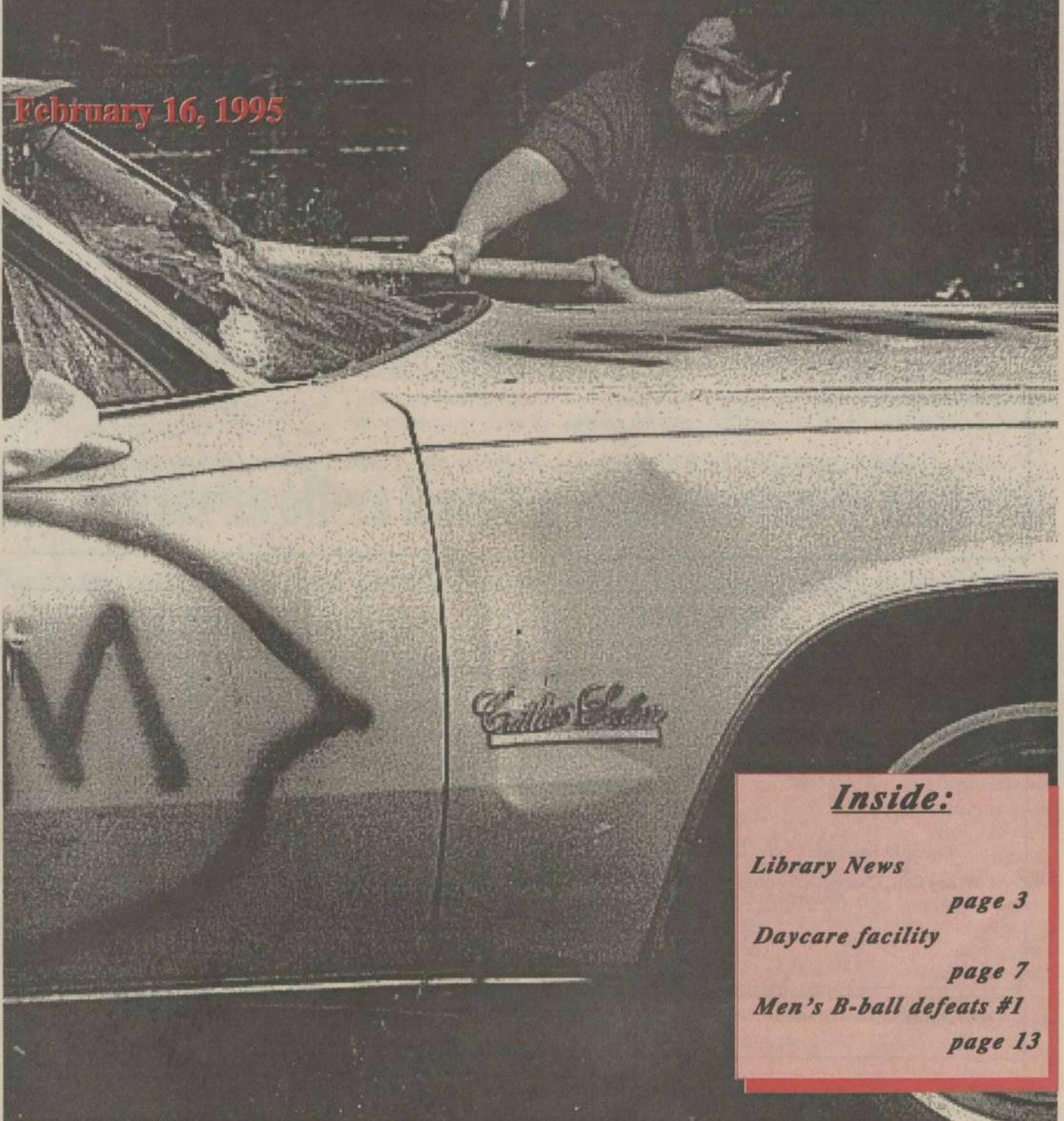


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COMING EVENTS

A Personal Development Workshop, entitled "Let's Talk Business," will occur today at noon in SS-16. Students majoring in business will be able to receive information on what classes to take and what jobs or careers are available upon completion of the degree. The workshop will also answer any questions students may have concerning the topic.

Students are invited to watch a puppet show from China tomorrow at noon on the Mainstage in the Lindbloom Student Center.

A bi-weekly support group for lesbians, gay men and bisexuals at GRCC is being organized. More information is available by contacting Counseling Services at extension 292.

Students interested in becoming involved in the Spring Elections for Student Government. More information is available by contacting Student Programs at extension 337.

For students interested in becoming involved in the Asian Student Union, meetings are conducted every Thursday at noon in SG-62.

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Cover: A student participates in the car bash which raised money for DEX, the campus business organization.

Photo by: Charlyene Johnson

Library needs increased funding to complete steps to the future

*Ruth Nyhuis
Staff Writer*

Construction money for Green River Community College's library project has been left off the governor's 1995-1997 Capitol budget. The project, which has cleared every legislative hurdle since 1991, is in a precarious state regarding funding.

"It's very critical that we get it (the funding for the project)," Rep. Les Thomas said. "The question is, how do we get it? I'm trying to get it back into the budget, and I'm asking for legislators' support."

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Failure to have the project approved this biennium will result in the continuing decline in the quality of instruction being given, possible loss of current building permits and potential additional expense for redesign to keep up with changing county ordinances. And maybe most importantly, if the school does not receive backing on this project, GRCC could face an accreditation problem.

The new library would give students access to the internet, CD-ROM, the ability to access e-mail from sites around the world, and computer labs that would be available to all students, not just students with computer-oriented classes. It would also keep operating costs down by reducing the cost

of periodicals and journals with electronic storage and retrieval. The monies saved by this method will go toward increasing the collection of books and other resource requirements.

Although 60 percent of college students are educated by community and technical colleges, they receive far less funding for capital projects than four-year universities. More than \$1 million has been spent on pre-design and design for this project alone. College personnel have already spent hundreds of man hours on this project. If the governor delays much longer the inflation costs alone could be over \$1.2 million.

Fact is, GRCC cannot continue to hold out much longer if this project is delayed. Students who wish to get involved may contact local legislators by calling the legislative hotline at 1-800-562-6000. Or, students may write to their lawmakers at the State Legislature, Olympia, WA, 98504. Students may also contact John Ramsey in the Public Information office at 833-9111 ext. 361.

Lecture series offers learning opportunities to students

Furness contributes to academic lecture series with technology presentation

*Rene Gagnier
Staff Writer*

The Academic Lecture Series is a series which features speakers on a variety of discussions. This includes Tune-In Tuesday, Town Meeting and the Alexander Heft Math Series.

The topics will benefit everyone, and many subgroups of people will be interested in the topics the Academic Lecture Series has to offer. These topics range from debates, to math, to various controversial issues. Admission to these lectures is free, and anyone and everyone can attend.

Although this series has been out for a few years, Academic Lecture Series Coordinator Mandy Wickett trained for this position all summer. Wickett put her mind

to work and came up with the Alexander Heft Math Series.

"My goals are to incorporate the academic side of the campus with the activity side so it will appeal to every type of student on campus," Wickett stated.

"Living Safely in a Dangerous World" was presented Tuesday. Wickett called it "a fast-paced, entertaining program about self protection."

Today, Thomas Furness from the University of Washington will conduct a discussion about virtual reality.

An interesting topic about industrial applications of mathematics will be given March 1 by Ben Nelson. Also in March, womens' history will be observed.

More information is available by contacting Mandy Wickett in

Student Programs at extension 337.

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Rutkowski appointed to Private Industry Council

*Kelly Murff
Special to The Current*

Green River Community College President Richard Rutkowski was recently named as a member of the Seattle-King County Private Industry Council (PIC).

Rutkowski was appointed Jan. 11 by the Joint Executive Board, which works in cooperation with the PIC.

Members of the board include Auburn City Council member Trish Borden, King County Executive Gary Locke, Seattle Council member Sue Donaldson, and King County Councilman Pete Von Reichbauer. Seattle Mayor Norm Rice heads the Joint Executive Board, and in an acceptance letter to Rutkowski, expressed his certainty that he would make a "major contribution" to the PIC during his three-year term.

The PIC and Joint Executive Board work together to plan and administer job training programs for Seattle and King County unemployed and low-income residents. They also develop programs and strategies to meet training and employment needs, and they work to promote better coordination between public and privately funded efforts in the area.

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for details.*

Students find jobs in employment office

*Rene Gagnier
Staff Writer*

Students who are seeking help in acquiring a job can explore their options by visiting the Green River Community College Financial Aid/Student Employment Office upstairs in the Lindbloom Student Center.

The job board, just outside of the office, is a simple tool to use when finding a job. The job board is often called the "blind-board" because it does not list employers' names. After students have selected a potential job from the bulletin board, staff members in the Student Employment Office will print out a referral and provide any additional information. This also helps the staff keep track of what kind of jobs people often want, which are typically part-time jobs.

The Student Employment Office gets new jobs every day and posts them for 30 days. On the average, 125-150 jobs are available at any given time.

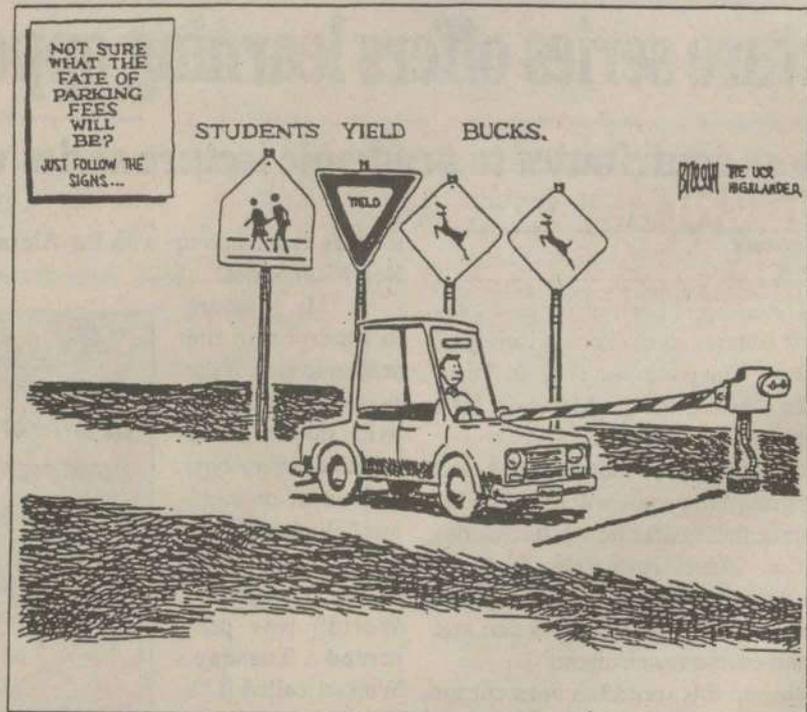
"Of the jobs that come into our office, 33 percent of them are filled with students from Green River Community College," said coordinator Linda Smith. "Employers who list their job opportunities with the office are looking for students to work for them and will often accommodate hours."

The program has a proven high success rate among job placement and is representative of how flexible the employers are.

In addition to the job board, the Student Employment Office also has clipboards that contain full-time government, educational, and technological jobs.

Videos are available on how to write resumes and cover letters, and how to prepare for interviews. The Student Employment Office also has a job newsletter, which comes out every Tuesday and contains a sampling of the current jobs available.

Interested students may obtain additional information by contacting Linda Smith at extension 306.



National Student News Service, 1994

By Steve Breen

Ceremonies mark beginning of routes 164 & 168

Alisa Schwabauer
Sports Director

To celebrate the advent of bus routes #164 and #168 to the Green River Community College, which started service Monday, Feb. 13, officials from Metro and GRCC met in the board room of the Administrative Building Friday, Feb. 10.

"It turned out to be a significant partnership of a lot of cities, Metro and ourselves, and King County to make this bus route come about," said Dr. Clarke Townsend, assistant to the college president, as he was opening the meeting.

Metro's contingents at the meeting were Tim Apicella, Chris Vance, Doug Johnson and Jim Jacobson. GRCC's honored attendees were Dean of Student Programs Bruce Compton, men's soccer coach Dan Keene, Director of Public Information John Ramsey, and Douglas Mahoney. The mayor of Auburn, Chuck Booth, and co-chairs of the Kent Transit Advisory Board, Mike Skehan and Bob Whelan, also attended.

"I want to thank specifically Bob Whelan and Mike Skehan," Townsend commented. "Also Chris Vance played a huge role in helping make this happen. We have been trying to do this for a long time, and it just would not have happened without the



Members of Metro join faculty members and students of GRCC in commemorating the inaugural run of routes 164 and 168 from Kent.

Photo by Alisa Schwabauer

support of everyone here."

"Metro is really committed to reordering its service to better serve its suburban communities," Vance said.

The meeting convened with all participants venturing outside to view a Metro Bus and pose for pictures to commemorate

the joint effort.

Ramsey said that Mahoney "did about 95% of work on this thing."

Passengers can pick up the bus at Kent Park-and-Ride on Southeast Wax Road with #168 at half hour intervals and #164 hourly during the mid-day.

Community groups give students chance to participate

Community service fair allows local agencies to recruit from GRCC student body

Nicolette Moser
Staff Writer

Representatives from local recreation centers gave Green River Community College students an opportunity to get involved with the community Thursday, Feb. 9, when they participated in this year's Community Service fair.

The YMCA was one organization involved in the fair, which was conducted in the Lindbloom Student Center.

The YMCA's Earth Service Corps (ESC) provides teenagers and adults with the opportunity to work together to protect the environment. Through leadership re-

treats and field trips, some ESC students begin organizing, or become involved with, a school-based environmental club. The program not only gets kids and adults involved with saving earth, but also gets them thinking about the future.

Eastside Big Brothers were also at the fair in search of a few more big brothers. By becoming a big brother, men are given the opportunity to be somewhat of a father figure to boys who are lacking a male role model in their life. The two are matched according to their similar likings in activities and interests so when they come together they will enjoy doing the same things.

Kent Parks and Recreation and Highline Community College have a program somewhat similar to Eastside Big Brothers, but it is offered to both male and female. This involves individuals in our community with special needs and the people who are willing to become a friend.

The program, Share A Friend, is designed to show individuals with special needs what their community has to offer them and what sort of activities are available to them. This allows them to go out into the community and experience different sights, shows and other activities with their special friend.

On campus daycare to open for fall quarter

New campus service for GRCC parents will ease load on tight family budgets

*Wendy Hale
Staff Writer*

Fall of 1995 is the projected date for the grand opening of Green River Community College's daycare facilities.

The daycare will not be on campus, but just one block away on 124 Avenue. The building will be adjacent to the tennis courts and a small park.

The decor for the inside of the daycare will be light tones of peach, lavender and teal. Mary Eddington, who has been working on the daycare project for five years, hopes the colors picked will reflect onto the children. She said the atmosphere in the daycare is important; it should be "light and airy, but soft and relaxing."

To go with the color scheme there will be a pattern in every room to collaborate unity. There will be one toddler room and two pre-school rooms, each with it's own playground area. Also, adjacent to the pre-school rooms will be an observation room for students on campus involved with the

various childhood education classes. There will also be an on-site kitchen for food preparation.

The daycare will take children between the ages of two and five years, and for low income students, subsidized financial aid will be available.

In May of 1990 the Child Care Task Force at GRCC did a survey of students and faculty/staff members on campus to determine how many would use child care. According to the survey, 408 returning students would enroll 79 out of 139 children, and 128 of staff and faculty members would enroll 33 out of 44 children, between ages one and six. The survey indicated a definite need for daycare services.

The Child Care Task Force concluded that available, affordable child care enhances the ability of the students to tap educational resources and break out of the cycle of poverty.

The daycare project is ready to get underway. Construction will be started as

soon as building permits are obtained. The architecture has been done by Tsang Part-

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nership Inc., and the new building will be 5600 to 5700 square feet.

GRCC's daycare will cost approximately \$1.3 million and still needs roughly \$50,000 for playground equipment before the doors can be opened.

Adams honored with Women's Center Award

*Honor Currey
Staff Writer*

For the past 16 years the Green River Community College faculty has had the pleasure and honor of working with an extraordinary woman.

Maid Adams, the director of the Women's Center for a little over a decade and a half, has been actively involved in the development and organization of many projects varying from conferences to actual workshops, choosing topics not always openly discussed but that hold great validity and importance to many women.

Some of the projects she has organized include a conference on menopause, a workshop for women on welfare, and classes such as "Introducing Women to Non-Traditional Work," "To be Black and Female" and "Women in Management." She has a master's degree in educational psychology and a bachelor's degree in early childhood education.

Saturday, Feb. 11, Adams received the 1995 Women Helping Women Award, which was presented by Soroptimist International of Kent. This special award was established in 1974 by Soroptimist International of the Americas to celebrate the advancement of women.

In response to the award, Adams expressed what an honor it was to not only receive the award, but to receive it from an organization that focuses on women helping women.

Adams continues to hold true to her impeccable reputation of being a leader and teacher, still organizing many projects for the benefit of women.

Every Wednesday, meetings are conducted in OE 22, between 12:10 p.m. and 1 p.m., which concentrate on issues affecting women today — politically, privately, emotionally, professionally, publicly and socially. Students are encouraged to come talk, listen and learn.

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THE POLITICAL

Counterpoint

John Carey - Ruth Nyhuis

Do you own an assault weapon? Do you know what an assault weapon is?

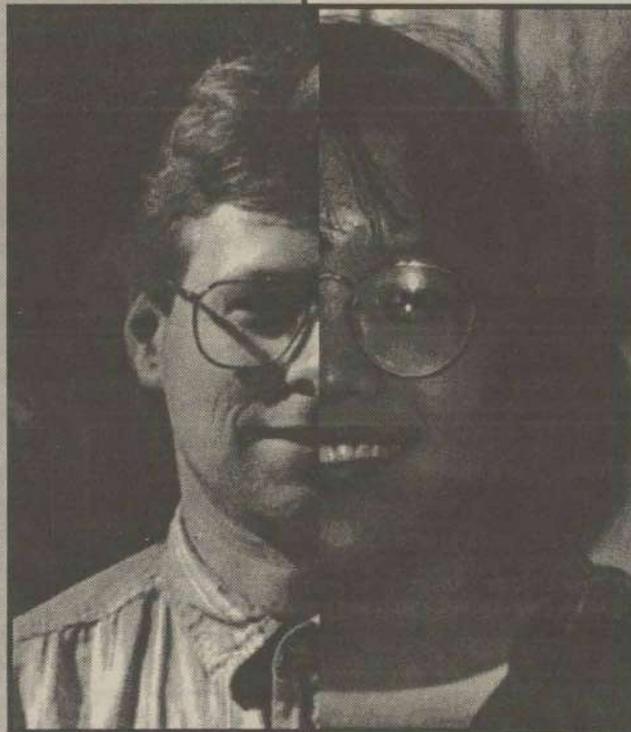
In the recent crime bill, a law was passed banning a variety of so-called "assault weapons." You would think that with all the education our government officials are supposed to have, they would have done their homework. Had they done a little more research, they would have found that most of these guns are nothing more than hunting rifles with mean-looking stocks.

The banning of these guns is just one example of where the government is taking away people's rights.

They passed this crime bill, but did it do anything to control crime? No! Instead, the good decent citizens of America that go to work, pay their taxes and obey the law have to put up with more restrictions of their rights. How many criminals are affected by this law? Not too many, considering that less than one percent of all gun-related crimes are committed by registered gun-owners.

Criminals don't care about gun laws; they're going to have their guns, any kind they want, regardless of the laws. So why make those people who obey the law suffer?

The government is only passing these laws because it makes them feel good. They think that by banning guns, they're accomplishing something. If they really want to fight crime, they should go where the source is: the criminal. Why can't they be spending their time and energy concentrating on laws that really do deter crime? The government should be making life harder for the criminal, not the victim.



EDGE

Every year more young people in America are killed in violent crimes than the total number of soldiers who died in Vietnam.

And most of them are killed by guns.

Tougher laws need to be made. Parents need to protect their children against accidents with guns.

For example, a few years ago a 14-year-old boy shot his older brother because he "dared him to." There is no way anyone that age should have access to guns, let alone know how to use one. Guns are becoming more trouble than they are worth.

If someone is going to attack you because they want your money or whatever, they are going to get it no matter what. It really won't matter if you have one because they will most likely shoot you first.

In Washington, it is legal for a 16-year-old to have a rifle if it is used for hunting. These kids might not even have their driving licenses, but we as a society will let them have guns in their hands?!

Young adults are 99.99 percent of the time ruled by passion. During this stage of emotional development, their capacity for feeling rage and depression soars. No one at the age of 16 is going to critically analyze their actions if they get in a fight, whip out a gun and shoot someone. All they care about is revenge, or whatever they may be thinking at the time.

Adults, the ones who are supposed to be responsible and reliable, are having a hard time controlling the gun epidemic as well. I'm not saying that we don't have right to protect ourselves. But America's relationship with guns is covering up the real problem — a decaying society. Guns and our fascination with them will not solve the problem.

Mary Jane and Alice: have we thought this out?

Brian Brandli
Special to the Current

Drug Legalization: A Mind Opening Decision

The United States government has been fighting a gruesome war on drugs for almost a full century. It's safe to say that our government is losing the battle. Prison overcrowding, crime exploding and tax money literally being flushed away, for what? It sometimes tickles me pink to think that some citizens actually believe that the government will end the world-wide phenomenon of drug usage. With the increase in universal population, the war on drugs will never be won, it will just become more brutal and pricey. Most people in American society would say that baseball is America's favorite pastime. Like it or not drugs, recreational or prescription, natural or chemical, are a permanent necessity that most humans will depend on for eternity.

At the heart of the drug issue is the economics involved. In order to save our country's economic sobriety, America needs to pass a bill that will legalize certain recreational drugs.

Marijuana sells for \$20 a gram and \$40 for an eighth. Cocaine sells for \$30 a gram. Knowing that our country is a huge distribution center for these types of drugs, we should try and profit from it. By legalizing the sale of drugs, we could put high tax rates on all sales. We could pay our national debt off in a matter of minutes. I see legalizing drugs, economically, as just turning a negative into a positive. Why should the drug lords get richer while our country goes bankrupt? Not only would our national debt be paid but we could also designate money into other areas that are more important such as drug treatment for those who need it. Last year we spent \$20 billion to stop the flow of drugs (National Drug Con-

trol Policy Office, Feb. 18, 1994). The rate has been consistent in rising rapidly every year. Who knows what research will show in 1995, it would not surprise me at all if that figure doubles. At the other end of the spectrum concerning the economic issue of legalizing drugs is the fear that a black-market will still persist even if drugs are legalized. This is a legitimate point, if drugs are legalized there would most definitely be a legal age. Lets just imagine for a minute that drugs are legalized, the legal age is 21. Due to the younger generations and their tendencies to be involved with drugs, the demand for drugs would be high for teenagers. This is where we run into the dilemma of people trying to make a quick buck by selling to minors, creating my worst fear, another black-market. Maybe we should

see "Dope" on page 11

Letter to the Editor

Consider *This*, Tony Tost

In this enlightened age, it is amazing to think someone could print such prejudice unbelievable filth such as *Consider This*. I understand that this article was supposed to be funny in a warped-brain-wave kind of way. If Tony Tost was trying to make us all laugh he sure picked an absurd way to do it.

Personally, I take offense to his comment that "women have a right to choose what to do with their bodies." Yes, women do have a right to do what they want with their bodies. After I read that I wondered what he would say next? Yet there was much more offensive garbage to read.

Comedy has *not* sabotaged our youth. If anything, it has broken up the doldrums of everyday family life. It's not up to you, Tost, to say that families are laxing in morals and that homes and classrooms are lacking discipline. Do you know that? Do you have a family of your own? What kind of experience do you have that can make you say that this moral breakdown in our society is true? I however, do have a family of my own, and I think that your statements are to generalized to be correct, politically or otherwise. I won't even touch the Christian morals in this country because I don't know enough about that subject to be correct, which is something you should have thought about yourself before you wrote your disturbing judgments.

I would also like to know what your problem is with black comedians. Should there only be white comedians? In the real world there are many different colors, and no one color is more superior than another. It is obvious to me that this article has biased presidiums written all through it, and I certainly hope that you don't force your beliefs down other people's throats. It is very sad that because of these famous black comedians like Eddy Murphy and Richard Pryor, your grandma is fearful of youths. I find this not at all funny. If this fear of youths is supposed to be funny, we have a serious problem on our hands, because it just so happens that gangs are well known in the area and they do cause fear, especially in the elderly.

It is obvious that television is not the real source of this country's problems. The problem with youths is the lack of parent and family participation in their lives. Another problem this country has is people writing articles which are supposed to be funny, but actually belong in the city dump. I tried to look at your article with humor, but I just couldn't find any. I believe in fighting humor with humor and I can take what anybody has to dish out, even though I am not a man!

Wendy Hale

Students kick it up in new club

Carrin Hargraves
Arts & Entertainment Director

The country-western dance craze that has swept the country in recent years is now being offered in a new club at Green River Community College.

The club, sponsored by Student Programs, is offered to all GRCC students and meets Wednesdays and Fridays from noon-1 p.m. in SMT 224.

The group now consists of approximately 20-25 members and is looking to expand. According to vice-president Nathan Hayes, the club's main focus is to get students involved, to "have fun and learn to dance."

Lessons detailing a number of different line dances will be given at each meeting by Hayes and president Jeremy Parker. Written instructions that break down the dances into specific steps will accompany the demonstrations. In addition to line dancing, Hayes and Parker would also like to demonstrate assorted styles of partner dancing. The ratio of men to women, however, stands at about three to one making couples dances impossible.

Anyone interested in dancing and country music is encouraged to join. Even those who believe that the country music

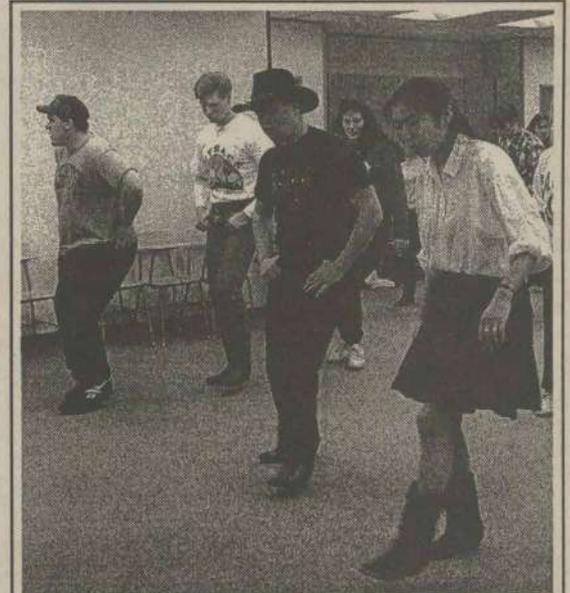
phenomenon is reserved for hilly-billy inbreeds might find the social interaction of line dancing and country-partner dancing stimulating and entertaining.

"Everyone has a little bit of hick in them," Hayes stated indubitably.

The club is looking for other colleges with similar programs and hopes to eventually put together a dance team that will travel to various competitions throughout the state. Plans to generate a club "uniform" are in the making, and Hayes hopes to use part of the funds received from Student Programs to purchase them.

There are a number of bars in and around the Seattle area, such as Jerry Andel's Ranch Restaurant, where country line dancing is offered for those who want to show off their dance techniques while searching for Mr. or Mrs. Right — who of course will be wearing tight, black Wrangler's and worn-in Justin's.

For those who are under 21-years of age, Dakota's South in Kent offers a smoke-free environment to boot, scoot and boogie



Matt Kriesel, Ted Hargraves, Ed Lyons, Nancy Reed, and Moomi Higashi define the country groove.

photo by Charlyene Johnson

in, Fridays and Saturdays from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m.

More information on the country dance club is available by contacting Jeremy Parker at 630-2013, or Nathan Hayes at 863-4544

Dirty Crow prepares to shake up GRCC

John Skierski
Staff Writer

Everyone has felt it; the curdled air's frantic electricity, the odor of pure adrenaline rushing between performer and spectator. Whether it's a Javanese Gamelan group, Slayer, or The Mormon Tabernacle Choir, there is no doubt that live music has a primal appeal. To have instituted the Campus Talent program, Green River Community College's Activities Coordinator must have felt this appeal. On Thursday, March 2, from noon to one, Campus Talent will introduce Dirty Crow, a self-described "power-pop" band. The trio consists of bassist Ben, drummer Cliff, and guitar/vocalist Bill.

They have been quite busy with recording an eight-song demo at Lorax Studios in Auburn. Will it be ready in time for their GRCC appearance? Possibly, but it's not a major concern, considering their

current low profile. Right now they are concentrating their efforts on capturing their own version of the pop sound. "It's come out sounding more punk-ish than we'd like it to," says Bill. Dirty Crow's influences come from such bands as The Beatles, Flop, Pure Joy, and Zumpano.

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All three members were from other bands before Dirty Crow, but nothing seemed to click until their union three years ago. Now they are possibly looking for a record label to call home along the lines of PopLlama or C/Z. They are also playing in the Deep Green Funk Festival in a couple of months and would like to say that they are very avail-

able for booking. Catch Dirty Crow Thursday, March 2nd, 12-1pm in the Lindbloom Student Center. For more information on Dirty Crow or Campus Talent contact Heide Nolte in Student Programs at 833-9111, extension 337.

Handler steals show in *Jolson Sings Again*

Newest Rep performance focuses on a bleak time in American History

Ron Lunsford
Assistant Editor

During an ugly period of American History known as McCarthyism, many of Hollywood's best screen writers and actors were stripped of their credentials and forced out of their fields. This act is portrayed brilliantly in the new Arthur Laurents play *Jolson Sings Again*.

Directed by Daniel Sullivan, the play opened at the Bagely Wright Theater Feb. 4 and depicts the events of four lives that were greatly affected by the anti-communist movement.

Jolson Sings Again uses great scenery combined with fast paced character development, to make the story flow very easily from the Broadway stages of New York, to the Hollywood big screens.

Dennis Boutsikaris (*The Jackie Thomas Show*) portrays what many may consider the lead role, Andreas, the Broadway director turned Hollywood mogul. His superb acting takes this character well beyond the rough and tough director, which it seems to be at the commencement of the show, developing it to the sensitive, caring person that we find in the end.

Laura Esterman, uses her vast experience in developing Robbie, a Hollywood agent, in to a compassionate woman that faces the tough decision of putting food on the table, against turning on her husband (Daniel Oreskes) and friends by testifying at the communist hearings.

Oreskes does the part of Robbie's husband, Sidney, justice with his foul mouth, excellent delivery of gut wrenching dialog, and overall appearance.

Even with the three remarkable performance this show would be well worth the price and the drive, but the show is stolen by Evan Handler's part as a Jewish homosexual playwright from New York, the show is a bargain at even twice the price. Handler, from the second he walks on stage, his non-chalant acting makes the character all too real.

The show delivers its message of governmental control, using pressure and scare tactics very easily. Plus, the performance highlights the problems confronting people when a decision of what is right and wrong is needed.

With tickets ranging in price

from \$13.50 to \$34.00 this show is not for the shallow pocketed, but tickets can be purchased at 1/2 price just before show time. More information on tickets and times to *Jolson Sings Again* is available by calling the Bagely Wright box office at 443-2222.

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GRCC student stars in upcoming movie

Denice Morgan
Special to the Current

Green River Community College student Candice Barth will be starring and singing in a new movie produced by Paramount Studios, called *The Singer*.

Barth, a karaoke host and professional singer, was discovered by talent scouts while working on a made-for-T.V. movie at Shooters Bar and Grill in Renton.

"A real singer comes out of the womb singing," Barth says.

She performed in concert with Bonnie Raitt and B.B. King at the University of Montana in Missoula in 1977 and has done voice work on television programs and commercials. In addition she is really interested in theater and hopes to perform in a musical.

Barth sings a variety of musical styles from jazz to rock and roll.

She hosts karaoke four nights a week lining up customers who are interested in singing in front of an audience.



Candice Barth performs at a local venue

photo by Denice Morgan

Barth is divorced and has two boys — Alexander, four, and Cameron, nine. She says, "They're both hams when it comes to karaoke."

She sings on Mondays and Thursdays at Shooters Bar and Grill in Renton, and also on Fridays and Saturdays at The Keg in Kent.

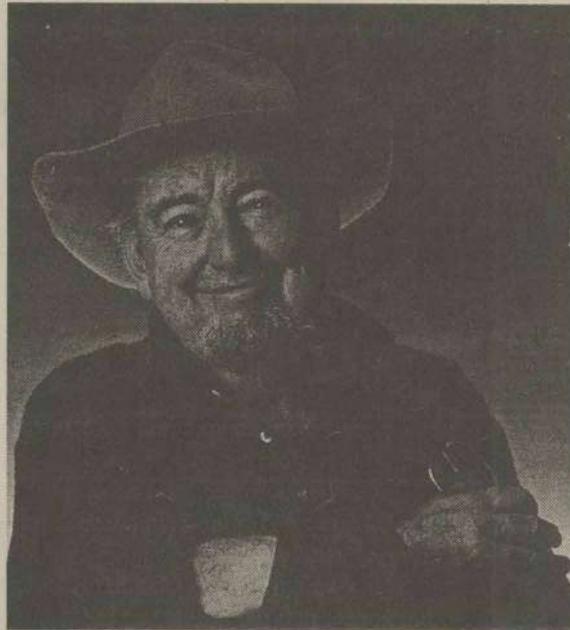
Keneally to participate in speaker series

Tiffany DeLong
Staff Writer

The Green River Community College Artists and Speakers Series presents author Thomas Keneally in the Lindbloom Student Center Thursday, February 23, at 7:30 p.m.

Thomas Keneally has received much recognition for *Schindler's List*, which details the life of a German industrialist and Nazi who during the Holocaust saved more than 1200 Jews by sheltering them in his factory. Schindler was a black marketer, and someone who thrived on war, he made millions from his Polish black market and dealing with the German Army. He also spent millions bribing Reich officials to keep Jews in his care away and safe from the Nazi extermination camps.

Thomas Keneally has written over 25 novels covering many different topics in such books as, "To Asmara", "The Chang



Keneally, author of *Schindler's List*, will speak on campus Feb. 23.

of Jimmy Blacksmith," "Flying Hero Class", and "Playmaker".

In 1982, Keneally won the Booker Prize, which he had four times short listed for. He won an Australian Emmy and was also offered rank of Commander of the British Empire by the British. Keneally also leads the Australian Republican movement, of which he was the inaugural chairman.

Thomas Keneally will be at GRCC on Feb. 23. Reserved tickets are \$15, and General Admission is \$12.

More information is available by contacting Jorge Alvarez at extension 337. Tickets are available by contacting the GRCC ticket office.

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even throw out the legal age because kids will be kids.

The prison system and the crime rate are two problems that contribute to the coaxing of citizens into giving more money for only short term assurance that everything is dandy in our society. The way I see it, our country is in denial. So many people are afraid or ashamed to face the facts that drugs are out there. Looking at this issue psychologically, when someone does not acknowledge or is unaware of his/her actions it can become problematic for that individual. Looking at the issue sociologically, when our country takes the approach of ignoring drugs and their availability it only makes the current situation worse. Stashing people in prisons for drug crimes is an easy way for people to feel good about the system. My hat is off to the government, they sure have a lot of people fooled. Although the crime rate has dropped in the last couple of years partly attributed to the war on drugs, there will always be one. A minuscule drop in a rate means nothing. We have to significantly

decrease the crime rate for the war on drugs to be hailed a success. There has not been a big enough dent in our crime rate to say that anything is working correctly. Both the prison system and the crime rate are costing our country an arm and a leg! By legalizing drugs, this can take the burden off overcrowding in prisons. As far as the crime rate is involved, maybe we will start to distribute our money to more serious areas of crime such as murder, fraud, rape and assault.

Something needs to be changed with how our country is approaching the issue of drugs and what they can potentially do for our future. We as citizens need to speak out on the issue of government money being used for the drug war. This is a time for our country to re-evaluate the consequences of wasting our money. If we keep steering our drug policy in the same direction, our country will eventually turn into one of the weakest and poorest nations in the world. The prison system, the crime rate and the national debt will be the death of this country, if we do not take more of a profit motivated approach to drug policy and law.

Recommended reading lists show that classics are still in

(NSNS) - A recent major study of vocabulary and reading materials required of high school and first-year college students shows that verbal expressions have changed dramatically, but literary masterpieces have remained much the same over the past half century.

Students today still are strongly encouraged to read the classics by Twain, Shakespeare and Hemingway, but the words that young people use themselves have shifted greatly since 1944, according to a report by the College Board.

For instance, last year students used the word "environment" 73 times per one million words, compared to just 14 times per million words in 1944. Similarly, words such as "ecology," "racism," and "telecommunications" were not used at all in the 1940's, but appeared about seven times per million words last year.

Other words such as "blithe" decreased in use since 1944, from seven words per million to only three words per million in 1994.

The works most recommended for reading by young people today are, in descending order, *The Scarlet Letter*, *Huckleberry Finn*, *The Great Gatsby*, *Great Expectations* and *Hamlet*.

The College Board Vocabulary Study is reportedly the largest undertaking of its kind since 1944. The new study was based on a comprehensive compilation of reading materials from curriculum surveys and guides, federal reports and recommended reading lists.

Consider This...

For years now, the public has been force fed formulaic movies full of unoriginal dialogue, unimaginative directing, bad acting and cheesy, melodramatic music. Chances are, you've allowed yourself to be polluted by cookie cutter Hollywood garbage like *Ghost*, *Home Alone II*, *Sister Act*, *Dirty Dancing*, *Indecent Proposal* and countless other forgettable movies (a large number of which star Steven Seagal, Jean Claude Van Damme, Charlie Sheen or Pauley Shore). If this is the case, it's about time you pulled your head out and started thinking for yourself.

I believe that you will be pleasantly surprised by the amount of entertaining, well-made, lower budget films that never made it to your local mall. You may be thinking, "I've seen some of those artsy-fartsy, critically acclaimed non-mainstream movies, and they sucked." This may be true, but not every "cult" movie is as boring as *The Piano* (although some, unfortunately, do show Harvey Keitel in the nude).

I have compiled a short but sweet list of killer movies available on video that you may have never seen, but will want to.

Reservoir Dogs Directed and written by Quentin Tarantino. Starring Harvey Keitel, Tim Roth, Michael Madsen, Chris Penn and Steve Buscemi. Released in 1992, this gangster movie is already a classic. Imagine *The Magnificent Seven* meets *Scarface*. There are more tough guys (Roth,, Keitel, Madsen) than you can shake a gun at. But the real reason why this movie is so killer is the dialogue, which is about as tough and gritty as your grandma's skin. *Reservoir Dogs* is the most quotable movie since *Full Metal Jacket*, and the coolest since *Taxi Driver*. Funniest scene: the opening sequence where the hired thugs discuss the real meaning of "Like a Virgin" and the validity of tipping.

King of New York Directed by Abel Ferrara. Starring Christopher Walken, Laurence Fishbourne, David Caruso, Wesley Snipes. Made a few years before *Reservoir Dogs*, this movie served as a prototype for all the gritty, grimy crime movies of the last few years. Walken (*The Deer Hunter*, *Pulp Fiction*) an accomplished but underrated actor, is convincing in the leading role.

But the real stars of the movie are Fishbourne and Caruso (that red-headed guy from *NYPD Blue*). Both are exciting and vicious in their supporting roles.

Red Rock West Starring Nicolas Cage and Dennis Hopper.

Recently released on video, this movie is reminiscent of the Coen brothers' *Blood Simple* with its endless double crosses and quirky humor. Cage stars as a regular Joe mistaken for a hired killer, played by Dennis Hopper (who plays the same psycho character he always plays). This movie will keep you guessing throughout.

The Last Boy Scout Directed by Tony Scott, starring Bruce Willis and Damon Wayans. Willis is the only big-time action star that matters, and I don't know if he's ever been better than in this movie. Anyone who liked his smart-ass character in *Die Hard*, will love this movie. Wayans is serviceable in his role as a former quarterback, but Willis just plain rocks as a lowlife detective. This movie is a must see for fans of westerns and action flicks. Coolest scene: Willis drives a guy's nose through his brain with a vicious uppercut.

Sirens Starring Hugh Grant and Elle McPherson. Three words: Elle McPherson naked.

Killing Zoe Directed by Roger Avary, starring Eric Stoltz and Julie Delpy. Tarantino's *Pulp Fiction* co-writer makes a super-duper debut in this bank robbing flick. You'll fall in love with Julie Delpy, a future superstar.

So instead of following the herd to see the newest flavor of the month at the mall or watching another boring sequel, go rent these lovely cinematic masterpieces.. Your mind, soul and testosterone will thank you.



by Tony Tost

Gator women claim victory over Pierce

Tiffany DeLong
Staff Writer

Ranking second in the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges, the Green River Community College women's basketball team claimed a 68-67 victory over Pierce Wednesday, Feb. 8.

Carrie Brazil and Julie Orth brought the Gators to their victory sinking their free throws. Orth scored a game high of 34 points, following a technical foul call, then made a free throw with 25 seconds left, boosting the Gators up 67-68. Brazil came back sinking

two more free throws after the Raiders had fouled her.

Seconds left in the game with the Raiders trailing just behind the Gators, Pierce sank the last shot of the game with the sound of the buzzer. It was a close game, but the Gators still came out on top, pushing the Raiders back.

At press time, scores for yesterday's game against South Puget Sound at Olympia were not yet available. The next game will be Saturday against Centralia at GRCC.

Games start at 6:00 and the Gators are doing great this season so come and support them on there home ground on Saturday.

Scholarship opportunities for Gator women golfers

Jerry Weatherhogg & Ron Lunsford
Staff Writer

With the snows of winter finally passing, golfers everywhere are making a pilgrimage into their garages to fetch that faithful bag of sticks.

The Green River Community College women's golf team is hoping a few of those bags belong to talented students who attend school here. Not only do the team members get to play three afternoons a week at one of the nicest courses in the Northwest — Meridian Valley Country Club in Kent — but the chances of receiving a scholarship are extremely good.

The scholarships pay for approximately 1/3 of tuition, free apparel, golf balls, greens fees and meal money for tournaments.

Players interested in obtaining a scholarship must be a full-

time student at GRCC, carrying at least 12 credits. Although no experience is required, Gator golf coach Pat Jenkins is hoping players of moderate to higher ability will participate.

Matches for the upcoming season include the City Championship at Hi Cedars in Puyallup, as well as other scheduled matches at courses such as Bellingham Country Club, Northshore Golf and Country Club in Tacoma, Ocean Shores Golf and Country Club, Oakbrook Golf and Country Club, and Lake Padden Golf Course in Bellingham.

Other possible courses may include Olympia Golf and Country Club and Capitol City Golf Course.

Tryouts begin Wednesday, March 1. Arrangements may be made through Jenkins at extension 433 on campus, or by calling 840-5476.

Men's B-ball shocks Columbia

Julia Greene
Staff Writer

Executing their offensive and defensive plays almost to perfection, the Gators defeated the #1 ranked Lower Columbia Red Devils 91 to 82. "It was a good win for us and it was the biggest win in Gator history," commented an excited Aaron Kennedy.

"A great win for our program. Lower Col. was ranked #1 in the entire NWAACC and we played great. The kids are doing super," Gator Basketball Head Coach Matt Thacker said.

"It was a great win and it puts us in a good position (for the playoffs)," Freshman Guard Mark Warren added.

"I thought it was a great game for us to go into Wednesday night's game against South Puget Sound with a great deal of momentum behind us," Freshman Point Guard Quilly Glover said.

On Feb. 8th, the Green River Community College men's basketball team defeated the Pierce Raiders 78 to 61 at GRCC. At GRCC, the Gators mounted a 20-0 run, which lasted the final 2:20 of the first half and the first five minutes of the second, and led by at least nine from that point forward.

Todd Kennedy led the Gators with 23 points, and Warren added 13. Wendell Krohn scored seven points and grabbed eight of the Gators' 39 rebounds.

"It was a great team effort. We were missing Eddie Turner (ankle) and Tichenor and Aaron Kennedy were sick," Thacker said.

"I thought it was a good win for us and keep us in the race for the playoffs," Krohn said.

On Saturday, Feb. 4th, the Gators achieved a victory over the Tacoma Titans 94 to 88 at GRCC. "We had a better understanding of what we were trying to play towards in the 2nd

half," Thacker commented.

"It was a big game and in the 1st half we started off slow and they got up by 17 and in the 2nd half we picked up our intensity and pulled out the victory," Tichenor explained.

The Green River Community College Men's Basketball team is 12-10 overall and 7-5 in Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges (NWAACC) in league play. The Gators have one more game left in the 1994-95 season, Saturday, Feb. 18th at GRCC at 8:00 p.m. against Centralia.

**"It was a good win for us and it was the biggest win in Gator history."
Aaron Kennedy**

Student participation in winter intramurals exceeds expectations

Julia Greene
Staff Writer

Green River's Intramural sports programs are in full swing for the winter of 1995. All three sports experienced good turn-outs, with a wide diversity of skill levels between the teams.

Of three-on-three basketball, Alex Roberts, Director of Intramural Sports, said, "It's hard to tell who's gonna be the front runner." Roberts also said there was a "Pretty good turn-out in teams, and in pickleball there is an uneven number of teams, and one team sits one out each week." In indoor soccer, three-on-three basketball, and pickleball, however, Roberts said, "Not all teams have been playing several matches every week."

In doubles pickleball, Team 3, McVay-Akutagawa lead the sport with a record of 4-0. The teams of Collins-Mahoney, Henry-Jones, and Peterson-Rosenbrock are locked in a three-way tie for second at 3-1. This includes all of the matches through February 9.

As of Feb 6, in three-on-three basketball, "The Team to Beat," has run their

See Intramurals on Pg. 14

Basketball Schedule

Men's and Women's games are at the same location starting at 8:00 pm and 6:00 pm respectively

Saturday February 18,
Centralia @ GRCC

Spring Sports

Men's Tennis

- 4-4 - Bellevue @ GRCC
- 4-7 - GRCC @ Lewis & Clark
- 4-8 - GRCC @ Portland State
- 4-11 - GRCC @ Shoreline
- 4-12 - GRCC @ WWU
- 4-14 - Columbia Basin @ GRCC

Women's Softball

- 3-3 - GRCC @ Central Washington Univ.
- 3-25/26 - GRCC @ Lower Columbia
- 3-31 - SW Oregon @ GRCC
- 4-1 - Columbia @ GRCC
- 4-4 - Olympic @ GRCC
- 4-7 - GRCC @ Grays Harbor
- 4-8 - South Puget Sound @ GRCC
- 4-11 - GRCC @ Pierce
- 4-12 - Clackamas @ GRCC

Men's Baseball

- 3-19 - GRCC @ Canadian N.B.I.
- 3-23/25 - Chemeketa Invit. @ Gresham, Ore.
- 3-26 - GRCC @ Mt. Hood, Ore.
- 4-1 - GRCC @ Bellevue
- 4-2 - GRCC @ Centralia

Women's Tennis

- 4-5 - Bellevue @ GRCC
- 4-7 - GRCC @ Pacific University
- 4-8 - GRCC @ Lindfield College
- 4-11 - GRCC @ Shoreline
- 4-14 - Columbia Basin @ GRCC

Men's & Women's Golf

- 3-23 - City Championship @ Hi Cedars
- 3-27/28 - Willamette Invit. @ Illahee Hills
- 3-30/31 - St. Martin Invit. @ TBA
- 4-10/11 - Green River Invit. @ Northshore
- 4-17 - NWAACC Western Div. @ Aberdeen

Student Government and

These are proposed by-law changes and additions for the ASGRCC By-laws. Any student wishing to make comments should bring them to the student programs office in the LSC building and give them to Jenny Robertson or Gary Goodale

ARTICLE IV STUDENT SENATE

Section 2 - Weekly Meetings and Workshops

At least one member of the Senate, other than the ASGRCC Vice President, must attend a Judicial Board meeting for its entirety.

Section 5 - Submission of Bills to Senate.

First reading. The bill must be presented to the chairman of the Senate at least one day prior to the meeting, at which time the bill will be assigned an exclusive bill number by the ASGRCC Secretary and be presented to the senate at a **formal meeting**.

b. The bill will be read to the senate in its entirety, **under new business** including the name(s) of the proposing senator(s).

Second reading

a. After appropriate committee action, if any, the bill will be resubmitted to the Senate under old business at the following formal meeting.

b. Discussion and normal voting procedures shall follow.

ARTICLE V JUDICIAL BOARD

Section 1 - Membership

6. The Chief Justice and Four members of the board, with at least one freshman and two sophomore, shall be appointed, ratified, and sworn in by the last Senate Meeting of Spring Quarter, unless the positions are filled by returning justices.

Two teams perfect Indoor Soccer

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record to a perfect 4-0. Bio Maniacs and OutKasts, are in a two way tie for second at 3-1, with Black Men and The Goods are Tied, 2-2, only two games out.

In indoor soccer, Kuwaiti Team and Soccer Geeks are undefeated, 1-0. Pan American and Q 8 are in a two way tie with 2 points each, and they are 1-1.

Wayne Rosenbrock, a faculty member, commented on team-pickleball, "It's a good game for exercise at noon"

Justin Anderson, GRCC student, was happy that he had arranged time for indoor soccer from 1 to 2 p.m. in the gym on Fridays. He said he was "definitely glad, it took time to put soccer into the intramural program."

Basketball from 12-1 pm in the gym on Monday's and Wednesday's was okay with Chris DeCastro a member of The Team to Beat and a member of the Gator Men's Basketball team. He said, "I am glad because this is my only chance to play competitively."

In response to the interest in these sports programs, Roberts said, "Intramurals is going well and we are one of the most active two-year colleges in Washington. We are active because we believe that involved students are also academically more invested in GRCC."

Announces By-law Changes

- 7. The remaining four members of the board shall be appointed within three weeks of fall quarter, for one academic year.
- 8. At least one member of the Judicial Board, other than the Chief Justice, must attend either a Senate Workshop or meeting for its entirety.

Section 5 - Interpretation and Enforcement of ASGRCC Constitution and By-Laws

7. The judicial Board shall have the authority to ratify all By-laws based on its interpretation of the constitution and existing by-laws.

ARTICLE V ELECTIONS

Section 1 - Spring Elections

3. The ASGRCC President, Vice President, and Chief Justice shall be sworn in at the last official Senate meeting of the spring quarter.

Section 5 - Campaign Policies

- 1. Campaign spending by candidates for ASGRCC President and Vice President shall be limited to \$200.00 on advertising and materials.
- 2. Campaign spending by all other candidates shall be limited to \$100.00.
- 3. Candidates are allowed donations, limited up to \$500.00 for each entire campaign subject to approval by the ASGRCC Judicial Board.

ARTICLE VIII DATE TO TAKE EFFECT

These ASGRCC Constitutional By-Laws take effect and shall supersede all previous ASGRCC By-Laws. All of the alterations to the ASGRCC Constitution By-Laws by the By-Laws Committee shall become effective immediately upon approval of the Senate **and Judicial Board**, unless a longer duration of time is added to the bill by the — sponsoring senator or senators.

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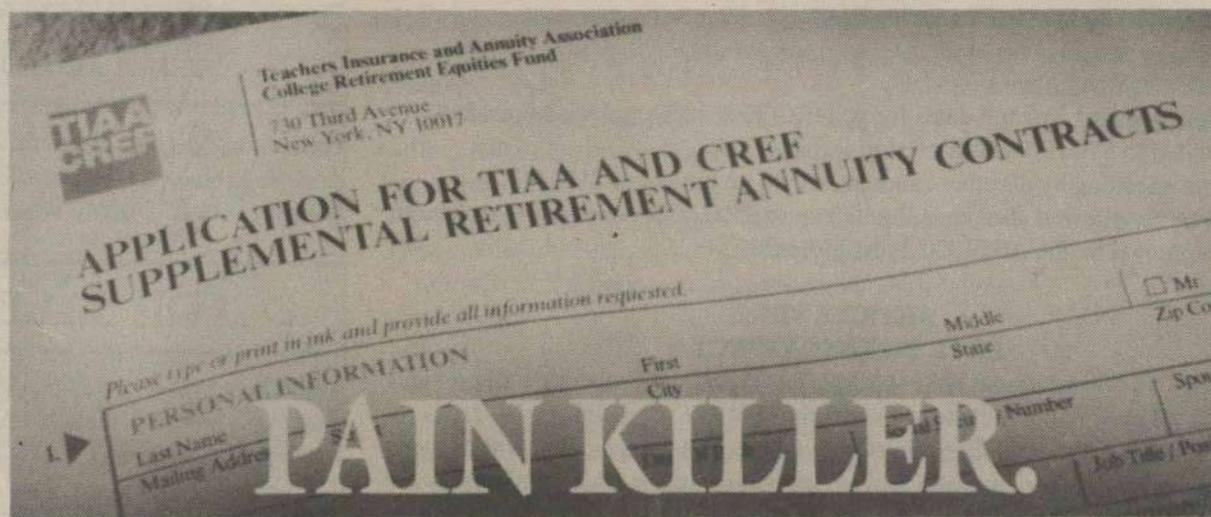
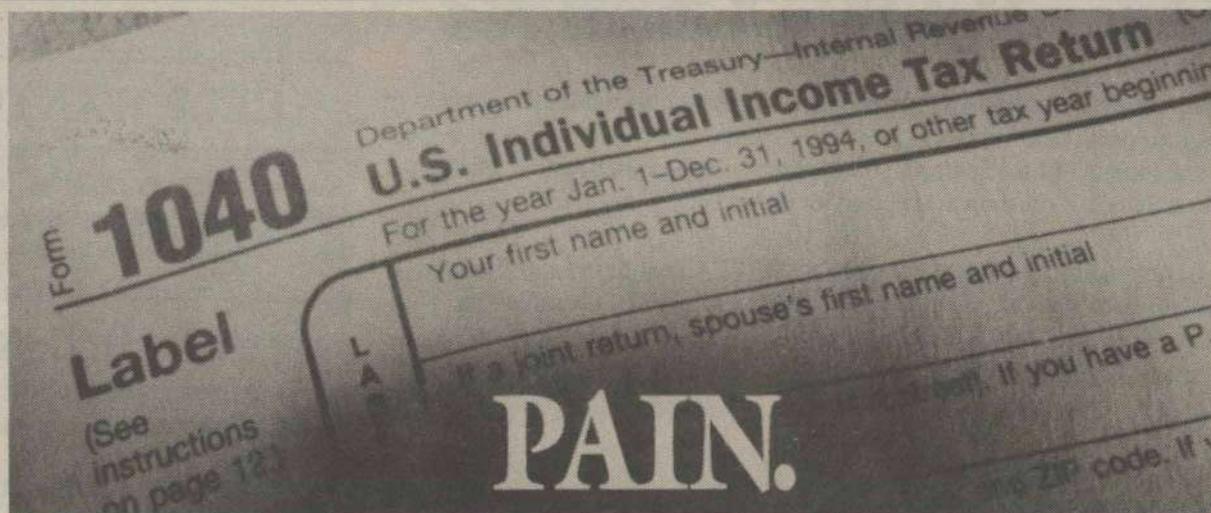
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