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GRCC hosts 1987 Women's Championships Willis predicts Gators on top

by Dan Lonyo
and Tom Bout

Green River CC will host the North West Athletic Association of Community colleges 1987 Women's Basketball Championships through tomorrow. The GR women's team is also a favorite to win the championship.

The Gators finished their Western division schedule with a 12-0 mark and enter the tourney with a 23-2 record overall.

One of their losses came at the hands of Pacific Lutheran University, the other to Spokane. Spokane finished with the third-best record in the Eastern division, but won the Eastern title in the year-end tourney, assuring themselves of a conference tournament berth.

The Gators averaged 79 points per game on offense and have only allowed opponents an average of 48.

When coach Mike Willis was asked what it will take to win the NWAACC title against such tough teams he replied, "We need to do what we've been doing all season long. We're going to play a lot of full-court defense and take the ball inside."

One sports reporter claimed the second best team in the Western conference was the Gators bench, but there is no doubt the bench is a big part of the reason for the Gators' success.

If Green River gets past Bellevue Community College in first round play, they will take on the winner of the Yakima Valley and the Highline game, at 7 P.M., with the championship game Saturday at 7:30 P.M.

Green River Gator women's basketball coach Mike Willis began his comments Wednesday night in a press conference by predicting the final two in the NWAACC women's basketball championships, hosted by GRCC.

"I think it'll be Clark and Green River in the end." He ended the night by forecasting Green River on top.

Barbara Berry, coach of the Bellevue Helmswomen, is bringing her team in with a 22-5 record and six straight wins. "We're in a tough conference," she said, "and we've got our momentum going." Berry faced Willis in game five last night, at 7 p.m. Scores were not available at press time. The Bellevue squad is led by guard Michelle Rupe, averaging 18.2 points per game, which also leads the conference.

Dennis Melcher's Chemeketa Chiefs are 19-8 overall. Melcher's Chiefs are 0-4 in tournament play, losing last year in the second round to Highline CC.

Julie Shearer leads the team in points (16.3) and Joann Scott was second in conference with 6.1 assists per game. Clark coach Ken Trapp said that he's tried to "make Clark's program more like Green River's." Trapp, in his second year, guided his team to a 24-3 record.

The Penguin team features four players who scored in double digits: Jill Weisner (14.6), Shaley Howard (12.8), Carilyn Wetter (11.6), and Carolyn Bannister (11.1).

The Tritons of Edmonds, led by coach Chet Hovde, are appearing in their first tournament since 1981, and third appearance overall. The team finished second

Margaret Henry puts the pressure on opponent.

Henry has helped the Gators achieve their undefeated league record, and will be a factor in GRCC's tournament success.

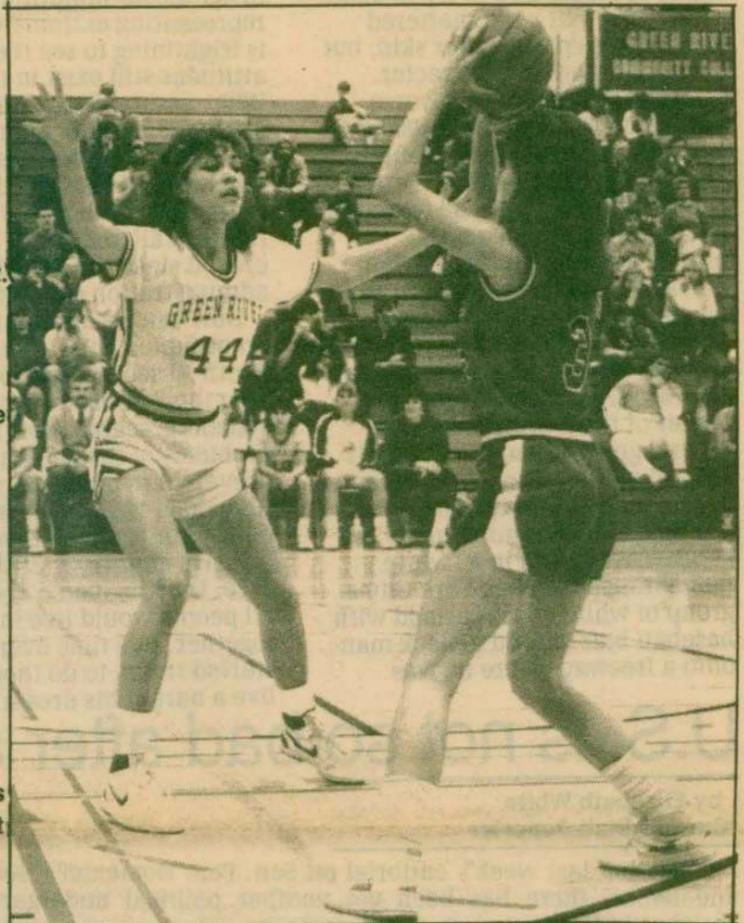


Photo by Randy Cryer

in the Northwest division of the NWAACC, with a 20-5 record.

With an 18-7 overall record, Dale Bolinger, coach of the Highline Thunderbirds, commented: "Everything we do will be an upset." Michelle Spur leads the team in both scoring (15.5) and rebounding (9.3). Highline finished fourth last year after losing to Green River in the first round. The Thunderbirds' tourney record is 12-8.

Paul Tickers' Spokane Sasquatch entered with a 2-

5 record. Paced by Adrienne LaVonn, with 13.6 points per game, and Sherri Ives with 11.4, the Spokane team finished third in the Eastern division.

At 25-3 the Yakima Valley Indians are in their sixth tournament, their last in 1984. Coach Pete Jarvis led his team to the number one spot in the Eastern division. The Indians' scoring leader is Debbie Austin, with 14.8, who also averaged 9.5 rebounds.

ECC fire caused by arson, investigation underway

Insurance woes plague state after ECC arson fire

by Kathy Hansen
Managing Editor

In the wake of the arson/manslaughter blaze that destroyed much of Everett Community College, state officials are faced with the task of rebuilding.

Estimates to clean-up, rebuild, and provide temporary accommodations vary from \$7 million to \$10 million.

The emergency fund of the state board for community college education will provide approximately \$300,000. The remainder must be appropriated by the state legislature, according to Executive Director John Terrey of the state community college office.

Washington State is self-insured. This means that there is no insurance on state-owned

buildings, vehicles, and a lot of other state property. (See related story; "State law leaves colleges at risk", The Current, Jan. 30, 1987.) The state, instead of carrying commercial insurance, pays for losses through the general fund or the Tort Claims Court.

According to Steve Payne, Washington's risk manager, the state dropped insurance coverage on its buildings about a decade ago because it was too expensive.

A bill introduced to the legislature over two weeks ago by Senator Phil Talmadge calls for funds that would have been paid in insurance payments to be invested in a self-insurance pool. The proposal will have to pass both the House and Senate to become law.

But, even if it passes, it will be too late to help ECC. The state

legislators and state officials will be forced to provide the needed funds for a new library, student facilities and other damages sustained from the blaze by appropriating money from the general fund.

At least 50,000 volumes, 20,000 periodicals and hundreds of student records were destroyed by the blaze, according to Everett's Library Director Stan Horton.

Now, Everett CC officials are faced with the charred and burnt rubble, and the formidable task of finding funds to replace the structures.

Up to about \$300,000 will come from the emergency fund of the state board for community college education, but the rest must be appropriated by the state legislature for ECC's 1987-89 budget, which starts July 1, according to John Terrey,

executive director of the state community college office. About \$650,000 will be needed to hold the college over until then.

The Current has established a library drive to help replace materials that were destroyed.

Contributions of used and new books, periodicals, magazines or any other materials will be accepted at The Current office, located in the student communications annex. All donations will then be given to ECC on behalf of GRCC. Some contributions have been made, but more would be appreciated. According to an ECC spokesperson, all donations of this sort are needed and the college would be grateful.

For more information, contact Kathy Hansen or Luis Cabrera at The Current Office (833-9111 ext.267).

Forget apartheid, look at racism here

by Mark Minckler
Opinion Editor

It seems a portion of the United States population learned nothing from the life and unfortunately the death of one of the greatest men in American history. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated 19 years ago while fighting for the rights of blacks and to try to make people see that what mattered was not the color of your skin, but the content of your character.

Racism is probably as worse now as it was during the 1960's. If you don't think so, look around. This month in "all white" Forsyth county Georgia a parade of blacks and whites were on a peace march were the recipients of a barrage of bottles and rocks, from an angry group of whites that included the Klu Klux Klan. Is this country still in the 1950's or is this the 1980's? Benjamin Hooks the leader of the NAACP wants the federal government to cut off all federal aid to this county, because of this incident. Maybe he is right.

Racism is not limited to the south. Last month in a "white neighborhood" in New York City a group of white youths armed with baseball bats chased a black man onto a freeway where he was

killed by an automobile. Look even closer.

We have a bunch of racists right in our backyard. These people call themselves the "Aryan Nation" or as the press calls them, the "Neo-Nazis". This groups of racists are trying to carve out a little piece of northern Idaho for themselves.

I realize these groups are an insignificant minorities, representing extreme views, but it is frightening to see these types of attitudes still exist in this country. What has the Reagan administration done for civil rights and the rights of minorities? Not much. Some black leaders are saying that civil rights and the rights of all minorities have eroded since the Reagan administration came to be in 1980.

How can we as a nation be so preoccupied with trying to force South Africa to abandon its apartheid policy of social and economic segregation, when the problems of racism are still so prevalent in our society. Apartheid is clearly a wrong policy but we must first change our own country's attitudes on race. Dr. King had a dream when all people would live in peace together. It is time everyone started trying to do their part and live a part of his dream.

U.S. is not so bad after all

by Elizabeth White
Current Staff Reporter

Following last week's editorial on Sen. Pete Domenici's "joke" about underwear, there has been yet another political undergarment experience in the news.

This time Iran's Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini was the central figure. The Iranian government has ordered the expulsion of two West German diplomats for their satirical portrayal of Khomeini being showered with women's underwear to celebrate the eighth anniversary of the Iranian revolution. The scene was aired on one of West Germany's most popular comedy programs.

Is this a new political trend? Find out in this space next week.

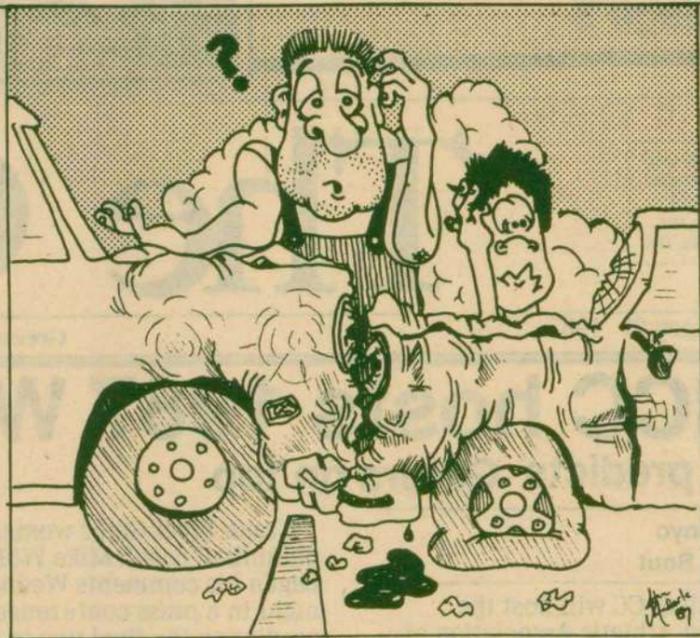
With that out of the way, I would like to deviate from the usual by doing a positive political editorial.

It isn't easy to maintain a positive point of view in light of all that is around us. Take the Iran fiasco. The Reagan Administration is undergoing a lot of criticisms, and rightly so. However, we have been through worse. Remember Watergate? Of course you do. But, have you ever stopped to think about the fact that our government, and our constitution, is still very much intact? Not many countries have survived such a major disenchantment with their government as we experienced in the sixties.

Our country has been through a lot. There is now a fear of a recurrent McCarthyism, and the mistakes of the past, such as Vietnam, are constantly kept in the public's mind.

Yes, this country has been through bad times, and we will continue to. There is good and bad in everything, and it is much easier to criticize than to praise.

I am not telling anyone to become an instant patriot, but let's not become a country of neo-anarchists either. Things aren't as bad as they sometimes seem.



Four-way stop needs a real stop light for safety

by Luis Cabrera
Editor

Disaster lurks very near.

Just around the corner in fact. Now, let's not get up in arms; nothing has happened yet. It could though, and very soon.

What I'm talking about is not a load of nuclear waste buried beneath the LSC, but a four-way stop near GRCC that should have a standard traffic light. Big deal? Maybe.

Sometimes a four-way stop is all that is required, but this particular intersection, in front of the Short Stop convenience store, is an extremely heavy traffic site. Driving to school is scarier than it should be.

Let me explain. In my short, but full experience at GRCC so far, I have come to recognize three distinct types of four-way-stoppers.

First, there are the people who do it correctly. I like this group. They decelerate well before the stopline, they come to a **complete** stop, and they look both ways before proceeding. If everyone were like this, there would be no need to force my tired fingers to punch this article out on the keyboard.

The second group is dangerous, but they are also predictable. They come up to the stop sign with fire in their eyes and lead in their feet. They barely acknowledge the presence of the sign, slow down just enough to keep their tires from squealing, and zoom right through into potential oblivion. The thing about this group is, you know what to expect from them. They have never completely stopped at this spot, they never will. Do what I have done— get to know their vehicles! Allow them the right of that when you finally do decide to go, the two cars on either side of you are so fed up with waiting that they try to squeak through while you are making up your mind. Ever see a four-way wreck? I haven't either, and I know I don't want to. Don't give up the right-of-way.

No one is a perfect driver. Put a huge crush of drivers in one place, at one time, every day, and bad things will happen. That intersection handles far too much traffic to have just a blinking red light. Also, a stoplight would cure the 12 car backups behind the stop-signs that commuters must face before each of the morning classes.

Proposed legislation would invade personal privacy

by Ann Bellisle and Elizabeth White
Current Staff Reporters

What is happening to our constitutional rights? Does the fact that minors are not adults mean that they are not included in the Bill of Rights?

Recently, two alarming new bills have been introduced to Congress. The first of these bills gives police the right to stop, question, or arrest any minor suspected of drug or alcohol abuse. It seems that they could use this to harass anyone they feel doesn't "look right."

The second one gives the police the right to wire-tap everyone's phone suspected of drug dealing, without having to get a court order from a judge.

It has gone too far. One cannot walk down the street without worrying that they will get stopped and harassed by police, nor can they have a private conversation without the paranoia of wondering if someone is on the line listening to their conversation.

There is more to worry about than being suspected of drug abuse when our police force is given the freedom to arrest anyone they choose, at their own biased discretion. This is reminiscent of the witch hunts that Senator Joseph McCarthy ordered— using the excuse of "the communist threat," anyone the government disliked, for whatever reason, was blacklisted. We cannot allow this mistake to happen again.

We are citizens of the United States no more and no less than the politicians of this country. It is important that we keep this in mind, and not allow our elected leaders to infringe upon our freedoms.

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**On the Trail
of the Green
River Killer,
part 3**



by Luis Cabrera
Editor

Killers have always fascinated Ann Rule.

From the time she was a six-year-old girl, spending her summers in Michigan with her sheriff-grandfather, she has explored the murderous mind.

"I wondered about the psychopathology of a criminal," said the former GRCC student. "I could not understand how a little child could grow up and do such things."

Her wonder turned into an active curiosity, which has resulted in more than 1,400 crime-related magazine articles, and six novels on Pacific Northwest killers and violent criminals.

She wrote "The Stranger Beside Me," which is the definitive novel on Ted Bundy. Rule actually worked with Bundy in a northwest crisis clinic, hence the title. Her latest book "Small Sacrifices," deals with the Diane Downs case, the infamous northwest housewife who murdered her children on a roadside. Rule hopes her next

"I became, without any intent on my part, an expert on serial murders."

book will be on the Green River Killer.

She says she was immediately attracted to the Green River Case when it broke, in the summer of 1982. She speaks of seeing the first newspaper article on the first victim.

"I don't know what made me save the clipping, but I did. I think it (the series of killings) began at least six months before then. I save all kinds of clippings on crime cases, but on this one the pattern began to emerge so quickly."

Rule was one of five civilians to take part in the Violent Criminal Apprehension Program, (VI-CAP) which created computer communications between police departments nationwide, in an effort to track the patterns of killers more quickly, and aid in their capture. She spoke numerous groups in conjunction with this program, including agents of the F.B.I., and the U.S. Senate.



Rule has published six novels, including "The Stranger Beside Me," about Ted Bundy.

Ann Rule: Author

Former GRCC student will write killer's story if he is captured

On her selection to the program, Rule said "I became, without any intent on my part, an expert on serial murders. I have the dubious distinction of knowing one of the killers (Bundy) before, during, and after."

Rule has her own theories on L.A., San Francisco, the Southeastern United States—sometimes you don't even know a pattern is going on. He could be in jail, or dead, or he could be physically incapable of killing."

Rule said she has been to most of the killer's body-dump sites and has had some communication with the task force detectives. She is waiting however, for his capture before she starts the actual writing of her book.

"I can't start the book until I know who it is," she said. "When I write these books, I start with the killer as a child and go through their psychopathology. I find out how they became what they are."

Rule's book titles include "Possession," "The Want-Ad Killer," "The I-5 Killer," and "Lust Killer." The latter three were written under the pen-name "Andy Stack."

"Possession" deals with the "Stockholm Syndrome," where women are kidnapped, raped and held, but eventually fall in love with their captors. It examines five cases of this syndrome, all based on true northwest happenings, all fictionalized to some extent. The three Andy Stack books delve into the cases of notorious northwest serial killers.

Rule said her literary fame has attracted attention from the darker side of society. She speaks of getting phone call after phone call from two San Francisco convicts who wanted to confess to the Green River Killings.

"I always listen," she said. "I thought maybe this was it."

Their confession fell apart under detective's questioning, she said. Apparently the convicts felt

"I always listen. . . I thought, maybe this was it."

they would have a better chance of escaping from a Washington state prison, and had plotted the confession as an extradition scheme after reading about the killer here.

The people she writes about maintain contact with her, in some cases even after their stories are published. She maintained a long correspondence with Bundy throughout his many trials, and has received letters from the Hillside Stranger, and L.A.'s Sunset Strip Killer. Kenneth Bianchi, from Rule's "Want-Ad Killer," once sent her a 14 page letter defending his innocence.

"They think they can come into believing they are innocent," she said. "After so long I think they even believe it themselves."

Rule's official involvement in the world of crime began when she served one-and-one-half years as a Seattle police woman, before losing the position because of poor eyesight. She said that while on the force, the male officers



Rule's latest book, about child-murderer Diane Downs Photo by David Baus

would not allow her near the homicide department. She also said that she now averages about one lecture per week to police departments and other organizations, on the topic of serial killers.

Rule's "Small Sacrifices" will be

in bookstores starting May 27. B. Dalton Booksellers has chosen the book to be featured in their Father's Day promotions. The book is set for a hardcover press run of 50,000 copies, and Rule said the Troll book club has ordered another 30,000.

Just a bunch of stuff

Writing a weekly column has its minor setbacks. Right now it's having a lot of subjects to write on but not enough room to fit it all in. The only realistic thing to do is write all the main stuff and leave all the other junk out.

Tom Bout



The Way I See It

Let's get right to it. How come lemon-aid kool-aid is the only flavor that doesn't taste like it should. Grape taste s like grape. But lemon-aid has more of a sugary taste than a lemony taste. I could just add less sugar but I can never subtract enough to save the taste, it always comes out worse.

Did you ever notice Max Headrom looks like Ray Charles? On a black and white T.V., if Headrom wore sunglasses it would be tough to tell the difference on some of those old game shows like "To Tell the Truth".

First Eddie VanHalen cut his long hair short, then Liberace died. This could mean the end of modern music as we know it (and knowing some of today's modern music, it could be a blessing). Who does God think he is threatening Oral Roberts like some neighborhood bully? Mr. Brady told Bobby to stand up to their neighborhood bully. Roberts should stand up for himself. Maybe God is doing what Ford does on occasion. Recalling defective

products.

Do mothers really think we are going to eventually grow to like liver? Liver is like John Denvers music, you have to like it the first time or you never will.

Boy, oh boy. How about that show last week, "Amerika"? I think it's the finest piece of work since, well, I'd have to go all the way back to "F-troop". And Kris Kristoferson played in his best role since his awesome performance in "Convoy".

David Hartman retired as host of "Good Morning America" last week after 11 years. This of course means we can go back to watching ABC in the mornings.

Did anyone care about the America's Cup thing before Australia won it? Who wants to watch a bunch of rich guys sail?

Do the Dallas Cowboys still call themselves "America's team"? I hope not. They had a losing season last year.

Whatever happened to the Bay City Rollers?

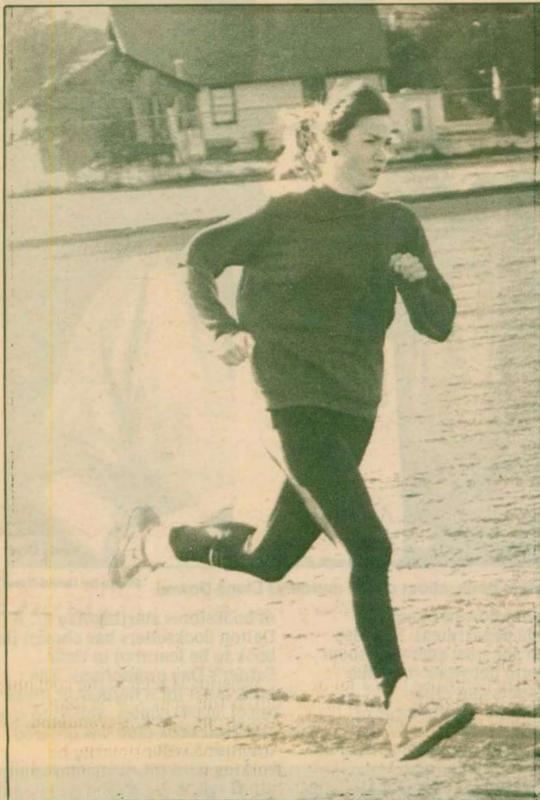
I hate it when someone with more muscular legs wears my socks. They get stretched out of shape and fall down to my ankles. I hate that (A small hint to my roommate).

The NBA is thinking about raising the basket from 10 feet. No. Just make the make the balls bigger.

Notice how guys say stomach and girls say tummy? I guess us guys should be a little more "hip".

That's it. It's something to think about. Oh, one more thing. If I have to watch that Ruffles cajun guy one more time, I'm gonna puke!

Spring sports preview- baseball, softball, track, and tennis ready to play



Track running strong into 1987 season

Karrie Clark
Current Staff Reporter

With a new head coach and several returning members, the Green River Track and Field Team has a promising season ahead of them.

Theresa Haynes, who was a 1981 U.S. National Record Holder in the Heptathlon, is the new head coach. Haynes was an assistant coach at Seattle Pacific University in 1980-1981. She also set school records in the 200, the Pentathlon, the 4x100 relay and the 4x400 relay during her college career at

SPU. Haynes is assisted by assistant coaches Gary Carew and Tom Robinson.

Some of the returning team members include Kevin Hayles, sprints; Brett Rutherford, hurdles; and Kim Porter, Heptathlon. "There are a lot of very talented people on the team," Haynes said. "I really expect to qualify most of the team for the conference meet."

The teams next meet, the University of Washington Indoor Pentathlon, is today at Hec-Ed Pavillion.

1987 TRACK & FIELD TENTATIVE MEET SCHEDULE:

- March 7—UW Indoor/Outdoor—UW/Everett
- March 21-22—Husky Classic—UW/Everett
- April 4—Everett C.C.—Everett
- April 10-11—Spokane Falls—Spokane
- April 18—GRCC Gator Invit.—PLU
- April 25—To Be Determined
- April 30-May 2—UW Invit.—UW/Everett
- May 5-6—Multi-Events Championships Linn-Benton, OR
- May 9—Clackamas Invit.—Oregon City
- May 16—To Be Determined
- May 23—To Be Determined
- May 29-30—NWAACC Track & Field Championships—Mt. Hood

Photo by Kevin Krause

Kim Porter, conference heptathlon champ, works out as Green River gets ready for the 1987 track season.

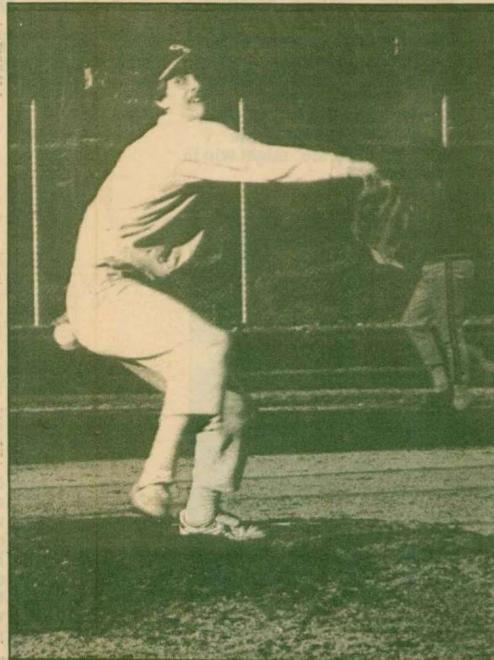


Photo by Randy Cryer

Todd Schimke (above left) is one of four returning Gator pitchers. "I really expect our pitching staff to be a strong point this year," said coach Bill Hayne.

Tim Salgado (above right) slides into the plate under the direction of batter Chris Schuneman, while catcher Don Higson goes after the runner at second.

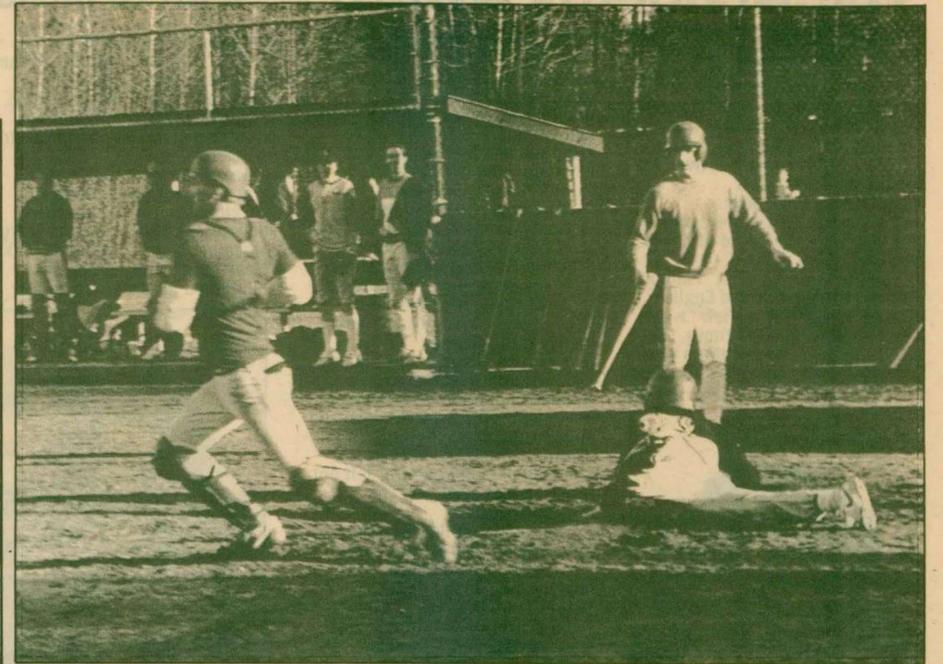


Photo by Randy Cryer

Baseball fields experienced squad

by Lou Albrecht
Guest Reporter

Put away that roundball and breakout the bats and gloves. Baseball, America's favorite pastime, is about to hit full swing.

The Gator men, who finished a successful '86 campaign with a 15-11 record, expect to do even better this year. The team headed by Coach Bill Hayne will have eight returners including a very much improved pitching staff.

"I really expect our pitching to be a strong point this year," noted Hayne. "We have four returning starters with a lot of experience under their belts. We also have a couple of pitchers who are newcomers that could help us out."

Returning pitchers include Shawn Butler, Steve Bailey, Steve Goucher, and Todd Schimke. Bob Pedan returns after a year layoff and Rob Shadle will throw for the Gators this year after transferring from Centralia Community College. Freshman hurlers include Sean O'Brien, Jim Whitaker, Dan Springer, and Ken Wilkensen.

Pitching won't be the only strong point this season for the Gators. Hayne said, "Our outfield is very stable this year and our offense will be a lot more productive throughout the line-up."

The outfield returns three players including Steve Bailey, Tim Harry (who also saw a lot of action as a designated hitter last year), and Ed Hess. Newcomers include Lou Albrecht, a transfer from the University of Washington, and Shawn McCann and Chris Schuneman.

The infield will be anchored by shortstop Mike Kirk, the lone returning starter. Kirk will be surrounded by Duane Christensen, Justin Hinkle, Brian Jackson, and Tim Salgado.

Doing the catching for the

Gators will be Pete Bingham and Don Higson.

Assisting Hayne in the coaching duties this year will be John Armstrong and Rob Wendland. Armstrong will primarily be working with the outfielders and hitters while Wendland will handle the strength and conditioning phases of the program.

The Gators will start their pre-season schedule March 11, against Western Washington University. The game will be played in Enumclaw and will start at 5 P.M.



Photo by Randy Cryer

Todd Schimke pits his fastball against the quick bat of Mike Kirk while Don Higson guards the plate.

GR Softball looking to repeat as NWAACC champs

by Theresa Tibbs
Guest Reporter

The Gator women's softball team is off to a great start, according to Coach Harry Beggs, with five returning players from last year's conference championship team.

Beggs, the Northern Region Coach of the Year last season, is pleased with the outlook of this year's team. "The sophomore are very solid, and the team is grouping together well," he said.

The returning sophomores are Lynette Keehnel in centerfield; Beck Ginn in left; Jill Mattson, third base; Diana Brummer, catcher; and Annie Martin, pitcher. Keehnel and Brummer both made the Northern Region first team squad. Ginn and Mattson both made second team. At the '85-'87 conference championships Ginn, Mattson, and Brummer all made the conference all-star team.

Some freshmen entering the picture this year are twins Abyse and Dayna Talbert at first base and shortstop; Kathy Glenn and second; Jill Weaver and Renee Parks, pitchers; Peggy Knight, outfield; Wendy Carlson, catcher; and Catherine Betzing, shortstop,

second or third. "A surprise this year is freshman Renee Parks who has never pitched modified before, and after

three weeks is great," stated Beggs. "The freshmen are young but have a lot of potential," said Beggs.



Photo by Randy Cryer

Wendy Carlson takes her turn batting during a Green River softball workout with All-Star Diane Brummer behind the plate, Katherine Betzing at

third, Beck Ginn in leftfield, Dayna Talbert at shortstop and Ann Martin pitching. At right, Annie Martin fires a fastball to the plate.

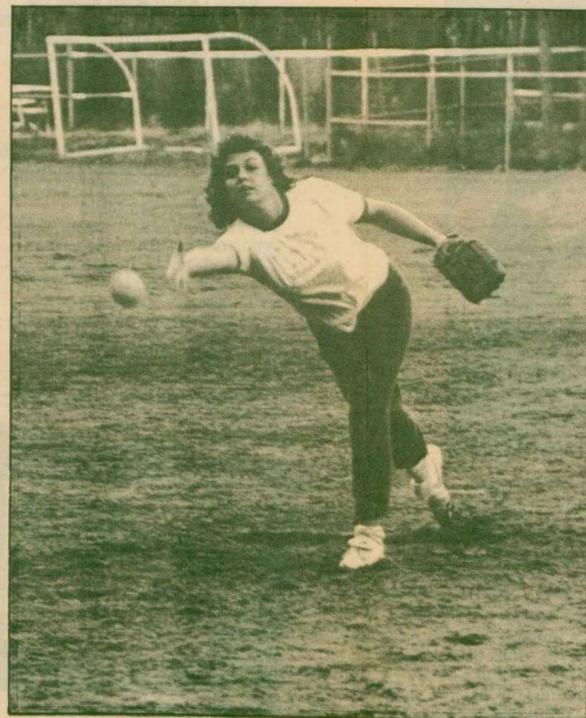


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Tennis teams begin tryouts Monday

by Kathy Hansen
Managing Editor

GRCC's men's and women's tennis teams will start try-outs on Monday at 2 p.m. at Boeing Tennis Center. Both teams, under the direction of head coach Steve Sauers, captured their respective

NWAACC titles last season. GRCC's tennis program has a winning tradition and has won many NWAACC titles in the past two decades.

For an in-depth look at the Gators and Coach Sauers, see next week's sports section of The Current.

The Academy Awards— a lot of picks and a few pans

by Charles Miller
Current Staff Reporter

The night of March 30th is probably the biggest media event of this year so far. That is the night of the Academy Awards, the "Oscars." It's been about two weeks since the Oscar nominations have been announced, and it's interesting to see who was nominated and who wasn't.

The Vietnam War film "Platoon" and the little-publicized English film "A Room With a View" were each nominated eight times, the most this year. Behind them were Woody Allen's "Hannah and Her



Sigourney Weaver, a surprising nominee for best actress.

Sisters", "The Mission" and "Aliens."

Out of those five movies, the only one not nominated for Best Picture was "Aliens"; in its place was "Children of a Lesser God." The only real surprise for me was that "Stand By Me" was not nominated. As to who I think is going to win, the winner is usually a pretty-well known film which has done pretty good business. That eliminates "A Room With a View" (whose title sounds like the last James Bond movie), and "The Mission." It is also a custom that the director of the film that wins usually is awarded Best Director; the last not to do so was in 1981.



The cast of platoon. This truer than life account of the Vietnam war has been nominated eight times.

Since 1950, out of 36 films to win Best Picture, 30 of the directors received an award also. "Children of a Lesser God" was not nominated for Best Director; you can eliminate that. That leaves "Hannah and Her Sisters" and "Platoon"; the two favorites. I think "Platoon" will get it.

The category of Best Actor is virtually a shoo-in. The nominees are: Dexter Gordon, "Round Midnight"; Bob Hoskins, "Mona Lisa"; William Hurt, "Children of a Lesser God"; Paul Newman, "The Color of Money"; and James Woods for "Salvador." The two people with virtually any chance are Hurt and Newman. Newman has been nominated six times, but never won; Hurt won last year. If anyone but Newman receives the award, it will be a major upset. The only person I feel was left out was Harrison Ford for "The Mosquito Coast."

Nominated for Best Actress are: Jane Fonda, "The Morning After"; Marlee Matlin, "Children of a Lesser God"; Sissy Spacek, "Crimes of the Heart"; Kathleen Turner, "Peggy Sue Got Married" and Sigourney Weaver for "Aliens." The real surprise for me is Sigourney Weaver. Science Fiction films are usually looked with distaste by the Academy; very few are nominated for any acting awards, the only recent movies have been "E.T." and Jeff Bridges for "Starman" last year. I think that Mia Farrow or one of the cast of "Hannah and Her Sisters" should have been nominated. I think Kathleen Turner should, and will receive the award.

Very quickly the nominees for acting in supporting roles. Best Supporting Actor: Tom Berenger, "Platoon"; Michael Caine, "Hannah and Her Sisters"; Willem Dafoe, "Platoon"; Denholm Elliott, "A Room With a View" and Dennis Hopper for "Hoosiers." The only person overlooked is Steve Martin, as the biker/dentist in "Little Shop of Horrors"; he was the best character in the movie. It is possible for Berenger and Dafoe to cancel each other out and give the award to Caine, who also deserves it. Most likely it will be Berenger, who won a Golden Globe Award. Nominated for Best Supporting Actress are Tess Harper, "Crimes of the Heart"; Piper Laurie, "Children of a Lesser God"; Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio, "The Color of Money"; Maggie Smith, "Room With a View" and Dianne

Wiest for "Hannah and Her Sisters." I've seen only two of the nominees, but Dianne Wiest should get it over Mastrantonio. It's too bad that Hannah or her other sister wasn't nominated for an award also.

Two of the most underrated awards are for Best Screenplay. You can have two great actors, such as Jack Nicholson and Meryl Streep but if the script stinks, like "Heartburn", the movie stinks. Nominated for Best Screenplay

written directly for the screen are "Crocodile Dundee", "Hannah and Her Sisters", "My Beautiful Laundrette", "Platoon", and "Salvador". "Platoon" deserves the award; if not then "Hannah". Nominated for Best Screenplay, based on material from another medium are "Children of a Lesser God", "The Color of Money", "Crimes of the Heart", "A Room With a View", "Stand By Me". I think "Stand By Me" might win in a minor upset.



"Hannah and Her Sisters" is up for several awards in the upcoming Oscars competition.

Robert Cray brings blues to the Northwest

by Aaron Vaughn
Current Staff Reporter

Tacoma's own Robert Cray is finally getting some of the national recognition he has deserved for so long. And no wonder.

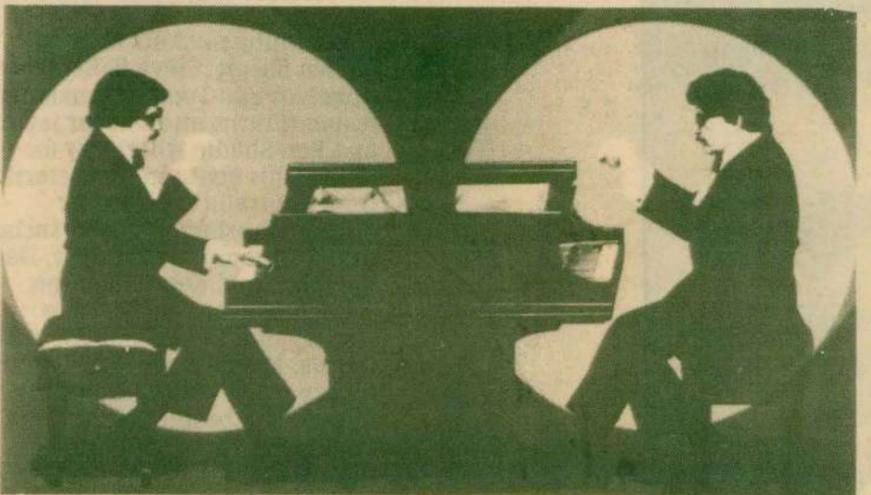
His new LP "Strong Persuader," a first for a major record label, certainly lives up to its title. Blues-rock is the way most are describing it, but it really has a jazzy flavor to it.

Whatever you call it, I dare you to listen and not become a fan. Blues is not my kind of music, but that makes no difference. This album is good, and is certainly better than most of what you hear on the radio today.

So good, in fact, that I wonder how it ended up on radio. "Smoking Gun" started out on Alternative/College radio stations, then moved on to album rock stations. Now "Gun" is on Top 40 radio, and doing quite well, thank you.

Other great tunes include "Right Next Door," "I Guess I Showed Her," and "More Than I Can Stand."

GRCC sponsors Ferrante and Teicher



by Ann Bellisle
Current Staff Reporter

Pianists Ferrante and Teicher will perform at the Pantages theater in Tacoma, March 5, at 8 p.m. Audiences expect a rare quality of performance from the duo. Ferrante and Teicher have been performing together since the age of six, and have recorded over 100 albums, 17 of which have gone gold. They have brand-new album that can be heard at their concert next Thursday. GRCC

hosted Ferrante and Teicher two years ago and played to a sold out show. They hope to do the same at this concert.

Tickets are available through the student programs office, Ticket Master outlets, and at the Pantages Theater in Tacoma. Prices are \$10 to \$15. Student tickets are half price the week of the show. For more information contact student programs on the second floor of the Lindbloom Student Center.

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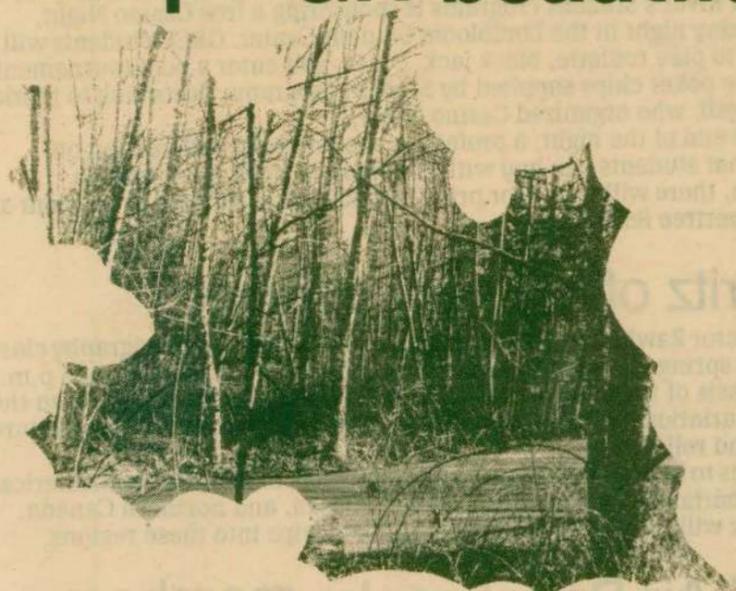
Reforestation program keeps GR beautiful

By Mark Minckler
Opinion Editor

The feel of the GR campus is the result of careful planning and the execution of those plans. Harold Broadbent, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, is largely responsible for the appearance of the campus. The trees around the campus are constantly being pruned and, if needed, removed. The maintenance staff currently consists of four students and two full-time gardeners. The philosophy of Broadbent's staff is after an area has been cleared, to help establish desirable tree species, and avoid nature taking over with undesirable species. Tree species that are desirable include Douglas Fir, W. Hemlock and W. Red Cedar. Trees that are not desirable include Alder, Cottonwood and Maple.

The new track project is one of many projects planned at GRCC. The construction of the new track will cause the removal of the majority of the trees along the SMT building. Also some trees adjacent to parking lot B will have to be removed. GRCC buys those trees to be removed from the state and hires a contractor to remove the wood.

A new parking lot is also being planned. The new lot will add an additional 75 parking places to GRCC. Most of the trees will be removed. Also a new traffic pattern will be initiated to eliminate the problem of turning left into lot A, thru traffic at the security shack. The feeling of the GRCC campus is a result of good planning by Broadbent and his staff. Also involved in the planning is the Environmental Committee.



Photos by Randy Cryer

Stands of trees are carefully preserved around the GRCC campus

Women's center provides a variety of services

by Kristi Graybeal
Current Staff Reporter

The Women's Center is on campus to provide services for students, faculty, staff, and members of the community. One of the many services of the Center is to assist women who are returning to school after 15-20 years and who may feel apprehensive and intimidated. The Women's Center holds "The Sampler" each quarter just prior to the beginning of school. "The Sampler" is an orientation to the campus with a panel discussion by women recently returning to school. Information on classes, career planning, registration, and financial aid is also provided in

"The Sampler." A tour of the campus is also included. The next session of "The Sampler" will be held Tuesday, March 17 (Study Day), from 9 a.m. to 12 noon in the Occupational/Education Building, Room 22. "The Sampler" plays an important role in recruiting new students, since the information is sent out to agencies and community groups in the area.

People go to the Women's Center for a wide variety of reasons. Some students drop in to the Center when they are not sure how to approach an instructor about a problem they may be having in a class. The Women's Center encourages students to talk with their instructors.

Another service of the Center is to let people know about other resources on campus, such as nursing services, financial aid, the library, and counseling services. The Center also provides resources for battered women and women who have eating disorders. Books and magazines on a wide variety of topics are also available for reading or research in the Center. The Center is also like a "home away from home" for some younger students who may need encouragement or just a friend to talk to.

Says Maid Adams, Coordinator of the Women's Center, "We are part of the team that helps students to succeed on campus."

Book helps students with math anxiety

by Anita Wahler
Current Staff Reporter

A straight-A student walks out of her Math 101 class in tears. "I hate math!" she exclaims. "I'll never get it. And it's not good for anything anyway!"

Sound familiar? Maybe it could be you. But according to a book by Sheila Tobias, *Overcoming Math Anxiety*, the woman's last statement is dead wrong, and her first two statements may reflect a socially-fostered insecurity rather than an inherited disposition or lack of ability.

"Literacy has a new dimension: mathematical competence," Tobias states. Her recital of jobs in which math skills are needed is long and surprisingly diverse; it includes socially-oriented jobs within non-profit organizations as well as the expected high-paying technical jobs.

"Since even in the non-profit sector projects are always competing for funds," Tobias writes. "It is important to know their cost-effectiveness: which project will get more impact, dollar for dollar?"

Tobias also points out that math requirements for entry into specific fields do not reflect requirements for advancements in those fields. She uses as an example "the plight of the middle-aged food chain executive who . . . cannot interpret . . . balance statements, budgets, and records

of sales." Discovering in mid-career that one cannot advance further because of lack of math skills can be "very painful," according to Tobias.

So what if you're convinced that math is important, but also convinced that you'll "never get it"? This book can help you tackle your fears.

People often feel they are "just dumb" if they don't learn math easily, but Tobias believes that the opposite may be true. Teachers often fail to clarify with precision the definitions of mathematical terms, and "a mind that is bothered by ambiguity — actual or perceived — is not usually a weak mind, but a strong one," Tobias writes. Perhaps the first step to overcoming your anxiety, then, is to stop telling yourself you have an "unmathematical mind." In addition to personal insecurities, cultural influences can induce math anxiety, especially in women.

"Since many people perceive ability in mathematics as unfeminine," observes Tobias, "fear of success may interfere with ability to learn math." If you think you may fall into this category, *Overcoming Math Anxiety* can help you deal with the problem.

If your anxiety stems from other

causes, the book can help you explore them, too.

"The real goal is autonomy,"

Tobias concludes. "The way out is not to deny the anxiety but to manage it."

Rosenbrock says be prepared for math classes

by Anita Wahler
Current Staff Reporter

The issue of math anxiety can be approached from different perspectives. GRCC math instructor Wayne Rosenbrock understands the point of view offered in *Overcoming Math Anxiety*, but he presented an alternative viewpoint.

"A lot of what is called math anxiety is actually unpreparedness," he remarked. "People expect to learn the material during the 50 minutes allotted for a test."

He believes attitudes toward math can affect ease of learning, too. "Often math is seen as an obstacle," he said. He indicated that to some people, it gets in the way of the achievement of a desired end (such as a nursing degree).

"The ones I've particularly had difficulty with have been older women coming back," Rosenbrock observed. "In the past women have been treated as doormats, and now there is a tendency to overcompensate, to over-assert."

"A lot of times, anxiety turns

into hostility; the teacher is put on the defensive."

Rosenbrock, who has taught for 19 years, does not see women as less competent at math than men.

"Women definitely do as well, or better than, men," he said.

But he believes "there certainly is a difference in the ways the sexes deal with anxiety."

"Many of the males just disappear; they say, 'Oh, the heck with it!' Women are more up front; they find out what they can do about it."

Rosenbrock's experiences contradict some of Tobias's conclusions. In *Overcoming Math Anxiety*, people who are afraid of math are presented as victims. Rosenbrock indicated that perhaps some people use math anxiety as an excuse for lack of effort. Tobias feels that women are especially hard hit by fear of math; Rosenbrock thinks women compete favorably with men in terms of math competency, and that women actually handle their fears in a more productive way.

Casino night tonight in LSC

Green River's Student Programs is sponsoring a free Casino Night, this Friday night in the Lindbloom Student Center. GRCC students will be able to play roulette, black jack, poker, and enter a pool tournament with free poker chips supplied by Student Programs, according to Maria McDougall, who organized Casino Night.

At the end of the night, a professional auctioneer will auction off prizes that students can buy with the "money" they have won. In addition, there will be a door prize of a \$50 gift certificate to be spent at GR's Papertree Bookstore.

Papritz offers new course

Instructor Rawhide Papritz will teach the first Cultural Geography class at GRCC spring quarter Monday through Thursday, from 1 to 2:15 p.m.

Emphasis of the class will be the variations of landscapes around the world, variations in ethnicity, modes of agriculture, rural architecture types, and religions.

Regions to be studied in depth will be Mexico, Britain, Central America, The Netherlands, East Africa, Ecuador, Alaska, and northern Canada.

Papritz will rely heavily on personal field trips into these regions.

Civil Air Patrol seeks members

The Green River Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol needs volunteers, 21 and older preferably faculty, staff, or students interested and committed to working with youth.

The Civil Air Patrol is a military organization that meets every Tuesday from 7 to 9 p.m. to work with youths, 13 to 18 years of age. Study areas include Aerospace education, search and rescue, and the cadet program. Volunteers will help coordinate activities and help administer the program.

"CAP helps develop leadership potential and prepare young people for life," said Kip Boyle, a member of the Civil Air Patrol. For more information call Boyle at 854-1140 or 839-2057.

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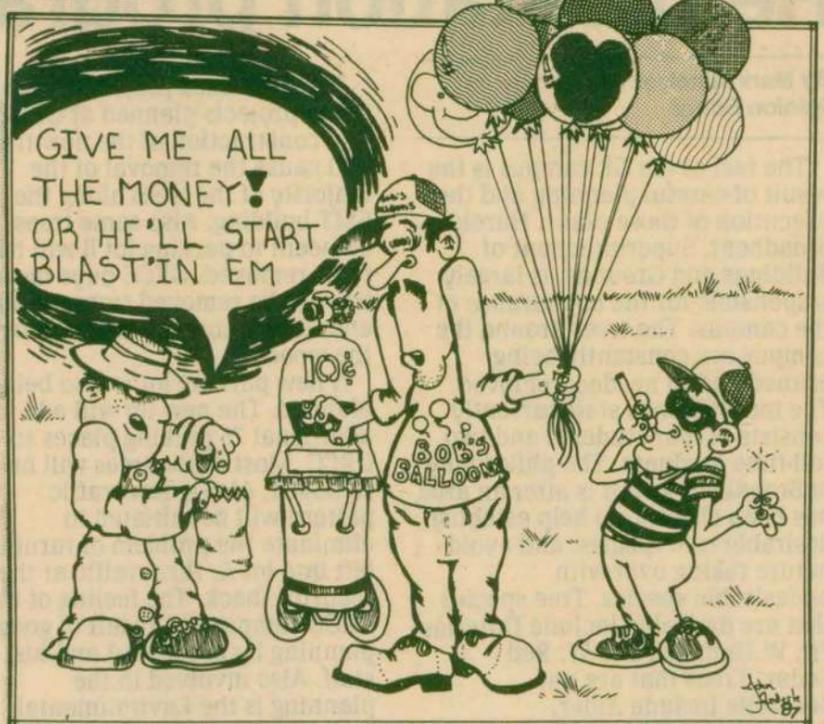
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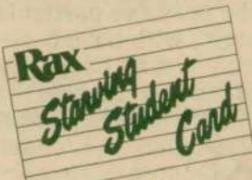
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