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Local representative opposes gay rights bill

By Tom Roeder Daily Evergreen Staff

State Rep. Larry Sheahan (R, Whitman Co.) doesn't mince words when discussing issues before the legislature.

Sheahan stood in opposition to a gay rights bill (HB1443), which passed the state house last week in a 54-43 vote.

In an interview Wednesday, Sheahan said he opposed the measure because,"In my view, this does give special rights, it applies the same law that applies to blacks, aliens from other countries and the handicapped to those people (homosexuals) law should apply equally to all.

Sheahan used a hypothetical "black business man in Pullman" to describe his position.

Sheahan said that the businessman could not refuse to hire a white person based on his race, but, if that white person was a known KKK member, the businessman could choose not to hire him based

"Because your behavior is so offensive, I can

choose not to hire you," Sheahan said.

Sheahan noted that "being a black person" has nothing to do with behavior.

Sheahan said that prospective landlords and employers are not allowed, and shouldn't be allowed, to ask questions about sexual orientation.

But, Sheahan observed, "If there is credible evidence that the person is participating in this behavior," the prospective employer or landlord should have the right to say no.

"What is more important than the dominion over your own home or the right of free association?" Sheahan said.

Sheahan said that the bill faces a tough battle before reaching the Senate floor.

Sheahan, who sits on both the house appropriations and higher education committees, is sponsoring a bill designed to mediate the conflicts between administration at state universities.

"What we were seeing is that students have many concerns ... This bill allows these concerns to be resolved at the institutional level," Sheahan

The student task force proposed by Sheahan will respond to many student concerns that have been brought before the legislature by bringing students and administrators together, and mandating that

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Coffee house rock



Staff photo by Mark Plampin

Circle of Knots perform in Butch's Den Wednesday night.

J, RHA discuss cigarette sales policy

Walker, Brian

By Dave Field Daily Evergreen Staff

University administrators are trying to unravel policy questions to determine if cigarette sales in campus convenience stores are within school safety codes.

Bill Zeller requested RHA postpone discussion over cigarette sales during the council's meeting last Monday until he consulted with Vice Provost for Student Affairs Gus Kravas this week.

Zeller said Student Affairs wanted to double-check university regulations to ensure selling cigarettes to students doesn't conflict with school policy.

Zeller said Kravas had not contacted him with a decision as of Wednesday.

The WSU Business Policy and Procedures Manual stipulates that vendor sales: "Should support and represent a special convenience to the campus community or facilitate the extracurricular, public service, or residential life of the campus community.'

During the Jan. 24 meeting, RHA president Jody Warren instructed RHA representatives to discuss the measure with their residents. She exhorted them to inform residents of the pros and cons of sales, including the convenience, financial benefits, and potential health hazards.

Keith McIvor, the manager of general merchandise at the Student Book Corporation, said while sales of cigarettes in campus stores would shrink the university monopoly the Bookie has, the SBC had no objection to the move.

However, he added selling cigarettes isn't an automatic financial gold mine.

Cigarettes have the smallest profit margin of goods sold at the Bookie, he said. Although SBC management would not provide specific revenue generated in sales, McIvor said the Bookie expected a 2 percent decrease in cigarette sales this

The Bookie has what McIvor called a 'quasi-corporate'' relationship with the university, which financially ties it to ASWSU, but absolves the SBC from complying with university policy.

Sam Miller of WSU Dining Services said the move to offer cigarette sales has been generated by student managers of campus convenience stores, not by Dining Services administrators.

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WSU signs 27 or '94 football

By Todd Milles Daily Evergreen Staff

WSU football coach Mike Price released Wednesday a list of 27 players who have signed letters of intent to play for the Cougars at the start of the 1994 season.

"I'm very pleased with this class," Price said. "We'll know more about these players two or three years from now, but we've signed some pretty good players.'

Of the 27 signed, 23 recruits come from the high school ranks while four will transfer from junior colleges. Ten players run the 40 meters in less than 4.6 seconds.

In particular, the coaching staff scoured warm-weather climates such as southern California and Las Vegas to nab 14 recruits.

Price said his argument in convincing those players to play in the bitter winters of the Palouse was logical in comparison to playing in the big city.

"I was on a talk show and they asked me how I could recruit kids to such a cold place where I can't control the weather," Price said. "I told him 'you can do something about the weather

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1994 Washington State Football Recruits

Height Position Weight State Name Calif. Asoau, Leo Calif. Austin, Rick 6-5 Bush, Stephen Col. OL 310 Calif. Caldwell, David 180 Nev. Clayton, Jason 5-11 190 175 Wash. Dixon, Chris Evans, Ali Glover, Phillip RB SS TE Calif. 5-11 195 Nev. 250 240 295 Wash. Holmes, Gary 6-7 Jackson, Michael Jones, Darryl TEDL Calif. 6-3 Calif. 210 235 170 225 225 Leaf, Ryan Marshall, Brenden Meriwether, Miguel Morais, Delmar Mont. Wash. QB 6-5 DL 6-5 Calif. Nev. Wash. Ottenbreit, Jon OL 6-5 Pierce, Geoff Rainville, Rob 270 Idaho ldaho Wash 285 OL 6-6 Rosenbach, Rory Sage, Mike TE 6-4 285 Nev. Stallings, Justin Stewart, Kwame Wagner, Tom Calif. Calif. WR 190 RB 5-11 6-2 195 Wash Evans, Larry WR 6-0 180 Calif. Sanders, Dwayne DE 6-7 Calif. n/a Tialavea, John Am. Samoa

*LB - Linebacker *OL - Offensive Lineman *RB - Running Back *SS - Strong Safety *TE - Tight End *DL - Defensive Lineman *QB - Quarterback *WR - Wide Receiver

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