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Doreen Hock, a vet science graduate student, works with an injured red tail hawk. The hawk was found injured in the Pullman area and is being rehabili-

tated so that it can be released soon. Volunteers in the program rescue injured birds of prey.

## Volunteers rescue injured birds of prey

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A unique volunteer wild-bird rescue and rehabilitation program here is rescuing injured birds of prey around the Pullman area that otherwise may have been forgotten. Comprised of student and faculty volunteers primarily from the veterinary medicine department here, the five-year old rescue program led by Erik Stauber, professor of veterinary medicine has helped rehabilitate a number of birds, releasing them back to their natural habitat. "We have seen 25 different species of hawks, eagles, and falcons through the years," said Stauber. "The most common birds we see are great horned owls, red-tailed hawks, and sparrow hawks. We do see once in a while pelican falcons, golden and bald eagles, and barn owls." Stauber said the program focuses most of its efforts on rescuing larger birds of prey rather than small songbirds because they "require more detailed attention and we just

don't have the manpower." Last year alone, Stauber said 92 birds were rescued from the Pullman area and "enrolled" in the program, however he said of that number only 30-40 percent are in good enough physical condition to be released. "Some are so severely injured that they die, and the ones that can't fly but survive are given to zoo and other legitimate facilities," Stauber said. "Some birds are kept in the clinic, and the ones that are badly injured but still can be used for educational purposes are given to the zoology department for study." Stauber said the two major times during the year when he sees the most injured birds end up in the rehabilitation program are periods in the spring when squirrel hunting season is in effect, and later in the fall when bird season begins. "We mostly see fractures and broken bones," he said. This university's wild bird rehabilitation program, which Stauber says is similar to other rescue projects going on in various states around the country, saves many birds which the Washington State Game Department don't consider

worth rehabilitating because of a lack of manpower or personal belief. "There is thought by some in the game department that it is a natural process," he said, "many don't condone rehabilitation unless it is an endangered species." Being involved in the program does have several rewards that can be achieved only from a animal rescue program, Stauber said. "The end result to see the bird fly free again," is a very beneficial experience he said. "We are trying to make strides to familiarize students with raptors (birds of prey) to decrease their fear of them. This (program) allows students to work with them and establish a familiarity so they can carry their knowledge to their respective communities." Stauber said besides the faculty and veterinary medicine students working in surgery and the rehabilitation clinic, about 15 other freshmen, sophomores, and juniors get involved as volunteers.

## Gay funding issues are not new here

editor's note: It appears as if the controversy about the Gay People's Alliance is here to stay this spring. The story below deals with the decade-long debate about gay groups on campus. Tomorrow's story will examine what four-year state colleges fund gay student groups and why.

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A decade-old flap about whether students should acknowledge and fund a gay student group is expected to generate even more sparks during a public hearing tonight in CUB 214-216. The ASWSU programming committee is holding the meeting to hear

public testimony concerning the proposed granting of ASWSU committee status to the controversial Gay People's Alliance. The hearing will begin at 6:30 p.m. As they have in the past 10 years, backers of the GPA will point out that the group is not any different from other minority groups funded by the ASWSU and note that the darkness surrounding the debate about the group is clear evidence that a legitimized gay group could make students aware of homosexual issues. **THE GPA'S OPPONENTS,** meanwhile, will claim granting the gay group ASWSU committee status is like endorsing a particular lifestyle and subsidizing homosexuality. The opponents — which included a local sorority six years ago — also will

advise student leaders that their votes concerning the GPA should reflect their constituencies' views, which they will claim is anti-gay. The gay group's proponents will counter that these opponents are missing the point in the debate — and claim funding the GPA is not endorsing a particular lifestyle and, instead, is promoting awareness of homosexual issues. Even if there is not a big snow-storm, there is sure to be a lot of nasty words, yelling, screaming and heckling during the testimony tonight because the gay community is not easily accepted by some of the university community, especially members of the conservative Maranatha Ministries. The student senate is expected to

struggle with possibly granting ASWSU committee status to the GPA during its meeting next week. **IT HAS BEEN NEARLY** six years since a gay student group had ASWSU committee status. A group similar in nature and purpose to the Gay People's Alliance — the Gay Awareness Committee — lost its ASWSU committee status and funding in late March of 1979, after more than 60 percent of the students voted in favor of stripping the GAC of its status and funding in a referendum. The student assembly triggered a storm of protest against the Gay Awareness Committee after the assembly granted the GAC \$110.50 for a telephone earlier that spring. Petitions advocating the recall of five of the assembly members voting for

the GAC grant were then circulated by students as a sign of protest. The petitions were later withdrawn, however. Then, more than 4,000 students signed petitions calling for the referendum on the GAC, which triggered the all-campus vote. Last spring, the GPA was allocated about \$3000 for this year from the summer Services and Activities fees by the S & A Committee. However, the gay group was stripped of its allocation after Sally Savage, assistant attorney general, ruled that the S & A fee allocations should be withdrawn since the committee did not give sufficient public notice of its meetings under state law.

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