

## Assembly OK's funds for Gay Awareness

Heated debate and tension laced the atmosphere of last night's ASWSU Assembly meeting as a packed room gathered to watch the assembly approve funding for controversial groups such as Gay Awareness.

About 50 persons crowded into the assembly chambers to voice support and opposition to several of the budget proposals. Most of the debate came over the \$560 proposed budget for Gay Awareness.

A motion was finally passed, after much debate, to fund Gay Awareness \$460. Most of the debate came between those assembly members who felt their constituency wanted them to vote against the funding while others stated the assembly should fund the group for the educational value of the work done by Gay Awareness.

Among those speaking for Gay Awareness funding was Dennis Moore, Gay

Awareness president. "I live in fear to open my door that I may be shot. After assassination threats in letters to the Evergreen and after listening to some of the people here tonight, I wouldn't doubt it," Moore said.

Bill Davidson, from Stephenson South, mumbled after Moore's comments, "Maybe somebody will get lucky."

Davidson presented a petition with 1,330 signatures calling for an end to funding of Gay Awareness by the assembly. Said Davidson, "This is only the tip of an iceberg, against gay funding."

Steve Sheehy, Dist. 2 assemblyperson, said he polled 772 of the 940 persons he represents. He said 760 of those he polled stated Gay Awareness should be allocated no funds. About a dozen according to Sheehy voted to allocate some funds.

Said Sheehy, "It is important that we listen to those we represent."

This attitude was echoed by many other assembly persons. Dianna Madson, assemblyperson, Dist. 3, said the majority of the persons she polled did not want funds to be allocated to Gay Awareness.

Mark Ufkes, off-campus assembly person, said, "I'd like to think I am representing the only group at WSU who has some human compassion. I give my full support to funding Gay Awareness."

Ron Avila, of Gay Awareness gave many reasons for funding the group such as speeches by group members to classes, counseling services, workshops, and bringing speakers to campus.

Following his presentation were catcalls, arising out of a buzz of comments from the crowd.

Said Yvonne Roberts, off-campus assemblyperson, "This budget isn't enough. What the hell are you people sitting here screaming and yelling afraid of?"

Among the other groups receiving funding were environmental Task Force at \$1,481 and Volunteer Practicum Agency at \$2,697.

After some discussion concerning an error in the original drafting of the budget for Back Awareness, an allocation of \$2,594 was given to the group.

Also approved was International Relations at \$1,210, Consumer Protection at \$904, Mesa Directiva at \$2,419, Speelya at \$2,245, CUB Arts at \$740, Films Committee received a \$700 profit budget, Lecture Artist at \$6,615 and Performing Arts received a break-even allocation.

The assembly budget meetings were to last two days, but the review of budgets was still taking place at press time and there was some discussion to continue debate until all groups budget allocations had been approved.

## Former Expo 74 pavilion causing problems at WSU

A former Expo '74 pavilion is now being used as a storage shed at a WSU research farm, but indications are that the structure may be causing more problems than it is worth.

The structure in question is the former Afro-American Pavilion which WSU purchased from Expo '74 in 1975 for \$50,000. It is now being used as a storage shed on the Tula, Young and Hastings research farm but it is having problems withstanding Palouse weather conditions.

The north wall of the shed blew down last Sunday night, according to Brad Lingenfelter, assistant technician at the research farm. "The only building damaged by the storm was the one purchased from Expo," said Lingenfelter. "In my opinion, we didn't get much for what we paid for it."

According to Farm Manager Dan Caldwell, this is not the first time the building has caused problems. "Part of the roof blew off the building in January," said Caldwell.

The decision to purchase the building was made by the administration, according to Ken Abbey, assistant to vice president business and finance. "We felt it was cheaper to buy this building than to build our own," said Abbey. "To build a concrete building of comparable size would cost from \$100,000 to \$150,000," said Facilities Planning Director Earl Muir.

Officials at the farm, however, disagree with Abbey and Muir's assessment. "We could have built a stronger building for under \$50,000," said Lingenfelter. "A steel building could have been built for somewhat less than it cost to truck that one down here," said Caldwell.

Muir said the building was reconstructed in the same form as it stood on the Expo site. Caldwell said, however, "If I

was going to put up a building, I would want something of a different shape."

Legal problems have also arisen from the building's purchase, but none of them directly involve WSU, according to the state auditor's office. State Auditor Robert V. Graham asked the attorney general on Monday to probe the sale of the pavilion to WSU.

"The state accrued costs of \$199,965.43 from the pavilion, and we cannot find evidence of adequate accountability for these expenditures," said Galen Jacobsen, chief examiner for the division of the department of audits.

"When the pavilion was sold to WSU for \$50,000 by Expo '74, none of the money went to the state," Jacobsen said. "What we want to do is to make a determination of whether the state has a claim on any part of that \$50,000. We want to appropriately account for the state's property."

Paul Creighton, a former Expo '74 official said he does not know what happened to property which may have been inside the building, according to an Associated Press story distributed yesterday.

Creighton also said in the story that the shell of the building was the only item purchased by WSU and disavowed any responsibility for property that may have been inside the shell.

Hay, animal bedding material and machinery is what is inside the shell now, according to Abbey. How long the building will be able to serve this function, however, is a real question, according to Caldwell. "We've had this building for only a year and have already incurred problems," Caldwell said. "I couldn't say how long a building of this type will hold up, but I do know our other buildings will be here for a long time."

## Faculty votes to permit AAUP representation

WSU faculty voted overwhelmingly to allow the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) to represent them in university collective bargaining situations.

The vote, 417 in favor of the AAUP and 197 voting for no agent, gives faculty representation in bargaining sessions with the university, should the Board of Regents and President Terrell allow it. Bargaining would cover matters of pay contracts, work loads, classroom size, and other issues of concern to the university faculty.

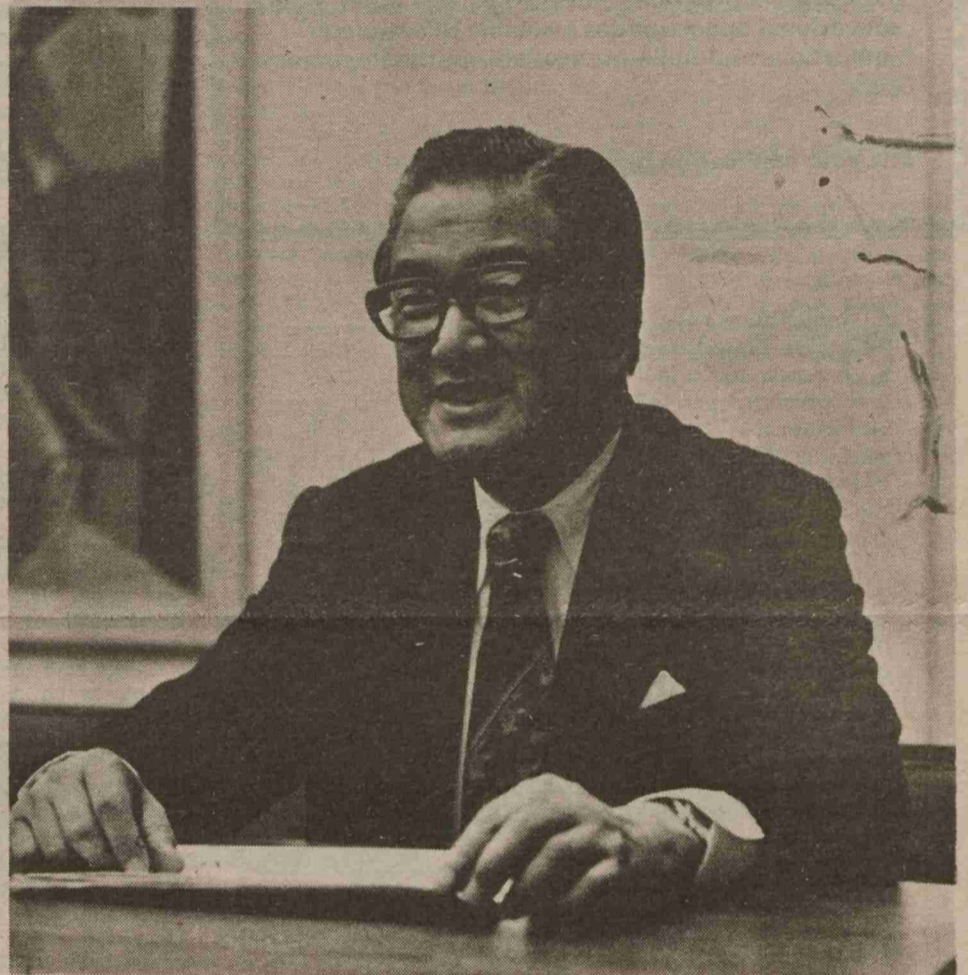
The next step for the AAUP is to meet with the Board of Regents and Terrell and his administration to establish representation. But AAUP President Sam Saunders, a professor in mathematics, said, "They will probably refuse (to recognize the AAUP as a representative) on the grounds that they are prohibited by law." Saunders explained that there is no law saying that such a group can be a faculty representative in collective bargaining situations. But he also said that there is no law saying there can't be such faculty representation.

Saunders pointed out that the AAUP

chapter at the University of Washington is in the process of a suit against the university administration because the AAUP was refused recognition by the administration. That particular chapter is being supported in its suit by the national AAUP headquarters. The decision to sue, according to Saunders, came from the AAUP's last state-wide meeting last Saturday at the University of Puget Sound.

Saunders said that the AAUP would meet with the regents and Terrell next fall. The outcome of the UW case would have some bearing on their decision but Saunders said that the UW case would not be completed before next fall.

AAUP Vice-President John Weber said that basic purpose of the AAUP is to ensure all the safeguards of faculty members' rights to speak their mind on controversial subjects within their department. He added that the AAUP's "watchdog function" is now moving into the area of collective bargaining representation for faculty members. This addition to the AAUP's list of functions is becoming more and more widespread across the nation.



Y.S. Tsiang

Photo by Steve Bloom

## Taiwan education head, Terrell exchange views

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Thirty-one years is a long time between visits, but Y.S. Tsiang seemed pleased on his return to the Palouse.

Tsiang, Minister of Education for the Republic of China (Taiwan), was here Tuesday and Wednesday to exchange views with President Glenn Terrell concerning education and to promote the possibility of student exchanges with WSU and other universities in the United States.

He first visited WSU in 1945 to study wheat breeding methods.

In addition to his talks with Terrell, Tsiang said he was also interested in viewing dormitory and dining hall facilities, the CUB and other student service institutions.

Tsiang has already visited eight universities in the United States and has studied educational and economic development in Saudi Arabia and Jordan.

He said he would like to see about 80 to 100 graduate students from Taiwan participate in an exchange with U.S. universities.

"We are trying to make a quality improvement (in education) in the next few years," Tsiang said, adding until recently emphasis has been placed on expanding education opportunities for more people in Taiwan.

He said the emphasis is now shifting to upgrading educational quality.

Tsiang said about 4,500,000 people are included in the educational system in

Taiwan with about 284,000 currently attending colleges and universities.

He said about 70 per cent of the high school graduates there go on into an institute of higher learning.

According to Tsiang, there are 25 universities and independent colleges in Taiwan with the largest two being about the same size as WSU.

Tsiang called the educational system in Taiwan "similar" to the one in the United States but called post-graduate programs here "more advanced," than those in Taiwan.

Asked about sports, Tsiang said, "Physical education is an important part of education at all levels."

He said baseball, soccer, table tennis, volleyball, rugby and swimming are popular throughout Taiwan but named basketball as the most popular sport on the university level.

Tsiang noted that students are ineligible to graduate until they pass a physical education test in Taiwan.

Tsiang remarked about the changes that have occurred here since his last visit saying, "Very much expansion has been achieved."

He said he liked the Pullman area and added, "I envy the students here."

He said he thought Pullman provided "a better environment for students to study in," than a university located in a larger city.

Tsiang said Terrell and B.A. Nugent, Dean of the College of Sciences and Arts, plan to visit Taiwan in July for "a further exchange of views."