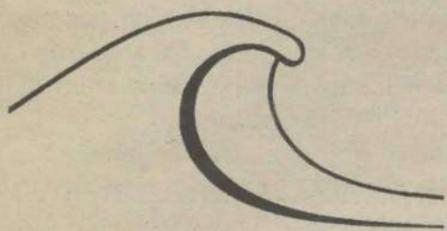


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## Humane Society pursues fur industry

By **AARON SPARKS**  
Staff Writer

This year has marked the continuation of a heated battle between The Humane Society of The United States (HSUS) and the fur industry in the fight against fur. Battle lines were first

drawn in 1988 and the HSUS launched The Shame of Fur Campaign to counter the record 1986-1987 the year to buy fur. During that year 17 million animals were killed for their fur. The campaign was designed to expose cruelties suffered by animals killed

for their pelts and promote the wearing of fur as socially unacceptable. As a result, the end of The Eighties saw record-low fur sales internationally and a majority of Americans opposed killing animals for fur.

Presently, fur-industry publications nationwide

have recorded the climbing of sales of all fur-trimmed items. The fur industry subsequently predicts an increase in the sales of all-fur garments as well.

The fur industry contends that wearing fur is simply a matter of personal choice. The HSUS believes by educating to people the torment and pain suffered by animals as a result of the fur industry, consumers would choose not to wear fur.

According to statistics, tens of millions of animals are raised or trapped each year in the US and around the world with virtually no laws or government intervention to regulate the standards and conditions in which these animals live and die. The HSUS stresses that ranch and wild animals are killed in various

economical and convenient manners that preserve the pelts such as suffocation, beatings, dismembering, poisoning, anal electrocution and steel traps.

The fur industry maintains its conservation and research practiced in improving the conditions these animals are raised and killed in. The industry also argues that trapping is necessary for wildlife management and disease control. In addition, the fur industry has also launched a counter-campaign against the HSUS claiming that opposition to fur denies Americans their rightful freedom of choice.

"Animals are killed for their source of warmth; humans can find others," said GRCC student Nicole Piscopo.

## Nobel prize winners teach in Washington

By **MIKE FUTACA**  
Staff Writer

For the second time in the '90s the Nobel prize was won by two University of Washington professors; Dr. Edmond Fischer and Dr. Edwin Krebs.

They won the award for their discovery of an important class of enzymes called Protein Kinases. Protein Kinases control key activities within living cells. Protein Kinases regulate cell metabolism by changing proteins from their inactive to their active forms. This activity is the underlying life switch that turns on a variety of biological functions in the cell including the breakdown of fats and

the generation of chemical energy.

Fischer is the UW Emeritus professor of Biochemistry. He joined the UW faculty in 1953. He holds a degree in chemistry and a Doctorate in Sciences earned at the University of Geneva.

Krebs is the UW Emeritus professor of Pharmacology and Biochemistry and Emeritus senior investigator at Howard Hughes Medical Institute. He joined the UW faculty in 1948. He is a graduate of Washington University school of medicine in St. Louis and holds a undergraduate degree in chemistry from the University of Illinois.

## Here's the part of a fur coat most people never see.

Not a pretty sight, is it? This ad makes you want to turn your head. There's nothing pretty about the kind of agony that any animal caught in a steel-jaw trap experiences.

Try to imagine the pain these animals feel when, out of the blue, steel jaws clamp so tightly around them that they go beyond the skin and muscle, to the bone. The pain and terror sometimes drive animals to gnaw off their own limbs to escape. Others wait, sometimes days, for the end to misery that comes with the death the trapper brings. Traps show no pity and no judgment—they catch whatever walks into them, even family pets.

If you ever thought a fur coat or fur trim was pretty, think of the animals who died to make that coat, and think of their pain. Then a fur coat will just look pretty ugly.

The Humane Society of the United States is working to end the use of steel-jaw traps in this country. We're convincing people that, when they choose to wear fur, animals suffer and die, needlessly. We need your help. Don't buy a fur. And, the next time someone says fur is pretty, show that person this ad.



For more information on how you can save fur animals and our pets from such cruelty, write:  
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# Black Student Union open to all

By KIM WILLIS  
Staff Writer

The Black Student Union is helping students on campus get more involved.

The BSU's goal is to serve as a place where black students here at Green River Community College can meet, encourage, empower, socialize, help, and strengthen other black students on and off the Green River campus.

They also want to serve as a place where black students can find academic assistance and as a resource to the black community in areas concerning education.

BSU also wants to serve as a vehicle for the appreciation of black culture through which to promote cultural diversity here at Green River.

There are many activities that have been planned to occur throughout the year.

Recently, they participated with other ethnic clubs for a multicultural open house and had a potluck as well for the members.

They are planning activities for Black History Week and will help with the Martin Luther King Celebration.

For the holidays BSU is going to put a food basket together for some needy black families in the Seattle area.

This Christmas they are

having a party for all the multicultural clubs. During Spring quarter they are going to participate in a state-wide Students of Color Conference in Vancouver, Washington.

Girtha Reed started the club during her first year at Green River. The club has been around for about 15 years. Reed started the club because a lot of black students would just come into her office and over to her house looking for a place to hang out.

She also found that black students tend to stay away from government positions and that a club was a good way to get them involved in activities here on campus.

The president of the club is Penny Wilcox, vice-president Sheila Ticeson, and secretary Jeanne Taylor. During the meetings they discuss activities that they're interested in, speakers they would like to bring in, and various issues.

"All of the clubs are so active this year. I'm really pleased," commented Reed.

Reed used Wilcox as a great example of someone who is getting involved. Along with BSU, Wilcox is a full-time court reporting student, married, mother of two, and works full-time.

BSU is open to all and welcomes students to participate. The BSU meets every Tuesday, in HS-3, from 12-1.

# Phi Theta Kappa was honored by Governor

By Dana - Marie Stratton  
Staff Writer

In October, Governor Booth Gardner made a proclamation honoring the 75th anniversary of Phi Theta Kappa.

Last Spring Green River Community College formed a new chapter of Phi Theta Kappa called Alpha Chi Beta.

Alpha Chi Beta, is represented by over 100 members and each year the society's membership is presented with an honors topic to study and a service project.

This years topic is "1492-1992, Dynamics and Dis-

covery."

Movies and guest speakers are planned for the topic of Discovery and the honor topic. The Green River Alpha Chi Beta is planning to bring speakers to talk about the science and medical field.

They will do fundraisers to generate the money needed for the speakers.

The 1992 project was "Vote About It" which ended during October.

The group is also sending two members to Dallas, Texas to gain ideas on how to better help the students and the surrounding community.

# Gospel music performs in time for the holidays at Green River College

By KIM WILLIS  
Staff Writer

Green River Community College has never seen anything like the Holiday Gospel Music Extravaganza.

Girtha Reed, Coordinator for multicultural services, has organized a night of pure gospel music.

The Holiday Gospel Music Extravaganza will be on Friday, November 20, from 7:00-9:30 p.m., in the Lindbloom Student Center.

All the groups and soloists performing that night are from Renton, Seattle, and Tacoma, areas.

The Washington State Mass Choir is comprised of 50 voices from various churches throughout the state.

They have produced a record and gone on tour. Their director is Troy Wright who can be heard every Sunday morning on KNHC.

## Men's soccer may be in finals

By GRAHAM TITCHENER  
Staff Writer

The Green River Community College men's soccer team defeated Portland Community College yesterday 3-1.

They team will now have

In Tune to Jesus is a group of four girls. They sing at churches and weddings. Their music is pretty much a contemporary style.

Faye Capers is a soloist who sings strictly black spirituals. Felix Williams, from Christian Life Center, and Nichole Eskridge, from Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church, are also soloists.

Steve Cannon is a keyboard player and singer. Brothers in Christ is a small group of brothers who sing spirituals. Their director is blind and reminds Reed of Ray Charles.

Washington State Gospel Music Workshop is a group of about 30 people. They also do workshops for gospel groups.

Tina Mason is going to do some dramatic readings from poems that she has composed.

She performed "Nobody Knows the Trouble I Seen"

at last year's Martin Luther King Celebration.

Master of Ceremonies, Cora Jackson is a lead singer for a group called Temperance, which has also performed at at Martin Luther King Celebration here on campus.

This is something Reed has always wanted to do. If it is successful, she plans to make it an annual event.

Reed would also like to get some gospel music groups together to perform a cantata.

Although, it is called a Holiday Gospel Music Extravaganza, there will only be a few Christmas songs. This is an all gospel music event.

Students can purchase tickets up stairs in the Student Programs office in the student center or at the door for \$3.

"You will never hear all of these soloists and choirs for \$3 again," stated Reed.

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# Letters to the Editor

## Student calls for balance in the campus newspaper

Dear Editor,

The October 23 edition of the Green River Community College Current saw the editorial section transformed into a free forum for the standard Anti-Bush rhetoric thanks to two Current Staff Writers. The articles, "Bush's Campaign Avoids Real Issues," by Nolan McSheridan, and "Bush: pathological liar?" by Kirsten Odegard, skillfully restated the views expressed so frequently by the liberal media. They failed to patch the holes which seem inherent in those arguments.

McSheridan begins his article with the standard spiel that Bush is using the character and patriotism issues to duck the real is-

suces facing the presidency today. In the following paragraph, however, he contradicts himself by listing several of the real issues that both the Reagan and Bush presidencies have focused on such as the environment, labor and the freeing up of the private sector, the struggle between social classes, and abortion, "to name a few."

Mr. McSheridan goes on to say that the President's criticism of Clinton's draft dodging is "petty." Perhaps, were the Governor running for some other office, then his stance on the military would, indeed, be immaterial. As a candidate for Commander-in-Chief, he could be put in the position of calling America's

young men and women into service. His ideology concerning the draft and war then becomes an issue of supreme importance. I suggest to you that Clinton realizes this, but he would prefer to duck this particular issue as it has the potential to expose him as a classic liberal rather than the reformed moderate he claims to be.

On the following page, Ms. Odegard took her crack at the President in similar form to her classmate. Though I would like to cite all of the examples where she allows her own biased views to replace fact in her criticism of President George Bush, I feel that space confinements would not allow a reprint of the

entire article. I will, however, hit the highlights.

Realizing the importance of the issues of trust and character in a presidential election, Odegard attempts to present Bush as a "pathological liar." She claims that the 128:1 ratio Bush uses in campaign speeches referring to the number of times Clinton has raised taxes and fees to the times Bush has, is false, but, other than naming the source of her claim, offers no proof to in any way substantiate it. She does not even give her readers the courtesy of correcting the so-called incorrect numbers, but relies on cheapshots formed out of her own obvious political biases rather than facts to drive her point home.

Finally, in the last paragraph, she appoints herself judge and jury and finds President Bush guilty of treason. She does this without regard to the fact that nothing has been uncovered

proving the President to be illegally involved in any way with the Iran-Contra affair. To convict him, as she does is to denounce our system of "...innocent until proven guilty."

Though, by the time this goes to press, the election will have passed and the votes counted, I hope to see a more balanced view exhibited in the Current, regardless of who wins. This could begin with replacing the regular segment in which a humorous quote from Vice President Quayle appears, with quotes from both sides of the political aisle. Further, I suggest that a better balance between conservative and liberal views, not to mention independent, would increase the quality of The Current as well as its readership. The Current should better express the views of all the students and staff at the school they represent.

David Mortensen

## Student claims bias toward the Current

Dear Editor,

I was very disappointed with the last issue of the Current. Newspapers are supposed to accurately convey the news and have as little bias as possible. Saying that Bill Clinton will be the next president sounds very biased to me! The stand you take against President Bush was also unwelcome in my eyes. If you're going to talk about Bush's record, let's talk about Clinton's! Skipping the draft, demonstrating in foreign nations, and having an affair for twelve years? I don't recall reading about any of this in your last issue. I will no longer support this paper, but if an apology is made my views about you will change.

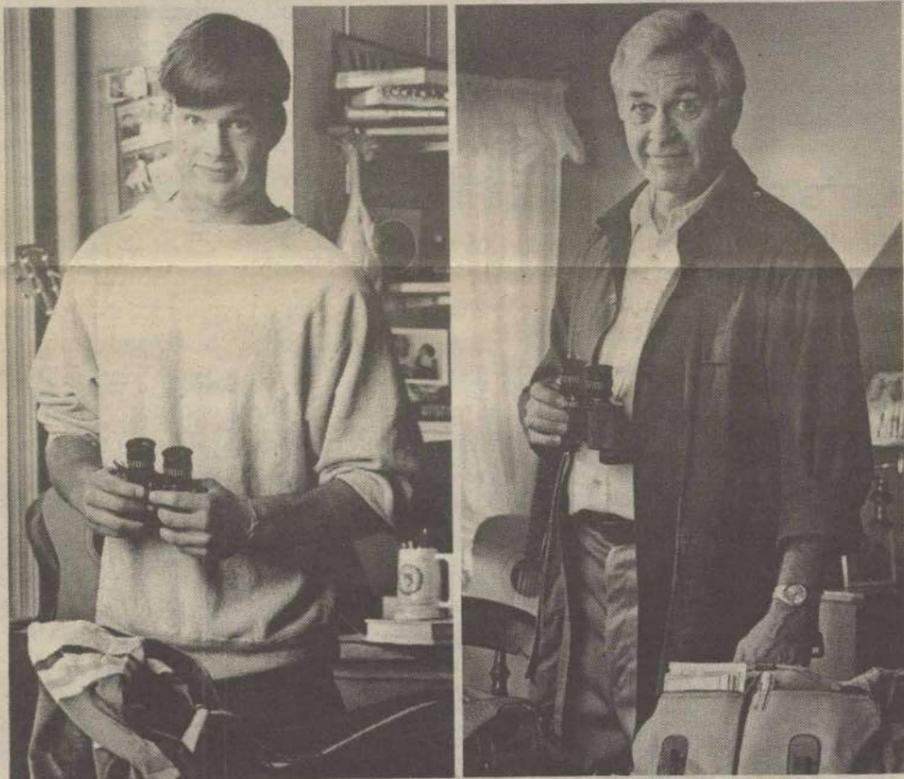
Thanks for your time.  
Robert Johnson

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The Current editor does not assign the editorials. It is up to the writer's discretion for the content of their article. The editorial page is the only page where the writers can express their view on a topic. We welcome any letters replying to the articles written. We will even print articles that students write that they feel the need to have in the paper. The only changes we will make are spelling and grammar. In some cases the grammar of the letters will be untouched.

Amy Tucci  
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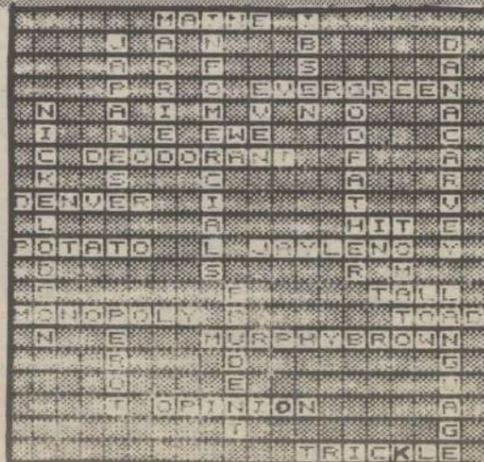


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