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# Bitter weather is a Pullman tradition

BY HANNAH BRINGHURST  
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So what's up with this weather? Students may well wonder what Mother Nature has in store for us in 1999. Pullman has seen windstorms, cold snaps and the occasional flood in the past month, but the National Weather Service said the wacky weather this winter is the norm for the Palouse.

"The weather this year is fairly normal when you look at averages from past years," said Brian Avery, a meteorologist from the National Weather Service in Spokane.

"Our goal at the National Weather Service is to squelch all these weather rumors and inform people what is really going on with the weather,"

ing trees and blowing tiles off rooftops.

The high winds are an unusual weather occurrence, Avery said, but Pullman has experienced extreme high winds before. The extreme high winds that occurred last week resulted from a sudden change in temperature and pressure, called a high gradient. The higher the winds, the higher the gradient, Avery said.

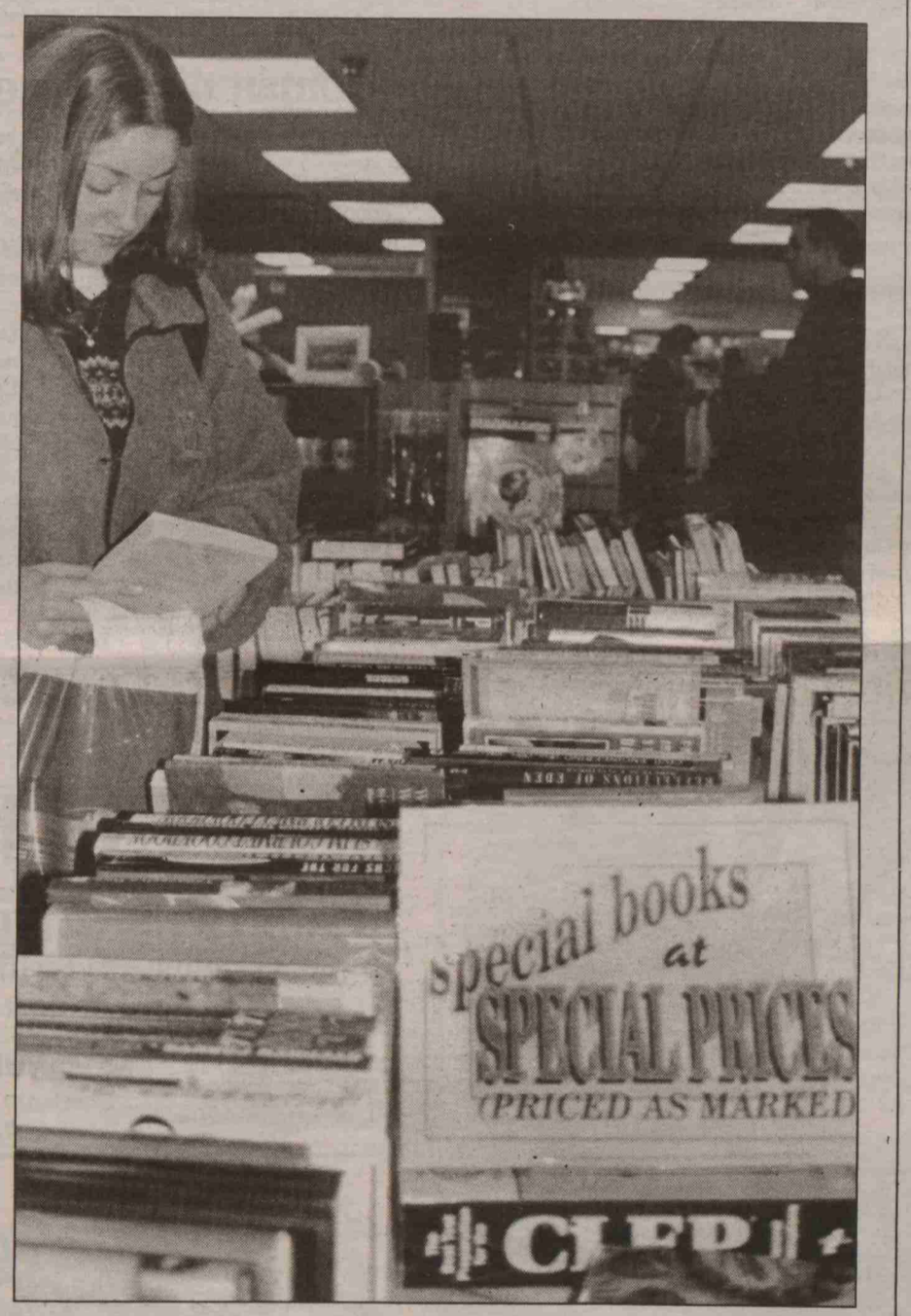
In January 1990, the Palouse experienced hurricane-force winds gusting to 90 mph.

The winds and the decrease in snowfall in eastern Washington may be a result of La Nina. La Nina, according to the National Weather Service, occurs when cooler-than-normal sea surface temperatures in the tropical Pacific ocean impact global weather patterns.

Although snowfall has decreased, rainfall has increased this winter. From

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## Special books...at special prices?



STAFF PHOTO BY JUNE CHANTANARAKARACH  
 Ryann Medlin, a sophomore majoring in elementary education checks out the books on sale at the Bookie, Monday afternoon

## Author to speak on growing up gay

BY HANNAH BRINGHURST  
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A homosexual author will speak Wednesday evening on his struggles growing up as the son of a Baptist minister.

Marc Adams, author of "The Preacher's Son," and a Lambda Literary Award finalist and Silver Pen Award winning autobiographer, will speak at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 10, in CUB 217A.

Adams' talk is sponsored by the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Allies Program, and is open to all students.

Adams will share much of his life story as told in his three books, "The Preacher's Son," "Light" and "Still Water."

Growing up as the gay son of a fundamentalist Baptist minister, he endured much physical, emotional and spiritual abuse, according to a press release from the GLBA program.

The GLBA press release stated that his book also describes his college years at Jerry Falwell's Liberty University and his struggle to conform to the standards to which he was a pariah.

Adams also will talk about his outreach to gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered students of conservative religious schools, colleges and universities.

"It is the only outreach of its kind in the world," said Melynda Huskey, director of the GLBA. "I think this talk will be interesting to all students."

"The Preacher's Son" has received much praise from bookstores, reviewers, the mainstream press and the gay and lesbian media.

Adams also receives an overwhelming amount of letters from men and women—gay and straight—who have read his book and found themselves changed, he said.

"Every time I open my mailbox and find another letter, I am incredibly humbled ... I knew I had a responsibility to share my story," Adams said.

The talk will be followed by an open forum question and answer session with Adams.

## Valentine's Day plant sale is this weekend

BY KEITH ANCKER  
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The WSU Horticulture Club will hold the annual St. Valentine's Day Plant Sale on Friday.

The two-hour sale, to be held in the Livestock Pavilion located between the Lewis Alumni Center and the French Administration building, will begin at noon.

Turnout for this annual event has historically been low, yet those in the club remain undaunted.

"We have a very determined membership," said Larry Hiller, a horticulture professor and faculty advisor to the club.

This year the sale will feature hanging begonias, primroses, bud vases of mixed flowers and forced bulbs. Forced bulbs, unlike natural flowers, are planted and grown under forced conditions to get them to bloom and flower this early in the year.

The Horticulture Club holds events year round, hawking plants as means of supporting the club and its membership, as well as providing for scholarships. These scholarships are not limited to the club, and help provide for other student organizations as well.

Club President Paula Paton said students should "come on down and see if we have anything they like."

The club will hold a work party Tuesday evening to prepare for the coming event.

## It's too sweet to be art

BY RYAN INGALLS  
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The WSU Museum of Art annual Sweet Art fund raiser is this Thursday, Feb. 11, at 6 p.m., in the Lewis Alumni Centre.

The event, a catered series of auctions hosted by University President Sam Smith, occurs each year to help raise money for art on campus.

The WSU Museum of Art will receive all of the proceeds from the event, Museum Spokesperson Sandi Klingler said Monday. Funds will help purchase the permanent art collection at the university, bring art workshops for children and bring in visiting lecturers for the general public.

"This is a very good tradition and a good opportunity to support the museum in many ways," said Don Bushaw, secretary for Friends of the Museum of Art.

Klingler said the fund raiser will have a live band, pleasant social environment, both live and a silent auctions, and a dessert competition.

"There will be items there from every taste and pocketbook," she said.

Auction items include a weekend getaway to Whidbey Island, a wine tasting event for eight, football tickets for two in the president's box and many different styles of art.

Just as in years past, the Sweet Art fund raiser will be sponsored by the Friends of the Museum of Art, Bushaw said. The event has raised around \$6,000 a year for the museum in the past years.

"People seem to keep coming back year

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