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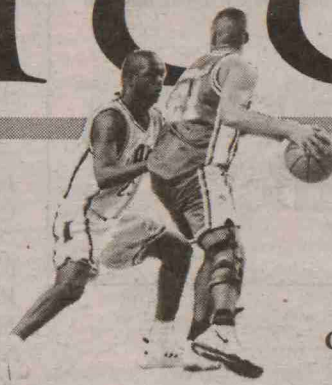
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Wounded library system denied money

BY STACEY BURNS
The Daily Evergreen

Some WSU library officials say these days they feel more like nurses bandaging bleeding patients than librarians developing their resources.

The university library system as a whole continually fights the financial war of both developing and retaining its journal collection.

The libraries' budgets do not increase enough each year to compensate for the rising costs of journals. Other universities across the nation are facing the same problem.

"It is a compounding problem," said Nancy Baker, director of libraries. "If we don't get new money, we cancel journals and don't buy new books."

Cynthia Kaag, recently appointed the head of Brain Education Library, just transferred from the front lines of the fight. In her former role as head of collection development for Owen Science Library, Kaag said she per-

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formed more triage than anything.

"What was discouraging about being over there was I felt like I wasn't developing a collection," Kaag said. "I felt like I was trying to keep it from bleeding to death."

Since 1981, Baker said, Owen Science Library has cut about one-third of its titles. The Veterinary Medical/Pharmacy Library has canceled one-fourth of its collection since 1990, said Vicki Croft, head librarian for the

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Director juggles fund cuts

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Baker

Budget time is one of Nancy Baker's least favorite periods every two years.

The director of the WSU libraries knows that when the biennial budget is finally released, she will most likely be forced to make more cuts to an already-depleted staff.

The time for budget cuts in the library system looms once again for Baker with the university and state Legislature in the middle of negotiations. Gov. Gary Locke's budget is due out any day.

The salary allocations for the 1996-97 year total more than \$4.1

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Same sex couple weds on mall

Mock wedding supports queer marriage rights

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Valentine's Day can be a special day for couples in love, including those in the homosexual community.

On Friday at noon, a mock wedding will be held on Glenn Terrell Mall demonstrating a gay couple's vows.

The gay community has always been an important issue in Pullman and at WSU, said Judy Meuth, adviser for National Organization for Women.

The event was an idea initiated by NOW and will be co-sponsored by the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Association and the College Democrats.

The three organizations have arranged this marriage in response to Bill HB1130, currently being considered by the Legislature, which would ban recognition of same sex marriages.

This means homosexual couples legally married in other states will not have their rights acknowledged in the state of Washington.

Many of the laws, such as tax laws involving couples, won't apply to them.

The organizations that are trying to express it is a couple's privilege to get married regardless of sexual preference.

"This is about people, not a moral issue," GLBA member Jenny Martin said. "It's about choice."

The main purpose is that people gain more awareness of this issue through personal experience, said Meuth, Martin and Lora Kreidler, president of the College Democrats.

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Event will be held on Glenn Terrell Mall, Friday at noon. Ceremony will be held in CUB Cascade Room if the weather is bad

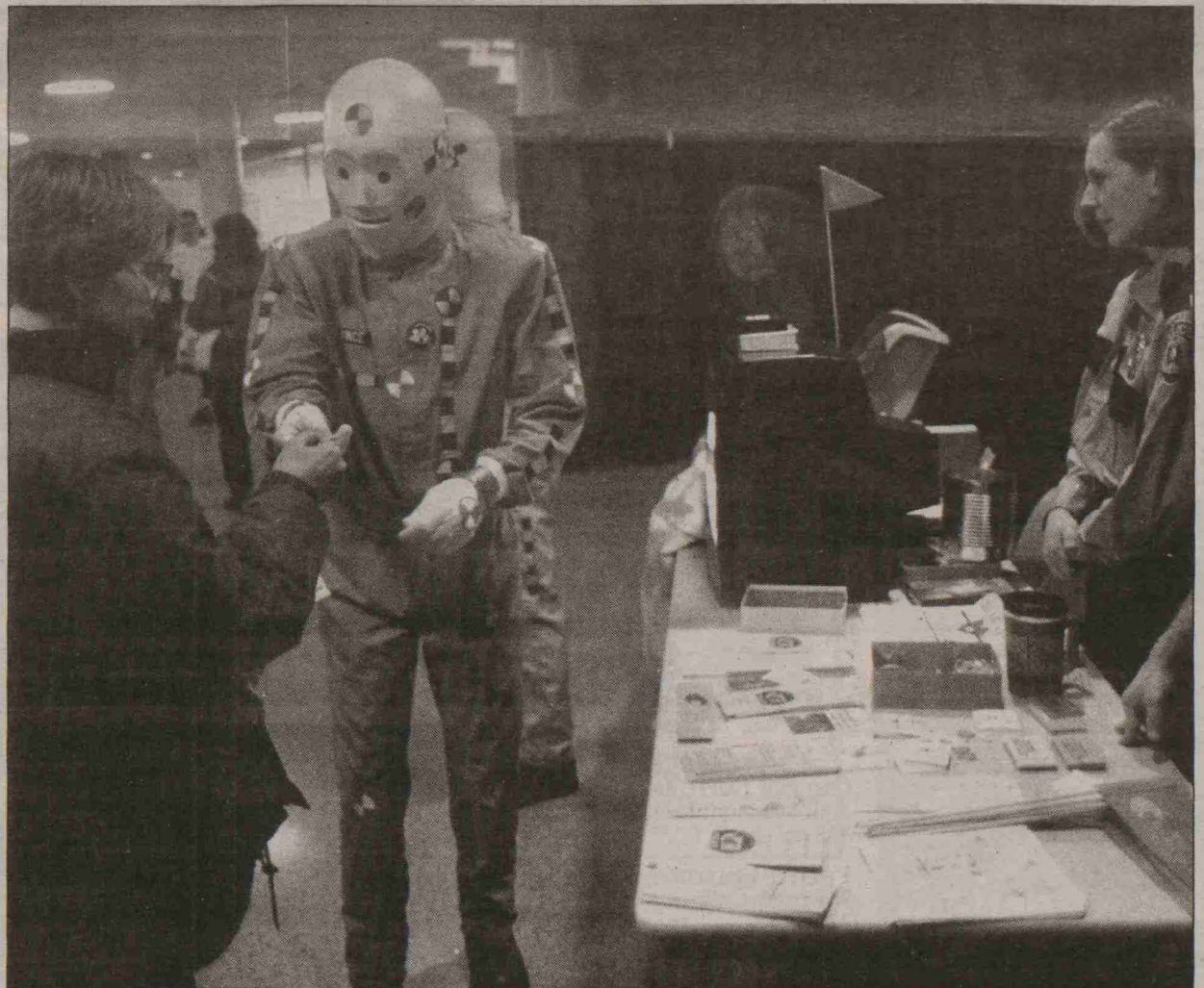
"We are not trying to push homosexuality onto people, but to recognize their civil rights."

LORA KREIDLER
College Democrats

president

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Don't be a dummy



STAFF PHOTO BY MICHAEL LEE

Mike Suprek and Brandea Hill, both seniors, and police interns work at a public information booth in the CUB on Wednesday. The booth, along with appearances from seatbelt safety mascots Vince and Larry, was organized to support National Seatbelt Safety Week.

False alarm causes evacuations

■ Steam sets-off CUB alarm

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Staff and students received a surprise Wednesday afternoon when they were forced to evacuate the CUB and sections of Holland Library.

Apparently, the false alarm was caused by water being used to wash off the loading dock of the CUB. When the water came into contact with the cold concrete, clouds of steam shorted out

the electrical system and set off the fire alarm.

In certain areas, the electrical systems of the CUB and Holland Library are connected, Capt. Ed Giovannetti of the WSU Fire Department said.

If triggered in those areas, a short fuse "will set off both alarms," he said.

CUB personnel plan to meet with WSU fire officials "to find a solution to prevent (such an event) from happening again," said Mark Hermanson, an interim assistant director for the CUB.