

# Opinion and Comment

## Straight alliance not legitimate

Students — especially those on the ASWSU Senate and Services and Activities Fees Committee — should keep close tabs on which organizations plan on applying for their funds.

Why? Because it looks like history could repeat itself again — that is unless students make sure their money is not determined on the basis of who can yell and scream the loudest.

Nearly two years ago, several male students, teed off by what they felt was an unfair S & A fees allocation process — supposedly allowing for the Association for Women Students (AWS) to receive unwarranted funds — quickly formed the Association for Men Students (AMS) to promote awareness of men's issues.

The AMS eventually received \$6,000 in S & A fees for its proposed programs during the 1983-84 school year, by claiming its group deserved student funds just like the AWS.

However, the AMS turned out to be nothing more than a fraud for students as the group's leaders never spent a student cent on the men's issues programs that they promised during the S & A Fees Committee's hearings. In the end, the \$6,000 was added to the committee's allocation pool for this school year.

Now that a rigorous debate about funding the Gay People's Alliance has risen to the top of the agendas of the local, pseudo student politicians, out of the woodwork has come AMS II — the Straight Alliance, promising to promote "acceptable behavior" and "natural sexual desires and interactions."

The Straight Alliance, like the AMS did, has plans to apply for student funding — either via the ASWSU Senate or S & A Fees Committee.

But students should realize the Straight Alliance is nothing more than a group formed two weeks ago for the sole purpose of opposing funding of the Gay People's Alliance — and nothing more. It's just too obvious. They have no intention of propagating students with the "natural sexual desires and interactions" that the group's leader, Garrett Seick, says they do. These pseudo revolutionaries should call themselves what they are — the "Gay People's Alliance Hate Group."

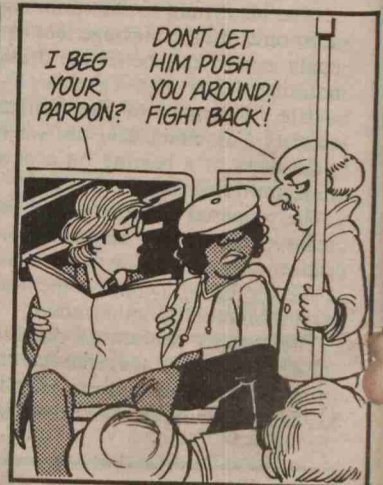
The Straight Alliance will try to change the focus of the debate on student funding of the GPA. Instead of allowing students to ask whether the GPA should receive student funds for promoting awareness and understanding of issues relating to the gay community, the Straight Alliance unfortunately will try to turn the debate into what is more acceptable and desirable and claim the GPA wants to promote homosexuality on the CUB Mall.

If the Straight Alliance succeeds in distorting the issue in the eyes of the students, that would be a tragedy. The Straight Alliance should do students a favor right now and stop asking for student money for the group — they aren't a legitimate student group. To do otherwise, will turn the student funding debates into nothing more than a joke and open the door for more frauds.

Michael R. Wickline

## Doonesbury

BY GARRY TRUDEAU



## Library fines outrageous

Dear Editor:

Several times I have felt "ripped off" by various aspects of college life. I, like others, have been taken advantage of by ridiculous Bookie buy-back policies. I have spent hard earned dollars on a fall sports pass that included in its price basketball games held during break. Not being one to complain, I stood passively by during all this and watched my money go down the tube, time and time again. However, the latest case of highway robbery won't be allowed to pass without comment.

Last fall, I checked out a few books from our friendly neighborhood Holland Library for an English research paper. One evening I needed to do a load of laundry at the local laundromat and, not wanting to waste the entire two hours, I took along one of those books, a small, insignificant paperback. In one of my less brilliant moves, I picked up my clean clothes and left without the small insignificant paperback. I went back and found it missing, so I figured I would have to pay about ten bucks for the book and about a five dollar fine. No such luck. Before me now is a bill which includes a fine of \$7.50, a "service charge" of \$10.00, and a replacement amount of a whopping \$35.00 for a grand total of \$52.50. I didn't even get a chance to protest, as the fine was conveniently tacked on to my tuition.

It would sure be interesting to hear the library explain this one rationally, as this amount is anything but rational to me. I guess it wouldn't

matter if it did, for I have already paid my tuition.

Fellow students, I guess there is no escape from overcharging on this campus. I managed to get out of the dorm/dining hall system which charged me for food that I didn't even eat. As I continue to think about this subject, my mind goes to a country tune that was popular a few years ago: "She got the gold mine, I got the shaft..."

Robert F. Hughes

## Our error

In William G. Hargin's letter to editor published on Jan. 28, the editors of the *Daily Evergreen* screwed up and inadvertently changed the words "pro-choice" to "pro-life."

The segment should have read as follows: "It is interesting to note that some doctors have stopped performing abortions after watching ultrasound abortion films. It's no wonder the "pro-choice" movement is uneasy."

## Carpet dilemma in CUB lounge

Dear Editor:

While ASWSU has been concerned with funding for the Gay People's Alliance, and the world awaits the outcome of the abortion issue, we pose this question... "What happened to our carpet?"

We are speaking, of course, of the recently developing dilemma in the CUB lounge. As most people have witnessed, the beautiful bubble gum blue and pink carpet, which once a new addition to the lounge, and awaiting the addition of equally (we're sure) beautiful furnishings, has been removed. Unfortunately, a costly and timely problem was realized. The incorrect padding was laid beneath the completed job. We are sure this problem is being rectified, for we have noticed many workers "feverishly" mending this mistake.

The students, faculty and patrons of the CUB have spent over 4 weeks observing, not enjoying, the lounge renovation, and have been voicing concerns over this ordeal. Martin Stadium's thousands of square feet of artificial turf was installed in seemingly less time than the installation of carpet in an area only a fraction of the size. How money is spent is a concern to the people of this community, for our tuition and costs of CUB services seem to increase for them to have the luxury of having these improvements performed in more time than it would have taken a construction company to build a new lounge.

We are concerned with the spreading nature of this problem and pose a second question... "What has happened to the End Zone?"

Mike Hougan  
Rod Crowley

## Loopholes in writer's reasoning

Dear Editor:

This is in response to a letter written by David Devries that pointed out the bible condemns gays. Thanks, Dave. Before reading your letter I was not sure where God stood on this issue.

Let's see... According to your reasoning, God is perfect, so, obviously, God's scriptures are perfect, and in these scriptures it is stated that homosexuality is a sin

and, consequently, sinners should not receive ASWSU funding. No loopholes there.

Thanks again, Dave, I feel so enlightened. Before I was just a wishy-washy "live and let live" sort of guy who thought tolerance was a virtue.

By the way, who else doesn't God like? I really need to know if I'm going to keep on top of this intolerance thing.

Eric Anderson

## Help women

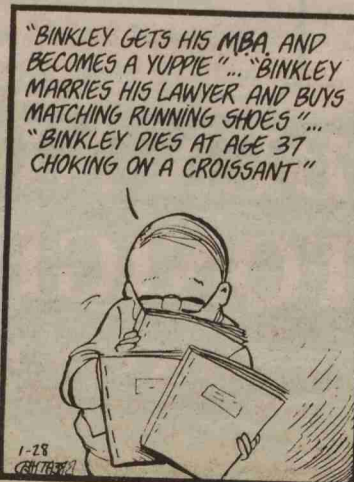
Dear Editor:

We at the Women's Center would like to publicly apologize to all the women on the WSU campus, who have been put into danger because Women's Transit has not been able to operate at this time. Women's Transit depends entirely on volunteers. So far this semester, we have not had enough to go full swing into operation. If anyone would like to help make women safe on our campus, they can do so by helping Women's Transit. Academic credit is also available for volunteers.

For more information on Women's Transit, feel free to call or drop into the Women's Center, CUB B-27. It is open to all who are interested.

Lisa Vanderbeck

## BLOOM COUNTY



## by Berke Breathed

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