

# Senate funds speaker for Coming Out Week

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Coming Out Week at WSU will begin with a lesbian Chicana speaker whose speaking fee will be paid partly by ASWSU now that a bill allocating \$2,508 to the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Association (GLBA) passed the senate Wednesday night.

Gloria Anzaldua, a poet, writer, artist and speaker, will speak about her life and hold a forum on diversity.

"To pass this up would be a travesty," said Sen. Benjamin Riley, one of the sponsors of the bill. "Everybody can go to this. It's free."

Only one senator voted against the bill — Merrilee Schoenmaker. She said she "hadn't heard anything positive" about the bill from constituents with whom she had spoken.

When Schoenmaker said she could not support the bill because the GLBA sponsored it and said, "I don't want that (an event sponsored by the GLBA) influencing the identity of WSU students," members of the audience muttered.

"It affects all of us," said student Alison McLeod, adding the groups sponsoring Anzaldua are non-partisan. Organizations such as the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Allies program, the Lecture and Performance Arts committee and the Women's Resource Center are sponsoring Anzaldua.

"This is what we need her for is to educate," McLeod said.

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ASWSU senator

district there's not one lesbian, one gay, one Chicana, one Chicano, one black."

Sen. Brian Davis said he thinks the senate should pass the bill despite the disagreement within his own district on it.

"There is so much ignorance," he said.

In response to Schoenmaker's comments, Elizabeth Ramirez, a student at the meeting, said she had taken it for granted that the senate would represent her concerns but that she "really (didn't) expect anything from the senate anymore."

"I'm here to make you think," she said as she strolled in front of the senators. "I find it hard to believe that in each

"Instead of pointing fingers, why can't we just lend a hand?"

Listening to Anzaldua speak will help students discover more about their own identities, said Victoria Salinas, a Chicano/Latino student counselor.

Sen. Charmaine Harvey said she would like members of the Greek system to go.

"I think my constituents will be thankful (for this)," she said. "We have a problem with a lot of ignorance on this campus."

Riley said he had heard some of his constituents use the term "fag" to describe homosexual men and called their use of the word "appalling."

Anzaldua will speak on Oct. 7, the first day of Coming Out Week, at 7:30 p.m. at the CUB auditorium.

## Annual Cougfest concert features four free bands

*Seattle-area bands Jumbalassy, Supersonic Soul Pimps to headline*

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Some will dance; some will thrash; some may even crowd-walk. No matter how they choose to enjoy the concert at the CUB Ballroom featuring the bands Jumbalassy and Supersonic Soul Pimps, students won't pay a dime for the entertainment.

The free concert, Cougfest, will include two other bands as well — Man Ray and Svelt.

"He can move his stomach really fast; that's his big thing," said Ben J. Riley, a political science major, about the lead man of the band Jumbalassy.

Jumbalassy, a reggae band from Bellingham, is one of four bands performing at Cougfest Sept. 20.

All students body can attend the event, sponsored by ASWSU, the athletics department and Student Affairs.

Both Supersonic Soul Pimps and Jumbalassy have appeared before on Greek Row, said Jason Sturgill, co-chair of the ASWSU Entertainment Committee.

"They are no Pearl Jam, but they're great," Riley said. "Jumbalassy goes crazy on stage and has a Jamaican flavor to them."

Svelt, a three-piece rock 'n' roll band from Portland, Ore., and Man Ray, a band with the same record label as the group Everclear, also will play. Sturgill said.

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WSU students will be able to experience four quality bands for free before becoming too buried by school work, said Dick Magruder, program adviser of the entertainment committee.

After the success of Cougfest '95 when the band Sweetwater headlined, Magruder said he expected a good turnout this year. He said Cougfest will attract 800 to 900 students.

The bands perform at Cougfest because they think publicity through word of mouth is important, said Magruder.

The WSU lacrosse team, will provide security. Campus security also will be present throughout the night.

Cougfest will begin at 8 p.m. in the CUB Auditorium and end about midnight.

## ASWSU: Exclusivity questioned because only Greeks can attend

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had given money to many other organizations that could be considered exclusive to help pay for transportation.

When people discussed the bill at previous senate meetings, the two main concerns expressed were its alleged tokenism and exclusiveness. Only Greek students nominated by their chapters can attend the retreat.

At least two students brought up the exclusiveness of the event in comments they addressed to the senate.

The money from the bill will help pay for transportation to the retreat and for the hotel bill for one night for

two of the retreat facilitators.

ASWSU has given money to exclusive organizations in the past to help pay for transportation, said Sen. John Musella, the main sponsor of the bill. He passed out copies of a bill passed by the 1993-1994 ASWSU senate that allocated \$2,000 to provide transportation for a retreat exclusively for members of residence halls as an example.

Sen. Benjamin Riley said he voted against the bill because of the exclusive nature of the retreat since only Greek students could attend.

Sens. Riley, Juan Pablo Garcia, Ed Prince, Danielle La Fors and Andy Roberts also voted against the bill.

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