

GPA committee status

## Ongoing debate topic of hearing

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Members of both sides in the recent debate over granting the Gay Peoples' Alliance ASWSU committee status grabbed a piece of the action last night when the ASWSU programming committee held a public hearing to hear testimony on the issue.

Jan Watson, co-president of the GPA, was the first speaker. She reviewed the history of the GPA and the parent group, the Gay Awareness Committee, which lost committee status in 1979.

Alex MacMath, the other co-president of GPA, followed Watson with a description of what the activities of the group involved.

"We have 'neutral' meetings at the Women's Center and have a library which has more information about homosexuality than the Holland Library," MacMath said.

Jim Nielsen, an ordained minister and director of the K-house, was the next to testify. He told those at the hearing that there were four different views that Christians held concerning homosexuals.

The first view is to reject, a punitive attitude he told the audience.

The second view is that homosexuality is unnatural.

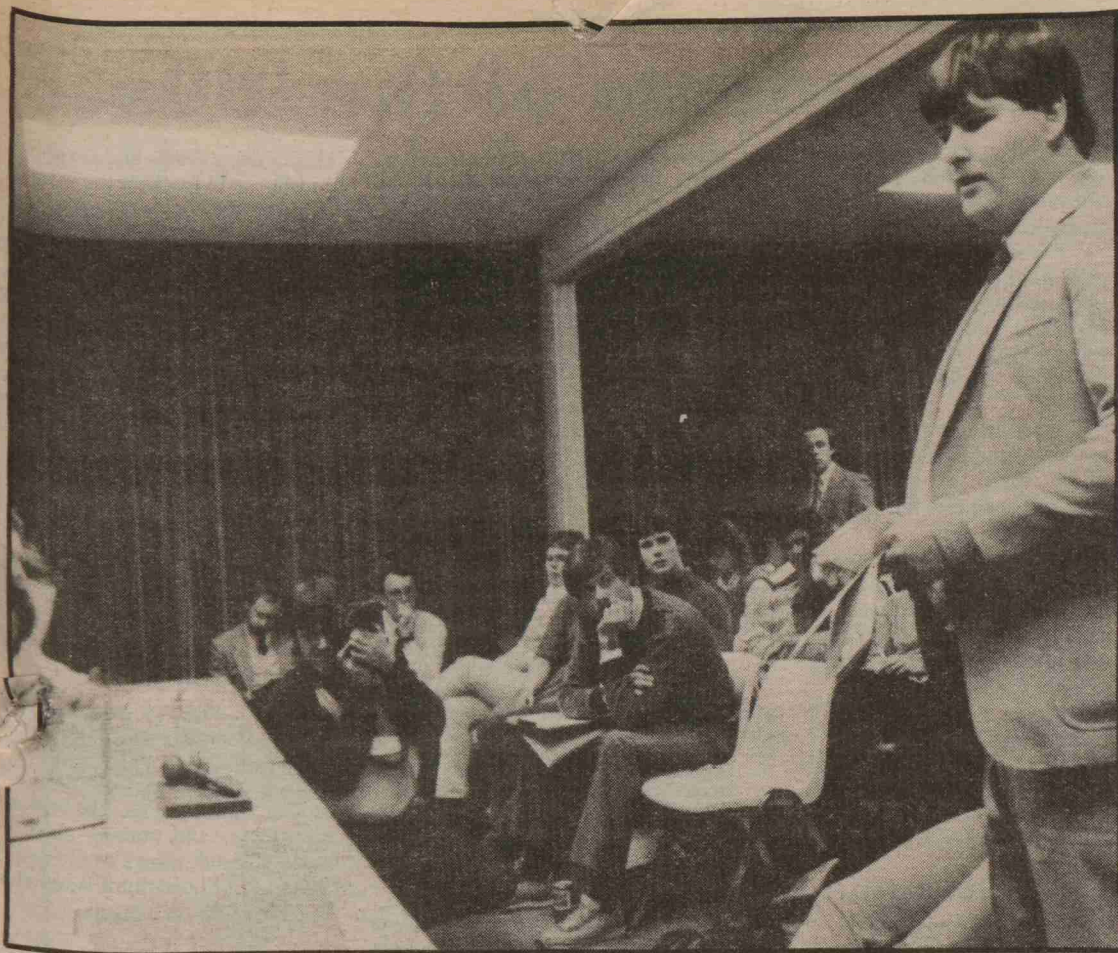
"This view involves God's grace. Homosexuality should not be accepted, but those who practice homosexual acts should," Nielsen said.

He said that the third view was that a person who practiced homosexuality should make an effort to change.

The last view was that of full acceptance.

Mitch Beam, an off-campus undergraduate student was the next to speak. He pleaded with the senators to represent their constituents as they had campaigned to do before they were elected.

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Alex MacMath (far right), co-president of the Gay Peoples' Alliance, was one of many speakers during last night's public hearing concerning the recent debate over granting the GPA ASWSU committee status. The hearing was held by the ASWSU programming committee.

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## Former candidate prints defamatory flyers

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This newspaper has confirmed that former ASWSU executive candidate Heidi Froseth is responsible for 500 defamatory flyers distributed on campus yesterday.

The flyers, which were distributed early Tuesday morning mainly at Todd Hall, questioned whether ASWSU President Mike Coan had completed any classes last semester and went on to ask students whether such a "bad student" should be allowed to represent them in the state Legislature.

The *Evergreen* confirmed that Froseth had the copies, which carried a replica of the paper's front page flag, made at Kinko's Copy Center after regular business hours Monday evening.

Coan claimed yesterday that he had registered for nine credit hours of classes (three courses) last semester and had passed each of them.

Coan, who already has received bachelor's degrees in business and economics, indicated he had received "pass" marks in two of the courses and a grade (a "B" plus) in the third.

Following inquiries as to the source of the flyers, this newspaper was able to confirm that a woman who fit Froseth's description had had the copies made at Kinko's Monday after contacting the store and claiming it was an "emergency" printing order.

Cathy Robe, a Kinko's employee, said the woman claimed she needed the copies so that she could distribute them "at 5 o'clock the next morning."

Robe confirmed the person who had the copies made was Froseth after viewing an *Evergreen* file picture of her taken last spring when she was a candidate with Neal Thomas for the

ASWSU executive posts.

Thomas and Froseth had apparently won the spots when their election victory was overturned by the group's judicial board due to campaign violations.

Coan and Vice President Jim Van den Dyssel defeated Thomas and Froseth in the second general election held last spring and the judicial board this fall upheld the overturning of the original election.

When contacted yesterday afternoon both Froseth and Thomas denied having the flyer printed and neither could be contacted after Robe identified Froseth's picture.

But, Robe said that a woman who said she had been the one who had flyers printed, called her and asked her not to identify her to the *Evergreen*.

The call to Robe came shortly after this newspaper contacted Froseth late yesterday afternoon and asked her to meet with a reporter at Kinko's so that Robe could confirm or deny whether she had made the copies.

Robe said the Froseth had also asked her Monday night not to identify who had made the copies and on the phone yesterday had said "she would probably be up there (Kinko's)" with an *Evergreen* reporter.

A poster bearing the same accusations as the flyers also was hung up at the west entrance of the CUB yesterday.

Ronald Rhodes, the adviser to ASWSU, said that under the group's rules the only criterion an executive was required to meet to hold office was to be a "full-time" student maintaining at least a 2.0 grade point average.

The group's bylaws, he said, "make no stipulation that the executive complete the courses."

He also added that it is "fairly common" for ASWSU executives to take incomplete marks in their courses because the demands of the

office require executives to represent the students out of town and therefore miss many class days.

"I don't think there is anyone who can challenge Mike's (Coan's) record of academic achievement or the record of his contributions to the stu-

dents in Olympia," Rhodes said.

C. James Quann, university registrar, said the only groups with access to a student's academic records (beyond whether he or she had attained a degree and their grade point average) are the student's

adviser, academic department, the financial aid office and the dean of students.

Quann said a "full-time" student, for fee purposes, is classified as any student who is registered for more than 6 credit hours.

## Western gay alliance groups are receiving student funds

**Editor's note: The controversy concerning the Gay People's Alliance looks like it may dominate the local student political agenda this spring. The final part of a two-story series on gay student groups follows.**

by Michael R. Wickline  
Editor

If the 20 or so members of the Gay People's Alliance are looking for a magic formula to win ASWSU committee status and funds from the students, they might want to call students of similar organizations west of the Cascades for advice.

Students at the University of Washington, Evergreen State College and Western Washington University have allotted more than \$8,000 to gay student groups at these institutions for the 1984-85 school year to spend on things varying from gay and lesbian dances to office supplies.

However, students east of the Cascades — at Central Washington University, Eastern Washington University and this university — have not thrown a cent to the gay student groups at these schools for this academic year,

although two of the groups plan major fights for student funds this spring.

"I ALWAYS EXPERIENCE frustration east of the Cascades," said Lori Buskala, coordinator of Western's Sexual Minorities Center.

The Lesbian/Gay Resource Center (and club) at The Evergreen State College tops student gay groups at the UW and WWU in terms of student funding.

Evergreen State's Services and Activities Fees Review Board has allocated the Lesbian/Gay Resource Center (LGRC) \$4,324 for the 1985-86 school year, according to Mike Hall, director of the services and activities at the Olympia-based college.

Members of the Lesbian/Gay Resource Center use their funds to promote awareness of gay issues at the Evergreen State.

"They have been here for years," he said of the members of the LGRC. "We don't seem to have that issue here. There has not been a (controversial) issue for people to question the right (and funding of the gay group) on campus," he said.

Funds for the gay student group at Western Washington University have ballooned during the past

year.

This year, the WWU's Sexual Minorities Center has been allocated nearly \$3,300, an increase of nearly 400 percent over last year's allocation, by WWU's Activities Council, according to Mark Earle, business manager of the ASWWU.

**THE CENTER WAS AWARDED** program status, which allowed the council to allocate the center more funds, last spring by the council. It had held WWU student club status for the prior 12 years.

By lobbying the council to fund the center as a public information device, Lori Buskala, center coordinator, said the center's members were successful in attaining program status.

Earle said the center, which has 8 staff volunteers and a mailing list of more than 700 students, is allocated about \$2,600 for the salaries of two center officials and about \$700 for programs, speakers and to publish a gay magazine, *Proud*.

The center's gay group hasn't faced any major flaps at Western, according to Earle and Buskala.

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