

Local Briefs

◆ Attention Democrats! The WSU College Democrats will hold an informational meeting on Wednesday, July 24, at 7 p.m. in the Koinonia House. We will discuss plans for the coming year.

◆ Until July 19, the A and D Pullman Transit Routes will be detouring off Spokane Street. A-Route will turn left at the Coliseum and go south on Stadium Way to Main Street, it will travel Main through the downtown area, and return to the Transfer Site. A-Route bus stops on Stadium Way are at Martin Stadium, Stadium Way and College Avenue, and the stop just above the hospital. D-Route will go north on Opal Street, turn right on Colorado, turn right onto Thatuna, and stop at the Bookie. The bus will then go west on Campus Street to Opal Street and proceed to the downtown area, and resume its normal route. For more information call Pullman Transit at 332-6535.

◆ Find out your hypnotizability level. The **Attentional Processes Lab** is looking for volunteers to participate in their hypnosis research. Call 333-6226 for more information.

◆ Please remember: All curricular changes need to be submitted by 1 October to be included in the next WSU Catalog.

◆ Come to the **Museum of Art** on Tuesday, July 23, from 7-9 p.m. Our docents will be on hand to discuss the summer exhibition, "From Sea to Shining Sea."

◆ **WSU Men's Rugby** is practicing and playing "Summer Sevens" every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 5 p.m. at the Rugby pitch behind French Ad. For more information call Mike at 332-5054. No experience necessary.

◆ **Student Computing Services** — Summer 1996 Open in two locations to serve you — Stephenson and Todd labs. Come by to see hours that we're open. Server pass \$30. Hourly \$2. Sorry, no refunds on summer server passes.

◆ **World learning**, a respected leader in the international exchange field, has a few international persons interested in being placed for homestays with individuals and families in the Pullman/Moscow area. If you would like to participate or for additional information call Jana Lien at 332-5702.

◆ **3 Forks AA** group meets Mondays at 8 p.m. and Fridays at 7 p.m. downstairs at Simp. Meth. Church 325 NE Maple.

Day camp focuses on the history of pioneers

By Jennifer White
Contributing Writer

An unusual summer camp teaches children the history of the pioneers of the Palouse country.

Palouse Pioneer Day Camp, sponsored jointly by Whitman County and Pullman parks and recreation departments, holds activities following a different theme each year at Klemgard Park.

"This year the camp is focusing on the pioneers' experiences while traveling the Oregon trail," said Chrisana DesJardin, camp director.

"Everything we talk about explains how pioneers use it and why they use it," DesJardin said.

The day camp, created for children going into the first through fourth grades, includes activities such as planting lettuce, learning survival skills, building fires, constructing a shelter, going on nature hikes, quilting, making lanterns and candles and writing plays depicting the pioneers, DesJardin said.

"The children have a chance to experience what the pioneers went through," she said.

The camp began on Monday and continues through Friday. The campers' travels include field trips to WSU to visit the planetarium and the nature science museum.

Thursday night activities consist of a camp-out at Kamiak Butte in which parents attend the camp potluck and the children present plays they wrote depicting the pioneers' experiences, she said.

After the parents leave for the night, counselors plan to take the campers on a night nature walk, DesJardin said.

"The children will have a chance to experience a different perspective of nature with all the stars out," DesJardin said.

Lisa Cartwright, former Palouse Pioneer Day Camp Director, encour-

aged her two children to attend.

"I think the camp is important," Cartwright said. "I like the emphasis on the history."

Her children learned history while having fun, she said.

"My children wove mats, listened to Native American stories and churned butter and ice cream," Cartwright said.

"The camp never pushed the children into doing something they didn't want to do," she said. The camp provided alternative activities, she said.

Janet Foley heard of the camp

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Chrisana DesJardin
Pioneer Day Camp director

through Cartwright, a friend. "I decided to allow my oldest to attend the camp with a friend," Foley said.

Recommendations for the camp traveled down through her children, Foley said. All three of the Foley children have now attended the camp.

"My youngest, Josh, only has one more year left to attend the camp," Foley said.

The camp has been a positive experience for her children, she said. "My children have enjoyed meeting new kids from around the county and look forward to camping out on Thursday night," Foley said.

"I enjoy the environmental and historical aspects as well as the good

counselors and organized activities," Foley said. "The children learn good things while having fun."

"The camp is a good interim for the younger children before they attend the older, sleep-over camp," she said.

The camp runs for three weekly sessions. The second weekly session remains reserved for children with special needs. Children may only attend one session.

Campers board the bus at 8:30 in the morning and return at 4:30 p.m. each day. The camp provides transportation from either Pullman or Colfax.

"The parks departments in both cities have leased a bus and driver for the camp," DesJardin said.

Counselors, responsible for 10 children, rotate through the activities with the groups.

"The counselors form a special bond with their group," DesJardin said.

DesJardin, a graduate in elementary education, oversees the counselors and group activities.

Counselors of the camp include teachers, future teachers, a high school student and a Boy Scout, she said.

The camp allows for 50 campers each session. Thirty-five attend from Pullman and 15 from Whitman County.

One complaint comes from parents living outside Pullman and Colfax.

Both Foley and Cartwright agree it is sometimes hard to coordinate rides to Colfax to catch the bus in the morning and meet the bus in the afternoon.

"Certain years, the weather didn't cooperate and it rained off and on during the week," Foley said. "But that didn't stop the kids from having fun."

Butch: Mascot's presence stirs some

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good image. It was not in the best interest of the university."

Tina Krauss, who was standing next to Butch in the photograph, said she did not expect any of the controversy.

"I think this is the university's way of showing their diversity," Krauss said. "The march wasn't

really political."

Former GLBA program director bobbi bonce (sic) said Butch was joined at the parade by several heterosexual sorority members who taught marchers the Cougar fight song.

Ruling gives state authority

OLYMPIA (AP) — Environmentalists were pleased while farm and business interests were upset by a state Pollution Control Board ruling affirming that the Ecology

Department has power over access to groundwater.

The decision Tuesday rejected appeals by about 150 parties whose water rights applications were denied by the department this year. It sets the stage for trials before the same panel on the specifics of each case.

The possibility of appealing the decision in Thurston County Superior Court will be discussed Thursday, said Thomas Pors, a lawyer for the applicants.

"The inevitable result is that there will be practically no more water rights in Western Washington," Pors said.

"It will make areas of the state noncompetitive as locations for

new industry and residential development," he said. "It will create a new class of haves and have-nots — those that have water rights and those that don't."

Rachel Paschal, director of the University of Washington's Center for Environmental Law and Policy, said the decision would keep rivers and streams from being sucked dry by overdrilling and excessive use of wells.

"The people of Washington state have a profound interest in protecting in-stream flows in our rivers and streams and in having clean water for drinking, swimming and fishing," Paschal said. "The board has recognized the paramount importance of the public's use of our state water resources."

Treaty Indian tribes also were pleased with the decision, the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission said.

"This ruling provides an important tool to protect fish and wildlife habitat and water quality," said commission Chairman Billy Frank Jr.

"It protects in-stream flows for fish as a priority right and provides improved protection for fish habitat and water quality for all residents of the state."

Many of the applications were denied on grounds that surface water now falls short of streamflow goals.

Applicants argued that to deny applications, the department should have to prove that a well would significantly impair a stream.

Instead, the board said the department need only show that groundwater and surface waters are connected. Communication was denied because the Green Running lower than the target level.

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