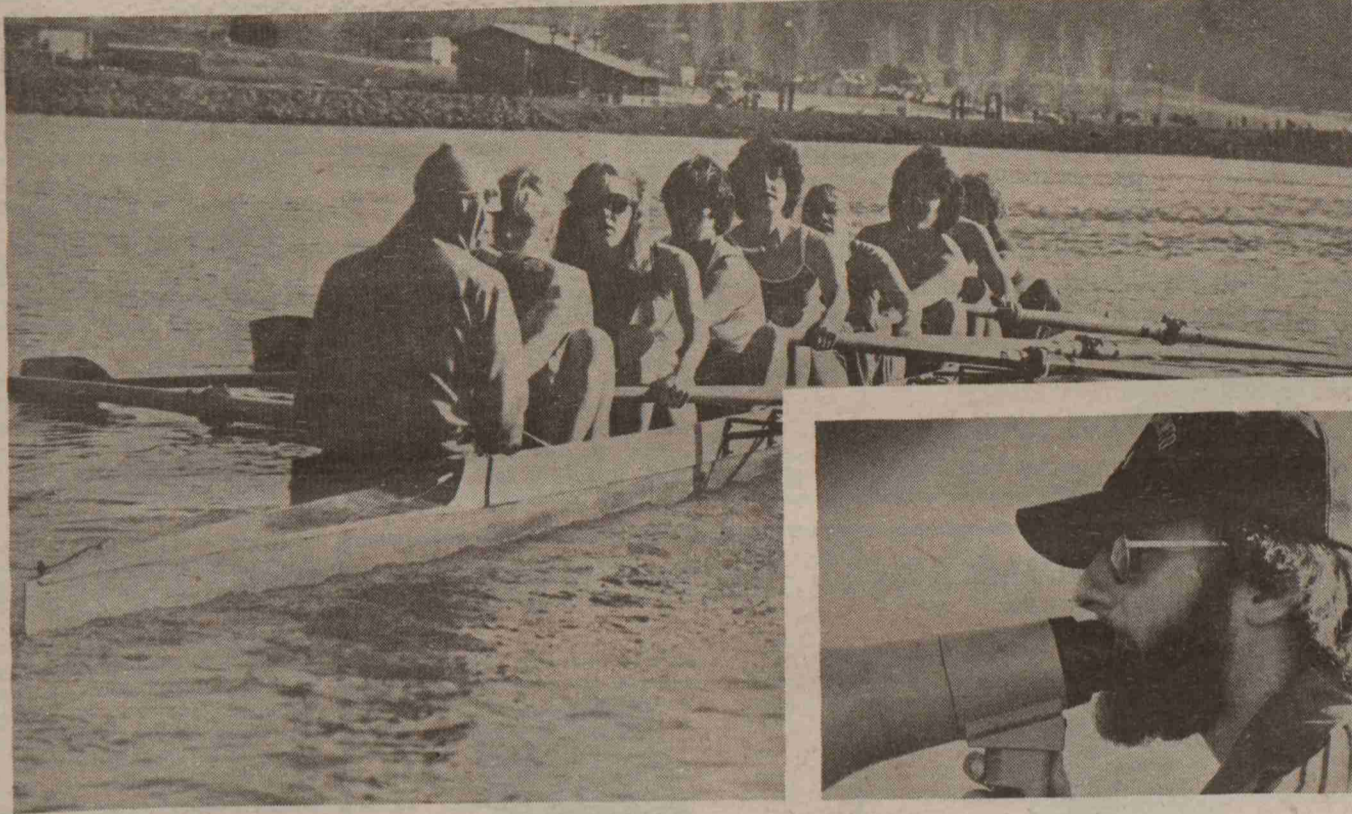


CLLOUDY through today with a few scattered showers. Chance of measurable precipitation will be near 40 percent. High, mid 40s; low, mid 20s.

# 300G shifted for women

## Hamel says no departments hurt



Evergreen/Suki Cates

STROKING down the Snake River at Boyer Park are these members of the crew team while Gene Dower yells instructions. The crew team is not a varsity sport but gains most of its monies from donations and

activities. The squad has won two national titles in the past two years and fields both a men and women's team. Coach Ken Struckmeyer often uses his own monies for team financial support.

The university used \$300,000 set aside for academics to finance women's athletics, said Joe Hamel, assistant vice president of business and finance, in response to allegations of misuse of state funds.

Although University President Glenn Terrell said he was "not prepared" to comment, Hamel said the \$1 million set aside for women's intercollegiate athletics over the biennium had the approval of the State Legislature and the money is not being siphoned off from other departments.

"About \$300,000 of the \$1 million went to the women from the state," said Hamel. "The other \$700,000 is in an account for women's athletics and it is no secret that it's there." According to a story in Monday's Lewiston Morning Tribune, money from engineering was shifted to fund entertainment sports.

"Entertainment sports usually means men's football and basketball, which are self supporting," said Hamel. "The money was really given to women's athletics."

Hamel said the money was allocated from the academic budget, but it did not come from engineering.

Engineering is underfunded because humanities and social sciences are overfunded, said Hamel.

"Students have switched departments. The university has a lag in its response time and that is the real problem," he said.

But an engineering professor who said he would "deny it" if he was quoted by name said, "you know something funny is going on when the legislature appropriates 68 percent funding for us and we end up with 48 percent."

Sam Jankovich, director of athletics, said money has been diverted to comply with Title IX. "No funds have been received by the athletic department for the benefit of men's programs," he said.

Jankovich said \$150,000 was diverted from another fund to make up for what the men's programs gave to the women's program, but he did not know what the other fund was.

"It would have to come out of all academic departments, not just engineering," said Glenn Oman, associate athletic director.

Both Jankovich and Oman said they could not understand why the engineering department was being singled out.

Hamel said "for the sake of sensationalism" the story in the Tribune pinpointed athletics.

In yesterday's Seattle Post-Intelligencer, Representative Rod Chandler, R-Redmond, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee said, "It's fair to say when we appropriate money for instructional costs then we expect that's where it's going to go, and if they need money for women's athletics then it ought to be asked for in that form."

# Fair housing ordinance garners Council approval

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CITY—With the addition of one amendment, the city council last night passed a fair housing ordinance, 5 to 2.

The ordinance is designed to prohibit housing discrimination on the basis of sexual preference or orientation, age, handicap or marital status.

The amendment, proposed by council member Bill Marler, would allow landlords to discriminate against persons wishing to reside in a dwelling inhabited by the landlord.

Council member John Cook said he voted for the ordinance because of what one landlord, an opponent of the ordinance, told him.

"He said he could tell if a person was homosexual by simply looking at him," Cook said. "I couldn't see a person discriminated against on those bases."

Council member Bill Gaskins, who voted for the ordinance, said he found that the majority of Pullman citizens favored the ordinance.

"Civil rights are guaranteed to every individual, and without laws we would have chaos," Gaskins said.

Council member Robert Koppe, voting against the ordinance, said the ordinance removed the ability of the Fair Housing Commission adjudicate in cases it finds to be discriminatory.

He added that those persons who were discriminated against and lost their case would have no protection.

Currently, the commission makes rulings on the discrimination based on marital status and sexual preference or orientation, which are not protected by the state Human Rights Commission.

Mayor Pete Butkus said he had been asked to veto the ordinance if it was passed by the council.

"I will not veto the ordinance," Butkus said. "In fact, I will be happy to sign it tomorrow morning (today)."

Packed to capacity, the council chambers was the scene of a limited public debate about the ordinance.

Proponents argue civil rights should not have to be debated. Most of them argue

persons either perceived as being homosexual or who are gay need the law's protection.

"The business of the renter is not the business of the landlord, as it is not the business of the grocer, the baker or the haberdasher," said one advocate.

One opponent, generally affiliated with one of the community's fundamentalist churches, argued the city would be approving of the "sin of sodomy."

Another opponent of the ordinance, who said he was a law student, said he was concerned about the ordinance because it would be setting a new precedent which would have far reaching effects.

He added individual cases should be decided by the courts.

The effect of the new fair housing ordinance will put the city out of the business of enforcing its fair housing code, forfeiting the power to the state.

The commission will continue to exist as a mediator between tenants and landlords.

The Council conducted executive sessions before and after the special meeting.

# Handicap bus revisions draw only 1 person

CITY—Only one citizen, a blind university student, attended a public hearing of the Pullman transit Monday night to express his views on bus revisions regarding handicapped persons.

James Eccles said he was disappointed at the turnout, but felt it his duty to act as a spokesman to make buses more accessible for handicapped people.

The WSU Advisory Committee and representatives from local handicapped services have given input at two previous hearings.

Federal regulations require at least one-half of the peak hour bus fleet to be composed of accessible vehicles. Pullman's peak hours are from 7:30 to 9

a.m., after public school dismissal and again from 4 to 5 p.m.

The current fleet consists of five buses, three of which will be made wheelchair accessible under this plan. The transit system has proposed buying two wheelchair-accessible dial-a-ride vehicles for use during peak hours.

The goal of transit system officials is to replace all current buses within the next six years and at least a pair will be replaced within the next two years, said James Hudak, director of Public Works.

He said he thinks the transit system can meet that goal.

Revisions in the transit system's operations will begin with new hours March 15. Hudak said hours will be shortened both for the dial-a-ride and Saturday fixed routes.

Some program policies and practices will be added to the existing ones.

Bus shelters and stops will be free of nearby obstacles, with curb cuts at necessary stops for wheelchair access.

Transit personnel are trained in handling all passengers, including the visually, auditory and mobility impaired, said Hudak.