

More recall petitions pulled by backers

by Jay I. Dexter

Robert Booth, who last Friday filed petitions to recall six ASWSU Assembly members and ASWSU Vice President Vann Snyder, last night declared his intent to withdraw the petitions.

Booth also filed a referendum which will ask student voters if the ASWSU Gay Awareness Committee should be funded and whether it should retain committee status. Booth said the referendum will remain on the ballot.

Marshall Houston, co-sponsor of a recall petition against Assemblymember Susan Meyer

(District 6), said he also intends to withdraw his petition.

Since last Friday, recall petitions have been filed naming a total of 13 assemblymembers and Snyder. Throughout this week, however, petitions were being withdrawn by their sponsors.

Two recall petitions remain, one against assemblymember Dan Pierce (District 4) and the other against assemblymember Ginger Williams (District 9).

Booth indicated those petitions will also be withdrawn.

In a statement, Booth said the

petitions were being withdrawn because, "the petitions have served to bring attention to the issue and to alert the representatives to the fact that they must be responsive to the desires of a majority of their constituents."

"However, since the wishes of the majority of the students can now be realized through referendum, the recall issue is a moot point which will only serve to polarize the student body."

"We therefore withdraw our recall petitions. We believe that an atmosphere of confrontation and its resultant tensions will distract from the more important issue which is that no government should have the right to aid in the discrimination of any style of life."

Booth added the proper forum for the discussion of lifestyles is

outside of government.

Besides Snyder, Booth had named assemblymembers Karen Sticklin (District 8), Colleen Johnson (at large), Larry Beck, Kim Deering and Jay Matsen (all off-campus) in recall petitions because of their support in funding the GAC.

Regarding the petition withdrawal, Snyder said, "I appreciate the drop of the petitions because" now the ASWSU government can work on issues such as numerical grading, the tuition increase and collective bargaining for professors.

He said, while trying not to antagonize anyone, the withdrawal "says something about the petition sponsor's commitment."

"This recall and referendum through has met the goals of the GAC and ASWSU by bringing attention to the fact that there are homosexuals on this campus who 'want to come out of the closet'."

"They are individuals who deserve the rights and liberties anyone else enjoys," he said, adding, "if the referendum passes, it will represent a loss to the students."

Concert tours missing Pullman, other NW points

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For example, Kenny Loggins was available for three dates here, but all of them were previously filled, so Loggins will be in Spokane instead. "Losing that one really hurt us," Oliver said.

And still other bands that have recently been in the Northwest, such as the Commodores and Queen, simply have not been available. "We were told the Commodores had to be booked a year in advance," Oliver said, "and Queen had no open dates."

Oliver said the inability to get concerts to WSU has him feeling depressed and morale on the PAC is down, but they are still

trying to keep on top of the tours as they unfold, to get bands to WSU.

Colleges all over the Northwest and the country are having the same problem as the PAC, Oliver said. Many bands have quit their tours early and the Northwest is usually the area dropped off the schedule.

By spring semester, the concert situation should be looking up, he said. Earth, Wind and Fire, Billy Joel and Boston will all be on tour.

One year, the PAC held eight concerts, and seven of them were during spring semester, so the PAC has not given up hope, Oliver said.

Future up in air for annual Bookie dividend

by Brent Siewert

Should ASWSU receive an annual dividend from the Student Book Corporation or should the money be used to increase the discount on textbooks and general school supplies?

That question is still up in the air, despite Bookstore Board action Nov 8 to allocate the \$30,000 to ASWSU. The proposal must be brought before the Board of Regents before any formal action on the allocation can be taken.

But the board was sharply divided on the question at its monthly meeting. While a majority of the board approved of the ASWSU dividend, board member Kenneth Kardong, assistant professor of zoology, said the money should not be channelled outside of the bookstore.

The money would be better spent by increasing the discount on textbooks and general supplies, according to Kardong. The \$30,000, if used to increase book and supplies discounts, would amount to an increase of about 1

percent, compared to the current 7-percent discount, Bookstore manager David Cooper said.

"I think we're linking the financial success of the ASWSU with the fate of the bookstore. It diverts the profits from educational purposes to another association," Kardong said.

The increased book discount would affect more students than the current dividend policy, he said. "Students are required to buy textbooks, but they are not required to participate in ASWSU," he added.

ASWSU Budget Coordinator Mikal Thomsen challenged Kardong to find "one student not affected by ASWSU. Board member Matthew Carey, CUB manager, agreed with Thomsen, saying the increased discount idea was "preposterous."

Kardong countered that most students are unaware of the dividend and said a poll of student opinion should be taken on the issue. That measure failed as well.

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