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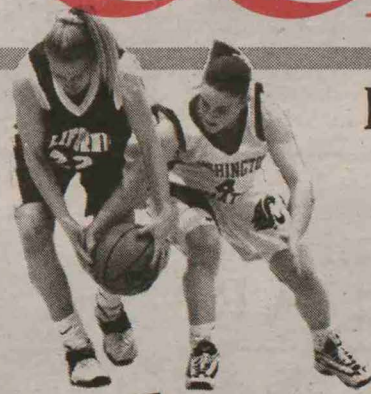
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Governor asks WSU to chop budget

By STACEY BURNS
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WSU officials will be working on an exercise through the weekend to reduce their operating budgets by 5 percent.

Gov. Gary Locke ordered all state agencies, including WSU, on Tuesday to reduce their 1997-99 biennial by next week.

The exercise is intended to free-up money, potentially \$400 million, for public schools and higher education, according to The Associated Press.

However, WSU does not have to cut its cap-

ital budget, Jim Rimpau, the capital budget office director, said.

"The capital budget is fundamentally different," Rimpau said. "(Legislators) usually don't come back and say 'cut that list.' They do it for us."

Geoff Gamble, interim provost, said university officials will begin reviewing the budget request after the Board of Regents meeting Friday to determine where



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the reductions will lie.

In its original budget proposal, WSU requested approximately \$35 million for expanding enrollment allowances, building new and updating current learning centers, acquiring the rights to electronic journals, developing the learning and teaching initiative and funding infrastructure mandates.

The request also asked lawmakers to increase staff and faculty salaries by 7.5 percent, a raise WSU officials said is a top priority. Karl Boehmke, budget director, said the university's proposed reductions will not apply to the salary increase request.

Gamble said cutting 5 percent from any component of the budget will be difficult. The university, however, understands what Gov. Locke is trying to accomplish with the exercise, Gamble said.

"Hopefully, when all is said and done, the governor and Legislature ... will add money" to the WSU budget," Boehmke said.

University officials did not specify from where the proposed budget reductions would come. WSU most likely will submit reduction options and its consequences on programs to

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Neater than the average dorm room



STAFF PHOTO BY MICHAEL LEE

Rima Building Supply started tearing down its old store on Monday. The hardware and lumber company will move next door, a location on higher ground to avoid flooding problems.

Two new GLBA candidates interviewed

By TERRA BROCK
 The Daily Evergreen

The search committee for a GLBA director brought two new candidates to campus last week for interviews and meetings with several student groups and organizations.

Melynda Huskey, director of the Independent Study Program in Idaho and an adjunct assistant professor of English at the University of Idaho, was interviewed Jan. 14 and 15.

Sue Rankin, senior diversity planning analyst in the Office of the Vice Provost for Educational Equity and a former exercise science lecturer at Pennsylvania State University, was interviewed Jan. 16 and 17.

The first two candidates brought to WSU, Martin Dupis and Barbara Jones, were interviewed in mid-December.

They are still under consideration for the

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"It's not often you get four candidates brought to campus. The provost search only had two"

CINDY GALLAGHER
 Search chair

ASWSU bill will bring AIDS quilt to Beasley

By TERRA BROCK
 The Daily Evergreen

Ryan White, Rock Hudson and Liberace are just a few of the names visiting WSU because of a recent bill passed by ASWSU.

Their names are coming on some of the 700 panels of the AIDS quilt scheduled to appear in Beasley Coliseum April 7 to 9.

ASWSU passed the bill on Wednesday, allocating \$3,000 toward the total cost of almost \$15,000 to bring this portion of the

quilt to WSU.

The funds are being donated to the Young Women's Christian Association budget, whose members are organizing the presentation.

The YWCA told ASWSU that students on campus would benefit from this display because it would "raise awareness of the AIDS epidemic, implement HIV prevention education programs, and educate people about people with AIDS," according to the funds request form.

Marilyn Bayona, co-chair for the Palouse AIDS Quilt Display Com-

mittee said, "I think this community would benefit a lot ... being from this area I know we will benefit from (the quilt)."

Many of the ASWSU senators also voiced their approval for the bill.

"I know that a lot of people have not been able to see (the quilt)," Senator Jaime Vines said.

"It's going to impact everyone on this campus."

"We have a tremendous opportunity to do something that will be remembered for a long time," Sena-

tor Ed Prince said.

The YWCA has already raised almost \$7,000 toward the project from donations by organizations such as the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Association, the Graduate and Professional Student Association and private donors.

The other bill brought before ASWSU concerned the hours the study area in the CUB will stay open for the spring semester.

The study area hours are now 8

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