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Gregoire Opens 62nd Youth Legislature

By Emma Cumpton

Last night, after what was hopefully a delicious dinner or a lovely Rules Committee, we were graced with the presence of Washington State Governor Christine Gregoire, who for the first time in two years answered questions directly from Youth and Government delegates during the opening session of our legislature.

During her speech and Q&A, Gregoire focused mostly on the budget that recently went through actual State legislature. It was interesting to see just how reluctant the government really was to institute this budget – they realized that they had to, to keep the State afloat, and if we have to make some sacrifices then so be it. 2.6% of K-12 funding had to be cut to make up for a \$9 billion deficit, the smallest that legislators could effectively make it.

What was even more compelling were the more personal questions answered by Governor Gregoire. The Q&A started off with a question regarding Gregoire's belief towards domestic partnerships and same-sex marriage, to which she responded that she invariably supported full equality in this State, and would "proudly sign" the bill coming to her allowing some of these rights. She also addressed her beliefs toward the death penalty.



It is my absolute least favorite part of being governor," she said of signing the authorization forms for one inmate. "I couldn't sleep for days." She finished with a quip on the glories of Washington wine. During her first trade mission in France, she proposed a toast – with the French – in honor of the "best wine in the world", that from Washington, but managed to squeeze out of the awkward situation with this: "California makes jug wine, Washington makes fine wine!" and then we toasted."

Hopefully we can look forward to seeing our Governor again to open our weekend here in Olympia, and see in person the most powerful woman in the state, still not to high to talk to a bunch teenagers. Spiffily dressed teenagers, but teenagers nonetheless. She's coming today for pictures at 3:30, so be sure to take advantage of the great opportunity to meet your governor.

Just Dance

By: ~~Rebekkah~~ James

Dea Law, one of those girls who you wouldn't want to corner in a dark alley has a request... From the deep, dark remnants of the press room. With printers busily proffesing the inter-workings of our tangled minds an argument erupted. Then, a competition. Tomorrow evening at approximately 7 pm something we're all anticipating is happening ...a festive event for which we all be lookin' FLY and laughter will only be a spin away. Of course I'm referring to the Governor's Ball. It is at this "ball" that Dea has been challenged to a DANCE OFF By the one, the only Drew Granneman. Drew is a gentle guy, smiles a lot, and is pretty much a happy-go-lucky type. However, when confronted with the idea of a dance competition, he bit like a fish fronted to the bait. So I leave the decision in your capable



Dea Law & Drew Granneman showcasing their moves.

hands...send your votes to the Press Room on whether you feel this dance off should happen and who will win. Happy Voting!



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