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Departments finance travel, despite deficits

by Steve Massey
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WSU and University of Houston officials say they will not make money off their trips to Honolulu's Aloha Bowl this month.

Athletic departments at both schools are running deficits and may even lose money by flying 270 people each, including some administrators and family members, to a week-long stay in Hawaii.

WSU works with a \$400,000 athletic department deficit — and Houston amassed a \$3 million athletic department shortfall during the past three years, according to the Houston Chronicle.

"There's reason for everybody on the (travel roster) to make this trip," said WSU Athletic Director Jim Livengood. "I

feel very comfortable that the people we're taking deserve to go. The trip is not a reward, it's a working function."

In addition to airfare, most people traveling with the universities' official parties will have meals and hotel costs paid for.

Official parties include team members, coaches, coaches' wives, cheerleaders, administrators and some family members.

Although WSU athletic department officials said the university will spend \$500,000 on the trip — the exact pay-off for playing in the Aloha Bowl — UH officials are tight-lipped about travel plans.

"We don't know how many people we're bringing with us and I'm really not too interested in talking about it," said Rudy Davalos, UH athletic director.

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City Council

1989 budget is approved, increases by 34 percent

by Betsy Rogers
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The Pullman City Council unanimously approved a \$14.8 million budget for 1989 at its Tuesday night meeting.

The budget represents a 34 percent increase over the 1988 budget, due mainly to the \$2.9 million Pullman-Moscow Airport terminal project.

At roughly \$1.4 million, the police department budget represents the majority — or 33 percent — of the total \$4.5 million operating budget. The largest budget increase in the law enforcement division comes from the addition of a youth services officer to serve in the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) program.

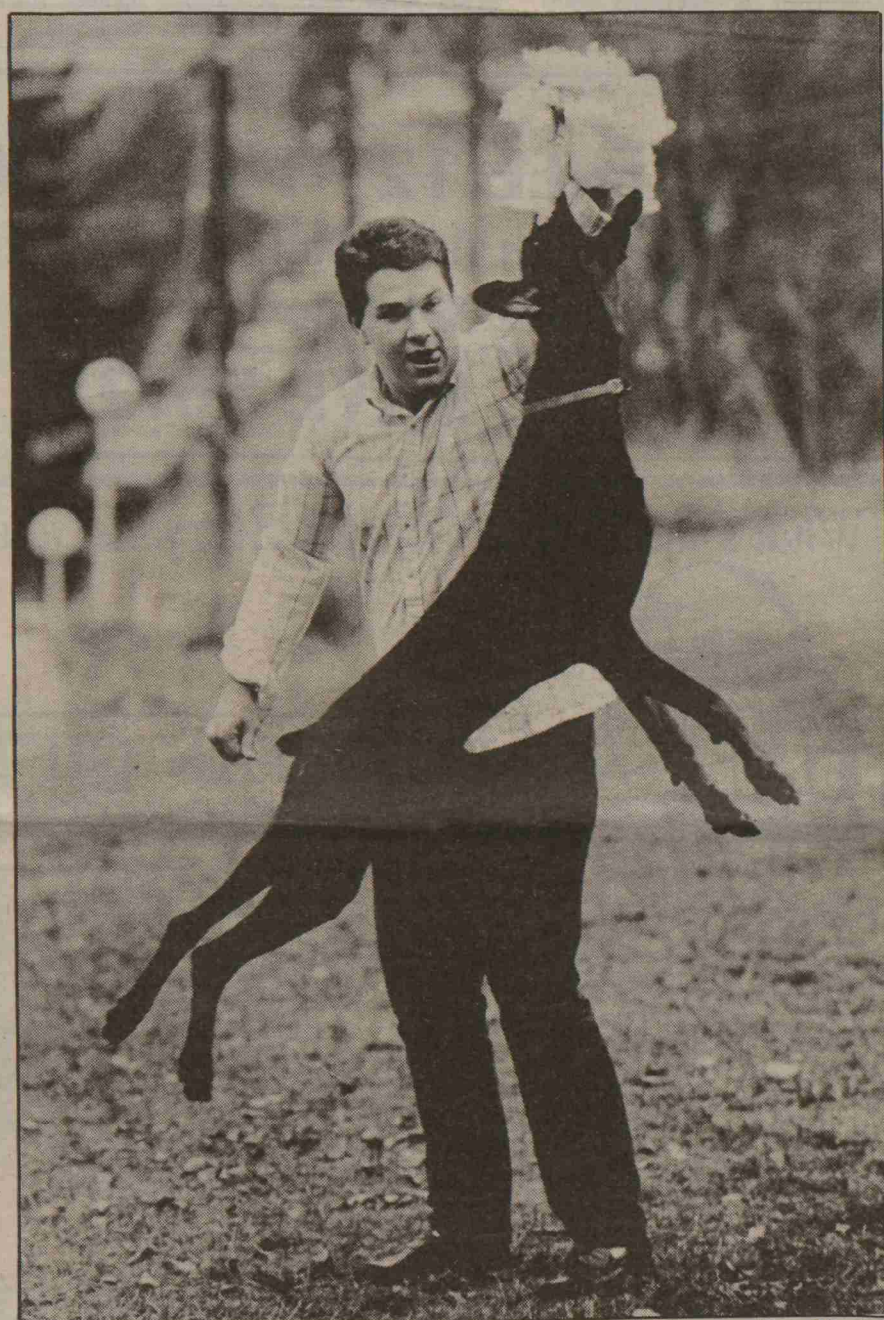
With the program, a uniformed police officer will teach children to resist peer pressure during 17 one-hour classes. The officer also will be available during recess so children may become more comfortable with law enforcement officials, said Police Chief Ted Weatherly.

"D.A.R.E. gives parents and youth a better contact with the police," he said.

Weatherly said the officer also will serve as a direct liaison between the schools and the police department. Although the council gave its go-ahead for the program, the Pullman School Board must also officially endorse the program, Weatherly said.

However, he said the school board is

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Maaxx-imum altitude

Ken Robison holds the remains of a pillow for Maaxx, neighbor Ed Savage's Doberman pinscher, on the lawn of the Phi Kappa Sigma house. Robison is a sophomore majoring in political science.

Gay organization offers support to students

GAYS & LESBIANS on Campus



Starts Wednesday

by Francine Strickwerda
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Gay student organizations have had more than their share of setbacks on the WSU campus, but maybe their time has come.

The Gay and Lesbian Association recently organized as a student group on campus — the first gay student group at WSU since 1986.

"It's really important to have a peer group on campus when

you are a minority, said G.A.L.A. president Mike Church. "A lot of people are coming out in college and need a place to go. It's really scary coming into a closed community like this."

G.A.L.A. faculty adviser Arnold Perkins said the group will provide resources and support not only for the gay community, but for the entire campus and town of Pullman.

"We'll try to provide some common ground where gays and straights can meet and try to get to know each other," he said.

Church was involved in a gay student organization at the University of Washington before he came to WSU this year. He said he was surprised to find WSU had no gay student group, and no one seemed to know about the off-campus group that exists.

When he called WSU's office

of Student Affairs for information, he was directed to University of Idaho. They told him about the Pullman YWCA, which offers the community a gay and lesbian discussion group and an awareness committee.

The discussion group, "Who we are, relating to our gay, lesbian relatives, friends and selves," has been attended by 40 to 50 different people this semester, YWCA President Eleta Wright said. The Heterosexism Awareness Committee gives presentations on heterosexism to the campus and community upon request.

Church said he was concerned about the lack of awareness on campus and was interested in starting a student group.

While the group is still in its fledgling stage, with only four membership cards signed, Church said he is optimistic.

Several members of the gay community have been involved with the group's progress. The Women's Research and Referral Center is letting Church use a desk in their office until the group finds its own office space.

Church said he is confident G.A.L.A. membership will grow.

"The community has been so closed and closeted for so long, it takes some time for people to feel comfortable. There is a fear of coming out," Church said.

Perkins said he is also optimistic for the group.

"This seems to be a year of transition. The new (gay and lesbian) students seem to be much more active simply because some come from areas with established gay and lesbian groups," Perkins said.

Church said G.A.L.A. may seek student Service and Activity

funding and ASWSU committee status in the spring, depending on the group's progress.

Currently no university funds are available to the group and G.A.L.A. members are trying to devise fundraising ideas. Church said they are concerned a straight person might not want to buy a product a gay student organization would sell.

"Would they want to be seen supporting a gay or lesbian group? It's part of educating the heterosexual community that they aren't 'guilty by association,'" Church said. Church said he also plans on contacting gay people's organizations to seek donations.

Perkins said the group will test the atmosphere to see if a funding request would fly on campus. Funding has caused gay student organizations the most trouble in

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