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Adams in stable condition, plans return for winter

By Ron Descoteaux
Features Editor

Nigel Adams is in stable condition, after surgery for cancer of the colon.

Dr. Adams entered Enumclaw Memorial Hospital last Monday, after teaching his classes for that

day.

From his hospital bed last Friday, Dr. Adams said that he was, "just resting, taking care of myself."

Adams is experiencing some stomach pain. There is still some swelling in his lymph nodes and he may have to undergo chemothera-

py.

Adams said that, "Things look real good. The chances for recovery are real good."

Tentatively, Dr. Adams will be replaced until the end of this quarter as follows: Steve Sisson-The American Working Class, John Hanscom-Pacific Northwest History,

Dave Willson-50's and 60's History.

Dr. Adams expects to be in the hospital for two weeks and to spend an additional four weeks recuperating.

He said sadly that he feels a "deep sense of loss for having to leave my students. They are great people. It's going to be the toughest thing in the world staying away

He still expects to be back in January, in time to teach his winter quarter classes at GRCC. He will be teaching Northwest History, Twentieth Century Asia, day and night 50's and 60's History, and seminars on the Constitution. For those wanting Vietnam History he will have it again in the spring and summer quarters.

Adams expects to be out of the hospital some time this week.

Sounding cheerful, Dr. Adam said, "I have received lots of cards, phone calls, and love. I am overwhelmed."

Winterim class to offer host of media speakers

By Laurel Caulk
Production Director

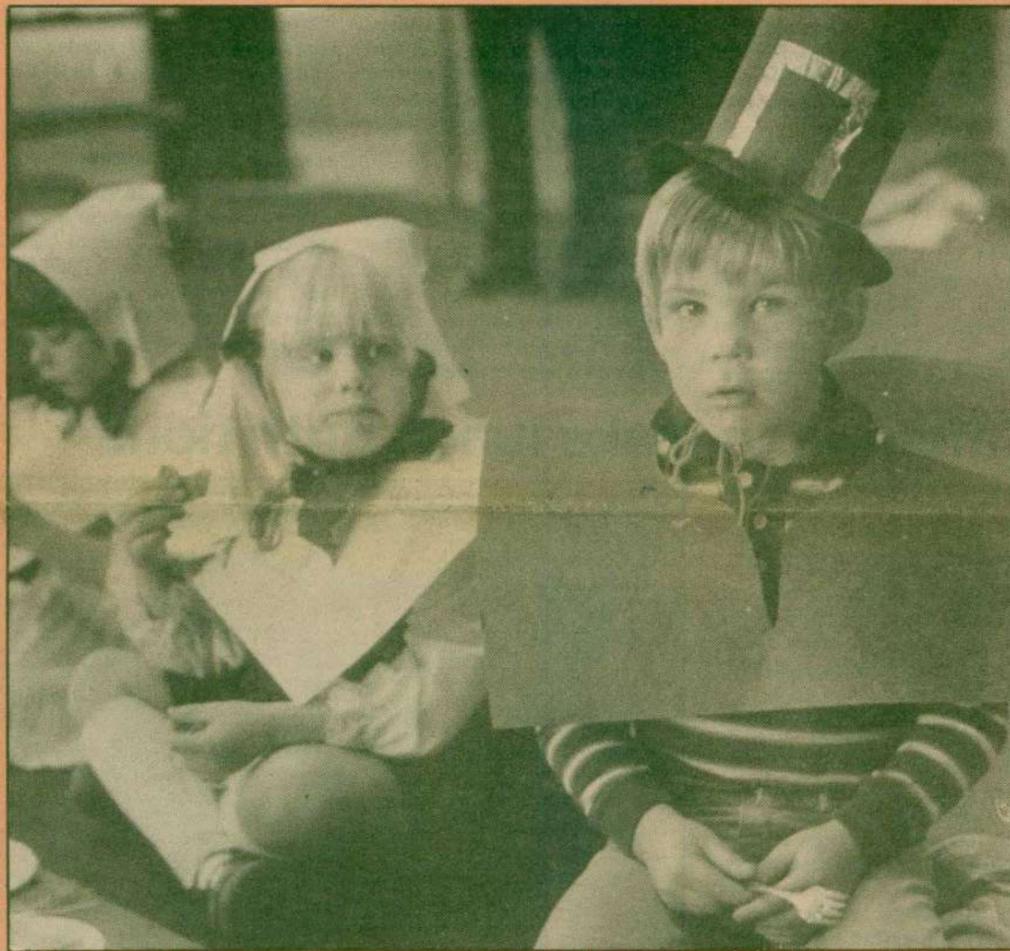
Here's your chance to make three big credits in five short days and all during the winter break.

A winterim, that is a class running during the winter break, entitled communications today is being offered to all interested students. The winterim will feature at least six speakers with at least three more still being arranged. One of the speakers who will be participating in the winterim will be Virginia Brookbush, a 72 year old communications veteran who will be speaking on community access T.V. Another speaker will be Bob Silver, sports editor for the Seattle Times. He will be speaking on the decision making process on stories and layout. Dave Horsey, nationally syndicated cartoonist of "Baby Boomers" from the Seattle P.I., will be speaking on political cartooning and what is involved in his cartoon. Seattle Times investigative reporter, Eric Nalder, will be discussing what it takes to be an investigative reporter. He will be bringing with him cases that he spent months studying and researching for just one article. Phil Sturholm, current employee with KIRO t.v. and former employee of KING t.v., will be speaking on t.v. production including camera work and story ideas. Larry Sturholm, brother of Phil Sturholm, will be centering his discussion on his feature reporting as "Larry at Large" on KIRO t.v.

The classes, which have had an attendance of 30 to 50 students in the past years, will be held in the Holman Library from December 11-17 (five actual class days) from 9am-4pm. It may sound like a lot to fit into a five day period, but there are several breaks during the day.

If interested in participating in this course, register for it when you register for your other courses for winter quarter.

Turkey day!



There will be no class tomorrow and Friday for most schools and colleges for a four day weekend. Above, children celebrate the meaning of thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving tradition has flavorful past

By Kim Coleman
Staff Reporter

Thanksgiving is an act of giving thanks as to God and an expression of gratitude which became a public celebration in recognition of divine favor.

Thanksgiving Day is a national holiday in the U.S., first celebrated in early colonial times in New England. After the first harvest was completed by the Plymouth colonists in 1621, Governor William Bradford proclaimed a day of thanksgiving and prayer.

Gradually the custom prevailed in New England of annually celebrating thanksgiving after the harvest.

During the American Revolution a yearly day of National thanksgiving was suggested by the Continental Congress.

In 1817 New York State adopted Thanksgiving Day as an annual custom, and by the middle of the 19th century many other states had done the same. In 1863 President Abraham Lincoln appointed a day of thanksgiving, and since then each President has issued a Thanksgiving Day proclamation generally designating the last Thursday of November as a national holiday.

Thanksgiving Day is a holiday also in Canada, celebrated on the second Monday in October.

Ford discusses problems with the economy

By Ron Descoteaux

Former president Gerald Ford gave a news conference and speech at GRCC last Thursday.

Ford talked about what he felt were the most pressing problems in the United States today.

During his press conference in the Rainier Room in Lindbloom Center, Ford said he had never been asked about whether he had ever smoked marijuana. He went on that he had been asked, "reasonably close ones." In Ford's opinion smoking marijuana should not automatically disqualify a person from the Supreme Court. "It depends on when they smoked the marijuana" he explained.

Ford said that the media has an obligation to dig deeply into the background of people running for public office.

When asked who he endorsed, Ford said that he had made an affirmed pledge not to endorse any candidates prior to the primaries.

Discussing the Iran contra affair Ford said that there was no question that errors had been made. He explained that the National Security Council was set up to give the President a think tank of experts to analyze the merits of proposals from the Defense Department and the State Department. "They were never set up to be field operators."

When asked if Republicans will still support the Contras Ford replied that they would. He further explained that the aid would be humanitarian if the peace plan is successful. "If the peace plan falls

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Gypsy a musical not only entertaining, but rewarding

By Ron Descoteaux
Features Editor

An evening dining out and watching the musical Gypsy at the Avenue Act I Dinner Theatre in Auburn is a rewarding experience.

After a friendly reception in the main foyer, we were lead down an aisle, with the dining area on both sides of the main seating area.

Diners stay seated at their dining tables for the play, and show only patrons sit in the main seating area.

The atmosphere was one of anticipation, for the dinner and the play.

The wait wasn't long. Karen Ruby, a pretty former GRCC student came in a few minutes to ask if we wanted to order a drink. Within minutes after that Colleen Thomas, my waitress for the

evening, brought me a captivating smile and some chicken and dip. We confess that the dip was so good our dining etiquette went out the window, as I used a spoon to scoop out the rest of the dip.

We proceeded to feast on a delicious six course dinner. DA50We were now completely relaxed and ready for the play.

The musical Gypsy is the story of Gypsy Rose Lee and her domineering mother Rose.

Catherine Odegard, as Rose, the domineering mother is wonderfully believable. Her performance is both funny and touching.

Odegard has given acclaimed performances in many plays in the region, including Angry Housewives and Sacred Water Cross.

The transformation of Rose's daughter June,

from innocent childhood performer to world famous stripper Gypsy Rose Lee, is played magnificently by Melissa Griffus.

Griffus is a 16 year old actress, singer and dancer, who has been performing since she was two. The Avenue Act I Theatre stage is familiar territory for Griffus as she has performed in many plays on it, including Fiddler on the Roof and The Sound of Music.

She told us after the play was over that she is really enjoying the challenge of her role. She shows it.

There were many supporting players who were wonderful as well. Kelsey Shaw as the cuddly, effervescent Baby June; Mark Todd as Tulsa; Cherity Edwards as a bubbly older June; Sherry Mclean as the sniveling secretary Miss

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apart there is no question we have to support them."

The economy, not the Iran Contra affair, is the major campaign issue according to Ford. "If the economy is good, the Republicans will get in. If it's bad the Democrats will get in. People vote their pocket books."

Concerning the Reagan-Gorbachev Summit, Ford said it would be good if it succeeded in the banning of mid and short range nuclear weapons. "My hope is that it would lead to further negotiations to eliminate strategic nuclear weapons. I hasten to add, that if the mid and short range nuclear weapons are eliminated, we have to help NATO strengthen its conventional forces."

Ford said that his wife was, "doing fine and is to have elective by pass heart surgery tomorrow morning."

After the news conference, Ford went to a banquet put on by GRCC.

Ford gave his speech to a capacity crowd of about 800 people in the main dining area of the Lindbloom Student Center, who greeted him with a standing ovation.

Ford started his speech by discussing his golf game. "I'm hitting fewer spectators. I play golf with Bob Hope. He tells people that I made golf a contact sport, and that I'm a hit man for the PGA."

He then said that he was "bullish

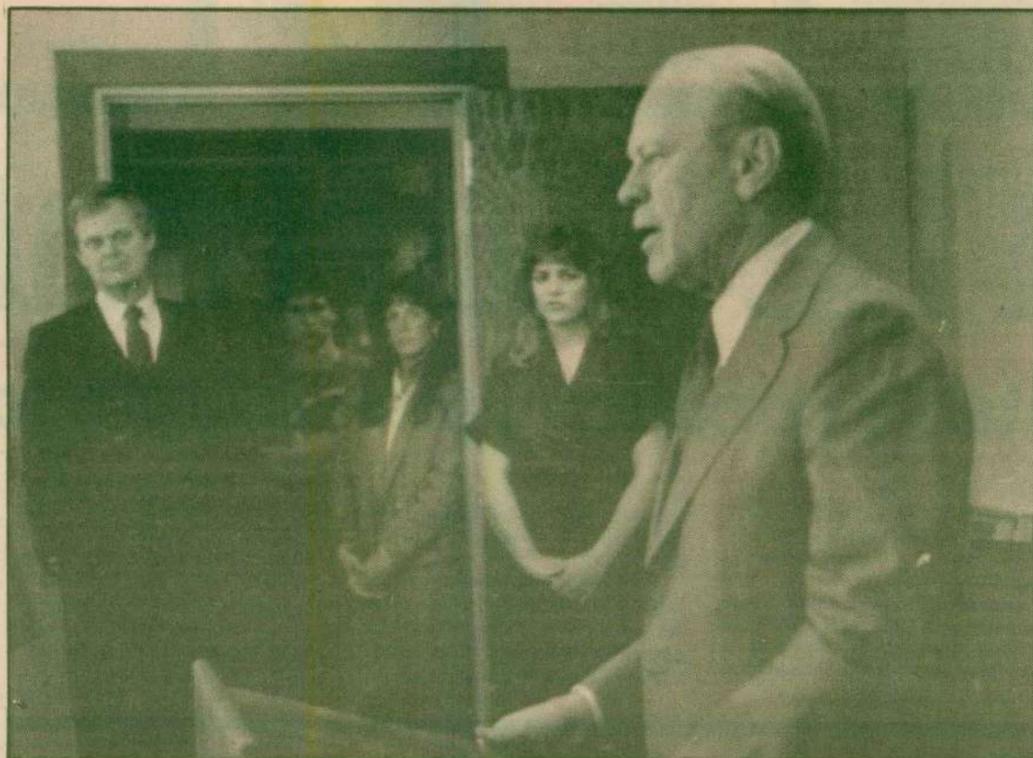


photo by Ron Descoteaux

Ex-president spoke at Green River last Thursday. Afterwards Ford spoke at a social with a pre-arranged, limited audience.

about America." He tempered that remark by saying that Americans have "saved too little, spent too much, borrowed too much, and loaned too much abroad."

Ford said that he has often been asked his reaction to Black Monday, (the October stock market crash). He suggested that the causes were substantive and psychological. He continued to explain that the continual stalemate between President Reagan, the Congress and the Senate, in budget negotiations is part of the problem.

Another reason is bad trade legislation, according to Ford. He said that an additional reason was the fact that the Federal Reserve Board had increased interest rates one week to ten days before the stock market plunge.

Ford said he was concerned about the fact that Congress might pass tough trade legislation. "That was one of the major contributing factors to the Depression of the 1930's. Good trade legislation would be a major benefit. Bad legislation would be a disaster."

Another major concern of Ford's was America's debt burden of underdeveloped countries. He suggested that it could only be solved if debtor nations get their domestic finances in order.

Another major concern of Ford's was the tremendously high annual deficit. "If we don't reduce it we are dealing with a time bomb," he said. He continued that we can't have an adequate defense unless our domestic finances are in good shape.

Trip to London offers credits for students at GRCC

Always been wanting to see "jolly ol' England?" Well this is a great opportunity to mix site seeing with studying and affordability.

The American Institute for Foreign Study with GRCC and six other colleges will be sponsoring a Spring quarter opportunity to study in London. Studies in London will consist of 15 credits worth of courses including one course on English culture and two other courses that will meet general education distribution requirements or electives.

There are 60 available spots for students combined from the seven different colleges. The cost of this one quarter adventure in London will be just \$3,100 plus the cost of full-time tuition and the cost of books. The \$3100 includes transportation to and from London and room and board during the school week while in London. Students will be studying at one of the universities in London with opportunities for a wide variety of field trips.

Wellness class an opportunity to be healthy

By Eileen Eidness
News Editor

Waiting until you are sick before you take responsibility for your health can be avoided with the Wellness class or Health 175. Instructor Doug Carr explained we do not have health care, but illness care. He hopes to change some bad attitudes people tend to have about themselves.

In its second year of existence, Carr emphasized, "It is my baby. I originated it because I see a desperate need. The basic need I see, especially among college students, is for them to get in touch with themselves." Carr sees his Wellness class as a basic foundation for the rest of your life.

Offered at 11:00 a.m. with Carr and 1:00 p.m. with Behrbaum, meeting five days a week, it a five credit elective course. Unlike most classes that are taught by one instructor, Wellness consists of six teachers. Each instructor provides students with valuable information in their own area of expertise. Carr and Behrbaum will be responsible for beginning and concluding class as well as grading the students.

The schedule for Health ED 175-Total Wellness, in Room SS-20, hardly lacks variety and creativity.

Week 1 Orientation; Behrbaum
Week 2 Physical Fitness; Carr
Week 3 Assertiveness; Gallaher
Week 4 Relaxation; Carr, Behrbaum

Week 5 Diseases; Behrbaum
Week 6 Death and Dying; Behrbaum

Week 7 Diet and Weight Control Carr
Week 8 Eliminating Distress; Brehm

Week 9 Self-Esteem; Cox and Bush
Week 10-11 Eliminating self-defeating behavior; Wiltner

Week 11 Debriefing; Behrbaum

Comparing our lives to a balloon, Brehm says he enjoys working with students. "There is a freshness about this class." Brehm explained, that as a counselor, people usually come to him with serious problems. However, in the Wellness class, people seek his attention to learn.

If it was up to Carr, Total Wellness would be Mandatory class for all GRCC students. It appears not many students would argue. "They cover a lot of stuff. It is all information you use everyday," stressed John Cutler.

Poetry Contest

Poems are now being accepted for a poetry contest held by The Current. Poems must be dropped off at the Current office, located in the back of the Student Communications Annex just south of the student center, by no later than November 30.

Poems will be judged by the editorial panel, and the winning poem will be published in the January 8 issue of The Current. The winner will receive a \$10 gift certificate for the Paper Tree.

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Cafeteria to make lunch nutritious

Rose Neuroth, food service manager with 40 years of experience, says her goal is to make the food in the GRCC cafeteria, "both nutritious and eye appealing."

Neuroth, who has been cafeteria food service manager since September of 1971, says that the recent change in chefs has helped her in pursuing that goal.

She has introduced new choices for those with a hunger for variety.

The food line has been made more appealing to the eye. A nutritional breakfast bar has been added, serving customers every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. A salad bar is also available every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Specialty sandwiches are available Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Every Tuesday a customer can make his or her own sandwich, choosing from different types of meats and different kinds of nutritional breads. The cost is also up to the student, as one pays by the ounce. Neuroth says this is one of the most popular offerings of the cafeteria. Every Tuesday 90-100 people "make their own."

Another popular nutritional item is the vegetarian sandwich.

People are choosing more poultry and fish instead of red meats. "We go through a tremendous amount of fish."

Neuroth says they use only vegetable oils and no animal fats when they cook.

With the concern about nutrition, the cafeteria has had a 50 per cent proportionate drop in sales of hot entrees.

The most popular of the entrees is the Mexican entree and taco salad supreme, which is on the menu every other Wednesday.

Foods such as soups, sauces, turkeys, potato salad, and hash browns are made fresh at the cafeteria.

Neuroth says she will only cook bacon to order.

Some of the traditionals are available as well, such as



photo by Brian Klippert

Rose Neuroth, food service manager (right), is introducing many changes that will improve the quality of the cafeteria including the hiring of new chefs.

hamburgers and french fries. Because of the economics of storage, the hamburger meat and french fries are usually bought frozen.

The company that runs the cafeteria is Food Management Control Contract Company of Seattle.

When job openings are available for students, a sign is put on the cash registers. Some students are hired for the evening shifts and for banquets. The pay is \$4.50 per hour.

Menus are typed on four week cycles and posted in the cafeteria, as well as distributed to the faculty, staff and students by being posted in various buildings. The specialty of the day is printed on this circular.

For liquid refreshment, the cafeteria does not lack variety. You can choose from regular and decaffeinated coffee, as well as many soft drinks including Shasta, Pepsi, Slice, Sprite, Coke, and Diet Coke. Other drinks available are whipped orange, sugar free Crystal Light lemonade, Hawaiian Punch,

regular and non fat milk, chocolate milk, and milk shakes.

If your sweet tooth is acting up, you can calm it with cookies, baked fresh daily, a slice of home made pie, jello and sugar free jello, fresh fruit, chocolate pudding, or tapioca pudding. On Wednesday you can eat some delicious home made blueberry coffee cake or homemade bread pudding with custard sauce.

Neuroth says that a lot of students are used to the same old high school lunches which usually don't offer much in variety or nutrition. Because of that they, at first, choose similar foods. But after awhile start to really pay attention to the variety and nutrition that the cafeteria has to offer. This gives them the opportunity to change their diets for the better. Wiser choices, concerning nutrition, are made daily because the choice is there."

Neuroth says "we try to keep people happy by pricing things right and having good choices available."

OPINION

Not everyone is thankful for thanksgiving?

Gee mom, not turkey meatloaf surprise...again?!

By Bill Asher
Staff Reporter

I sit here in my dark, dirty room, glaring at my favorite antagonist, my typewriter. After seeing my first (and probably last) horror film, I am trying to think of things that terrorize and scare me. My grandma's driving immediately come to mind, but you can't write good articles on neurotic little old ladies. Then, as I gaze over the mounds of crap and dishes that have been on my desk since late '85, it hits me. Food, possibly the ultimate terror. Then, in a flash of brilliance (?) I have it. What, besides prune juice, fills my heart with fear at the mere uttering of the word, Thanksgiving! Argh! Convulsions! I could swear that somewhere in the abyss of the fridge that some turkey lurking back there.

Argh! Twitch, twitch. There, my key fear has been discovered, my deep seated hatred for turkey. I hate turkey. Every year, the same bloody thing, it gets monotonous. I suppose I could handle turkey once a year, but alas, there is a catch. Every Thanksgiving mom buys the biggest turkey possible and instead of having turkey for just Thanksgiving, we have turkey all the way up to January. Salt in my wounds. Turkey sandwiches, soup, pot pies and anything else mom can scheme up. I could get sick right now but I don't want to have

to retype this.

What is this? Another twinge of fear? Now what is it? Oh no, relatives! I feel a twitch fit coming over me. I do not need this kind of mental stress. First, there will be my grandma. Every year she drives down and gets lost. When she finally does get to the house she rips up the yard trying to park the car and just about runs over my dog. Next she'll walk in, give me a big hug and say: "My, Jeff, you certainly have grown, haven't you?" My name isn't Jeff and I don't even look like my brother. The only visible similarity between us is that we are both of the male species. Then my Uncle Rick will show up. He has this vendetta about caving in my head with a baseball bat. Apparently in a "friendly" basketball game, I broke his nose with a basketball. He says that I threw the basketball 20 feet into his face and I keep insisting it slipped. As long as there are witnesses in the room, I should be safe.

Probably by now I would have locked myself in my room. I sit slumped in my chair, gazing over a pyramid of empty Coke cans, deep in despair. I try to think about what I could have possibly done to deserve this kind of abuse. What could possibly be worse than Thanksgiving? Again, my grandma's driving immediately comes to mind for some reason.



The Dow is falling, the Dow is falling

The state of economy, wake me when it's over



VIEWS ON THE NATION

By Elizabeth White

The effects of last month's stock market crash are still being felt. Stock indicators around the world serve as reminders of just how unstable the world's economy.

In times such as these, one tends to review one's personal financial situation. I am no exception. I am concerned about the nation's economy and security of investments, so I am careful about where I put my hard-earned dollars. Being a college student, I have a lot of money to invest, too.

Actually, upon contemplation, I am quite satisfied with my personal finance practices. I have three dollars sacredly kept with the Friend of the Family, the local Washington Mutual

branch. This is a step up from my previous banking experience with the reputable Check-Cashing Express. Taking a percentage out of every check I cashed there wasn't quite worth the convenience.

My other money-management techniques include a militant avoidance of checking accounts. With this, I have no worries of bounced checks, and no service charges. I am also determined to keep away from those highly dangerous plastic cards. I believe that if I am going to spend money, I am going to spend it in cash; none of this plastic-charge buy-now-pay-later-or-die stuff.

You can probably tell by now that I live by the rule of Economic Simplicity. The less I have, the less I spend; the less I spend, the less I owe. It's worked for me. I can see myself as one of those stereotypical old ladies that keep all their money under their mattress. I like to keep the complicated money matters simple.

Thus, I watch the stressed-out buyers and sellers of stock, and the worried market-moguls raise their blood pressure, with a restful grin. Let the market crash, I'll sleep soundly. Excepting the long-range effects that could either raise prices or make finding a job easier, I have no real reason to care about millions of dollars invested in the market.

Even the most successful people need praise



By Ron Anderson

I am a student here at Green River. I consider myself to be a very dedicated person to school and whatever project I pursue. I get a four point grade average and have many extracurricular activities that I have been involved in where I usually spend all my time. You might say that I'm a workaholic.

I'm working for a prominent business and manage my own work staff. I also receive a pretty good paycheck.

With all this going for me, you may wonder why I am writing to you with a problem.

The bottom line is that I want respect. I work night and day and no one every says "good job". Oh, how I would love to hear those words just one time. My parents flip if my younger sister scores a point on her volleyball team or brings home a C in math. If I bring home good news like I just made foreman or I got a 4 point, they shrug under their breath "that's nice." I think my friends might be jealous because I make twice as much as them, live in a nice apartment, and drive a new car. Anytime my friends do something of accomplishment, I am always the first to be patting them on the back. When I do something they usually just sneer "You've always had the luck." When I am depressed no one tries to cheer me up. When I am in a fix no one stands behind me. Should I look for new people to hang around or am I just fishing for compliments? Should I be thankful for what I have going for me or should I expect a return on my investment?

-Severely saddened in Sumner

Dear severely saddened in Sumner:

I am sure you gain a lot of personal satisfaction from being dedicated to whatever you are involved in. However, this satisfaction

can be diluted when no one seems to recognize that dedication or acknowledge it.

Unfortunately most people speak out more easily when they are displeased than when they are pleased. Your desire to be told by your family, friends, and employer, that they value you and your efforts is perfectly realistic.

Employers, especially in our culture, are notorious for not giving praise, when praise is due. When you do something at work that you feel should be acknowledged and it isn't, it is alright for you to bring it to your boss's attention. You might ask something like "How did you like the way I . . .?" It would also be acceptable to tell your employer that you would appreciate it if he or she would let you

know more often how you are doing.

Your parents may be doing something that parents have done for generations. As their children get older they have a tendency to think that the children need less recognition in the form of praise, hugs and so on. Part of this is due to the natural tendency of children to appear to want less attention. The children don't want to appear childish in front of their friends so they ask their parents not to kiss or hug them in public.

Also, as they get older, children spend less time with their parents and more time with their friends. It is difficult for some parents to accept this. They feel offended and hurt when there is a family function and their son or

daughter has something else to do. Sometimes this can lead to a certain amount of alienation between parent and child.

Let your parents know exactly how you feel when they shrug or say things such as "that's nice", under their breath.

Because you are doing so well in the outward part of your life it, it may be hard for your friends to conceive that you could have any inner turmoil. Let your friends know that you would like them to be more responsive to you. Tell them you need a pat on the back once in awhile also.

It is perfectly fine to "toot your own horn", if you don't blow it too long or hard. Others may want to help you toot it.

LETTERS

In response to the Armchair Opinion by Matt Autio, Co-Associate Editor of the October 30th issue of *The Current*.

Your freedom of speech will not be detained in this response, as it is guaranteed under Article 1 of the United States Constitution. Likewise, my right to keep and bear arms is covered in Article 2.

As an avid sportsman, and I repeat, sportsman, I have dealt with many people that are against hunting as you are. As I am training to become a hunter education training instructor, I have come to believe that most people in your situation do not understand both sides of the story, and I would like to set things straight for you.

Game animals are not killed for no apparent reason, hunting seasons and rules are set to produce a balance in Mother Nature's wonderful paradise. If a balance was not kept, animals and humans would die suffering, due to disease, starvation, overcrowding. As far as humans are concerned, disease in a deer herd can spread rapidly, as deer and cows mix in farm pastures, the disease spreads to the cows, undetected it is spread into the home and onto the dinner table. As far as overcrowding is concerned,

have you ever drove a country road late at night, have an animal jump in front of your car and be killed innocently? Sportsman are doing something about this. They pay upwards of \$50 for two plastic whistles that mount on the front bumper of your vehicle that produce ultra-sonic sound waves to warn deer of your presence.

I understand you work in a drug store and you are furious with the act of killing. I ask you, with the cyanide poisoning that went on, if you had sold some of that aspirin to someone, wouldn't you be just as guilty of killing that person as if you had grabbed a gun pretended to shoot your friend and it

Your article states that we sportsman hunt to compensate for our emotional and mental lacking. I feel you should think twice about our mental lacking. I actually went off because you didn't think it was loaded? You say no? Well a sportsman wouldn't be because it is an unwritten law of sportsman that once you pick up a gun, you check to see if it is loaded and that you never point that gun at anything you do not want to shoot!

So, you say that you go ahead and write out these smelly little bits of paper because you

have to? Well, let me pound a few facts into your thick little skull. Every cent (except for the fifty cent dealer's fee) goes to support game and non-game animals and their habitat. This year my total spendings on tags, licenses, and stamps for hunting will exceed \$60.00. Have you ever donated money to the "feed the children foundation"? No? So, should we consider you a murderer of the human race?

Packing beer into the woods while on a hunting trip is not something a hunter would do. We call these people slobbers, they are not hunters, they are not sportsman, they don't even fall in the category. They are disgrace to all of us.

As I come to a close, I invite you to any one of thousands of hunter education training courses given nationwide. There you will be able to understand our position and likewise I invite you to approach me, and I will listen contently to your side. Hopefully in the future we can work together and help both sides cooperate with each other.

Jim Smith
Forestry Club member
National Rifle Association member
future Hunter Education Instructor

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Families falling apart

Social problems put strain on family units

As the holidays are soon approaching us *The Current* in conjunction with Tacoma Community College's newspaper, *The Challenge*, have worked together in a community effort to face up to the realization that our readers need to be informed of the social problems which begin to peak during the holiday

seasons. Both community college staff reporters researched the issues which affect families in today's society. The following articles give information on just a few of today's social problems affecting family life.

Alcoholism, a disease that affects the whole family

By Laura Clawson
T.C.C. staff reporter

Alcoholism eats at the family fiber like cancer and flesh until it's consumed a healthy family unit. Alcoholism is a disease and like a disease it takes time to run its course. As outsiders, many feel that it's not their place to interfere (in a private family matter). So they stand aside and watch the disease run its course.

The disease leaves many victims besides the abuser. It disrupts the whole family structure, reassigning family roles. For example, one parent may become the abuser, causing the other parent to become the income parent, shifting the "hero" or parent figure image to the oldest child. This in turn causes the second child to become a trouble-maker out of want of attention, where the third child might be totally withdrawn in his/her own shell, totally detached from the rest.

Alcohol is a mood altering drug that changes the rationality of the abuser and this change in the abuser alters the whole family.

Alcoholism/drug abuse is commonly the root cause of other horrors, such as child abuse, sexual abuse, domestic violence and a host of other social problems.

Living with an alcoholic can be a nightmare for the whole family but by far the worst off is the young child who goes into the world knowing only the terror of an alcoholic.

Memories, recollections of the past necessarily good, not necessarily bad. Just there. Trying to remember the good times of my childhood always leads me back to thinking of the bad times, because the good

were so few in numbers.

The memories of my childhood make me feel as though I was an accident, something spilled out and to sticky to ever really clean up. Sort of like maple syrup. When you spill it, everything is sticky for days only in my case it is years.

My father was an alcoholic, but he wouldn't admit to that, and a logger, mostly out of work. My mother had never worked and she didn't have a driver's license so she was always there to take care of me. Most of my days as a child were spent with my mother or at school.

I never attended slumber parties with my friends. My parents never went out together, so I was never left with a babysitter. I never really got to do any of the things that my friends described in such detail, as being so much fun.

My father was a very prejudice man. A black person was described as lazy and good for nothing. An Indian, lazy and a thief. If he didn't like a white person, he/she was usually described in terms that young ears should not hear.

I remember many sleepless nights in my childhood. My father would come home drunk, a state which I didn't understand because he had been that way since I was old enough to remember him, with all his drinking buddies because the bars had all closed for the night. They would drink more and talk very loudly for what seemed like forever and then the people would leave. I would think that quiet had finally come upon the house, when I would hear my mother talk, my father yell, my mother screams in a shrill voice, the shattering of a glass as it was pitched wildly at a cupboard door, or at my mother, I was never really sure which.

In the morning, the kitchen was a mess, but all was a mess but all was quiet. I would totter off to school, ignoring all that happened just a few hours before.

We must have moved four times, each house a little less desirable than the last. Everything stayed the same.

I woke one night to find one of my father's buddies using the lower drawer of my dresser as a urinal.

When I started to attend junior high, all of my friends started getting boyfriends. They started to experiment with drugs alcohol and sex. I did none of this. I was afraid to bring anyone home with me. I was afraid I would get into trouble.

I got my first job, babysitting. At this time I decided to experiment with drugs and alcohol. I passed out one night while working and lost the job.

When I was sophomore in high school, I had my first boyfriend. He helped me alot. My mom got a job for the first time.

A remembered vividly the fight my parents had that night. The house the next morning looked as though a war had been fought there. The television screen broken out. The stereo tipped over, and various windows broken.

Soon after, I discovered my mom was having an affair with her boss's husband. When she moved in with him. I moved in with my boyfriend and his parents.

We broke up soon after, discovering that we got along better as friends. I continued to live in his house.

At present, I live with his parents, he has

been nothing but my big brother for three years. I was awarded to them as a foster child until I turned 18. I have changed my name to theirs. I show more respect for them than I ever will for my natural parents.

My mom has once and married her lover, and I recently found out that she was never married to my real father.

The past is now past, I live my life for what is to come. I want to make as many happy memories in the future as I can to balance with the unhappy ones of the past.

A child living in this sort of "family" must seek help. There are many out reaches: alcoholics, church counseling groups, and social services.

The yellow pages offer a host of out reaches but getting help is the most important part so if you are the child of an alcoholic or grew up in an alcoholic home get help.



Date rape -

A dilemma that creates more than one victim

By Carl Jon Goodwin
T.C.C. staff reporter

Date rape, also called "cocktail rape", "social rape" and "silent rape" is a fast growing problem which many chose to ignore, justifying it with excuses like it was her fault or he was just excited. Many women feel that rape is strangers who randomly attack, when in fact a potential rapist could be sitting next to her in class, in her home or just about anywhere.

The following is how a "normal" girl can get stuck in a terror filled, violent, violating attack by someone she has chosen to trust.

Bill, not his real name, tells the story of the other victims. The ones that are least sought out for counseling, yet need a great deal of help because they may be hurt just as deeply as the victim herself.

The Current: How did you first learn of Pam's rape?

Bill: I'd just gotten home from work late one night, and I called Pam. After six or eight rings her roommate finally picked up the phone and I said something like where the hell is she now? Although we'd been going out for almost two years her being up at school was putting a big strain on us. We weren't falling apart, yet we weren't going anywhere either.

So when her roommate said that she had something to tell me I figured this is it. Pam got on the line and started telling me about going over to some guys dorm room, and by

the time she got to the rape part I was livid.

The Current: So what did you do then?

Bill: I jumped in my car and headed for the university. During the drive I had a lot of thoughts in my head from what a slut she was for going out on me to this guys going to die. I was so mad, I was ready to kill.

The current: What happened when you got there?

Bill: When I got there Pam and I took a long drive and she told me the story again, this time I listened better and could see that it wasn't her fault and that something should be done. After a big crying, screaming fight she agreed that somebody had to be told.

The Current: Who did you tell?

Bill: The first people I thought should know was her parents so I called them. I'll never forget the stunned silence on the line when I told her dad. He asked to talk to her, so she told the story and it was obvious that he blamed her. This pushed her into a shell, she just sat there, she wouldn't talk to me. She just kept crying and saying "no" everytime I asked her to call the police.

The Current: So then what happened?

Bill: We fought! I wanted justice. I wanted to see this guy hurt like we were hurting. And she wanted to forget the whole thing, just let it go like it was nothing. I tried and pleaded with her to do the right thing, or at least the right thing in my eyes. Her idea of compromise was to report it to the hall director. I went along with it because at least it was someone. These

people are here to help students I was sure that she'd help Pam go to the police.

The Current: What did the hall director do for Pam?

Bill: Not a whole hell of a lot! She basically said to forget it, just to let it go. She said that he made a mistake and that Pam shouldn't make a big thing out of it.

The Current: What did you do then?

Bill: I hit the roof, I started yelling. Up to this point I'd done the best I could to stay calm, but this tore it, I didn't shut up I let it all out. I think Pam finally agreed to go to the real police.

The Current: So she did go to the police?

Bill: Ya, you might say that. I picked her up and bodily drug her into the police station. After three hours of tears and dozens of cigarettes she told her story to the local police and to the University police. They were polite but, they said they really couldn't do much if she wouldn't press charges and she wouldn't.

The Current: What did you do then?

Bill: I went home. I was so mad she wouldn't go after this guy, I wanted him dead and she wanted him forgiven. The last time I saw her for months, she looked at me and said "you asshole your making me feel like I'm getting raped all over again!" All I could do was stand there and look at her, as if we were strangers. I didn't know what was going on in her head. The underlying feeling that she was making this up crept into my mind. So I just left, the girl who I supposed to spend the rest of my life

Child Abuse-

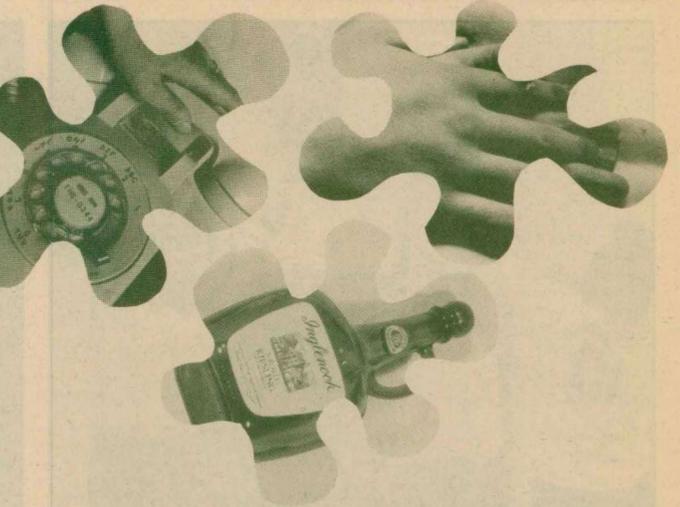
A young child's worst nightmare

By Cori Smith
Associate Editor

In recent years society has finally opened its eyes to the realization that child abuse and neglect is hurting the masses. Secrets of childhood nightmares are finally being told by those that have hurt all their lives. Actions are being taken towards children with unexplained bruises, welts, and burns. School principals are looking into cases of children who show signs of fear, aggressiveness and withdrawal. Abuse and neglect in the United States most likely hasn't increased a great deal, however the number of reported cases has definitely grown. Individuals finally are not only beginning to take notice, but they are putting the time and effort in for actions to occur to put an end to a young child's worst nightmare.

Researching the problem of child abuse is difficult. Subjects may be embarrassed to talk about the behavior or they may become insulted by the researcher's technique, tone, or the questions asked. Therefore subjects refuse to continue on with the study which results in the fact that prevention against abuse is an even more difficult task. Because there are so many different types of abuse it is difficult to examine the completeness of the issue.

Physical abuse, which includes the omission of basic needs such as shelter and clothing and the causing of physical or emotional harm is probably the most common of all types. Medical neglect includes the circumstances when the child needs medical attention and the parent will not allow it to be granted. Emotional neglect is the parents failure to provide room for the child to grow emotionally. For instance when a child has a house that isn't a home. A child affected by emotional neglect thinks of his house as a



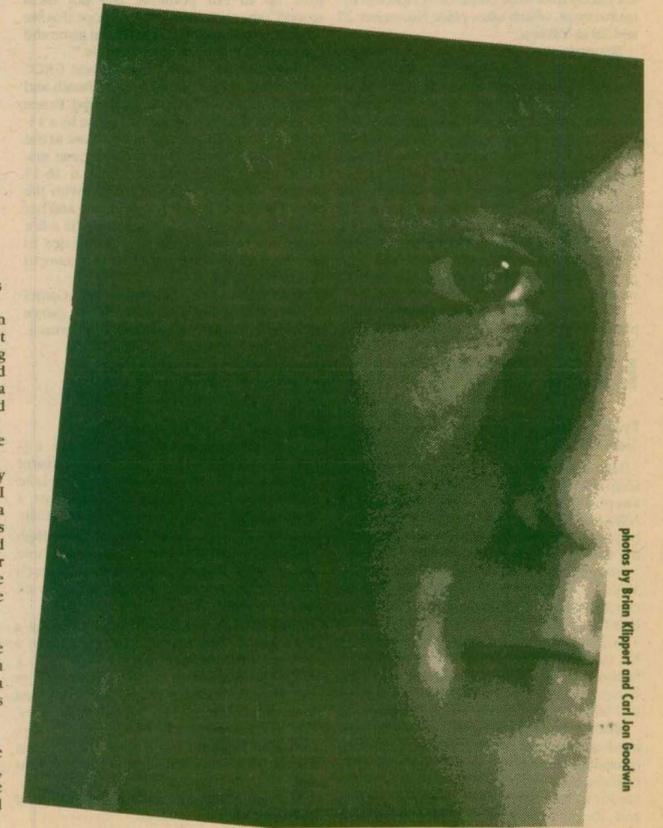
business. A lot of people expect kids to do adult things, and when this isn't accomplished abuse occurs. Another aspect is the fact that parents have different ideas as to just exactly what abuse is defined as. Many believe that spanking is o.k., yet others feel the exact opposite. As far as professional social workers are concerned abuse can include such methods of parental violence as the slapping of a child's hand, spanking by the use of such objects as teflon spoons, curtain rods, shoes and so on. Abuse may also include hitting the child with hard objects such as a bat or bicycle chain or choking the child.

Other aspects of just who would abuse a child includes those adults with low self-esteem, poor parenting models by history, parental drug abuse or alcohol dependency, place to sleep, a place to shower and maybe get a meal once in awhile. It is not a place to find the love and understanding which is needed in order to grow. Other forms of abuse and neglect include educational neglect when the parent will not allow the child to obtain an education, physical abuse which is non-accidental physical injury. This can either be a dramatic one-time affair or it could include smaller instances over a long period of time. Both of these however hurt the victim. The last form is sexual assault, which includes sexual

activities between two people when one is not willing to partake.

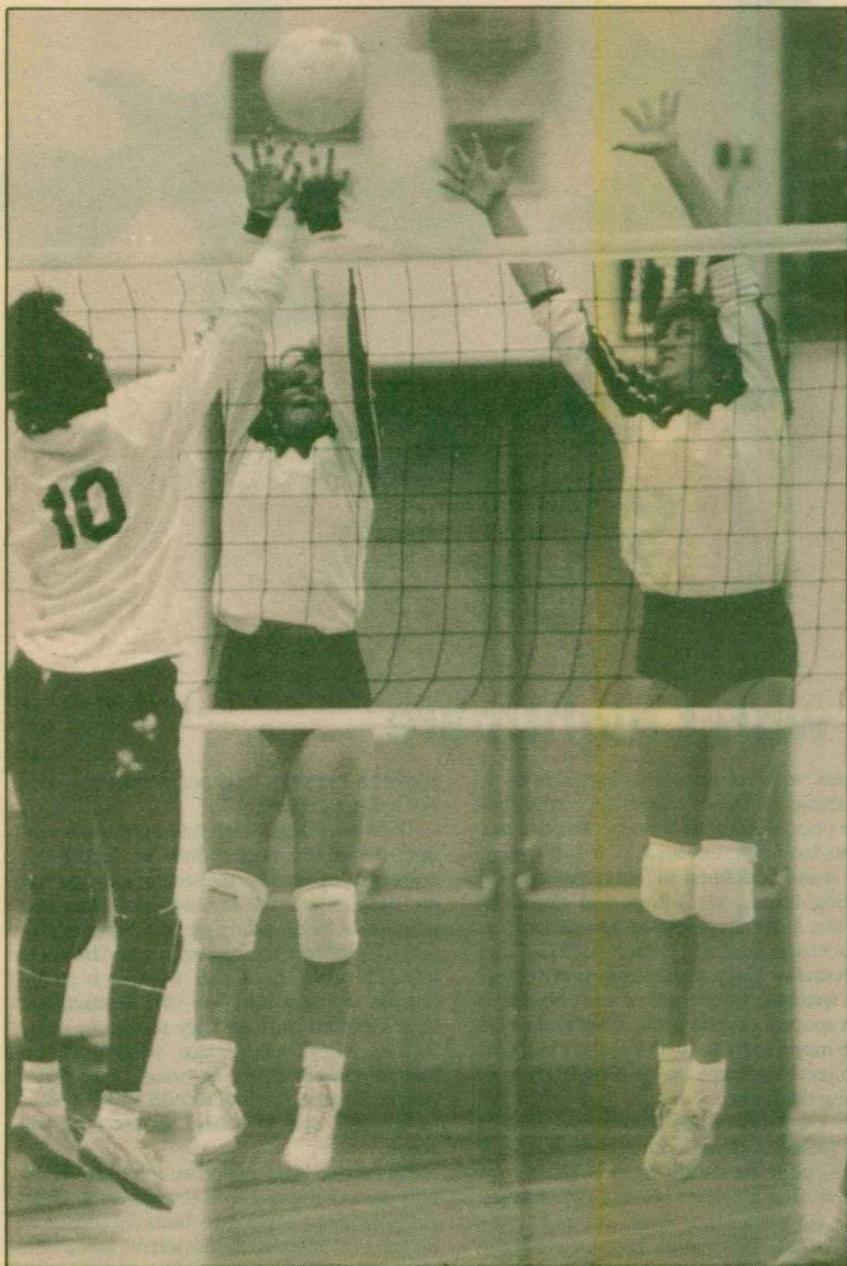
The most commonly asked question is why does abuse and neglect have to occur? The answer many times is the simple fact that it is an easy way out for adults. Financial difficulties begin piling up, the 'stressors' of everyday life take their toll or it could be stress brought home from the workplace. Many parents say they have the right to discipline their children the way they see fit. In other families, they believe that what goes on behind closed doors is none of society's parental over-concern of a child which results in spoiling, or a boyfriend/spouse who will abuse.

Prevention is the best cure and possibly the only answer to put a stop toward child abuse. Unfortunately, child-care workers are often reluctant to interfere if the parents are middle class and well educated. In most cases even if the child is removed from the home they are usually returned to their parents within 90 days, because there just isn't any criminal charges that can take place for neglect. According to Rene Vaughan, a social work professional from Harborview Medical Center, "Neglect is hard to stop. Neglect goes on and on and on, children live in a pretty quiet environment."



photos by Brian Kilpert and Carl Jon Goodwin

SPORTS



Cathy Helton (left) and Michelle Cantrell go up for a block

photo by Brian Klippert

Volleyball sets up for play-offs

By Steve Young
Sports Editor

Standing at 13 wins and three losses on the regular season, the Green River Volleyball team looks to be one of the teams to beat in the upcoming NWAACC championships.

According to head coach Becky Stanczyk, the Gators have to be considered a force in the tournament, which takes place November 27 and 28 in Yakima.

Stanczyk cited Highline, Spokane and Mt. Hood to also be in contention. "I believe that these four teams will eventually have to go through each other to get to the final game," she commented. Stanczyk continued, "All of these teams will be looking to knock each other out of the tournament, so the intensity will be very high."

GRCC will be looking to peak during the tournament and will be relying on strong play from several key players. Michelle Cantrell, Cathy Helton and Karen Rooth have all been playing exceptionally well of late and have paced a rather short handed Gator club all year.

"We have got to have the toughest eight players in the league", commented Stanczyk,

noting that, "Our starting six have really had to play hard all year and have had to deal with everything that has come up (injuries, illnesses etc.)" Stanczyk commented that in order to have the right attitude going in to the playoffs, the Gators must not fool around with opponents, "Basically we just need to play well, up to our potential and not mess around", she said, adding that, "I hope that we can just go out and play a good solid game and eliminate as many errors as possible."

November 18 against Grays Harbor, GRCC again relied on the strong play of Rooth and Cantrell as well as Jill Gregorie and Renee Parks. The Gators won the first game by a 15-11 score that was actually not as close as the score would dictate. The second game saw GRCC come from behind to take a 16-14 decision. Stanczyk was not pleased with the play of her team in that second game and her between game pep talk apparently lit a fire under her team because they proceeded to take the third and final game by a 15-2 score to secure the match.

November 13 in Longview, the Gators dismantled Lower Columbia in 4 games behind the strong play of Rooth and Cantrell.

Lady Gators to open season

By Steve Young
Sports Editor

Last season GRCC's women's basketball team ran up a 23-2 regular season record and swept through the playoffs to take the NWAACC championships. This season could be just as prosperous, but only time will tell if the Gators are to repeat.

Entering the 1987-88 season, coach Mike Willis is faced with a problem that most coaches don't have to worry about until well into the year.

Willis has to contend with injuries to two of his starters before the season even begins. Sophomore Joy Mehr and redshirt freshman Karen Bryant are both coming off of injuries and will be tested as the season progresses.

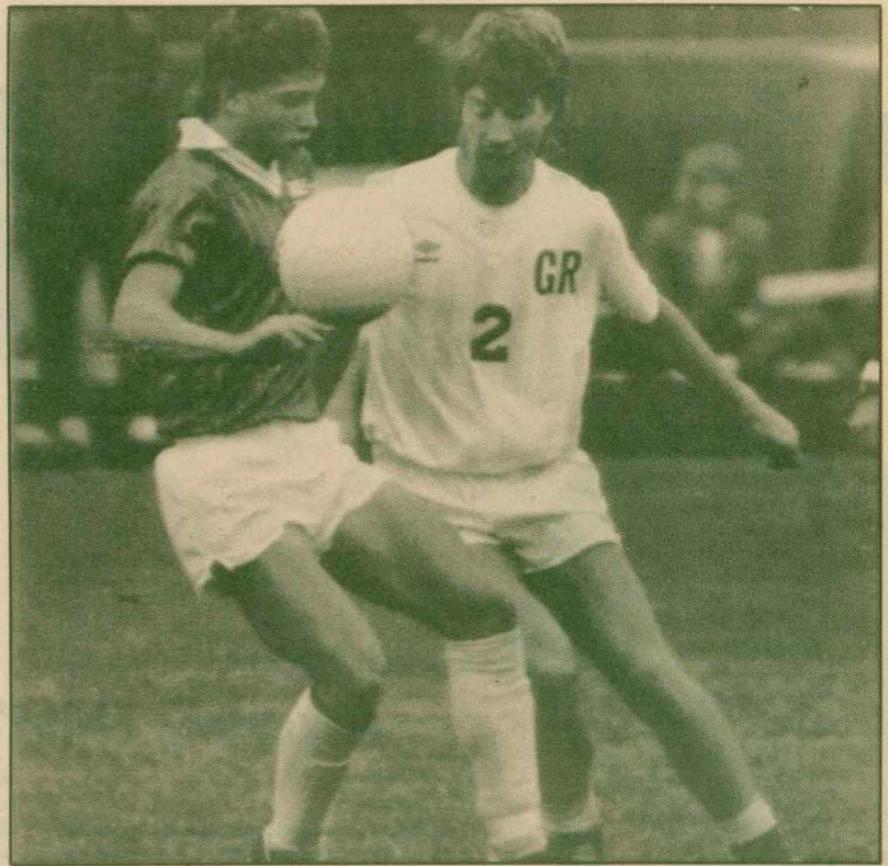
If GRCC is to repeat as champions, they will need strong play and leadership from four returning sophomores and Bryant as well as contributions from incoming players. "The key for us to repeat will be to play injury free and to get some strong play from our

freshmen," said Willis.

Returning sophomores include Mehr, a 6-foot post player from Puyallup, Margaret Henry, a 5'11" forward from Spanaway Lake High School in Tacoma, Jennifer Lindquist, a 5'8" guard from Sunnyside and Kelly Williams, a 5'7" guard from Foster High School in Seattle. Though none of these players saw starting duties last year, each played a considerable role on a very well balanced team.

Impact freshmen include Kelly Connelly, a 5'1" guard from Auburn, January Agnew, a 5'7" guard from Seattle's Tye High School, Cindy Edmiston, a 5'8" forward from Puyallup, Kim Clinkingbeard, a 5'8" guard from White River High School in Bellingham, Tammy Edmiston, a 5'8" guard from Puyallup, Dee Dee Howton, a 6'2" post player from Tye High and Diana Feiners, a 5'9" forward from Foster in Seattle.

Willis points to the team's overall speed and quickness as their strength.



Chris Sarver infights with a TCC defender

photo by Brian Klippert

Soccer grabs division title

By Steve Young
Sports Editor

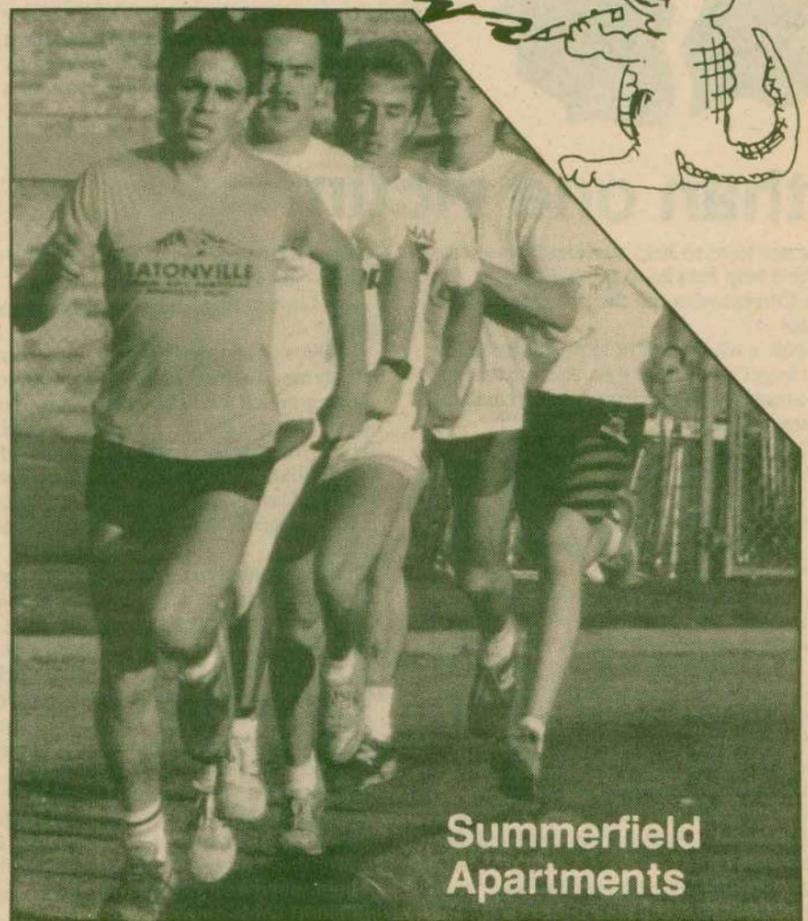
There is no longer any doubt about it, the Green River soccer team is for real, and they are about to prove it once and for all.

"Our kids are hungry and they are as ready to play as they have been all season," said coach Reno Agostinis. But Reno, this is a team that at one point reeled up 8 straight wins and ended the regular season with a 12-2-1 record and looked very impressive in every win and a majority of the losses. Only in very rare situations were the Gators outplayed and

usually only for a very short time if at all.

"We are a big game team and we are going to prove it by playing 90 minutes of soccer," said Agostinis, adding, "The team realizes that we are at the point in our season where it is all or nothing and they have worked to hard to have it taken away from them now." Going in to the tail end of the season the Gators were very confident and even though they could feel Spokane breathing down their necks, they played smoothly and defeated a very tough Tacoma team and ended the season by easily putting away last place Lower Columbia.

Most Valuable Gator Kevin Jones



Summerfield Apartments

This week's Most Valuable Gator is cross country's Kevin Jones. In the NWAACC championships at Spokane Community College, Kevin came in twelfth in a field of 60 runners, finishing the five mile course in a time of 27.44. For his outstanding run, Jones receives a \$25 gift certificate from the Paper Tree. Recipients of this award must remember to pick up their gift certificate at Summerfield Apartments.

CAMPUS VOICE

PROFILES

The Current will feature a weekly column on outstanding students and faculty, staff members that have contributed to the school. If you

know someone who deserves recognition, contact The Current office at ext. 267.

STUDENT PROFILE

Enthusiasm for life remains constant motto

By Eileen Eidness
News Editor

When asked how she could be so involved, Jennifer Gue honestly vowed, "My house is a mess." As ski club chairman, sophomore senator, aerobic instructor, actor, and a full time student, mother, and wife, Gue leads a fast paced life.

Graduating from Kentridge High School, Gue grew up in Kent. After high school she attended Rentonville Tech to learning how to weld. Two years ago Gue decided to return to school to enable her to earn more money. At 29, Gue has had her share of job experiences including being a waitress, cashier, welder, aerobics instructor, and a hospital volunteer. Gue added, "I've done everything."

This year marks Gue's third year at GRCC. The Kennelly Scholarship that she received for \$1,000 makes it possible for her to be a full-time student. Gue is active in the Court Reporting program offered here. Although she admits she may not be as thoroughly dedicated as she should be, she explained the class to be very time consuming. Held daily from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., the class is one which students move at their own pace in accordance with their abilities.



Jennifer Gue

Gue is not quite sure when she will complete the program. However, optimistically speaking, "I am hoping to be out of here within the next year or year and a half."

Gue is currently a senator of the sophomore class. As former Ski Club president, she has tuned down her role to acting chairman of the club. Gue has skied since the age of five, but makes it aware she is not a pro.

Each Tuesday and Thursday evening from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Gue rehearses for "Annie." She is a member of the chorus in this musical presentation to be featured by GRCC soon.

At 7:00 a.m. every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, Gue acts as an aerobic's teacher for those students in that morning Physical Fitness Lab. This leadership is voluntary. Gue does it because she likes it and see GUE pg. 8

FACULTY/STAFF PROFILE

Writing skills top priority for instructor

By Dewayne Collins
Guest Reporter

Claudia Questo is not just another English teacher. She is very aware that many of her students in English 101 will not become famous writers, but she is also realistic about the fact that every student, no matter what his or her major is, needs to know how to write.

Questo was born in San Francisco where she was educated in the public schools. Her high school teachers channeled her into more challenging classes and spurred her interest in English and the language.

After high school Questo traveled extensively throughout Europe and the Phillipine Islands with her husband, Warren, who was in the military at that time. Upon returning to the states she entered California State University at Sacramento.

It was at CSU where she received her bachelor's degree in 1981 and her master's degree in 1983. She also taught at CSU and Consumnes River Community College in California immediately after graduate school. She came to Washington in January, where she first taught at Bellevue Community College and then at GRCC.



Claudia Questo

Questo says the physical appearance of the GRCC campus is absolutely astounding. "The faculty was extremely receptive and friendly from the very first day." She says she feels much more at home since she began teaching at GRCC. "I am having the same fun with my students here as I did in California. The students are the same."

She is presently seeking tenure at GRCC, which is a review and evaluation of an instructor's progress. Because this process is the administration's way of monitoring the quality of teaching at the school, Questo says she is a real strong supporter of it. "It's hard but it's necessary to keep a professional status."

Questo says her biggest reward from teaching is seeing students change because of see QUESTO pg. 8

ENTERTAINMENT

'Amadeus' to be performed at GRCC

By Bill Asher
Staff Reporter

Gary Taylor and the Theatre Extempore are getting ready for another season of award-winning Broadway shows starting off with "Amadeus".

"Amadeus", written by Peter Schaffer, will run from November 27 to December 6. This story, set in Vienna, recounts the true to life rivalry between Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and Antonio Salieri. The story is told by Salieri, who was suspected to have killed Mozart when he died suspiciously at age 36. The play is a mixture of history, humor and, of course, Mozart's music. Along with the students, community people shall also be involved. The lead part of Salieri is being played Bill Dazies who has played in theatre all over the U.S.

Winter quarter the "Little Shop of Horrors" starts off. This off-Broadway play is about an extra-terrestrial man-eating plant, Audrey II, and his wimpy owner Seymour. Set in the late 50's, early 60's, this

musical has captures the flavor of the era. There is even a Supremes-like singing trio also. "Little Shop of Horrors" runs from February 26 to March 6.

In the spring, Neil Simon's "Brighton Beach Memoirs" will be performed. This is the first of Simon's biographical plays. It is set in Brooklyn in the 1930's and is

about Simon and his interests, girls and baseball. "Brighton Beach Memoirs" opens May 27 and runs to June 5.

All shows start at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, Saturday and at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday performances. For tickets and information call 833-9111; 464-6133 (Seattle); 924-0180 (Tacoma), ext. 337.

Kent Parks to host mail art show

Kent Parks Department and the City of Kent Arts Commission will host their first annual Mail Art show in November.

Mail Art is small unframed art works no larger than eight inches by five inches of any media, as long as the art can be mailed, examples of ideas that have been entered are drawings, collages, photographs, paintings, rubber stamps, etc.

The theme for the show is "Self-Portrait", which could be anything from a realistic photograph or drawing of the artist, to an object or place that represents the artist, to an abstract creation that

somehow reflects the artist.

People of all ages and from various walks of life in 21 different countries and 26 states have entered art work.

The First Annual Mail Art Show is Kent's celebration of National Arts Week (Nov. 15-21). The mail art work will be on display in Kent the entire month of November at the following locations: the Kent library, 232 4th Ave S.; the Kent Commons, 525 N. 4th Ave.; and the Kent Parks Resource Center, 315 E. Meeker. For additional information contact Kent Parks at 859-3350.

REVIEWS

'Less than Zero' is next to nothing

By Bill Asher
Staff Reporter

"Less Than Zero", an adaption of Brent Easton Ellis' novel, is about three friends and their trials with drugs.

Andrew McCarthy (Class, Pretty in Pink) plays the main character, a rich, slightly snobbish, yuppie just

'Less Than Zero'
starring Andrew McCarthy,
20th Century Fox

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out of high school in Los Angeles. After finding out his best friend, Robert Downey (Tuff Turf, The Pick-up Artist) had slept with his girl-friend, played by Jami Gertz, McCarthy loses touch with them. Near Christmas however, McCarthy gets a call from Gertz wanting him to come home. After about a half-hour of mindless, wild parties, we find out that Downey is a crack addict that is deep in debt to a dealer. This leads to an interesting situation where Gertz wants to help, McCarthy doesn't want to help and Downey just



'Less Than Zero' starring Andrew McCarthy, Robert Downey, and Jami Gertz 20th Century Fox

courtesy of Valley Daily News

wants to be left alone.

Despite being slightly incoherent and slow the first half, things started to pick up in the second. Downey was great as the strung out Jullian Wells. Somehow, McCarthy and Gertz just weren't convincing and just seemed to be more of an irritant than inspirational main characters.

The film seemed to give off a

strong anti-drug theme, which seems to be popular right now, but could have been better done. If they had used Downey instead of McCarthy as the main character it might have been more effective. Instead they used McCarthy, whose character didn't really develop and basically reduced the potential impact the film might of had.

Arnie is back as 'The Running Man'

By Bill Asher
Staff Reporter

"The Running Man", Arnold Schwarzenegger's latest film, is his best film since "Terminator".

"The Running Man" was directed by Paul Michael Glaser, based on a story by Richard Bachman, a.k.a. Stephen King. The first good thing on this film is that it only takes the general concept of the story, it doesn't copy the story. This is good because the book wasn't. Another brownie point for the film was that it had a sense of humor. This was a little more refined than the continual run-on of corny one-liners in "Commando." In one scene, just before he is about to be rocketed out into the game area, he leans over and tells Damon Killian (played by Richard Dawson) the all-time classic threat: "I'll be back." Killian then casually replies; "Only as a rerun."

The two main characters in this film are Ben Richards (Arnold Schwarzenegger), an ex-military pilot who refused to gun down civilians during a food riot and is consequentially framed when the co-pilot killed over 60 people when Ben was detained. In the

other corner we have Damon Killian (Richard Dawson), the twisted gameshow host of "The Running Man", the most popular show in the world. A quick synopsis of "The Running Man", the game show, is that criminals or volunteers are dropped in a game zone and have to survive for three hours to win. Unfortunately, relatively few people have "won." By now, ratings have sagged and Killian is looking for a few good runners. At about this time, Richards organizes an escape from

'The Running Man'
starring Arnold Schwarzenegger
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a maximum security labor camp. Killian sees this and wants Richards to be his next runner.

Schwarzenegger is great as Richards. Face it, Stallone never could have played the part and Eastwood just isn't big enough to that intimidating. He casually rattles off one-liners after he has disposed of one of the stalkers, the people who hunt down the runners. We also see a romantic side of Schwarzenegger in this film.

Near the beginning of the film he hides out at a friends house only to find out his friend is gone and now a woman, Amber (Maria Conchita Alonso) lives there. He ties her up to her weight bench so she won't escape and so he can think. He finally decides he is going to go to Hawaii but needs Amber to go because she has a travel card. She of course refuses to go but Richards insists she is.

It was a stroke of genius using Richard Dawson, of Family Feud fame, as Damon Killian. Dawson knows the character inside out and makes him larger than life. There is still a trace of Dawson in Killian though. When he goes to a female member of the audience to have them pick the next stalker, he always asks for a kiss. None the less, Dawson is great as Killian.

Joining Schwarzenegger and Dawson in the cast are some other interesting people. Jim Brown, who played football for Cleveland in the 50's and 60's, is the stalker Fireball. Two more rather famous people who had small roles in the film are Mick Fleetwood of the group Fleetwood Mac and Dweezil Zappa, son of the outrageous Frank Zappa.

NEWS

Vet Center provides funds for college bound vet

By Ron Descoteaux
Features Editor

"A little word that means a lot," bemused Jon Arnhold, veteran's coordinator for GRCC.

That word, according to Arnhold, is audit.

Jeff Peretti, assistant to the coordinator, smiled in agreement.

Arnhold explained further what that auditing entailed.

First, the applicant comes to the Veteran's Center office on campus. The applicant is either a veteran, veteran's dependant, widow or widower of a veteran killed in the line of duty, or a veteran who is 100

per cent disabled due to military service.

The applicant is then guided to the correct veteran's program that applies to his or her special situation.

The applicant is then helped to fill out their GRCC enrollment certificate. The VA is very specific as to what classes are allowed if the student is to receive payment for those particular credit hours.

The VA application and enrollment certificate are then sent to the VA office in Seattle.

If there are no complications the student will receive his or her first check in a few weeks,

although some checks can take longer. The student can request an advance on the first check from the Veteran's Center office. If this is done the first check will go directly to the Veteran's Center office. The checks from then on will be mailed directly to the student.

There are four varieties of monthly payments. These are determined by the type of program the student is enrolled in. The categories are Institutional, Apprenticeship, Farm Cooperative, and Cooperative Education.

The Veteran's Center office then

audits the student in four stages during the quarter. The first is at the beginning of the quarter, checking the registration for proper classes. The next two audits are done during the quarter. In these audits the student is given specific times to turn in attendance cards. If this is not done, it is assumed the student is not attending those classes and his or her payments from the VA will be adjusted accordingly. The attendance cards could also have information from the teacher involving whether or not the student is expected to obtain credits at the end of the quarter for that class. If the teacher decides the student is unlikely to obtain these credits it is the obligation of the Veteran's Center office to advise the VA central office to cut off payment for those credits.

The final audit is done at the end of the quarter. The student's transcripts are reviewed for credits earned, GPA and classes completed.

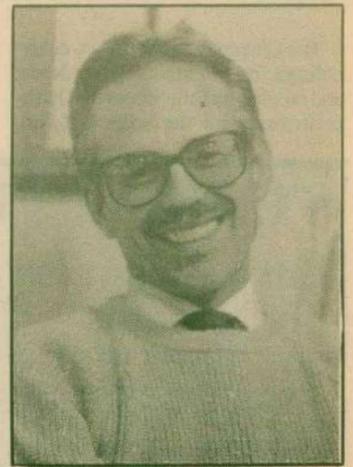
The process starts again the next quarter.

Arnhold said that the GRCC veteran's office is striving to maximize the educational benefits allowed to the students.

The Veteran's Center office maintains an extensive list of places the student can turn to for help, such as food banks, medical clinics and community service organizations.

There are 225 students on campus who receive VA benefits. This does not include those students who receive reduced tuition because they served in Southeast Asia.

The reduced tuition program is a Washington State program. The idea behind the reduced tuition program is to give those students, who were called to serve their country during the Vietnam War a chance to get the education they



John Arnhold

missed because of that service. The student pays \$8.40 per credit hour, with a ceiling of \$84 even if the credit hours exceed 10 hours. This tuition is the same amount as during the Vietnam War.

Arnhold says he wishes they had a larger budget so he could have a bigger staff, with a longer training period for that staff. In addition, he would like a larger office. The equipment in the present office is getting very old. As Jeff Peretti said, "All I've got is a typewriter and a broken clock."

When the renovation to the Lindbloom Student Center is completed around January of 1989, the Veteran's Center office will move to the second floor of the building.

The present office is located in the ARA building, south of the Lindbloom Student Center, across from the gym, next to the KGRC radio station.

If you need to contact the Veteran's Center you can call Jon Arnhold at 833-9111 extension 279 or drop in at the office Monday through Thursday from noon to 7:00 p.m. and Fridays from noon to 4:00 p.m.

Pottery sale to be offered at Lindbloom

December 2,3,4 there will be a pottery sale at the Lindbloom Student Center, window side, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The good deals will be on plates, platters, cups, bowls, planters, and new creations from the advanced students. The items are projects the students made during the quarter and they have priced them to sell at a very reasonable price. The school also places pottery in the sale that previous students have left behind.

Ten percent of the money taken in from the sales will go to the school for the ceramic classes and the LSC.

Home, sweet home!



photo by Cheri Stow

As December approaches, Northwesters are finally beginning to experience the coldness of winter. A spider web details the frost which is apparent each morning on GRCC campus grounds. Last day of fall quarter classes is December 4. Finals week is from December 7 to December 11. Winter quarter begins January 4. The Current wishes Green River students a happy holiday and a pleasant vacation.

China trip offers students credits

By Cheri Stow
Staff Reporter

A 21 day trip to China is being planned by GRCC. The date is set for June 20-July 11. The trip is open to anyone interested, and you may earn either undergraduate credits from GRCC, or graduate credits through Seattle Pacific University.

The main purpose of the travel seminar, Thelma Franco says, is to interest people in China. Franco teaches foreign language at GRCC and will be chaperoning the trip. GRCC hopes to attract many professional people, such as teachers and lawyers from the area, and will soon be sending out the itinerary to recruit them.

"It's not just a candid tour," Franco said, "that's why schools, factories, law courts, a foreign language institute and many other places out of the ordinary."

The cities they plan to visit are Beijing, Shanghai, Xian, Nanjing, Guilin, Suzhou, Hangzhou, Wuxi,

Guangzhou and Hong Kong.

The cost of the trip is \$3,150 per person which includes all air and land travel from Seattle, all hotels (first class, double occupancy), meals, visas, seminar orientation and of course all of the sightseeing and tours planned.

There is preliminary registration being conducted now, with an initial deposit of \$500 to be made by January 15, but the seminar is only open to a maximum of 30 participants. Deposits may be sent to GRCC China Seminar 12401 SE 320 St. Auburn 98002.

For more information, call Bruce Haulman, 833-9111 ext. 414.

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Gue...

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enjoys working out bright and early.

In the midst of all her school activities, Gue finds time for a family. Gue is married to a self-employed general contractor, who completes houses applying the finishing touches. Gue is also a mother of two, Larry, 10 and three-year old Meghan.

With school and home, still Gue doesn't have enough to do. She has two horses that she enjoys riding. Gue encourages horse-back riding to be a "positive, outside recreational fun thing to do. I would rather have my son involved in horses than drugs."

In addition, Gue enjoys hunting and fishing. Drawn for a special hunt, she explained how she shot her first elk in September. Gue fishes for just about anything, but said fishing for bass is terrific. In contrast to the outdoor sports, Gue announced, "I like to drive."

Hopefully becoming a Court Reporter would allow her to purchase about 10 acres of property. The land would be a great place to keep her horses, instead of having to rent a place as she currently does. With her good vitality and energy, she is bound to be successful. Gue pointed out, "If you want to be involved, you can find the time to do the things you enjoy."

Questo..

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something she has told him or her. "To watch a student progress to the next level of understanding because of something I've done." Because she attended college as an adult, she has a better understanding of what most of her students are going through.

Questo mentioned that in addition to professional essay writing and research on the language, there is a great novel in her future.

Gypsy...

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Cratchit, and Darragh Metzger as the funny hard core stripper.

Whether you choose a dinner and play, or just the play, you are in for a treat, if you go see the Avenue Act I Dinner Theatre's production of Gypsy.

The show will run until December 6 every Friday and Saturday evening, with dinner being served at 6 p.m. and the show starting at 8:15 p.m. Tickets are \$21.50 apiece for Dinner and the show, and \$10 for the

performance only. Student and senior show only tickets are discounted to \$7. The Theatre is located at 10 Auburn Avenue in Auburn. For more information call the theatre at 833-0620.

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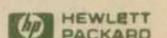


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