YWCA pushes social change

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Students interested in educating others about social change may find the YWCA worth looking into.

ing into. "This campus sometimes seems extremely conservative," Lisa Basset, president of the YWCA student cabinet said. "The YWCA offers a positive way to bring about social change (on campus)."

The YWCA offers the opportunity for involvement in a variety of programs organized and presented by students.

The Hetero-sexism Awareness program is designed to educate the students and community about homosexuals and issues. It was a highly requested program last year, said Sue Douglas, YWCA executive director.

"We use skits to point out how we are biased in a heterosexual dimension and how this can be very intimidating to homosexuals when others would not even notice," Douglas said.

The Racial Justice program, which will also be carried over from last year, is a presentation about the elimination of racism.

"It is important that we continue to examine issues of racism daily in our lives," Douglas said. "It is not as popular in the media as it was in the 1960s, but while laws have changed, practices have not. Issues of racism have not been solved," she said.

As well as an understanding of the issues, understanding of people and their differences is important, said Traci Drake, YWCA second vice-president.

"Some people come here (to WSU) from different towns where maybe there was only one black person in their high schools," Drake explained. "Or maybe they have never met anyone who is gay. They are going to have a harder time relating to these people."

Both programs have been well received by WSU students and may be requested for use in classes, residence halls, and student organizations, Douglas said.

"Who we are: Relating to our lesbian/gay friends, relatives and selves" is a discussion group that meets each Sunday to discuss gay and lesbian issues.

Since 10 percent of the population is homosexual, most people know someone who is lesbian or gay, Douglas said. It is important that people become educated so that negative attitudes about homosexuals can be eliminated, she said.

The group is open to people who want to learn, whether they are gay or straight, Douglas said.

"We hope that many people will attend — particularly those who are straight so that they can gain a better understanding," she added.

Accessing the needs of the community and campus is important to the YWCA, Douglas said.

One program that does this, the Women's Network, meets the second Thursday of each month to discuss local YWCA activities, community needs, and how to better service those needs, Douglas said.

The Residence Council has the same purpose, but on a campus level. Representatives of each residence hall and sorority meet once a month to discuss the concerns of living groups.

For those who prefer involvement in educating younger people, the YWCA offers a tutoring program that places tutors in all levels of Pullman schools.

Volunteers are asked to commit at least one hour per week to the program. Applications are now being accepted.



Pear sale held today

The Horticulture Club will hold a pear sale 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. today on the Johnson Hall Loading Deck.

Half boxes and full boxes of Bartlett pears are available. For more information, call Ruth, 332-7316.

SAC meets tonight

The Student Alumni Connection will hold its first meeting of the semester at 6 p.m. today in Todd 105.

This is an important meeting for all old members and people interested in joing SAC.

Medical sign up to end.

The last day to enroll in the Washington State University student medical insurance plan this semester is Wednesday, Sept. 9.

Sign ups for the plan are at the Retirement and Insurance Office, French 232.

Aerobic class offered

The WSU YMCA is offering the Better Body Workout, a low impact aerobic class from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday at the Gladish Building, downtown Pullman.

The class begins Sept. 14 and goes for eight weeks. It is a high-energy workout for aerobic and muscle fitness, including warm-up, workout, floor exercises and cool-down.

Transportation from campus is available. The fee for the class is \$25, with a \$5 discount for WSU YMCA members. Call or visit the WSU YMCA, CUB 318, 335-3915.

Club to present slide show

The Alpine Club will meet at 7 p.m. Sept. 9 in CUB B11-13.

A slide show featuring climbs on Mt. St. Helens before the eruption and on Mt. Baker will be presented.

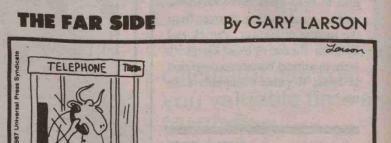
Sign-ups for the beginning rock climbing class are at the Outdoor Activities Program Office, CUB basement.

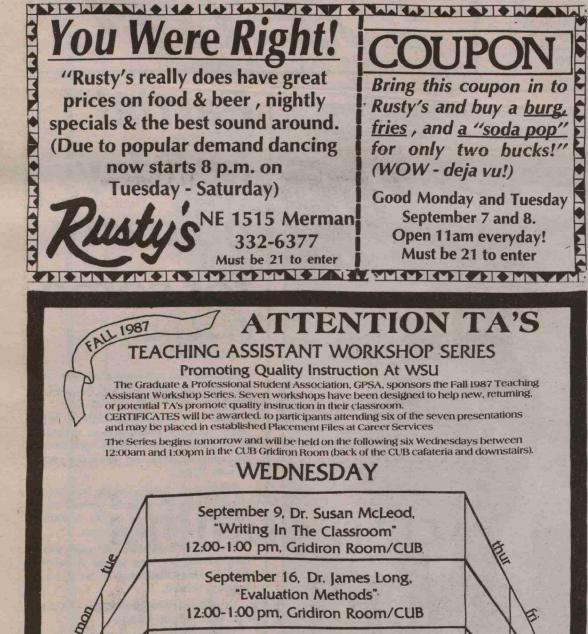
For more information, call Carolee Bull, 334-5959.

Correction

The Albert Collins show, featuring blues guitarist and Grammy award winning Collins, will be presented at 8 p.m. tonight in the UI SUB Ballroom.

The Friday Borderline incorrectly stated the show was free. There is a \$6 ticket price.





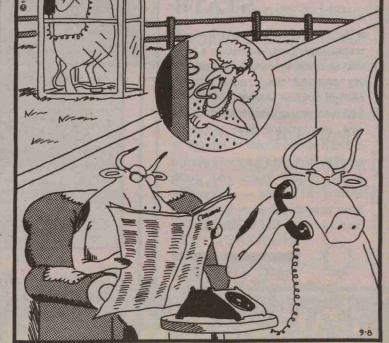
September 23, Helen Place "Preparing And Directing Successful Labs" 12:00-1:00 pm, Gridiron Room/CUB

> September 30, Dr. Jack Davis, "Instructional Media Services" 12:00-1:00 pm, Gridiron Room/CUB

October 7, Kathleen Smith-Meadows, "Classroom Culture" 12:00-1:00 pm, Gridiron Room/CUB

October 14, Dr. Robert Harder, "Questioning And Inquiry In The Classroom" 12:00-1:00 pm, Gridiron Room/CUB

The Graduate & Professional Student Association, GPSA Room 310 CUB 335-9545



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