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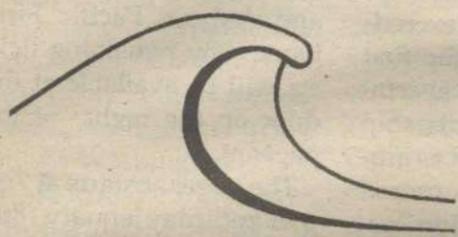
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Norva Sobotta wins Arthur Sidney Bidell Award

By Angi Knauer
Staff Writer

Green River's own Norva Sobotta is this year's recipient of the Arthur Sidney Bidell Award. At a recent annual conference Sobotta was honored with the award on the basis of extraordinary personal service to the Pacific Northwest Pollution Control Association (PNPCA). Sobotta, a staff member of Green River Community College for 15 years, has spent 14 of those years as the administrative assistant for GRCC's Washington Environmental and Training Resource Center (WETRC). She has been an active member of the PNPCA for 10 years, 5 of which have been spent serv-

ing the position of secretary/treasurer of the association.

The PNPCA is designed to improve waste water services. Established in 1935, it consists of Washington, Oregon, and Idaho and has about 1300 members. Sobotta's individual responsibilities with the association is to act as a focal point for the 25 different operator's sections which hold meetings several times throughout the year. She assists in researching information and selects the location for the annual conference.

Very few students at Green River are aware of the WETRC. It's main responsibility is to coordinate training throughout the

state of Washington for water and waste-water treatment plant operators. It



provides operators with the chance to fulfill their continuing education requirements and renew their state certification by completing 30 hours of work within the

field every three years. Sobotta is in charge of the financial tracking and handling of expenditures throughout the office. She coordinates workshops for water and waste-water which involves the contacting of instructors and scheduling the 125 classes. She also prepares brochures and sends mailings to the approximately 6,500 members of the WETRC.

The Arthur Sidney Bidell Award has been in existence since 1948 and is named after the second president of the federation. Throughout the country there are 50 member associations, each of which names one member to receive the award. Taken into consideration is

the organizational leadership, administrative service, membership activity, stimulation of technical function or similar participation. Sobotta is only the second woman to be honored with this award. Sobotta also received a membership award for recruiting almost a quarter of the PNPCA's new members this year.

According to Sobotta, water and waste-water management is a field full of opportunity, especially for women. As she explains, "It's a nontraditional field for women, so if a woman is interested it is pretty much open for her." This year the association has its first woman president.

Sonics star Dean Tolson shows importance of education through experiances to GRCC students

By Dawna Bird
Advertisement Manager

On Tuesday January 7, motivational speaker Dean Tolson strongly encouraged GRCC students to make their educational meaningful. He advised the students that it is far more beneficial to learn their lessons the first time than to have to return to school later in life.

Tolson, an ex-Supersonic, has not always been in the lime light of success without paying a high price. As early as fifth grade Tolson knew his destiny: he wanted to play pro basketball. At that time he decided that school was not important, as long as he passed.

When Tolson entered high school he was functional illiterate. During his senior

year the invitations to visit collages began to arrive, it appeared that his high school grades weren't going to be a problem. It wasn't until Tolson visited his first couple of collages that he realized the importance of his high school transcript. Tolson said that he had to have someone else take the SAT test for him so that he could get passing grade and be accepted at the collage.

Once accepted, Tolson began to play ball and he attended classes, with only one problem: he couldn't read. By his junior year he had 40 classes worth of "F" grades but he still played ball. In his senior year Tolson started receiving inquiries from the NBA. They were interested in him and at that point he knew that

before long his dream would be reality.

The Seattle Supersonics drafted Tolson and he was in the NBA. His dream came true.

He discovered that he was not educated enough to handle the politics of a pro ball team. Tolson felt that with a better education he would have been treated a lot differently.

Tolson played for the Sonics for three years. Once released for the final time. He decided to play basketball abroad. He traveled to many countries and played for a handsome pay check. After one tour of the tours, he came home to go back to school. The challenges in Dean Tolson's life started on that day. He went to the

University of Arkansas where he had attended years earlier. Tolson made a commitment from that day he would not leave Arkansas without a degree.

He attended school full time and worked part time for a carpet cleaning com-

pany. He now owns a carpet company in Tacoma.

Finally, the reward was his; Dean Tolson graduated with a 2.1 GPA with a bachelor's degree. His message: It's never too late to get focused and start studying for the future.



The 1992 Miss Auburn 28th annual pageant comes to the Performing Arts Center this Saturday

By Graham Titchener
Associate Editor

Saturday the 28th annual Miss Auburn pageant comes to the Auburn Performing Arts Center where 15 young women will be competing for more than \$5000 in scholarships, sponsored by the Auburn Noon Lions.

The age range of the girls for this years pageant is between 17 and 25 years.

Last quarters Associate

Editor of the Current, Jennifer Bowman, Zandra Croxford, DeAnna Webb, Anna Persha, and Brittany Wilson, Green River Community Collage stands a very good chance of having a winning student come out of this pageant.

This years musical numbers will be performed by: Tamara Wimer, Miss Auburn 1991; Lori Ann Mullins,

Miss Auburn 1990, Carleen Johnson, Miss Auburn 1989, So Young Kwon, Miss Washington and Woody Carr, a local vocalist.

"Thank You for the Music: A Salute to Great Composers," will be this years pageant theme.

The production will be featuring the music of Jules Styne, George Gershwin, Irving Berlin, Cole Porter,

Howard Ashman, Alan Menkin, John Lennon and Paul McCartney will be apart of the this years production.

The Miss Auburn Scholarship fund will be exceeding the \$5000 for the first time this year. This also includes a new scholarship which is recognized as academic excellence sponsored by your Auburn Commu-

nity.

Tickets will be on sale For \$10 at Sterling Savings in Auburn, Auburn High School DECA Store, Nelson's Jewelry in Auburn and Auburn Pacific First Bank. Any remaining tickets will be available at the door on the night of the pageant.

The pageant starts at 7:30 p.m. Saturday January 18th.

New advanced Calculus class opens

By Young Yee
Staff Writer

Don Hallstone, GRCC math instructor, is teaching students how to use high tech calculators in Math 194. This is a one credit class and is offered in the SMT building at noon on Mondays and Tuesdays.

A complex society needs new calculus reform and more advanced math skills because human society is coming to face more complex technology problems in science, math, economics, politic, and so on, Hallstone indicated.

"It is time to use a high-tech calculator in the school, laboratory, office, and home. We should know how to use high-tech calculators," said Hallstone.

According to Hallstone, Math 194 will provide math students many advantages to understand the calculus by using high-tech calculators, HP-28 or HP-48. These calculators can show how some functions work by drawing graphs. For example, when a math student doesn't understand a function, by the use of those calculators he can see what the functions look like graphically.

GRCC is re-evaluated for accreditation status

By Dennis Lutke
Staff Writer

On Monday the Mission and Goals committee held a hearing to receive input from teachers administration, students, and anybody else who wished to speak against any part of the proposed draft mission and goals statement. Only a hand full of people actually voiced an opinion and a major concern brought up was what GRCC can do to assure that the students are "learning," not just being "supplied" with information. Now the committee must revise the statement once again for the final

preparations to present to the board for adoption Thursday February 20.

Once every 10 years, Green River Community College forms a committee to prepare a draft mission and goals statement to present to the Northwest Association of Schools and collages for a full scale re-evaluation. This is done in order to earn accreditation status for it's educational programs and services.

Through many long hours of careful planning, evaluating, receiving input from others and rewriting the proposal, the committee provided a mission: GRCC is a priority educational re-

source to which all persons can turn for the knowledge, technology, and skills they seek to advance their lives. We continue to operate in accordance with the state of Washington's Community College Act of 1967.

A list of 21 various goals were drawn up. GRCC plans to upkeep and improve it's educational programs and produce their part in the environment and in the surrounding community. In addition, a list of important values was included. The very utmost priority is the GRCC students. GRCC affirms they are fully committed to the students' educational success.

1992 Spring quarter in London

There is still time! Green River Community College will again co-sponsor with other Puget Sound college's for a Spring Quarter in London this 1991-92 school year. This program will take advantage of theaters, museums, and historical institutions which London has to offer. Students will earn 15 credits. All arrangements are being handled through the American Institute for Foreign Study. Information regarding the program is in the office of the Dean of Instruction in the Hollman Library, or you can call 833-9111 ext. 233.

Teddybear drive for Trauma Children Begins

Delta Epsilon Chi is sponsoring a state wide teddybear drive now through February 14. All donations will go to the Washington State Patrol, who will distribute the bears to children in trauma situations.

Donation locations are in the BI building on campus, Dunham Grocers in Kent, Johnny's IGA in Kent, Albertsons in Auburn, the Auburn Library, and Puget Sound Bank in Auburn. For more information, leave a message in Mr. Hill's box located in the BI building.

EVERYBODY'S TALKING ABOUT SEX.

"I'm not sure I'm ready for sex."
 "Me neither. I don't want to catch AIDS or anything."
 "For now, the only really safe way is just not to do it."
 "I'm learning lots about safer sex - that way when I am ready - I'll be prepared."

The only sure ways to protect yourself from AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases are not to have sex and not to share needles if you do drugs.

If you are having sex, use a latex condom every time. Learn all you can about protecting yourself.

Don't just talk about sex. Get the facts. For more information call the Northwest AIDS Foundation at 329-6963 Ext. 241. TDD# 323-2685.

NORTHWEST AIDS FOUNDATION

Women start league play with a loss, but bounced back for their first league victory against Tacoma

By Don Eckhoff
Sports Editor

Over the Winter break the women's basketball team participated in a variety of games and tournaments. Traveling to Honolulu, Hawaii, down into Eugene, Oregon, and throughout the state of Washington. The Gators finished the pre-season with a 12-2 mark. At the Green River Big 8 Tournament they took second, at the Diamond Head Classic in Hawaii, they won both of their games against United States military teams, and in the Lane Tournament in Oregon, they placed third. Pele' Houk and Tanya Kloempken, captured All-Star Team honors in the tournament.

"This could very well be a championship year. We have got to take the next step in becoming a championship team. We need to gel (come together) a little bit, we need to get some of the most basic fundamentals of basketball down. In order for us to be competitive in our league we are going to have to play a lot smarter. I am very confident we can do just that. We are a much better team than we were a year ago," stated women's

basketball coach Mike Willis.

As league play begins their is a potential of a championship year ahead for the Gators. The Gators, have faced their biggest challenge of the year on January 11. That was the day when the Gators took on the number one team in the league and rival Pierce Community College, the GRCC entered the game at number three in the division. The team struggled through most of the game to play catch-up with Pierce. Near the end of the game the Gators overcame the deficit, when Shelley Rockey, nailed a three-pointer with one second remaining in regulation to tie the game. "If Rockey, hadn't of hit those three's, we wouldn't have been there," stated assistant coach Gary Nichols. "It was really nice for her (Rockey) to be in front of her home fans of Auburn, and play so well," commented Willis. In overtime, the Gators tried to overcome Pierce, and again with seconds to go Rockey, pulled up and hit for a second three-pointer at the buzzer, to send the game to a double overtime. Pierce, began to pull away, in the

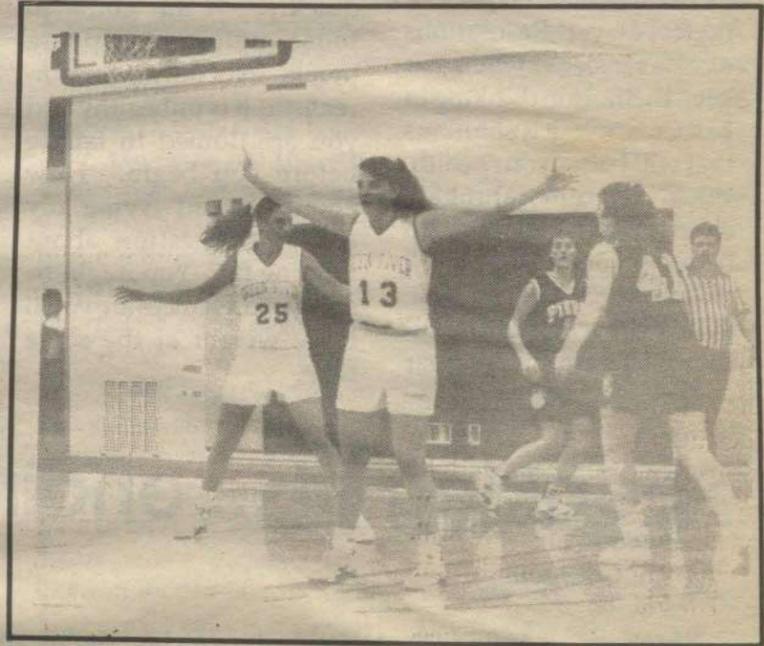
game however, the Gators kept coming down the court. With 12 seconds to go, the Gators were not able to get the ball into the basket. "I haven't coach a game like that one, since I was the head coach at Foster (high school) in the state championship," said Nichols. "The last time I was in a game like this, was back in 1987. It was for the state championship and we were right here, in this gym. Both of the bleachers were pulled out and packed with fans, as far as the game with Pierce, we played really hard here against them," said Willis. However, the end result, was a 74-73 loss to Pierce, in double overtime.

On January 15, the women faced Tacoma Community College, "This game was a little easier than Pierce," said Willis. The Gators beat Tacoma 91-33. Rockey, came off of the bench to score 18 points. Dori Davis, came off the bench as well to get 14, and starter Tanya Kloempken added 12. "We really have a nice rotation, every 5-6 minutes we had three or four kids coming in Shelley, is good enough to start, but we're in a nice rhythm now. When she (Rockey), comes off of the

bench we're in offense! Right now we're in a situation where Pele' (Houk), is able to come off the bench and score well, and if Dori (Davis), can keep it all together we're going to have a really nice three-some coming off of the bench and scoring for us," said Willis.

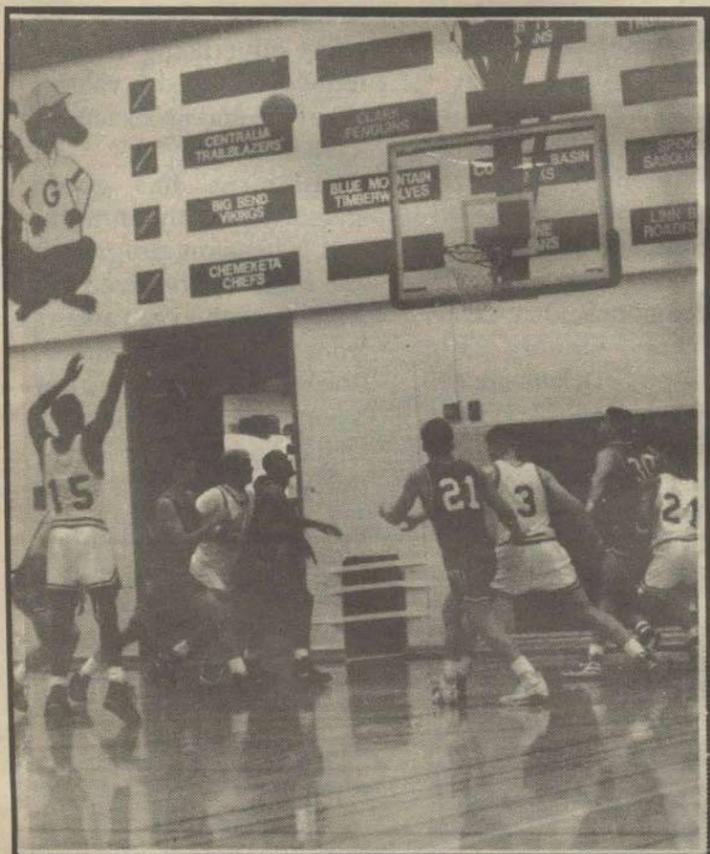
"I was really excited after

the win (against Tacoma), because now I know we're ready to go down and play Clark (Community College)," added Willis. The women will be playing Clark tomorrow evening. The next time the Gators will be a home is on January 25 and 29, tip-off is at 6:00 p.m.



Gator's Julie Lorack (25) and Shelley Rockey (13) show off their hands up defense, near the end of a very long double overtime loss to the Pierce Community College Radiers

Gator men faced a very unexpected loss early in the season and it wasn't a game



Fr. Donyelle Frazier, shoots from the foul line during the January 11, victory against Pierce Comm. College

By Don Eckhoff
Sports Editor

"Green River is one of the best overall schools around, academically and extra-curriculum, this is a great place. School comes first, and sports come secondary," stated mens' head coach Bob Ross. Ross, has been coaching at one level or another over the last 36 years. The men's team, had a very unexpected loss. When Winter Quarter began, four players were forced off of the team, because of poor grades. In order to participate in collegiate sports an athlete must have at least 12 credits per quarter and at least 36 for the year, along with a

grade point average of at least a 2.0 (if you're a freshman, all you have to do is pass the quarter).

"I think we'll be okay. It was unexpected to lose the players, but we'll do fairly well when league play comes around," said Ross. Fairly well indeed, on January 11, the Gators took on rival Pierce Community College. The men had one of the better games of the season, "pleased with the result," commented Ross. GRCC won 91-85 against the Radiers. Mychal Brown had 27 points (getting most from three-point land) and Joe Haigh, followed with 20.

On January 15, the team played Tacoma Community College. Mychal Brown, lead the team with 20 points and Brian Boyd, came off of

the bench to add 16 in a 77-92 loss to the Titans. "All (the players are) fighter's, that's for sure. There's nobody with bigger hearts, or more hustle, we just need to be a little smarter, when playing ball. We can't give the ball up! We work really hard on defense, but we seem to run out of gas," stressed Ross.

Coming up tomorrow for the Gators, will be a tough team, "Clark (Community College) is a very, very tough club, they always have great players from around the Vancouver area," added Ross. The men will play again at home on January 25 and 29 at 8:00 p.m. and on the 31 at 7:00 p.m. Come on out, and take part in the action of Gator basketball.

For the health of it: strive for a new you in '92



Ann Darling
Director of health services

Here we are already into the third week of a new year and if you are anything like me, the resolutions you thought about making all last year didn't get made, or the ones you did make are perhaps sliding quietly away.

It's really a great idea to make resolutions. None of us has reached the peak of perfection yet! Resolutions work even better when you keep them. I am thinking in particular about resolutions that will better your health. When you are more healthy, chances are you will do better in your college work and personal lives as well. There is a connection, although it isn't always clear

to people.

How to succeed:

*Set realistic goals... Make them reachable and measurable FOR YOU. For example "I will limit the amount of fat in my diet to 30%." That's it. (Need help to do this? It's not as difficult as you might imagine and help is as close as Health Services.) A common error is to make huge sweeping changes too soon and too quickly. "I am going to lose 30lbs by spring break!" Not only is this unrealistic, it is unhealthy and you are doomed to failure before you begin. How about instead trying my earlier suggestion about limiting fat? You might be surprised, chances are you'll lose weight at the same time.

* Have a plan in mind... put it on a calendar, make an agreement with a friend (the buddy system works very well for many people,) keep a chart or record. Whatever works best for you. Be specific about your goal. "I am going to arrive 10 minutes early, park in the furthest corner of the parking lot, and walk to my classes three mornings this week."

* Reinforce your goal... Put a reminder on your dashboard about the walking. Make a cheery note to yourself about cutting down your fat intake and put it by the handle of the 'fridge door. If grocery shopping is a problem and that's when you get the ultra fatty 'goodies' - ask a sympathetic friend to go

grocery shopping with you and the have a cup of tea or soda together.

* Reward your success... when you have walked to class the three mornings a week, treat yourself to a racy new pair of socks to wear with your walking shoes. Go to your library and read a favorite magazine where no one can interrupt you, giving yourself time and permission to read it cover to cover. Put a dollar in a money jar and treat yourself to a fancy new T-shirt when you have enough money.

* Don't beat yourself up if you slip... so often one slip becomes "oh my gosh I've failed again!" We all respond much more favorably to positive feedback. Acknowledge you slipped

and start again immediately-don't wait till the beginning of next term to start over!

Building new habits is challenging and very time consuming. You learn new habits in the same way that you continue old, "bad" unhealthy habits... by repeating them. Talk to yourself and keep an telling yourself that you CAN make this change. Self-talk is very important in the process of change. You CAN do it... and if you need assistance or encouragement or just a place to talk about the changes you would like to make for a healthier you in '92, do stop by Health and Services in LC 227 (next to Financial Aid) Good luck!

Speaking of ... ending relationships

Ted Broussard
GRCC Counselor



A break-up of an important relationship can be a significant event for both the person initiating the break-up as well as the one who is left. Even though a period of grief and loss is entirely appropriate and normal at this time, there are several things one can do to heal the wounds and start to move on with his/her life.

Identify the resources in your life that will be your support system habits, rituals, friendships, values that you can count on in getting through the first few days.

Habits in your daily repertoire which are good for you-hot baths, new magazines, night out with the boys/girls, exercise.

Old friends who are true friends to you when you were part of a couple and now you're not. Use them for emotional support and companionship.

New friends-open yourself to the possibilities of new connections. Take a risk-ask a new friend to lunch.

Do something different. Try a new hobby, new sport, learn a new language, take a trip you've always wanted.

Counseling-if after a while you feel like you need some help to reach emotional resolution, consider seeing a counselor. A professional can help you arrive at deeper insights you need to feel resolved about your relationship.

All suggestions in this article were adapted from *Coming Apart* by Daphne Rose Kingma. For more information, stop by GRCC Counseling Services LC-231 to make an appointment or call ext 304. Walk in hours are Mondays and Thursdays 12-2.

New this quarter, Healing From a Broken Relationship Support Group. Call ext. 292 for time, location and more information.

Pictures can speak louder than words

Jillian Boucek
Editor in Chief

If a picture says a thousand words, then there's a lot of talking going on in the Helen S. Smith Gallery located in the Hollman Library. A selection of Pacific Northwest photographers' works are currently on display through January 31. A wide array of photographic styles and techniques are represented through landscapes, portraits, collages, and documentary work.

GRCC's photography instructor, Patrick Navin, plans to have two exhibits a year. "We want to show that photography can be an art form that allows for an incredible amount of self-

expression and communication." Navin says.

The photographers represented in the exhibit are: Claire Garrouette, Jeff Johnston, Richard Lewis, Robert Lyons, Rosanne Olson, Stephen Reip, David Robbins, Suzanne Rollow, Michael VanHorn, and John Wesly.

The Helen S. Smith Gallery is directed by Dr. Bernie Bleha, chair of the GRCC's Fine Arts Division. The exhibit is open to the public free of charge, Monday through Thursday 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., Friday 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on selected Saturdays from noon to 5 p.m.

Dr. Martin Luther King is honored

Kristina Tung
Staff Writer

In honor of Martin Luther King's birthday, Green River Community College sponsored a celebration on Jan. 15.

The celebration included guests Connie Thompson from Komo; poetry reading by Mrs. Mason; singing by Renee Dunn and representatives from the ethnic clubs who spoke about how Martin Luther King has affected them.

Tamra Love, the president of the Black Student Union, feels it is important to learn about Martin Luther King and appreciate everything he has done for the ethnic groups.

Media targets sex

Jillian Boucek
Editor in Chief

Dr. Jean Killbourne, an internationally recognized authority on the media, addictions, and sex roles, will be speaking in the Lindbloom Student Center Thursday, January 23 at seven pm. Tickets are \$10 reserved, and \$8 general admission.

She has informed thousands of audiences, through

lectures and films, of the effect advertising has on individual attitudes, values, behavior, and on society as a whole.

Killbourne has guest starred frequently on radio and television programs, and has twice received the lecturer of the year award from the National Association for Campus Activities.

For more information call Diane Anderson, or Timothy Wheeler at extension 337.



I have a dream

New counseling schedual for Winter Quarter walk-ins



Ted Broussard
GRCC counselor

Counseling services announces new part time counselor and walk-in hours.

GRCC Counseling Services provides short term personal counseling and other services to GRCC students. Counseling is confidential, free of charge and available to any student experiencing personal concerns that interfere with their educational success. In addition to individual sessions, counseling services offers on-going groups from time to time and a full slate of Personal Development Workshops each quarter on topics like stress, relationships, depression, and many others. Look soon for the flier announcing Winter '92 workshops. All Personal Development

Workshops are held on Thursdays, beginning January 16, in SG-59.

Joining the Counseling Services staff this quarter is Marie Sundburg. She has a Master of Arts Degree in Clinical Psychology and extensive experience working with students in a university setting. Most recently, Marie worked as a child and family therapist with the King County Sexual Assault Resource Center working with sexually abused children. Currently she splits her time working at Green River with a part time counseling position at Seattle University. Marie's hours will be Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

A new change in Counseling Services scheduling is the addition of walk-in hours on Mondays and

Thursdays from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. Walk-in hours is a time when a student can come in to see a counselor without an appointment on a first come first served basis. Although walk-in times may be shorter than a regularly scheduled session, it is an opportunity to be seen quickly. First time users of Counseling Services or those students in crisis are especially encouraged to utilize this time slot.

The counseling services office is located in LC-231 and appointments can be made by stopping by or calling ext 304. Hours are made by appointment Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Tuesday evenings until 7 p.m. Walk-in hours are Mondays and Thursdays From 12 p.m. to 2 p.m.

New editor for GRCC Current



Dawna Bird
Advertising Manager

The GRCC school newspaper, The Current, has a new editor, Jill Boucek.

Boucek is a 1991 graduate of Rogers High School, in Puyallup. She started attending GRCC in the fall and was the editorial page editor last quarter. She is a journalism major and hopes to attend Washington State University.

Boucek feels that the college paper is for the students and she would like students input to what they feel are important issues to them. Boucek plans to get the paper more organized and make

sure she has reporters to cover all the stories that need to be covered.

The Current staff would like to start a classified column in the paper. This section would be for items that are for sale, things that need to be sold or personal

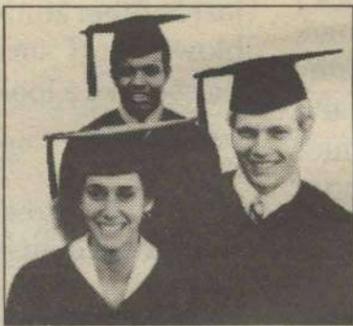
messages.

The paper will also have a calendar of events. If an organization has a special event coming up, a member will be able to submit the event, date and times at the Current newsroom, building SC-3. Anyone interested in writing an article for the paper may contact Boucek at the newsroom on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 1-2 p.m. or call ext. 267. All stories are welcome; however, Boucek reserves the right to use her discretion in publishing any article.

All classifieds and special events need to be submitted the Wednesday before each printing date. Anyone interested in having an article published needs to submit the article the Friday before printing.

Printing dates for Winter Quarter are Jan. 31, Feb. 14, Feb. 28 and March 13.

THIS YEAR A LOT OF COLLEGE SENIORS WILL BE GRADUATING INTO DEBT.



Under the Army's Loan Repayment program, you could get out from under with a three-year enlistment.

Each year you serve on active duty reduces your indebtedness by one-third or \$1,500, whichever amount is greater.

The offer applies to Perkins Loans, Stafford Loans, and certain other federally insured loans, which are not in default.

And debt relief is just one of the many benefits you'll earn from the Army. Ask your Army Recruiter.

1-800-USA-ARMY
ARMY. BE ALL YOU CAN BE.



'Sweetheart' dance for senior citizens

Green River Community College's student programs presents their annual Senior Citizen's Valentines Day Dance. It will be held on February 13, from 4-6pm in the Lindbloom Student Center. Music will be provided along with free pictures and refreshments. For more information, call Rene' Teterud at the Student programs office, ext.337.

Weekly Crossword

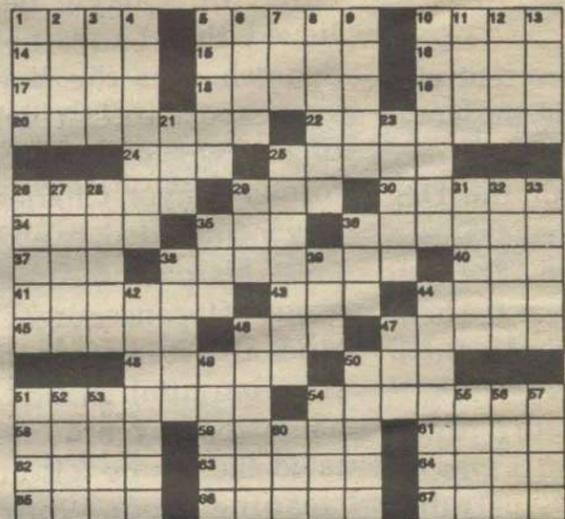
By Gerry Frey

"PAIR"-A-DOX

ACROSS

- 1 Woe is me
- 5 Parental admonitions
- 10 Belfry denizens
- 14 London elevator
- 15 State
- 16 So be it
- 17 Jacob's twin
- 18 Allotted
- 19 Nick & Charles
- 20 Med. school topics (with 4 down)
- 22 Red flags (with 10 down)
- 24 Hoosier St.
- 25 Rajah's wife
- 26 Pain's partner
- 29 For what reason?
- 30 100 Centimes
- 34 Regrets
- 35 Articulate
- 36 Harass
- 37 Md.'s ocean
- 38 See 25 down
- 40 Precedes "BLE": 3
- 41 Ammo
- 43 Gerund ending
- 44 Spelunker's challenge
- 45 Decay
- 46 Follows Holiday or Quality
- 47 Concerns
- 48 Trolley sound
- 50 Follows Mar.
- 51 See 42 down
- 54 Freshman bouncers (with 44 down)
- 58 Tehran's country
- 59 No-no
- 61 Fencing sword
- 62 Mr. Carson & others
- 63 Tear jerker?
- 64 Barbecued treats
- 65 Existence: Latin
- 66 Lesotho monetary unit
- 67 Highlander

DOWN



- 6 Wanderer
- 7 Oil cartel
- 8 pick: Petty criticism
- 9 Street sign
- 10 Car type
- 11 See 22 across
- 12 "To me" in Patee
- 13 Small sea gull
- 14 Hook
- 15 Outs antithesis
- 16 Served breakfast again
- 17 Poetic beverage server (with 38 across)
- 18 Middle East people
- 19 Prankster
- 20 Telephone word
- 21 Desert Storm for one
- 22 Fragrant floral oil
- 23 Chutzpah
- 24 Montana Indian tribe
- 25 College ent. exam
- 26 Porker
- 27 See 54 across
- 28 Mad
- 29 Computer initials
- 30 Detroit's output
- 31 Make amends
- 32 Word with mountain or racing
- 33 "Exodus" author
- 34 Mild expletive
- 35 Chimney sweeps goal
- 36 Saga
- 37 Moses' mountain
- 38 Mid-semester event
- 39 Coal storage place

The Jerky Gurker

by Jon-Paul Pachenker
Editorial Editor

Run! The economy is falling, the economy is falling!
The nose of the American Reality has blown itself into a hanky that we all call the American Dream.

Who's to blame this time? Shall we say... ourselves? How about our parents, their parents even? Sure, why not, because, whether you like it or not you and your parents voted for the boobs that ru(i)n our country.

Reaganomics, what a great idea. The U.S. now has enough nukes to destroy a country that doesn't even exist anymore. Ronnie sure kept McCarthy's fire burning didn't he? Some of you and your parents provided the kindling. Wake up! The "Evil Empire" is gone, along with the "Red Scare."

The U.S. won the arms race with flying colors. The Japanese didn't even show up for it.

After the U.S. destroyed two of Japan's largest cities during WWII, Japan dropped out of the war and warring all together. They decided to put the money, that they would have spent on their defense, into things like technology, education, automotive, etc., etc.

Japan is now one of the richest countries in the world, monetarily richer than the United States. The U.S. is playing second to fiddle Japan, the country that now rules the world in automotive sales and high-tech gadgets.

Buy American? Who could afford to? Japan makes things better and will sell them for less than greedy U.S. Big Business Auto-Pigs. It wasn't the water that made Bush toss his cookies, was it?

Green River becoming a political institution

by Tobv Ten Eyck

Current score: GRCC (the bureaucracy)-a few thousand, the students and faculty-maybe 10.

Has any student ever made it through a quarter at GRCC without having a complaint (cost of books, closed classes, etc.) or hearing a complaint (too many forms to fill out, bad food, etc.). It leaves one to ponder the question; Why is the college here?

Unfortunately, that's a hard question to answer from my current point of view. As a student and a teaching aide, I so want to think that GRCC's purpose is to gather and pass on knowledge, and maybe even generate a few bits of it. But, as I try to get a simple matter taken care of (book buy backs, office opened, locker break-in, funny looking food, etc.) and get treated like a junior high student, I wonder who's running the show? The students (we all know better)? The faculty (not even warm)? The bureaucrats (I believe I've got it!)? These are the people who sit in back

offices and mingle with students by watching them through the window.

After some debate, I'm sure we would all agree that turning the college over to the students would be ludicrous (cherish the thought though). There is a body of people, however, who should have more control; the faculty. These are the people who have to put up with the students and their needs. Instead of being a business, I would like to see this institution live up to its last name- Green River Community COLLEGE!

Those of you who may see me as just another student blowing off steam, please take a look at Estella M. Bensiman's "Selected Aspects of Governance; an Eric Review". This article can be found in the Community College Review, 1984, vol. 12 number 2.

George Bush lets Australians know that he really cares a lot; with sign language

by Robert Whale
Staff Reporter

During a recent visit to Australia, the world was witness to the sorry spectacle of the U.S. President making a gaffe abroad. There on television was the honorable George Bush flashing the raised V 'peace sign' to a crowd of demonstrators in Canberra, Australia. Good intentions aside, the highest representative of our country, by turning his palms inward, ignorantly flipped the Australian equivalent of 'the bird.'

Of course Mr. Bush is not the first U.S. politician to trip over his own feet while on foreign shores. We can still squirm at the picture of Vice President Quayle as he laments the poverty of his Latin to a group of Latin American dignitaries. Appar-

ently Mr. Quayle believed that Latin, not Spanish, was the language spoken in that part of the world. When former Mayor Charles Royer, intended to express his pleasure to a group of Japanese dignitaries at "setting foot on your beautiful island", he instead communicated the joy he felt in "leaping upon your beautiful daughter."

These are certainly not isolated incidents; the litany extends from the sublime to the tragic, as even a casual reading of the news will discover. There one will often find American leaders, "dropping their pants" before foreign multitudes, sometimes to laughter, more often to our great embarrassment. To crank it up a notch, try to imagine the Premier of Australia, or Queen of England,

cruising through an American city, smiling broadly, middle finger raised in a gesture of good will. That won't happen, of course. The sting is on the words 'of course.' Their leaders, better informed than ours, keep abreast of what happens in other parts of the world. Compared with them, our best and brightest often betray a woeful, perhaps willful, ignorance of foreign custom or policy.

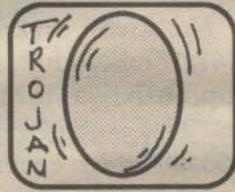
With the economy reeling and the President attempting to force concessions from our trade partners, we cannot afford to have him play the clown on the world's stage. If he and others like him continue to do so, all of us may as well don baggy pants and put on a red nose. Then, instead of respect there will be a different noise from the galleries; laughter.

January 1992 calender:

- 17-GRCC dance featuring the holidays 9:30-12:30
- 18-Women's basketball vs Clark @ Vancouver
- Men's Basketball vs Clark @ Vancouver
- Open gym volleyball 2-8pm
- 20-Campus closed
- Men's basketball practice 2-4
- 21-Open gym volley ball 7-9
- Open gym softball 6:30-9
- Marine Recruit Table 8-4
- Rebecca Wells 12-1
- Faculty development meeting 12-1
- 22-Voc. Ed meeting 7-9
- High school relations 3-5
- Basket sale 8-4
- student services update 8:25-9
- 23-Personal development workshop 12-1
- basket sale 8-4
- Jean Killbourne 7:30

- 24-Open gym softball 6:30-9
- Jewelry sale 8-5
- 25-SAT test 7:30-12:30
- Christmas tree growers 8-5
- Buddhist dinner/dance
- Woman's basket ball 6pm
- Men's basketball 8pm
- 27-Admissions meeting 4-5
- Baseball camp 6-9
- Mon. main attraction 12-1
- 28-Baseball camp 6:30-9
- Ginsing sale 8-5
- Clubs luncheon 12-1
- 29-Women's basketball 6pm
- Men's basketball 8pm
- 30-Baseball camp 6:30-9
- Program board meeting 3-4
- Personal development 12-1
- Financial aid workshop 12-1
- 31-Hawaiian club 12-1
- Open gym softball 6:30-9
- Men's basketball 4:30pm

Senate votes 12-1 in favor of condom distribution



Young Yee
Staff Reporter

A Student Government meeting was held in the main student center yesterday. The meeting covered the topic of purchasing 5,000 condoms, with money from the school budget, for free distribution to GRCC students.

Many students came up to the front and shared their own opinions. One student commented, "Why should we spend money from the budget to buy condoms when there are other things that are desperately needed."

The senate voted 12-1 to purchase the condoms. The reason for buying the condoms is to stop the spread of AIDS and birth control. According to one of the senators, condoms and information about diseases, and the importance of using a condom during sex, will be given to students who want them. I agree that I have an enough money to buy my own condoms, and I wonder why the use of condoms is becoming such a big issue. True, it is not necessary to buy condoms with the schools spending bud-

get. However, I think that free condoms are very important to prevention of AIDS and other diseases as well as decreasing unwanted pregnancies.

In Korea, spending budgets to buy condoms is also becoming one of the big issues in the universities, colleges, and communities. Korea has less known cases of AIDS than America. Korea tries to increase their condom budget because it is cheaper and a better way to prevent AIDS and other sexual diseases.

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International Students break language barriers

The language barrier is the most common problem international students face. As a result, they sometimes stick together and avoid mingling with other students. For international students to be able to interact with the American students, they need to talk with them. That is, be more casual and occasionally use some slang, at the right times. As English as a Second Language (ESL) classes do not teach such language, it is up to the students to learn it on their own.

Of course language is not the only barrier. There are also cultural differences. As one American student said, there isn't much in common and both sides do not feel at ease. The truth is, if people pay more attention, they will notice that a lot of the international students do speak pretty good English. American students tend to think that all international students speak somewhat odd, formal English, think and react differently. The international students in turn assume that the American students have no interest or time to bother with them. All these are true to some extent for both sides. Sure, there will be differences and vast variations in cultures and values. That should be expected as students from more than 20 different countries go to GRCC.

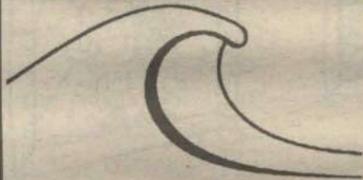
It is sad to see separate groups among the students. If only the international students would be more assertive and stop thinking of themselves as foreigners, and the American students would consider everyone more as fellow students instead of strangers from other lands, there can be hope of improvement to the situation.

What's in my pizza!

Dear Editor,

Last Thursday a few of my friends and I decided to treat ourselves to some pizza in the cafeteria. We selected our slices and made our way to our seats anxiously awaiting the first bite because we dearly love pizza. To my amazement, the first bite contained a BIG hunk of chicken. In these days of health food I thought nothing of it. The big shocker came on the next bite. Mixed in with the other pizza regulars was a CASHEW! We then remembered that the special from the day before was... You guessed it, Cashew Chicken. I am not one to join in the constant cafeteria bashing, but this has to be brought out in to the open.

Concerned,
Kevin Meines



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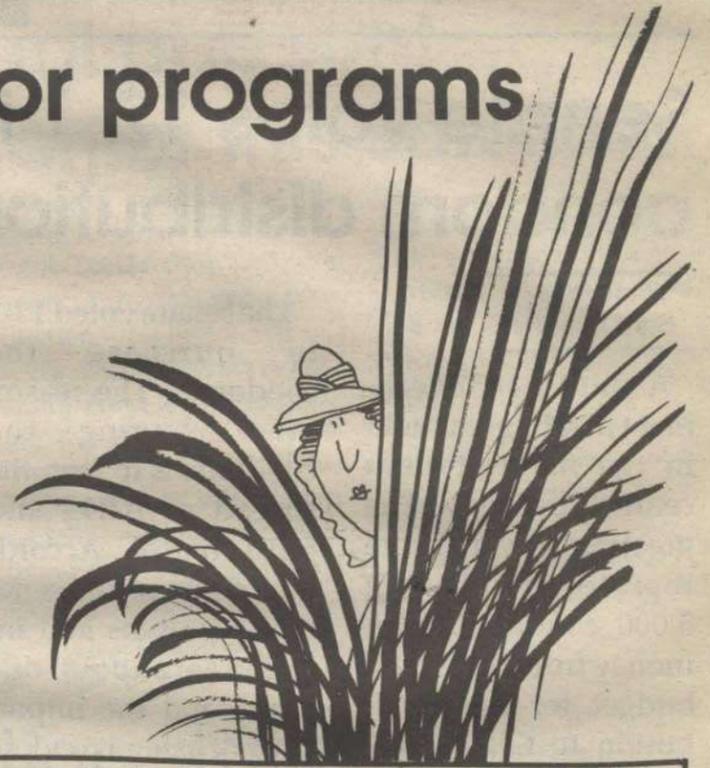
Northwest Trek with outdoor programs

By Jennifer Lynn Milks
Staff Writer

Come discover the wonders of Northwest Trek with Outdoor Programs! What is Northwest Trek? Northwest Trek has come into being through a generous gift of 600 acres to the Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma. Northwest Trek gives the public the chance to experience native Northwest animals in their own

habitat. The animals are allowed to wander on 435 acres of serene forest, lake and meadowland. Take a tram ride and see bison grazing by the side of the road, catch a glimpse of the elusive bobcat or maybe even a mountain lion—a predator very few people have seen in the wild. There is a gift shop full of handmade jewelry, lifelike plush toys, gourmet food items and creations from local ar-

tisans. Northwest Trek is on SR 161, 17 miles south of Puyallup, on the way to Mt. Rainier. This cost of this trip is \$3.00, which covers transportation from Green River Community College, the tram ride once you are there, and the return trip to GRCC. Outdoor Programs has scheduled this trip for Saturday, January 25. If you are interested in this outdoor excursion, call extension 271 for more information.



'Redwood Curtain' opens in Seattle

By Marni Vansien
Staff Writer

Lanford Wilson's new play "Redwood Curtain" will be running at the Seattle Repertory Theatre (206)443-2222 through February 1, 1992. Tickets are \$11.00 to \$26.00 for regular performances and student rush tickets go on sale 10 minutes prior to curtain for \$6.50, all sold on a space available basis.

During the Vietnam War, thousands of children were fathered by touring servicemen and Civil Service Employees. They are made to live on the streets of their own country. They receive

no education past the third grade and are not allowed to have jobs.

Many come to America in the hopes of finding their G.I. fathers but few are literate and face discrimination and hard times here as well. The suicide rate is extremely high and many make up the growing Asian street gang population.

Redwood Curtain is based on a young Amerasian girl who was adopted by a wealthy Californian family. She feels a strong cultural need to find her natural father.

In real life there are programs like the red cross and

the United States Catholic Conference (USCC) that have opened up over 50 core sights to help Amerasians find their missing parent, receive job training, and take English as a second language classes. Unfortunately many are not capable of speaking their own language. Their average age is 19, too old to be adopted and government aid ends after eight months. There are 17,000 such refugees in the United States and 700-800 in Seattle alone.

For more information on the Amerasian projects call the USCC at (206) 323-9450.

The 'Holidays' come's to the Lindbloom Center

By Graham Titchener
Associaite Editor

Come see "The Holidays" performing live in the Lindbloom Center tonight. Doors will open at 8:30 pm and the show will begin at 9pm with an opening band.

Admission is \$5.

So come and join in the fun with KGRG and Student Programs.

For more infomation contact Stephannie Weaver at GRCC ext. 337 or John Ramsey at GRCC ext. 431.

M C Hammer Presents the American music Awards

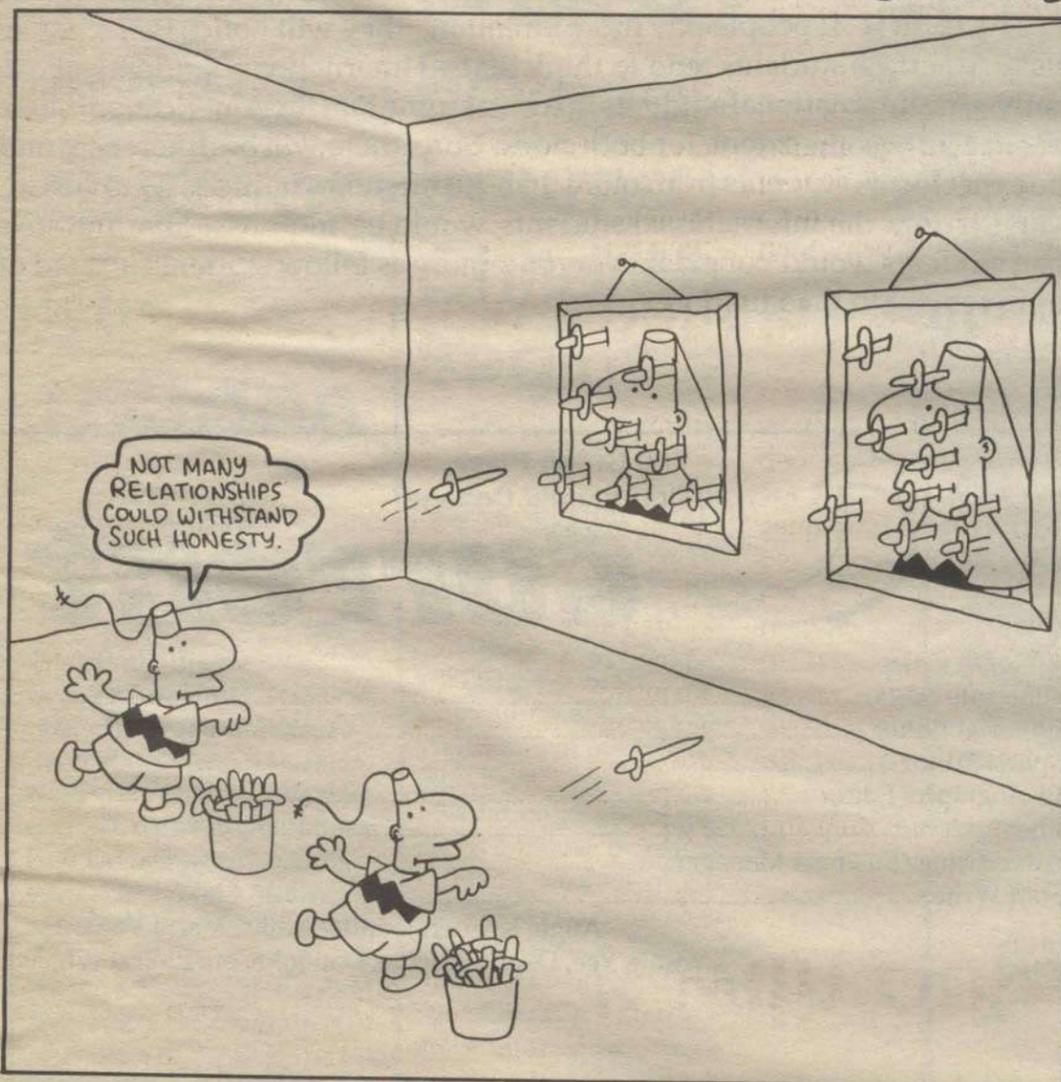
By Jill ian Boucek
Editor-n-Chief

1992 American Music Awards air Monday, January 27 from 8-11pm on ABC television. This years awards show will be hosted by M.C. Hammer live from the Shrine Auditorium in L.A. 30 awards are presented in seven different categories; Pop/Rock, Country, Soul/Rhythm & Blues, Rap, Heavy Metal/Hard Rock, Adult Contemporary and Dance Music; to

Merit" will be presented to James Brown, "The Godfather of Soul", for his pre-eminent benefactions to the musical entertainment of the American public. Among those scheduled to appear on the program are Paula Abdul, Clint Black, Garth Brooks, Natlie Cole, Color Me Badd, D.J. Jazzy Jeff & The Fresh Prince, Lita Ford, Herbie Hancock, Whitney Houston, James Ingram, Wynonna Judd, Chaka

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