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Bill seeks to bypass courts

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A resolution of a new amendment from the WY state Senate plans to bypass the WY Supreme Court when decided on funding for public schools.

Senate Resolution SJ 09, if passed, would allow legislature to determine public school funding adequacy, and would also prohibit courts from needing funding for schools beyond what is allowed by the law. In short, the legislation will take the reins from the courts on public school budgets and will determine how much schools need.

"It essentially seeks to take away the Wyoming Supreme Court's authority to review WHETHER the legislature has created a thorough and efficient system of public schools, adequate to the proper instruction of all youth," UW Professor of Law Michael Duff said. "Essentially, the legislature would have complete authority to decide whether schools are being adequately funded. Education would no longer be a constitutional right it would be an entirely discretionary legislative matter."

Senator Bill Landen, who is also listed as a sponsor of the bill, had an opposing viewpoint on what the bill would mean for the state.

"In a nutshell, the bill seeks to clarify whose role it is to fund our schools," Landen said. "It is the position of many of us in the legislature that the funding of schools is



Picture of Albany County school bus. An amendment in legislation will cut the Wyoming Supreme Court's ability to determine funding of public schools. (Photo by McKenna Lipson)

the role of the legislature, not the courts. We want that question to go to the voters. Do they want their elected representatives deciding the adequacy of funding, or do they want that decided by judges?"

The resolution is a new amendment to the state constitution, and is currently awaiting approval in the House after receiving two-thirds of the vote in the House, then it becomes the voters' decision on the ballot.

"That high hurdle (vote approval) is in place for obvious reasons; we take seriously the idea of changing our constitution," Landen said.

Duff had thoughts about how much control would be given to

legislators, and how that could be bad for the state.

"I never think it is a good idea to give full control over an important state right to one branch of government," Duff said. "I think there would be great temptation for the legislature to underfund education, which in my opinion would be bad public policy."

Senator Landen said that the amendment would not change funding, and that the language for it is already in the constitution.

This would not change anything with regard to funding. Regarding funding of post-secondary education, that language already exists in the Constitu-

tion, and nothing would change if this amendment were to pass.

What Duff said was contradictory to Landen's response.

"Without the availability of judicial review, the legislature could essentially choose any funding level for education it wanted," Duff said. "True, voters could later vote out members of the legislature in reaction to such a move, but that could take years. If, on the other hand, the Wyoming Supreme Court were to conclude there had been educational underfunding by the legislature, judicial injunctions might be available to correct the underfunding much sooner than the next general election or even later."

World-renowned tap dancer performs at UW

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Savion Glover, award winning tap dancer and choreographer, performed yesterday evening at the Arts and Sciences auditorium in a program put on by UW Cultural Programs.

Glover is a world-renowned tap dancer who has performed in many capacities, including on "Sesame Street", as the tapper in "Happy Feet" and "Happy Feet Two", and on Broadway. His

performances have earned him a Tony Award for best choreography and he is currently serving as the 2016 ambassador of dance at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center.

Glover's other accolades include creating worldwide-touring tap repertoires, including "Bare Soundz", "Classical Savion", and "Savion Glover's Holiday Spectacular". He also was a spokesperson for "Free Style Nike".

Philip Molene, Retail Associate for Cultural Programs, said that a performance

by such a talented performer is an honor for the University.

"There has never been a professional tap dancer of his caliber on campus before," Molene said.

Janelle Fletcher, director of Cultural Programs, said that Glover is in fact the first professional tap dancer that Cultural Programs has brought to the university.

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Third-grade classroom lab school desks. HB 37 would require teachers to be evaluated on an annual basis. (Photo by Sydney Edwards)

Bill to improve teacher accountability

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The bill could provide for greater teacher participation in the creation of the standards against which they will be evaluated.

"This bill would allow for more effective, local evaluation systems that could be designed with the assistance of teachers," Yennie said.

Yennie said he believes the bill will create greater accountability for teachers. However, it may differ by district.

"Because local control is going to be the outcome of this, teacher accountability will vary from district to district," Suzanne Young, Associate Dean of the UW College of Education, said.

Because of that variation, the accreditation process for the UW College of Education may become more difficult.

"For our own accreditation, this bill would make it more difficult for us to collect the kind of data we need," Young said.

More strict standards driving UW College of Education graduates to other states for when they begin their careers should not be a concern.

"Our graduates will not likely be too concerned about this," Young said. "If the bill passes, the impact will be felt more at a system level."

The bill was sponsored by the Select Committee on Statewide Education Accountability.

A bill that would create new standards of accountability for Wyoming educators has passed second reading in the Senate.

House Bill 37 (HB 37), if it passes, would require initial contract teachers to be evaluated once a year based on standards developed by each school district.

"Passage of HB 37 would allow us to use a Wyoming-preferred teacher evaluation system rather than to follow the mandates of the federal government that were previously imposed," Superintendent of Albany County School District Jubal Yennie said.

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Cowboy wrestling struggles on Senior Day

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The University of Wyoming wrestling team dropped their last regular season dual to No. 25 North Dakota State this past Sunday. The Bison took the hard fought dual 24-16 on the Cowboys' Senior Day, but not without a few tough UW victories.

Kyle Pope got the Cowboys off to a nice start with a 10-5 win over NDSU's Dylan Urbach.

"I liked how we started the dual this afternoon, it was a good feeling with how Kyle [Pope] started for us," head coach Mark Branch said.

"I think there was a couple of our guys that continued fighting and worked hard out there, but it just wasn't enough. Win or lose, I want our guys to be an inspiration. I have said it for a while now, I have no doubt that we have a dual team that can make noise looking ahead."

Bryce Meredith, Cole Mendenhall and Branson Ashworth also picked up victories for the Cowboys on Sunday.

No. 8 Meredith earned a fall with a pin against NDSU's Taylor Nein. The 141-pound match only lasted 1:52.

Mendenhall defeated Mitch Friedman by major decision 13-4. The win included three take-

downs and a reversal that sealed the deal for the Cowboy. This was Mendenhall's fourth major win of the season and the only win for a UW senior on Senior Day.

"I just wanted to put on a show," Mendenhall said. "I just had to put my head down and battle. The crowd was awesome."

Coach Branch added to Mendenhall's comments saying, "Cole [Mendenhall] wrestled really well. He wrestled really hard and at a fast pace and was able to pick up the major for us."

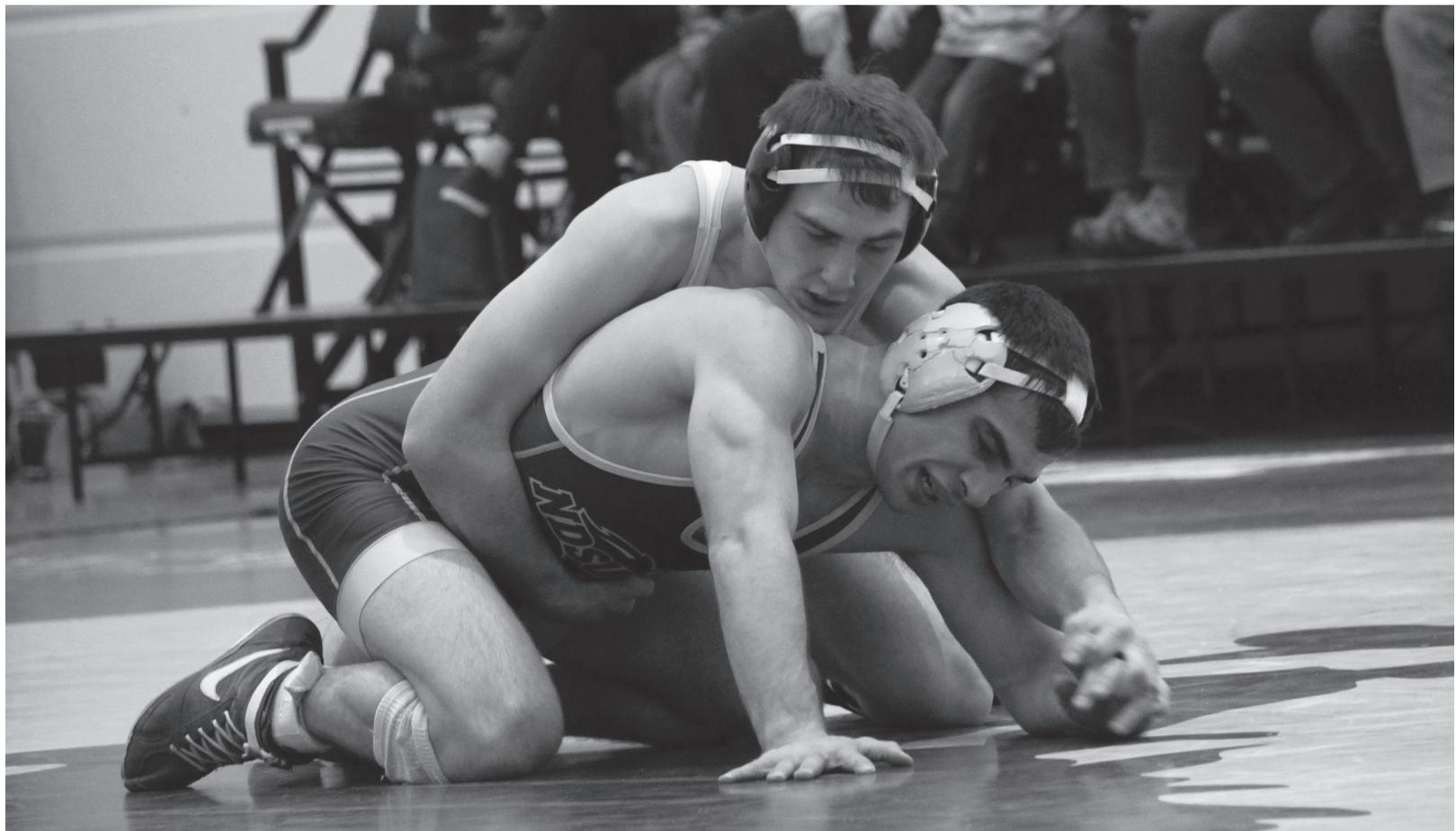
No. 16 Ashworth followed this with a 6-2 win over Brandon Fogarty in the 165-pound match.

In the end, NDSU defeated the Cowboys with wins over Chaz Polson, Nate Shaw, Drew Templeton, Gunnar Woodburn, Archie Colgan and Brandon Tribble.

Even with the loss, that puts the Cowboy wrestling team at 7-8 overall and 4-4 in the Big 12.

"We are still in it," Branch said. "We can still have a good showing at the Big XII tournament and NCAAs. We got guys that believe in themselves and if they continue to get better over the 3-5 weeks, they can end up on the podium and score some points for us."

The Cowboys' next challenge will be the Big XII Championship in Tulsa, Oklahoma on March 4-5.



Redshirt senior Cole Mendenhall wrestles opponent Mitch Friedman and wins by major decision, 13-4. The Cowboys will wrestle at the Big XII Championship in Tulsa, Oklahoma on March 4-5. (Photo by Katy Grogan)

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O'Dwyers Public House is a hotel-turned-pub co-owned by Deirdre O'Dwyer and James Grimes. O'Dwyers opened back in 1994, and ever since, they have been serving up American classics with an Irish flare.

One of the things that O'Dwyers does best is engage the public. Families, college students, and elderly folks all can feel right at home underneath the dome ceiling of the main dining room. There is even a tiny play area for toddlers to enjoy while the parents eat their meals in peace.

Almost every day of the week, there is something special happening, such as live Irish music on the stage in the main dining room, bingo for charity on Tuesday nights and trivia on Wednesday nights.

Even the University of Wyoming Geology department is getting in on the fun. It is sponsoring a special Darwin Trivia night on Feb. 15 in honor of the scientist's birthday, which was on Sunday, Feb. 12.

"Putting in the face time is important, and making sure that everyone that comes in feels welcome, especially in such a small community," Grimes said.

Speaking of drinks, college stu-

dents and alcohol-enjoyers have a variety of drinks to choose from. Aside from their liquor store right next door, O'Dwyers also offers over 20 beers on tap, three of them from the local Sheep Mountain Brewery, run by Todd Adams.

Other beers are brought in from places like Oskar Blue in Lyons, Colorado and one of Wyoming's oldest breweries, Snake River Brewery in Jackson. Chances are, a customer may never have to have the same beer twice.

"We have a couple of beers we always have on tap, a couple of domestics like Bud Light, Coors Light and Guinness, but everything else we try to rotate through so we always have a new beer coming in," Grimes said.

The drinks in this pub are important, but what use is a drink without food? After all, there are many options for the menu as there are types of beer. One of their most popular items is their Irish Nachos. Instead of tortilla chips, they fry their own potatoes to make fresh-cut potato chips and top it off with cheese sauce, bacon, tomato, green onions and corned beef. It is hard to hate a dish that has O'Dwyers' corned beef in it, like their Reuben, which is Grimes' personal favorite.

"We actually smoke our meat in house for about 14 hours, so

the corned beef is pretty good here," Grimes said.

The bread for the sandwiches in their next-door deli Black Kilt and the bread for the French toast during breakfast hours are also homemade.

The care and love they put into their food translates to the Irish ways of life, which they are more than happy to share. Adding on to the Irish live music on Mondays, the circular ceiling boasts banners of Irish counties, like Wexford. Part of the Irish tradition is how pubs were and what they were supposed to be.

"We're trying to carry on the old pub tradition in Ireland," O'Dwyer said. "The pub was a community gathering place, so it was about welcoming families, it was about celebrating the culture, the culture being music and poetry, and the Irish are very into that."

The tradition is going to keep living on, especially with the new menu coming out in a couple of weeks.

"We're going to try to incorporate more Irish things in our menu, like a rarebit, which is like a cheesy bread made with beer cheese," Grimes said.

O'Dwyers is about community more than anything else as a restaurant. This pub fits in perfectly with Ireland and even more perfectly with the community of Laramie.



Under the circular roof of O'Dwyers, American-Irish classics are served to everyone who enters. The Irish pub tradition has continued since opening in 1994. (Photo by Katy Grogan)

Tea time adventure with Mark Jenkins

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From the first time Mark Jenkins visited Tibet in 1984, he would go back 10 times in a thirty year period.

"I spent over a year in my life in expeditions in Tibet and China," Jenkins said, when adding all the time up.

Jenkins, a writer in residence at UW and National Geographic journalist, will be speaking tonight as a part of the UW Center for Global Studies "World to Wyoming Tour."

"Tea, Trade, & Tyranny: Tibet & China Over Time" will focus on the difficult relationship China and Tibet have had throughout the years. Jenkins traces this relationship through the Tea Horse Trail.

"One of the assignments I did for National Geographic was to go retrace the Tea Horse Trail," Jenkins said. "The Tea Horse Trail is this fascinating 14,000-mile trail that connects Lhasa, the capital of Tibet, to Ya'an, the tea growing capital of China."

Since Tibet is known for its horses and China for its tea, the two were able to form a trade relationship based on tea and horses, hence the name. The route was used up until the 1940s.

"For almost a thousand years, the Chinese wanted horses for their feudal warfare and Tibet has been breeding horses 3,000 years and the Chinese have been growing tea for 3,000 years," Jenkins said. "The Tea Horse Trail [was] functional until the end of the 1940s."

Since China needed the horses for war, Tibet needed the tea for a staple in their diet.

"The Tibetans wanted tea because they use it in their yak butter tea, which is one of their staple forms of diet," Jenkins said.

The main workers along the road were called tea porters. Jenkins was able to find these men while on assignment and ask them about their lives working on the trail.

"There were still tea porters, guys who would weight 100 pounds and carry 200 pounds of tea on their backs," Jenkins said. "I found and interviewed

some of these guys, who are in their 80s and 90s."

Jenkins explained how the trade worked.

"The tea porters would get into the mountains of Tibet, then the horses would come down and they would swap the tea for a horse," Jenkins said. "Each horse was worth 130 pounds of tea."

The trade relationship is only one part of the Tibetan and Chinese affair. One of the difficulties in the relationship is the fact that Tibet is not recognized as its own country but instead as a part of China.

Although Tibetans see themselves as a free nation, it does not fit into the Chinese political debate.

"Tibet is not its own country. It is a part of China and will always be a part of China," Jenkins said. "I have a line in my show 'China will set Tibet free the same year we set Colorado free.' It's just a joke. It's never going to happen."

Jenkins said he sees this presentation as an attempt to educate but also entertain. Adventures will be drawn to this show because of what Jenkins experienced from climbing to riding motorcycles across the high plains.

"It's a combination of entertainment and education," Jenkins said. "It's adventure plus

an attempt of describing the relationship between Tibet and China."

He hopes to clear up any misconceptions about the relationship between Tibet and China. Jenkins also wants to inspire people to get out into the world.

"I want them to have a more realistic understanding about the relationship between Chi-

na and Tibet," Jenkins said. "I want them to be inspired to travel, to get out of Wyoming, out of the US, out of the continent. Go someplace else."

"Tea, Trade and Tyranny: Tibet and China Over Time," will be at 7 tonight in the Arts and Sciences Auditorium. Jenkins will take his presentation on the road beginning in March.



Above: A tea porter who used to trade tea and horses on the Tea Horse Trail connecting Tibet and China. Below: Picture Jenkins took on his recent expedition to Tibet and China. Jenkins's presentation "Tea, Trade and Tyranny: Tibet and China Over Time" will be tonight at 7 in the A&S auditorium. (Photo courtesy of Mark Jenkins)

Second half defense leads Cowgirls over Aggies



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The Cowgirls basketball team took down a red-hot Utah State Aggies team 59-40 last Saturday in the Arena-Auditorium. The Aggies entered Laramie last weekend on a four game winning streak.

It was a tale of two halves for the Cowgirls who entered half time with a mere 30-25 lead.

"I don't think the final score indicates how difficult of a match up that was," head coach Joe Legerski said. "Their length really affected us and we didn't shoot the ball well from three."

The Cowgirls struggled to score points from the 3-point line in the first half, going 0-4 to start the game. However, the team shot 6-14 (42.9%) and managed to out-rebound the Aggies 13-5 after two quarters of play. It was the Cowgirls' defense that made the difference in the first half, holding the Aggies shooting 3-14 from the field.

The second half was a different story for UW. A couple of big free throws by guard Liv Roberts and strong rebounding from forward Bailee Cotton got the Cowgirls off to a nice lead and 7-0 run with five minutes left in the 3rd quarter.

"They were really long and hard to pass over, it's hard for me to get inside against a girl who is 6'2"," Roberts said. "But we just needed to hit a few [shots] to break the ice."

That is exactly what guard Taylor Rusk did. With 1:12 left in the third quarter, Rusk hit the Cowgirls' first 3-Pointer of the game and extended UW's lead to 10. Rusk then hit another from downtown two minutes into the fourth.

"Taylor Rusk hitting two three's was really big, but more importantly Liv was open and passed it to Taylor for her second three," Legerski said. "That's a smart play to make when someone has just made a three."

Even when the ball isn't going in, Rusk's attitude doesn't change.

"Coach tells us we have to shoot it when we're open," Rusk said. "You just got to keep taking shots and they will fall eventually, which they did."

The Cowgirls excelled at the free throw line, making 18 of 20 attempts and finished the game 19-48 (39.6%) from the field. It was a tough night shooting for UW, but it was defense that helped the Cowgirls in their victory.

"We've really focused on defending in practice and I think their 40 points show that," Roberts said.

Coach Legerski added to this saying, "For us to give up 15 total points in the second half was a mark of how well we played. Beating a team that is as hot as them was a big step for this group."

The Cowgirls win brings them to 18-6 overall and 10-3 in Mountain West play. They head to Fort Collins on Wednesday to take on rival Colorado State in Moby Arena.



Sophomore Coreen Labish pushes the ball past two Utah state competitors. Wyoming beat Utah State 59-40 on Saturday. (Photo by Katy Grogan)

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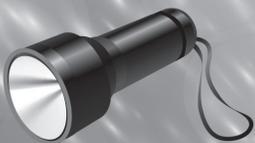
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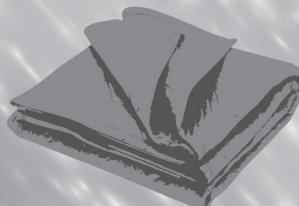
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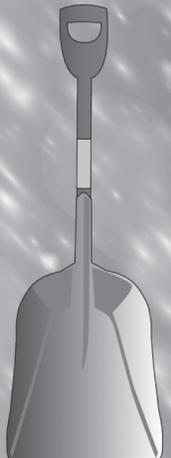
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"In the Cultural Program's 30-plus year history, he is the very first tap dancer we have ever booked," Fletcher said. "We do a professional dance company, sometimes two, every year. Never before have we had one tap."

Fletcher said that the opportunity to have Glover perform brings a whole new level of prestige to the university.

"To be able to present it on this level is incredible because it has never happened before," Fletcher said. "Also, he is an international superstar, and it is a really rare opportunity for us to be able to witness that kind of greatness here. He's not even making a stop in Denver. It's a treat!"

Booking Glover was no easy feat for the Cultural Programs department.

"We booked him because we had a really rare opportunity where he was crossing the country and had one date available on his cross-country tour," Fletcher said. "He is one of the most famous tap dancers in the world. It was a really special opportunity to bring him into Laramie on his way across the country."

The rarity of this opportunity did not go unnoticed by UW dance students.

"It's not often a Tony Award winning dancer comes to Laramie Wyoming," Kirklin Carroll, Junior in the Dance Program, said. "I think it's a unique opportunity for students to see professional dance performed outside of the realm of ballet. Plus tap is fun for all ages and all people."

Amanda Vinson, Junior in the Dance

Program, also took advantage of the opportunity to watch Glover perform. She said the opportunity to see a tap dancer specifically was a special opportunity.

"It is such a unique form of dance that is not as common as other forms and never disappoints," Vinson said. "Every dancer has their own flavor and that really shows in tap since the dancer makes the rhythms. All of the poly-rhythms and syncopation are made with the dancer and every dancer has their own style."

Fletcher said that if students were unable to attend Glover's performance, they missed out on a great show. However, there are more programs to come.

"We have a lot more coming this season, so keep your eyes peeled," Fletcher said.

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