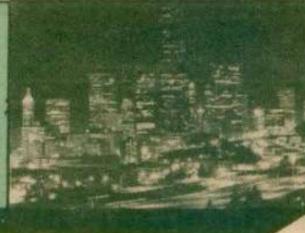


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Gerald Ford to speak at Green River

By Laurel Caulk
Production Director

Former president Gerald Ford will cast his vote on the upcoming election year during his appearance at 7:30 p.m. on November 19, 1987 at the GRCC Lindbloom Student Center. His appearance, as is many others, is part of the 17th annual Artist and Speakers Series.

Serving as the 38th president of the United States, Ford was the first

vice-president in American history to succeed to president. He was also the first man to occupy the White House without being elected either president or vice president.

Ford's rise to become the 38th president followed a long career in the U.S. House of Representatives. Inheriting a crippled economy ravaged by inflation and unemployment, Ford pursued cautious policies that achieved a partial recovery. He sought accommodations with

the Soviet Union and China, and helped preserve a tenuous Middle Eastern peace.

Ford was born in Omaha, Nebraska on July 14, 1913. He graduated from high school in 1931 and entered the University of Michigan where he graduated with his BA in 1935. He then went on to Yale University Law School and went on to practice law for a couple of years before serving in the Navy during World War II. After being dis-

charged as a lieutenant commander and practicing law for several years, Ford ran for Congress in 1948. He defeated the democratic candidate in the general election. It was during this election that Ford married Elizabeth Bloomer, a former professional dancer.

Ford first received national attention when he was elected Chairman of the House of the Republican Conference in 1963. In 1965, the House republicans elected Ford as House Minority Leader where he remained in the leadership until he was appointed to the vice presidency by president Nixon in 1973.

Ford's voting record during his 25 years in the House was conservative and generally internationalist, reflecting almost unswerving loyalty to the republican party and to presidents Eisenhower and Nixon. One of Ford's most controversial activities was his unsuccessful attempt in 1970 to instigate impeachment proceedings against Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas on charges that included conflict of interest.

During his presidency, Ford attempted to restore public confidence in national leadership and in the institutions of government.

After being nominated as the republican candidate for president during the 1976 election year, Ford sought to base his campaign on the efforts to pull the country together after the Watergate scandals the re-

bound of the economy after the recession, the maintenance of peace in the world, and his record of 27 years of public service in Washington. Regardless of his efforts, Ford became the underdog against a unit-



Gerald Ford

ed democratic party led by ex-governor Jimmy Carter of Georgia. In November, Ford lost by 1.7 million votes and by a narrow margin in the electoral college. He was the first president in 44 years to be turned out of office by the voters.

Truly 'making a difference'

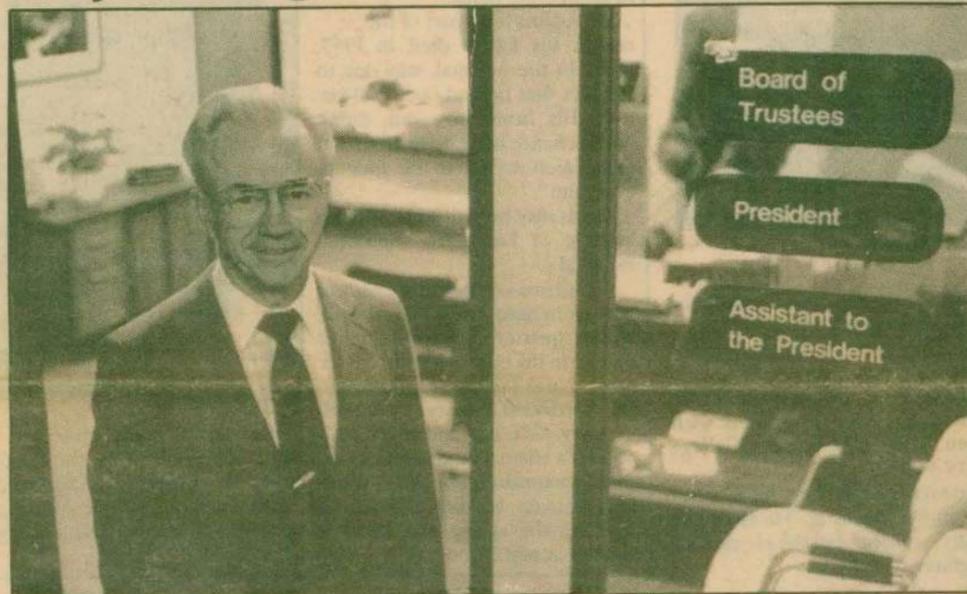


photo by Brian Klippert

Van Selus was selected for a special award and will appear on 'Making a Difference' Thanksgiving.

Van Selus selected for award

By Eileen Eidness
News Editor

Cyril Van Selus, president of the Green River Foundation, has been selected for special recognition by the —Making a Difference—program sponsored by Metro Center, YMCA, Pacific Northwest Bell, and KING 5 television. Van Selus is one of five—honored volunteers—who will be featured in a special television presentation on KING 5, November 26 at 7 p.m. He will also be saluted throughout the coming year in televised public service announcements.

—“I wanted him to be recognized not only for his contributions at GRCC, but all he has done for the youth in South King County,”—explained Dr. Clark Townsend. Townsend, assistant to the president at GRCC, nominated Van Selus because of his extensive involvement in the Auburn community and his special dedication to the Green River Foundation, a nonprofit organization which raises funds for college and community projects.

Townsend also expressed, —“Van Selus commits his time and personal resources to helping our college

students achieve their life goals. We are fortunate to have him as a volunteer whose enthusiasm and dedication encourage others to get involved.”—

Joining the Green River Foundation Board of Directors in 1982, he has devoted himself to raising funds for the foundation's annual campaigns, which support scholarships and awards.

Retired, Van Selus also provides volunteer service to the Auburn Juvenile Court Conference Committee, Auburn School District, White River Presbyterian Church and the Auburn Chamber of Commerce. He has also been active in the Auburn Kiwanis Club, Auburn Citizen Advisory Group, Auburn Days Celebration, and the Auburn post of the American Legion.

Last year, Van Selus was acknowledged as one of the top five volunteers in Western Washington. Van Selus will be recognized on—Making a Difference—on Thursday, November 26 at 7 p.m. As part of their recognition of Van Selus' extensive volunteer efforts, KING 5 also contributed \$500 to the Green River Foundation.

Vandalized computers anger staff

By Ron Descoteaux
Features Editor

Two Apple II disk drives and a connection to the Corvus Network were vandalized recently.

The damage was discovered by library technician Ann Lovell, who said she found it hard to believe “that someone would do that.”

Steve Carkeek, media specialist, said the damage made the equipment unuseable. Exasperated, he said that the damage “really hurts. Our resources are stretched to the limit. This makes one less resource available to the rest of the students.” Carkeek estimated the cost to repair the damage would be \$150.

All of the computer rooms are equipped with devices to detect unauthorized entry. HL33, the room where the vandalism took place, is an open lab. Students can drop in, as needed, to do term papers, homework assignments, and other computer work late into the evening.

Carkeek suggested that this room may have to be used now on a sign-in basis. He stated this was “not my decision.”

When a student in HL33 found out she had to wait for use of the computer because of the damage, she replied angrily, “why would a person do that? It is a privilege to be able to use these computers. Without it we would have to buy our own computers, which most of us can't afford.”

Librarian Dave Willson compared the vandalism to “a bird who dirties up his own desk.”

Director of parking and security, Nicholas Smith, said that this was the first case of vandalism to property on the campus at GRCC this year, “hopefully it will be the last.”

Smith said that were no suspected at this time. He requested anyone with any information about the vandalism to please contact the security office at ext. 250.

Cancer causes Adams to leave campus

By Ron Descoteaux
Features Editor

Dr. Nigel Adams, a favorite teacher of many at GRCC for over 21 years, will enter Enumclaw Memorial Hospital for surgery due to cancer of the colon.

Dr. Adams will enter the hospital tonight after teaching his classes scheduled for that day.

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 for six weeks.”

Since a year ago last January, Dr. Adams had not been feeling well.

He said that he felt tired during the summer quarter. After returning from backpacking he felt unusually tired. Progressively he got worse.

A legitimate ulcer was found and corrected but did not help Dr. Adams feel any better.

After further testing, it was determined that his blood count was extremely low. In addition, it was discovered that Dr. Adams had been slowly bleeding in his lower intestine for months.

It wasn't until this last Tuesday,

that Dr. Adams found out he had cancer of the colon from his doctors, Dr. Willner and Dr. Gustafson.

Dr. Adams is also disappointed about not being able to leave for New York this Wednesday. He was scheduled to meet with other historians to study the presidency of Richard Nixon. “Instead I'll be studying the world from the hospital and convalescing.”

While convalescing, Dr. Adams plans to continue his preparation
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NEWS

DEC concerned with building solid background for business

By Eileen Eidsness
News Editor

The class known as DECA in high school is referred to as the Green River Management Association. In the classroom it is called DEC, standing for delta epsilon chi, a junior collegiate division of DECA.

DECA or the Distributive National Education Clubs of America is an organization concerned with building a solid background for students interested in a business career. The organization has five divisions: high school, Junior Collegiate (community college), college, alumni, and professional. Sponsored by major companies, DECA is also recognized by the President of the United States as a vital asset to our country's educational system.

In affiliation with DECA, Green River Management Association (GRMA) relates a program of student activities to the sales, marketing, and management program. GRMA's

purpose is to develop leadership skills and useful experience in the fields. These factors will contribute to occupational competence and a greater knowledge of our competitive free enterprise system.

Green River management Association 101-106 is a three credit class that meets Monday through Thursday from 8 to 9 a.m. Conducting meetings, use of brainstorming, fund raising, surveys, seminars for the community, working on committees, developing a program of work, and competition are all important aspects stressed in the course. Walter Hill as been the advisor of GRMA for ten years now, but has worked with DECA for seventeen years.

Competitions play a vital role in DECA's progress. State competitions are held in February and Nationals are in late April and early May. Competitive events that students can participate in are: Advertising Campaign, Apparel and Accessories, Fashion Merchandising Plan, Finance and Credit, Food Mar-

keting, General Merchandise Retailing, Hotel/Motel Management, Industrial Marketing, Management Decision Making-Merchandising, Real Estate, Restaurant Marketing and Management, Sales Manager Meeting, Sales Promotion Plan, and Sales Representative.

Students enrolled in GRMA also have an opportunity to attend four different conferences: Fall Orientation Leadership Conference, State Career Development Conference, Western Regional Leadership Conference, and the National Career Development Conference. This year's DECA group has just returned from the Fall Orientation Conference in Spokane.

Money is required to accommodate and allow GRMA to compete and attend conferences. Therefore, GRMA raises money through various procedures. Currently they are selling Bike's Candy. A car wash, raffle, and coupon book sale are also planned.

GRMA activities contribute not only to Green River Community College, but the local communities as well. Early in December the group will visit the Children's Home Society. There they will put on an annual Christmas party.

Officers for the 1987-88 school year were recently elected: President, Arne Strom; Vice-President, Jane Dodge; Secretary, Rosemary Brackney; Treasurer, Todd Gowin; PIO-Historian, Alana Hastings.

Although participation in the GRMA is a two quarter requirement for the management program at GRCC, students are not required to be involved in the management program in order to take the class. All students are encouraged to enroll in GRMA for three elective credits. As Hill openly expressed, "It is a good opportunity for students who want to get involved." Those interested in participating in GRMA are welcomed to contact Hill at extension 388.

Green River faculty members win awards

By Kim Coleman
Staff Reporter

Two Green River Community college faculty members were honored recently for their contributions to higher education.

John Frostad, a graphic instructor, and Dave Mowrer, who teaches economics, were formally recognized last weekend for awards they received last spring from the Northwest Community College Councils.

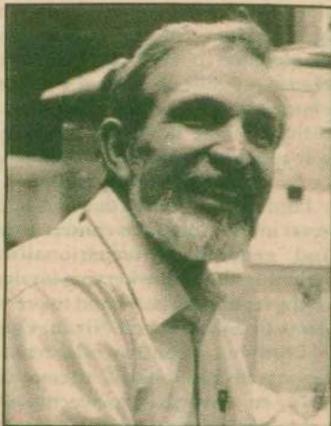
Frostad was given the Puget Sound Power and Light Distinguished Faculty Award, while Mowrer was honored with the Green River Foundation Distinguished Faculty Award.

The awards were based on service to the Green River campus. They take into account a wide range of activities, including service in community, clubs, and state offices. Also considered were scholastic achievements such as publishing, and appraisals from fellow colleagues and students.

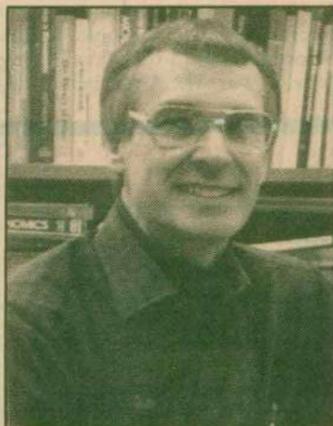
The NWCC awards were presented by Washington Governor Booth Gardner; Susan Levy, President of Washington Federation of Teachers and Katherine Schmidt, President of Oregon Federation of Teachers.

The two instructors were nominated for the awards by Rich Rutkowski, GRCC president.

The NWCC awards were signed



John Frostad



Dave Mowrer

by both state's governors.

The first annual conference of the NWCC took place at the Seattle Hilton on Nov. 6-8 and was sponsored by the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) and the Washington and Oregon Federation of Teachers. AAFT represents some 7,000 high education employees in Oregon and Washington. Frostad, the co-advisor for the Vocational Industries Club was unable to attend the conference

because of a commitment with the group of students involved in the club. They were in Pasco for the weekend. The president of the AFT received the award on his account. Frostad has been associated with Green River Community College for 19 years.

Mowrer has been here for 20 years and enjoys teaching. He likes the faculty, students and the physical atmosphere at GRCC.

ADAMS . . .

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on his lecture series for the Centennial, on Northwest History.

To those who want to visit him in the hospital, Dr. Adams requests that they please call the hospital instead. This will allow him a chance to recuperate faster.

Dr. Adams feels part of the reason his father died in 1957, while in the hospital, was due to the fact that he had over 200 visitors. "His heart gave out, didn't have a chance to heal. He died from exhaustion trying to be nice to everyone."

Cards may be sent to Dr. Adams in care of Enumclaw Memorial Hospital.

Dr. Adams says he will be back in January in time to teach during the winter quarter. "I expect lots of people in my classes for the winter quarter this January. I'll 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 I'll have it again in the spring and summer quarter at night."



Nigel Adams

Dr. Adams sadly smiled as he said, "You never know how much you like someone or someplace until you have to leave. Monday is going to be the hardest day in my life."

New managers, Jones, Edington, at GRCC

Gary Jones

by Eileen Eidsness
Staff Reporter

Gary Jones, the new manager of the Paper Tree, started October 1 and comments, "It's great so far with a nice easy pace and the people are great." Jones feels the bookstore has an "extremely positive atmosphere" to work in.

The Paper Tree changed management because Wayne Larson retired from the bookstore as manager on October 30.

Jones accidentally heard about the manager position being available from a friend who's neighbor informed him of the opening. Jones was working at Standard Paints in Seattle and had been for about ten years with the last five years in management when he heard about the job. He wasn't looking to change jobs but he threw together a resume and followed up on the management position for the Paper Tree very seriously. Jones views the position as "a new challenge with a different outlook in a different type of retail."

Jones' first goal is to learn and understand the system of the bookstore. He has many new ideas. The bookstore will be having a promotional drawing around Christmas. The drawing will be for a nine-foot stocking stuffed full of bookstore goodies; anyone can enter.

Within the next couple of years the Paper Tree will be undergoing remodeling. Jones looks forward to a bigger bookstore and a possible new location. "It's real compact in here, not enough space to promote



Gary Jones

photo by Brian Klippert

items."

Presently Jones is at the stage where he can get involved with the students at Green River easier because the average age of all students enrolled this fall is 29 and he fits right in. Jones "look(s) forward to seeing the people and hope(s) to be here for awhile."

On the subject of the book buy-back at GRCC (Dec. 8,9,10), Jones replied, "I have heard our buy-back is better than most," he commented, with a laugh, since he has not yet gone through the process but has heard plenty.

Mary Edington

By Cori Smith
Associate Editor

As of November 9, Mary Edington became GRCC's new director of financial and employment services



Mary Edington

researching in the library, looking on the bulletins posted around campus, making an effort to find individual help, and attending financial aid workshops which will be held in January and February.

In her spare time Edington, a divorcee of seven years, likes to take her 14 year old daughter, Sheney and hide away from everything to just read a good book. She is also an avid swimmer, spending her high school days teaching swimming, she still finds enjoyment in the activity.

Speaking on how she feels about GRCC Edington states that her co-workers are dedicated people just as excellent as at Highline. She feels "the people are wonderful and the campus is lovely."

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OPINION

Voting, an American privilege

It's your duty to vote at elections



VIEWS ON THE NATION

By Elizabeth White

For the November third general elections, I fulfilled my rights as a U.S. citizen, and voted. Understanding all the righteous mumbo-jumbo about "How can you complain about the state of politics if you don't vote?" and the ever-feared victory of "None of the Above," I finally dragged myself down to the polls. Despite my long-standing interest in politics, this was my first voting experience. I don't have much in the way of viable excuses for my laziness. Lack of

attendance at the polls disgusts me, and many of the issues I have solid opinions about. Nevertheless, I had been putting this off for too long. So, off I went, feeling politically correct. My voter's registration card, which I received at the Puyallup Fair, informed me that my precinct was Olympic Junior High. Walking to the school for the first time since I got out of that stinkhole was interesting. I discovered, upon my arrival, that interior renovations had been made since my years of terror at that place many, many years ago.

I followed the red, white, and blue VOTE HERE signs, to a small room surrounded by tables. One row of tables had insignificant dividers that must have been placed solely for decor, for if they had intended any secrecy, they ought to have placed dividers that were larger than three-by-five cards.

Before anyone approached the sacred voting polls, one has first to pass through the staffers. These people, mostly kindly old ladies, are very helpful. After signing in, you are given a card which frighteningly resembles a SCAN-TRON card.

You then get to punch out little squares that are somehow transformed into referendums and amendments and elected officials.

Reviewing the results from the general election, and comparing them with how I voted, I cannot get the feeling that my individual vote rally matters. This could perhaps be the reason for the low voting attendance.

There are enough editorials about lack of voters. Voter apathy is a major concern. I think, however, that what is needed is an understanding of why people prefer not to voice their opinions. It could be any number of reasons, from a feeling of futility, to pure laziness, or lack of concern.

Voting doesn't have to be a chore. Sure, there are issues that may seem confusing, and it isn't always easy to differentiate between campaigns, but how difficult can it be to punch holes through a card? One could even walk up to the polls with firm intentions of doing nothing but punching out patters. I've know some who have passed SCAN-TRON tests that way.

What people think about GRCC

Give GRCC a break, some people like the imaginary

A lot of people ask me if I am ever going to transfer to a real college. I usually reply, "No, I like going to make believe colleges like Green River. I take mock math 101, invisible English 111, pretend psychology, not-really-here humanities, and just-joking journalism."

Green River Community College has many credited courses to offer students who are specializing in a career or just want to receive an AA degree.

Sure, we don't have a football team and the only thing even close to a dorm would be the Summerfield apartments but we do have outstanding teachers and a sense of closeness that most other community colleges would only dream of, that is until they transferred a "real" college.

I don't know about you, but I first choose a college that suits my needs for what I want to do then I wonder about a football team. Recently, I talked to some of my friends who go to another community college, who wanted their school to remain nameless, and they had some interesting things to say about our school. Highline has graciously dubbed us party school. You know what, they're absolutely right. I don't know how many times I've gone to my just-joking journalism class and found the repugnant smell of alcohol on everyone's breath, and recently the pile of beer cans has made it increasingly difficult to walk down the aisle to your seat. But that doesn't bother me, it's the kegs in the parking lots that have made me late to class.

We all know, of course, that every other fine, established, real college would never even think of frinking on a Saturday night because they're not the immoral hoodlums that we are. They just couldn't risk having a hang-over when going to pray at Church Sunday morning.

The other day I was walking up the stairs and I overheard



SHAKEN NOT STIRRED

By Lonny Mitzel

some people below talking. They said that they had read the "Current".... once, and that was enough. So being my curious self, I confronted them and asked them to explain and what they would like to see in the paper to make it better. They said they would like it to be more like the "Guardian." I asked them what the "Guardian" was and they looked at me in disbelief and said that I had obviously never been to London. No, I've tried but I've just been too busy and couldn't drop by. Actually, I haven't been further east than Dakota. They said that page three should feature a weekly full page nude spread of someone on campus. Naturally, through our country's system of laws and amendments, a newspaper cannot do that without getting a lawsuit and besides, what would the non-hoodlum, spiritually saved, real colleges think? They persistently replied, "We don't mean a full nude shot. You could cover the concerning spots with black tape." Well that's different, sounds good to me. I suppose at this time I should announce that if there are any interested models for page three, please report to the Current office.

Just when I thought I heard all the helpful hints from

Heloise that I could take, they added more tips to help our college. First of all, we have way too many trees. They didn't like the fact that you couldn't walk out of one concrete slab and see where their next cement destination was right away because of the trees in the way. All the trees should be cut down immediately.

It's not our fault that we are surrounded by this annoying state of nature. I guess the trees just thought that our college would be a good place to hang out and have little baby trees. Maybe they moved here to hide when they heard about the massacre at Highline. Let's face it, we're cursed with excessive foilage. What did a tree ever do for you, anyway?

We need to follow a "real" college example like North Seattle Community College which adheres strictly to a constructional policy of only square concrete and absolutely no trees allowed. There is good news, however. The Green River Foundation has realized that these mancing trees are making it difficult to get to classes so they will be offering guide dogs for a low rental rate to help students find their way through the entangling jungle.

Also, according to outside sources, our trails were built by an alcoholic. That is their reasoning on the trails being so windy.

If he was an alcoholic he must have been a former Green River student. It really doesn't matter to me, unless the guide dogs can only walk in a straight line. That could create a problem since with our excessive tundrs it would only be a matter of time until you hit a tree.

Now, don't be mad at me, I love this school. I'm only trying to demonstrate some of the factless assumptions that have been placed on our school. But then what do I know, I'm only an alcoholic, immoral, tree-loving, imaginary student.

LETTERS

I wanted to congratulate you on the fine quality of the Current this year. The larger paper with more articles and opinions is excellent. I have been impressed with the nature of the articles, the special features, and general appearance of the paper.

Keep up the good work. The Current is an important part of the Green River community, and you have added significantly to its role.

-Bruce Haulman
Dean of academic education

Dear Sirs, this letter is addressed to Matt Autio in regards to his—Armchair Opinion—on hunting. It's not often that an article on any subject arouses my ire to the degree this one does. There are several statements made by Mr. (term used loosely) Autio which bring into question his mental capabilities more so than the hunters he apparently despises.

I hunt. I have in the past, I will in the future. I do not wear hats, I own no plaid shirts and my command of the English language is, I'm quite sure, much more extensive than Mr. Autio's. In fact you could say I am the opposite of the stereotype so insantly applied to hunters. I speak clearly and enunciate every syllable, I have long hair and an earring. To imply that every hunter fits your stereotype shows two things: one that you're ignorant and two, that you have a death wish. Remember, it is hunters you wrote about and some hunters have guns.

Hunting is competitive. When I hunt, I drop out of society for up to a week. I take nothing except my weapon of choice and ammunition, if needed. I survive off what I kill. I compete against nature, the grand prize being my survival. More importantly, though,

hunting gives me a feeling of closeness with nature that I think must be felt to be appreciated.

Don't knock it till you've tried it. To me it's not killing, it's fun. Furthermore, I never hunt and drink. I speak not only for myself but for the thousands of hunters in this state who you offended when. I say, —take a short walk off a long pier. I hope you can't swim.

—Sincerely, Eric Heassler

In reply to the letters I received concerning my hunting editorial, I conducted an experiment. I picked a day at work (at random) to see just how many hunters fit my stereotype. Four out of six who got licenses from me fit that description to a fair extent, so I guess it's true. Not all hunters look like that. I do, believe it or not, agree that not all hunters are dirty, smelly, cro-magnons. To get my point across, I used some sarcasm. But these letters show me that some people got too hung up on the sarcasm and missed the point entirely. As I stated in the editorial, I have no problem with living off what you hunt. It's the "sport" of hunting that I was aiming at. I had hoped people could discern who my targets were. Obviously, I was wrong.

Matt Autio

You have the right to disagree!

Please write to us. If you have any concerns or comments, let us know about them. We print all letters unless they are out of bounds of taste or malicious in content. We need to receive all letters on Monday before Friday's issue.



Gee Toto, this can't be Kansas

Emerald City offers Northwest bounty of things to see and do

By Lonny Mitzel
Editor

Living in the Northwest definitely has its advantages. A few miles to the east and you have the mountains. Skiing, hiking, and camping are right in your backyard. A jog to the west and you have the Puget Sound. There, sailing, waterskiing, fishing, and boating have become a traditional sport to the area. However, one of the Northwest's biggest attributes is the Emerald City, Seattle.

One of the country's biggest tourist haven and perhaps one of the most beautiful cities in the country, Seattle also offers many activities for tourists and native habitants. Yet, Seattle is just a door step away and many Northwesterners have never spent a day exploring the city. Almost everyone has gone to the Space Needle or the Kingdome, but there is more than meets the eye. Here are a few ideas of things to do and see in Seattle:

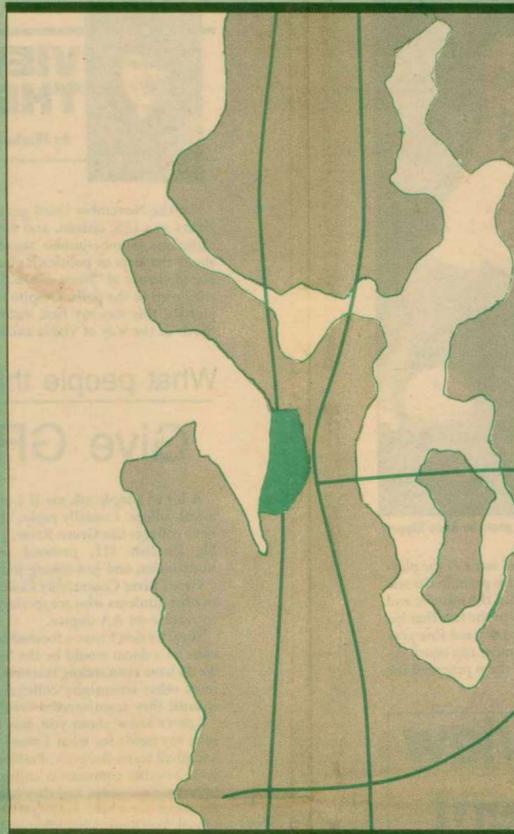
1. **The Space Needle** is an obvious site of interest and a great place to start. Built for the 1962 World's Fair, the Needle offers a panoramic view of the city and the Sound. It stands 605 feet tall with a 30 foot foundation that weighs 5,850 tons, the largest foundation in the world. It cost \$4.5 million to build. There is an observation deck with 15 high powered telescopes. A revolving restaurant makes a full turn every hour, giving a complete turn without leaving the dinner table. Today, the Space Needle has become the most recognizable structure in Seattle. The Seattle Center surrounds the Space Needle with many things to do.

The **Seattle Center** offers a park-like setting for rides and exhibitions. The rides only run during the summer and occasionally during special events. There are plans for the Walt Disney Corporation to revitalize the rides and do a major upgrading. The Center House has a wide variety of international foods and special events are planned like polka dancing. The Science Center, covered

Counter-clockwise from top, city landmark Space Needle, Seattle Science Center and arches, entrance to Pike Place Market, vegetable stands in Pike Place Market.

by the famous white arches offers many exhibits and shows. Many scientific phenomena are explained using clever hands-on displays. Over 50 computers, natural exhibits, and laws of nature demonstrations give a fun an educational aspect to the center. Some of the displays include: Kidsworks, Science on Wheels, Bodyworks, Stars and Snakes, and How Things Work. However, there is more to the Science Center than just displays. Laser shows, synchronized to rock music, have been a popular attraction to a younger generation. The three and a half story IMAX theater puts larger than life effects right in front of you, making people feel like they are underwater, flying in the air, or moving at the speed of sound. Science classes are also offered. Although one could spend a day at the Seattle Center in itself, the monorail quickly transports people from the center to downtown Seattle in 90 seconds.

3. **Downtown Seattle** is home to cozy restaurants, parks, and blocks of sidewalk specialty shops. Yet all this is intertwined with bustling streets and interesting people to add a sense of adventure. Pike



Place Market is the favorite spot in the downtown area. The market, built in 1907 and on the National Register of Historic Places, has undergone a facelift but still keeps its original structure adding heritage and ancestry to one of the country's most famous public markets.

The city is compact making it easy to walk through the downtown area. To reach the farthest downtown reaches, Metro has a downtown free zone. When shopping, look for "Easy Street" signs. A \$20 pass, has at participating stores gets you one Easy Street token. It entitles you to a dollar off in parkig lots and garages, a free ride on Metro buses beyond the free zone, a roundtrip on the monorail or the Waterfront Streetcar.

The newly built Washington State Convention and Trade Center, a 371,000 gross square foot facility opening in 1988, is the first in the U.S. to span across 12 freeway lanes.

Rainier Square, marked by the 40-story Rainier Tower its dramatic narrowed pedestal, offers a collection of over 50 shops, restaurants and service business.

The Pioneer Square building, built

in 1890, is headquarters for the Underground Tours of Pioneer Square, which provides an entertaining way to learn about Seattle's history. Also in Pioneer Square is the Pioneer Square Mall, specializing in antique jewelry, China, an

Continuing from bottom, Seattle skyline with I-5 inset, Rainier Tower, Kingdome with downtown Seattle in background, Woodland Park Zoo, and a Seattle ferry on way to Vashon Island.

collectables. Many restaurants also line the Pioneer district. At the square, visitors can watch artisans work on their creations in ceramics, blacksmithing, stained glass, leather, precious metals and home accessories.

Across from the main entrance to the Kingdome, is Sneaker's Bar

and restaurant. Dubbed as the best sports bar in Seattle, it has Seattle's longest bar, huge ticker tape display with the latest sports news, TV screens showing events, and spots celebrities who visit frequently.

There are many more things to see and do in the downtown area like the Broadway district and Chinatown, however its impossible to see everything in one day.

The map of Seattle shows the different districts and the wide variety of landscapes. A short novel could be written on Seattle's places of interest. The Current has condensed a guide to some of the favorite sites.

4. **The Waterfront** offers some of the most beautiful shops in town. Starting at the north end of the waterfront is the Pier 70 complex. One of the oldest restored wooden piers in America, you can find many interesting shops inside the two level mall.

At Pier 69, the Victoria Clipper catamaran offer a fun and unique way to travel to Victoria. It carries walk on passengers only.

The Seattle Aquarium, located on Pier 59, is one of the most interesting features on the waterfront. The exhibits and marine habitats with an emphasis on life systems of the Puget Sound, offer interesting ways to see the beauty of the Sound. The 180 degree view of undersea life in the Underwater Dome makes it possible to see a wide variety of marine life.

The Omnidome also located on Pier 59 lets you relax in fully-reclining seats that enhance the breathtaking effects of the theatre's 100 foot high domed screen. With six 200-watt speakers positioned in front of and behind you and a screen image larger than your field of vision, the Omnidome provides ear-to-ear total-surround experience.

Currently showing is "The Eruption of Mt. St. Helens."

The waterfront park on Pier 57, Trident Imports on Pier 56, Ivar's on Pier 54, and Ye Olde Curiosity Shop on Pier 51 (a Seattle attraction since 1899) are other sites of interest. Pier 52, the Washington State Ferries Terminal, make it possible to visit other areas of the Sound.

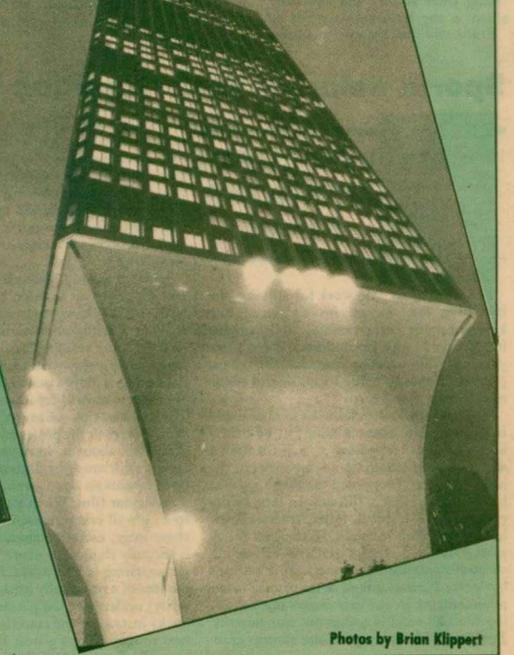
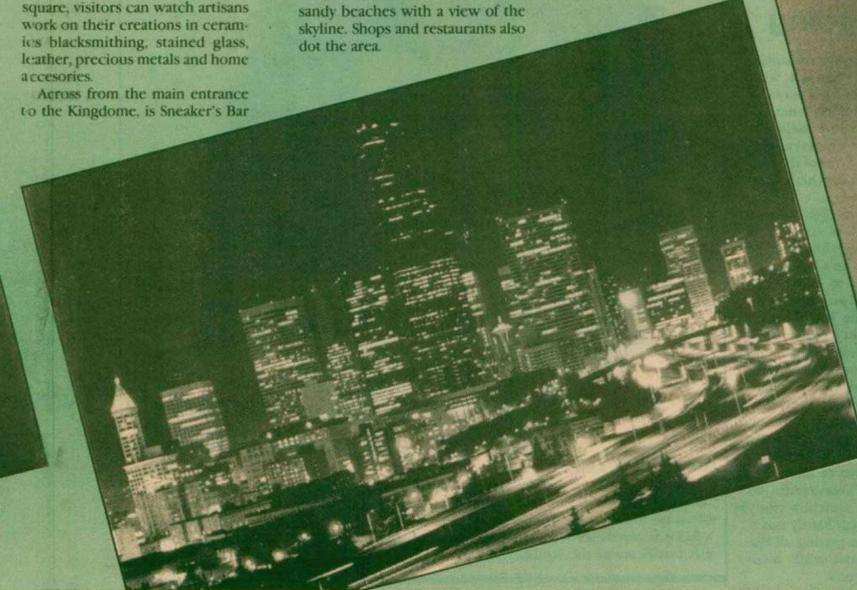
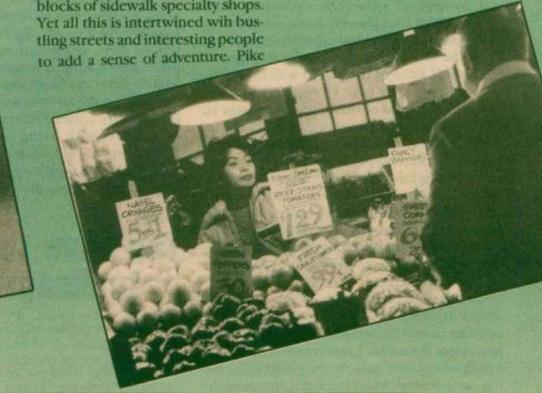
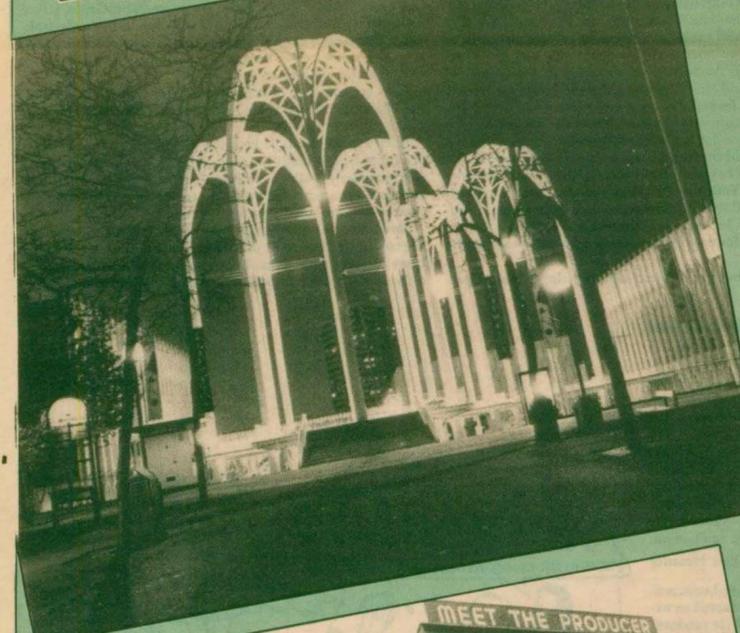
5. **Alki Point** offers beautiful sandy beaches with a view of the skyline. Shops and restaurants also dot the area.

6. **Green Lake** is a popular park to Seattle residents. You can jog around the paved trail encircling the lake, rent skates, or bicycle around.

Woodland Park Zoo is home to more than 400 species of animals. Many rare animals are on display in their natural habitat settings. This is a favorite among children and adults alike.

Seattle in itself is spectacular. The natural harmony of he city with the Puget Sound and Mt Rainier in the background make for a stunning view.

A short novel could be written on things in Seattle, it just takes some discovering of your own.



Photos by Brian Klippert

SPORTS

Volleyball recovering after three game losing streak

By Steve Young
Sports Editor

GRCC's volleyball team now stands at 9-3 on the season and 6-2 in league play, and according to coach Becky Stanczyk, the team is starting to come around after a mid-season slump which saw the Gators lose 3 times.

Noting that there were several key injuries during that time they should start to play even better going onto the post season. Shelly Jabaay is still suffering from a pulled rotator cuff but Stanczyk thinks that she will be ready in time for the end of the season. "Shelly is resting right now, she could probably play if we needed her but we are going to give her some time to get ready for the championships (November 27 and 28 in Yakima).

October 30 against Pierce in Tacoma the Gators pulled out a victory in 3 games. The game with Pierce was the sixth win in league play for GRCC and kept them alive among the leaders in the league.

October 31, Clark Community College beat the Gators in 3 games to take a match from Stanczyk's team, this setback was the last league loss that the Gators have suffered to this point, and Stanczyk hopes that that will be all for the season. "We are playing better of late and hopefully we can do some of the things that we need to to win down the stretch." November 4, at Highline, the Gators were beaten 2 games to 1 in a non-league game.

In the GRCC cross-over tournament held at Green River on November 6 and 7, the Gators finished third behind second place Spokane and tourney champion Highline. "We definitely played better in the tournament than we have in the last few weeks," said Stanczyk. Who continued, "We could have done better as far as our placing in the tournament, but I am not unhappy with our play.

GRCC wraps up the season with four consecutive league games against Tacoma, Lower Columbia (November 13), Grays Harbor (November 18) and Clark Community College before NWAACC championships start.



photo by Brian Klippert

Soccer draws bad cards in 'bizarre' loss

By Steve Young
Sports Editor

On November 7, against Bellevue at Troy field, Green River Soccer coach Reno Agostinis experienced one of the most bizarre matches that he has ever participated in.

The match saw three GRCC players, as well as Agostinis, receive red cards, which meant that they were unable to participate in the remainder of the contest. Red cards were given without just cause according to Agostinis, who claims the match was very poorly officiated. Green River Athletic Director Harry Beggs has filed a protest with league officials, hoping to possibly neutralize the 3-2 GRCC loss. Had the Gators pulled off a victory against Bellevue, they would have clinched the league regular season title, now they hold only a one point lead over Spokane going into the final week of the regular season.

"—We should have handily beaten Bellevue,—commented Agostinis, who was still in disbelief over the game three days later. He continued, —We almost pulled it off anyway at the end, playing with eight men to their 11.

November 4, at Steilacoom High School, GRCC beat Pierce 2-1. It was a very emotional game coming off of a tie game with Shoreline 5 days earlier. —The playing field was very slippery and we had some problems getting around at first, but our guys adjusted very well and came out and got the job done,— Agostinis said.

With tomorrow's game against Lower Columbia, GRCC will wrap up the 1987 regular season, before the game against Tacoma the Gators stood a 9-2-1 on the season and look to be tough to beat during the post season tournament. —We have some guys that are borderline injured right now, so we are giving them some time to recuperate before going into post season,—said Agostinis. The

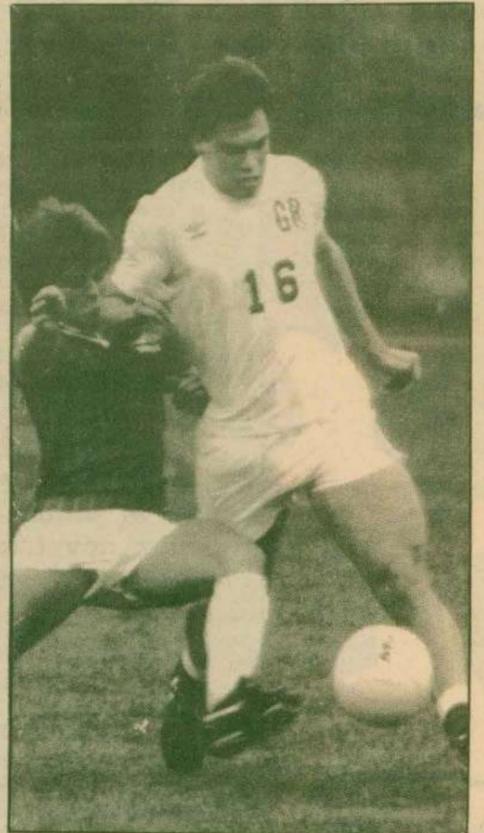


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season has taken its toll and some of the players are feeling fatigued at this point in the season. According to Agostinis, the injuries and physical exhaustion is due to the fact that his team has been working extra hard this year and has at times given almost too much effort and now he must get them prepared for the run at the title.

Watch for winter sports preview in the next issue of the Current

Intermurals to start tournaments

Director of the intramurals sports program here at GRCC, Ted Franz, is very excited about what he has seen so far this year.

"We are into the tournaments now and things are going very well," said Franz. According to Franz the volleyball and basketball tournaments should be over by November 19 and a pickleball tournament will be initiated to finish out the remainder of the fall quarter intramurals.

Franz said that any team that would like to sign up for the winter intramurals program should start filling their rosters and can turn them in the intramurals office as Franz said that the gym has been

overcrowded a majority of the time due to the number of activities going on. He is hoping that there will be as much participating during the winter session.

Winter program consists of five basketball, pickleball, and volleyball tournaments and possibly a soccer program if enough interest arises.

"Sign-ups will be going on through the remainder of the quarter and I can guarantee that if a team gets its roster into me before the end of this quarter they will be able to play a practice game. All GRCC students who would like to, participate are encouraged to do so as soon as possible.

Sports salaries keep tradition going



ARMCHAIR OPINIONS

By Matt Autio

For those of us who work for a living, the following may be an insult. Sugar Ray Leonard made twenty million dollars fighting Marvin Hagler; Brian Bosworth has a ten-year, 11 million dollar contract, and Magic Johnson stands to make 25 million over the next twenty five years.

Sure makes you wonder what kind of world it is we live in where a man can be paid a king's ransom for tossing a ball through a metal hoop or smashing an opponent in the head. Although I suppose I should be appalled by this sort of thing, I'm not. In fact, I fully endorse it. Let's face it, folks, America is the land of weekend warriors. In the past thirty years, we as a nation have built an all-consuming passion for sports. This country has never been so united as on Sunday afternoons, sitting in our easy chairs and absorbing football until it comes out our nostrils. The World Series is a premiere ratings grab-

ber, and turns us all into hopeless romantics, unable to shake memories of years past, when just about every kid who ever lived played in Little League. I believe in getting what you can. If someone is offering you a million or so a year to play baseball or whatever, well, that's just nifty. (I was not in favor of the NFL strike, however. Excesses are another matter altogether.)

Sports are a big business in this country, and it's really no wonder. How many times have you sat biting your nails while offering all your worldly possessions to God if only he'll let your team's defense to hold? How many don't watch with anticipation as the final inning is played out in the World Series? Who doesn't thrill to a hockey power play? The point is, this country would shrivel and die if it weren't for professional sports. When you think about it, sports are like an extension of rock music or films or television. Nobody resents an actor for making millions on a particular film. When you get right down to it, it's all entertainment. So let 'em have those huge, excessive amounts of money. It is the only chance for many "dumb jocks" to get anything in this world. I somehow enjoy the idea of a potentially (though hardly necessarily) undereducated person getting all the bucks instead of the traditional, stuffy business mogul. That's a neat irony.

Most Valuable Gator Karen Ruth



Summerfield Apartments

MOST VALUABLE GATOR

This week's Most Valuable Gator is volleyball's Karen Ruth. Karen has played exceptionally well in the past few matches, and consistently all year. Her contribution to the team not only puts her in favor with her teammates and coach, it also earns her a \$25 gift certificate from the Paper Tree. Recipients of this award must pick up the gift certificate at the 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

Martin shows true concern family unit

by Laurel Caulk
Staff Reporter

A pursuit of truth and undying commitment to her children are a sampling of the admirable qualities evident in the life of GRCC student Debbie Martin.

Growing up in atheistic surroundings in the Issaquah/Renton area, Martin found herself confused knowing that there was more meaning to life than what an atheistic family might portray. She found herself drawn to the beauty-filled mountains, finding others who had similar ideals. She ended up near the Canadian border in the mountains in the northeast corner of the state. It was there, in—snow country,—where Martin spent the next 13 years of her life living off the land and developing a deeper meaning to life. As she explained, in snow country there are four distinct seasons each lending itself to different activities and works. Spring was spent tilling the ground for the crops to be planted. The summer months were centered around tending the crops, while winter preparation was the focus of the fall months. Preparation for winter involved the harvesting of crops, the—putting up—of the harvested food, and the gathering of



Debbie Martin

wood. The activities during the snowy winter months included those things that one can do around the fire,—and outdoor snow-related activities such as snow skiing. Martin enjoyed spinning yarn, making clothes, weaving Indian bead jewelry, and tanning leather. Others living nearby would occasionally gather together, bringing their music for fellowship and dancing.

Living in the mountains with no water and no electricity was a chosen way of life for Martin, and the mountains will always be her home. The time spent there gave her new insight about life and about God. She discovered that wants aren't necessarily needs. She learned how to be satisfied with what she needed. She also learned about work. In the mountains everyone had to do their part to help with survival. Work was no longer something she

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FACULTY/STAFF PROFILE

Eaton works to complete third novel

By Kathy Hansen
Staff Reporter

Ed Eaton, head of GRCC's journalism department, recently published his first novel, "Linemen Don't Score Touchdowns. It is a 98 page story about a talented high school lineman, Kennedy McKay, who falls in love with Mercedes, a beautiful 15 year old Mormon Girl. The fast paced story chronicles Ken's struggles with his partying teammates, who insist as a varsity player he follow suit. Ken takes a stand and it pays off. After struggling with his own beliefs, Ken comes closer to God and accepts the Latter Day Saints' as his own. Writing "Linemen" was "a different experience," according to Eaton. "I had to use my imagination. It was fun, I got to go on dates with them (Kennedy and Mercedes).

His second literary effort was "No Fence Too High" which Eaton described as a "Walt Disney-type" of story about, "A kid who loses his leg to Cancer. It is a story of courage and baseball. It is also a love story to a lesser degree, as "Spud" fights to keep his dream of a major league baseball career alive.

Now working on his third novel, "The Court of Gramma Haynes—A Story of Young Love," Eaton has experienced



Ed Eaton

the joys and sorrows of a writer. Submitting works to publishers, not to have them rejected is a very frustrating experience. However, Eaton said he has been "amazed at the response" in referring to "Linemen." "Strangers have called me to tell me how much they liked my book." Eaton says he really enjoys it when people stop him and tell him they've read the book. "As one of GRCC's original faculty members, Eaton has seen many changes & growth at the college when he first began, Eaton worked as GRCC public relations representative, while advising the college newspaper, and directing plays for two years in the library. "Everything was in the library at that time," Eaton said.

When GRCC just opened, Eaton was hired to act as the college's public relations representative while teaching english, journalism, and drama. See EATON pg. 8

ENTERTAINMENT

Local musician ready to hit it big

by Mathew Autio
Associate Editor

He always thought that one day, he'd be a successful, famous musician. He's more than half way there, and if things continue to go his way for he and his band, New World, the dream will be fulfilled within the year.

If ever someone was meant to be a musician, Dan Melhoff, a graduate of Auburn High School, is it. He picked up his first guitar when he was five and immediately knew music was his calling. After taking guitar lessons for a while, Dan started playing piano when he was nine. By the time he was thirteen he also had bass and drums under his belt, not to mention being a budding singer. To channel these talents, he formed a band in his eighth grade year called Omega, and they performed at many Western Washington high schools, dances, clubs, and the Puyallup Fair. A solid foundation for a band, to be sure, but frequent personnel changes and the stifling circuit they were playing led to the group's demise. "It basically circled around me and another guy and it got to the point where he wasn't interested in music as a career anymore," Melhoff added. Seeing

this as a chance to break away and make a fresh start, Melhoff started a band called 911. "I wanted to hit the market with what I saw as being the most profitable music (pop, top-40)" he said.

Playing their way up the club circuit, 911 met with a bit of success, and and went out with a bang, winning one Star Search competition and tying with another band in a second show in 1985, but according to Melhoff, it wasn't without sacrifices. "It (the music they played) wasn't necessarily any of our taste. It was a business move. We basically had to prostitute our music, but we got out of it everything we thought we would, we made our bed and we slept in it."

The band folded after the Star Search shows, and Dan finally was able to develop a mixture of artistic freedom and success in his current band, called New World, which consists of Melhoff on guitar and vocals, Brian Kelly on guitar (the two share leads), Jimmy Parsons on drums and vocals, and Chuck Miller on bass.

New World recently backed up th Gregg Allman band at the KXRX Halloween concert, a big step for the young group, but the top priority right now is their first album, which they are now recording

under the auspices of Alan Kovak and Left Bank management. (Kovak is known for representing Richard Marx). The album has been in the making for roughly seven months now, and contains all original material. The battle isn't won yet, however. Kovak must still secure a record contract. A letter of intent has been signed with Manhattan records, and Melhoff says, "We would be the first COR (concert oriented) band signed to Manhattan records, which means we would have priority when it come to budgeting." If everything goes according to plan, the album will most likely be released sometime in June.

The release of the band's album under a major record label would be a dream come true for New World, but nothing is firm yet. Melhoff remains confident, however. "I know that as long as I see progress, I'll keep pushing."

CORRECTION

In the October 30 issue, it was reported that new staff had been hired under the Affirmative Action plan. They had actually been employed at GRCC for several years and no minorities were hired last year.

REVIEWS

'The Hidden' as real as you want it to be

by Bill Asher
Staff Reporter

"The Hidden", directed by Jack Sholder, is a combination cops-and-robbers, science fiction and action film which seems to be a cross between "Aliens" and "The Terminator". If this sounds confusing, don't worry, just sit back and watch the film.

The film starts off when a mild mannered young man becomes homicidal maniac who has killed 26 people, robbed six banks and stole six Ferraris. After robbing his sixth bank, he is chased by police and eventually stopped but not before he has run over two people. While in the hospital, the young man dies and his room-mate, a

middle-aged importer becomes a homicidal maniac too.

About this time Sergeant Beck (Michael Nouri) of homicide is coming unglued trying to figure out what is happening. Then to add to his frustrations, he is assigned to a slightly spacy (cough, cough), FBI agent, Gallagher (Kyle MacLachlan). Beck is not sure what to think of Gallagher since he stumbles over the easiest questions and chews alka-seltzer and puts aspirin in water. But Gallagher is the only one who knows how the killer operates and how to stop him.

"The Hidden" is a good film because of the relationship that Nouri and MacLachlan develop. MacLachlan (Dune, Blue Velvet) is excellent as the slightly off-in-left-

field agent Gallagher. Michael Nouri is great as the no-nonsense Beck. The two completely different characters soon become good friends which really makes the film. The rest of the cast, which includes Clu Gulager and Ed O'Ross, are interesting and real.

Some critics have knocked this film down because they thought it was unrealistic. This is probably biased on their behalf. How realistic was "The Terminator" or "Superman". The film is only as realistic as you want it to be. "The Hidden" is no more or less realistic than those two films.

Jack Sholder, who also directed "Nightmare on Elm Street, Part 2", worked on "The Hidden" with an original screen play written by Bob Hunt.

Harrison, Aerosmith comebacks strong



VINYL TAP

By Aaron Vaughn

After hearing the advance release of —Got My Mind Set On You,—off George Harrison's new album, Cloud Nine, his first studio record in several years, I was eager to hear the rest of the album. As expected, it is packed with quality, diverse music that is just as fun to listen to cruising down the highway as it is kicked back with a glass of wine by the fireplace. Side one starts out with the title track that immediately sucks you back into the late 60's Beatles' era. The pace changes from Beatles to ballads to 80's power-pop with a twist. One quick glance at the title of this one and you expect it to sound just like the Beatles, when in fact it hardly resembles any of their songs, at least where the music is concerned.

The production has also improved drastically on his new record, thanks in part to ex-

ELO's Jeff Lynne at the control board. Other musicians that contributed to this effort include Ringo Starr, Elton John, Gary Wright of "Dream Weaver" fame, Eric Clapton and Jim Horn not Zorn.

Another smokin' mutha on the streets these days is the latest release from grit-rock masters Aerosmith, aptly titled Permanent Vacation. After their last album, I hoped they would take one, but—Vacation—proves that Aerosmith is back—ready to kick hard and take down names later Hangman Jury,—a K.G.R.G. listener favorite that continues the Aerosmith way. —Angel,—side two's third track, tones down the pace quite a bit, with what could be considered almost an Aeroballad. The only song on the entire album that left me queazy was—Simoriah,—a song that never quite gets on track.



NEWS

Locals debate at incinerator meeting

By Elizabeth White
Staff Reporter

Last Thursday, in the main dining area of GRCC, the King County Energy/Resource Recovery Program held their Scoping meeting, which means that the officials who are drawing up the plans for the controversial waste-burning incinerator met with the public to discuss their concerns.

The meeting began with the Director of the Department of Public Works giving an introduction and general overview, which consisted of facts, figures, and statistics that were dutifully absorbed by those in attendance. Next, the Interim Program Manager for the Energy/Resource Recovery Program gave a slide presentation complete with detailed accounts of what is involved in building an incinerator. The presentation described in de-

tail the need for the unwanted trash burner. This did not, however, dampen the rage of those who had shown up to voice their arguments. During the question-and-answer period, members of the audience queried the officials about the effect of the increased traffic on the local elementary schools. In reply, the program's managers mentioned their intent of evaluating all the possible effects upon the environment when they submit their required Environmental Impact Statement.

Issues to be addressed by the impact statement include transportation, land use and population, air quality, human health, noise, surface water resources, hydrogeology and geotechnical issues, plants and animals, historic cultural preservation, public service and utilities, property values analysis, visual aesthetics, and area mitigation plans. With this list of concerns, all six

remaining proposed sites will be evaluated. At the top of the list is the Soos Creek location, four miles east of downtown Auburn, near the intersection of Auburn-Black Diamond Road and 148th Avenue. The Soos Creek community has an active fight going on against the construction of the incinerator. They were the majority of the outspoken at the hearing, and have even hired a lawyer to fight construction.

The city of Kent has raised a lawsuit to keep the north-central portion of Kent, near the intersection of South 212th Street and 84th Avenue South, out of consideration. Another proposed site has the mayor of Auburn quite upset. South of Highway 18, near C Street and 15th Street Southwest, close to Boeing, could house King County's solution to solid waste disposal.

Two other locations are both within the city limits of Issaquah,

providing an east-of Seattle trash burner; and the last possibility is in Redmond, at the other end of Lake Sammamish. King County is eventually hoping for locations to deal with Seattle and the county's waste. In opposition to the incinerator concept, one handout quotes an environmental professional as saying, —King County can successfully site three solid waste incinerators about the same time pigs learn to fly.—

An illustrative example of what King County hopes to achieve was presented in the earlier slide show. Marion County, in Oregon, is host to an Energy/Resource Recovery Program that was presented as ideal. One member of the audience, however, expressed concern about the pestilence of rats that the incinerator in Marion County is experiencing. After these

—scoping—meetings, the program board will continue with its process.

United Way goal, earn \$33.5 million

In 1988 United Way will support 150 health and human service agencies which will provide over 300 programs throughout King County. In South King County there are critical needs and the United Way has identified the following areas as needing priority funding in the community: child abuse treatment, additional day care for the low income families, teen pregnancy prevention, ex-offender support, employment assistance, and accessible transportation.

The United Way campaign goal this year is \$33.5 million. Support from the United Way will be received at these local agencies: ACAP Day Care Association, Auburn Youth Resources, Children's Home Society, Valley Cities Mental Health, Auburn Community Fund and YMCA.

Breakfast bar offered at cafeteria

The Green River Community College kitchen will be offering its newest creation — the breakfast bar which began Oct. 19, and will continue through out the school year.

Three times a week (Monday, Wednesday, and Friday) the cafeteria will have healthy break-

fast food, featuring "the muffin of the week," also a fresh fruit plate, yogurt, and fruit juice. There will also be coconut, raisins, sunflower seeds, granola, and dried banana chips for 15 cents an ounce.

Rose Neuroth, the food service manager, welcomes all your comments and suggestions.

EATON . . .

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The GRCC Current was originally called "The Gator Tale" for two weeks, until the first editor of the paper changed the name. "It was a struggle, getting out a weekly paper," Eaton reminisced. "It was a good group of people."

Eaton has been teaching for nearly three decades. Although he will be eligible for retirement in three years, Eaton has no plans to retire from a field he enjoys so much.

"I guess I'll keep on teaching until it's not fun anymore," he said, "Nothing is as fun as teaching. I want to do more writing along with teaching, but I wouldn't want to make

my living writing," Eaton concluded. In his free time, which he described as "non-existent," Eaton is very involved in his LDS (Mormon) church. Eaton also plays a mean game of pickleball. If he does get a free afternoon though, Eaton confessed "I love to take my rubber life boat and float down the Green River."

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MARTIN . . .

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Moving back to life in the world—has understandably been somewhat of a culture shock but necessary as part of her new vision in life. She now has her goal, a life in the missions field which is why she is now at GRCC studying. She hopes to get a trade so she can go into the third world countries, preferably into the health care/nutrition field.

Missions are her eventual goal, but her immediate and highest concern are her children. She is teaching both girls—Keshia, 12, and Bonai, nine, in her home. She sees the family as being the base of society and feels it must be if our society is to survive. She has learned that she is the most qualified to teach her children because she knows their needs and can give them all the individual attention that they need. She feels that children tend to lose some of what they were meant to be because of the high society pressure put on children in public schools today. Commenting on public schools, Martin states that public schools aren't detrimental to children. She feels that public schools aren't the best options available for her children's best interests. It is very gratifying for Martin to see her girls develop into unique individuals rather than products of social pressure.

Martin uses as her teaching guide a set curriculum which

can be obtained from many different organizations helping those interested in teaching their children in the home. The curriculum covers all of the levels and areas that a public school would. In addition to the set curriculum, Martin uses additional books as reference to give a more well-rounded aspect of education. She and her children use the local libraries a lot and are even finding the public schools to be helpful if a question should arise. Martin sees instilling godly principles in her children as being very important, and therefore includes in her curriculum a Bible time. Another importance she sees is that of developing her girls into homemakers. She spends time with her girls teaching them how to use their hands and developing their creativity and imagination. Her children participate in out-of-the-house activities such as ballet, gymnastics, and church, and are finding their home to be a popular gathering spot for the neighborhood kids.

Martin and her two girls are the only ones participating in their home school but once a week all of the home schools in the area come together for field trips and for special projects.

Along with teaching her children, Martin also works. She spends one day a week working in a nutrition store. The other days she spends working for people doing jobs such as gardening and ironing.

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