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"HEY! THAT GUY'S backflipping onto us!" These tuxedoed cardboard visitors gave a formal touch to a snowpile on the CUB mall.

An attempt to 'kill, weaken' S&A fee bill voted down

A last-minute amendment change in a state bill concerning Services and Activities (S&A) Fees may change the "essence" of what students have been trying to put into law for the past year.

Glenn Phillips, ASWSU legislative liaison at Olympia, charged amendments instigated by Bob Waldo, a University of Washington administrator, were an attempt to "kill or weaken" the bill.

Two of Waldo's three revisions,

proposed in amendment form by Rep. Richard Barnes before the House Higher Education Committee, were passed. The third, the most critical, would have deleted a segment of the bill. The amendments passed were clarification changes.

The segment Waldo sought to delete gives students and committee members unhappy with a Board of Regents decision access to the board for appeal, Phillips said. Waldo's argument was the regents

should not have to be lowered to deal directly with every grievance of the students, Phillips added.

Waldo has said he will push for the amendments again when the bill comes before the Senate Higher Education Committee Jan. 30.

A similar bill passed both the House and senate last year. However, Gov. Dixy Lee Ray vetoed the bill.

'Pete'

He's that top dog with a touch of zip

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A former sewage treatment operator running the city?

Pete Butkus, new Pullman mayor, was indeed that, a firefighter, a water department laborer and a police officer before staging a campaign last summer which won him the election in November.

At 31, Butkus is believed by some to be the youngest mayor of any community in the state. He prefers to be called "Pete," answers all calls to his office as such and tries to maintain an informal atmosphere throughout his administration.

He graduated from WSU in 1970 with a degree in police science and was a member of the Pullman Public Safety Department since then until December, when he resigned for the mayor's job.

The cop-turned-mayor will be a student here again next semester, continuing work on his master's degree in adult and continuing education with a public policy option.

Butkus lives with his wife, Sue, a nutritionist with the cooperative extension service, and his 20-month-old son, John.

Sporting a beard for the first time since his early days on the police force, the new mayor took some time out from his "busiest day so far" to shoot the breeze.

Evergreen: What was your biggest adventure during the ten years you spent on the Pullman police force?

Butkus: One time in 1974 we got a call about a fight on Colorado and Opal in the middle of the intersection by the Tau Kappa Epsilon's. We screamed up there and found all these people standing around. We break through the circle and find these two guys down in the middle of the street. One guy's got hold of the other guy's hair and he's pulling it out by the fistfuls.

When he saw us, he just clamped on the guy's hair and wouldn't let go. We couldn't pull him away because more hair would come out. I finally took off my handcuffs and grabbed hold of the guy's knuckles and started beating over the guy's fist — BOOM — and he finally broke loose....the fight was over a woman.

E: Did you ever get bored as a police officer?

B: That's part of the problem with the job. There are times of real intense boredom and then suddenly, for no reason at all it will get super busy.



PULLMAN MAYOR PETE Butkus, a former Pullman police officer, was sworn into the city's top office Jan. 1, 1980.

E: Was there anything about the job you didn't like that made you want to try something else, like run for mayor?

B: Yeah, you know, I was one of those idealists that got in there because I thought I could do something to improve what was happening in police service. You find yourself caught in the overwhelming

aspect of everyday things that have to get done and there's so much you can't do anything about, like hit-and-run accidents. If you don't have a good description of the car and driver, you're just plain out of luck.

E: You've apparently decided to make public service your life's work. Did you have any idols when you were a kid which made you pursue this kind of work?

B: Not really, but public service has been something I've been in for a long time. I've been a firefighter and a sewage treatment plant operator, which incidentally, is one of the neater jobs in city government because nobody bothers you. It's kind of a nice place to work.

E: How was the transition from cop to mayor?

B: No problem there at all. I haven't had much time to think about it, actually. I haven't missed police work yet. I'm sure this will happen someday, but the mayorship is really an exciting new challenge.

E: Will former Mayor Karen Kiessling be a hard act to follow?

B: No doubt about it. Karen was a very activist mayor. I'm committed to being an activist mayor, but in a little different light. Of course, she goes out with four years of experience, but I'm coming in with a better understanding than any other previous mayor about how the mayor's office works. That's been a great help, but in other areas I'm really the neophyte, too.

E: What is your idea of being an activist?

B: Well, Karen did a lot for the city and community by going out and being on a number of statewide boards. There is some importance there, but at least for the first year it's time for the mayor to spend some time at home. I perceive some

Dismissal decision expected

The WSU Board of Regents should decide within a week if the dismissal of a tenured professor here was justified, Edith Williams, regents president, said yesterday.

William Payne, former associate professor of psychology and computer science, appealed his firing by the university at a special meeting of the regents.

He was fired by University President Glenn Terrell last September on the recommendation of an ad hoc faculty hearing committee. After months of hearing testimony, the committee determined Payne had violated the faculty code of ethics and should be dismissed.

Payne has contended many charges made against him were the result of his bringing wrongdoings in the university to the attention of the administration. He has said these irregularities have never been fully investigated.

No slap-bash here

"We don't want to do a slap-bash job," Williams said of the regents' decision.

At the hearing Payne asked for an immediate decision by the regents so "I can make plans for my future." Williams explained later the firing was a serious matter and had to be considered carefully.

The university and Payne each had 30 minutes before the regents for presentation of their cases and rebuttal. However Payne, confirming he was without counsel, asked the regents to consider his argument on the basis of material he had previously sent them. Payne said later he had been advised by his lawyer not to elaborate in his statement or to respond to charges by the university.

"On the basis of the testimony, exhibits and my responses to the report of the hearing committee, I ask that the members of the board of regents order my reinstatement...as a tenured professor..." Payne said in his statement.

David B. Benson, computer science professor representing the faculty and administration, said in a prepared statement, Payne's actions had a "chilling effect on the academic performance of students and faculty." He said it is essential the firing be sustained by the regents.

Testimony against Payne

Accusing Payne of 13 violations of the faculty code of ethics, Benson said before the hearing committee there had been overwhelming testimony against him. Some of the charges against Payne said he had made "scurrilous attacks" against colleagues, misused confidential student files and misused grant funds.

"Most of it (the statement) was distorted," Payne said. During the regents' hearing he asked for a copy of the statement and charged it was inaccurate.

Although questions came from only one member of the regents, Williams said they had each read the transcript of the hearing committee.

Payne said he was not optimistic about his chances before the regents.

Payne has strongly hinted if the firing is not overturned he will take legal action against the university.