mall or Martin Field, but on the editorial page of the Daily Evergreen.

This is a "war" which has been raging all year, let's call a "cease fire."

Each side claims it has the "correct facts" and knows the "truth" in the matter. Each side can supply numerous documents and quotes to substantiate its arguments and accusations.

Each seems to have valid arguments. The trouble is that while each side reads the other's letters and immediately responds, neither seems to take the time to comprehend what the other is saying.

It is no wonder that peace is so hard to achieve in the Middle East when Arab and Israeli college students, people supposedly open to new thoughts and ideas and differing points of view, cannot listen to each other.

Both toss verbal accusations at each other. Each side calls the other "terrorists;" each denies the accusation.

Perhaps they should sit down and discuss the matter calmly, intelligently and with no further accusations.

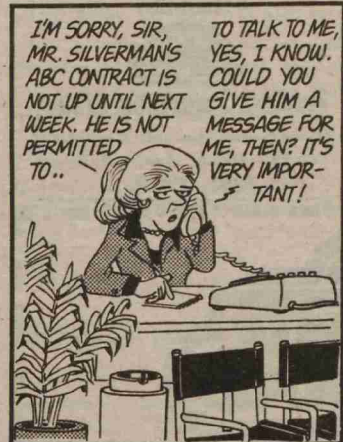
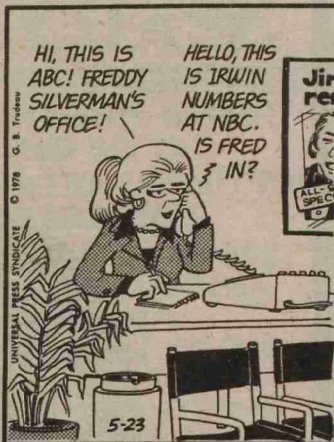
A university is supposed to be an environment conducive to learning about different ideas, cultures and people. What a perfect opportunity for the two sides to sit down and discuss their problems face to face, rather than in print. Perhaps by doing so they will realize that they share many of the same problems and aspirations. Ultimately, both sides want peace.

Perhaps if the college generation of both the pro-Israelis and the pro-Arabs can find mutual grounds of agreement and respect for each other, they will carry these ideas back to their native countries and help build an actual peace there.

-D.A.E.

## DOONESBURY

by Garry Trudeau



## Not a science

I'm getting out of here this June, so the numerical grading system won't directly affect me. However, one argument for the adoption of such a system seems particularly misleading and deserves rebuttal.

Grading is not an exact science. A teacher gives assignments and tests, puts a score on them and has a general idea of how well the student has studied and/or understood the material. There are lots of human factors left out of this process. The class curve may include people who have light class loads and those who have a heavier load, perhaps with another test or two the same week. Maybe the teacher was having a bad day as your essay test was being graded.

All of this leads me to my main point: the fallacy of arguing that a numerical grading system to a tenth or any other fraction of a point is inherently more accurate. No matter how many decimal places a calculation is carried out to, it is only as accurate as the data it is derived from.

Sue Lani Bonstrom

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