

# Interest groups help students

by Lenel Williams

Evergreen staff writer

ASWSU's 41 committees represent a diversity of student interests on campus.

However, students are not always aware of the committees' existence or operations.

A committee can be formed in two ways: 1) The Assembly may create a committee and appoint a chairperson; or 2) A group of students may apply to the Assembly for committee status.

The procedure for the second process requires three steps. The group must submit a statement of purpose and composition to the ASWSU President and Coordinator of Committees.

At the next ASWSU Assembly meeting, the group must appear and explain their intention. They should also submit a copy of the group's constitution and statement of purposes.

To grant recognition, a favorable motion must pass the Assembly by a majority vote.

Some of the more important ASWSU committees include the Election Board Committee, Homecoming Committee, Black Student Union, Environmental Task Force, Gay Awareness, Mesa Directiva and the Political Union.

The Election Board Committee conducts ASWSU elections at the direction of the Assembly, including special elections.

The board also handles publication, distribution and revision of the Election Board Rules and Regulations. It conducts campaign violation hearings as necessary.

The board's goal this year is a larger voter turn-out, according to Dave Musio, chairman of the committee.

To help accomplish this goal, the election booths are being repainted and re-canvassed in "wild" colors that cannot be missed," Musio said. "Elections shouldn't be boring," he added.

The Homecoming Committee plans, coordinates and executes the programs for the Homecoming Weekend each fall.

Committee work includes living group displays, the homecoming dance, and half-time entertainment.

Clive Freidenrich is chairman of the committee.

"The objective of the Black Student Union this year is to promote the unity of black people on campus," according to Sandra Burris, chairwoman of the committee.

The BSU plans to accomplish this by working together as an

organization on their activities. One of these activities will be a soul food dinner.

Working together on this dinner will not only tie together the members of the union, Burris said, but will "orient the white section of the community to one facet of the black community." Tickets will be on sale within two weeks.

The BSU is also drawing up a constitution that will be submitted to ASWSU within the next month. Burris said this should have a unifying effect on the black students.

"A lot of students who were not involved are becoming involved in the BSU because they see that we are becoming a concrete organization," Burris said.

People interested in improving the environment can find an outlet in the Environmental Task Force. Local, state and national matters dealing with the human and natural environment are dealt with by the committee.

The committee serves as a steering committee for getting interested students involved in local issues and organizations, according to Suzanne Langille, chairwoman of the committee.

The ETF also engages speakers on environment-related issues such as Initiative 325, which deals with nuclear safeguards.

The committee cannot use ETF funds to work for the initiative, but the individual members are working on it personally, said Langille.

"We helped coordinate the Initiative 325 debate on KWSU," Langille said.

"The focus of the committee has changed from a general awareness group into a group dealing with specific issues and getting into economic issues where people are interested," she added.

The purpose of Gay Awareness is to educate the WSU community, thereby irradiating the "prejudices and fear of straight society towards the homosexual community," according to the ASWSU Committee Manual.

The committee also aims at giving gays an increased awareness of "self."

As part of this goal, Gay Awareness brought to campus earlier this month the Rev. John Rowe, of the Seattle Metropolitan Community Church. He spoke on the "Changing Status of Gay People in Established Religion."

Another speaker from the church will be on campus in November because of the

response, according to Ron Avila, chairman of the committee.

Now on display in Holland Library is a sample of the literature available in Gay Awareness' library.

The library contains over 100 books including sociological, psychological and anthropological studies, novels, poetry and famous gay persons' autobiographies, Avila said.

Periodicals and newsletters from around the country and Canada are also available.

These books are available to the entire university.

"There's a wealth of information here, I'd like to see people take advantage of it," Avila stated.

Also available to the community is a speakers bureau, which speaks to over 3,000 students a year. The bureau has spoken to two classes at Pullman High School and at High Street Center this year.

"Homophobia," a mental illness defined as the fear or hatred of homosexuals, will be the subject of a December workshop put on for the ASWSU Assembly members and committee chairpersons, Avila said.

Mesa Directiva's purpose is to tell WSU students about Chicano culture and heritage. It also promotes further educational and economical opportunities offered to Chicanos.

The major activity of the group this year is its' annual conference of 200-300 Chicano high school students, according to Dave Camacho, chairman of the committee.

"The purpose of this conference is to introduce the students to WSU college life in general," Camacho said.

It runs for about three days and features speakers from the state; professors and people knowledgeable in the law will talk about education, law, employment, and college life.

The committee maintains a club out of Walla Walla State Prison, and visits the prison three or four times a year, Camacho said.

A racism conference, Oct. 13, is being sponsored by the Mesa Directiva, and is open to the public.

The Political Union is responsible for public political activities of ASWSU.

The committee is co-chaired by Milton Lathan and Anne Vandeman.

"Our goal has been to deal with principle issues and seek out expertise that can speak to these issues," according to Anne Vandeman.

A speaker on the new presidential administration, be it Carter or Ford, will be secured by the Political Union. The speaker will deal with the economic policy, said Lathan.

In conjunction with the Lecture Artist Series, the committee may also be bringing a touring company drama on the McCarthy era, he said.

The Political Union and Mesa Directiva are co-sponsoring a speaker from the United Farm Workers on Nov. 11. He will speak on farm workers and rural poverty in Washington and California.

These are just a few of the many organizations on campus to serve the students.

# Homecoming

with

## HELEN REDDY



WSU Performing Arts Coliseum 8 p.m.  
Saturday November 6 All Seats Reserved

### Ticket sales begin today!

Performing Arts Coliseum, CUB Listening Lounge  
University of Idaho SUB, The Depot in Lewiston

Mail orders make checks payable to Performing Arts Coliseum and enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope or add 25c handling charges. Mail to Performing Arts Coliseum, Pullman, WA. 99163. For telephone orders call—335-3525.

Special Guest **Mike Nuen**

# A&M RECORDS

PROUDLY PRESENTS  
NEW RELEASES

By

OZARK MOUNTAIN DAREDEVILS  
"Men from earth"

STYX "Crystal Ball"

RITCHIE HAVENS  
"Ends of the Beginning"

ALL ON SALE for 3<sup>98</sup>  
(Thur.-Sat. 21-23) At

Paradise  
records and  
plants

W. 428 3rd Moscow  
Pullman-Moscow Hwy.  
Next to Sound World  
Hours—Mon.-Sat. 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
Sunday 12-5 p.m.

GRAND OPENING SALE  
October 21-23

ALL Single Albums \$3.88

# Spokane senator remains unopposed for reelection

Spokane (AP)—Sen. William S. Day remains unopposed in his race for reelection, after two Republicans announced they have decided against waging write-in candidacies.

Republicans had decided not to send a candidate against Day, a veteran Democratic senator from Spokane Valley. But Day declined to contest an Oct. 9 police citation alleging he solicited sex from a decoy prostitute in downtown Spokane.

GOP leaders then began a can-

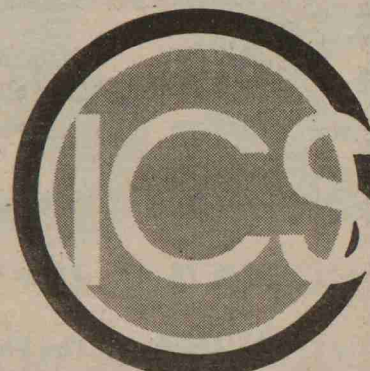
didate hunt.

Former State Rep. Gordon W. Richardson said Wednesday he decided against the write-in campaign because of a shortage of time and money.

Myron Smith, a Spokane insurance executive, said he would not break commitments to his family in order to enter the race.

Dr. Homer F. Cunningham, Spokane County Republican chairman, said he knew of no other write-in opponents for Day besides Smith and Richardson.

ITALIAN  
JAPANESE  
SWEDISH



BRITISH  
FRENCH  
GERMAN

Volvo Specialists!

15 yrs. in Pullman

IMPORTED CAR SERVICE

S.E. 630 Benewah

Phone (509) 332-2314