



IT'S SLOW AND EXPENSIVE BUT IT SURE HAS THE BEST SET OF SNOW TIRES!

Road conditions—different chains for different rains

So far this season snow conditions haven't been a major hazard to motorists traveling over Washington's mountain passes. However, WSU students who drive over the passes during Thanksgiving vacation should be aware that snow and ice conditions may be encountered, although they are not expected this year.

Lt. Mert J. Obert of the Washington State Highway Patrol said the Department of Highways will install warning signs "commensurate" to road conditions.

Obert said that one of three mountain pass signs will be visible to motorists during snow and ice conditions. The signs will read: "dangerous road conditions—chains or other approved traction devices recommended;" "dangerous road conditions—chains or other approved traction

devices required;" and "dangerous road conditions—chains required."

Approved traction devices include chains, studded tires, garnet tires and winter traction tires.

Obert noted that when "Chains Required" signs are posted, three specific traction devices may be substituted for the standard steel-reinforced cross link-chains.

He said that cable chains, with a steel washer and cable, and nylon strap chains may be substituted for cross link-chains. He added that four-wheel drive vehicles may use studded or garnet tires instead of chains.

Garnet tires are retreads with hard semi-precious stone fragments embedded in the rubber. Garnet tires may be used year round on Washington State highways. Studded tires may only be used between Nov. 1-April 1.

According to Obert, there are new regulations for winter driving on Washington mountain passes.

"We've just added a ruling to the Washington Administrative Code that all snow tires cannot have less than 1/2 of an inch of tread," Obert said. "The snow tire must have at least this tread depth in three locations, equally spaced around the circumference of the tire."

Obert said motorists who do not comply with approved traction or chain-required signs will receive a citation. He added that these signs are not posted arbitrarily, but posted for the motorists' own safety.

Information on current Washington State pass conditions is available by calling the Snow-Line at (509) 456-6333. The number is not toll-free from Pullman.

Evergreen goes on early holiday

After nine straight weeks of school, most students are probably pretty psyched for Thanksgiving Vacation, possibly even a little tempted to shove off early.

The Evergreen staff is no exception. Consequently, there will be no Friday Evergreen this week.

The Evergreen's next issue will appear Tuesday, Nov. 30.

Have a happy Turkey day.

\$11 each per semester

Students add \$300,000 to athletic budget

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Eleven dollars per semester is taken from each student's tuition to aid in the funding of athletic events, the athletics department reported recently.

This amount allows the athletic program to continue functioning efficiently. It also allows the admittance of students in the possession of student body cards into games held here.

Athletic funding for the fiscal year of 1976-77 has been set at \$1,812,722. Along with the \$300,000 in funds taken from semester tuitions, Rose Bowl revenue amounts to \$178,000 per year, and funds from Cougar games aired on television comes to \$95,000 a year.

Remaining contributions from alumni and other organizations amount to \$300,000. The remaining \$939,722 comes from ticket sales to the general public and from general admission tickets sold at games played away.

Games played away bring in a higher net profit due to the fact that most away games are played in metropolitan areas, and subsequently bring in larger crowds.

Other factors involved in drawing large crowds are weather, and the records of the teams involved in the games. Bad weather and a losing team is a combination that can cause severe financial problems in any athletic association.

Because of these financial problems, and the need to cut back on athletic

spending several years ago, swimming was eliminated as an intercollegiate sport here. Only in the past year was it brought back, in the form of water polo.

The athletes competing in water polo do so without any form of scholarship or financial aid. However, the athletics department does supply funds for travel-

Library task force created by assembly

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The ASWSU Assembly appointed a task force last night to prepare a policy statement on the possible consolidation of branch libraries into Holland and the new science libraries.

The assembly also failed to approve a motion by Mikal Thomsen supporting each of the eight departmental libraries' right to decide whether they wanted consolidation.

The University Senate's Library Committee has been working on a report that most people involved have interpreted as advocating administrative control and physical shifts of the libraries into the two main buildings.

The assembly's task force consists of Greg King, Mark Ulfes and Mark Wistort.

During the committee reports given last night, the acting chairman of Gay Awareness passed out a calendar of that committee's activities during September and October.

Thom Moe, the acting chairman, also announced present chairman Ron Avila was dropping out of school and returning

to his home in Huntington Beach, Calif., to work as a security guard.

Moe said Avila was leaving next week because "he's just had enough, he gets harassed about every time he walks down the street." Moe said "definite fuck" was also the reason Charlie Plourd of Gay Awareness quit school earlier this month.

Moe also told the assembly Gay Awareness was receiving flack in the form of "priceless" letters, obscene phone messages on the committee's recording machine, and verbal harassment. Moe said the phone messages seem to be from "a fairly small group," but that the verbal problems were coming from a diverse group of students.

State College Council chairman Roland Lewis told the assembly SCC membership dues from most of the state's colleges and universities were being held up by the colleges' state attorneys general. WWSU has been the only college to get its check through, Lewis said.

He said conjecture for the delay was "because we have a lobbyist, when in fact we don't have a lobbyist but a legislative liaison providing information."

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No second I.D. required to enter Cougar games---yet

Licenses will not have to accompany I.D. cards for the WSU-UW game in Spokane Saturday, said Sam Jankovich, athletics director, late yesterday afternoon.

"There had been some indecision until that point as to whether to require a second piece of I.D. to accompany student cards, following abuse of I.D. privileges during the Oregon State-WSU game."

According to Jankovich, a new policy will become effective on Jan. 1, which will make it necessary to present two pieces of I.D., but all the details are not yet available.

The new procedure was enacted at the suggestion of ASWSU President Roland

Lewis. Lewis met with Jankovich to discuss possible methods of curbing illegal entrance into football games.

The athletics department is not trying to put "unnecessary" pressure on students with the new procedure, Jankovich said. "We're not asking for anything other than what they should be expected to produce," he explained.

In an earlier interview yesterday, Jankovich had stated that a second piece of I.D. would be required, but after conferring with Bill Cords, assistant to the director, he decided that such a policy would inconvenience students who have already left on vacation, but plan to attend the game.



Eleven dollars of each student's tuition goes to fund sports. In addition to this, the athletics department depends on revenues from gate receipts.

represent each facet of the university. Student appointments to the council are based on interviews with ASWSU, Alumni members are voted on by the Alumni Board, and faculty members are chosen by the university's Committee on Committees.

The council is presently concerned with rising costs for intercollegiate athletics. Since the athletic department depends on ticket sales for a large part of its existing funds, prices cannot be raised to meet the rising costs of athletics for fear of driving crowds away. It is felt that present ticket prices are as high as they can be to help maintain the athletics department, and yet avoid losing ticket consumers.

Last year's basketball season was one in which a heavy loss was taken in the way of ticket sales. Out of 6,000 seats available at each game, an average of only 2,500 were sold. According to Ed Bennett, faculty chairman for the Athletics Council, this is because of the losing team that the Cougs had the previous year. Subsequently, it is believed that ticket sales this year should be considerably better due to the team's winning record of last year.

If the athletics department should start to lose money, funds must then be borrowed from the university itself. However, even with all the pitfalls encountered by the department last year, the net profits accumulated by the department for the fiscal year of 1976-77 amounted to \$83,876.