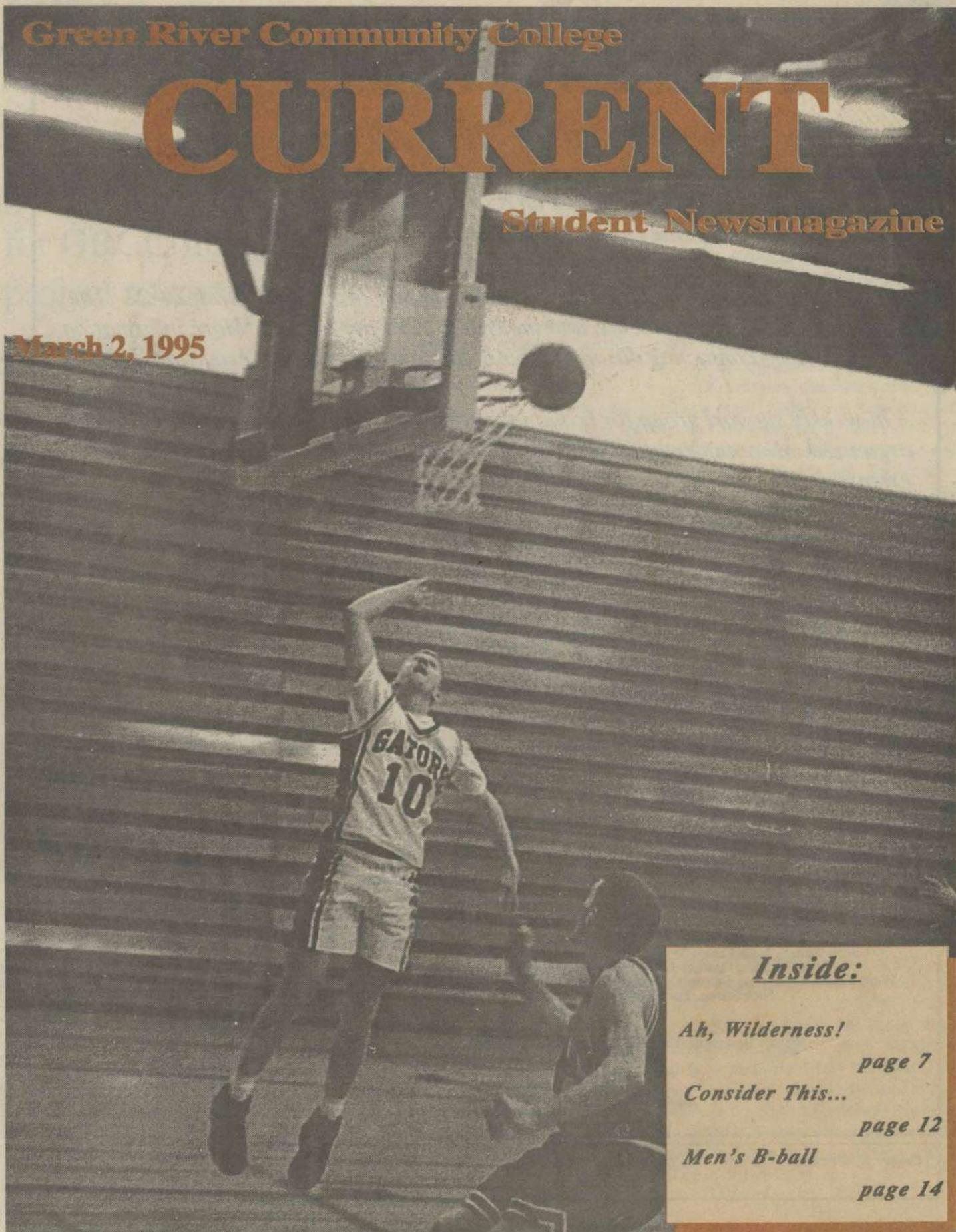


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COMING EVENTS

International Programs at GRCC will be celebrating Cultural Week March 6 through March 10. Scheduled events include Calypso music, March 6; a Cultural Fair and International Dinner, March 8; a fashion/talent show, March 9; and international foods in the cafeteria, March 10.

International Programs will be hosting a trip to San Francisco March 24-27. The trip is available to all students, and the cost is \$275 per person. More information is available by contacting Jason Shaffer in Student Programs at extension 337.

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: Mark Tichenor of the GRCC men's basketball team uses his aggressive moves against "the enemy."

Photo by: Nicolette Moser

Big money, surging River dammed

Officials try to generate support for GRCC library project as state government "overlooks" college vision

*Heather Gilley
Staff Writer*

A hearing was conducted in Olympia Friday, Feb. 24, by Washington State's House of Representatives capital budget committee to discuss their plans for the 1995-1997 capital budget.

Green River Community College student Darrel Frame and community member Wayne Heisserman testified before the committee, presenting their reasons as to why the GRCC library renovation project should be included in the House of Representative's capital spending plans for the next two years. They are hoping to do the when the time comes for the Senate to put together their capital budget. According to GRCC Director of Public Information John Ramsey, the library project was unfortunately neglected by Washington State Governor Mike Lowry's plans for capital spending.

"It's almost mandatory to be included in the House budget to have a shot at all at being funded," stated Ramsey.

The state allows for two budgets, an operating budget and the capital budget. The

operating budget covers all expenses required for regular yearly operations such as salaries, supplies, and basic maintenance. The capital budget, on the other hand, covers large projects such as land acquisitions, major construction and remodeling, and critical repairs. GRCC's project was the 13th project overall on a list of 20 proposed capital projects put together and presented to the governor by the State Board of Community and Technical Colleges. When this list reached the governor, GRCC was overlooked.

Now the only hope is

library's books. According to Jim Grossman, director of learning resources at GRCC, roughly \$30,000 is spent on periodicals annually. This pays for 350 periodical titles. If GRCC is allowed the funds to purchase periodicals by CD-ROM, it will only cost \$7500 for 400 titles. The money left over could, perhaps, be put towards purchasing more recent books. Right now, GRCC spends roughly \$10,000 to \$15,000 on books a year, much of which is in the form of money such as supplemental grants.

The next two weeks are crucial. The House's capital budget committee will put together their budget by March 10. If GRCC's efforts are fruitful, the college will be included in that budget. If not, it faces a wait of another two years before the next capital budget is created,

which risks additional costs. Inflation alone could add another \$1.2 million to the project's expenses.

A new building permit, which cost \$74,000, will have to be purchased if delayed, not to mention any other expenses resulting in the need to comply with any code changes that may occur within the next two years.

"It is looking more promising than it did three weeks ago—we seem to be getting additional support outside of our local coalition of legislators," said Ramsey.

Anyone who wishes to get involved may reach local legislators by calling the legislative hotline at 1-800-562-6000. Letters may also be written and mailed to legislators at the State Legislature, Olympia, WA, 98504. Further information may be obtained by contacting John Ramsey at 833-9111 ext. 361.

The plans for the library not only include building renovations, but updating technology.

to impress upon the House of Representatives and the Senate how important it is that the library project is funded. The goal is to be included in the capital budget plans when members of the House and Senate meet in late April to start constructing the overall budget.

The plans for the library not only include building renovations, but updating technology. College officials hope to provide additional access to the Internet, computer labs for general use by all students, and periodicals accessed by CD-ROM.

Replacing hard-copy periodicals with CD-ROM could save a large sum of money that could be put toward updating the

New health coordinator hired at GRCC

*Rene Gagnier
Staff Writer*

Green River Community College is working to promote a healthy student body.

Julie French, the newly-hired Health Services Coordinator for the college, will link people to the proper health care system through physician referral, by referring them to a program, or through counseling. She will also maintain information on many topics, and hopes "to be seen as a resource" for students interested in health care.

"I am here to promote wellness on campus through integrating programs of the students' interests," said French.

French is organizing the health fair for

April 25 in the Lindbloom Student Center. This fair is interactive, and all types of students will be involved. The fair, entitled "Taking Charge of Your Health," will be somewhat like last year's, but will contain many more items.

French is currently putting together a survey to know what interests students have at GRCC. The health risk analysis assesses a person's lifestyle according to their health habits. The result of the survey will be the student's health age versus their real age. This is a good tool to use because it "opens the eyes of students" as to what their lifestyle is, according to French.

French is planning a women's health

program for International Women's Week in March. A blood drive will also be conducted on April 27. Last year the goal was exceeded by attaining 64 units of blood, and this year they hope to do the same. Each unit of blood will save three lives, according to French.

Students are needed to volunteer their time to the blood drive and to promote the health fair. Interested students should contact Julie French at extension #330 or stop by Health Services in the Lindbloom Center.

"I would like to hear from students in order to plan programs of their interest," French stated.

Abundance of student loans in default may cause problems for some community colleges

*Honor Currey
Staff Writer*

Every fiscal year hundreds of thousands of college students go into default on their student loans in the United States.

This overwhelming problem has caused the Federal Government and the U.S. Department of Education to crack down hard on institutions with such high default rates.

Not only does this problem cause taxpayers millions of dollars, it puts in jeopardy the schools' future eligibility for federally-funded financial aid. Many students, as a result, will not receive the necessary funds needed in order to obtain a college education.

In Washington alone, to name a few, both North and South Seattle Community Colleges have already had to cancel their student loan programs. It takes an approximate default rate of 20 percent for the government to refuse federal funds, unless the school is under mandate to take specific de-

Government crack down!

fault reduction measures, or if the total dollar amount of loans entering repayment in each fiscal year on which the default rate over 20% is based does not exceed \$100,000.

The Federal Government has already implemented guidelines into the student loan programs by method of the Federal Registrar. These rules and regulations state measures to be taken to reduce defaults by drop-outs or defaults related to the borrowers difficulty in finding employment, and measures to improve borrowers understanding and respect for the loan repayment obligation.

At this time Green River Community College is on the verge of losing its eligibility for federal funding. The only way to ensure that GRCC maintains its eligibility for federal funds is by encouraging the repayment of these loans in default. Along with measures that the schools are taking, there is also a new option open to students in default or students that may be facing default on their student loans.

The Federal government is willing to

make out somewhat of a payment plan for students in need. A student has the option of making payments according to what the individual student is capable of based on income and expenses. Students are encouraged to look into this new option as a means to repay their loans. Doing so will not only allow the funding to continue to be available to other students in need, but other, much harsher ramifications will be avoided. Such ramifications include possible wage garnishment, pursuit by collection agencies, and permanent marks on credit records that may likely create great difficulty in obtaining anything based on credit.

Also, the government is now collecting income tax refunds as a means of payment for those in default on their loans. Information on this option and other information regarding student loans can be obtained in the GRCC Financial Aid Department or by contacting the U.S. Department of Education.

DEX students qualify for nationals

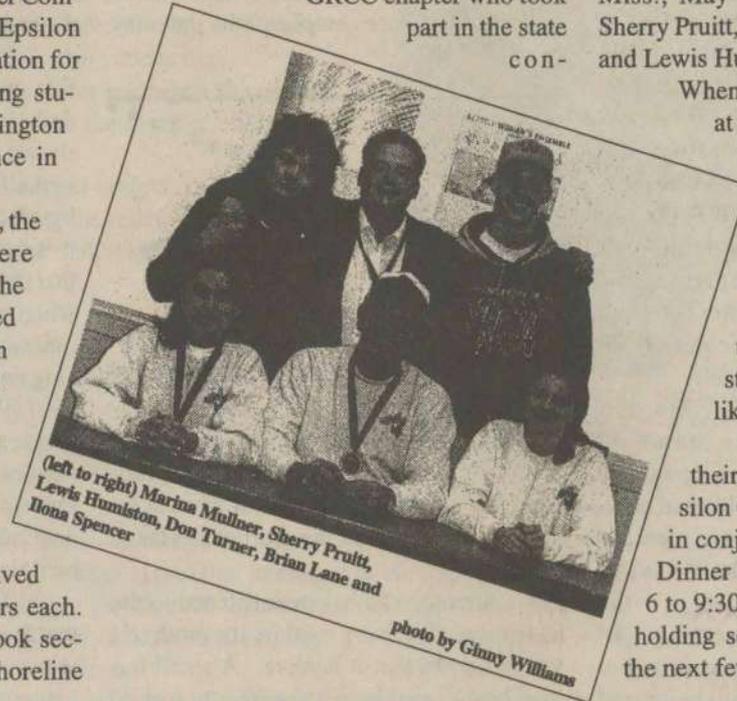
Ginny Williams
News Director

Six members of the Green River Community College chapter of Delta Epsilon Chi, the national collegiate organization for business management and marketing students, recently attended the Washington Delta Epsilon Chi State Conference in Everett, February 23.

The three areas of competition, the first of which was role-play, were spread out over a four day period. The role-playing consisted of an arranged group of participants who were given a hypothetical real-life scenario and ten minutes to act it out in front of a panel of three judges. The second event was a 100 question test which was taken individually.

The third event was referred to as the Quiz Bowl. It involved several groups, with four contenders each. The group competing for GRCC took second place in the Quiz Bowl, with Shoreline

grabbing first and Spokane Falls taking third. Among the six members from the GRCC chapter who took part in the state conference, four went on to qualify for the nationals conference to be held in St. Louis, Miss., May 6-10. The competitors are Sherry Pruitt, Don Turner, Marina Mullner, and Lewis Humiston.

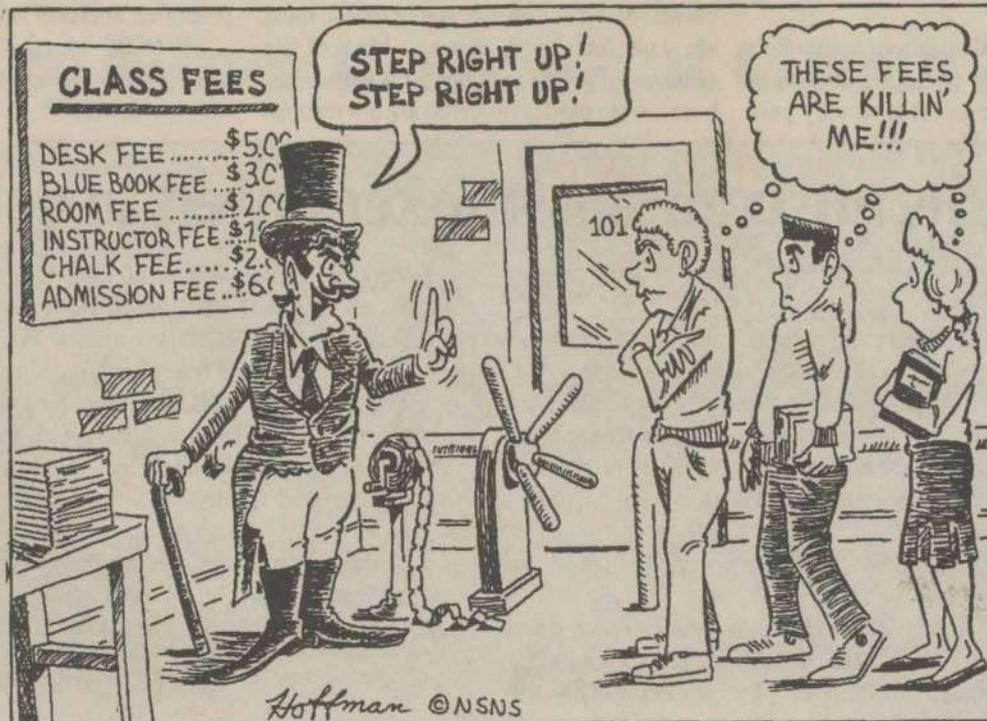


(left to right) Marina Mullner, Sherry Pruitt, Lewis Humiston, Don Turner, Brian Lane and Ilona Spencer

photo by Ginny Williams

When asked about her experiences at state conference, Mullner concluded, "I gained friendships and valuable experiences that I will remember forever." Humiston added that he was "apprehensive about my role-plays until they called my name as a state finalist. Then I thought, 'I like this.'"

In order to raise money for their venture to nationals, Delta Epsilon Chi will be holding an auction in conjunction with the International Dinner Gala on Wed., March 8, from 6 to 9:30 p.m.. The club also plans on holding several car washes throughout the next few months.



By Paul Hoffman

National Student News Service, 1995

THE POLITICAL

Abortion, according to the "Macmillan Dictionary for Students," is "expulsion of a nonviable fetus in the early phases of pregnancy." Nonviable means not able to live or survive. Well, that makes a lot of sense considering that the fetus is usually doing just fine until the abortion — when it then becomes nonviable.



by John Carey

it lawful to take a life, including an abortion.

Abortion is legal in America, although to listen to some it is perceived as something that can't be done. It is usually per-

formed in one day with no counseling or alternatives given before it is done. Sometimes a pamphlet is given out that may or may not be read. Rarely are women told of the possible future complications that may



arise if they ever do plan to have children, including the guilt and psychological problems that a large percentage of women go through for years after the abortion has taken place.

Anyone who has ever listened to the heartbeat of a baby within its mother's womb knows that it is alive. A small human being capable of growing into a child if only given a chance. Excluding the small percent of abortions that are done for medical reasons or following rape or incest, most are done for selfish reasons. Most of the millions of abortions done in America are because the parties involved are not respon-

sible enough to prevent the pregnancy in the first place.

If someone is mature enough to have sex they should be mature enough to accept the responsibilities that go along with it.

The solution to reducing the incredible amount of abortions performed on a daily basis is education. People should be shown what a six-month-old unborn baby looks like after it has been sucked piece-by-piece through a small tube into a jar. Yes, it is graphic, but it is the truth. Tell them that the baby does not always die right away when it has been forcibly removed from its quiet sanctuary, but slowly dissolves like a slug covered in salt.

While everyday these outpatient surgeries are being performed, many times to minors without parental knowledge, thousands of couples who cannot have children continue to wait for the day some unselfish being makes an unwanted child available.

There are people that would give all that they possess to adopt these children that are just thrown away because it was inconvenient to have them.

The word "immoral" is not politically correct so it will not be used to make the point that abortion is wrong.

Those who are in favor of abortion have usually already been born.

Inconsiderate campus smokers need to get a clue

Wendy Hale
Staff Writer

Why is it that smokers on campus continue to smoke in non-smoking areas on campus? Is it that they can't read?

This is hardly a possibility considering that the smokers are either students, faculty or staff here at Green River Community College. The only other possibility is that smokers just have a total lack of respect for others who do not wish to be in the line of smoke.

Personally, I resent the fact that I have to walk through smoke to enter a building — and I smoke!

The people on campus armed with cigarettes make it impossible for others to breath clean fresh air. It is my own choice to kill myself, but when fellow smokers decide to take my health into their hands, I have a problem with it.

Why should smokers or non-smokers have to put up with someone else's habit? It's unfair as well as very rude on their part. This is why at GRCC there are smoking areas. They are all over campus and around every building.

These smoking areas aren't that far out of the way. Smokers can actually walk to them. Even if all the smokers out there can't wait to light up, at least they should step out of the path of other students and faculty trying to make it safely to their next destination.

Nothing is more disgusting than expecting to take a big breath of fresh air and getting a puff of second-hand, gray, heavy smoke filling your lungs instead. Why does this happen you ask;

see *Smoke* on page 11

Theatre Extempore explores life in O'Neill play

Heather Gilley
Staff Writer

Green River Community College's Theatre Extempore will be presenting *Ah, Wilderness* March 3-5 and March 10-12 in the GRCC performing arts building. Eugene O'Neill's play will be presented by two different casts of GRCC actors and actresses.

This coming-of-age story concentrates on three couples and their search for happiness as they deal with their own relationships and others around them.

Nat and Essie Miller, a middle-aged couple, struggle with their own problems as they try to mediate the relationships of their 16-year-old son Richard and his love Muriel, and that of Nat's sister, Lily and Essie's brother, Sid.

Under the experienced direction of Gary Taylor and assistant director Paula Stouffer, newcomers to Theatre Extempore Chris Hoag, James McPherson and Laura Adams — along with seasoned actors Stephanie Booker, Ian Duncan, Jodi Graul, Corky Coleman and Carrin Hargraves — will be performing *Ah, Wilderness!* March 3-5.

A special highlight to these performances will be the volunteer efforts of assistant director Stouffer. After expressing interest in learning about directing, Taylor offered Stouffer the chance to assist with this quarter's production. Already an experienced playwright and producer, she jumped at the chance.

"I've done a little bit of writing and producing plays on my own," stated Stouffer. "I wanted to learn a little bit about directing to make my job easier."



Richard (Chris Hoag) and Muriel (Carrin Hargraves) confess their love for each other in *Ah, Wilderness!*

photo by Gary Taylor

The performances March 10-12 will be student directed by Lorin Schliesman and Christina Reese. Cast members include Angie Rhoades, Heather Rees, Jamie Richter, Brian Anderson, Sue Thomas and Micha Swett.

Performances will begin at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 7 p.m. Sundays. Tickets will be available at the door for \$5. More information is available by contacting the Student Programs ticket office at 833-9111 ext. 337.

Gregory Hines to speak at Green River

John Skierski
Staff Writer

Green River Community College, as part of the Artists and Speakers series, will welcome Gregory Hines to the Lindbloom Student Center Thursday, March 9, at 7:30 p.m.

Hines is probably best known for his roles in such films as *The Cotton Club*, *Tap* and *Running Scared*, which he starred in with comedian Billy Crystal, but has also appeared in numerous other films.

One of Hine's first cinematic experiences was the Mel Brook's comedy, *The History of the World, Part 1*, in which he portrayed one of Brook's companions on his journey through Rome in the time of Julius Caesar.

This summer Hines will try his hand

at directing with the film *White Man's Burden*, a romantic drama to be shot in New York City. It's expected to be released in 1996.

Hines talent is not only limited to film but also encompasses stage and radio. In 1992, he won the prestigious Tony award for Best Actor with his depiction of jazz great "Jelly Roll" Morton in the musical hit, *Jelly's Last Jam*. He has been previously nominated three times.

Additionally, Mr. Hines has recorded a self-titled album, produced by Luther Vandross, and released by Epic records. Two songs on that LP went to the top of the Black Singles Chart.

On March 9, Hines will be looking back at his career and life and possibly performing a number or two for the audience.

Tickets are still available for \$12 general admission. The reserved tickets for \$15 are sold out.

Further information on Gregory Hines or the Artists and Speakers series is available by contacting Jorge Alvarez in Student Programs at 833-9111, extension 337.

Notice to all students:

Beware of crazy instructors following you. They know about the trail too! Hide it Quick!

All mixed up: Toucans are better than one



The Toucans want to rock our world!

photo provided by Student Programs

Tony Tost Staff Writer

On Monday, March 6, the Toucans, an eclectic steel drum band from Mercer Island, will perform in the Lindbloom Student Center for another installment of the Student Programs-sponsored Monday's Mix series.

The Toucans will be weaving wondrous waves of Calypso, Samba, Reggae, Soca and other Afro-Caribbean influenced music.

The Toucans have been playing their unique style in the Seattle area professionally for over five years. Although the four-some hails from the Puget Sound area, each

member displays a surprisingly diverse array of influences and achievements.

Rob Witmer began playing steel drums at Mercer Island High School in the early '80s. Witmer plays the lead, or tenor, pans. He also spends time as a puppeteer with the Tear of Joy Puppet Theatre, performing all over the western part of the United States.

Pete Remire began playing the steel drums at Mercer Island High School at the same time as Witmer. Remire plays the double seconds. He has also taught steel band and other musical curricula to students in the area.

Leo Daedalus, another Mercer Island

alum, first started playing steel drums at Evergreen State College. He currently plays the tenor bass and is also involved in several other song writing and recording projects. He doubles as the Toucans' resident graphic artist.

Andy Etue has a reputation as "Seattle's hardest-working soca drummer." In addition to his Toucans experience, he plays with several other bands in the area.

The Toucans have extensive performing experience; they've performed at Bumbershoot, Bite of Seattle and the Taste of Tacoma, as well as most of the college campuses in the area.

Students get a break on new Disney thrills

Rene Gagnier Staff Writer

Walt Disney World Theme Park in Lake Buena Vista, Florida, is hosting Disney Break '95 and offering a student discount through April 7.

Students showing proper school identification will obtain admission to the park for a full day, as well as entrance to Pleasure Island, for \$25 plus tax. Regular park admission is around \$36, while admission to Pleasure Island runs about \$16.

New events taking place at Lake Buena Vista include:

- The Twilight Zone Tower of Terror, at Disney-

MGM Studios. Visitors are taken on a tour into another dimension.

- Innoventions, at Epcot, is a huge playground where people can play interactive video games and explore the many newly invented items. Virtual reality will also feature "Aladdin."

- *Splash Mountain* takes place from the top of an 87-foot-high mountain and includes a nine-minute adventure on logs.

- *Pleasure Island* holds seven nightclubs, shops, the new Planet Hollywood Restaurant and a 10-screen AMC theater.

Additional information about Walt Disney World is available by calling (407) 824-4321.

**Killing
spree
highlights
involved
new
action-
western**

*Carrie Billing
Staff Writer*

The Quick and The Dead is an exciting, action packed western that was modified to attract today's minds. The movie's compelling plot leads you into unexpected twists and turns at every corner. This show could be classified as a nouveau western.

Gunslingers are drawn to Redemption town and a quick-draw competition with a prize of \$130,000. Only one person can win.

Gene Hackman stars as John Herrit, an overpowering, money hungry, fast-draw bully who aspires to own the town and the people in it. As Mr. Herrit would say, "If you are alive to breathe in the morning, it's because I allow it."

Sharon Stone stars as Lady, an exceptional gun fighter. Lady is in town for only one reason, and it's not money. She's there strictly for personal reasons, and if everything goes well someone will end up dead.

Killing is bad. Killing is wrong. But some people just deserve to die!!!

GRCC choirs prepare for upcoming performances

*Carrin Hargraves
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*Ginny Williams
News Director*

Various Green River Community College choral groups will perform Tuesday, March 14, at 7:30 p.m. on the Lindbloom Student Center's main stage.

The concert will include presentations by the day choir, the evening choir and "Rendezvous," GRCC's newly developed jazz choir. Selected pieces vary in style and composition, allowing choral members and directors to display their techniques and abilities with flare.

In addition to performances by individual groups, the finale will be a combined effort of both day and evening choirs.

Vocal director Ron Bayer would like to see the day choir expand in numbers, as to produce better quality and a more diverse sound. He would also like to see the jazz choir continue to grow.

More information on choral performance groups on campus is available by contacting Ron Bayer at extension 207, or Linda Fahlgren at extension 276.



March 3-12, 1995



- KJR Live Broadcast Kickoff** Friday, Mar 3
Rafters, 2pm - 7pm
- KZOK Snow Sculpture Party** Saturday, Mar 4
Cash awards and prizes galore!
- CM Powder 8 Contest** Saturday, Mar 4
Prizes
- Coed Snow Volleyball Tourney** Sunday, Mar 5
Prizes
- KNDD 107.7 \$10.77 Day** Friday, Mar 10
- Tour de Ski Fun Race & Party** Saturday, Mar 11
& Sunday, Mar 12
- SnoGolf Tournament** Saturday, Mar 11
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Skagit Valley instructor featured in GRCC exhibit

Wendy Hale
Staff Writer

If you've been to Green River Community College's Holman Library you might have noticed the recent pottery exhibition in the Helen B. Smith Gallery.

This pottery series was done by Greg Tate, a teacher at Skagit Valley Community College. He teaches ceramics, drawing, design, and art history. Tate has been teaching at SVCC for 19 years.

Originally Tate majored in painting and ceramics, with main focuses on slip and splatter. As he evolved in his art Tate was drawn to ceramic pottery. Tate worked with bright colors to begin with, but switched to natural tones and the art of blending clay matters. His fascination with colors of clay can be shown in his series that is displayed in the gallery. The earth colors represent to Tate his living along the Colombia River Gorge where he grew up. Most of his pieces represent to him "spirituality" and the earth themes concur with his younger life experiences.

Currently Tate is working on a series about his grandfather. He usually works on series rather than individual pieces.

"Usually I keep focused on one series"

exclaimed Tate.

The series displayed here at GRCC is not very functional other than for display. "Function is secondary to me," Tate explained that form and texture is more what he looks for when producing a series. When finishing pieces he intentional has broken objects to attach to bring different matter and shapes to his pieces. "I like to push the limits and break the rules," commented Tate. Also Tate has been working with glazes to make them less noticeable. He prefers the natural, less shiny glazes on his work. Tate works mainly with raku and is working more sculptural with clays. Tate is beginning to get involved in drawing and using pastel



Greg Tate

photo provided by
Public Information

chalk. As with his pottery, the marbling effect will also be incorporated into fictional landscapes which Tate has started to develop.

Tate started into clay after his mentor, Peter Stone introduced him to it's possibilities. Tate enjoys Japanese and Australian pottery and respects Pat Syler, Don Ritz, Peter Stone's work. The exhibit on display here at GRCC is the first one man show Tate has had in 10 years, although he has been

involved in Seattle galleries, the Whatcom museum, and various other exhibits where he has been a participant.

On March 3 in the Helen B. Smith Gallery between noon and one Greg Tate will be lecturing on his technique and answering questions about his series. Tate's exhibit will be at GRCC until March 3 for viewing.

Smoke, from page 6

because inconsiderate smokers don't care about their surroundings and think it's fine for them to do harm to others.

This behavior is reprehensible, and I as a smoker don't appreciate it! I will smoke when I choose to, not when others want to subject me to their second-hand smoke. It would be nice if other smokers would respect the air we all breathe and smoke in designated areas. We need to learn to respect peoples' rights in general and think before acting.

Another point smokers need to take into consideration is that cigarette butts are not bio-degradable. Don't you think enough garbage is laying around without having to look at piles of butts? Seeing those butts all over campus is awful, especially when we all know that ashtrays are available on campus. If you must put your cigarette out on the ground, pick it up! There are garbage cans about every 50 feet. It isn't to difficult to throw a butt away on your way to class.

It's time that smokers show a little respect for others on campus. It's not just about breathing clean air and having a clean campus. It is also about not being ignorant towards other people's feelings. Smokers aren't the only ones on campus, and I hate to say it, but all of us smokers are outnumbered by non-smokers. I'm afraid soon non-smokers will be stomping on smokers here at GRCC like we stomp on our cigarette butts, and we will deserve it too if we don't shape up!

Notice:

The Current needs writers, photographers and cartoonists for Spring Quarter. All interested persons may obtain additional information by contacting Ed Eaton at extension 201.

Students must register for Journ 100.

Consider This...

I love top ten lists. All the great minds of our generation have relied upon this powerful instrument. Letterman does them. Wayne and Garth did them. And now, it is my turn.

The difficult part of top ten lists is finding a proper subject. Countless potential targets flowed into and flowed out of my mind in the process of writing this column.

I did not want to do the standard Dan Quayle or Newt Gingrich ribbings. Those are too obvious of targets, and besides, they do a good enough job making fools of themselves; They don't need my help. I thought about doing a top ten list on television comedy, but that is a much too touchy subject (I might get a nasty letter from somebody). I also considered doing a list of decent Candlebox songs, but I ran out at number one. I finally decided upon subjects close to home — that way the people I make fun of can read it themselves.

Top Ten clues that you are at Green River Community College

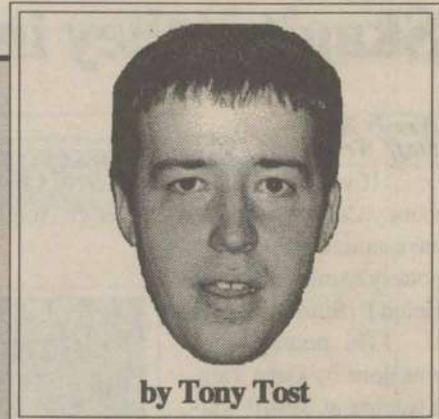
10. Everyone is dressed like the cast from *Saved By The Bell*
9. Half of your class is older than the instructor
8. Big sign in parking lot reads "Welcome to Green River Community College"
7. Frisky cafeteria workers
6. Girls with goatees
5. Same studs upstairs playing pool

as last year . . . and the year before . . . and the year before . . .

4. "Welcome to the Hotel California . . ."
3. Separate lines for "an arm and a leg" and "the shirt off your back" at the bookstore
2. Your dollar-a-day parking spot is a mud puddle
1. Squirrels chain-smoking in front of student center

Top Ten runner-ups for school sales pitch (the winner: "Green River Community College - Quality education for a lifetime")

10. "GRCC - Cheap education for a couple of years"
9. "GRCC - We've got a nice woody trail for pot smokers"
8. "Come to GRCC and inflate your GPA!"
7. "GRCC - We're deep in the woods, so nobody has to know you go to school here"
6. "GRCC - Our bookstore not only gouges your bank account, but we'll also lead you on a wild goose chase for half and hour trying find your overpriced pottery books."
5. "GRCC - Hourly shuttles to and from your parking spot."
4. "GRCC - And you thought high school was easy!"
3. "GRCC - Never underestimate the power of soup."
2. "GRCC - Our cafeteria's hamburgers are fully cooked at least 60 percent of



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the time, with only a one in seven chance of E. coli contamination."

1. "GRCC - Idiots needed for our newspaper staff"

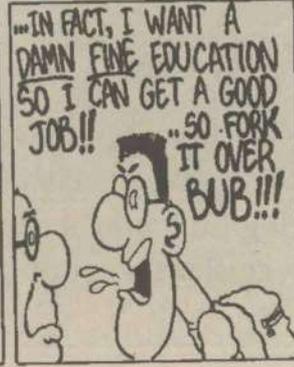
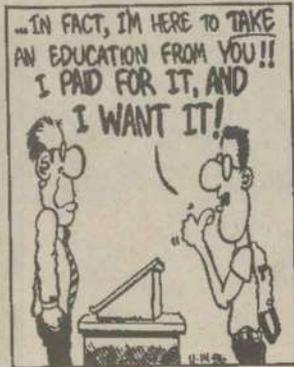
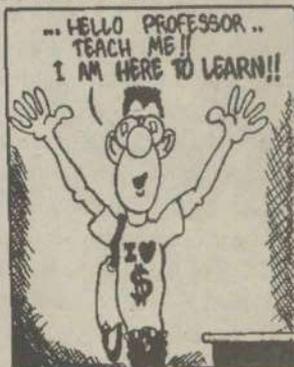
Top Ten reasons why somebody would want to listen to country music

10. Banjos sure sound purdy
9. Their recessive hick gene mutated and expressed itself
8. They're from Enumclaw
7. Cowgirls are easy
6. They're morons (see #8)
5. Their mama and papa met and fell in love at a family reunion (see #8)
4. There is that girl in my psychology class that dances at Dakota's and has the hots for John
3. Their name is Zed or Maynard (see #8)
2. They don't realized how stupid line dancing looks
1. Because life is like a box of chocolates

If any of these top ten lists offend you, I am very, very sorry (maybe).

COLLEGE LIFE

By Chris Farrar



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Men's baseball prepares for winning season

Jerry Weatherhogg
Staff Writer

The Green River Community College men's baseball team is gearing up for the upcoming spring season.

The Gators first game is in Canada against the Canadian National Team on March 19, the first of twelve straight on the road games. The first home game will be on Wednesday, April 5, against Bellevue Community College.

The team hopes to have yet another strong season as one of the teams to beat in the North West Athletic Association of Community Colleges.

"I don't see any weaknesses (on this team)," says Assistant Coach Billy Jones. "We have a better pitching staff this year

than last year."

Outfielder Ryan Harrison is also predicting a solid performance from the team: "We've got a good offense and strong pitching. We're one of the top teams in the division."

First baseman/designated hitter Ryan Mebust shares his teammates perception.

"We will win a lot of games," he stated. "We should be the best in the league. We are solid all around, on both offense and defense."

Seven sophomores will return from last year's squad that won the Western Division crown and finished third in the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges with a 20-4 record. Among the returners are outfielders Damon Minor,

Shawn Liechty and Josh Toon, shortstop Roger Bledsoe, and second baseman Ryan Radke. Incoming freshmen are catcher Brad Wells, third baseman Shane Cronin and Mebust.

"Perennially, us and Lower Columbia (have been at the top of the league), but Lower Columbia has gone through some coaching changes," explains coach Dan Spencer about the difficulty of the league. "Tacoma, Pierce and Centralia have good players."

Home games are played at Ron Walker Field, the park north of the GRCC campus on 124 Avenue Southeast. Home games start at 3 p.m. during the week and at 1 p.m. on the weekends.

Women's basketball still winning sometimes

Alisa Schwabauer
Sports Director

The Green River Community College women's basketball team lost their playoff bid against Centralia, 71-83, Tuesday, Feb. 21. The Gators tied for fourth with Centralia during the regular season in the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges. To break the tie, the two teams played with the winner moving on to the playoffs.

The Gators' season record is 14 wins and 11 losses and a league record of eight wins and six losses.

"I do not think we went as far as we should have with the talent we had. But it really hurt us with the team being really small," said forward Yvonne Speer.

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Men's basketball team makes NWAACC playoffs

Julia Greene
Staff Writer

The Green River Community College men's basketball team, who were tied for third place with Centralia, won on Feb. 21, 79 to 77 at Centralia to earn a trip to the NWAACC playoffs.

Aaron Kennedy hit two free throws with seven seconds left to put the Gators into the lead in the tie-breaker Tuesday night. The Gators' eighth straight victory gave them third place in the division and a first-round playoff date at Clark, carrying a 15-10 record into that game. The tie-breaker became necessary when Green River and Centralia finished with identical 9-5 records in division play.

Green River was down by seven at halftime, 41-34, but outscored the Trailblazers in the second half, 45-36. Guard Todd Kennedy led the Gators with 22 points. Guard Eddie Turner finished with 14, point guard Jason Bouslaugh added 12, and point guard Aaron Kennedy tallied 10.

Point Guard Aaron Kennedy said, "Tough win, that makes eight in a row going for number nine Thursday." Guard Todd Kennedy, "Mark Tichenor and Aaron Kennedy leadership lead us to a great win."

"Great win," center Quilly Glover said. Point Guard Mark Tichenor, "It was a great win. Aaron made two clutch free throws with seven seconds left to seal the victory,"

According to Head Coach Matt Thacker, the season "started out with a lot of adversity and we lost some close games on the road and we're playing better now, were improving, and we've put ourselves in the playoff picture. We need to win some games against some quality opponents at home. I'm extremely proud of my players and the way they worked to make this season special."

On Saturday, Feb. 18, the Gators easily sank the Centralia Trailblazers 84 to 75 at GRCC. Kennedy tallied 32 points as the Gators climbed into a tie with Cen-

tralia for third in the Western Division. Green River trailed by six at halftime, 38-32, but outscored Centralia in the second half, 52-37. The Gators went on a 15-2 run midway through the second half to take a 55-50 lead. Centralia closed to 67-66 with 4:01 left, but layups by Glover and Kennedy pushed the lead back to five. A 3-pointer by Turner with 2:41 to play made it a seven point bulge at 74-67. At halftime the Gators were behind with 32 points and the Centralia Trailblazers were ahead with 38 points.

"It's great to win 7 in a row. We came out a bit flat and were able to turn it up in the second half," Thacker said.

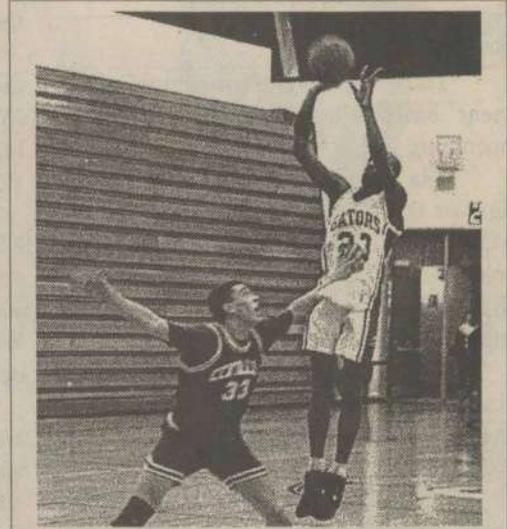


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"I am disappointed with our win-loss record. We all had really high hopes at the beginning of the season that we had a good shot at the divisional title. As it turned out, we couldn't do any better than tied for fourth," said Coach Gary Nichols.

During the season, the Gators defeated all the top-ranked teams except Centralia.

"Clark College was rated number one, and we beat number one. Pierce College was number two and we beat number two. We played with the best, competed with the best, but over a 26 game schedule we weren't the best," said Nichols.

"We tied with Centralia. The number four team had to move on to the playoffs. We played them three times and they beat us three times. We had a playoff in Centralia and we lost it. They did a better job that night than we did," commented Nichols.

Four players from the current team will be eligible to play next season. The players are Nikki Spry, Leigh Anne Raschkow, Krissy Karney and Rebecca Novak.

"The other players are sophomores and they will be moving on to four-year schools," stated Nichols.

The team is allowed to carry 12 play-

ers. The Gators had seven players for the majority of the season.

"We started the season with nine players. But before the regular season really started, one player decided her back hurt and she wasn't going to play," said Speer. "And then we had another girl who played pre-season, but her grades took her out so we were down to seven. So, we played the real league season with seven players."

Nichols explained that having 12 players are difficult because each player will not get adequate playing time.

"If you have 12 players you can't play all 12 players. Some kids have to sit. Some kids have to sit night after night and not play at all. And it is very difficult to ask them to make that commitment if you are not going to use them," he said.

Recruitment for next season's team has already started and will continue through April.

A new tradition for the Gator team is a pre-season retreat to Ocean Shores.

"We shared a lot of personal stuff with one another, got to know each other, and actually spent people time away from the court. I thought we had a great time. I really enjoyed it. We will probably do it again next year," said Nichols.

Upcoming Spring Sports

Men's Baseball

Sun. 3/19 - Canadian N.B. I.
Vancouver, BC
Thurs. 3/23 - Sat. 3/25 - Chemeketa
Invit.
Salem, OR
Sun. 3/26 - GRCC @ Mt. Hood
Sat. 4/1 - GRCC @ Bellevue
Sat. 4/8 - GRCC @ Centralia
Wed. 4/12 - Bellevue @ GRCC
Sat. 4/15 - GRCC @ Tacoma
Sun. 4/16 - Lower Columbia @ GRCC

Women's Softball

Fri. 3/3 - GRCC @ CWU
Sat. 3/25 - Sun. 3/26 - Lower Columbia
Fri. 3/31 - SW Oregon @ GRCC
Sat. 4/1 - Lower Columbia @ GRCC
Tue. 4/4 - Olympic @ GRCC
Fri. 4/7 - GRCC @ Grays Harbor
Sat. 4/8 - South Puget Sound @ GRCC
Tue. 4/11 - GRCC @ Pierce
Wed. 4/12 - Clackamas @ GRCC
Sat. 4/15 - GRCC @ SW Oregon

All events are subject to change depending on weather conditions and may be rescheduled at the nearest venue at the most convenient times.

Men's & Women's Golf

Thurs. 3/23 - City Championship @
Tacoma
Mon. 3/27 - Tue. 3/28 - Willamette Invit.
@ Salem, OR
Mon. 4/10 - Tue. 4/11 - Green River
Invit. @ Tacoma
Mon. 4/17 - NWAACC Western Division
Match @ Aberdeen
Mon. 5/8 - NWAACC Western Division
Match @ Green River

Men's & Womens Tennis

Tue. 4/4 - Bellevue @ GRCC
Fri. 4/7 - GRCC @ Lewis & Clark
Sat. 4/8 - GRCC @ Portland State
Tue. 4/11 - GRCC @ Shoreline
Wed. 4/12 - GRCC @ Western Washington
Fri. 4/14 - Columbia Basin @ GRCC
Mon. 4/17 - Western Washington @ GRCC

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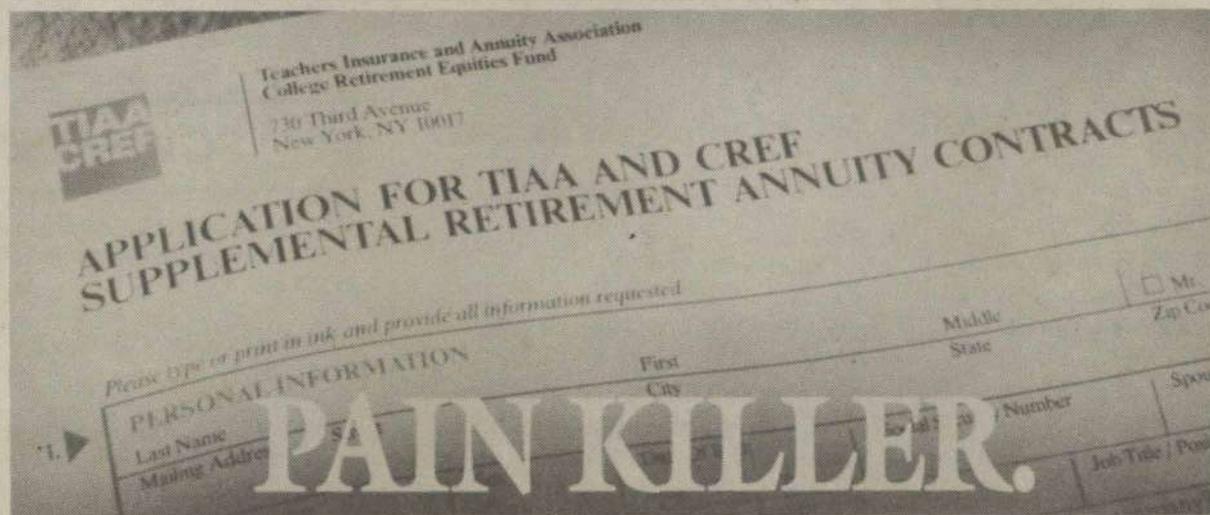
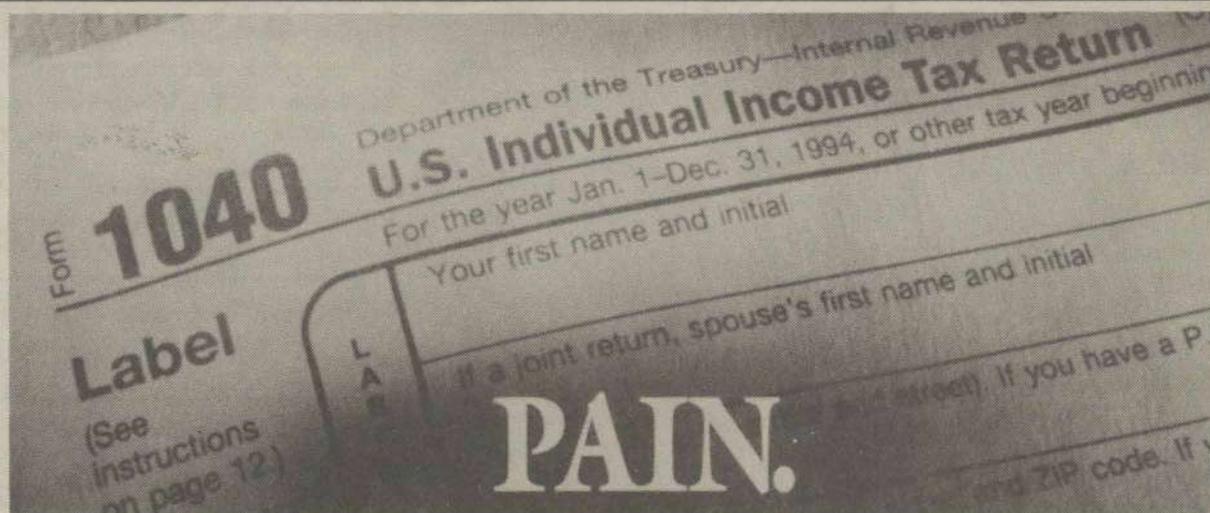
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