Letters

Mediocre

Gimme a break, Ashley Conklin! Joe Montana the greatest quarterback ever (*ODE*, Jan. 9)? Have you ever heard of a dump-off pass?

With San Francisco's short passing offense and quick receivers like Jerry Rice, John Taylor and Roger Craig, it's no wonder Montana is the highest-rated quarterback ever.

Did you happen to see the playoff game against Minnesota in which Montana was credited with a 72-yard pass completion to Rice? It was actually a 4 yard toss by Montana, followed by a 68 yard explosion by Rice.

This typically simple, yet effective, San Francisco play is why Montana is the highest-rated quarterback ever.

In addition to his mediocre arm strength, Montana is not very active in calling his plays. While other celebrated quarterbacks, such as Roger Staubach and Johnny Unitas, called many of their own plays, Joe has his first 15 to 20 plays scripted for him.

Finally, ever notice how USFL-reject Steve Young is able to compile similar statistics when he fills in for the oft-injured Montana?

C'mon Conklin, next you're going to tell us Bill Walsh is a genius.

Mike Leland
Bill Russell
Students

Impression

I am writing to correct an impression left by a letter in the Jan. 8 issue of the *Oregon Daily Emerald*.

The University Museum of Art did in fact recognize the AIDS crisis among the art community, as suggested by the organizers of "A Day Without Art." On Dec. 1, 1989, a painting was removed from display in the Museum lobby, and in its place the Museum displayed a poster urging AIDS awareness and concern.

Stephen McGough
Museum Director

Sale

The ASUO proposal to implement a no-waiver student health insurance policy, chargeable against tuition fees, has been challenged in recent *Emerald* letters. There are several cases which have not yet been addressed as exceptions to the compulsory insurance proposal:

- Veterans entitled to full U.S. government health benefits because of disability.
- Military retirees entitled to full medical health benefits, including CHAMPUS.
- Federal retirees enrolled in Federal Employees Health Benefits programs.
- State, or railroad retired employees enrolled in health programs similar to FEHB.

It is impossible to imagine any circumstances in which an enrolled student, eligible in the above excepted categories, would be willing to surrender the far-reaching benefits of long-term health care for the limited part-time coverage offered in the proposed ASUO health insurance program.

Failure to implement waivers would result in wholesale withdrawal of a sizable minority of enrolled older students from the University.

I am entitled to military benefits as a retired officer. I also pay a considerable FEHB annual premium for a federal health plan because there is no military medical facility in Oregon. If the ASUO plan is implemented without a waiver contingency, I will challenge it legally.

It is my opinion that the Prudential Insurance public relations and sales force have "sold" the gullible ASUO representatives a proposal which will be unacceptable to students who can ill afford the cost, and which is unworkable in any of the above instances.

Thomas Johnston
Anthropology

How worthy?

In his Jan. 11 letter, Bert Tryba used his entire letter to call Rob Hartsock "an evolutionary throwback ... half-able to think."

Tryba failed to deal with all the rational content of Hartsock's letter. Instead, he resorts to dehumanizing name-calling. Is this an indication of the worth of Tryba's ideas?

That this letter appeared at all raised the question of whether the *Emerald* takes its own "no personal attack" policy seriously. Why was this run?

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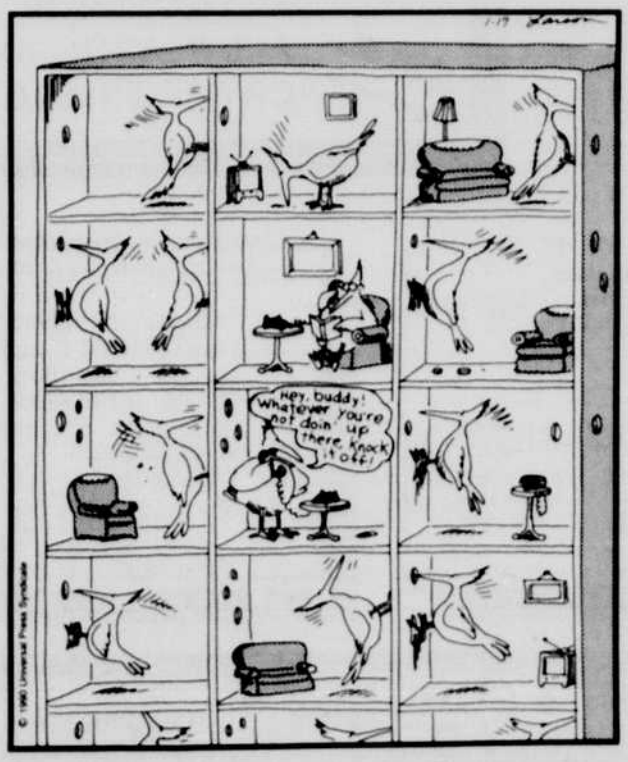

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