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Notice

OPEN BUDGET HEARING MARCH 3

LINDBLOOM STUDENT CENTER

RAINIER ROOM

1:00-3:00 P.M.

6:00-8:00 P.M.

Budget committee to hold final public hearing

*David Woodard
Staff Reporter*

Tuesday, March 3rd, in the Rainier Room of the Lindbloom Student Center, the Student Senate Budget Committee will hear comment for the last time before submitting its final budget for the 1994-95 school year. The times are 1:00-3:00 p.m. and 6:00-8:00 p.m.

The "522" budget controlled by the Student Senate takes revenue from the Student Services Fee and distributes it to Student Programs. These activi-

ties include the Day Care Center, athletics, Phi Theta Kappa and this newspaper. The Student Services Fee is currently about \$38 for a full-time student at GRCC.

Fortunately for GRCC students, all teaching, coaching, counseling, etc., comes from the general fund and is not drawn from the 522 budget, which goes toward day-to-day Student Program's needs, as well as special programs or activities of a group. Nonetheless, the total 522 budget for the next school year

will be nearly \$400,000.

The Budget Committee is chaired by Kevin Kalberg. He and the other members, Amy Tucci, Lori Dayberry, Jolaine Geppart, and Heidi Nolte, have the unenviable task of fitting the requests for funding into the expected revenues. About \$25,000 will have to be trimmed or eliminated from the requests. Those with a vested interest in these funds will certainly want to attend this meeting to make a case for their requests.

GRCC Budget: the students' concern?

Richard Wallace
Senior Editor

Throughout the history of the United States Constitution, as well as local bodies of law, the term "well informed electorate" often appears. Whether drawn from a Constitution framer's papers, court decisions or lawmaker's debate, the concept of a well informed electorate (the voters) is strikingly clear in two parts: first, a true democracy only exists through participation of the people in the decision processes. The second part of this democratic process is the need to be well informed, and that certainly means in an

unmanaged, undeceived and knowledgeable way.

GRCC has a large number of programs funded, and therefore directed to some extent, by the Student Senate Budget Committee. These allocated funds, drawn from student's fees and used for student's benefits, are YOUR money! How it is spent, and what you receive, depends to a large extent on the Committee's decisions.

As with larger government, the way a Student Government Constitution and its effects are determined comes from the direction of that hopefully "well informed electorate." Attending hearings such as this one on March 3rd.

not only gives each student a chance to hear how their money will be spent, but an opportunity to gain a true knowledge of the intents and purposes of the budget items and speak out if desired — in essence gaining that "well-informed" status.

In a country such as this, particularly in a time many characterize as "deeply troubled," there is a great need for educated voters. In grass-roots forums, such as our Student Government hearings, one may gain sincere understanding of the democratic process — and who knows, there may even be a future Harry S. Truman on this campus!

GRCC students go to Europe next quarter

David Burr
Executive Editor

Fourteen Green River students will visit and attend school in London Spring quarter.

Students involved will leave on April 9 and return on June 16. However, the actual classes will not begin until April 18. According to Ed Eaton, a Journalism instructor at Green River, the students have the option of taking a "pre-tour" of Europe beforehand, spending three days in Amsterdam, three days in Paris, and one day in Brussels. Eaton said that this gives the students a chance to "get to know one another."

The classes offered provide the students with a general education for one quarter. All classes are five credits

and can be used to satisfy course requirements at Green River Community College.

The students are expected to take Humanities 220, British Life and Culture. They also choose two courses from the remaining six classes available: Journalism 201, Drama 102, Sociology 199 (Alcoholism), Sociology 110 (Intro to Sociology), and Science 198 (Animal Behavior) or Science 198 (Epidemics and Culture).

Eaton explained that in addition to the schooling, the students are encouraged to "see the sights" in their spare time. It is also common for the classes to go on field trips. For example, the Animal Behavior class will take trips to nearby parks.

The estimated cost of the "London Quarter" is \$6,000, which includes

such expenses as airfare, housing, transit pass, London University union membership, insurance, tuition, food, tickets to plays and shows, and spending money.

Eaton is one of three teachers chosen to participate in the program. Each year, teachers are selected from six different community colleges: Shoreline, Bellevue, Edmonds, Whatcom, Skagit Valley, and Green River. This year, 38 students are taking part in the program, although as many as 60 students may participate.