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Several GRCC students enjoyed the unusually hot weather this week by catching rays at Kennelly Commons.

Future symposium meeting scheduled

by Elizabeth White
Associate Editor

Wednesday at noon, in the Olympus Room in the Lindbloom Student Center, there will be a committee meeting for next year's symposium. The topic will be futurism, and the meeting is open to all students and faculty members who are interested in this topic, and who may have insights to contribute to the planning of the symposium.

Committee members include Frank Primiani, Bruce Compton, and Diane Mairs, who organized the Peace Symposium that was held last February. Primiani felt that the symposium was successful, and hopes for just as much interest for this one. The format will be similar to the last symposium, with a keynote speaker, and presentations from faculty members and other featured speakers.

The committee is working on getting Alvin Toffler as the keynote speaker. Toffler is best known for his book *Future Shock*, which warns us of the ever-

increasing rate of change. Another potential speaker is Mike Fitzgerald, the official futurist for Washington State.

Other committee members include Ed Eaton and Steve Carkeek. Eaton, head of the journalism department; and Carkeek, from the media center, will be presenting information on the technological changes that will affect the future of journalism and the media. Frank Primiani, from the physical therapy department, is planning a demonstration that will include audience participation. He intends to bring speakers that will shed light on new surgery advancements and other changing trends in the health care industry.

Bruce Haulman, dean of academic instruction, has been working on a faculty in-service program with the same theme as the symposium, and these two programs will be incorporated. Emphasizing the sociological aspect of futurism and the impact of change, this presentation will aid the way we may be living in the future.

Sophomores must apply now Graduation deadline soon

by Lisa Hoffmann
Assist. Photo Editor

GRCC students planning on participating in the graduation ceremony June 5 at 8 p.m. need to fill out and turn in a graduation application now.

Students should be in the gymnasium at 7 p.m. on June 5th. The cost for processing is \$10. Questions can be answered by Poots or Sandie in admissions. All '86-'87 school year graduates may participate.

Rehearsal will be June 4 at 2:30 p.m. Caps and gowns (\$12.50), honor cords (\$4.00) and announcements (40 cents each) will be available at *The Paper Tree* on May 4. Students must have a permission slip from Bernice Gants to be able to purchase caps, gowns and cords.

Graduates are encouraged to invite only four guests; however, extra guests will not be turned away. Students will receive a letter in the middle of the month concerning the graduation ceremony.

Media center missing audio equipment

by Lisa Hoffmann
Assist. Photo Editor

Tuesday, May 5, Dave Prenovost, equipment dispatcher for the Media Center, went to pick up one of GRCC's six Sony portable radio/cassette/CD players. To his amazement, the piece of equipment was gone.

"We paid \$475 for the player, which new, if you could find another, would be around \$800."

The player was dropped off at 8 a.m. in Jaynie Dillon's radio class, who called in sick. The secretary immediately went by the classroom to inform the 3 students that class was canceled. Sometime between when the secretary left the room and 11 a.m., when Prenovost arrived, someone walked away with the

player.

Dean of security, Nick Smith, was immediately involved in the investigation of the theft.

"I doubt they would be able to sell the player," commented Prenovost, "The college uglifies everything with big GRCC letters."

Prenovost is hoping that a student will recognize the player and turn it in, "It would be nice to receive an anonymous letter with the whereabouts of the player."

The Media Center hasn't had a problem like this since a few years ago when a video deck was stolen.

If you have any information about the Sony player, serial #27028, please contact Dave Prenovost in the Media Center, ext. 243.

College Conference set

by Karrie Clark
Staff Reporter

Next Wednesday, Admissions Representatives from various four year colleges and universities will be at GRCC for the Spring All College Conference in the main dining area of the Lindbloom Student Center from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Students will be able to discuss admissions procedures and course equivalency policies. Representatives prefer that students have an up-to-date GRCC transcript available for the interview. Students can arrange for their transcripts by stopping by the Admissions Window by May 11.

The following colleges will attend the conference: Bastyr, CWU, Cornish, EWU, PLU, St. Martin's, Seattle Pacific, Seattle University, Evergreen State, UPS, UW, WSU, WWU, Whitman, and NROTC/AFROTC/ROTC.

Kaus receives educational leadership doctorate



MICHAEL SCHIBER/THE CURRENT

Margaret Kaus.

by Renee Ricketts
Features Editor

Margaret Kaus, GRCC's dean of instruction for the business, physical education/health, and continuing education departments, will receive her doctorate in education leadership from Gonzaga University tomorrow.

Kaus has been working at GRCC since she attained her Associate in Arts degree here in 1971. Starting out as a career planning and placement instructor, she has worked her way up to her current

position as a dean of instruction.

"I've essentially been in school all my life," says Kaus, who achieved her Bachelors in Science at The Evergreen State University and Masters in counseling psychology from Eastern Washington University.

Attending school at night, on weekends, and during the summer while working for GRCC helps Kaus "understand the adult learner."

Two weeks ago, Kaus was informed that her 250-page dissertation on the social pressures of women in leadership was accepted for the doctorate.

Her paper explores the characteristics of about 106 women in upper management positions, and provides a profile of three categories in that demographic area.

Kaus is now in the process of publishing her dissertation, which she hopes will be used as an educational guidance tool for aspiring professional women. She has no immediate plans to leave GRCC, and is "very satisfied living in the Kent area."

Crucial time for Gov. Gardner and leadership

by Mark Minckler
Opinion Editor

The issues of the existence of a nuclear power plant that produces weapons-grade plutonium, the possible selection of Hanford as a waste disposal site, and the whole nuclear problem in the state of Washington are very emotional ones.

First of all, try and de-emotionalize the issues. This is a game of politicians, playing a very high-stakes game. It is the future of our region. It is a classic example of States Rights vs. Federal Rights.

The federal government on the one side is operating an admittedly unsafe nuclear power reactor to produce weapons-grade plutonium for our national defense. Like it, or dislike it, the N-Reactor is a reality, one that will likely never go away. It could become an everlasting nightmare.

Just recently, several technicians were suspended for past instances of drug and alcohol abuse. These abuses went undetected for years. What else is wrong with Hanford?

Well, getting past the issue of the morality of the existence of nuclear weapons, the problem is that the state of Washington is forced to accept the role of the lackey of the federal government. They are attempting to make Washington the pay-toilet of the U.S. for nuclear waste. While Gov. Gardner tries to block the selection of Hanford as the major nuclear waste dump for the rest of the U.S., the federal government is gearing up to push yet another ill-concieved plan to deal with nuclear waste. No one wants it, however someone is going to get it, in more ways than one.

A recent plan by the federal government has the recipient of the new waste disposal site becoming a very rich state. If a state will accept the this toxic garbage, the state will receive 100 million dollars now, 25 million dollars a year while the site is under constructed, and 100 million dollars a year for the next seven years. Not bad money right? Wrong. If this plan is inacted the state that prostitutes itself will be dooming itself to a bleak future.

Once again taking the lead position in this battle is the state of Oregon. The governor of Oregon said his state was "not for sale." Gov. Booth Gardner would be wise to resist temptation and "Just Say No!"

The issues of nuclear power, weapons production, waste disposal sites, and the pandoras' box of health issues related to the nuclear problem are complicated and it is crucial that the leadership of the state of Washington continue its' struggle to keep the Evergreen state green, from trees and not from bribe money.

Letters to the editor:

Handicapped parking is big issue

To the Editor:

This is in response to Richard Gelland's letter regarding handicapped parking at GRCC. Three cheers for Richard and a pat on the back. It is my feeling that only state-issued handicapped decals or license plates should be honored in handicapped zones. The only exception to this would be if it is obvious that a person is temporarily handicapped. Temporary being defined as a person on crutches. The present policy of a "note" from your

physician is obviously a way to beat the system and not the true intent of handicapped zones.

As a footnote, the LSC is probably the most used building on campus, and the only building where there are not signs to indicate how to enter the building by pressing the button.

Sincerely,
Donald J. Isaacson
Coordinator of Admissions and Advising

Senator claims faculty award editorial was wrong, unfair

To The Editor:

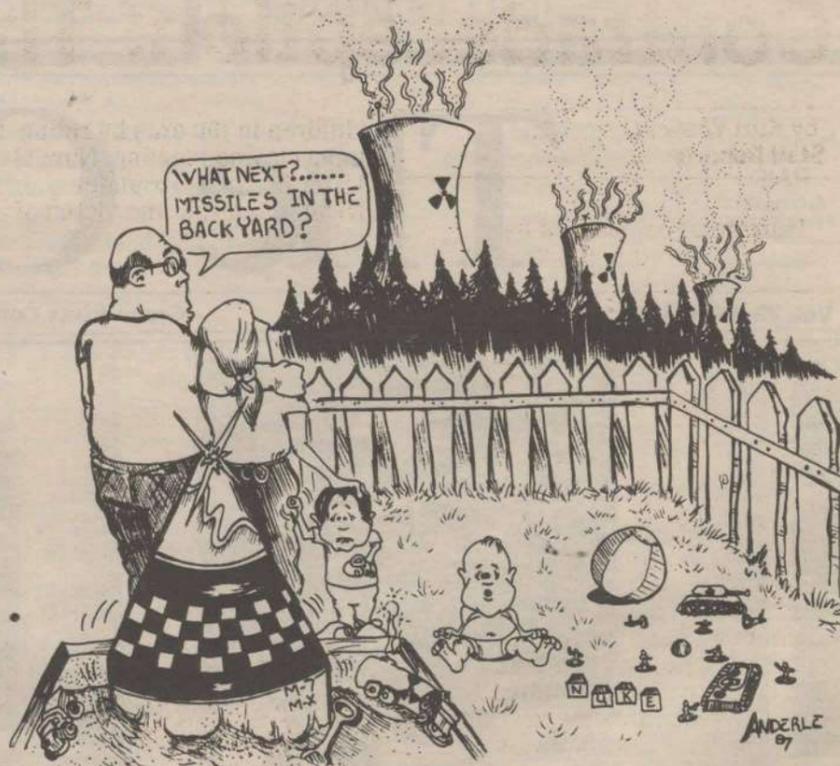
I am writing in response to a article printed in the May 1, 1987 issue of *The Current*. The article, titled "Students nominate but don't get to vote for top faculty award" was penned by a Mr. Mark Minckler, your "Opinion Editor".

In his article Mr. Minckler says that the students have no say in the selection of the top faculty member; this is not true. The students' voice as pointed out in the article is the ASGRCC President. The person who is duly elected for the purpose of representing the students in matters such as these. The students voted for, and duly elected the president and the Senate and authorized them to speak on their behalf. This system of representation is the basic system that we use in our republic today. If Mr. Minkler feels that the president and the Senate are not doing the job then he is welcome to offer constructive advice on how to do the job.

Mr. Minckler also claims that the only people who know the faculty are the students and that students should be given an opportunity to vote for their favorite faculty member. First, I believe that this would make the award into a popularity contest, based entirely on the individual faculty members ability to advertise their name. Second, based on the turn out at the recent elections I seriously doubt that you could get a fair percentage of the students to vote on this issue.

If Mr. Minckler has a specific faculty member in mind for the top faculty award, I recommend that he nominate that individual for the award and then write a letter to the ASGRCC Preseident showing his support for the individual. In this way Mr. Minckler would be helping the system run he way it should, not criticizing it without investigating how his imput can be put directly into the selection process.

Sincerely,
James Garlough
Freshman Senator, ASGRCC



Tuition increases: curing the disease but killing the patient

by Luis Cabrera
Staff Reporter

I'm all for the raise that Washington's college instructors were recently given. It takes a special kind of person to do all they do, and do it for so little pay and recognition. College teachers are well-educated, generally hard-working individuals. They deserve every penny they get.

But why do they have to get it from us?

Students who have visited the financial aid office know what I'm talking about. They know that tuition next year will be \$60 more than it was this year. They may know that this was part of the state's lawmakers' attempt to improve the educational climate in Washington. But do they know what our tuition increase will mean to our teachers?

It's unfortunate that the only place Governor Gardner could find the teachers' increase was the student body. Here are some hard facts:

Fall quarter there were more than 2,900 full-time students enrolled at GRCC. There were more than 2,300 part timers here. The faculty count was 274, counting both full and part time.

The entire student body will generate \$248,520 from the tuition increase alone. That's an estimate based on \$60 per full-timer, and \$30 per part time student.

That is a sizable chunk of cash.

I am not inferring that \$60 will stop anyone from attending school next year, but it is not going to help. Compound that with the large cuts in Federal aid for next year, and the improved education climate is looking cool and overcast for the average student.

The Governor's education program may be healing the wounds in teacher salaries, but might also their medicine be slowly killing students' abilities to pay?

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Contradeception: This time American dies

by Kurt Wieland
Staff Reporter

Hurrah for our side. In its continuing quest to bankrupt the nation, embarrass us abroad, and make friends with terrorists, dictators and the religious right, the Reagan Administration has again scored big. This time, the cost is an American life, killed by American-backed rebels with American bullets.

Benjamin Linder died last week in Nicaragua, the first American victim of the former Somoza army fascists whom our wonderful President has dubbed "Freedom Fighters", a euphemism for murderers, rapists, and looters. Ben Linder was not a soldier. He was a 27-year-old humanitarian from Portland, Oregon, who believed that compassion for people extends far beyond poetic ideologies and hollow words. He was an electrical engineer, who was using his expertise to bring electricity to the village in war-torn Nicaragua. He entertained

children in the area by riding his unicycle and juggling. Now, Ben Linder lies in a box under Nicaraguan soil, the victim of an utterly pointless killing.

Perhaps Linder's death does have a point, though. Perhaps it will serve to bring to the ignorant in this great nation a realization of the injustices being perpetrated by the United States in Central America. Perhaps it will cause the Congress and the general public to look beyond the facade of Ronald Reagan's soothing words, and reveal them as just that-words, with absolutely no substance.

Actually, it doesn't matter that Ben Linder was an envoy of good will and friendship. He could have been a Nicaraguan peasant, a U.S. advisor, a plantation owner, a soldier. It makes little difference. When discussing human life, rank or title are meaningless, and it is time that we as a nation stop regarding a dead Nicaraguan as something less than a dead American.

Opposition to Communism by the Reagan administration is fully justified, but wholesale backing of the Contra murderers is not. The only solution for the region is peace. While the Contadora nations of Panama, Costa Rica, Colombia, and Mexico struggle to get the United States to talk peace, while Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega frees U.S. spies who could have been locked away, while Honduras objects to U.S. presence in its territory, while the Contras are funded illegally by mentally deficient military men who think life, death, and despair are some kind

of game, while all of this is going on, thousands of Nicaraguans, both soldiers and civilians are dying. And who is caught in the middle? As usual, it is the poor masses, the farmers, and the politically non-aligned. Yet humanitarian organizations regularly report a desire for friendship and a lack of animosity on the part of Nicaraguan citizens.

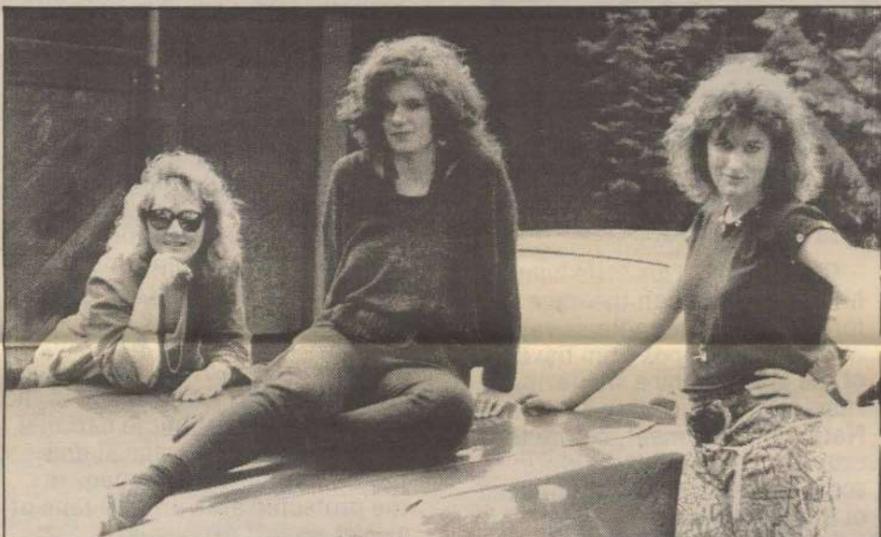
It is time that we as a nation got angry. We have no right to complain about the taxes we pay when we blindly allow those taxes to support murder and mayhem in Central America.

It is time that we show that we are indeed a people opposed to injustice by removing from office those elected officials who support injustice.

It is time that we stop our sloth indifference complain about world events and our stupid belief that they don't affect

It is time to stop the killing, the burning, and the misery that we are perpetrating in the lands to the south.

The irrevocable fact however, that if the voices of protest, which are growing, are successful in ending the contradictions of U.S. intervention in Central America, Ben Linder will still be dead.



Kathy, Liz, and Renee (left to right) on the trail of yet another hot story.

The Way It Is

Renton offers driving recreation ritual

by Kathy Hansen

What goes round and round, has hundreds of wheels, is illegal in Renton, and considered "fun" by thousands? *CRUISING THE RENTON LOOP!*

It all started one Saturday night when three, recently single, roving reporters (Kathy, Liz, and Renee) were all dressed up with nowhere to go. Like good journalists, we were trying to think of a hot story to dig up. Finding none, and bored as hell, we decided to go to the drive-ins. But somehow, en route, we discovered the Renton Loop.

Too much fun! I think the last time I went cruising was about three years ago in Puyallup. I have the dubious honor of reporting that it has not changed much. With Renee as our guide (she's a Rentonite), we managed to navigate "the loop" for five hours.

According to the mentality of the people that we met, I was supposed to be impressed by conversations that started with "Hey baby," "I use condoms," "I don't have AIDS," and various other lines. In a two hour period, we collected five honks, seven waves, six seductive looks, nine whistles, 17 wolf-calls, and some applause.

by Elizabeth White

Perhaps it is due to my abnormal adolescence, but I have never in my life been "cruising." And thus was I initiated.

Driving around in the same circle for hours on end is something that has never occurred to me in the past as being a good time. It was interesting, however. I learned a lot about social behavior. It was like social-driving; at times, it seemed like a meatmarket on wheels.

Camera on hand, we found the introductory identification of ourselves as journalists/roving reporters to be a good excuse for meeting people. There were those, however, whose response indicated their admiration for such a unique pick-up line.

There is also the unspoken method of communication. Varying from car-honking to following to racing, this automotive sociology has many subtleties. I cannot even begin to express my admiration for those sexually frustrated men that go out every weekend and pick up female drivers by yelling "hey baby" through a portable bullhorn.

by Renee Ricketts

Like a good reporter, I just happened to have my camera handy, so we got lots of shots of loop camera-mongers. One guy even offered to pose for me, saying "I've got something for you to get a picture of!" I replied by informing him that "It has to be at least two centimeters long so I can focus."

People come from far and wide to travel the infamous Renton Loop. We even saw two cars with Oregon license plates and one from Arizona.

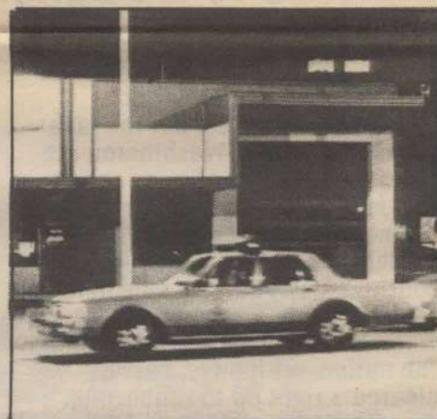
Renton law enforcement officers are not terribly excited about this ritual. For years they've fought it by blocking off the traditional paths, and now they record license plate numbers for the purpose of mailing out "criminal trespassing" tickets.

Even McDonald's combats the loopies by blocking off their side entrances, used to turn around, and hiring a weekend security guard. In fact, the only stores which are still receptive to loopie business are Jack-in-the-Box and Denny's.

Faithful loopies spend at least one night every weekend driving up, down, and all around Rainier Avenue because "our friends are here," "we like to meet people," and "to find out about parties." We found that these are all legitimate reasons, as we received invitations to parties in the Renton Highlands, Rainier Beach, and room 147 of the Sea-Tac Hilton Hotel. The last invitation came from a glam-rocker-dude

hanging out the smoked-glass window of a white stretch limo.

After so many painstaking hours of research, the three of us compiled a list of the "cools" and "un-cools" of looping. "Cools" include hot, fixed-up studmobiles, stereos up and windows down, stopping at a green light to socialize, pulling over to continue socializing, and lying well to law



Renton cops cruise loop.

enforcement officers. Un-cools are such things as fuzzy dice, playboy air-fresheners and graduation tassels hanging from rear-view-mirrors; people over 30, mixed company, starting before 9 p.m., locked restrooms, and asking for phone numbers without getting the adjoining name.

So there you have it, all you ever wanted to know about cruising. And more. Cut out this column, and you will have your portable guide to cruising, supplied to you by those hardworking and diligent journalists, Kathy, Liz, and Renee.



Renee interviews loop locals.

Mt. St. Helens area offers hikes, recreation

by Kurt Wieland
Staff Reporter

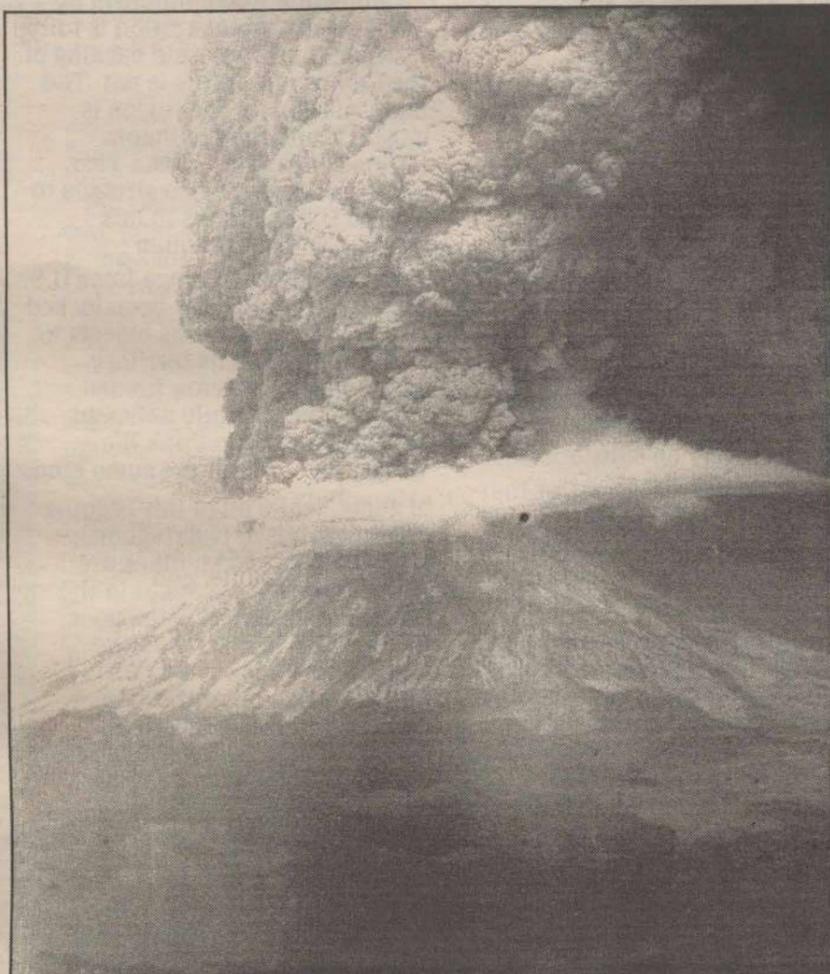
Washington's Mt. St. Helens area offers superb recreation for outdoor enthusiasts.

On May 18, it will be seven years since the devastating eruption of Mt. St. Helens. A lot has happened in the world since 1980, but even more things have been going on around the mountain. The resurgence of life in the devastated area is incredible, as the ash-covered moonscape rapidly gives way to forests, wildflowers, and returning animal populations. The main roads to Mt. St. Helens will be open by Memorial Day, and the limitless recreational possibilities of the area will be there for everyone's enjoyment.

Gifford Pinchot National Forest contains some of the most spectacular scenery in the Northwest, and the Mt. St. Helens area contains a vast array of fascinating places. The following are suggestions for a sunny day on the slopes of Mt. St. Helens, 1200 feet shorter than she used to be, but just as interesting.

Ape Cave: The longest lava tube in the United States is an amazing tunnel on the mountain's south side that stretches for over two miles. The entrance is easily reached via steel stairs, and the floor of the lower tunnel is smooth sand, allowing easy walking. Come equipped with several good light sources and a warm jacket; the cave averages about 42 degrees. Washington is not famous for its caves, but the lava tubes of southern Washington are spectacular. Casts of trees caught in a lava flow many centuries ago are nearby. Be prepared for some unsightly scenery on the southwest slopes. This side of Mt. St. Helens features some of the worst-managed National Forest in the nation, with huge, barren clearcuts right up to timberline. Ape Cave is easily reached from I-5 via Road 90.

Windy Ridge: This superb viewpoint overlooks Spirit Lake and allows excellent vistas of the *Amber's fate revealed*



FILE PHOTO/COURTESY VALLEY DAILY NEWS

After its May 18, 1980 eruption, Mt. Saint Helens is open again.

devastated area. Windy Ridge is reached by scenic Forest Road 99. Watch for the tremendous amount of plant life that is quickly returning to the area and for Mt. Adams, towering over 12,000 feet in the East. Portions of Road 99 lie on the border of the National Monument, which allows a contrast between the naturally-occurring recovery of the area, and the replanting and clearing that is taking place outside the boundaries.

Norway Pass: Once one of the most spectacular forested vistas in the area, today the barren landscape allows for unobstructed views directly into the crater of the volcano. The trailhead is located directly off of Road 99 above Spirit Lake. Be warned: due to the lack of trees, the trail is a scorcher on a hot day. The trees here were blown down in complex patterns that were caused by the

uneven terrain. By 1990, the trail system on the north side will be greatly expanded.

Green River: This little-known hike winds through the huge old forests of the Green River valley, which were spared from the blast of the eruption by a sheltering ridge. Now safe within the National Monument, before the eruption these old trees were some of the most hotly-contested of any in the state.

Goat Mountain: This hike lies on the "line of death," just on the edge of the blowdown area of the volcano, and provides excellent views into the crater. The trail passes by Deadman's Lake, a nice spot to camp and a prime example of what all of the lakes on the north side looked like before 1980. Deadman's Lake is one of about 15 lakes in the area that were unscathed by the eruption.

Bear Meadow: Just outside the monument, Bear Meadow is the site of the most famous eruption photographs. Not only is it a pretty place, but it gives a startling look at the fine line between life and death during the eruption. The area was protected from the blast by the last ridge between it and Mt. St. Helens. The blast deflected off the ridge, leaving a clear line of living trees next to standing dead ones. Bear Meadow also features a new interpretive site and the first view of the mountain from Road 99.

One mile down from Bear Meadow, after passing through a silver forest of standing dead trees, Road 99 enters the blowdown area, which must be seen to be believed. Photographs simply cannot give a true impression of the incredible devastation.

Meta Lake: A short, easy hike leads to this lake, seven years ago hidden in deep forest. On the day of the eruption, Meta Lake was spared by a thin sheet of ice covering the lake. Today, the lake contains frogs, salamanders and fish. The trees on the lake shore are growing rapidly. Covered with snow on the day of the blast, they survived while the tall trees were flattened.

This is just a sampling of the vast array of trails and roads within the 110,000 acre Mt. St. Helens National Volcanic Monument which allow for a fun recreational experience. Equally enjoyable areas fill the South Cascades of our state, particularly in the *Indian Heaven, Dark Divide* and *Mt. Adams* portions. All of the major approaches to the national monument are well signed and paved, but most of the roads in the protected area are one-lane or gravel, so fast driving is dangerous and courtesy essential.

The eruption was terrible in its destructive power, and the loss of scenery and life was appalling, but the result has been a unique area for understanding the processes of the natural world and another unusual addition to this state's long list of outstanding places. Mt. St. Helens is a great destination for a nice spring or summer day.

Contest winner announced, mini-series in the works



by Renee Ricketts
Features Editor

Last we heard of Amber's dilemma, she was struggling over an embarrassing run-in with Ian, a sour-tasting revival with Scott, and a dreamy reminder of Colin. She had all-but written off American men as a whole, and was debating a return to Australia.

After collecting and evaluating the completions of my story, The Current editorial committee chose this finale.

Congratulations to Phil Paige! He won dinner-for-two at McDonald's and a night of rapture at Auburn's own Muckleshoot Bingo Palace.

by Phil Paige

Amber left Scott with his mouth hanging open and walked back to the Lindbloom Student Center. She tried to settle down in the Music Listening Room and do homework, but someone had set the dial to KGRG, and she could not seem to relax.

Giving up on her homework, Amber left the LSC and began the long hike to her car in Parking Lot I. The stroll through the trees calmed her nerves a little, the cool evening breeze sifting through her long blonde hair.

Suddenly, a pair of bright headlights broke the darkness, and a once sedate car screeched into motion. Amber froze in fear as she saw the car zooming toward her.

Amber tried to jump to the side of the road at the last minute, but it was too late. The car struck her legs and sent her flying over the corner of the hood. Before she passed out, Amber turned her head and recognized the dent she had made on the back end of the VW bug that morning. Her assailant was Ian.

When Amber awoke in Terminal Hospital, Dr. Graves, her family physician, was leaning over her. "She's awake," he was telling someone.

A figure moved in toward her. As it came near, she recognized Scott.

Understanding this to be a reunion of some sorts, the doctor left Scott with Amber. He misinterpreted the situation, however, as Amber did not like waking up and seeing Scott's face. "Leave...me...alone..." Scott could barely understand her mumbling. He did, however, get the distinct impression that Amber was not pleased to see him.

"Amber, I want you back. I can take care of you. The doctor says you won't be able to walk, and that you'll need constant care. I've made room in my house, and have made the necessary arrangements to take care of you." This shocking news perked Amber right up. "Scott, I'd rather die than be with you!" Scott was in shock. Could these be the words of his true love? Well, if that's what she wanted....

For the first time in his life, Scott was overcome by the intense need to act. His decision was quick, and he knew what to do. Gently pulling out the IV, he said, "Amber, I love you."

Local college students fail current events test

by Penny Simpson
News Editor

The CBS program "60 Minutes" recently aired a program filmed at South Puget Sound Community College in Olympia. Jaime O'Neill, a teacher at the college, devised a test on current and historical events and people which has revealed large gaps in students' knowledge.

Typical questions on the test that were missed by many of his students were: identify Dwight Eisenhower, Albert Schweitzer, the Cuban Missile Crisis, Beirut, Appomattox, Tripoli, and Kurt Waldheim. O'Neill said, "The test showed that basic geographical information and historical events aren't being taught well." He added that his test has been given at other colleges, including Ivy League schools, with the same results.

Some of the students didn't see why it was important to know the facts in the test. A sampling of faculty at GRCC indicated a variety of reasons for knowing the answers.

David Willson, reference librarian, said he was drafted in 1965 and was sent to Viet Nam in 1966. It wasn't until advanced training that he learned there was a war going on there. "I hadn't read a newspaper in years, except for the movie section," he said, and stated he would not have been taken so unaware if he had been well informed about current events. "The better prepared you are, you can either take intelligent action or at least a moral stance." Willson added that in a democracy, the information is "all right there." Willson commented that he believes grades K-12 are not doing a good job of educating students.

Bruce Haulman, dean of academic instruction, stated, "It is a tough question, because people can get by without knowing a lot." "But," he added, "Life is not a spectator sport." Haulman recited the Jeffersonian ideal: "The strength of a democracy is an informed public."

Margaret Kaus, dean of instruction-business, related a story to illustrate her point: "My first history instructor at GRCC commended the vocational students who were in his class for their foresight in recognizing the necessity for a well-rounded education. He cited a bridge which he had often used in the 'Lookout Pass' area where the engineers lacked the aesthetic sensitivity to the natural surroundings that were blocked from view by the placement of a broad beam at eye level for vehicular traffic. His contention was that the engineers had confined their education to engineering related classes only."

Kaus believes that today's students must recognize the need to add to their narrowly defined majors by taking more liberal arts courses to enhance their analytical and decision-making skills, which are necessary for inquiry and survival in our complex society.

Stan Guinn, sociology instructor, stated that "the more you know about a greater variety of subjects, the better equipped you are to operate in the real world and...avoid being taken advantage of by people who do know the facts of life." Guinn added, "For every bit of information you don't know, it leaves you vulnerable for someone to exploit you; and the world is full of wolves."

Delores Wegner, biology department instructor, believes the "buck stops here." She said, "There is the tendency for college instructors to blame high school instructors. In turn, the high school teachers say that junior high is to blame, and junior high passes the buck to the elementary teachers; and, of course, we can always blame the universities for not training the teachers adequately." Wegner said that one can't change what has come before; "I think if we have a problem here, we need to address it here." She added that voters need to have some knowledge of who the candidates are and what the issues are.

GRCC challenge course offers adventure

by Mitch Gee
Staff Reporter

Green River is offering a unique class this summer for students seeking a real challenge; PE 113, the "challenge course."

Being offered for the third consecutive year, the challenge course stresses group dynamics and individual activities.

Course objectives include leadership development, group problem solving, building of self-confidence, building of trust between participants, and personal growth while also developing agility, coordination, and balance.

The class is taught on the GRCC campus behind the SMT building and is somewhat like an adventure-based obstacle course.

The group dynamics training includes several stations; "the tire," "the tire over the pole," "the high wall," and the "rope over the canyon." In each of these activities a group works together to solve the problem.

The "high wall" activity, reminiscent of boot camp, consists of team work to get the entire group over the wall and safely down the other side.

The "tire" activity stresses team work in which the group must travel through a tire suspended by

rope between two trees.

The objective of the "tire over the pole" activity consists of lifting a tire up a 16 foot pole, turning it over and bringing it back down, again stressing team work.

Individual activities include the "high perch," "the platform," "the freefall" and the "horizontal log walk".

The "high perch" is an activity in which the participant dons a balay safety system controlled from the ground and climbs a 20 foot pole. At the top the individual stands and jumps to a rope suspended eight to 10 feet away.

The "horizontal log" is where the participant tries to walk on a log suspended between trees without falling. Again the individual is wearing a balay safety system.

Larry Turnbull, an original instructor of the class commented, "Stepping beyond the comfort zone is a good way to describe the activities. The class really encourages students to go one step farther and challenge themselves."

The classes will be conducted July 10 and 17 from 8am to 4pm, July 24 and 31 from 8am to 4pm, and August 8 and 15 from 8am to 4pm. To enroll, register for PE 113 at registration.

'Poet's Corner' established

by Elizabeth White
Associate Editor

Here is, as promised, the Poet's Corner. The purpose of this new addition is to publish poems written by students and faculty members at GRCC. To submit your hidden masterpieces, contact Elizabeth White at The Current.

This week features a poem by student Mary McMullin. She has been writing poetry all of her life, and was a professional singer for 30 years. She sang ballads and blues-oriented music, and also plays guitar. Being allergic to cigarette smoke caused her to quit the club scene. She also had a movie contract at the age of 18, in the role of Sophie Tucker in her life story. The movie was shelved, however.

The following poem, "To Mother," is appropriate for next Sunday's holiday.

NOTE: This is your last week to submit poetry to The Clearing. You can drop off your writings in HS-37. Deadline is next Friday. Photography and sketches can also be submitted for cover art.

To Mother

I sometimes reason we will learn the meaning of it all,
Especially when the season turns the leaves before they fall.

Watching while life takes one last willing breath,
Giving living proof there's beauty still...in death.

My mother's eyes are old now and I wonder what they see.
Like fragile leaves of gold she holds to life with dignity.

And as the winds of change blow fast, she clings with quiet grace,
To all the things she knows will last; she beauties like old lace.

I sometimes reason we will learn the meaning of it all,
Especially when the season turns the leaves before they fall.

—Mary McMullin

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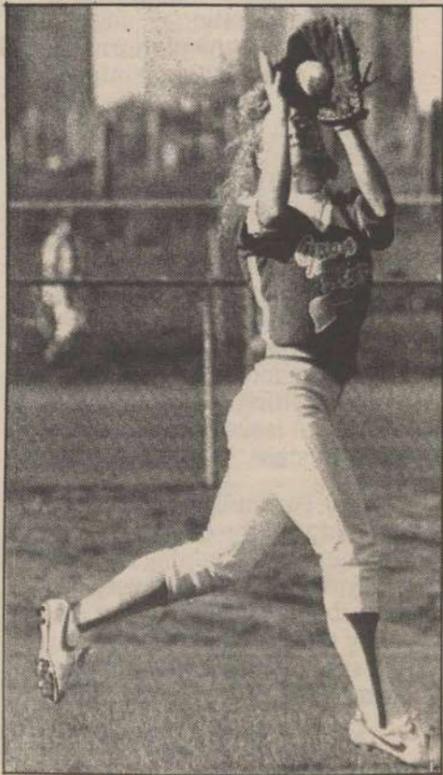
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GR's Weaver hurls no-hitter; shuts out Olympic

by Diana Brummer
Staff Reporter

Jill Weaver hurred her first no-hitter of the season Monday at Bremerton as the Gators trounced Olympics' Rangers.



Lynnette Keehnle pulls down another out for the Gators as they advance in league play.

"Our pitching and defense continue to be phenomenally good," said Gator coach Harry Beggs.

Sophomore Jill Mattsen led the way offensively for the Gators going 3 for 3 with two RBI's, Becky Ginn was 3-3, and Weaver and Diana Brummer added to the whipping with two RBI's apiece, as the Gators went on to win 11-1.

In the nightcap the Gators used a four-run, fifth inning rally to gain the lead for good and go on to win 5-4.

Mattsen tripled to left and Brummer followed with a double in the same spot. Then back to back singles by Lynnette Keehnle, Dayna Talbert and Becky Ginn polished off the rally to help Renee Parks to the pitching victory.

The Gators travel to Spokane this weekend for a Saturday doubleheader beginning at 11 a.m. The Gators' next home game is Tuesday at 4 p.m. against rival Highline C.C.

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Solution to Mariner's problems: Argyros must go

by Matt Autio
Sports Editor

Right now, the going is more than a little rough for our beloved (?) Seattle Mariners. Rumors and threats of the team being sold and yet another shaky start to the regular season have formed a nightmarish situation for the club.

While this mess is unfortunate, it was also inevitable. This general disintegration of the team is not the players' or fans' fault. As most realize, the culprit is George "Scrooge" Argyros. It seems as though Argyros isn't terribly interested in owning a winning baseball team. Either that, or he is an incompetent businessman. Maybe both, but the fact remains that until Argyros puts a respectable sum of money into the Mariners, they will never rise above the farm club level of play.

As someone once said, "You've got to spend money to make money." That phrase may be cliché and overused, but it describes the situation perfectly.

I'm not saying Argyros should start trying to convince players like Dwight Gooden or Dave Winfield to come to the Mariners (although it would be nice), but perhaps just a couple of consistent (and I stress consistent; the acquisition of Gorman Thomas should illustrate my point), well-known players to get the fans interested. Or, maybe just some colorful flake to add a little life to the team. The Mariners had it all in Bill Caudill; a good relief pitcher who was an interesting personality, but yet another blunder sent him packing.

In short, it would do Argyros a bit of good to open his eyes and ears to what is going on around him. Then again, I could be overreacting. What can we, as fans, fairly expect from the man. After all, the Mariners did get new uniforms recently.

Men's tennis wins region

by Karrie Clark
Staff Reporter

Last Tuesday, the Green River men's tennis team defeated Bellevue CC 5-4 to clinch the Regional Championship for the seventh year in a row. This match was the 86th consecutive win in community college play for the Gators.

Clayton Munson was defeated 7-5, 6-0 and Rob Camper was upset 7-6, 4-1 (default). Other individual scores for GRCC were John Shrader, 6-4, 6-2; Cody Lang, 6-1, 6-1; Greg King, 6-0, 6-2; Jim Blacksten, 6-3, 7-5.

In doubles competition, Munson and Camper were defeated 4-6, 6-4, 6-4 and King and Ted Barber were upset 7-6, 6-2. Shrader and Lang won 6-4, 6-2.

On Friday, May 1, the Gators shutout Skagit Valley CC 9-0. Individual scores for Green River were Camper, 6-4, 6-2; Shrader 6-4, 6-1; Lang, 6-1, 6-3; King 6-3, 7-6; Blacksten, 6-1, 6-1. Barber was defeated 6-7, 7-6, 6-4.

Doubles scores were Camper and Munson, 7-6, 6-2; Lang and Shrader, 6-1, 6-2; King and Barber 7-6, 6-1.

Currently the team is 15-2 overall and 5-0 in conference play.

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An 8-11 record means solemn faces on the Gator bench.

Women's tennis breaks shut out record

by Matt Autio
Sports Editor

On Tuesday, the GRCC women's tennis team broke a school record by shutting out Lower Columbia 9-0 at the Boeing Employee Tennis Club in Kent. The victory was the team's 14th shutout of the season, breaking the old record of 13 set several years ago. Petra Gagnon, Kelly Williams, Terri Alongi, and Jana Wilson each blanked their opponents 6-0, 6-0. On Saturday, Columbia Basin was the 13th shutout victim, 9-0, tying the record.

Last Wednesday, it was Bellevue's turn. In that match, Jana Wilson upped her record to 15-0, but not before battling Yumi Choi for an exhausting two hours 45 minutes, finally wearing her down, 5-7, 7-5, 7-6.

The team will compete in the NWAACC tournament in Yakima on May 14, 15, and 16.

Golf results unavailable

GRCC golf results were not available for this week's issue, according to Coach Peluso.

Baseball struggles, moves to 8-11

by Lou Albrecht
Staff Reporter

The Gator baseball team has lost three of the last five games, moving its record to 8-11.

Green River was swept in a double header last Friday night by scores of 4-3 and 15-9.

In the first game, pitcher Todd Schimke gave up three earned runs in four and two thirds innings. Schimke struck out five and walked only three. The Gators picked up three runs on a home run by Tim Harry in the top of the third inning. Mike Kirk was 2-3 with a double in the game.

In the night cap, Green River jumped out to a 4-0 lead in the top of the first inning on home runs by Tim Saigado and Duane Christensen but lost it in the later innings. Christensen was 2-2 with four RBIs and Lou Albrecht was 2-3 with a home run and two RBIs.

Monday the Gators got back on track with a sweep in a double header over Tacoma by scores of 2-1 and 7-6. Pitcher Shawn Butler got the win in the first game with seven strikeouts while going the distance. The Gators got their two

tallies in the fourth when Tim Harry doubled with two men on.

In the second game, Green River rallied for two runs in the bottom of the seventh inning to win 7-6. Players with multiple hits were Mike Kirk 2-4, Don Higson 2-3, and Lou Albrecht 3-4. Tuesday, the Helmsmen from Bellevue beat the Gators 12-4.

Tracksters lead conference

by Bill Martens
Staff Reporter

Six members of the GRCC track team lead the NWAACC conference in their respective events.

On the womens side, Kim Porter leads the conference in the long jump, the heptathlon, and the 100 meter high hurdles. Jennifer Lindquist also leads the conference in the javelin by over 6 feet. Jennifer Draughon leads the conference in two events. She has had the best times so far this season in the 1500 meters with a time of 4:44 and in the 3000

meters with a time of 10:16, the latter being the school record.

Darren Coleman jumped into the conference lead with his time of :22.7 seconds in the 200 meters. He is also in the top five in the 100 meters. His teammate Brett Rutherford leads the conference in the 110 meter high hurdles. Darren White leads the conference in the 400 meter intermediate hurdles.

The team only has two more meets before they travel to the conference meet at Mt. Hood CC in Oregon. Tomorrow, they will be at Clackamas CC.

'Extreme Prejudice' is black and white

by Luis Cabrera
Staff Reporter

Nothing fazes Nick Nolte. Many actors would have trouble pulling off a scene in which they must stand off 20 Mexican outlaws armed with machine guns, but not Nolte. His steely blue eyes stare out from the brim of his Stetson pulled low, his voice is calm but firm as he tells them to give it up.

And they do. Nolte's latest offering, "Extreme Prejudice" is bloody. Always an

actor suited to many roles, Nolte has followed his critical acclaim in "Down and Out in Beverly Hills" with a modern day Western that looks like nothing so much as an experiment in spilling cinema blood.

Nolte is a Texas Ranger this time, out to shut down a south-of-the-border drug smuggler who happens to be his high school best friend. The plot is livened by the addition of a group of undercover army men, also out to get the drug smuggler. It takes more than half the movie for us to find out

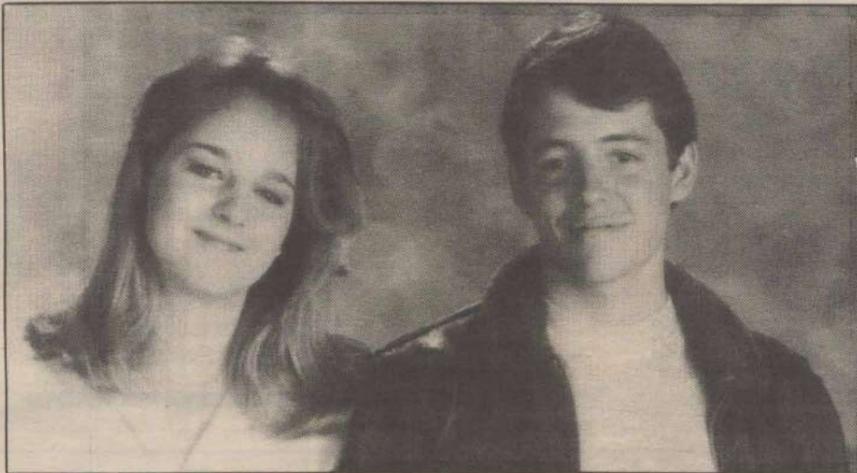
what the soldiers are about, but when we do it adds complexity to what would have been a very sparse story line.

Nolte plays his role as no other could, bringing the Paladin-like character to life, if only in two dimensions. While dozens die around him, while actors drop like cinematic flies, Nolte's character sees only good and evil, only black and white. only his purpose, and he is only his purpose.

They just don't make them like that any more. Did they ever?



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Helen Hunt and Matthew Broderick excite in "Project X."

'Project X' daring, x-citing

by Lisa Hoffmann
Assist. Photo Editor

"Project X" an Xciting Xposure of an Xtortionate Xperiment, stars Matthew Broderic as Jimmy Garrett, a young air force pilot assigned to a top secret military program. The other star, Willie, the chimpanzee recruit named Virgil, is befriended by Garrett.

Virgil is a special chimp, who was taught sign language by Teri, played by co-star, Helen Hunt.

This show produces tears, laughter, anger, and suspense, and gives you the feeling of Thanksgiving, full of everything.

"Project X" had the simple, live happily ever after ending, too simple. The script should have touched more on the feelings of animal abuse, which would have given more of a whole feeling.

Go see "Project X" but don't Xpect more than an entertained satisfaction.

Keep the faith this summer

by Mark Minckler
Opinion Editor

With the current onslaught of new thrash bands, one more shouldn't stand out as being better than the rest. However, Faith No More does.

"Introduce Yourself" is the debut release from the San Francisco area band. Faith No More is the hottest thrash band in California today. The music is characterized by loud guitars, a crunching bass and good, clean sounding vocals.

While the vocals are technically clean, the lyrics are another thing. Songs such as "Death

March," "R n'R," "The Crab Song" contain enough profanity to ensure Tipper Gore and the PMRC a certain heart attack. But, what the Hell, they need to go to a hospital anyway, right?

Other songs on the LP that are well worth the financial investment are "We Care A Lot" (with a video currently playing on MTV), "Introduce Yourself," "Father Disco" and "Anne's Song."

Faith No More may not win any awards, but if you want an album for summer that you can crank, have a good time with, and annoy your neighbors "Introduce Yourself" will be a radical addition to your music collection.

Attention: Any GRCC students, staff, or faculty currently in a band

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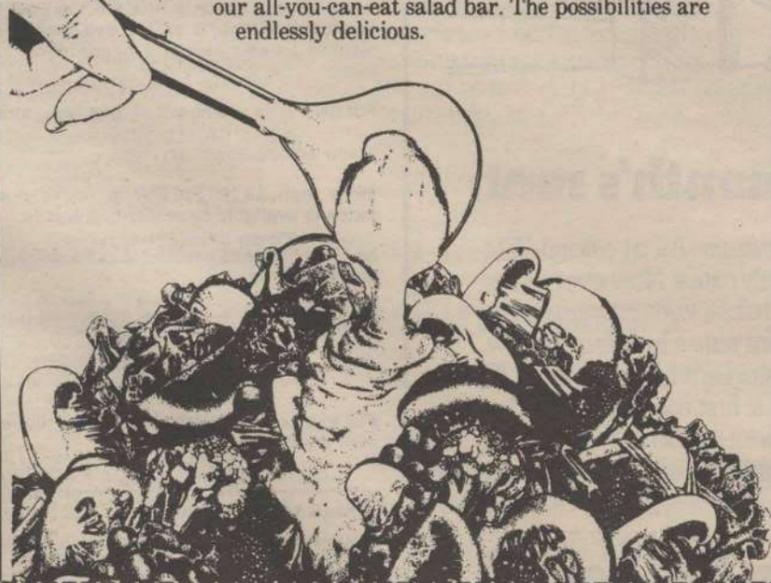
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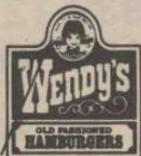
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Health fair planned for May

by Penny Simpson
News Editor

"Commitment to Health" is the theme of GRCC's annual health and fitness fair on May 12 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Lindbloom Student Center.

The fair will feature speakers from local health programs such as Planned Parenthood, American Cancer Society, South King County Community Clinic, Drinking Driver Countermeasure Program, and Auburn General Hospital.

Fairgoers can check their blood pressure, lung capacity, blood sugar, and heart rate at booths during the event. A computer cancer test from the American Cancer Society, a biofeedback booth, an exhibit of Neo-Life vitamins, and performances by three different women's aerobic groups will also be featured. There is no admission for the event, and the public is invited to attend.

Health Services Coordinator Judy Names, RN, indicated that the campus health fair is similar to the Washington State "Health Kick" program, a free health check, information, and risk-assessment program sponsored by local radio and television stations.

"The health fair promotes awareness and is destined to motivate each person to take responsibility for his or her health. Most health-related illnesses are related to lifestyle," Names notes. "People need to realize that in the long run they're responsible for their own health."

According to Names, the five areas of self-control affecting health are smoking, drinking, diet, sedentary behavior and stress management.

For more information, contact Judy Names, ext. 330.

The drinking driving program of the Health Fair May 12 will feature films in the Lindbloom Student Center lobby.

Student art work in gallery

The annual GRCC Art Student Show is now on exhibit in the Helen S. Smith Gallery in the Holman Library. Dr. Bernie Bleha, gallery director, stated, "Work this year shows a lot more experimentation with media."

Students of Bob Short will exhibit design, painting and three dimensional works; Elayne Levensky's students will show fiber and paper projects; pottery will be on display from Ed Brannon's and Sandy Carson's

classes; Bernie Bleha's students will exhibit their drawings; and photographs from the classes of Steve Schaefer and Brian Benedetti will be featured.

Bleha said that the gallery is currently scheduling exhibits for 1991. Gallery hours are from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fridays. There is no admission fee, and the gallery is open to the public. The current exhibit will run through June 3.

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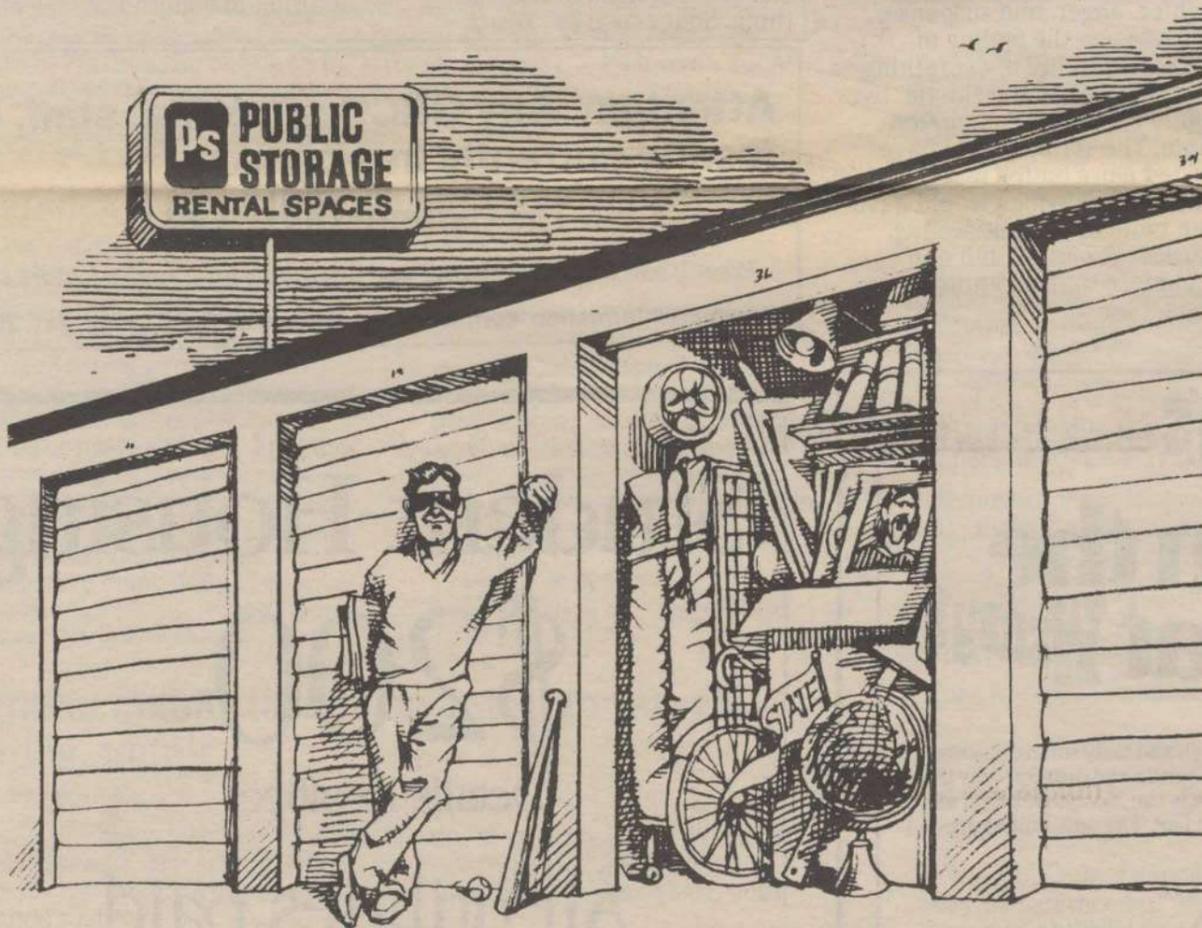
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Art show scheduled for student center

The art department will showcase its courses and present demonstrations in painting, design, pottery, fabrics, papermaking, and drawing on May 14 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Lindbloom Student Center lobby. Dr. Bernie Bleha, art department chairman, emphasized "You don't have to be an artist to take an art course."

Pottery sale

The Mother's Day Pottery Sale, featuring student-made projects, continues through today, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Lindbloom Student Center lobby.

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