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GLBA director search begins

By Kerry Wilson Contributing Writer

The Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual and Allies (GLBA) program hopes its next director will hold the position considerably longer than its previous two.

Administrators are searching for a new director for GLBA following Interim Director Tori Byington's decision to leave in October.

Byington took over for bobbi bonace in June after bonace, who prefers to spell her name in lowercase, accepted an offer to become coordinator of athletic programs at California State University at Monterey Bay.

Ernestine Madison, vice provost of Human Relations and Resources (HRR), said a search committee was due to be formed at the end of last week to fill the position.

Bonace's decision to leave was based partly on her perception of attitudes held by both students and administrators toward the GLBA program. In a June interview with The Summer Evergreen, bonace said "it is politically impossible for this university to do anything that might give the impression that they have accommodated a lesbian couple."

Concerns for the fate of the GLBA program are still evident with

"There is a definite overwhelming fear of losing the center and not having any control of the situation," member Amy L. Burns said.

The GLBA program serves faculty, graduates, undergraduates and the community, all funded through (HRR) in French Administration. The Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Association through the ASWSU is different from the program, serving only undergraduates attending the



Tori Byington Interim director

university, Burns said.

Marie Glynn, faculty member in the general education department, applied for the interim director position and later

withdrew her application for fear of being unemployed after six months. She said she planned to apply for the position.

"I am aware of the fear in the community not only in students, but faculty, staff and graduate students," Glynn said.

"I hope the fear will diminish in some way. It will take time for fears to settle down. The institution is committed to having the program continue," she added.

Karen Johnson, co-chair of the GLBA Program, said she fears for the students above all else.

"I fear students will get lost in the shuffle," she said. "As co-chair my number one concern is the students. I have a wait-and-see attitude. Wait to see where the administration is heading and what the students want to do. I expect some sort of reaction out of students. At this point, I don't know what the reaction will be.

"My concern is the students will start believing the administration is against them because of their sexual orientation."

GLBA member Tina Krauss said she believes administrators are trying to scale the program back. "If they get rid of the program, there is going to be controversy," she said.

"I think it will be student-run at least until January, maybe through the end of August," Krauss said.

Photo courtesy of Phi Kappa Sigma

Jeff Tucker, a sophomore in Phi Kappa Sigma, jumps down his fraternity house's homemade waterslide on a sweltering Pullman day.

Interim provost prepared to wait

Vacancy left by Tom George could take a year to fill

By Chris Mulick

The Daily Evergreen

Interim Provost Geoff Gamble says he is in for the long haul until a new provost can be selected to replace Tom George.

A search committee to replace George could be announced as early as this week and a new provost could be selected within a year.

WSU President Sam Smith is responsible for setting up the committee. However, he was out of town last week and was unavailable for

George left to take on the position as chancellor at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point in May after spending five years as provost



Geoff Gamble Interim provost

for learning and technology has been created to oversee Information Technology and the development of the Virtual WSU program, which George initiated last

The position

of vice provost

Mahmoud Abdel-Monem, dean

of the College of Pharmacy, has been named the interim and Gamble said Since then, the position could be filled in six some of Gammonths. Monem said he is commitble's responsibilities as vice ted to the position until the end of Monem said he will not be a can-

didate for the position when a search committee is formed.

Karen Depauw is also assuming some of Gamble's duties. An associate dean of the graduate school, Depauw is essentially handling all of Gamble's other responsibilities. Among other tasks, she will be the primary liaison to the Higher Education Coordinating Board, handle tenure and promotion and deal with assessment responsibilities.

Also a faculty member in the Department of Kinesiology and Leisure Studies, she has reduced her other responsibilities to work in the Office of the Provost.

"I would say I have come very close to assuming all of the responsibilities Gamble had before,' Depauw said. "It's a juggling act."

Both Depauw and Monem are working out of the Office of the Provost as well as their other offices.

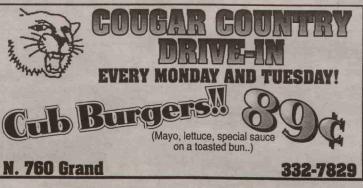
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