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Death of woman possible murder

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Pullman Police are investigating the possible homicide of an 89-year-old Pullman woman found dead in her apartment Sunday.

Dorothy A. Martin, 1220 N.W. State St., Apt. 22, may have died around the same time as a reported burglary of the manager's apartment at the Statesman Condomium

apartment complex where Martin lived, said Sam Sorem, Pullman Police Sergeant Monday.

Keys to some of the apartments in the complex — including Martin's — were taken in a recent burglary, according to the Pullman police department. The burglary probably took place in the last few days, police said.

Sorem estimated Martin's time of

death at sometime in the 48-hours before her discovery at about 5:30 p.m. Sunday.

Martin was discovered dead after a relative who could not reach her by phone called an ambulance to her apartment, Sorem said. Police later arrived at the scene and began their investigation.

Pullman police called in the Washington State Patrol Crime

Scene Response Team (WSP CSRT) to further investigate the death and burglary, Sorem said. The team collected evidence from the two Statesman apartments Monday, including pieces of glass from a broken window to the manager's apartment.

Police have classified Martin's death as "unattended with suspicious circumstances." Although

they have not released any specific information regarding her death, homicide has not been ruled out, Sorem said.

"There are some circumstances surrounding her death which appear suspicious," stated a Pullman Police Department news release.

Martin's death "could turn out to

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Cherry for you, cherry for me



Staff photo by Andrew Wong

Balapin Fong (left) and Edward Lin pick cherry from the WSU cherry farm Friday.

Homophobia raging at WSU

By Brooke McKenzie
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The WSU commitment to diversity policy states, "The University, through its curriculum, programs and services provides understanding and supportive interaction among diverse population groups and respects individuals' personal values and ideas."

The administration has changed a few policies to incorporate the changing environment on campus.

The discrimination policies and WAC codes on campus have been revised and now state that people cannot be discriminated against based on sexual orientation.

Gus Kravas, the Vice Provost for Student Affairs declined to comment on what else was being done to combat homophobia on campus.

"Things are slowly changing on campus, and the administration is pushing for diversification beyond race and ethnicity," said bobbi bonace (sic), past director of the Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Association.

There has been a lot of conflict on campus regarding the GLBA such as the Gay, Lesbian, Transsexual and Transgendered Youth Conference,

which took place the first weekend in June; and the WSU mascot, Butch, marching in the Gay Pride Parade, said Cindy Gallagher, director of the diversity education program.

A study was done in February 95 regarding homophobia on campus called "Homophobia in Higher Education: The Climate for Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Students at Washington State University."

This study looked at the climate for these students on campus, and the results were sent to Ernestine Madison, the Vice Provost for Human Relations and Resources, said Valerie Jenness, lead author in the study.

Unfortunately none of the recommendations were taken and nothing has been done after the study, she said.

Although several calls were made to her work and home numbers, Madison did not return any of the calls.

"I don't like to jump to conclusions, but you realize in different situations that something isn't right, and you wonder if it is homopho-

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Vet school prof wins award

By Alice Thomas
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New teaching techniques established in the WSU School of Veterinary Medicine have led to national recognition for one WSU professor.

The Carl J. Norden Award for teaching excellence has been awarded to Systematic Pathology professor Steve Hines. This award is presented to the country's teacher of the year in Veterinary Medicine.

The 1996 graduating class at each of the 26 United States veterinary schools nominates for the Norden Award, these winners then vie for the national honor, Hines said.

"We really enjoy having Steve on the faculty," said David Prieur, head of the Department of Veterinary Microbiology and Pathology. "His only disappointment was not being allowed to try out for Butch."

Hines joined the WSU Veterinary School in 1989, and is now teaching the largest course in the department,

Prieur said. Systematic Pathology is a six-credit course required for every student in the program, he said.

The Pathology class is taken in the second year of the WSU program, Hines said. The class involves mostly case studies and pieces of dead animals as instructional sources, he said.

"He has gotten excellent student reviews," Prieur said.

Hines and his colleagues have begun a program of "diagnostic challenges," Prieur said. A case-based problem solving exercise, the veterinary students work through mock cases, trying to solve the problem without real animals, Hines said.

"It's a small-group exercise," Prieur said. "A very intensive discussion group."

Four or five students interview students, who act as owners, and schedule treatments for the animal,

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