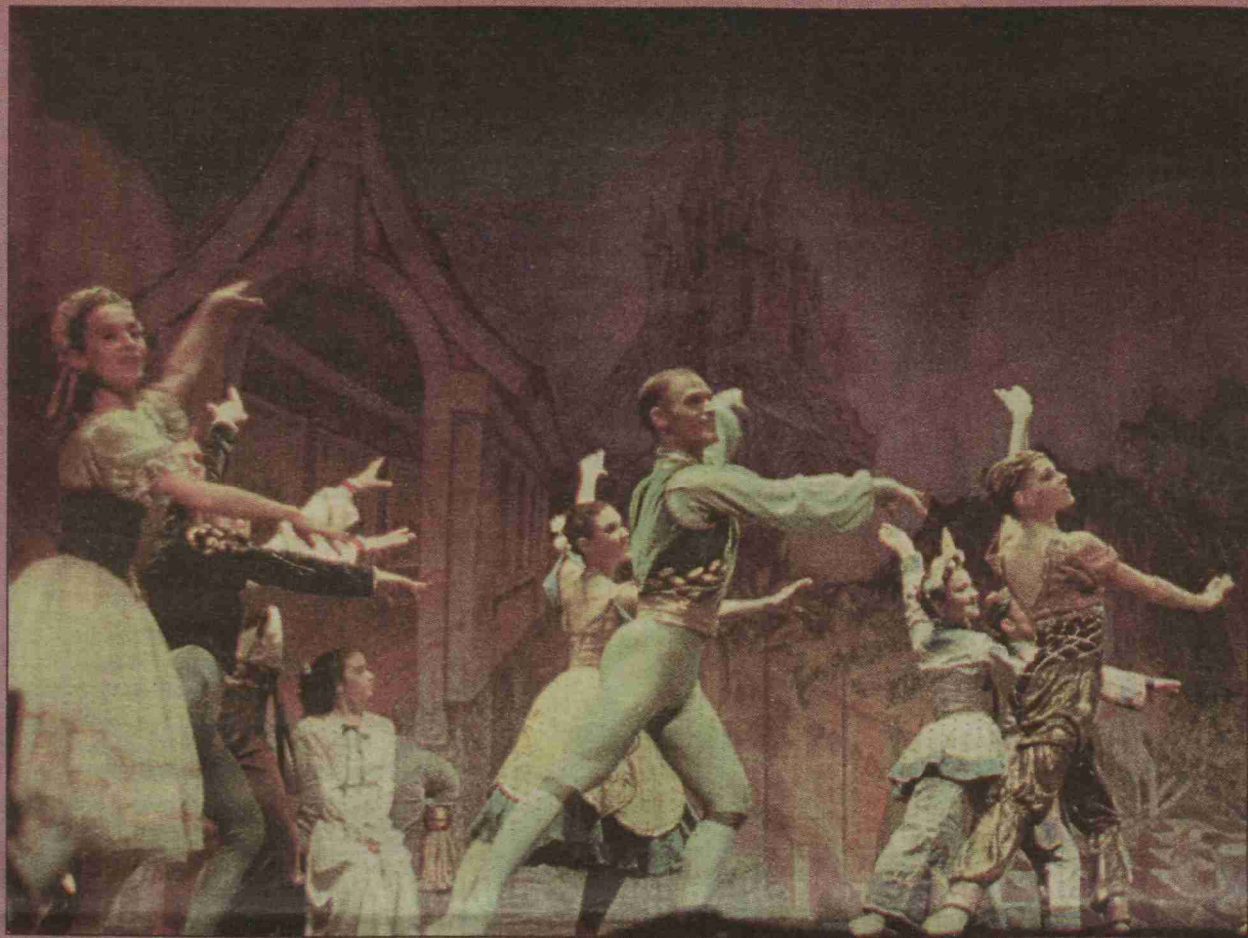


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Visions of Christmas ...



Staff photo by Andrew Wong

Members of the Eugene Ballet perform a Christmas favorite, "The Nutcracker Suite," Monday night in Lewiston. They performed Tuesday night in Beasley Coliseum.

Down to the wire

Senate to vote on GLBA committee status tonight

By Jeff Nusser
The Daily Evergreen

Preliminary indications show that a bill to recognize the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Association (GLBA) as a committee will pass the ASWSU Senate Wednesday night.

The Senate meeting, which will begin at 6:30 in the Cascade rooms in the CUB, will be open to the public.

Supporters and opponents of the GLBA bill filled the Cascade rooms Tuesday night to voice their opinion on the matter.

A poll sampling 10 out of the 18 ASWSU senators showed seven intend to vote in favor of Bill 25-26 and three are still undecided.

If the seven who already indicated "yes" hold true, only three of the remaining 11 senators who are either undecided or did not participate in the poll would need to vote for the bill to gain the needed simple majority.

• **Meeting**
The Senate will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the CUB Cascade rooms Wednesday

Of those who participated in the poll, most have made contact with their constituents since the introduction of the new bill a week ago. Reaction to it has been mixed.

Most senators, however, have received more indifferent responses than adamant support for one side or the other.

"Some people are being pretty vague about it, both yes and no," 1st District Sen. Jon McLeod said.

The original bill, Bill 25-11, which was found unconstitutional by the ASWSU Judicial Board in November, originally passed the Senate by a vote of 17-1. Those senators polled who voted in favor of 25-11 do not intend to change their vote, despite new opposition to the bill due to raised awareness from the recent Judicial Board ruling.

The lone "no" vote on 25-11 was cast by 10th District Sen. John Musella. Musella also filed the grievance which eventually led to the Judicial Board ruling.

Musella is still undecided about which way he will vote on the new bill, but concedes that he is still leaning toward voting against it. "I will go home and give serious reconsideration (to his original vote)," he said. "I want to do what's best for the students. If that means being the only one to vote no again, then so be it."

Some senators see it as an issue of making minorities feel like they belong and like they have a voice.

"We're all students here and we're all family here and we need to take care of each other since we're away from our real families," said 7th District Sen. Jose Gutierrez.

ASWSU pitches lighting plan

By Jerrel Swenning
The Daily Evergreen

Council hears arguments about improved safety

At the Pullman City Council meeting, ASWSU Chief of Staff Matt Caires presented a plan to improve lighting, sidewalks and street crossings on college hill and greek row costing more than \$46,000.

In front of a packed Pullman City Council Chambers on Tuesday night, Caires, members of the Interfraternity and Panhellenic Council and sophomore Heidi Stevens — who was attacked on greek

row last month — voiced concerns of safety.

"I am scared to go out at night," Stevens said describing her attack, in which she was hit in the head four times.

The Kappa Delta sorority member said if there would have been better lighting, she would have been able to give the police a better description of her nighttime attacker.

Panhellenic President Jenna Cushing said many of her constituents don't feel safe at night on greek row.

Dan Henderson, IFC President-elect, said the issue goes beyond greek students because many students travel these streets to and from class and campus.

The plan would improve poor lighting

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Avoiding stress is key to success

By Tracy Cutchlow
The Daily Evergreen

Stress: when it comes to finals, it's the first thing most students do.

It's the last thing they should do.

Stress affects diet, sleep and — in an especially cruel twist for finals week — memory.

"Ever walked into a test you studied hard for and

like a lock on a file cabinet; you can't get in."

Thompson offered relaxation techniques for the day of the exam: take deep breaths and go to the site early enough to be able to get comfortable.

To improve performance, "do simple addition and subtraction problems on paper," Thompson said. "It's a (cognitive) jump start."

Planning ahead is key to alleviating stress.

"Crash studying does not work," Thompson said. "You don't have time to shift things into the long-term memory."

Joe Hindman of the Student Advising and Learning Center (SALC) suggested students create a calendar "from here to the end of the semester" with their finals schedule.

Students should figure out how many pages of notes they need to study, then schedule review time each day, he said.

"The worst thing you can do is pull an all-nighter," Hindman said. "After 2 or 2:30 in the morning, students aren't learning anything."

"It's going in one ear and out the other. They may think they're learning but they're just fooling them-

Jennifer Wilson, a graduate student in zoology, examines Shauna Ball at Wellness Services. Wilson is a volunteer with the Peer Health Education program.

Staff photo by Jacques Plante



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Surviving Finals

were worried and nervous, then sat down and said, 'I know this stuff but I just can't remember it!'" asked Randy Thompson, Wellness Resource Center program administrator.

"The central part of your brain, the cerebral cortex, overloads during stress," he explained. "It's

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