

Parking permit cost may skyrocket soon

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The cost of parking permits here may be skyrocketing soon. A proposal before the Faculty Senate calls for sharp increases in all parking fees, which will be phased in during the next three years. Fees have not been raised since 1970.

The proposal includes a 140 percent increase in resident student parking permits, jumping from \$25 to \$60. Commuter student rates would increase 71 percent, from \$35 to \$60. Structure permits would double, from \$60 to \$120.

Jack Davies, chairman of the University Planning Committee of the Faculty Senate, said parking costs are not paid by the state. "The university must entirely support its own parking costs," he said.

"In about three years we'll lose the capital reserve we have (in parking services.) And in one or two more years, we won't be able to maintain our current levels of parking standards," he said.

DAVIES WOULD NOT predict how the Faculty Senate will vote on the proposal at its Feb. 21 meeting.

Stanley E. Bauer, chairman of the Traffic Control Subcommittee of the UPC, said "In so many years the funds for parking will be zilch. If people think parking is bad now.

"If we're going to maintain parking standards, we're going to have to start looking at increases," he said.

Bauer said the subcommittee is "seriously considering other alternatives" if the parking fee increase does not pass the senate.

"We're not holding this over anyone's heads, that's not what we're doing. But, if the fee increase is not passed, we're considering charging a dollar a car for parking at football games. Visitors park free right now. Maybe we could charge them a buck or two. We do not have unlimited space like people seem to think.

"We're parking for pennies a day, instead of dollars a day, in this day and

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Banker named as regent

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The membership of the university's Board of Regents was finalized yesterday as Gov. Booth Gardner named a Bellevue banker to the seven-member board.

Belinda K. Pearson, a vice president and chief economist for Seafirst Bank, was named by Gardner yesterday to serve on the board until Sept. 30, 1989. She will replace Regent Jeanne Olson, who had been appointed by former Gov. John Spellman but never confirmed by the Senate.

Reacting to her appointment, Pearson said she "is looking forward to the opportunity to serve on the board" and said she feels her long time association with higher education, her position as an economist and even the fact that she is a woman helped her land the regent post.

Regent posts at state schools are

often coveted as a political plum by campaign supporters of the governor.

"MY ASSOCIATION with the Gardner campaign was as a volunteer organizer in my legislative district. I met him a couple of times in campaign strategy meetings."

She indicated the suggestion that she should seek the regent post came from Gardner's office and there were a "number of reasons why I might have been selected."

Gardner's office "might have wanted another woman on the board, or someone from western Washington or someone with close ties to higher education," she said.

Two weeks ago, Gardner, in his first round of state college and university regent and trustee selections, reappointed Regent Edwin J. McWilliams of Spokane and named

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Jury rules Coe guilty

SEATTLE (AP) — Kevin Coe was found guilty yesterday of three counts of rape in his second Spokane "South Hill rapist" trial, but a King County Superior Court jury was unable to reach a verdict on a fourth count.

King County Superior Court Judge Patricia Aitken polled the nine-woman, three-man jury after the foreman read the verdicts shortly after 11 a.m. The jury had deliberated almost 37 hours since receiving the case a week ago.

Ms. Aitken revoked Coe's bail and ordered him taken into custody immediately. Coe was surrounded by court officers and taken out a back door of the courtroom.

In Spokane, county Prosecutor Donald Brockett hailed the verdicts, saying, "I'm glad we prevailed on three of the four (counts)."

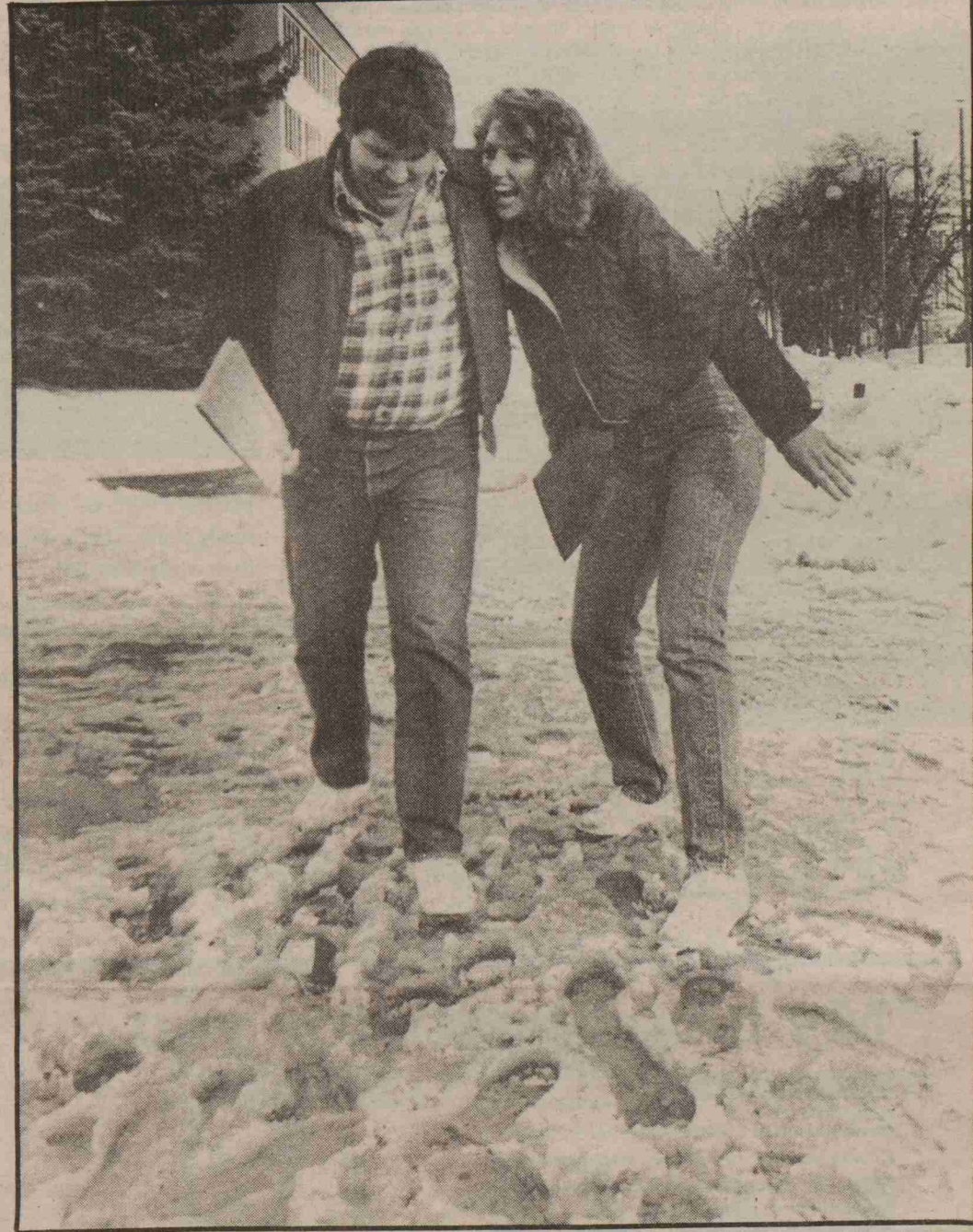
Spokane Police Chief Robert Panther, concurred: "It's a matter of satisfaction."

Brockett said he would ask for the maximum penalty on all three guilty verdicts, but had made no decision on retrying the fourth count.

Coe was charged in four of nearly 40 brutal sexual assaults blamed on the "South Hill rapist," who terrorized that quiet Spokane neighborhood between 1978 and 1981.

His original 1981 convictions on the same four first-degree rape charges were overturned by the Washington Supreme Court.

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Scott Collier, a criminal justice major from Kirkland and Teri Fisher, a marketing major also from Kirkland, brave the icy river that flowed between the CUB mall and Bryan Hall yesterday when the cold weather broke.

Committee ties on gay issue

by Joe Hudon
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The ASWSU's programming committee will enter tonight's senate meeting with a recommendation of no recommendation after deliberating to a tie on the issue of granting the Gay Peoples' Alliance committee status yesterday.

"I urge you to abstain from voting if you're walking the middle of the road," Marc Burns (At Large) told the committee shortly before the vote was taken.

Burns opened the GPA discussion with a brief review of what he said he thought were some important things to remember.

"I think the bill is in fine shape," Burns said and went on to tell the committee that if all they had done in relation to the issue was to poll their constituents, they were only doing half of their job.

"I've been told that we'd be committing political suicide if we pass this bill. I urge you not to give into lynch mob democracy," Burns said.

He reminded the members of the programming committee that it was not a moral issue they were trying to resolve and said he felt the gay awareness issue merits attention.

Jim Van den Dyssel, ASWSU vice president, told the group that he felt there were both positive and negative aspects connected with the bill.

"They do have programs for the classroom which are important and they are fellow students. However, the United States government does not list them as a minority, they are not dependent on us and, if I would have been in their position, I would have made sure to talk to everyone of the senators to make sure they knew the issues," Van den Dyssel said.

Chuck Kenlan (Off Campus), the senator who initiated the idea of a student survey on the issue, told the committee that there were many minority groups on campus and

asked if the senate would feel a responsibility to fund all the groups if the bill were passed.

"We have Christian groups on campus who are minorities. Maybe they were born Christians but they continue to provide their own funding," Kenlan said.

He added that Alex MacMath, co-president of the GPA had said at the programming committee's public hearing that the group had good turnouts at activities they sponsored.

"If they do so well with their activities, why not charge two bucks a head at their dances. They could make a lot more than some committees do on campus," Kenlan said.

Burns responded by explaining that much of what they were arguing over had nothing to do with whether or not the GPA should have committee status.

"Many of the negative things we are discussing here are neutral when it comes down to committee status," Burns said.

"What if a communist group walked in here asking for committee status and funding?" Kenlan asked.

"We'd have to look at their merits also," Burns responded.

Dana Casey (Dist. 9), told the committee that she was for the bill because of its educational qualities.

"I took a poll in my district on my own and there was a strong leaning towards passing the bill. However, there are still those individuals who are angry with me," Casey said.

She said that most of those who oppose committee status for the GPA do so out of ignorance.

"I've been sitting down and talking to my constituents and trying to explain to them that the issue is committee status, not funding," Casey said.

Doug McIlraith (Off Campus), told the programming committee that he intends to represent his constituents

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