

OPINIONS

So who needs student government, anyway?

Throughout my three years in student government, I have always had people ask me, "What does student government do for the average student?" or "Why do we need ASWSU?"

My answer is, "Why do we need student government?" Who needs a group of students that lobby for tuition, give budgets to groups so this campus can have lectures, movies, and different sports groups not funded by athletics?

The common myth is that all members of ASWSU or all of the past ASWSU presidents have been political science majors. The honest truth is that in the four years I have been here only one ASWSU President has been a political science major. Jessie Harris was a history major,



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Guest
Commentary

Matt Caires majored in education and Neil Walker was a marketing major. I have been the only president during my years at WSU that has majored in political science, and I have no plans at this time to go into politics.

Who needs a group of students that you hardly ever see or don't know what they are doing for you. Many times when you don't see your student leaders it is because they are advocating for you behind the scenes, either in meetings with campus administrators or meeting with other student leaders at schools throughout the Pac-10 or statewide.

My job, for instance has two very different roles. The first role, of course, is to be out there with the students advocating on issues in the forefront. The other part of my job is very behind the scenes working with Regents, administrators and other student leaders.

Without ASWSU, there would be no one around to make sure that our \$40 million recreation center stayed in the hands of students. Taking on the task of working on a pro-

ject that has gone through three terms is very hard, because traditionally students have not had any institutional memory.

The men and women devoting their time to student government are often seen as resume builders who just do this to put it on their resume. I won't lie to you; in the three years I have been involved in student government, I have seen people who come into this office and do nothing, but really want it as a resume stuffer.

I also have had people come up to me and say how this job will look good on a resume. Trust me, with the amount of hours I put in working for the students, the last thing that is on my mind is how this looks on a resume. The hours are long and the thank yous are few, but I do this because I love WSU and I love the student body.

Student government is seen as a joke by some people because they do not know the amount of passion and energy working for the students takes. A good example of this is the ASWSU Executive Staff that Steve Wymer and I hired. These six people work harder than any

staff I ever have seen, and trust me, they take their jobs very seriously when it comes down to doing things for the everyday student.

Without ASWSU, who would lobby to make sure that tuition stayed low, who would give out budgets to our committees, which are the programming of student government and the backbone of ASWSU? Without ASWSU there would be no committees.

Above all, ASWSU is only successful when we realize that the students are our driving force and that if we don't wake up in the morning with the pledge to do better and find innovative ways to do things than we did before, then we are cheating the students. I wake up with that in my head every morning and so do several others that work in ASWSU. The students are my boss and I will represent them to the best of my abilities.

So why needs student government?
All of us.

Ed Prince is the president of ASWSU.

Letters to the Editor

Leave him alone

Editor:

I personally wish that they'd just leave the Clinton thing alone. Ross Perot made a good point that anyone in the military would immediately be court marshalled over such an incident — especially with the whole lying thing — but Bill Clinton is the guy who was elected.

So unless he's doing something that harms the nation, then he should be left to fill out his term in office.

Matt Brennan

Reader wants to know: Where's the "T"?

Editor:

I have noticed lately that the Evergreen is now referring to the GLBTA (Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgendered and Allies) as the GLBA.

Did the transgendered person graduate? What if we look real hard and recruit another one, will she/he be allowed in the club? Will the "T" be added once again?

I am certain there are other citizens of Pullman concerned about the missing "T." So please, remem-

ber Leslie Fienberg and his/her struggle for gender identity and once again call this great organization what it is.

Ian Gooldy

This Daily Evergreen brought to you by the letter T.

POLICY: Ignorance is no excuse

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should this disease spread to their livestock, up to \$5 billion could be lost. The solution: kill all of the Black Cajun pigs in Haiti without compensating their peasant owners. In the months that followed, 1.3 million such pigs were slain.

The damage caused is quite immeasurable, and it still has not been repaid. The native pigs were well suited to the environment of Haiti; the pigs that came from Iowa after the peasants cried out were not well suited and soon died without reproducing. This left the impover-

ished of Haiti with even less than they had originally, while the United States insured its own health and prosperity at the expense of the already extreme poor.

As citizens of the United States, we have a responsibility to keep the leaders of our government accountable in foreign as well as domestic affairs. We are all guilty of the injustices dealt to the already oppressed at the hands of Uncle Sam. Ignorance is no excuse.

Thomas Edgley will return your phone call if you leave a message at 335-1140.

MTV: People should rebel, wear what they want to wear

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vision says. Use your better judgment, not a fad.

At the homecoming lip sync, I noticed many of the lip syncs/skits were replications of current videos on MTV and the people who were in these skits didn't really need to dress up for them because the clothes they wore are the type of clothes they wear on an everyday basis.

Gone is the MTV I knew and loved. It's now filled with commercialism. Gone are the happy memories when all MTV used to do was show music videos and have people make up their own minds instead of using subliminal mind control. I want my MTV.

Amber Dumas will return your call if you leave a message at 335-1140.

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Employee Parking During WSU Home Football Games:



1. The CUB east lot will be closed to general parking Friday, Oct. 9 through Saturday, Oct. 10. Current disability parking spaces in that lot will remain available.
2. Wilson Road from Stadium Way to the CUB will be closed at 10:00 am, Saturday, Oct. 10 to general traffic.
3. Employee parking on the day of home football games is limited in the north and east part of campus.
4. General parking areas such as College Ave. mall, Alumni Centre parking, South Fairway parking, Seedhouse lot are all available to employees on a space available basis.
5. After kickoff, all Cougar Club lots are open except the Fine Arts Garage. Normal Saturday parking rules would apply.
6. Be aware that kickoff times vary. Consult your newspaper for the most current kickoff time.
7. If you have any questions or concerns, consult John Shaheen or Everett Angell at Parking Services, 335-9684.

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2. Additional disability parking will be available for game patrons on Wilson Rd. east of Stadium Way and in the Fine Arts Garage.
3. A disability parking permit, placard, or plate is required.
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