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March 1, 1996



Weather:
Mostly
sunny
High, 41
Low, 21

Men's Basketball:
Arizona knocks off
Cougars again

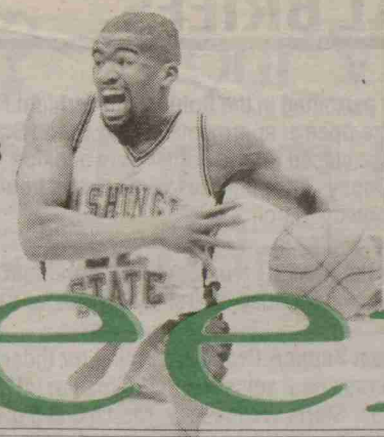
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Vice-prez candidates frame issues

By Jeff Nusser
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The 1996 ASWSU elections officially kicked into high gear Wednesday night as the candidates for vice president squared off in a first-ever vice presidential debate.

The candidates were generally cordial to each other, with little tough talk and plenty of redundant answers between them.

Many of the evening's questions centered around the issue of diversity at WSU, most of them implying diversity at WSU is not at a satisfactory level, and needs to be improved.

The issues

- Tuition increases
 - Diversity, awareness and recruitment
 - Dry residence halls
- Next debate Sunday, time and place TBA

John Robinson, running with Aleana Wixson, seemed to be the most adamant about diversity issues, citing his track record as an ASWSU senator on diversity issues.

"Diversity is a word that means a lot of different things to a lot of different people on this

campus," Robinson said. "For me it's an opportunity to improve my education, but for others on this campus it's a way of life."

Robinson said he would try to improve diversity by active recruitment of minorities and by sponsoring a Race Relation Symposium.

Lora Kreidler, running alongside Bryan Burgmaier, focused on increasing awareness as well as active recruitment.

Karen Carlson, on the Matt Caires/Carlson ticket, also touched on recruitment but emphasized retention of minorities once they arrive

at WSU.

"You can bring all the minorities you want on campus, but if you don't keep them here and they don't have a degree from WSU, we've failed," Carlson said.

Of the three, Robinson was the only candidate with an idea about possible implementation of programs.

None of the candidates are currently involved in any diversity related programs, but each has been in the past.

Kreidler, a member of Air Force ROTC, has

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Cleanup on aisle 2 ...



Workers from Doeckry Mechanical are remodeling the storefront and some aisles of Safeway in its upgrade to stay competitive. The South Grand Avenue grocery store is still open 24 hours.

Staff photo by Andrew Wong

Girl escapes abduction

By Stacey Burns
The Daily Evergreen

Most children are taught to not talk to strangers. That lesson saved one 6-year-old Pullman girl from an attempted abduction on Wednesday afternoon.

Pullman Police officers are investigating the incident, officials said.

The girl was on her way home from school in the vicinity of Janet and NW State streets when a car drove up and a man asked her if she needed a ride home. The girl said no, but the man persisted and grabbed her hand, said Sgt. Sam Sorem of the Pullman Police Department.

The girl kicked the man and ran into a nearby neighborhood, Sorem said. The incident is being classified as a possible abduction by investigators.

"The incident sounds strange when you have a guy his age driving a car with the top down and offering a ride because it is cold outside," Sorem said.

The suspect is described as a White male in his late 20s to early 30s, 5 feet 9 inches to 6 feet 1 inch and with brown hair, according to a press release. He was reportedly driving an older long blue convertible. The car has rust spots and body damage.

Because of the victim's age, Sorem said it is difficult to tell how accurate of the description.

"The car sounds like a type which would be easy to spot," Sorem said.

Police said abductions are not reported often. In an alleged incident last month, the suspect turned out to be a neighbor down the street, Sorem said.

Beer drinkers: dig deeper

Costs force some bars to raise prices

From staff reports

Both local beer distributors are raising prices beginning Friday, causing some taverns to do the same.

Shakers owner Tony Boydston said he will have to raise the price of a glass of beer at least 25 cents and at most 50 cents. He said he didn't think it would have much of an effect on the number of customers frequenting his bar.

"There are only x amount of bars in Pullman," he said.

Bill Hubert, the owner of Players, said even though he's on the bad end of the deal, he can see the distributors' side.

"I would have raised beer prices a long time ago," he said.

Hubert said he'll hold out on raising his prices unless he starts losing money.

"The state's gotta make money, the bars have gotta make money — but all the drinkers want to save money," he said.

Todd Kurle, the manager of Frontier

Distributors, said he is raising his prices because of normal price increases from suppliers.

The manager of Hamilton Distributors said he just wasn't making enough money. He said the increase also is necessary to cover rising labor and other costs.

"I looked at where I wanted to be with my profit margin and plugged in prices," he said.

As a member of the Wholesalers Association, which gives state price lists at meetings, he said he is getting prices in line with others.

Night manager Jeff Tellinghusen of Safeway said he doesn't know if the store will raise its prices because the main office in Spokane dictates prices via computer.

Boydston said most of the extra money will go to the government through sales and income taxes.

"The bars aren't going to see much of it."

Affirmative action necessary, speaker says

By Serena Warren
The Daily Evergreen

Affirmative action not only increases the number of qualified candidates for a job, but lessens future discrimination, said Margarita Mendoza de Sugiyama, diversity program administrator for the Department of Labor and Industries.

Mendoza de Sugiyama spoke at the Women of Color Day Celebration Thursday afternoon.

"Each of us can be next (to be discriminated against) if we allow any group to be discriminated against," Mendoza de Sugiyama said.

Approximately 80 women and men from all walks of life came together to celebrate women of color and to listen to Mendoza de Sugiyama speak on affirmative action.

"Affirmative action is a legal responsibility," she said. "You have to work on good faith. It is a joyful struggle."

Mendoza de Sugiyama called affirmative action positive aggressive action. It increases the number of qualified workers to choose from, she said.

Affirmative action is a legal responsibility.
Margarita Mendoza de Sugiyama
Keynote speaker

"You can't tell me there are not enough qualified people for the job," Mendoza de Sugiyama said. "Affirmative action allows the pool to expand."

According to a report by the African American Commission, affirmative

action has benefited white male veterans, white disabled males and white women, Mendoza de Sugiyama said.

"People want to hire those most like themselves," she said. "Affirmative action makes you hire someone least like you."

Arguments to not hire people of color such as "they wouldn't fit in," or "they won't want to work here," are unfounded, she said.

Mendoza de Sugiyama encouraged others to help

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