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Bye bye!

Pullman's forecast for today is mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers. The high will be 54 F (12 C) and the low will be 38 F (3 C). The weekend forecast calls for little chance of rain until Monday with the highs in the 50s and 60s and the lows in the 30s.

Officials differ on bus expansion

"Don't push your system into early expansion," City Supervisor Larry Larse warned the Citizen's Advisory Transit Commission at its regular meeting Wednesday night. Residents on Sunnyside and

Pioneer Hills and the residence halls on the South part of campus have "been quite vocal" concerning service in their areas, Larse said, but to expand, the system will need another bus.

Since the south part of campus is the most densely populated area in town, with 4,400 residents in five square blocks, this area should be receiving bus service, according to Commission Member Mike Bevers.

These people are mostly freshmen without cars, he said, and therefore are "transit-dependent." To catch the bus, they have to walk one-half to one-quarter of a mile.

Last November, Pullman voters approved a 2 percent utility tax to support the system. At that time, there was a proposed route which went down Stadium Way past these residence halls, Bevers said. Since the system was convenient, 80 percent of the voters in this area approved the tax, he added.

The present route should be altered to go down Stadium Way to the Memorial Hospital and then to the Students Book Corporation, Bevers said. This time could be made up by eliminating the loop around Nye Street and Yates Street, he said.

The original route was altered for several reasons, Larse said. First of all, when a Spokane Transit driver tested the route, he found that the bus could not drive up Nevada in ice and snow. Also, there were turns in the route the bus could not make.

The original route could not be done in 30 minutes, Larse said. By Bevers' plan, the bus would fall behind schedule two or three minutes on each run, he said.

The Nye Street loop is necessary because the bus would turn left from Grand Avenue onto Stadium Way, and cannot pick up passengers in the left lane. With the loop, the bus can pick up passengers from the right lane and loop around onto Stadium Way.



—Rich Hamack photo

The Pullman Transit System is probably one of the best things that ever happened to the city. It seems that no one can beat the 15 cent bus fare considering the rising cost of gasoline and the campus parking problem.

GAC exploring options before it files lawsuit

The Gay Awareness Committee has not yet filed suit against the university concerning the ASWSU Assembly's acceptance of the referendum eliminating that committee's status and financial support.

However, GAC Executive Board Member Joe Caruthers said he is "fairly confident" a suit will be filed soon, with the backing of Pullman's American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU).

Before going to court the committee would like to go through "all the necessary actions" to show the courts it has exhausted all other resources, according to GAC Executive Board Member Phranque Sciamanda.

One step that will be taken is to ask for a "university judgment" from either President Glenn Terrell or Attorney Gen-

eral Lloyd Peterson to find out how the university feels about the assembly's decision and whether the university will back it.

Sciamanda said by going to court the GAC has nothing to lose and everything to gain.

"If the court decides in our favor, we (GAC) will be the only court-backed (ASWSU) committee," he said. If the GAC loses, it will be at the same point it is at now, he added.

Pullman ACLU member Sandra Russell stated the ACLU had already decided to "do what we can to support the committee." Whether that will include court backing will be decided in future meetings, she added.

ASWSU extends committee sign-ups for one more week

Committee sign-ups will continue an extra week for some ASWSU committees "to give more people a chance" Lynn Claudon, administrative assistant, said.

Lecture Artists, University Senate, Presidential Standing Committees and Faculty Evaluations are among committees planning on extending the deadline.

Committees such as Homecoming, Special Events and Entertainment will not participate in the extension. Over 60 students have signed up for 25 positions on the Homecoming Committee.

Claudon said she believes the fall com-

mittee sign-ups, which were done for the first time this year, had some impact on the number of students expressing an interest this semester.

"Over 1,000 people signed up last fall, which explains a lot. It's not an excuse, but it makes it easier to understand," she said.

Claudon said she hopes the new assembly will vote to revamp committee sign-ups for next year. She said she believes the sign-ups should be held in a more accessible place, such as downstairs in the CUB and should require more committee input.



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Foley will record KWSU radio show

U.S. Representative Tom Foley will be in Pullman today to tape a radio program at KWSU Radio and will go to a public meeting in Colfax tonight.

The radio program to be taped at 4 p.m. and aired Tuesday will be a discussion of

agricultural topics. Foley is chairman of the House Agriculture Committee.

The Colfax meeting is scheduled to start at 7:30 p.m. at the Public Service Building.

This is one of the opening scenes from "The Wiz" in the Coliseum Wednesday night. Lillias White starred as Dorothy, Jai Oscar St. John as the Tin Woodman, Bobby Hill as the Cowardly Lion and Garry Q. Lewis as the Scarecrow. Being an all-black show, it included black music from gospel to soul. The dance is essentially derived from black cultural traditions. (See story page 2).