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University officials were forewarned of the system's soggy reception when WHETS failed to garner funding in last year's major budget session.

This year WSU armed itself with deft lobbying efforts and a handful of studies in hopes that history wouldn't repeat itself.

"WHETS is probably the single most studied telecommunication system in the state," WSU's chief lobbyist Beverly Lingle said Friday.

But all is not lost for WHETS. In Olympia, nothing is over until the last gavel strikes the table.

"Nothing is ever dead here," Nealey said.

Gary Locke, head budget writer for the House Appropriations Committee, said the capital nature of WHETS disqualifies it from his operating budget. Therefore, the request sits in the House Capital Facilities and Financing Committee for further review.

"(WHETS) doesn't show up in our budget, but that doesn't mean we rejected it," said Locke, D-Seattle.

Partial WHETS funding is one option lawmakers will discuss during the next couple of days.

"We're discussing including some portion of the request," said Sommers, who also chairs the House Capital Facilities and Financing Committee.

The West Side lawmaker said she may support \$2.7 million for WHETS in her capital budget due out next week.

Lawmakers with close ties to WSU say they will continue to push for WHETS funding, despite the formidable odds.

"We're not giving up," Prince said.

"I'm hopeful we can salvage it, but I'm not optimistic."

AIDS

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problems with identifying groups that are at high risk of contracting AIDS, she said.

Those high-risk groups, which include homosexual and bisexual men and drug users, usually are not visible in smaller communities.

This creates difficulties for health care professionals when trying to identify and educate those groups, said Fran Martin, AIDS education coordinator for the Whitman County Health Department. But "high-risk" groups aren't the only ones who must be educated.

Just as AIDS has made its way into rural life, it has rapidly cropped up in the heterosexual community.

"Now we're looking at adolescents and women. AIDS used to be looked at as a gay and bisexual disease, but a second group of people is coming through," Howard said.

In an effort to improve AIDS training, two conferences will take place at the Ridpath Hotel in Spokane on Feb. 27-28 and March 1-2.

Racial

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Willson also said the bill's passing will show WSU students that the student government is committed to racial awareness.

Before the second reading of bill, Stephen Sneed, director of minority affairs, talked to the Senate about problems of racism on the WSU campus.

Sneed said he was not asking for funding for the racial justice bill.

But he said he was concerned with the number of minority students having problems on the campus.

Nudism fad streaks across the nation

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Collegiate streaking and nudism are on the rise across the country, according to the Nudist Society, publisher of *Nude and Natural* magazine.

"Streaking is a reinvention of social nudity and an expression of an irrepressible desire for people to make the human body more acceptable," said Lee Baxendall, editor of *Nude & Natural*.

The Nudist Society has several college chapters across the nation, including Northridge College and Davis College in California, and the University of Texas at Austin.

Each chapter has from 50 to 100 members. The Davis College chapter sponsors nude sunbathing on the roof of the Student Union Building.

"These groups center around the nude beach aspect of nudism rather than streaking," Baxendall said.

Streaking is becoming popular among students, despite

administrative efforts to curtail the activity.

When students at Purdue University held their annual "Winter Streak" last December, there were nine arrests.

"At Princeton University, on the coldest day of the year, two hundred men and thirty-five women streaked across the campus," said Baxendall.

"Since Princeton had excluded women from the school until recently, this presented an equal-opportunity display of nudism," he said.

On Dec. 5 last year, a few WSU students participated in the trend with a streak down Colorado Avenue.

"The repression of nudity and streaking by university administrations is an example of the perverse American attitude toward the human body," Baxendall said.

But when posed with the question of whether streaking should be legalized, Baxendall said, "We live in a society where freedom is in retreat—good luck streakers."

Bail jumper receives homecoming surprise

PEORIA, Ill. (AP) — Twelve years ago, Larry W. Smith jumped bail to avoid a two-year prison term, saying he wanted to raise his 7-year-old daughter. Now he's come home to face the music, but he doesn't like the tune.

Smith turned himself in this week after his daughter, Penny, now 19, joined the Marines. Prosecutors made it clear his case had not been forgotten.

"He thought that 12 years would change things and that they'd go a little easier on him. But right away, the state's attorney said he was throwing the book at him for jumping bond," said his sister, Deborah Sprinkle, 35, who was arrested with her brother in 1977 on drug charges.

"Last night he called from jail and said he didn't know if he'd done the right thing," said Mrs. Sprinkle, who spent three months in jail after pleading guilty to distribution of methamphetamine.

She spoke in a telephone interview Wednesday from Smith's hometown of Pekin, about 15 miles from Peoria.

Smith, 40, surrendered to Sheriff James Donahue on Tues-

day. "He introduced himself and as soon as he said his name I realized who he was and that we had warrants on him," Donahue said.

Smith was convicted in 1978 of selling methamphetamine, or "speed," to an undercover officer and sentenced to prison. He fled after posting \$3,000 bail.

State's Attorney Erik Blanc said Wednesday he plans to pursue all charges still pending against Smith, including perjury, another drug offense and two misdemeanors stemming from a fight with police in 1978.

"Assuming he's convicted, it'll be up to the judge to decide whether any leniency is warranted," the prosecutor said.

Richard Smith, 45, of Pekin, said he urged his younger brother to surrender.

"His main concern was raising his daughter," Richard Smith said.

"She knew her dad was a fugitive and that he was going to surrender as soon as she was on her own."

Larry Smith settled in Antioch, Calif., where he ran a welding shop with his brother Dennis.

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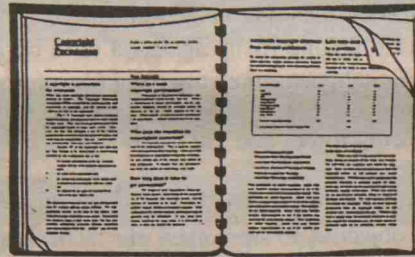
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