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# New GLBA director in 'dream job'

*Leader chosen after search lasting months*

**Huskey said she looks forward to the diversity at WSU.**

BY KEARSTEN HOLMDALE  
*The Daily Evergreen*

After months of searching, the new director of the GLBA program was found just across the border. Beginning Feb. 24, Melynda Huskey, a University of Idaho professor, will begin her duties as the director of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Allies program at WSU. Huskey said the opportunity to work with gay and les-

bian students is her "dream job."

She said she always liked and wanted to go to school at WSU, but the out-of-state tuition kept her from doing so.

Huskey said she looks forward to the diversity at WSU, which she finds lacking at UI.

While getting to know the students and allies of the GLBA is a top priority of Huskey's, she also plans to start an alumni group connecting graduate students with members of the GLBA.

In the long run, Huskey said, she would like to see the GLBA center and program become "a vital part of the scholastic enterprise of the university."

An honors graduate in English from UI, Huskey also has a doctoral degree in English from Ohio State Uni-

versity.

She is an English professor, a member of the Grievance Board and active with the Women's Center at UI.

Huskey also is involved with the Inland Northwest Gay People's Alliance, Phi Beta Kappa, American Folklore Society, Modern Language Association and the University Continuing Education Association.

She was a professor at North Carolina State University, where she founded a board that improved the status of English Department lectures there.

Since 1994, Huskey has been the director of the Independent Study in Idaho Program at UI.

The program is a network of five colleges and universities in Idaho to provide undergraduate and graduate credits through correspondence.

*Cradling human nature*



**Woyzek, an experimental play about human nature, lust and murder, is playing at Jones Theater Wednesday through Friday.**

**Tickets are \$2 for the performance, which is for mature audiences.**

**Danae Williams plays the lead character, Marie; Molly Beyer, left, plays the village idiot.**

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## Survey planned for rec center

**Meetings with focus groups began last week**

BY STACEY BURNS  
*The Daily Evergreen*

The possibility of an on-campus recreation facility moves closer to reality this week as two national consultants gather information to begin a telephone survey of faculty, students and staff.

The survey, aimed at primary population groups at WSU, focuses on developing a clearer understanding of the financial support for the project.

Organizers hope to begin the survey next week.

WSU officials said a recreation facility might include basketball, racquetball and multi-purpose courts, pools, an indoor running track, a health bar, a weight room and a cardiovas-

cular room.

Paul Brailsford, president of Brailsford and Dunlavey, and Jeffrey Turner, a project associate, will compile the information from the telephone survey for evaluation by the university's Recreation Facility Committee.

In addition, the consultants will provide the committee with a financial analysis of the project.

The committee, co-chaired by ASWSU President Matt Caires and Gus Kravas, vice provost of Student Affairs, plans to study the issues surrounding the development of a recreation center for the campus.

Brailsford and Turner began meeting with focus groups last week.

From the information the consultants collect, a range of

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## Diversity GER placed in Tier I

BY TRACY CUTCHLOW  
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After debating several options, the Diversity Curriculum Committee voted to make Tier I the home of the American diversity requirement being added to the General Education program.

The decision, made Friday afternoon, eliminates four of the six curriculum proposals on the table and advances student leaders' version of the plan.

"What a statement we can make, and what an investment we can make in our students," said Lee Jones, director of Multicultural Student Services, "if we step outside the box for once — just this once."

A proposal by a group of student leaders to include an American diversity course in the General Education Requirements (GERs) branched into six different plans for achieving this during a committee meeting last week.

Proposals included restructuring World Civilizations 110 and 111 to include American diversity, requiring an American

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## Sports producer dies in crash

FROM STAFF REPORTS

A WSU Athletic Department video producer was killed in a car accident early Sunday morning after his vehicle headed off an embankment.

Lance Jacob, 29, was traveling north on Dilke Road near Matt's Rathaus when he drove off the side of the road, his vehicle coming to a rest on East Main Street, according to a Pullman Police report.

"We are saddened and shocked by his loss," WSU athletic director Rick Dickson said. "Lance had made a definite

impact in a short time. His work and efforts in producing and presentation of Cougar sports benefited everyone."

Jacob had been a television producer, writer and announcer for the WSU video department since July 1996. He helped produce "The Crimson and Gray" for Fox Sports Northwest and Fox Sports Northwest's Pac-10 Tonight program.

Jacob came to WSU after graduating from Loyola University in New Orleans, La. and working for Tulane University for seven years.

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*Athletic director*

his family and friends," Dickson said. "He will be missed."

The cause of the crash is still under investigation.