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AIDS panel shares tales

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Tish Ryan's goal Thursday night was to change one person. She accomplished that goal with at least one audience member at "A Compassionate Response: The Human Face of AIDS," a conversation featuring three panelists who have or have had friends or family with HIV.

"I hope to touch at least one person and change their life basically sexually to be more responsible and think," said Ryan, the office manager of the Koinonia House and one of the panel speakers. Freshman Rhonda Schmitt decided to come to the presentation sponsored by the Common Ministry at the house after reading about it in the newspaper at work.

"I am glad I came," Schmitt said. "I am ready to go with this stuff."

Schmitt said she would like to work with an organization on AIDS education and awareness.

Every year the Common Ministry, along with the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Allies and the Sexual Information Resource Center, sponsors an evening discussion on AIDS at the house.

The focus of the discussion this year was family.

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Fire in the hole!



Staff photo by Andrew Wong
Firefighter Rich Llewellyn looks to his compatriots during confined space training between the PEB and Bohler Gym Wednesday night.



Staff photo by Chris Werner

New businesses invade Pullman

By Chadd Cripe
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Now that a portion of the Moscow-Pullman Highway has been redone, the city of Pullman is working hard to ease traffic on the much-used road.

Not by discouraging travel, but by encouraging shopping at home.

Starbucks coffee will open a Pullman store in a couple weeks; Denny's, ShopKo and others will follow soon thereafter.

And with the recent increase in local businesses, city officials hope students and residents will begin spending their money on this side of the border.

"Traditionally in Pullman we've shopped in Moscow because Moscow captured the retail market," Pullman

Planning Director Pete Dickinson said.

"This is going to tip the scales toward Pullman a little bit and that's good. We can be a little more self-sufficient and get the sales tax."

And Dickinson believes there is a domino effect with new businesses moving in — especially in the case of ShopKo.

"We hope this is just the beginning," he said. "I hear rumors (about Taco Bell and a national video chain). It's all related to ShopKo."

Dickinson said the video chain has expressed interest in a new shopping center that will go up next year, a three-store project on Bishop Boulevard named Bishop Plaza.

A look at the three major businesses going in right now:

• Starbucks: The coffee-retail store is expected to open Dec. 13, construction superintendent Gordon Farber said. Farber said he is on schedule and just putting the final touches on the old Gameland North building, down the hill from the Stephenson Complex.

Farber characterized the remodeling as "a major reconstruction," which started Sept. 1.

• Denny's: The 24-hour restaurant chain plans to open its Pullman operation Jan. 8 and owner Marilyn Harvey said all obstacles to that date have been cleared.

"We have been pretty much on time," she said. "Every once in a while something comes up but we got the roof on before the rains — that was a concern."

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5 arrested after party

Drugs allegedly present at
early morning gathering

Five WSU students were arrested early Thursday morning at the Bray Apartments after noise from a party attracted a Pullman Police officer who was conducting another investigation at the complex.

Officer Scott Patrick overheard "drug slang," at the apartments, located on Campus Street, Pullman Police Sgt. Chris Tennant said. Phrases like "pass the joint," and "give me a hit of that," are likely what Patrick heard, Tennant said.

When John Edward Rhea, 20, left the apartment, police waiting outside cited him for MIP, Tennant said.

Mateo M. Galindo, 20, then left the apartment with his hands in his pockets, Tennant said. When police asked him to remove his hands, he complied — and a baggie full of blotter-acid paper allegedly fell out. Tennant said the tests to determine if the paper, commonly used for LSD, actually contained the drug have yet to be completed.

Police arrested Galindo for suspected possession of LSD. He was also allegedly carrying a false ID, Tennant said.

After obtaining a search warrant, Tennant said, officers searched the apartment and ground drug paraphernalia. Eiron Lane Schofield, 20, and Steven Daniel Kirchoff, also 20, were arrested for possession of marijuana and possession of someone else's driver's license, respectively.

Andrew Allen Durr, 21, who Tennant said had nothing to do with the party, also was arrested for criminal trespass.

"He was just a 'concerned citizen,'" Tennant said, "wanting to make sure the police were on the up-and-up." Tennant said Durr, who demanded to know what was going on and to see the search warrant, refused to see the search warrant, refused to leave when police asked him to. Officers then arrested him.

All of the suspects except Galindo were released. Galindo was held overnight. The cases will be forwarded to the Whitman County Prosecutor's Office, Tennant said.