



Campaigning Snyder to run

by Brent Siewert

ASWSU Vice President Vann J. Snyder yesterday announced his write-in candidacy for the State House of Representatives, District 9, position 2.

Until yesterday, incumbent Rep. Pat Patterson, Republican, was running unopposed.

Snyder, Democrat, said he was running as a write-in candidate to offer an alternative to voters. Dissatisfaction with Patterson's voting record and representativeness were also listed as reasons for Snyder's candidacy.

"My frustration at a lack of representation of students and farmers in this district fostered my candidacy," Snyder said.

"question. We want to show to the incumbent that we want to be represented. We want to show (Patterson) we're out there and concerned," he said.

Snyder called his candidacy an "educational tool" to inform Patterson of his district's "discontent." In his ten-day campaign, Snyder said he feels "we could make that point."

Although Snyder said the Palouse, where he plans on centering his campaign, is a strong Democratic district, he added, "it's almost political suicide (to be Democratic in this district)."

Special interests will not govern his campaign, Snyder promised. He charged Patterson with accepting money from special interests outside his district. Boeing Co. and Pacificbank, two businesses outside District 9, have contributed to

Patterson's campaign coffers, Snyder said.

Snyder said his total campaign expenditures would total approximately \$50.

Both Snyder and ASWSU President Tom Pirie stressed several times the write-in campaign was not a "college prank or joke."

"We want a representative that will vote the voter's views, not just along strict Republican or higher education lines," Pirie said.

"It's a vehicle to promote issues, not just students," Snyder added.

Snyder said he was not very informed on all the campaign issues, but added his candidacy would increase his awareness. He listed collective bargaining, tenure and marijuana legalization as his current major concerns.

Born in Pullman, Snyder has also lived in Spokane and Manila. His political involvement stretches back to the fifth grade, where he stuffed envelopes for the Eugene McCarthy presidential campaign in 1968.

Again emphasizing his campaign's cornerstone, Snyder said, "This is a serious effort to show the students as a viable political resource."

"This is not the traditional approach, nor is it a traditional candidate, but (Snyder) has an extensive political background and his service as ASWSU Vice President shows his concern. (The campaign) is to be taken seriously," Pirie said.

Snyder's campaign platform will be announced later in the week.



Gay funding finds few protestors in discussion

editor's note: while participating in a public discussion on funding for the Gay Awareness Committee, some individuals requested they not be identified. While these requests will be honored, in the future all quotes will carry attribution.

Only half the ASWSU Assembly members were present at a meeting yesterday to assess student opinion on ASWSU funding for its Gay Awareness Committee.

The meeting was originally called by the assembly Oct. 25 so its members could gather student input for a decision they will make this Wednesday on funding for the committee.

Assembly members who were not present were: Mike Bernard, Daniel Boring, Kim Deering, Larry Clark, Maureen Monaghan and Grant Riva. Assembly members Tom Hartman and Gary Baker were present for part of the 45-minute discussion.

Only two students of more than 45 present voiced objections to funding.

Assembly member L. Neil Rasmussen said he believed he spoke for his constituents when he said, "I am against funding for personal reasons based on ideology, religion, and you name it, it's there."

"There is a lot of opposition to funding

because of the gay lifestyle. This is a social issue and I don't feel we should fund GAC because it may set a precedent for other groups," he added.

Joe Caruthers, a university staff member, responded, "That's a perfect example of why the committee needs to be funded. Without funds, the committee (members) can't do the educational things they want."

"It's kind of a Catch-22," he said.

The chairwoman of GAC, explained the GAC's main goal is to educate students about homosexuality.

"We are here to educate," she said, "we are not a social group. We do not even have parties."

To educate students, the GAC is asking for \$196 from ASWSU to buy books - to add to its existing collection - and to pay for telephone and postage charges.

She said that while GAC has been soliciting donations and there have been donations to the committee by its members, "we can't do it all."

The GAC, the only ASWSU committee which does not receive funding, has formed a speakers' bureau - three sociology classes have already heard lectures - and has had representatives on a radio talk show so far this year.

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Today is Halloween, but creepy creatures got started with their antics yesterday, doing such scary things as checking out what happened in the CUB (And maybe talking politics.)

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'Ragged' band needs dollars

The marching band at Washington State University is the smallest, most under-financed band in the Pac-10 according to Howard Meeker, director of the WSU marching band.

An assistant professor in the music department, Meeker said the band "has been badly neglected by the university in the past and is now seeking ways to add to its budget." He added that possible finance sources include the Services and Activities Fund, the Presidents Fund, the athletic department and the Parents Club.

Arthur McCarten, dean of student affairs will be holding a meeting with the Parents Club in hopes of obtaining the \$45,000 to \$50,000 needed to acquire new uniforms. The Parents Club is also a possibility for the needed yearly continual funding," said Vann Snyder, ASWSU vice-president.

"Last year, the University Administration appropriated \$6,000 to keep the band on the field," said Snyder. He added "most of this money went for new instruments." However Meeker said new instruments are still needed since many of the students are playing instruments held together by adhesive tape.

Meeker said "depending on various travel expenses, the estimated cost to fund the band this year is \$12,000. That figure is 66 percent less than some of the larger Pac-10 schools."

Budgets for other Pac-10 schools vary widely, from \$15,000 to \$40,000. Oregon State University receives an estimated \$15,000. The University of Washington allocates \$25,000 to \$30,000 and the University of California at Berkeley gives \$35,000 to \$40,000 to its marching band," Meeker said.

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