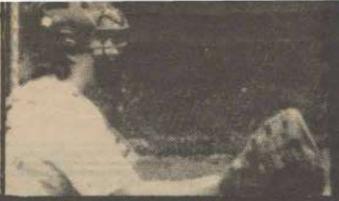


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## DECA students capture state title

by Kathy Hansen  
Editor

The Green River Management Association, GRCC's chapter of Delta Epsilon Chi, was named Chapter of the Year at the State career Development Conference in Bellevue in late February.

Delta Epsilon Chi is the junior-collegiate level of DECA, Distributive Education Clubs of America.

Green River's chapter was recognized for its year-round activities, including fund raising and community involvement projects.

In addition to the state honor, 11 GRCC students qualified for the National DECA Conference in New Orleans, La., to be held in May. They will compete against students from 33 other states for

national awards.

The students traveling to nationals include Kelly Dankwardt, who placed second in the state in the general marketing category; Jane Dodge, who earned second in general merchandising—retail; and Joan Brink, who was second in human relations.

Other students competing include Scott Juntini, who was third in food marketing; Traci Platt, fourth in hotel/motel; Ken Sheets, fifth in general merchandising—retail; Ben Bigford, fifth in food marketing; Arne Strom, sixth in restaurant management; and Jerry Leighton, seventh in restaurant management.

In addition, three other students were honored at the state conference, although they



These 11 DECA students will be representing GRCC at the national competition.

Photo by Kathy Hansen

will not be eligible to attend nationals. They were Pete Shirley, fourth in sales representative; Lori Perry, fifth in management decision making—merchandising;

and Marty Griggs, fifth in entrepreneurship.

Green River's DECA program is advised by instructor Walt Hill.

## Candidates to begin campaigning soon

by Robert Scott  
News Editor

Elections for student government will be held on April 21 and 22. Students who wish to cast their ballots may do so from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. and from 6 - 9 p.m. both days. The polls will be located in the Lindbloom Student Center on the first floor.

Any students wish to run for an

office of student government may stop by the Student Programs Office and request a candidate's package.

The deadline for filing candidacy is April 14, so prospective candidates should start petitioning as soon as possible.

Senator-at-Large positions are

## College names walkway in honor of former trustee



The newly-renamed "Mathews Way" leads to the courtyard, one of many stops along the Way.

Photo by Michael Scheiber

Karrie Clark  
Current Staff Reporter

The main walkway at Green River has a new name. It has been named "Mathews Way" in honor of Hugh Mathews who served on the GRCC Board of Trustees for 20 years. He retired in January of this year. Mathews promoted the original Community College Act as a member of the United Labor Lobby. He was appointed to the GRCC Board of Trustees in 1967 by Governor Dan Evans.

"Mathews Way" extends from Fournier Circle, which is near the

Administration Building, and Holman Library. "Mathews Way" helps to lead us to our destination, just as Hugh Mathews helped to lead Green River to its current level of accomplishment," stated GRCC President Richard A. Rutkowski. Rutkowski also added that Mathews always takes the direct route to getting things done just as the main walkway is the direct route for access to all parts of the campus.

A formal dedication of "Mathews Way" will be held later this year.

## CC State Board names new director

by Kathy Hansen  
Editor

The appointment of Earl Hale to succeed Dr. John Terrey as executive director of the State Board for Community College Education was approved by the Board March 23, according to Board chairman Larry Sanford.

Hale, 43, has been the Board's deputy executive director since 1981. His principal responsibilities have included staff management and planning, system relations, and management of the community college legislative program.

He joined the State Board staff in 1970 and held various positions in planning and budgeting before being appointed deputy director.

A native of Cheney, Hale currently lives in Lacey with his wife and two daughters. He received a BA degree from Eastern Washington University and a Masters in Public Administration from the University of Washington.

Hale will become executive director on July 1, 1987, upon the retirement of Dr. Terrey. Terrey has been the Board's director since 1978, and a member of the State Board staff since 1969.

## Braun wins 'Outstanding Woman' award

by Penny Simpson  
Assistant News Editor

Sandy Braun, Instructor Coordinator for GRCC's Recreation Leadership Program, has been named an Outstanding Young Woman of America for 1986 in recognition of outstanding ability, accomplishments and service to the community.

Braun, who is a temporary faculty replacement for another instructor on sabbatical, received the word she had been selected for the award just before Spring break. "It was great...made my day!"

The award is given by the Outstanding Young Women of America organization, a subsidiary of Outstanding Americans, headquartered in Montgomery, Alabama.

The selection process begins with about 150,000 nominees and is narrowed down in state recognition procedures to a fraction of the original total.

Braun stated she was nominated by a woman in Texas who was familiar with her work developing the youth leadership program for the Explorer Scouts.

Other achievements that contributed to her receiving the award were a Certificate of Achievement from the Air Force for a 50-day tour of Pacific Rim Air Force bases (including Hawaii) to evaluate recreation and training needs and experience as Director of the Wilderness Education Association in Wyoming from 1981-86, which is a non-profit private organization directed towards faculty and students at the university level.

Braun holds a B.S. in Parks & Recreation Administration from the University of Wisconsin, LaCrosse, and a Master's degree from Indiana University at Bloomington.

## The negative effects of affirmative action

by Elizabeth White  
Associate Editor

Many would be surprised to learn that I disagree with the new affirmative action ruling. "But it's for equal rights," they say. That's where I have a problem. Affirmative action by nature corrects discrimination with yet more discrimination.

There have been a great many problems with women not receiving the equal pay that they deserve. However, I feel that this problem has not been effectively solved.

Discrimination is not a one-sided affair. The new affirmative action plan calls for strict quotas, which have the effect of hiring or promoting individuals on the basis of their gender or race, not on the basis of qualifications. Thus, a highly-qualified male could be denied a promotion in favor of a less-qualified female.

In my opinion, discrimination is discrimination, regardless of who's doing it to whom. In fact, this ruling offends me because if I were to be hired or promoted based solely on my gender and their quota requirements, it would be disregarding my personal qualifications. Is this progress?

A more far-reaching and serious effect of this plan is the more subtle outcome of how this will affect the public's opinion of equal rights. Those who have been wronged by this plan, who have either lost a promotion or otherwise suffered from affirmative action are likely to hold resentments against less offensive measures such as the Equal Rights Amendment.

Unlike affirmative action, the E.R.A demands equal rights for all, without the dangerous assumption that what women gain must be taken away from men. Men need not suffer in order to give women what they deserve. You cannot right a wrong with another wrong.

## GRCC student elections set for April 21, 22

by Matt Autio  
Sports Editor

During the last GRCC student government elections, a rather distressing thing happened. 40 people out of a student body of 5,604 turned out to vote. This is not an editorial designed to scold, to say, "naughty you, you didn't vote". I didn't vote in the last election myself. But I find it hard to blame myself or the rest of the potential voters in this case.

Ever since the idea of democratic elections came about, it has been understood that presenting oneself and one's ideas to the voting public can be a nice way to get elected and get people pulling for you. During the

fall election, I knew of only one girl who was running for the school senate. I don't mean she was the only one I knew personally who was running, hers was the only candidate's name I had heard of.

The remainder of the candidates didn't seem that interested in getting any exposure. Maybe what we need for these elections is a few posters, some slogans, some publicity. Some may say these tactics went out with high school, but we definitely need something.

Even if things do change and more attention is given to school politics, don't expect to see everyone charging to the polls. As a nation, we don't serve as very good role models for voting habits. But just about anything would be a step up from here.

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## GRACC suggests solutions for singles

Dear GRACC:

I have to work with a group of students from GRCC at my after school job. I am offended by the sexist jokes my co-workers constantly tell. This makes it difficult to work with them.

Dear Fed-up,

1. Don't expect people to read your mind. Speak up and tell them that certain types of their jokes make you uncomfortable. Then be a little more specific about what those types of jokes are. This gives you a chance to express your feelings, but also

gives them a chance to think twice before telling one. They may really not have known that any offense was taken if nothing was ever said.

2. Realize that you're giving other people control over your feelings. You may not be able to control what they say—even after talking with them, but you can control

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your own response, or way of dealing with the situation. If you take their joking as a personal insult, it will be. If you see it as their problem and ignore it, then you'll minimize their power to aggravate you.

3. Realize also, that there are few jokes that aren't offensive to someone in some way. You might

even have unintentionally told some yourself. That others find them funny is the result of different perceptions of humor. Allow some leeway for this.

4. And, just as you realize that not all jokes are taken humorously, not all jokes are un-funny either. So, be honest enough to laugh, if only to yourself when you hear any that are truly funny. Sometimes sharing laughter can really serve to lighten monotony or stress within a group or team of people.

5. If the problem is extreme and none of the above options seem to apply, or work; and if you can't afford to find another job, then talk to your supervisor. You can also call the Human Rights Commission at (206) 464-6500 for information about your legal rights in this situation.

\* GRACC, pronounced Gracey — Letters can be dropped in the green box at the candy counter on the second floor of the student in the Communications Annex.

## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Perhaps this letter will not be submitted in time to be published in the next issue The Current. Perhaps, it will make it into the first issue of Spring Quarter. Perhaps you will not print it at all. However, I must express my opinion to the editorial written by your (then) Associate Editor (Luis Cabrera) in the March 13, 1987 issue of The Current entitled "What is the true purpose of education?"

I disagree with the statement that most Green River students are here only to better their financial situation, and get the required degree in order to transfer to another college.

Perhaps, I disagree because, being an older student, I

sacrificed a "good financial situation" to return to school and gain the knowledge I so desired in another field of study.

It is true that I too am transferring this fall to another college. It is not true, however, that I am here only to get a degree. In addition to the required classes for an Associate in Arts degree, I chose classes that would increase my knowledge in the areas I wish to integrate myself into in the future. The more I am able to learn, the more I will be prepared to help change our living environment and the perspective that other people envision it to be.

I personally have gained a great deal of knowledge from many of

the instructors at Green River, and applaud them for their commitment to education. I believe most of the instructors on our campus are here because they want to be, because they desire to pass on the knowledge they have, hopefully stimulating our interests in bettering our world. Most are not here because of the "good financial situation" a teacher's salary offers them.

So, when you question how many of us are interested in challenges of education, I must answer that I as well as many other students are interested in just that.

Perhaps you need to re-evaluate what your contribution to this world is, and not what its contribution is to you. - Denise Ko

# Kathy and Liz explore true meaning of 'Godscam'

Let us first introduce ourselves. My name is Kathy, I'm the blonde one. And my name is Elizabeth. I'm the wild brunette. This is our column, "The Way It Is" and we will be telling you just that every week in this space.

This week; Godscam and what it REALLY means.

First, let us examine the facts.

The current scandal has centered around two separate developments: Jimmy Bakker's resignation from the PTL Club after bizarre sex-blackmail-takeover accusations and Oral Roberts' controversial claim that "God will call me home" unless his viewers came up with \$8 million.

□ TV evangelist Jim Bakker had a sleazy fling with church secretary Jessica Hahn in 1980 to "show his masculinity" as he feared his now drug addicted wife, Tammy Faye, was having an affair with a "colorful country singer", according to Washington Post. Bakker claimed that the liaison only lasted 15 minutes. Hahn now claims, "It seemed like it lasted an hour and a half," and that she was forced to have oral sex and intercourse with Bakker and then with another minister-friend of his.

*This macho, quickie with an "innocent" bimbo was doubtlessly done in the name of the Lord.*

□ It turns out that the "colorful country singer" was none-other-than Grammy Award winning singer-songwriter Gary Paxton. His claim to fame includes songs like "Monster Mash" and "Alley Oop". He met Tammy while producing her religious records in Nashville. Tammy fell in love with Paxton, said Karen Paxton, who has now divorced him. She said Tammy was her best friend at the time. Paxton claims he and Tammy were "just friends".

*So much for friendship! If you have ever seen Paxton, it makes one wonder why Tammy Faye was attracted to him. Perhaps she couldn't see him through those very LONG, goeey, fake lashes she insists are so very attractive. But then, what excuse does Paxton have? Maybe the tryst was his inspiration for "Monster Mash".*

□ Bakker has alleged Jimmy Swaggart was behind the "satanic, diabolical plot" to oust him from the PTL Club.

*(Pass The Loot Club?)*

□ Other reports say it was an alcoholic evangelist, John Wesley Fletcher, who introduced Bakker, 47, to Jessica Hahn, then 21, who he had a "brief sexual encounter" with (after all, it only lasted 15

min. according to Bakker) because "Bakker threatened suicide unless he found a way to make his wife jealous and win back her affections."

*We feel if the PTL wants to make more money to build another religious disneyland like its Heritage theme park, it could sell the script of Godscam to Hollywood for a made for TV movie, or a soap opera.*

□ Fletcher called Hahn "just an innocent church secretary".

*We say BULLSHIT!*

□ Hahn called herself, "a selfless and devoted churchwoman" while flatly denying blackmail reports. She said it was other people who exposed Bakker. "I didn't want to hurt Jim."



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*We say BULLSHIT once again!*

□ PTL lawyer, Norman Roy Grutman, said, "People who live in glass churches shouldn't throw stones" to critics of Falwell's new job as head of the PTL. This prompted speculation that Robert Schuller, of California's Crystal Cathedral had turned on Bakker. Schuller's spokesman said "the situation is getting out of hand," and called it, "a full blown religious civil war."

*We say, "Is this the beginning of the first American Jihad?"*

□ Grutman went on to say later of the "holy war" being fought for the 39 million homes that watch PTL, "It was like this in the time of the Holy Roman Empire."

*We want to know, did they really have televangelists way back then? We hope not. We think not.*

□ Meanwhile, Paul Roper, self-appointed Pentecostal watchdog who negotiated a \$265,000 payoff to Hahn, criticized her for "walking around in skin-tight jeans in her backyard saying cute little

throwaway remarks to the press," and told her to "shut up".

*TRANSLATION: Roper definitely scammed some of the payoff money for himself. Most likely rationalizing it as a gift from God.*

□ As for the new head of PTL, U.S. News & World Report claims that under 10 percent of \$3.2 million Jerry Fallwell raised for African famine relief was actually spent there. Fallwell, founder of the Moral Majority, denied the claim as "absolutely ridiculous."

*We think Fallwell is absolutely ridiculous. Well, after all, he really NEEDED that new \$2 million Isreal Westwind II jet. Thus enabling him to fly over the Sudan and wave down at all the starving children. Maybe he feels closer to God when he's way up there with his head in the clouds.*

□ Oral Roberts urged his flock of followers to use their checkbooks to build "a wall of protection" around the Bakkers.

*A wall of checkbooks might be better than a church of glass, but we doubt it. The pages from those very checkbooks helped to build the walls of their new house, after all. They also helped send Tammy to the Betty Ford Center.*

□ Roberts had told his followers that unless they donated \$8 million by the end of the month, God would "call him home".

*If Roberts is so worried about God calling him, he should get an answering machine. Also, if money really provided immortality, Nelson Rockefeller would still be alive. Roberts could have sold his jet and still had a cool half million change. We do not believe a loving God like this one we're discussing, would ransom one of his most dedicated TV star preachers like Roberts.*

□ Just when it looked like Roberts might take that heavenly journey homeward, a millionaire dog track owner, Jerry Collins, 79, was flown by Roberts' personal \$8.5 million private Lear jet to Omaha where he presented Roberts with a \$1.3 million check. He said he did it because he is a strong believer in education and wanted to help out Roberts' medical students

□ Collins himself said, "I think he needs psychiatric treatment. He needs to relax. . . and get back on the main street."

*Who really needs the mental help here? We think the entire cast of Godscam '87 could use an extended rest. . . off TV.*

□ Collins was scheduled to present the check to Roberts live from Oral's ivory prayer tower, but the broadcast was knocked out when lightning struck the transmitter.

*Perhaps a sign from above?*

*How does this sound for a TV script Kathy? If you don't give me \$8 million by next Friday, I'll go sleep with an innocent Bimbo and then God will call me at home and tell me I've Got AIDS.*

Well, 'til next week, . . . remember, **IF SOMEONE OFFERS YOU AIDS, JUST SAY "NO"!**

## Focus On The Nation

by Elizabeth White

Spring is here. The air is warm, the sky is blue, and the sun lends a hazy glow to everything around. I will confess that my spring break was not spent keeping up on the happenings of the world. Indeed, I found myself preferring to tip-toe blithely through the proverbial tulips.

However, spring quarter has begun, and I reluctantly return to the "real world". Reading the daily newspapers, as well as watching news reports and reading news magazines, I discovered what the rest of the world was up to while I was busy romping in Seattle city parks.

The Iran scandal has been outdone, at least in the eyes of the press. What could be more devastating to a society geared towards figureheads than being disillusioned by so prominent a figure as a T.V. evangelist? Godscam, also known as PearlyGate, is yet another development in the unravelling of our leaders. The surprize comes in when we, accustomed to the lies of politicians that have been uncovered since Watergate, find out nasty things about our religious leaders, the mainstays of morality.

It is not only our leaders that have been getting in trouble recently. For those of you who are still out playing in the pansies, two American military members have been selling secrets to the Soviets from our embassy there. What would motivate our dedicated troupes to risk the security of this nation? Sex. That's right. They exchanged secrets for sexual favors provided by workers around the embassy. Well, I know I'll be able to sleep at night.

We can reassure ourselves with the knowledge that in the sensationalized press of the day, slight wrongs are emphasized more than a sufficient status-quo. Surely, not all military employees overseas are swapping secrets for sex, not all T.V. evangelists are getting caught sleeping around. We must keep in mind that which the press chooses to sensationalize. Still, I can't help but wonder what Dr. Ruth would think about all of this.

## Hansen re-elected as Editor

Kathy Hansen was re-elected as editor when **The Current** staff held its quarterly election before spring break.

Hansen has previously served as Editor, Associate Editor, Sports Editor, and photographer for **The Current**. She was also Copy Editor for **EDGE Music Magazine**, published recently.

Elizabeth White was appointed to the position of Associate Editor by Hansen. White worked as Copy Editor for **The Current** last quarter, and was Assistant Copy Editor of **EDGE Music Magazine**.

"I would like to help improve the paper to make it the best it can be for Green River. As Editor, I'd like to know what the students and faculty think; what things they'd like to see," Hansen said.



## New Age movement causes controversy

by Lisa Hoffmann  
Assist. Photo Editor

Since Shirley Maclaine's television movie "Out on a Limb," based on her book by the same title, there have been many commentaries on the subject of the New Age Movement.

Recently, Current staff members, Kathy Hansen and Elizabeth White survey on campus to find out just GRCC students feel about the subject. They found many of the students are not familiar with what is involved in the movement. Most seem to think that it just involves reincarnation and channeling. On the contrary, the New Age consists of many aspects, and one doesn't necessarily have to believe all of them.

Many people these days have literally tuned into crystals. Crystals come in different shapes, sizes, colors, and energies, and some select few people can see, smell, and hear them. Crystals are an interesting phenomenon and their energies have been studied by scientists for some length of time.

To look at the behavior of crystals, we must divide their energies into two different groups. The first, mundane energies, are those energies than can be measured by current scientific methods such as electricity, light, heat, and mechanical energy. The second, spiritual energies, are simply defined as energies that cannot be measured by current methods. These energies include thought, will, healing, and the energies that make up the higher spiritual bodies. The crystal contains a perfect balance of energy, that is, the amount of energy given off is equal to the amount of energy taken in.

Crystals can be carried with you to increase positive energies, and by holding the crystal in your left hand (energy flows in through the left, and out through the right) you are able to feel the current flow through. Crystals pick up both good and bad energies so you must be careful as to who you let touch it. Once you have found the right crystal, which is done intuitively, you will find yourself wanting to keep it with you always. This understanding and belief in crystals is held by many in the new age and many are learning.

There are, of course, the other aspects such as channeling, reincarnation, healing, extra sensory perception, UFO's, meditation, the list goes on and on. Many people have negative feelings about channeling, their feelings being, why should a person pay \$300 or more to hear a person go into a trance to bring up a wise incarnate being and hear their advice on how to live their lives? This is not necessarily what goes on, but we must be cautious of frauds as in any field. A popular example is Ramtha, who made the mistake of giving out financial advice to some of her listeners. But there are many that are legitimate and some of the events are of little or no cost.

For those who accept reincarnation as truth, human souls are supremely wise and millions of years old. They also believe that your past lives influence your present life.

All this may confuse you but it is reality for many. The New Age Movement really isn't new, the ideas have been around for as long or longer than Christianity, and there are Christians that believe that the new age ideas are truth.

## Gallery celebrates grand opening today

by Penny Simpson  
Assist. News Editor

Green River Community College's new art exhibit facility in the Holman Library has been named the Helen S. Smith Gallery in honor of a longtime college and community volunteer.

Helen Smith, of Enumclaw, served on the GRCC Board of Trustees from 1970 to 1976. She was co-founder of the Green River Foundation and served four years as the founding president. She also created the Interurban Center for the Arts, a foundation subsidiary dedicated to the enhancement of the arts in South King and North Pierce counties.

After 17 years of service to the college, Smith retired from the foundation board of directors in January, although she is continuing to work on behalf of the arts. Her commitment to the college and to the arts prompted the Green River Community College Board of Trustees to name the gallery in her honor.

"This is really appropriate

because of Helen's dedication to the college and her interest in enhancing the arts," said Dr. Clark Townsend, assistant to the president at GRCC and college liaison to the foundation.

The Helen S. Smith Gallery was created in a library remodeling project completed earlier this year. Gallery director Dr. Bernie Bleha, chair of the GRCC Creative Arts Division, said the new facility features 137 running feet of wall space 9 feet tall and 154 feet of track and display lighting. It is the only non-profit exhibit facility between Seattle and Tacoma.

Currently on display in the gallery is the annual high school invitational art exhibit. The GRCC art student show will be exhibited in May. The gallery often features works by outstanding Northwest artists, as well as touring shows from around the nation and the world.

Smith, who has volunteered for the Green River Foundation in excess of 40 hours a week for more than a decade, has been

## Willson hosts Vietnam authors

by Elizabeth White  
Associate Editor

There are many things about the Vietnam war that have not been discussed. It was a war that society would prefer to forget. It is important, however, to know exactly what happened and why, so that we as a nation will not make the same mistake again.

David Willson, GRCC librarian, will host a seminar April 17 at 7 p.m. in SS-8, featuring authors from the Vietnam war. Contrary to most of the publicity regarding Vietnam, which considers only the political historical aspects, the Vietnam Authors Symposium will offer glimpses into the writings of Vietnam vets from their experiences. Willson cites these writings as "a creative way of dealing with being there".

Unlike veterans from WWII, Vietnam vets have not received any credit or appreciation for their experiences. WWII vets have made a lot of money from publishing their stories; however, no one from Vietnam has been able to profit from their experiences. The most decorated veteran from Vietnam, Joe Hooper, worked here at GRCC in the VA office.

One fact that will surprise many is that 90% of those who served in Vietnam were desk clerks. Willson is very descriptive of the resentments between the "grunts" (the 10% who fought the battle) and the "pogues" (the desk clerks). He refers to the lack of understanding about the real situation there by saying "it's like a conspiracy of silence."

Willson has published two books about Vietnam so far, and he has one awaiting acceptance. One rejection slip disliked the tone of his work, refusing its "disdain for the military, and disdain for the Vietnamese people". Willson sees this as yet another example of the the public's unwillingness to deal

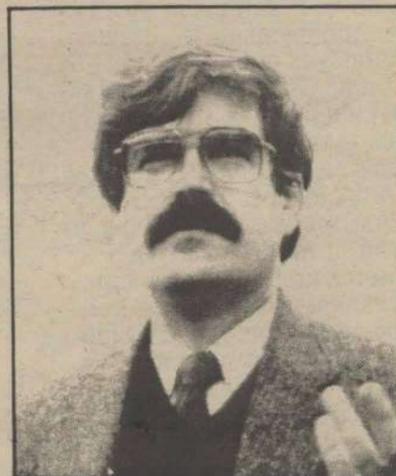


Photo by Kathy Hansen  
GRCC librarian David Willson is organizing a symposium of Authors of Vietnam.

with what happened, preferring to sweep our most unpopular war into the closet, rather than face up to it.

The symposium will give an important perspective to the situation, presenting fictional and dramatic pieces. Jerome Gold will be reading from his novel *Negligence of Death*. He may also be reading from his latest publication.

Richard E. Baker and Jerome Gold both served as soldiers in Vietnam. Baker will read selections from his novel *Feast of Epiphany*, a short story collection titled *A Shattered Visage*, as well as poetry from *Shell Burst Pond*. He has a new novel in progress, and is a superb poet according to David Willson.

Col. Lee Lanning has a book, *The Only War We Had*, which is soon to be published by Bantam, and from which he will read. Marilyn M. Mc Mahon, a nurse at the time, will be reading short works as well as poetry. Eva Bowman was not involved in Vietnam, however she has written a play "Werewomen" that deals with the topic, and from which she will read.

## GRCC Chamber Singers to perform with Sweet Adelines

by Mike Black  
Staff Reporter

The Chamber Singers of GRCC, along with the Sweet Adelines Women's Barbershop Quartet will be performing a unique blend of jazz, contemporary, and madrigal tunes on April 16, at 8 p.m. in the Lindbloom Student Center.

There will be various popular songs performed by members of the Chamber Singers. Among their selections will be a tune arranged by Mark Hayes which intermixes the blues of "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot", and the jazz of "When The Saints Come Marching In", to create a tremendous jazz selection called "Swingin' With The Saints". The Sweet Adelines Women's Barbershop Quartet is known worldwide for incredible performances.

The Chamber Singers, directed by Ronald Smith, are known locally as well as in Canada where they tour annually. This year's tour is scheduled to begin on May 22.

widely honored for her contributions, including receiving a Governor's Outstanding Volunteer Award in 1985. She was responsible for bringing the Oregon Shakespearean Festival from Ashland to the state of Washington in 1982, the festival's first-ever tour which was made in their 47th season. She also directs the Picture Program, which involves 150 volunteers taking art

masterpieces to some 70 elementary schools every month.

Other programs she has created and directed include an annual choral festival, fine arts performances at GRCC, seminars for volunteer organizations and artists, and publication of a calendar of arts events in King and Pierce counties.

A formal gallery dedication will be held later this year.

# Campus Instructor explores China on spring break

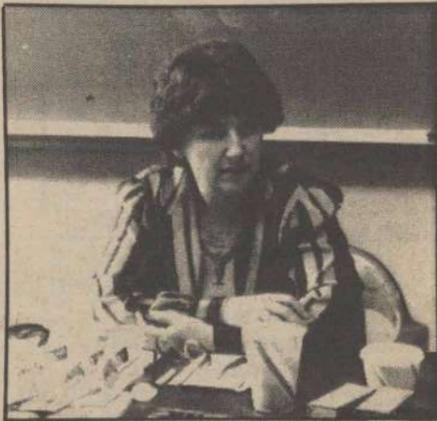


Photo by Kathy Hansen

Mantilla took photos of the many attractions of China this spring break.

by Renee Ricketts  
Features Editor

When asked why she flew to China for her week-long spring break, Sylvia Mantilla gave a surprising reply: "Reading that book ('The Family') alerted me to China."

Mantilla, a GRCC English instructor, may never have dreamed of China if it were not for the book by Pa Chin, recommended to her by a student here. Describing the lifestyles and changing times of a family compound over several generations, "The Family" had planted a seed in Mantilla's mind.

Hearing of several friends' trips may have cultivated the seed, but it did not actually blossom until Mantilla spotted an ad in the paper offering a deal that was "too good to pass up."

She and her husband, Ben, went to China for a "perfect price" which included airfare, lavish hotels "where a man turned down the bedcovers," two meals each day, and a guided tour of the Beijing area. Miraculously, the tour group left Sunday after finals week and returned the Sunday before spring quarter classes started.

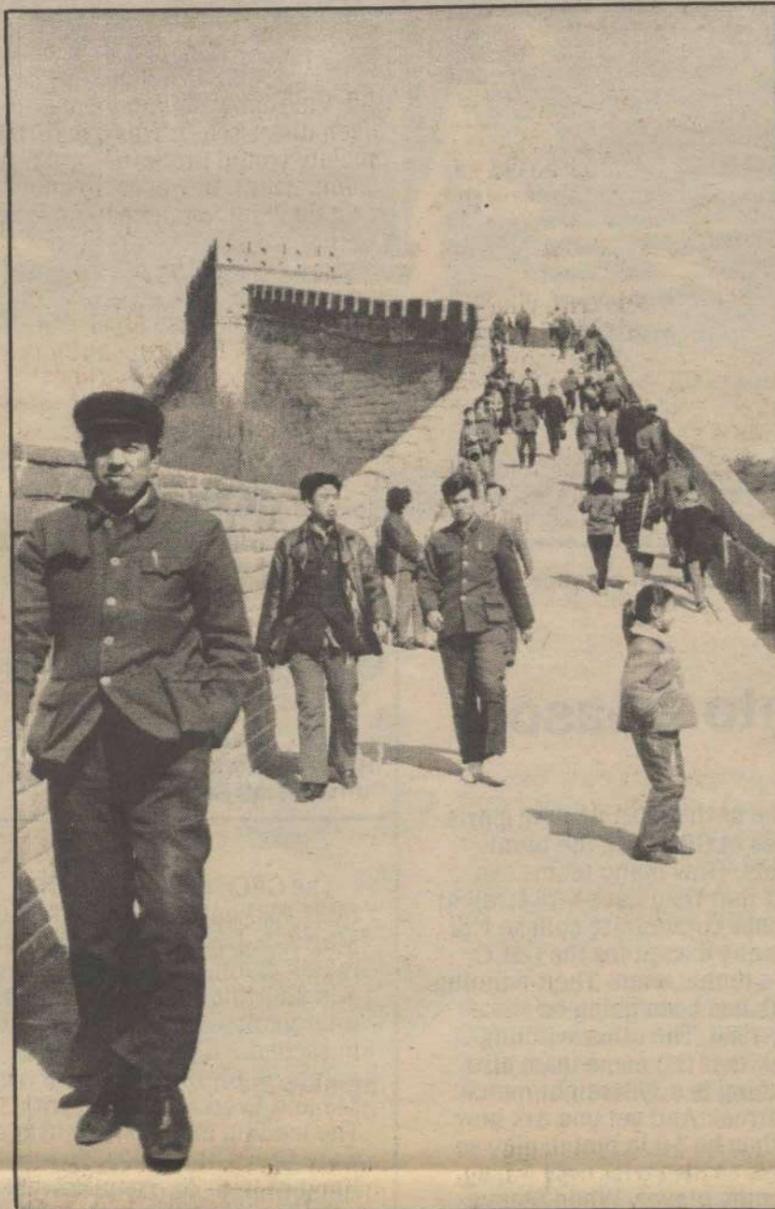
Mantilla never even suffered from jet lag. The flights were scheduled in such a way that they would arrive at their destinations in the evening, go to bed, and start off the next day fresh and rested.

Before they could enter China, the group spent a day in Kyoto, Japan. Given free time to look around, the Mantillas got lost. "It was raining, and we stopped in a store for provisions. The woman working there knocked over a display bowing to us."

Mantilla's first impression of China was that "It looked bleak—really flat. The trees were not blooming and it was brown everywhere."

Although she saw the clusters of farmhouses surrounded by farmland, she was told that the people do not live in communes. Rather, they worked the land owned by the country, and were given a small plot of their own to plant on.

Once in Beijing, the group was assigned two Chinese girls for guides. They were trained in college, employed by the government, and would keep the same jobs for the rest of their lives. The Chinese promotional "ladder" is very short—the guides would only receive three raises in their lifetimes.



The Great Wall extends throughout most of China, and provides a pleasant walk for the citizenry.

"The group wasn't hurried at all: they covered only one historical site each day, with the knowledgeable guides answering everything. "The guides' English was very good, except their use of the phrase 'was died' instead of 'has died,'" said Mantilla.

As the group visited the colorful Dragon Wall, Great Wall, Sacred Way, Ming Tombs, and Forbidden City, "people stopped and wondered at the guides—not at us, at the guides. This may have been because the common people were all dressed in basic blue outfits, but the tour leaders wore brightly colored western-style clothes."

Chinamen peeked into the windows as the group toured the elaborately decorated Summer Palace, a compound family home like that in "The Family," and Mantilla imagined that "It must look like real luxury to them."

The tourists were shown the works of a cloissone factory, and Mantilla bought a "typical tourist item" in the giftstore. The next day, however, when she saw the Temple of Heaven, Mantilla realized that the figure she had bought was a replica of the Temple of Heaven.

Tian An Men Square, where Chinese officials address the people, was in full swing when the group was there. Mantilla was able to see the People's Congress meeting in the Great Hall of the People.

"While the representatives read their speeches, TV cameras circled around the room clearly showing the people who were not there, and who were following along in their own copies," Mantilla said.

She used all eight rolls of film that she had brought on the tour, and even missed the one she had given to a fellow traveler.

The group learned to love or hate Chinese food, as they ate in Chinese restaurants every day. Mantilla was surprised to see that her husband even ate the squid plate, usually left by the tourists.

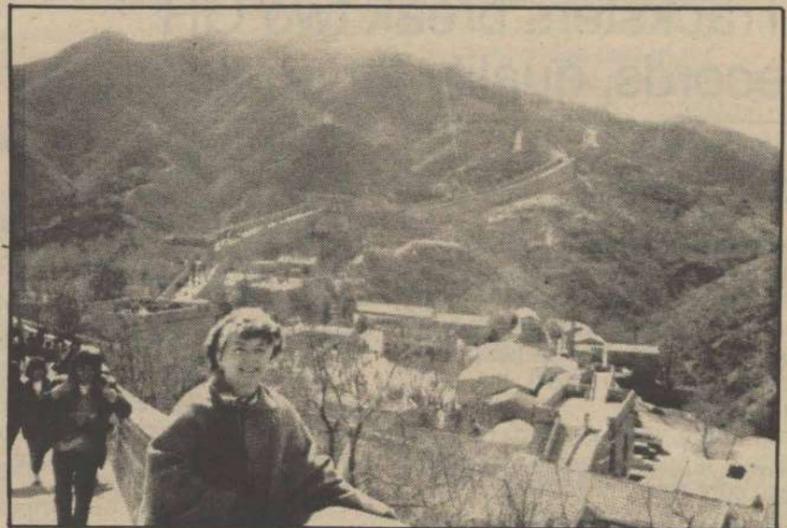
She was also astonished to see roads being built by hand. "Everything is manpower," said Mantilla.

The roads are set up for bicycles, as few cars are privately owned. People are able to save ten yuan from their monthly wages, and a bike costs 180 yuan.

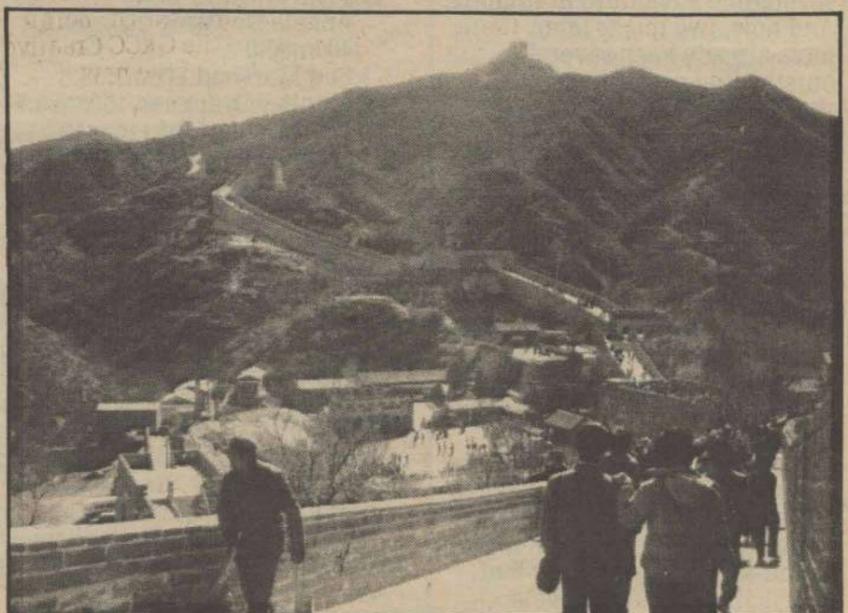
At the end of the tour, one of the guides thanked the group for their participation, since she now had enough money to get married. When they congratulated her on her marriage, she said that she was not engaged, but "now I can look."

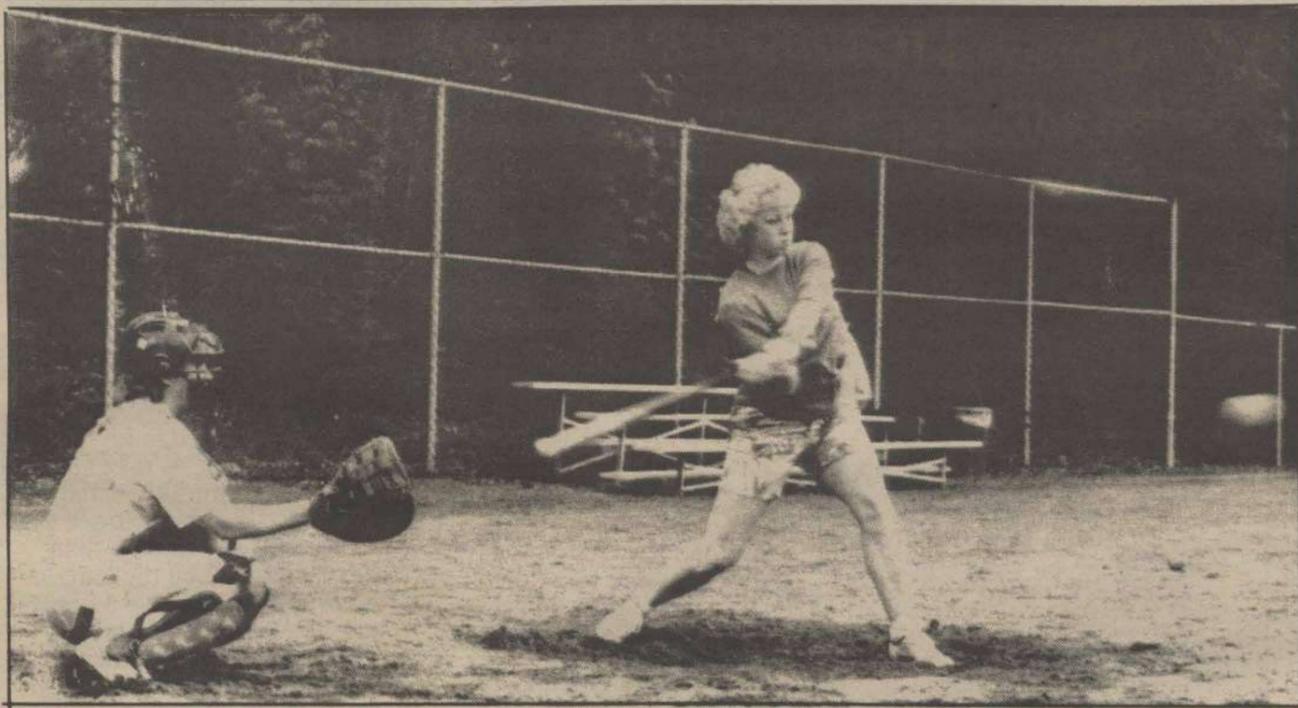
By the end of the trip, Mantilla learned to keep her curling iron in her carry-on since it always set off the metal detectors and sent airport officials searching through her suitcase. They always gave up and let her go even though they did not understand what the curling iron was.

One may not consider traveling in China to be the ideal lazy spring break, but Mantilla said "Everything was escorted 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., and there were not any places to go out at night; it was quite relaxing."



Mantilla captured on film a spectacular view of the Great Wall of China.





Softball players rehearse their winning ways at a recent practice.

Photo by Michael Scheiber

## NWAACC Tennis swings into season

by Bill Martens

The women also have had a winning tradition at this school and this season with a team made up of freshmen only, have already jumped out to a 4-0 record. As far as unrecognized records go, I think that these people really need to be recognized for the record they have been holding on to.

There are eight players on the mens team and seven on the womens team: Clayton Munson, Cody Lang, Rob Camper, John Shrader, Jim Blacksten, Greg King, Ted Barber, Scott Grim. For the womens team: Hanh, Lakin, Petra Gagnon, Kelly Williams, Becky Bryden, Terri Alongi, Jana Wilson, Tami Alongi.

Some of the most unsung sports heroes of GRCC are the tennis players. How many teams can boast that they have a 76 straight matches community college Not too many except for the GRCC men's tennis team. Their winning streak has been going on since early 1980. The other winning streak that the mens team also has going is a 39 straight match win streak. And yet you ask how can they be 3-0 in match play so far this season with only 1 returning player. When Steave Sauers answered this question, he said "we practice

3 hours each day. Not too many teams in any sport practice that many hours."

## Tracksters break two GR records, qualify for conference

by Bill Martens  
Staff Reporter

It's that time of the year again. Yes, folks, we are talking about the time of year when you see all those feet going like crazy and going in circles. No this isn't the downtown traffic report, it is Track season.

Actually, the season started back in January when a group of hard core runners got together, organized by Coach Theresa Haynes, and set out on a springtime adventure in running. And now, two meets later, there have already been several outstanding performances by these athletes.

On March 23, two school records were broken. The first was the women's 3000 meter record broken by Jennifer Draughon in a time of 10:18.1, thus breaking her own record set just two weeks before. The other record breaking performance was by Jennifer Lindquist in the javelin. Her throw of 126'5" shattered the old record of 111'5" held by S. Gustson.

There were also several others who qualified for the conference championships. In 1500 meters Chris Riley clocked a 4:04.9, while in the 400 meters division Bud Marshall ran a 50.4. Angela

Downing qualified with a time of 1:00 while in the 100 meters Wayne Ward ran a 10.9. In the hammer throw, Ben Keith, threw 130'6 $\frac{1}{4}$ " while teammate Mike Jones managed a distance of 22'10 $\frac{1}{2}$ " in the long jump. Wilkie Heskett put the shot 38'11 $\frac{3}{4}$ ".

The track team traveled to Everett C.C. 2 weeks ago for a league track meet. There were 5 more qualifiers for the conference championships. They were:

Kim Porter High Jump 5'4"  
Long Jump 18'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "  
100m Hurdles 15.0  
Angela Downing 200m 26.5  
400m 60.0  
Bud Marshall 800m 1:55.8  
Jennifer Draughon 1500m 4:54.2  
Brett Rutherford 110m HH 14.5  
400m IM 54.5

There also were other fine performances by Jennifer Lindquist in the shot put, Wayne Ward in the 400meters, Darren White in the 100meters, and Mike Jones in the long jump. The track meet had a very climatic ending when distance runner Steve Duncan won the 5000 meter run and the 1600 meter relay team blew away Bellevue and Tacoma. Out of 21 events, there were 14 first place finishes by GRCC athletes. Tomorrow, the track team travels to the University of Washington for an invitational.

## Golf begin with wins

by Karrie Clark  
Current Staff Reporter

The GRCC golf team started their 1987 golf season on Tuesday, March 31 by winning their first match against Everett, Bellevue and Shoreline. Green River had 305 total team points. Bellevue came in second with 317 total team points, Shoreline was third with 345 and Everett finished with 355. The leading medalists for GRCC were Greg Ott with 74, Dante Jimenez with 75, Tony Howells with 77, Bobby Pasquale with 79 and Jeff Sanders and Benjie Thim both with 80.

The second match of the season was the Green River Invitational in which GRCC took third place overall. The first round was played at Lake Spanaway on Thursday, April 2 while the second round was played at Capitol City on Friday, April 3. Leading medalists for Green River were Greg Ott who had a first round score of 74 and a second round score of 79. Ott took sixth place overall out of 53 players. Dante Jimenez had a score of 75 in the first round and an 80 in the second round. He took ninth place overall. "We fell flat in the second round," stated Mike Peluso, GRCC golf coach. "We just kinda had one of those days," Peluso added.

On Monday, April 6, the golf team participated in and won the Tacoma CC Invitational. Seven teams participated in the invitational. They were Green River, Bellevue, Clark, Tacoma, Lower Columbia, Grays Harbor and Everett. GRCC had a total of 307 team points. Clark CC was a close second with 308 total team points and Bellevue was third with 310. Medalists for GRCC were Landon Jackson with 76, Rick Lund, Greg Ott and Craig Price with 77 and Benjie Thim with 81. Tony Howells was unable to participate because of an injured thumb.

The team's next match is the CWU Invitational in Ellensburg/Yakima. It got underway yesterday and will end today. The rest of the schedule is as follows.  
April 13...Everett Invitational..Everett  
April 17...Everett, Bellevue, Shoreline..Green River

## Lady Gators Gag Chokers

by Dianne Brummer  
Current Staff Reporter

The Gators took their undefeated league record into Grays Harbor last Tuesday and doubled it by defeating the Chokers 13-3 in five innings and 5-0 in the nightcap.

In the opener the Gators were led by the bats of Dayna Talbert (3-4), 3RBI, Rene Parks (4-4), 2RBI, Lynnette Keehnel (2-4), 2 RBI, and Jill Weaver (2-2).

The nightcap was not pretty but it was another mark in the win column. The Gators belted 13 hits but only scored 5 runs as they held on to a 5-0 victory. Kathy Glenn went (2-4), Dayna Talbert (2-4), Alyse Talbert (2-3), and Wendy Carlson (2-3), led the charge for the Gators who relied on the fine pitching by freshman Rene Parks to keep their league record undefeated at 4 wins and no loses.

Green River Women's softball extended its league record to 6-0 Tuesday by defeating the Lady Samurai of Shoreline Community College by winning the first game in five innings, 15-0, then took the nightcap 9-4.

In the opening game Kathy Glenn drove in 3 runs and Alyse Talbert and Jill Mattsen added two RBI each in the opening game. Shoreline had pitching problems from the very beginning, walking the first five batters, and ending the game with a total of 17 walks. Freshman pitcher Jill Weaver (4-0), (0.92 ERA), was nearly perfect for the Lady Gators, who shut the Samurai out, with only two hits, and two strike outs, while only walking one. She was backed up by her defense who committed no errors.

In the nightcap sophomores Diana Brummer and Becky Ginn led the way, with Brummer collecting three of the Gators eight hits, including a double, and 2 RBI, while Ginn added two hits and a pair of RBI. Freshman Rene Parks earned her Second Victory for the Gators. The Gators next home Game is against Olympic C.C. on Friday at 3:30.

## GRCC baseball 5-7 overall

by Lou Albrecht  
Current Staff Reporter

The Gator baseball team opens their home season this afternoon with a double-header against Lower Columbia starting at 1 p.m.

Saturday the Gators will travel to Tacoma where they will play a twin-bill against the Titans also starting at 1 p.m.

The Gators who are 5-7 overall, opened league play Tuesday with a 4-2 win over the Shoreline Samurai. Shawn Butler earned the win going eight and two-thirds innings. Butler walked only one, gave up two hits and struck out six. Both runs scored by the Samurai were unearned.

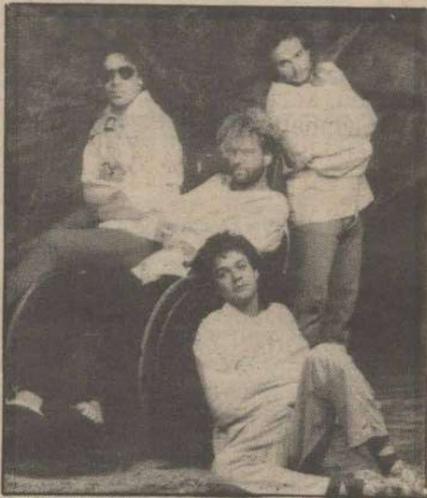
Tim "Flounder" Harry had two hits for the Gators including an RBI double scoring Mike Kirk.

Ace reliever Jim Whitaker entered the game with two outs in the bottom of the ninth inning to get the final out of the game and his first league save.

# 'Edge' Gator Grammy awards announced

by Ann Bellisle  
Current Staff Reporter

The Results of the Gator Grammie awards featured in "Edge magazine" are in, the ballots have been counted and the winners were by GRCC students choice.



song is on his first platinum album "Riptide". Van Halen is still going strong, winning group of the year in the Gator Grammys, Van Halen proves that a little change never hurt anybody. Lifetime achievement goes to the Beatles, with the new CD's out the Beatles are regaining a new surge of popularity. The Outfield had a surprize victory over Bruce Hornsby for best new performer. Hornsby has two major hits out "Mandalin Rain" and "The Way It Is" The rest of the results are listed below, we thank you for taking the time to fill out the ballots, and hope you like the results.

- Album of the year-Third Stage/Boston
- Song of the year-Addicted to love/Robert Palmer
- Group of the year-Van Halen
- Female vocalist-Stevie Nicks
- Male vocalist-Huey Lewis
- Best new performer-The Outfield
- Best instrumentalist-Eddie Van Halen/guitar
- Best video-Sledgehammer/Peter Gabriel
- Single by male-Higher Love/Steve Winwood
- Best live performance-Bruce Springsteen

Boston has had great success with their album "Third Stage" the album went gold, platinum, double and triple simultaneously and won album of the year in our poll. The only other album to come close was Van Halen's "5150". Song of the year "Addicted To Love" by Robert Palmer won by a landslide this

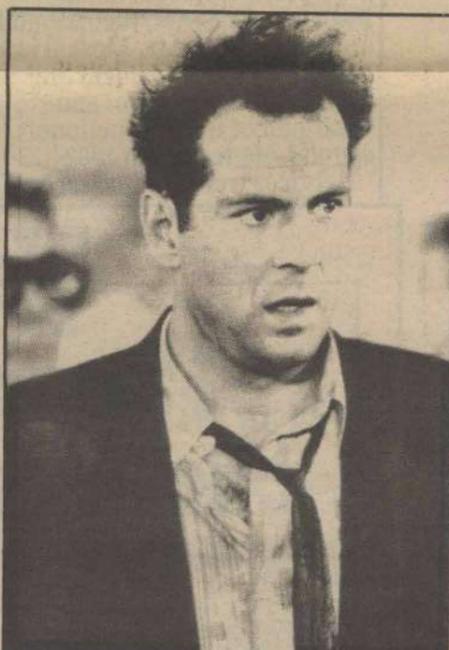


The Outfield wins best new performer in a upset against Bruce Hornsby.

- Single by female-Mad About You/Belinda Carlisle
- Instrumental in a single-Smoking Gun/Robert Cray/guitar
- Soundtrack album-Top Gun
- Performer of the year-Huey Lewis and the News
- Lifetime achievement-The Beatles



The night before...



The morning after.

## 'Blind Date' disappointing

by Tom Bout  
Staff Columnist

I love Bruce Willis. Well not literally, of course, but Willis is a favorite of mine. But his new movie "Blind Date" wasn't a favorite. Willis plays a businessman who gets set up on a blind date by his older brother, a used car salesman. He is warned not to give his date (Kim Basinger) any alcohol because she goes a little "crazy". The beginning of the date turns out okay. The two check out an art exhibit and begin a pretty good friendship. This is where anything good ends. John Larouquet (of "Night Court") plays Basinger's psychotic ex-boyfriend who terrorizes the couple on their date. This part of the plot could have been funnier and better written. There are times when the plot slows to an almost complete halt. There are even more times when the plot becomes old and dull. Willis deserved a lot better, Basinger deserved a lot better, and we definitely deserved a lot better. "Blind Date"; the movie was just like every real blind date I've ever been on, a real stinker. "Blind Date" is currently playing at AMC Sea-Tac 12 North across from the Sea-Tac Mall.

## 'The Nylons' snagged for Vocal Jazz Festival

by Ingrid Rogins  
Assist. Entertainment Editor

Windham Hill recording artists, The Nylons will perform at the 17th Annual Green River Vocal Jazz Festival. The festival will be held Saturday, April 11th, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. in the Lindbloom center and the gymnasium.

The "Doo-wop" quartet from Canada is primarily a cappella with the exception of some synthesized percussion. The group consists of four vocalists; Marc Connors, Paul Cooper, Claude Morrison, and Arnold Robinson. The group has two albums appropriately titled "One Size Fits All" and the recently released "Seamless".

The Nylons perform a broad range of music, from the Drifters to the Eurythmics; Michal St. John, music writer for Showcase Magazine says, "On a scale of one to 10 the show is an 11!"

The Nylons will perform at 9:30 p.m., the show is presented in cooperation with Union Bay. Tickets available at Ticket Master outlets for \$10 general admission, and \$5 for students, for more information call GRCC Student Programs at 833-9111 ext. 337.

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## ON CAMPUS HAPPENINGS

### OSU picnic set for April 25

Older Students Union (OSU) is having a picnic on Saturday, April 25, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Flaming Geyser State Park. Bring your family and food/drink/utensils. The park is reached by Highway 18 to the Auburn-Black Diamond cutoff, then follow the signs.

### GRCC seeks alumnus nominations

Green River Community College is accepting nominations for the 1987 Distinguished Alumnus Award winner.

Any former student who left Green River prior to 1985-86, has performed significant community service, attained noteworthy occupational achievements, or has received recognition for leadership may be nominated. The award will be presented at GRCC's commencement ceremony on June 5.

The 1986 award winner was Michael R. Preston, executive director of the Central Area Youth Association. Preston served two four-year terms on the Seattle

School Board, served on the Seafair Board and judged the 1986 Jefferson Awards. He has received many awards, including Seattle Times "Person to Watch," Black Community Leader Award and the Northwest Public Office Award.

Other recent recipients include Boeing senior specialist engineer Dr. James M. Nelson, founder of the nationally recognized "Agent Orange Hotline" Mike Vouri, and Portland television news anchor Traci Barry.

Nomination forms must be submitted to the GRCC Alumni Relations Office by March 31. For forms or additional information, contact Patti Sikora, Alumni Relations assistant, at ext. 240.

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### Beach trip planned

GRCC's Outdoor Programs is hosting the Spring Ocean Shores Escape for students and non-students. Carpools will leave for Ocean Shores on Friday, April 24, and will return Sunday.

Accommodations are at the Chalet Village A-Frames, which are adjacent to the beach. Each cabin has a loft and bathroom,

and is equipped with a stove, fireplace, TV, and kitchen supplies.

The cost for the trip is \$25, which covers the two nights' lodging. Outdoor Programs reimburses carpool mileage to and from Ocean Shores.

Sign up before April 18 at the Outdoor Programs office,

## COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

### Democrats set delegate selection rules

by Kurt Wieland  
Current Staff Reporter

The Washington State Democratic Party has announced that the rules for the delegate selection process for the 1988 Democratic National Convention have been drafted. Washington will elect 71 delegates and 22 alternates to the July 18-21, 1988 convention in Atlanta, Georgia.

Precinct caucuses are scheduled for March 8, 1988. A proposed change is to open the caucuses from 5 to 8 p.m. for those who cannot attend but wish to cast a vote.

Legislative District Caucuses will occur on April 30, 1988. Congressional District Caucuses, which will elect 43 of the national delegates, will take place on June 4, 1988. The remainder will be elected at the State Convention on June 12, 1988. The rules are to be adopted at the April 11, 1987 Washington State Democratic Central Committee meeting in Goldendale.

Drafts of the proposed rules are available from the Washington State Democratic Party at 1701 Smith Tower, Seattle, WA., 98101.

### Former faculty member dies

by Matt Autio  
Sports Editor

Matthew P. Moskal, a retired transportation department instructor at GRCC, died Monday at the age of 73. Mr. Moskal was chairman of the business and industry division here, and chairman of the instructional council. He retired in 1982. Services were conducted at

Price Hilton Funeral Chapel in Auburn on Wednesday, April 3, and burial followed on April 4 at Gethsamene Cemetery in Federal Way. Memorial contributions may be sent to the GRCC Foundation Fund.

Roy Watson, dean of the vocational education department, said, "I never met a man with more charisma and had a greater impact on student's success than Matt Moskal."

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