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Intramural may get new play field

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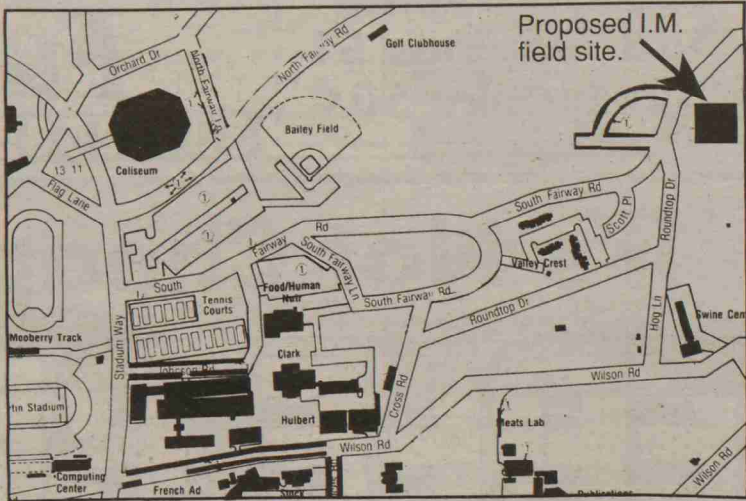
Students who participate in intramural sports will soon have more space to play on.

Plans to build the new intramural field are underway despite area residents' protests and recommendations of WSU's land use committee.

The \$1.1 million field will be located on the east side of Roundtop Drive and will allow the intramural program to accommodate more teams per sport.

Bob Stephens, associate director of activities and recreational sports, said the need for a new field was realized in 1984. The

intramural program at WSU has become one of the largest programs for the number of students that participate. The students



need another lighted playfield, he said.

"What we would like to be able to do is increase the number of games that can be played in an hour," Stephens said. More intramural teams would then be able to participate. There are about 200 softball teams playing this fall and Stephens said he expects 300 flag football teams to sign up. He said the new field will also accommodate sports such as rugby, women's lacrosse and ultimate Frisbee that do not have space to play on.

While the field will be beneficial for students who participate in the intramural program, students who live next to the proposed site are

opposed to the location.

Residents of Valley Crest Apartments are concerned that the IM field will add unnecessary traffic and make the area unsafe.

Peter Galbreath, Valley Crest resident and graduate student said the main concern is safety. He said the added traffic of cars and people worries some of the residents. The noise and light from the field may be distracting, he said, because many of the residents have children. The late hours that IM games run might make it hard to keep a quiet environment.

Galbreath said the residents

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RHA sponsors funds for diversity program

By **ALISON SHOWALTER**
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RHA promoted diversity awareness Monday, by allotting \$200 to a new program called ALLY.

ALLY is a student organization created to promote diversity awareness as well as eliminate social stereotypes in the residence halls, ALLY member Mike Bradbury said.

The group plans to create passive programming such as posters and fliers for the residence halls regarding diversity issues, he said.

Another function of the program is to act as a liaison between the residence halls and other campus organizations that promote diversity.

ALLY showed the RHA council the finished posters for Sexual Awareness Week, which began Monday.

The posters for Sexual Awareness Week focused on the gay and lesbian lifestyle, and contained articles and opinion pieces discussing sexual awareness.

Each poster contained information about the ALLY program at the bottom, ALLY member Maria Sandoz said.

Residence Life and Housing invested \$300 in the new program, Bradbury said.

The money from RHA will add to the

program resources, which are to be used on supplies for the ALLY office, he said.

Gay and Lesbian Association is supporting ALLY's Sexual Awareness Week by conducting a panel discussion at the Stephenson Complex Tuesday night.

The members of ALLY plan to expand to the program to include the greek system and off-campus residents as well, Bradbury said.

In other business, RHA amended its constitution to redefine the responsibilities for the freshman representatives, RHA president Mike Nikula said.

The amendment is a little more specific than the old one, Freshman Representative Scott Studham said.

The freshman representative is expected to serve on the University Freshman Students committee, which is also known as the Freshman Task Force, Nikula said.

Studham, the freshman representative, is also expected to hold a freshman caucus, which is designed to give new students a place to air their concerns, Nikula said.

Representatives from every residence hall that has a freshman population is expected to attend, he said.

The caucus, which was scheduled for Oct. 14, will be re-scheduled due to conflicts with the Homecoming competition, Studham said.

Police, minorities meet

By **JENNIFER GRAVES**
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Police ride-alongs and increased communication and education are the answer to improving relations between police and minorities, community minority leaders and Police Advisory Committee members said at a meeting Tuesday night.

Pullman Police Chief Ted Weatherly said he has heard rumors and received unofficial inquiries that local police accord minorities differential treatment.

"Overall, police have shown very fair treatment," Dean Davis, ASWSU director of minority affairs and vice president of the African American Association, said. "There have just been a few problems on both sides."

Weatherly said Pullman police officers received mandatory cultural awareness training two years ago, and officers may be

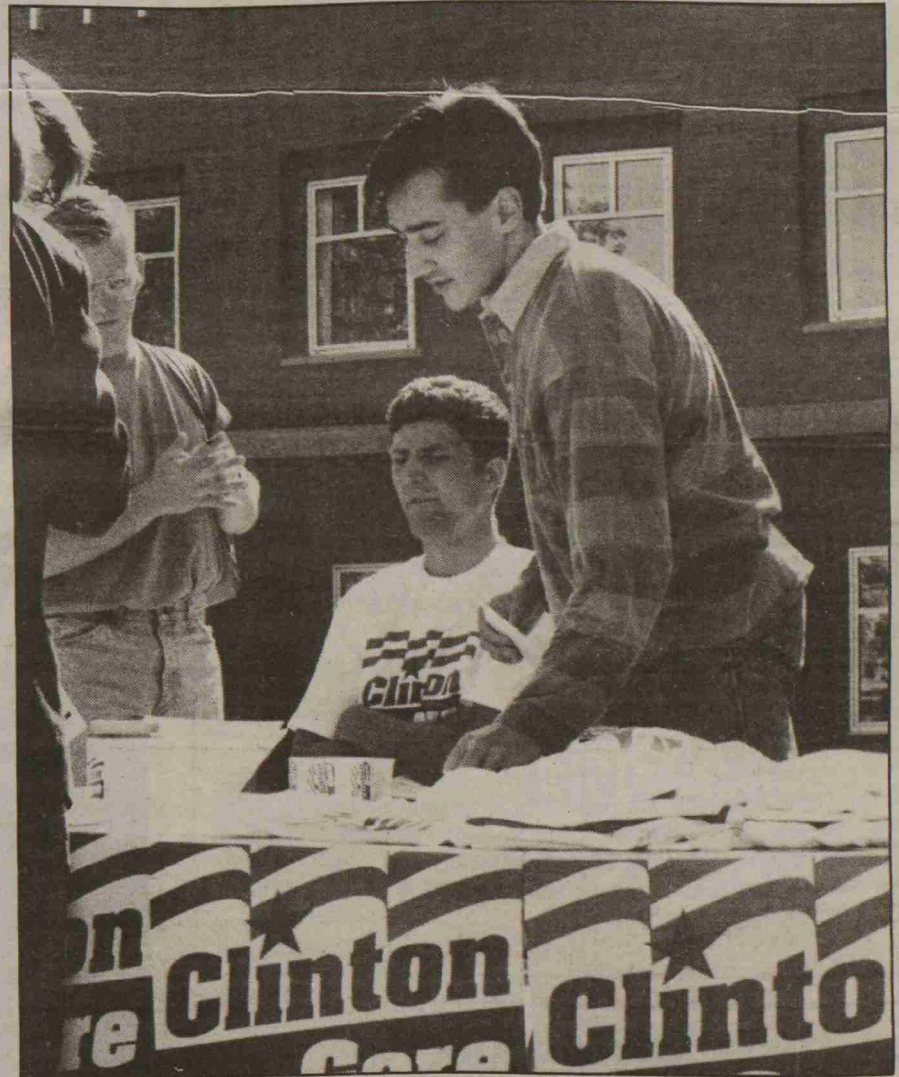
fired for showing ethnic prejudice.

He said he is willing to change police procedures and promote further training to improve relations. "We've tried to zero in on people's perceptions and their own biases," he said.

Dona Thompson, associate director of the Division of Minority Affairs, said she is concerned officials may not hear about conflicts with police because students are unsure of where to report incidents.

Harris also said students who may perceive police actions as excessive force frequently do not report the incidents because they realize they "have done something illegal that makes them suspect."

Harris said communication efforts have improved during the past two years, but can improve more. Committee members agreed to contact the Council of Minority Student Presidents and work with student groups and the Division of Minority Affairs.



Staff photo by Steve Monrad

Election countdown

Steve Somers, a junior in education, and Brian Bonlender, (standing), a senior in environmental science, work at a Clinton-Gore campaign booth outside Todd Hall Tuesday. A Young Democrats meeting is scheduled today at 6 p.m. in CUB B-25.

Smith named to committee

By **JENNIFER GRAVES**
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WSU's vice provost for research and dean of the graduate school became a member of the Executive Committee of Graduate Deans for the African Training for Leadership and Advanced Skills (ATLAS) Program this summer.

Robert V. Smith's position lasts three years. He attended his first committee meeting in July.

ATLAS, a national program sponsored by the African-American Institute, offers undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate fellowships for Africans to study in the United States.

The fellowships pay all expenses, including tuition and book stipends, and are awarded based upon proposals students submit to the program, Smith said.

"The executive committee helps set policy for administering the fellowships," he said. It also makes the final selections for candidates.

The committee, whose members come from across the United States, consists of approximately a dozen graduate deans as well as staff members from the institute, he said.

More than two dozen African countries have universities certified for fellowship

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