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Higher ed budget finalized

Out-of-state tuition raised 2.7 percent, funding increased

By Julie Frank
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WSU will receive funding for 984 full-time students at the Pullman campus and out-of-state students' tuition will increase in the fall, the Legislature agreed Thursday, WSU President Sam Smith said.

Out-of-state students will be paying about \$9,100 in tuition for the 1996-97 school year, Smith said.

The increase is an additional 2.7 percent increase on top of the 3.9 percent increase already planned for all students in the fall. Out-of-state students will be paying \$574 more for 1996-97.

Smith said WSU was neutral on the bill,

WSU funding

- Research: \$1.5 million for pesticide, wine grape; \$70,000 for marijuana
- Faculty pay raises snubbed, will come up in the next legislative session

which he feels negatively targets an important section of the student population.

"Any time there is a large increase over inflation, we're going to lose students," Smith said.

The president said WSU argued to keep tuition down and was successful in lowering the bill's original 20 percent increase to 10 percent.

UW was the main supporter of the bill, believing it will receive an additional \$1.6 million in revenue, Smith said.

Officials figured WSU will make only about \$140,000 from the bill since a majority of out-of-state students are graduate teaching assistants who receive tuition waivers, Smith said.

"It's not going to be a revenue generator," Smith said. "It will reduce the students coming in. It's not sensible."

Out-of-state students provide a good mixture of students for the college, Smith said.

"We don't want to become so isolated that only Washington residents are students," he

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Glass-thrower arrested

Christopher Patters' original intent during the WSU men's basketball game against the University of Arizona was to disrupt the game, police officials said.

He accomplished that goal on Feb. 29, but the 22-year-old WSU student now faces up to a year in jail and as much \$1,000 in fines on charges of reckless endangerment and third-degree assault.

Patters was arrested on Thursday after he confessed to throwing a glass saltshaker from the student section in Beasley Coliseum onto the court. He was booked in the Whitman County Jail.

The WSU student conduct committee will be reviewing the incident, and following an administrative fact-finding hearing, Patters' status as a student will be determined, according to a press release. Patters is a sophomore from Lacey, Wash.

"He was going to take a tennis ball and throw it," said Captain Mike Kenny of the WSU Police Department, "but he had a saltshaker instead."

Kenny said Patters brought the object from home. Patters was called into the WSU police station after another party came forward with information leading to Patters. During Patters' interview he confessed to throwing the glass object.

"I think his conscience was bothering him," Kenny said. "I don't think he had the intent of coming in on his own. The information from the other party helped him."

Athletic Director Rick Dickson said the sports department is relieved there is a resolution in the matter and is grateful no one was seriously injured.

The assistant sports information director at UA, Brett Hansen, was the only person hit by the saltshaker. He received minor injuries after the object bounced off Hansen's shoulder.

Seeing the light



Staff photo by Andrew Wong

Linda Allen, right, shares the stage with her daughters, Kristin and Jennifer, in an ASWSU CoffeeHouse performance. Their songs remember the struggles and celebrate the victories of women in a tribute to Women's History Month.

Ready for the home stretch

Tickets bask in Cable 8 spotlight

By Jeff Nusser
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After the Cable 8 Debate on Friday, each of the three ASWSU executive tickets have strategies for winning undecided votes before Tuesday and Wednesday.

"We want to get out and talk to students," presidential candidate Aleana Wixson said. "We're going to be just as visible as we have been the last few weeks. We want to get across to them what student government has done and can do for them."

Caires also wants to remain in the student spotlight for the remainder of the campaign. "We will be very visible on campus," he said. "We'll be out there to answer questions from those students who haven't made

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ASWSU hopefuls pitch plans to multicultural student groups

By Jeff Nusser
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Diversity has long been a central issue in the ASWSU presidential race, but the matter had not been explored until last Thursday during the multicultural debate.

A panel of representatives from various campus multicultural groups posed questions to the candidates, some of which were quite challenging.

Most of the questions focused around tangible plans each of the tickets plan to implement next year.

Each ticket was asked what it would do to increase access to disabled students, but only the Aleana Wixson/John Robinson ticket had a definite plan.

Wixson said she wants to mark a path on College Hill so disabled students know safe ways around campus, especially during winter, making it a priority clearing area.

Presidential candidate Matt Caires stressed making sure athletic facilities are accessible to disabled students; Bryan Burgmaier, the third presidential candidate, mirrored Caires' answer.

The candidates were asked what they would do to work toward diversity, but once again, only Wixson/Robinson had a definite plan.

Wixson proposed a race relations symposium, similar to the Murrow Symposium held annually by the communication

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Difficult life doesn't deter laughter

Comedian Kathy Buckley combines serious issues with comedy in show

By Fekadu Kiros
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Howard Stern: Would you marry a man with a disability?

Kathy Buckley: I would consider marrying you.

Hearing-impaired comedian Kathy Buckley said she wanted to show Stern the only disability is people's attitude.

It was a lecture disguised in comedy that had the 500 plus-member audience roaring with laughter in the CUB Auditorium on Friday night.

Buckley combined comedy with serious social issues such as ableism and racism.

Buckley, who received a hearing implant when she was 34, said the ignorance of how to deal with disability is even exhibited among people who deal with disability issues constantly.

An example she cited included a graduation ceremony at St. Louis Independent Living Skill Training. A blind man received a porno magazine as a graduation gift and a woman with Alzheimer's disease received Trivial Pursuit.

"Ask an individual what he or she wants," Buckley said. "Otherwise you are wasting time and money."

All her comedy routines are true stories, she said. She makes jokes only about herself, she said, although her life is no laughing matter. She has had to face several challenges in her life not related to her hearing impair-

“It is what you can do, not what you cannot do.”
Kathy Buckley
Hearing-impaired comedian

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