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## Assembly approves gay funding

by jay l. dexter

The ASWSU Assembly last night approved funding for the Gay Awareness Committee after ASWSU Vice President Vann Snyder cast a tie-breaking vote.

The Assembly split its vote 9-9 to allocate \$111.50 to the committee for telephone expenses. As president of the assembly, Snyder was charged with breaking the tie.

With approval, the assembly ended a two-year history of not funding the committee.

However, Assembly member Neil Ras-

mussen gave notice that at next meeting a motion to rescind the vote will be made.

Snyder said he voted for funding because the money is to be used "strictly for a telephone" which is needed to fulfill the committee's goals.

"The Gay Awareness Committee is a recognized committee established to fulfill the goals of ASWSU," he said. "In order for it to accomplish those goals, a telephone is definitely needed."

Snyder said, however, "who knows how I'd vote if the funding request was for more than just telephone expenses."

While two newly elected assembly

members did not influence the vote, it was Assembly Member Grant Riva who caused the split decision.

Earlier this year, when the GAC had requested money for a telephone, books and postage, he had voted no. But he said he changed his vote because the committee withstood threats to repeal its constitution, and as a recognized committee needed to fulfill its goals.

"The whole job of the committee is to inform and educate and it needs a phone to do that," he said.

He said he had planned to vote for funding at the last meeting, which was cancelled due to the loss of a quorum. He added that the presentation today by Joe Caruthers (see related article) reinforced his decision. He said, "I wish more assembly members had attended the presentation and then maybe they would have changed their vote."

Throughout the discussion on gay funding, confusion mounted as to which motion — one motion to postpone indefinitely and two "object to motion on the floor" motions were made — was being discussed.



ASWSU Vice President Vann Snyder (top left) cast the deciding vote to give the Gay Awareness Committee funds for a telephone. The meeting was broadcast live by KAZU-FM, the

student-run radio station, whose news and program directors (top right) monitored the broadcast from the meeting scene. When Snyder cast his vote, it was met by both cheers

and jeers from the assembly and audience. ASWSU President Tom Pirie, left, and Assembly Members Gary Baker and Susan Meyer listen to discussion on the issue. —al camp photo

## Homosexual misconceptions aired

by jay l. dexter

You can spot a homosexual in any crowd. Just look for the limp-wristed lispng faggot or the muscular "diesel dyke" woman, they're preoccupied with sex and have a different sex partner nearly every night. At the most, they have a two or three day "affair."

Joe Caruthers, who made a presentation yesterday for the ASWSU Assembly and interested students on homosexuality, said all of the above stereotypes are "myths."

He said his presentation was to offer a little more understanding about a subject widely misunderstood.

Caruthers said a San Francisco bay-area psychologist, after 10 years of dealing with homosexuals, defined one as having "the ability to develop a

loving relationship with a member of the same sex."

A loving relationship, Caruthers said, could be between a father and son or between two friends of the same sex. It does not have to include physical contact, but society has incorporated that into the definition.

A homosexual, Caruthers said, cannot be identified by physical actions.

"Physical actions of homosexuals are based on stereotypes ... and those stereotypes are not definitive of homosexuals," he said.

"Many men are effeminate in their actions, but that does not mean they are homosexual," he said. "A man may talk with a high voice, but that only means his vocal cords didn't grow as much as a man with a deep voice, it

has nothing to do with sexual preference."

It is unfair to judge anyone by a stereotype, because, he said, "You don't know about me. People don't know about the individual."

Caruthers also explained that homosexuals are not preoccupied with sex. "That's the same as saying every male heterosexual wants to go to bed with every woman he sees. Homosexuals are no more preoccupied with sex than heterosexuals."

He added that there are those homosexuals who have a two or three night "affair," just as some heterosexuals do, but many homosexuals carry out lasting relationships.

Caruthers cited a national study being conducted by two University of

Washington researchers who are surveying male homosexual couples to find out what keeps their relationship together.

They hope to discover what it is that makes a working relationship between two people and they are interviewing homosexuals as part of the study, he said.

Another misconception about homosexuality Caruthers attempted to dispel was that homosexuals are sick.

"In 1974 the American Psychiatric Association removed homosexuality from their list of illnesses, they now consider it an alternate lifestyle." Other medical organizations have followed suit, he said.

Caruthers will speak again today on the CUB third floor at noon.

## State office contesting obscenity ruling

by jim angell

A decision by a federal District Court in Spokane terming a state law on obscenity as unconstitutional is being contested by the Washington State Attorney General's office.

The law, prohibiting the operation of businesses receiving a principal part of

their income from the sale or showing of obscene material, was presented as an initiative and approved by the voters of Washington last November.

Ruled unconstitutional in February, there was no enforcement of the law while it was in effect, according to Thomas Carr, assistant attorney general.

"We're waiting for the outcome of the

appeal to start going to work on enforcing it," Carr said.

The appeal, however, might not be heard for some time, according to Carr.

"With luck, we might see the results by 1980," he said.

If the district court decision is reversed by the 9th Federal Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco, efforts will begin

to enforce the law.

"We don't intend to put the real pressure on the combat zones like downtown Seattle," Carr said. "What we will probably do is concentrate our crack-down efforts in the residential areas."

"Once in effect, the law is designed

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