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Pickets and pins show unhappiness of 'Gang of Ninety'

By Amy Nielson  
Guest Reporter

Instructors who began picketing at the entrances to Green River Community College last month say they are fed up with the administration's disinterest towards the teachers.

According to the college's faculty members, the administration is guilty of wasting time and avoiding contract negotiations. Many are angry that the administration has let the negotiations moving. A meeting to discuss their options has been scheduled, at which point they will make some decisions. In order to bring the administration's attention to the problem, about 50 instructors first went to the Board of Trustees meeting, where Jerry Hedland, president of the United Faculty, gave a brief presentation to the administration, discussing the faculty's concerns. When that failed, the union elected to picket. Meanwhile, the teachers are still without a contract.

Georgina Goldberg, an English instructor, says, "As long as the administration honors the old contract, so will we." However, the instructors are concerned that the administration is "power hungry."

Faculty members also worry that the administration will begin to make changes where they have no business doing so. For instance, when faculty openings are announced, a faculty committee narrows the field to three teachers that they feel are worth hiring. But the administration chooses the one actually hired.

Now that their contract has ended, the instructors feel the administration may take the U.F.'s selection of teachers away and select their own teachers, without giving the U.F. any decision at all in the matter.

Besides picketing during their breaks between classes, many instructors have been showing support for each other by wearing pins that say "Gang of Ninety." "Gang of Ninety" was originally "Gang of Nine" when, six years ago, administrators said in reference to similar complaints, "Every one is happy except the nine of you." Now the faculty thinks that unhappiness has spread so much through contract disputes that the number of those disgruntled has grown to 90.

A negotiations information sheet has been distributed on campus that outlines exactly why the faculty is picketing, and the reasons for their unhappiness.

It says:

"The faculty/administration contract, which deals with the day to day operations of the college, has expired. The United Faculty bargaining team has been making proposals since March 1, but the administrative negotiators either have been unwilling to present serious proposals or have been unwilling to negotiate at all.

Our major concern is participation in decision making at the college. Salary is not an issue. In fact, few issues directly involve money. The administration is attempting to

\*erode the job security of part time faculty,



Hank Galmish, Roger Knutson and Dave Mowrer stand in the parking lot with other faculty members to picket the administration's unwillingness to negotiate the contract that has expired. The major concern of the faculty is participation in decision making at the college.

Photo by Patti Rathbun

\*refuse administrative accountability to faculty, staff, and students,

\*reject increased opportunities for faculty to update and retrain,

\*deny adequate office space for full and part time faculty, and

\*deny the United Faculty's right to bargain for all GRCC faculty.

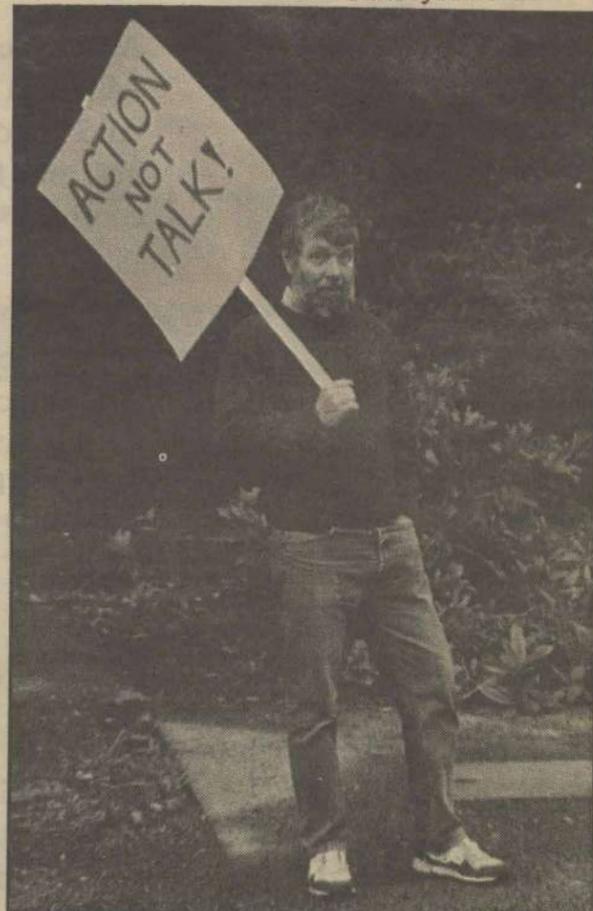
Green River teachers, like other American workers, have the legal right to bargain our working conditions. We do not want that right--or those

conditions for which we have already bargained--eroded. We see these issues as simple and non-inflammatory. We would like to see the issue settled before we leave for the summer. It can only be more difficult in the fall."

At press time, the administration was unavailable for comment and their point of view was unclear to *The Current*.

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—GRCC faculty



Faculty/Gang of Ninety member pickets for the faculty's legal right to bargain their working conditions. The faculty would like to settle the issue before the fall because they feel it will only be worse in the fall.

Photo by Patti Rathbun

Omega security contract up, renewed

By Chris Davis  
Staff Reporter

The GRCC Security Committee has decided to continue with the services of Omega Security Systems for the next school year. The decision was made in consideration of cost, skill, experience, and education. The current Director of Parking and owner of the security company, Nick Smith will also return.

Smith is proud of their performance this year. The parking director said that he went to administration and begged them for enough funding to hire another person. He admits that

there is currently a problem with one person or a small group of people breaking into cars. Smith has sought the help of the King County Police to assist in solving the matter. Even with the current outbreak, thefts have been reduced by half. The parking director feels that while the decision on parking fees is up to the Board of Trustees, an increase will be unlikely.

Student Government has made some suggestions for security including better lighting and the numbering of spaces. The gravel parking lot was built last year, and for the first time, there was enough parking for everyone on the first day of fall quarter.

## Commencement features awards honoring students, faculty

By Kathy Hanks  
Staff Reporter

With a final toss of the tassel and adjustment of the traditional cap and gown Green River Community College will wrap up a year-long silver anniversary celebration with its 25th commencement this evening honoring students and faculty.

Commencement is the end of one chapter and the beginning of a new one for students venturing onward to a four-year college or university, moving up in a professional career or vocation, or attaining personal betterment. It's a new beginning for a hopeful and successful perspective future.

Of the more than 830 students eligible to participate in the ceremony, college officials expect 265 to turn out for the 8 p.m. event in the college gymnasium. All students successfully completed programs during the 1989-90 school year encompassing summer, fall, winter and spring quarters.

According to Joan Mason, GRCC administrative assistant, the graduation ceremony is "a very traditional commencement patterned after the tradition of four-year schools."

Commencement exercises will feature special award presentations including an award for outstanding top graduating student, two awards going to distinguished faculty members, and an award for distinguished alumnus.

The President's Award is given to the outstanding student who has demonstrated professional promise, outstanding citizenship, personal qualities and grade point average. Candidates are nominated by the college community and the winner is voted for by faculty and administrators. Because this is a special award, the winner's name is withheld until the evening's festivities.

The two Distinguished Faculty Awards are presented by Green River Foundation and Puget

Sound Power and Light. The faculty recipients are recognized for distinguished service to education by their teaching and professional involvement within the campus and/or community.

The two winners, whose names will be announced at commencement, are selected by faculty and administrators. Prior to voting, six finalists are chosen following a nomination and screening process which included students, staff, the Green River Board of Trustees, and Green River Foundation. The six finalists are Bernard Bleha, art instructor; chemistry instructor Randall Engel; Judy Duthie, instructor in business education; geology and environmental science instructor Robert Filson; physical education instructor Larry Tumbull; and Jeff Clausen, philosophy instructor at Green River.

Green River graduate, Fritz Johnston, receives the Distinguished Alumnus Award, which is presented to the student who exhibits distinction through community service, personal achievement or public recognition. The winner is chosen by a selection committee including alumni, staff and administrators.

Among other members of the graduating class who'll be honored tonight are the winners of the Academic and Vocational Awards presented to students who have attained a 4.0 cumulative grade point average in an academic transfer or two-year program; Leadership and Service Awards are given to those students who have demonstrated outstanding leadership or have contributed to a major service project on campus; the Division Awards go to students selected as outstanding in an instructional division's program; and the Multicultural Award is presented to the student who has demonstrated academic promise and has made an outstanding contribution to the on-campus ethnic minority population.

In addition, those students graduating with honors by achieving outstanding grade point

averages receive honor cords worn at commencement and are recognized in the program. These are awarded as follows:

	GPA
Highest Honors	3.75
High Honors	3.50
Honors	3.25

Other participants at the college's 25th commencement are the Program Marshal and Dean of Instruction at Green River, Robert Lawrence, Green River's Board of Trustees, GRCC President Richard A. Rutkowski and Stacie Parmley, sophomore class president.

A reception honoring graduates and faculty immediately follows commencement in the Lindbloom Student Center.

### 1990 Commencement Awards Recipients

#### Academic

Emily Nagel  
Ann Putnam  
Darlene Todd  
Marsha Vanbeurden  
Karen Webster

#### Leadership

Lloyd Brown  
Amanda Fox  
Emily Nagel  
Stacie Parmley

#### Vocational

Samuel Bell  
Heidi Daniels  
Dina Dietz  
Gary Fuchs  
Susan Gremmler  
Julie Martin  
Ellen Mauler  
Della Petrie  
Jennifer Rodrigues  
Pamela Scott  
Patty Stambaugh  
Erma Stangland  
Rhonda Stufflebeam  
Dena Usher  
Christina Wagner

#### Service

Kellie Earley  
Jennifer Gue  
Coreen Smith

#### Division

Joe Schafer- technology  
Roberta Bell- social science  
Kathy Royal- business  
Kim Sweet- humanities  
Christina Wagner- health occupation  
Emily Nagel- fine arts

#### Distinguished

#### Alumnus

Fritz Johnston

#### Multicultural

Rose Mary Mukalazi

### Spring Quarter Finals Schedule

Tuesday, June 12 Study Day

Wednesday, June 13

8 am to 10 am

11 am to 1 pm

2 pm to 4 pm

4 pm to 6 pm

All 8 am classes

All 11 am classes

All 3 pm classes

Test time for classes with conflicts.\* Noon classes

Thursday, June 14

8 am to 10 am

11 am to 1 pm

2 pm to 4 pm

4 pm to 6 pm

All 9 am classes

All 1 pm classes

All 4 pm classes

Test time for classes with conflicts.\*

Friday, June 15

8 am to 10 am

11 am to 1 pm

2 pm to 4 pm

All 10 am classes

All 2 pm classes

Tuesday-Thursday classes that do not fit regular schedule time. Test time for classes with conflicts.

\*Exceptions to this schedule require arrangements with the appropriate Dean of Instruction.

### KGRG, Current winners Student Programs hands out annual awards

By Denise Guerrero  
Staff Reporter

Student Programs and Student Government handed out their annual awards on May 30 in the main dining area of the Lindbloom Student center. "Pride through Achievement" was the theme of the banquet which was attended by honored guests and their family and friends.

Awards were given out for involvement and dedication in Student Senate, and Judicial Board. Additional awards went to Lauren Morgan, Chris Gleason, Andrew Miller, Mitch Cook, and John Kephart, editors of The Current.

"I was completely taken by surprise that I won an award. I've always wanted to have my name engraved on a paper weight," joked Kephart.

Management of KGRG were also honored. They are Denise Robbins, Laura Vautier, Lloyd

Brown, and adviser John Ramsey.

Cheri Berghamer, for her assistance with graphics, and Holli Milner were recognized for their work as student helpers.

In Scheduling, Chris Fuller, Kathy Johnson, and Duse' Gibson were thanked. Staff members involved in student program activities were also honored.

For entertainment, Crystal McDaniel, a Freshman Senator, performed songs from Amy Grant, and Michael W. Smith.

Guest speaker Betty Whitney stressed how skills gained through involvement in leadership positions contribute to a successful career. Green River Community College Associated Student Body Vice President Amanda Fox, who organized the event, said, "The banquet was a big success, and a great way to end a successful year."

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# Gator's men show winning form... Green River Baseball ties for third at NWAACC Tournament

By John Winsor  
Sports Reporter

Making their first appearance at the conference championships in seven years, the Green River Baseball team claimed a tie for third place in the NWAACC tournament. The Gators opened the tournament with a 14-3 thrashing of Yakima, and then went on to defeat Edmonds 7-5 in second round play. The semi-finals saw the Gators drop a 7-2 decision to eventual tournament champion Lower Columbia. Walla Walla then came from behind to eliminate Green River by a score of 11-10.

Lower Columbia won the title by breezing through its first four games, and then holding off the tough Walla Walla squad 2-1 in the finals. The Warriors took second place in their first ever tournament appearance. Third place was split between the Bellevue Helmsmen, and the Gators. Yakima, Edmonds, Linn-Benton, and Mt. Hood did not place.

### Green River 14, Yakima 3.

The Gators exploded for four runs in the bottom of the first inning and never looked back. Two singles and a walk loaded the bases for Darrell Cloud who stroked the first pitch he saw over the score board in left center field for a grand slam home run. Todd McDougall led off the fourth inning by crushing a 1-2 pitch over the center field wall giving Green River a 6-0 lead. The route was on. In the sixth inning, with the bases loaded and the Gators leading 10-3, McDougall took the first pitch deep to left field for his second home run of the day; nailing the coffin closed on the Indians. The grand slam gave McDougall 5 RBI and three runs scored on the day. Scott Thompson held Yakima in check

for eight innings to earn his 12th victory of the season.

### Green River 7, Edmonds 5.

Jeff Zehnder led off the game with a single, stole second and later scored as the Gators jumped out to a 7-1 lead and coasted home for the 7-5 victory. Curt Grindley pitched an outstanding seven innings for the victory and Griffin Haddix retired the final six Triton batters to earn the save.

### Lower Columbia 7, Green River 2.

Todd McDougall drove in Darrell Cloud with a two out single in the top of the first inning to give the Gators a 1-0 lead. The Red Devils responded with two runs in the bottom half of the inning and never trailed again. Mike Fierke pitched very well for the Gators, but Red Devil starter Jeff Smith held Green River's hitters in check and coasted home for the victory.

### Walla Walla 11, Green River 10.

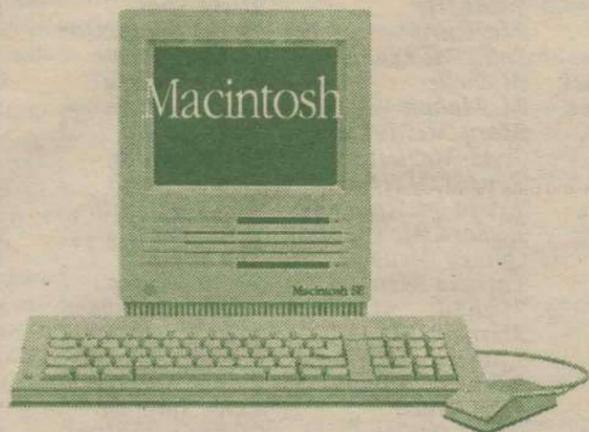
Scoring five runs in the first, one run in the second, and four runs in the third, the Gators jumped out to a 10-3 lead and appeared to have the game in hand. However, the Warriors kept chipping away and took the lead in the seventh inning when Green River botched a run down between third and home. Todd McDougall had three hits and three RBI, and Darrell Cloud rapped two hits and scored twice to pace the Gator attack. Starter Scott Thompson lasted into the fifth inning and left the game with a four run lead, but the relief corps could not hold down the Warrior offense.

Third place was a good achievement for the team, and their were some outstanding personal achievements as well. Darrell Cloud was voted tournament all-star at first base, and Todd McDougall was a tournament all-star at third base.



The Gators men in their true team form after a winning season. Photo by Steve Sanders

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