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## Scrooge comes to campus

by Kathy Hansen

In its twelfth season, Green River Community College's Heavier Than Air Family Theatre Company will stage three productions, *A Christmas Carol*, *The Three Musketeers*, and *Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella* under the direction of Joe Baker during the 1985-86 season.

The company is currently rehearsing *A Christmas Carol* in preparation for the Dec. 13-15 and 20-22 performances at GRCC.

For the production of *A Christmas Carol*, nine Green River students, three professional actors and 30 youngsters (seven to 14 years of age) from the theatre company's workshop program have combined to present the classic holiday musical.

Teresa Hockman has been with the family theatre company since its conception and will play the role of *The Ghost of Christmas Past* in the December production along with actor Dean Pendley as *Scrooge* in his seventh year in the program.

Teresa's husband, Dave Hockman acts as the company's music director and Pendley's wife Cathy will

play the *society lady*, making the group even more of a family affair.

Rob Clark, a member of Ballet Tacoma will portray *Bob Cratchett* while Dave Wise of the Seattle Stage Hands Union will perform the part of the *Ghost of Jacob Morely* and act as chief technician.

"Doing three shows a day is a real learning experience for young actors," Baker commented, "They can fine tune and improve their performance from show to show."

The family theatre company is different from other drama classes offered at GRCC, according to Baker.

"They (other classes) have a mandate to teach. We don't," said Baker, "It allows us more professional performances." "We want to turn people on to theatre, not turn them off," he commented.

Season tickets for the 1985-86 season cost \$6.50 per person and are currently available through the Green River CC ticket office. Baker suggested people buy tickets early, because they will sell quickly.

Group rates are available for community group and other organizations, Baker noted. Last year, the group sold over 1,000 season passes.

*The Three Musketeers* is set for March 28-30 and April 4-6. According to Baker it will be an action-packed adventure the whole family will enjoy.

In their spring production of *Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella*, the company presents the classic as a musical children's fantasy on June 13-15 and 20-22.

All times are Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 1, 3, and 8 p.m. and Sundays at 1, 3, and 7 p.m.

Complete schedules and ticket information are available by contacting the GRCC Ticket Office at 833-9111 or 1204 S.E. 320th, Auburn.



# Merry Christmas

## Home games have Gator Band support again

by Marion Meyer

After a ten-year absence, the Gator Band, Green River's pep band, was started once again Autumn Quarter to raise the crowd's spirit at home games.

The Gator Band has about 20 members most of whom play more than one instrument. The players meet once a week to practice and play at home volleyball and basketball games.

To be a Gator Band member, one must have an interest in music, be able to play an instrument and be able to make it to the games.

Clyde Johnson is the director of the Gator Band. Johnson's involvement with music spans back to the early 50's. He has played in many bands including the Wailers, Tamarau, with Tiny Tony and in his own band, the Angels (58-60). Johnson also per-

formed with Hal Sherman providing music for the Sonics games at the Kingdome.

From 1976, Johnson and Pat Thompson, director of the Green River Music Company, had their own group for 7½ years. The group was called Variety The Band. During this time, Johnson and Thompson formed the Music Company at Green River. For the first two years of the program Johnson performed with the group. Now, even though

he doesn't perform, he still travels with it and works with its members.

At Green River, Johnson runs the Shipping and Receiving Department, is on the advisory board to the Music Company and is on the advisory board to the Women's Center.

When asked what he thought were the best songs that the Gator Band plays,

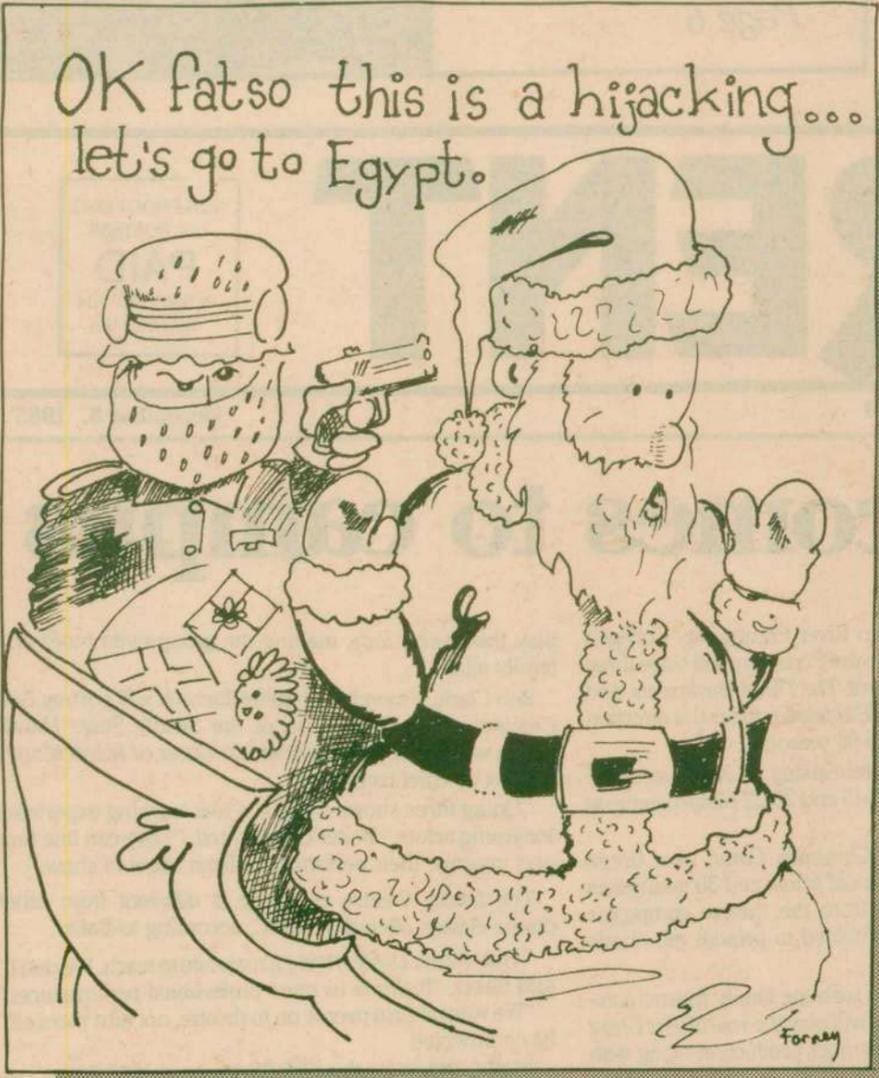
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Director Clyde Johnson and newly formed Gator Band provided spirit at recent volleyball game.

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# OPINION



## This is just plain silly



### Elwood's Column by Elwood Stravinski

Is everybody crazy? Yes, this is a typical question asked by someone like me. What king jolly irks me is half of the population of Washington state and a few Canadians stuff the malls tighter than a Thanksgiving turkey. Now these folks are hyped up, ready to buy, and a little on the crotchety side. (The reason can only be too much cranberry sauce.) I stood in the mall aghast, then shouted "Hey, look these things will be on sale for weeks to come... just go home!" An elderly lady flipped me off.

So I decided to investigate; what made these people so eager to make monetary exchanges for bits of plastic and battery-operated trivia? After interviewing several individuals, I began to get the picture. This statement by Agnes Fitzgerald of Bubble Swamp, Washington sort of says it all.

"I'm getting my shopping done early, what'sitoya?"

My next step was to find the source of the drive to spend. I spent eight grueling hours

in front of the TV. Then, suddenly, it dawned on me; The whole thing revolves around *flash* and *cute*. I'll give my favorite examples of both:

The camera passes in closeup along the sides of *it*, then, in a blaze of nuclear fire, *it* tears down computer simulated racecourse and into the hand of "King of the Beefcakes." This guy then rubs *it* on his face and shows how well *it* shaves. At this point I'm having wild dreams of pulling into the driveway of my date on a sleek new electric shaver and saying, "Hey babe, let's cruise," she laughs hysterically. So much for *flash*. (By the way I have put a contract on the head of the producer who make who makes the *Transformer* commercials... it involves strapping the producer down and surrounding him with a thousand kids with buck teeth and glow in the dark eyes saying "Transformers" for eight hours.) All you need for *cute* are two or three kids under the age of four saying "I'm home dear." or "Mic wowabable." *Cute* works.

So you get close to a million people brain washed by TV in search of the same thing. They'll buy it for little Jimmy and little Jimmy's eyes will get real big, he'll play with it all day Christmas and by New Year's day it will be forgotten, broken, or eaten.

I guess I yearn for a more simple holiday, I'm tired of plastic and cheap metal. My heart yearns for the good old days when you got gifts that would last for years, for the days when you got only one or two presents that knocked your socks off. Yes, you guessed it, I long for the times when I would be given an erotic slave, or be given as somebody's erotic slave. So make your Christmas merry and give more old-fashioned presents.

# Govt. has no moral leg to stand on

The Internal Revenue Service is once again busy protecting the nation's interest. It seems the government is alarmed at the possibility of students in America not paying back their student loans.

## Editorial

To fight against this grave threat to our national economy, the IRS has decided, starting this year, to keep close track of student loans. The Treasury Department has made it clear that they intend to track down this drain on American well-being.

Here is another perfect example of the Reagan administration's classic style of government. For five years we have been treated to his effective domestic policy of double-speak. Where this writer comes from, it's called rip and run, but leave 'em smiling. The fact is, the Reagan administration has done everything possible to destroy the modern education structure in this country. Federal cut backs in aid to education threaten this country's ability to make the opportunity available for everyone to rise to their individual potential.

Now, the government implies that the youth of this country is dishonest. That IRS must monitor students so they won't steal federal money. This is insulting. Particularly, since it is well known how the graft and corruption in defense spending has taken over Washington D.C.

The government has gone over one trillion dollars in debt building weapon systems we do not really need. To make cash available to themselves for further merchandising in death, Reagan has cut social programs to the extent that millions of Americans are literally starving to death. Then, he has tried to stop student loans through congressional action. Congress is still debating this issue, so the next tool at his disposal is IRS.

It is conceded that there are a few bad apples in every barrel, but the government doesn't have a moral leg to stand on. The vast majority of college students are honest, decent people. Two thirds of them depend on financial aid for their education. The students are in school to better themselves, and thereby better our nation. The government should encourage students all it can. Instead, it appears to be more interested in viewing American youth suspiciously, and ready to pull the rug out from under their feet as soon as possible.

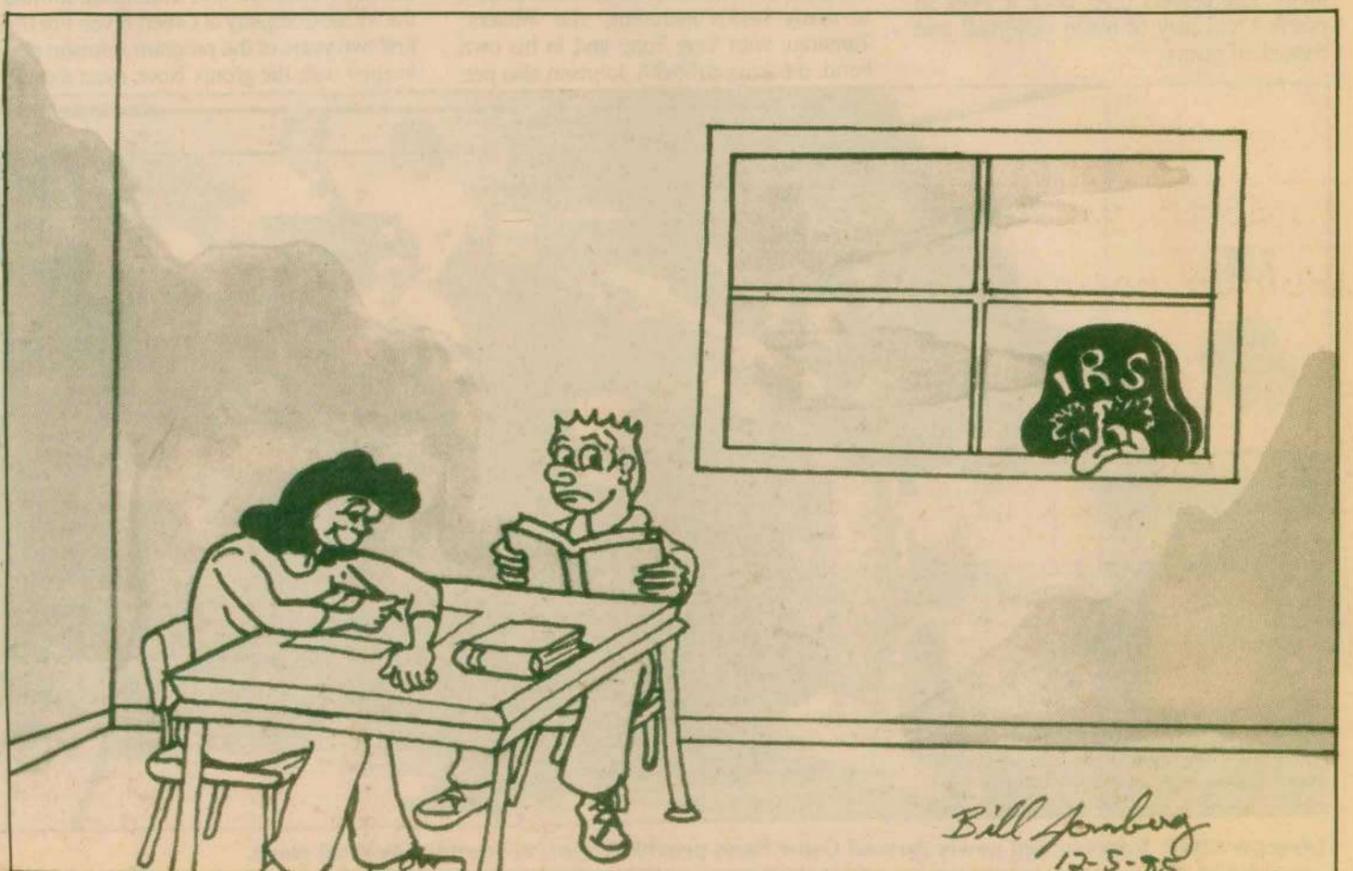
—Bill Jernberg

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Bill Jernberg  
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# NEWS AND OPINION

## Chemistry can make it come alive



### GATOR-AID

Letters to GRACC (pronounced Gracie) may be dropped in the green box in the lobby of the Holman Library.

Please note, there is a new letter box at the LSC. It is located upstairs by the candy counter, painted green and marked "Letters to GRACC."

Dear GRACC,

**My problem is similar to Day Dreamer's in the November 8th issue of the Current.**

**I sit in class—sometimes only two seats away from the most wonderful guy I have ever seen—and I also try to concentrate on the lecture. I don't have "lustful fantasies" like Day Dreamer, but I wonder what it would be like to go out with this guy. I see**

**him in the Student Center, and my mind starts drifting away. Every time I see him, I float in the clouds for hour after he's gone.**

**I would really like to get to know this guy and see if a serious relationship would develop. I know this is the age of Women's Lib and all, but I wouldn't want to scare him off and ruin any chances I might have by asking him out.**

**I've had similar problems like this before. If I sat and waited, nothing happened. If I tried to get to know the guy, he wasn't interested.**

**I try to make myself as accessible as possible, but nothing happens. I'm not the most attractive girl in the world, either. What should I do? Help.**

**Head in the Clouds**

Dear HIC,

What do you do when you see ANYBODY day after day? After awhile you start to smile and say "Hi" when you pass one another, right? When you're standing outside a classroom waiting to go in, don't you talk to people about up-coming tests, tests you just took and what's going on in the class? Well, just because you like someone, you shouldn't let your feelings keep you from talking to them like anyone else.

Relationships don't stand a chance of developing without preliminary conversation, and especially the casual, non-threatening kind that simply makes one person familiar to the other.

Of course, casual conversation is no guarantee of a future relationship, but it does provide for the possibility *IF* the right kind of chemistry is there between both people. That chemistry is important, without it being mutual, there isn't much chance of anything more than a superficial relationship.

So, what I'm saying is that you shouldn't take it personally if you like someone and it isn't reciprocated because of a lack of mutual chemistry. That is not rejection, it's a simple fact of life that everyone experiences to one degree or another. But; the more people you talk to, the greater your chances of success at finding that someone who's right for you.

Looks have little to do with chemistry. Even though attractiveness may spark interest, it's no guarantee of a relationship, either. It's the whole person that's important and the ability to fulfill specific needs that draws two people together for any length of time, not just the ability to look pretty. Look around you, are all the couples on campus attractive?

I suspect part of your problem is lack of confidence in yourself. I've said before, you have to like you before you can expect anybody else to.

You can't control anyone else, but you can do something about yourself. And if being attractive is important to your self-esteem... do something about it. Spend a day experimenting with your hair, with

your clothes, with your make-up. When you come up with a combination that makes you feel good, that you're pleased with, you'll have a lot more confidence.

When you feel confident, you tend to treat the world in a different, more positive way. Women and men have been doing this for centuries. The successful ones did not consider their lack of beauty to be a handicap. They emphasized their other assets.

In a nutshell then, what you should do is to experiment until you like what you see. Learn to take on relationships one step at a time.

Don't let lack of interest paralyze you, or take it as anything more than what it is, part of nature's selection process. If you do nothing and say nothing... nothing will happen for sure.

You don't have to ask for a date right off the bat, but at least say Hi. Converse if the opportunity arises; then, play it by ear and see where it goes. If there's chemistry, it will take off on its own, if not, it's no fault of yours. But, in the meantime, he'll make for nice daydreams until the guy with the right chemistry comes along. They always do.

Well folks,

*We have come to the end of another quarter. I want to thank you for your participation, your letters, your support and your encouragement.*

*Until January, take care; have a beautiful holiday season.*

Love GRACC

## Holidays can be healthy

### Health in the 80's



Judy Names, R.N.

Green River Health Coordinator

The end of Autumn Quarter is next week and this is a great time for a self-health assessment. The holiday season does not mean that you have to abandon your fitness program and gain ten or more pounds. This is a time for family and friends and socializing but it does not have to be a time of increased stress. Slow down and keep your own pace. Here are some health checks that you can do:

1) Watch your alcohol consumption during the holiday season. Don't tolerate alcohol abuse or try to drink and drive. In car accidents involving drunk drivers in the King County area, 4,014 people were injured and 76 people were killed in alcohol related accidents. Wear seat belts.

2) Start an exercise program that will be of some aerobic benefit. Schedule exercise into your calendar just as you would any appointment.

3) Evaluate your nutrition intake and follow these hints:

- ☆ Eat fresh fruits and vegetables. They lose their nutrients after two or three days.
- ☆ Avoid processed foods. Limit all forms of sugar and refined carbohydrates such as biscuits, cakes, cookies, white breads, etc.
- ☆ Cut down on high fat meats like beef, pork and processed meats (hot dogs, lunch meats)

4) Reduce your level of stress. Think of change as a challenge and natural for development. The B vitamins play a crucial role in our mental health and keep the nervous system functioning so make sure you are getting enough. Reach for seeds, nuts, beans and yeast. Steer clear of B robbers like coffee, alcohol and cigarettes.

I hope all of you have a terrific quarter break and come back with renewed energy. Here's wishing you the best of health!

## Greed causes pain

Even as I sit down and commit myself to this piece of paper, I still feel a certain sense of unaccomplishment and futility. First let me present the problem.

Wealth is unevenly distributed.

Some people have more than enough while others merely get by, and still others can't even get by. Now this is a problem that exists all through the year—and perhaps doesn't belong in this editorial. Yet every year the need seems to surface during this season because of extra spending for frivolity that could be spent on food, clothing and other necessities.

This is only the first part of the problem. The solution is also a problem. I may be labeled as a political radical for this next statement, but rest assured I am not.

There is more than enough food in the world to feed everyone, enough textiles to clothe, and enough money to make everyone comfortable. People must learn to share what they have. Wealth needs to be distributed evenly. Greed needs to be conquered more than any other thing in the world.

Let me put what I've said into simpler terms. When I was four, my elders punished me because I did not share my teddy bear, now they call me a 'radical' because I follow their doctrine of sharing.

Nothing is more frustrating than when people are hypocrites. It makes me sad.

All I can do is show the problems and the only real solution. I know that although I may have held your interest for a few seconds, it can never make enough impact to change anything.

—Michael Forney

### Editorial

## Letter to the Editor

### Women runners needed

There a number of women athletes on the Green River campus who have participated in high school athletics, track and field, that we (the coaching staff) are not aware of. In addition, there are a number of women athletes who have great potential for track but have never participated before. The coaching staff of Green River would like to encourage these student/athletes to get in touch with us.

Many of the women athletes feel that they have to be an absolute super-star in order to participate on this level. In some events this is so, but in many of the events there are opportunities for the women to not only participate but to do quite well. All interested female athletes that we have not talked to, should contact the coaching staff through the student programs department.

The following are the times and distances

of the sixth place finishers in the league last year:

High Jump	5'
Long Jump	16' 10"
Triple Jump	34' 5"
Shot Put	36' 4"
Discus	119' 3"
Javelin	105' 10"
100M	12.76
200M	26.2
400M	60.4
800M	2:23
1500M	5:03
3000M	11:05
5000M	19:46
1000M	46:15
100M Hurdles	15.6
400M Hurdles	65.0

First turn out will be on January 7, 1986.

—Jerry Russell, Head Track Coach

## Adult illiteracy attacked

OLYMPIA—A comprehensive attack on adult illiteracy in Washington will be proposed to the State Board for Community College Education when it meets here next week.

The Board will be asked to adopt a resolution calling for a state coalition on adult literacy, coordination of public and private efforts to promote adult literacy and a legislative appropriation for coordination of volunteer adult literacy efforts.

In describing the literacy problem, Dr. John Terrey, state community college director, explained that "Nearly one-quarter of the state's adult population did not graduate from high school and 11 percent have less than nine years of education."

He pointed out that nationally \$5 billion is spent annually in welfare support to those who cannot be employed due to illiteracy while \$6.6 billion is spent to maintain

260,000 inmates whose imprisonment is directly linked to illiteracy.

"What is needed to reduce illiteracy is better coordination among the community colleges, public schools, volunteer agencies and other public and private organizations which are individually involved in educational efforts," the director stated.

He pointed out that a similar resolution was adopted by the State Board of Education on Nov. 12 and that other public agencies and organizations are planning related actions.

Also on the State Board's agenda next week is the adoption of its staff study on the organization of Community College District 12 (Centralia, South Puget Sound community colleges) and approval of an agency response to the "sunset review" of the state's Commission for Vocational Education.

# SPORTS

Gators take on Tacoma in consolation final Saturday

## Helmsmen steer past Gators in overtime, 1-0

by Kathy Hansen

They say lightning never strikes twice, but it seems no one told an unbeatable Bellevue team as they downed Green River in overtime for the second straight season.

Last year, the game went into a penalty kick tiebreaker and Bellevue went on to win the NWAACC Championship while GR placed third.

The Gator's 1-0 overtime loss dropped the team into the consolation finals of the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges tournament tentatively scheduled for Saturday evening at Troy Field in Auburn. The matches may be held on Saturday evening.

The playoffs, originally scheduled for a week earlier in Auburn, had to be rescheduled to last Saturday at the Kingdome in Seattle because of unrelenting snowfalls.

"I thought they played very good. They played some excellent soccer," Head Coach Dan Pingrey said of the Gators. "We played our game plan. We dominated the game in the first half."

This time, Bellevue was able to score when Helmsman Dan McKillop took control of a loose ball and shot past GR goalkeeper Jerry Rehberger after only two minutes had elapsed in the 20 minute overtime.

In the first half, Green River was able to control the game and forward Eric Guise, also a member of last season's all-star squad, was almost able to score on a header off Brett McGinnis's cross early into the match. Both GR and Bellevue tallied 12

shots on goal in regulation play with neither side scoring.

"In the beginning of overtime, we let down a little bit, and they caught us with only one defender," Pingrey explained. In overtime situations, all of the players move up in an attempt to create an offensive drive and score. That gave Bellevue several late opportunities, but Reberger successfully foiled two one-on-one attempts.

Last season, the Gators went on to beat Lane in the consolation final and capture a third place NWAACC finish. However, Pingrey said playing for third or fourth place for the second consecutive season was not included in the Gator's game plan.

"For myself and the sophomores it's worse, but it's hard to take all the way around," he said, "Any championship loss always is."

Pingrey attributed much of Bellevue's success to Helmsman goalie Jeff Koch who was named to last year's all-star team.

"Koch had brilliant game," Pingrey commented, "He had several outstanding saves, just like the last time we played them."

Pingrey had predicted that it would be 3 or 4-0 GR, or 1-0 in favor of Bellevue prior to last Saturday's dome contest. "It was basically the championship game," he said, indicating that the two teams are the NWAACC's most talented clubs.

"We are going to have fun this week and do some things together as a team, and then we are going to go out and blow Tacoma away," Pingrey said earlier this week.

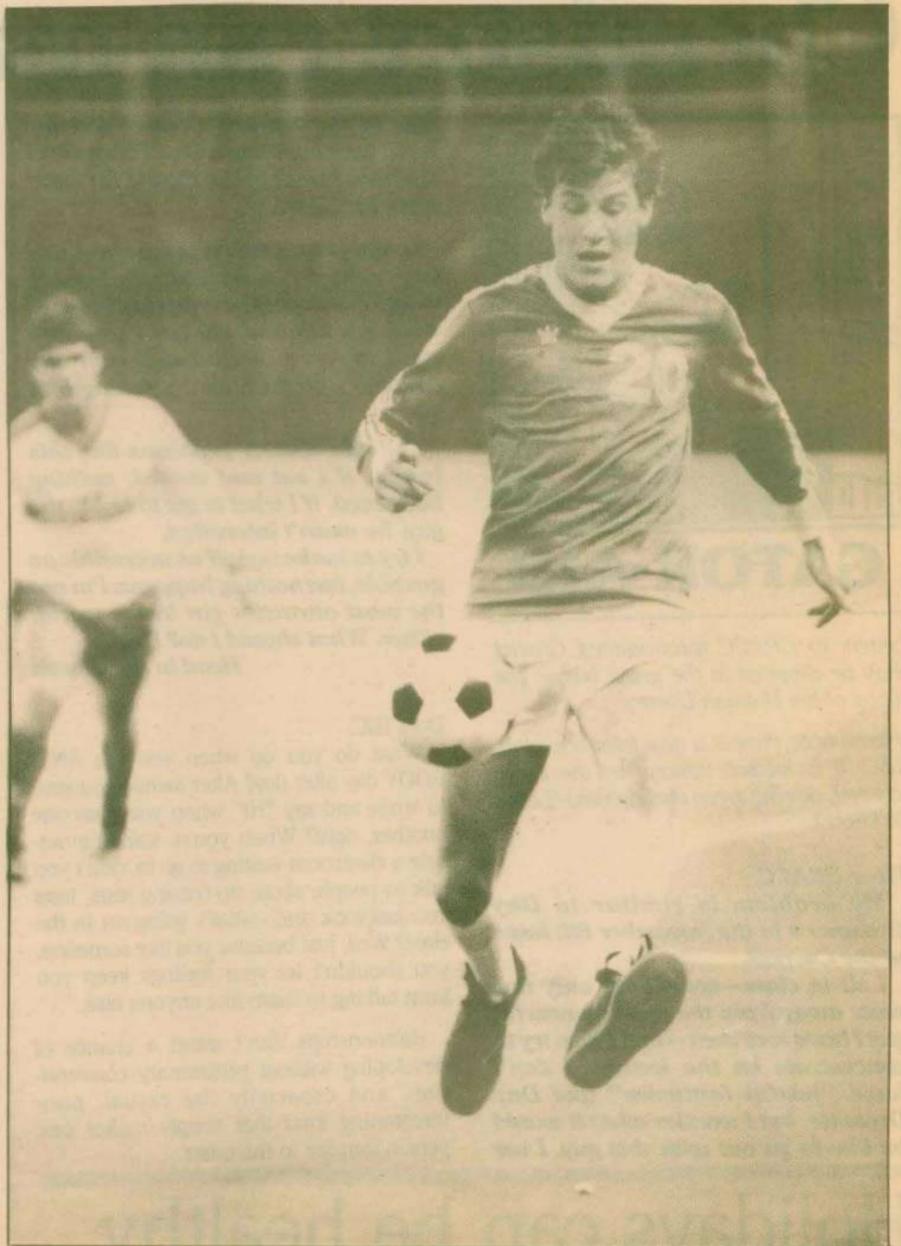
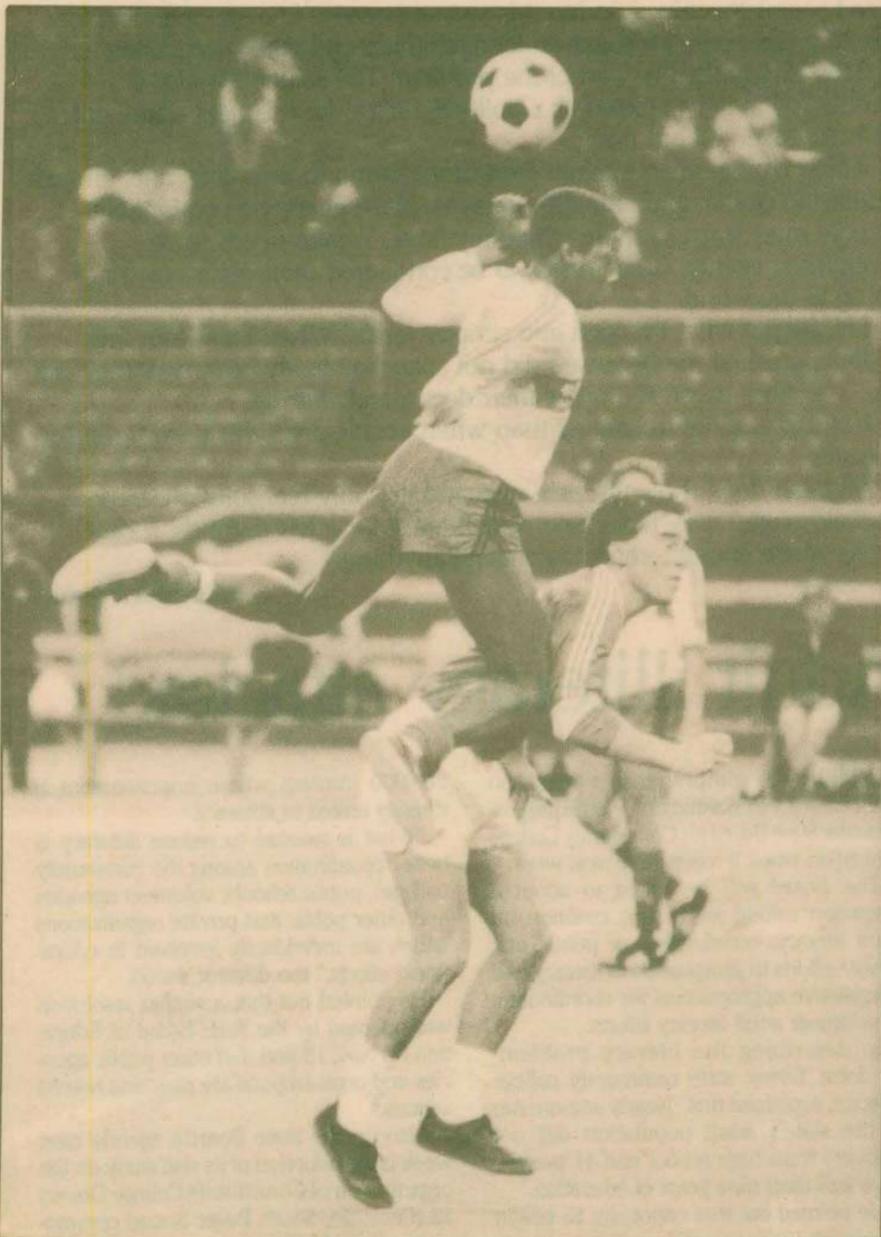


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Defender Stuart Lamarr of Green River brings down a loose ball, but the team was unable to come up with a win over BCC in Seattle's Kingdome last Saturday.



"Ouch!" Green River midfielder Steve Mulvey brings down Bellevue's ballerina with a body block

PHOTO COURTESY MICHAEL PAPRITZ

## NWAACC Sportsline Statistics

### Men's basketball

**Bellevue 77, G. River 72**

Bellevue . . . . . 42 35-77

Green River . . . . . 33 39-72

Bellevue—Shepard 2, Brownrigg 11, Schoenbachler 17, Thompson, Francois 2, Briggs 9, Dupos 10, Ainsworth 13, Hall 11, Russell 2, Powers.

Green River—Heigeson 12, Williamson 12, Johnson 6, Newell 10, Heldt 15, Collins 4, Anderson 2, Heather 2, Swan 9, Campfield.

Field goals—Bellevue 31-72, Green River 30-62; free throws—Bellevue 15-23, Green River 12-21; rebounds—Bellevue 31, Green River 31; personal fouls—Bellevue 26, Green River 24.

**G. River 84, Yakima Val. 65**

Yakima Valley . . . . . 30 35-65

Green River . . . . . 41 43-84

Yakima Valley—Johnson 2, Bongers 8, Heurion 13, Evanoss 1, Olson 17, Miller 2, Barton 2, Stark 2, Gordon 2, Myers 16.

Green River—Katzer, Schumacher, Swan 14, Doohan 10, Tokarz 2, Bonnot 5, Brown 4, Burmmer 2, Chandler 6, Montgomery 10, Strobeck 31, Wilson.

### Women's volleyball

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS  
At Highline

Chemeketa d. Shoreline, 15-3, 15-5.  
Mount Hood d. Southwestern Oregon, 15-8, 15-9.

Green River d. Highline, 15-12, 15-12, 15-10.

Chemeketa d. Mount Hood, 15-4, 16-14 (4th place).

Highline d. Chemeketa, 15-4, 15-6 (3rd place).

Highline d. Green River, 15-9, 15-1, 15-8.

Highline d. Green River, 15-2, 15-2, 15-12 (1st place).

### Men's soccer

NWAACC SEMIFINALS

At Kingdome

Skagit Valley 1 (Daugherty), Tacoma 0.

Bellevue 1, Green River 0.



# SPORTS

## T-Birds comeback for title; GR places second

### Netters fall to Highline in NWAACC final

by Kathy Hansen

The weather outside may have been frigid, but the action inside was as hot as it gets.

The Green River Community College volleyball team could have used some of the snow inside Highline CC's gymnasium to cool off a very hot Highline team in the finals of the Northwest Athletic Association of Community College's tourney last Saturday evening.

For the third time in so many years, Green River faced the T-Birds for the NWAACC final. Last year the Gators took it all, conquering the conference and Highline.

Highline, who placed first in 1983 and second a year ago is the first team to struggle back up through the elimination bracket to capture the crown. HCC toppled Chemeketa after the lady Gators dropped them into the elimination bracket with a 3-1 win on Saturday afternoon.

In her first season as coach of the Gators this year, Stanczyk brought the team back to the finals after replacing Lane Murray as head coach.

Although the two teams faced each other five times during the season with HCC netting victories each time, they were unable to contain a pumped-up Gator team in the winner's bracket final Saturday afternoon as GR pushed to a 6-15, 15-12, 15-12, 15-10 win.

"We played super," Stanczyk said, "Jodi (Kasowski) and Yvette (Henry) owned the net. They were blocking great."

Both Kasowski and Henry earned All-Tournament first team honors while sophomore teammate Marla Cremeen was chosen for the second team.

The netters collected 11 stuffed blocks in the afternoon victory over Highline. Yvette Henry tallied four and Kasowski and Cremeen both added three.

Margaret Henry led the GR offense with 10 kills and Lynette Keehnel had one of her best career performances, adding a total of nine kills.



The Gator offense goes in for another kill as Green River toppled the T-Birds 3-1 in the two teams' first meeting of the NWAACC tournament at Highline last Saturday.

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"Lynette played really well," Coach Stanczyk commented, "She had a really good game."

Highline came back from the afternoon's loss ready to play for their lives. They won the first match—a must win situation for them—15-9, 15-1, 15-8 and then went on to dominate GRCC in the Championship match 15-2, 15-12, 15-2.

"In the final, we couldn't make the ball hit the floor for anything," Head Coach Becky Stanczyk commented, "We couldn't make anything work and they couldn't do anything wrong."

For Stanczyk, who plans to return next fall as coach of the Gators, next season has already begun. She will recruiting efforts this week at the state high school tournament that was postponed because of snow. "It would have been hard to make the high school tournament during our playoffs too," she said.



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The netters celebrate a win on their way to a second place finish in the conference tournament.

### Men's basketball team goes 3-1

by Kathy Hansen

In their first loss of the season, Green River CC's men's basketball team was beaten by Bellevue 77-72 in the Green River Tip-Off Classic Nov. 30. Dave Heldt led the Gators with 15 points while Tim Helgeson and Bill Williamson both added 12.

Helgeson, a sophomore forward, was named to the all tournament team, and pulled down 11 rebounds against Bellevue.

The team trailed 42-33 at halftime, but pulled to within two points with three minutes remaining.

The Gators are 3-1 so far this season which new Head Coach Gene Cash said is, "One of the best starts the team has had in some time."

Cash took on the head coaching spot this season after filling the assistant coaching position for the past two years.

Cash is joined by first-year assistant coach Jim Peterson.

"Our goal is to get to the playoffs," Cash commented, "We're having study hall, and hopefully everyone will be eligible to play. That's one of our main concerns right now."

GR toppled Fraser Valley at home 81-73 Nov. 29. Helgeson paced the Gators with 13 points.

The team downed Olympic 73-62 Nov. 26 in another home match-up. Heldt led all scorers with a total of 25.

In their first contest this season, GR traveled to Portland CC in Portland, Ore. where they outshot PCC 91-78 on Nov. 23. Eric Johnson scored 18 points and earned seven rebounds. Waymon Swan also added eight rebounds.



PHOTO/THE CURRENT

Helgeson goes up for a basket to help bring GR's record to 3-1 this season.

### Women hoopsters net second in tourney

by Kathy Hansen

In the consolation final of the Green River Tip-Off Classic last weekend, the GR women's basketball team converted 34 of 54 free throws, combining a full court press and a fast break to topple Yakima Valley CC 84-65.

Forward Keri Strobeck sunk 31 points for

Green River, shooting 73 percent from the floor with 11-15.

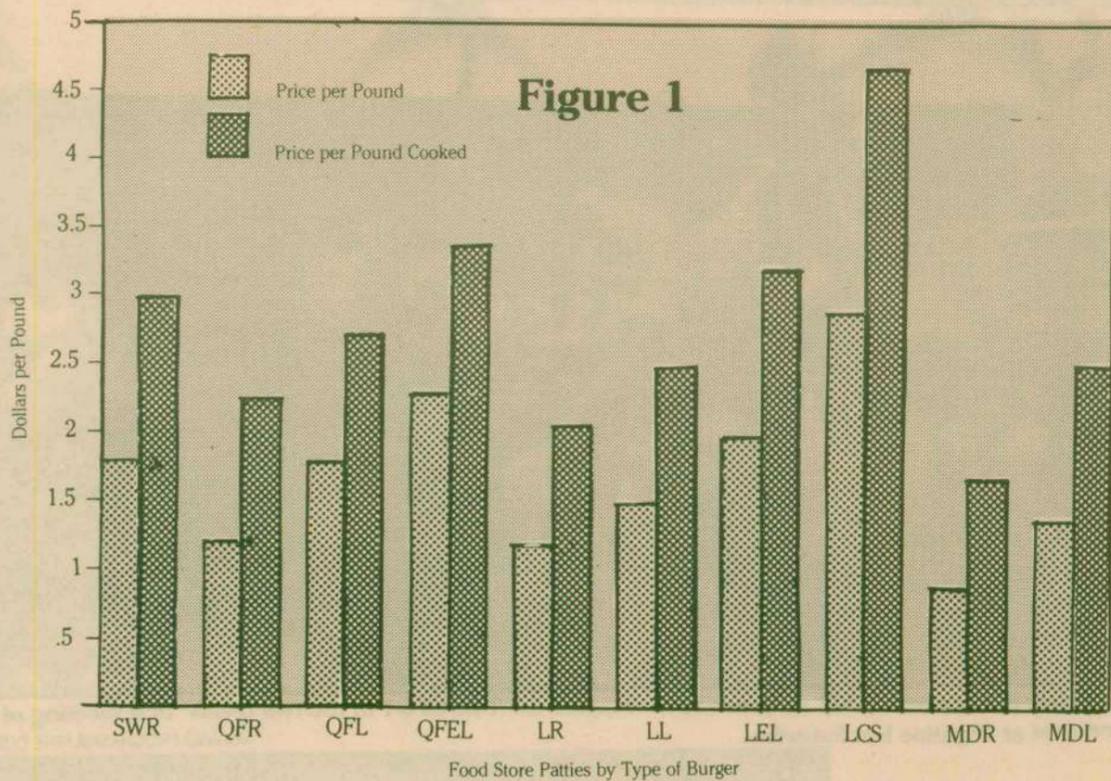
The Gators nearly doubled Yakima in the rebound column by a 51-26 margin.

Green River will attempt to repeat last year's NWAACC Conference Championship this season.

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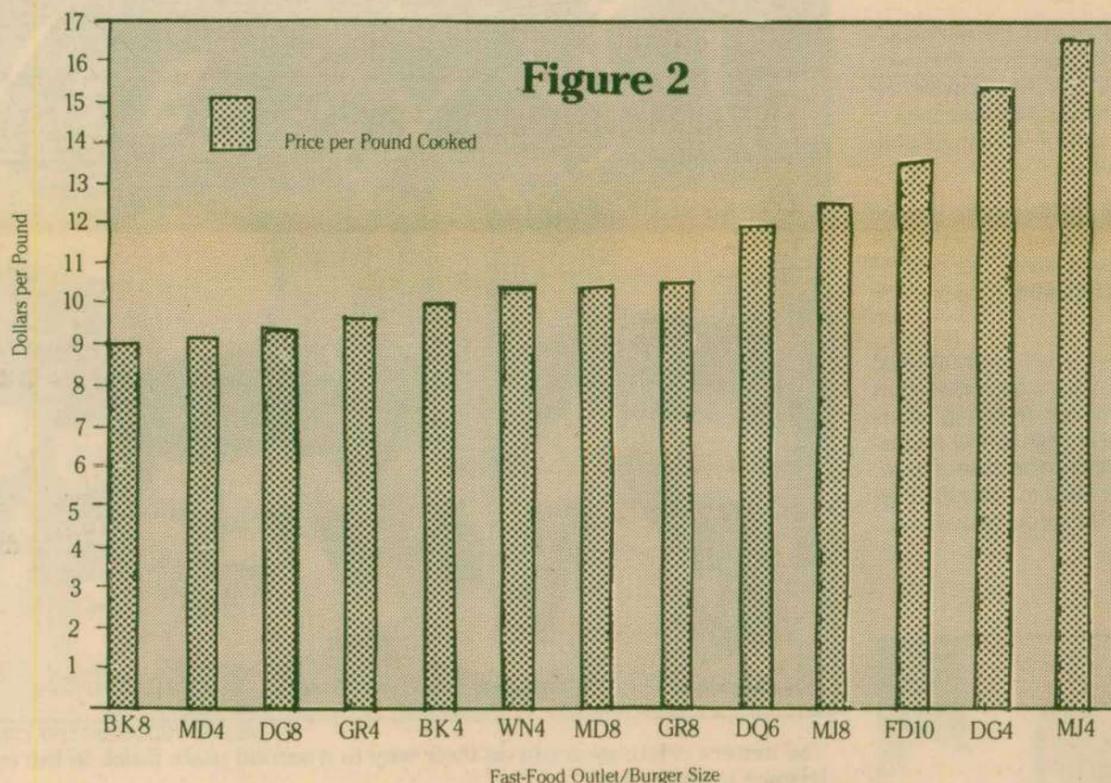
## Do your burgers deflate ?

Food Store Patty Cost: Uncooked/Cooked



Food Store Patties by Type of Burger

Fast-Food Patty Cost After Cooking



Fast-Food Outlet/Burger Size

During the last three weeks, Rob Casad's 9 a.m. technical writing class collected uncooked burger patties from eight fast-food stores and bought hamburger from four grocery stores, making the burger into quarter pounders.

The class figured that by weighing, uniformly cooking, and reweighing each patty they could determine the cooked cost per pound for each burger. Figures 1 and 2 below illustrate the final average costs in dollars per pound of burger.

Shrinkage or waste ranged from 41 to 54 percent for the fast-food stores and from 32 to 47 percent for the grocery stores. McDonald's and GRCC burger patties shrunk the least, whereas Monterey Jack's patties shrunk the most. QFC extra lean patties shrunk the least, whereas QFC regular and Market Discount regular shrunk the most. However, regular burger (the cheapest) from the grocery stores was equivalent in shrinkage to most fast-food store burger patties.

By converting burger prices to dollar cost per pound of patty, the class determined the best values for the money. In a grocery store, their tests showed, the best value for the money is plain old hamburger, the cheaper the better (see Figure 1, below). Because Market Foods was selling its hamburger at 89 cents per pound, they had the best value.

At a fast-food outlet, the Burger King one-eighth pounder (the one for 63 cents) is the best value. The McDonald's quarter-pounder is a close second, with Dag's eighth-pounder and GRCC's quarter-pounder following third and fourth (see Figure 2, below).

The overall conclusion of the writing class was that the grocery store's least expensive hamburger was the best buy. For those who must have a fast-food burger, they should remember, they are paying over \$9 per pound. They might as well go for bulk.

Next quarter Casad's class may decide to weigh the whole burger, including bun and goop, from all the fast-food stores and answer the question "Where's the Bulk?"

Figure 1 note

SWR = Safeway regular  
 QFR = QFC regular  
 QFL = QFC lean  
 QFEL = QFC extra lean  
 LRL = Lucky regular  
 LL = Lucky lean  
 LEL = Lucky extra lean  
 LCS = Lucky cube steak  
 MDR = Market Discount regular  
 MDL = Market Discount lean

Figure 2 note

8 = one-eighth pound  
 4 = one-quarter pound  
 BK = Burger King  
 MD = McDonalds  
 DG = Dags  
 GR = GRCC  
 WN = Wendy's  
 DQ = Dairy Queen  
 MJ = Monterey Jack  
 FD = Family Dairy Ins

### Elton Bennett prints made available

## Art, ornaments, gifts are part of Boutique

by Marion Meyer

Elton Bennett prints, hand-crafted items, and live entertainment will all be part of the seventh annual Christmas Boutique sponsored by Program Projects in the Lindbloom Student Center.

At the boutique will be 52 booths run by members of the community, faculty, and the Mid Management Association. The items they will display and sell, range from candy and cookies to ornaments and stocking stuffers. All of these items are hand-crafted. As Danielle Miller of Program Projects describes the boutique, "almost anything you can imagine" will be displayed.

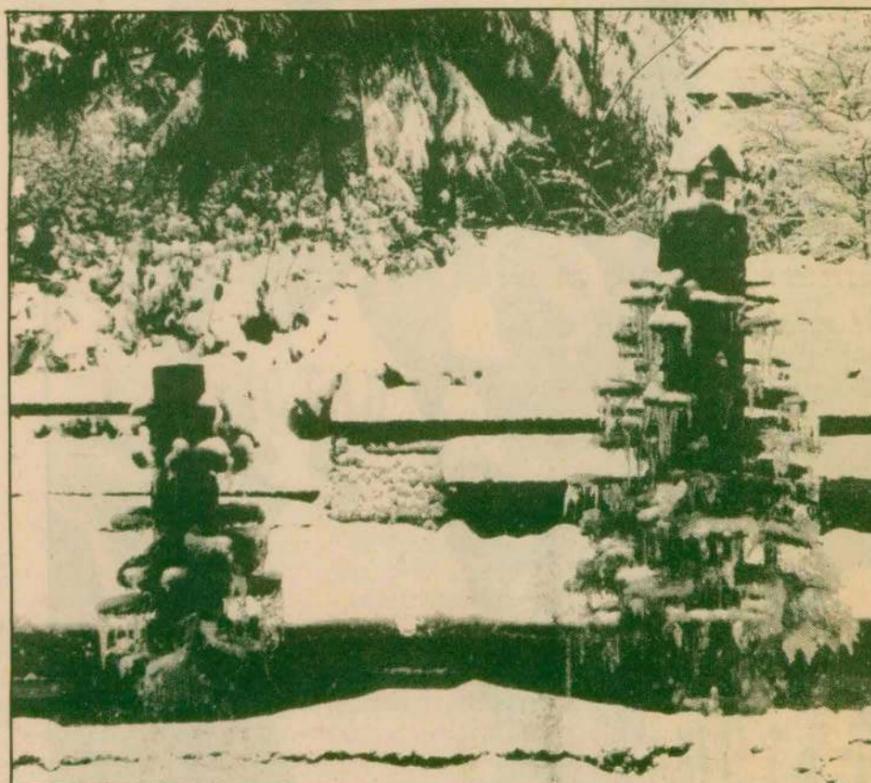
Throughout the day, live entertainment is scheduled, including performances by the Burien Dance Theatre, Dance Arts, Lei Momi's Polynesian Dance Studio, the Academy of Ballet, the Green River

Chamber Singers, and the Green River Heavier Than Air Players.

Free showings of movies and free face painting for children will be available as well as photographs with Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus and their elves for 50 cents.

Elton Bennett prints exhibited will also be offered for sale.

Planning for this Christmas Boutique started way before December. Every year there is a waiting list of people who want to exhibit their items at the boutique. A form was sent to these people, and the first 52 to complete and return the forms before the end of October were the ones eligible to display their items at the boutique. These exhibitors paid a \$30 fee which covered advertising costs, but no commissions will be received by Program Projects.



ROLAND PROCHASKA/THE CURRENT

Green River Commons fountain transformed into Christmas tree ice sculpture.

## GENERAL NEWS

# Current earns First Class rating

by Myrtle Rogneby

The *Current* earned a First Class rating for "second semester 84-85" as judged by the Associated Collegiate Press (ACP), headquartered at the University of Minnesota and the oldest national college press association in the country.

In the guidebook explaining the basis of judgment, ACP Judge B.W. Fields wrote, "The *Green River Current* is a superlative college publication—each issue is jammed with well-written, well-edited articles. The campus is fortunate to have such a publication."

The *Current* received 3,430 points of a

possible 3,700. Three of five possible "Marks of Distinction" were also awarded the *Current*, in addition to its First Class score. Low score for a First Class paper was 3,100 points.

Ratings were awarded after papers were compared to others of the same classification. The *Current* was judged against other community college papers published weekly during the same time span.

Honor ratings awarded were All American, First, Second, Third, or Fourth Class. To earn the All American rating, a

paper had to score a First Class rating together with four of five possible Marks of Distinction.

The *Current*, earning a First Class rating and three Marks of Distinction, lacked but one mark for the top All American rating.

Marks of Distinction are earned "for lively, appealing, imaginative, creative work showing special personality," according to the ACP guidebook. The book noted that a paper might earn a high rating for technical excellence but not be distinctive enough to get the extra recognition.

The *Current's* Marks of Distinction were awarded in areas of writing and editing, design, and opinion content. The two areas where it received "excellent" ratings but fell short of distinction, according to ACP, were coverage and content, and photography, art and graphics.

Fields noted that more graphics would help. He also said that although the photo content was excellent, the contrast was

lacking and quality was a little grainy on some photographs. He indicated that the *Current* made good use of photos to preview and follow-up events, picture people in the news and identify writers.

In the category of coverage and content, one characteristic listed for rating was "The 'why,' as well as the 'what,' of topics is developed." On this point, Fields noted that in the *Current*, the 'why' was almost never developed.

Fields also advised the *Current* to "Get a columnist," to improve in the area of sports coverage.

During the Winter Quarter part of this ratings period, the *Current* was edited by Dennis McMurtrie and Associate Editor was Leif Lindbergh. For the remainder of the time, Spring Quarter, Michael Lozensky was Editor and Wendy Weick was Associate Editor. The typesetting was done by Debra Warren and Ed Eaton was advisor to the staff.

## Vet pension plan changes

On Oct. 1, 1985 the Veterans Administration issued Washington state beneficiaries who receive payments under the protected pension plan their annual "Eligibility Verification Report" (EVR). This report is used to determine eligibility to continued pension payments, and must be returned no later than 90 days from its issue. This report replaces the old annual income questionnaire.

To date, reports Richard F. Murphy, director of the Seattle Regional Office of the Veterans Administration, a little more than half of the approximately 10,000 eligibility verification reports issued have been returned. "It cannot be stressed strongly enough," says Murphy, "the importance of returning these questionnaires."

For payments to continue on an uninterrupted basis to these beneficiaries, that annual report must be received and processed by Dec. 10, 1985. Those which are received in the regional office after this date will experience an interruption in their benefits beginning in Feb. 1986.

On Dec. 1, 1985 individuals who are in receipt of benefits under the new 'Improved Pension' plan began receiving their annual reports. Not all individuals who are on the improved plan will receive the eligibility verification report at the same time. These reports will be issued on a staggered basis throughout the year, with each recipient receiving only one report request per year. These reports must be received and processed within 60 days to prevent interruption in payment.

## Downstream

### Mary Travers to appear at benefit

Mary Travers, of Peter, Paul and Mary, will be a featured guest in a benefit program on behalf of Soviet Jewry in Seattle Dec. 14. The show is scheduled for 8 p.m. at the Seattle Center Playhouse. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for students and seniors. Tickets will be available at the door. Tickets and information may be obtained by calling the Jewish Federation, 622-8211.

### Day of holiday events slated for Kent Commons

Kent Parks will host a day of holiday events Dec. 7 at Kent Commons 525 4th Ave., Kent. "The Invention," a children's show will be presented by Kent Meridian High School at 10:30 a.m., Scenic Hill Elementary Steel Drum Band will perform at 2 p.m. and 3 p.m.; in conjunction with these performances, a Christmas bazaar will be held. There is no charge for admission to any of these events.

### Auburn Rotary reschedules scholarship show

Cliff Lenz, Diane Schuur, Reiley and Maloney and The Green River Music Company will appear in the Auburn Rotary Scholarship Show, previously postponed during the snow. A one-night-only show scheduled for Jan. 4 at 7:30 p.m. in the Auburn Performing Arts Center. All previously sold tickets will be honored.

### Honeywell prompts students to win \$10,000

A \$10,000 award will be given by the Honeywell Corp. to a grand prize winner in their annual essay writing Futurist Awards Competition. Nine other winners will receive \$2,000 each, and all 10 winners will be offered a paid summer internship. The contest is open to any regular full time college student. Essays must be submitted with the postmark no later than Dec. 31. For detailed rules call toll free: 1-800-328-5111, ext. 1523.

### American folk performers to play at Auburn Senior Center

Sandy Brandley and the Small Wonder String Band, sponsored by the Auburn Arts Commission, will appear in concert at the Auburn Senior Center, Thursday, Dec. 12 at 7 p.m. General admission is \$2, students and seniors \$1. Call 931-3043 for more information.

### Heart and Mr. Mister will appear at Coliseum

Heart, a rock group, will be featured in concert Sunday, Dec. 22, 7:30 p.m. at the Seattle Center Coliseum. Special guest for this show will be Mr. Mister. Tickets are \$16.50 general admission and are available at Fidelity Lane and all suburban ticket outlets.

### Ransom Wilson to conduct Brandenburg Concertos

Ransom Wilson, internationally-acclaimed flutist, will be conductor and flute soloist for the Northwest Chamber Orchestra performances of the Brandenburg Concertos, Dec. 7 and 8 in Kane Hall at the University of Washington, and Dec. 9 in Pantages Centre, Tacoma. Tickets, \$7.50 to \$16.25, are available at Ticketmaster outlets. Call 343-9242, Seattle, or 591-5894, Tacoma.

## Classifieds

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JOBS FOR ARTISTS - For more information please send a stamped self addressed envelope to C.Wood, P.O. Box 161, Sumner, WA 98390.

## Around Green River

### Go crazy with the 8's

The last GRCC dance of the year features one of the Northwest's hottest dance bands, the Crazy 8's, tonight from 9:30 to 12:30 in the LSC.

### Caffeine offered for finals

Free coffee will be available in the L.S.C. building all day Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. On Monday free cookies will also be provided by Special Services.

### Continuing Education to instruct Aerobics Instructors

A workshop for aerobics instructors is scheduled for Dec. 7 and 8 at GRCC. To register, call the GRCC Continuing Education Office at 833-9111, ext. 231.

### Santa's sleigh sets down at the seventh annual Christmas Boutique

This Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Program Projects will be sponsoring the seventh annual Christmas Boutique in the L.S.C. building. Hand crafted items, live entertainment, an Elton Bennett artwork display, and pictures with Santa Claus will be among the days events.

## The Paper Tree Bookstore



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# GENERAL NEWS

## Pep band... from page one

Johnson said, "The Horse, Ghostbusters, Hill Street Blues, She Works Hard for the Money, Tequila a... and the list goes on and on and on."

The function of a Pep Band is to "add atmosphere from an otherwise mundane activity," Johnson said, adding, "it makes it more festive," and involves the crowd more in the occasion.

When asked why the group doesn't play the Star Spangled Banner, Johnson explained that "the correct music to satisfy all the

band members hasn't been found," adding that they hadn't been asked.

This year's Gator Band members are Liz Johanson on clarinet, Donna Goodspeed on flute, Craig Geogebuer on trumpet, Pat Hill on trombone, Doug Bender on alto sax, Thom White on guitar, R. Brent Hummel on drums and trumpet, Lisa Huron on flute, Ron Moreland on keyboards, L.J. Smith on drums, Stephanie Scalf on horn, Mark Collins on alto/tenor sax and clarinet, and Tyler Brown on bass.

Johnson commented that his goal this year for the band was "to learn more songs, improve, complete their obligation to play for all home games, and to continue next year."



## Read on, Santa: Wish list given

by Rich Robinson

As Christmas gets ever closer I went around the campus asking students and teachers what they wanted for Christmas. I was surprised by some of the answers.

**Mickie Pinches** - The impossible, an intelligent jock who can dance.

**Nigel Adams** - Peace of mind and heart for all the men and women who served time in Vietnam.

**Bill Haynes** - To win the lottery so that he can build a dome stadium at Green River.

**Mike Willis** - A healthy set of forwards (Margaret and Diane).

**Ted Franz** - A little vacation and warmer weather.

**Trish Barney** - A Cuisinart.

**Doug Carr** - Peace for everybody.

**Glenn Langen** - An XL 350

**Diane Caton** - An engagement ring.

**Andy Kimple** - A new baseball bat.

**Jon Groat** - NR 955 ski boots.

**Lonnie Rousey and Dean Godfrey** - A Ninja game.

**Tim Asher** - A state championship in baseball.

**Bill Easter** - Mary Beth Korpinen to marry me and live on Lake Chelan.

**Mike Kirk and Jeff Shauers** - Kelly LeBrock.

**Shelby Schenck** - Trila Houston.

**Ed Hess** - Mary Beth Korpinen and her tennis racket.

**Pat White** - A new Corvette.

**Denise Ko** - Someone else to buy me a winning lottery ticket.

**Steven Campbell** - Peace on earth and goodwill to mankind.

**Tony Barron** - A new Porsche 944.

**Ron Steffan and Pat Stafford** - Money.

**Dan Seabrands** - A new motorcycle.

**Marty Hauer** - A train ticket to Montana. (Wish came true)

**Shawn Johnson** - A state championship in basketball.

**Peter Bingham** - Julianne Molinari.

**Kathy Hansen** - Peace on earth.

**Yvette Henry** - A winning lottery ticket.

**Jamie Chavez** - Peace on earth and a couple of blondes.

**Wendy Seifert** - A vacation.

**Leslie Hanson** - Her Nordstrom bill paid off.

**Greg Turk** - A black Porsche Carrera.

**Chris Tongue** - A Porsche 944 Turbo.

**Jim Rankin** - A Merry Christmas.

**Jackie Reynolds** - A new red Corvette.

**Richard Selland** - His own radio station and a new Corvette.

**Julie Bruns** - A new four wheel drive Toyota Pickup.

**Stephanie Lane** - Perfume.

**Michelle Hansen** - To be successful in everything.

**Theresa Madrid** - A car stereo.

**Paul Gardner** - A tall redhead (A.S.).

**Margaret Henry** - A state championship in volleyball and basketball.

**Bob Desmond** - A new Porsche 911 ST and Kim Brown in the passenger seat.

**Amy Hansen** - A fabulous looking Spanish tutor.

**Eric Guise** - A new Lamborghini with blonde seat covers.

**Shane Farnsworth** - A new Camaro.

**Brett McGinnis** - A new Porsche 911.

**Simon Perkins** - A new 4x4 truck.

**Tony Thompson** - A gloss black Porsche 911.

**Tim Harry** - A green River baseball state championship with his homerun to decide the game.

**Sandra Mitchell** - Tony Barron.

**Jim Fullerton** - A clear road to Buckley.

**John Mounier** - A Ferrari with women in front and back.

**Bill Anderson** - A couple of snowbunnies and a waterbed.

**Rochelle Nuanes** - A new Corvette.

**Kristin Thompson** - A telephone.

**Lisa Cook** - For my cold to go away.

**Doug Sturdivan** - A stereo.

**Suzie Turnbull** - BKIELNLNYY—wrapped up in one.

**Anne Gamble** - World peace.

**Morgan Finseth** - A pair of earmuffs.

**Mike Charleton** - Tonka Toys and Transformers.

**Ed Jett** - A Z28.

**William Wright** - Michelle Hansen and Tina Madrid.

**Bruce Jensen** - Michelle Hansen.

**Ken Klukas** - A new Corvette.

**Lauri Johnson** - A beach house in Malibu.

**Ronald Paul (Shadow)** - A private island.

**Tim Horton** - Health and disarmament of the superpowers.

**Davis Baus** - Matching truck and horse trailer.

**Shawn Butler** - To be drafted by the Chicago Cubs on Jan. 14 or 15.

**Kurt Leonhard** - 38-22-36.

**Jill Waltman** - A Porsche 944 Turbo and a microwave oven.

**Troy Short** - A pair of chains.

**Keith Villhelmsen** - A carrying bag.

**Greg Englant** - A DeLorean with the rebate in the trunk.

**Victoria Cheney** - Her own apartment.

**Dennis Charleton** - Jill Waltman in a ribbon.

**Mike Thueringer** - The volleyball team.

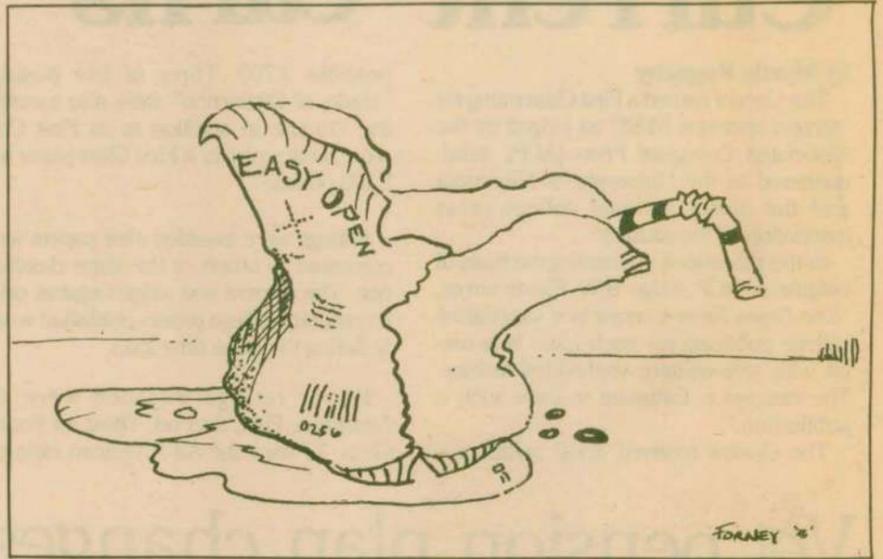
**Scott Nelson** - A red convertible Porsche with Miss America in the passenger seat.

**Annette Sommars** - A burgundy Porsche 944 with silver pinstripes.

**Nancy Katzer and Jana Wilson** - A state championship in basketball.

**Julie Carter** - A tall, dark-tanned, preppy Californian wrapped in nothing but a small red ribbon, with a red Porsche to match.

## Fornography



## Final Examination Schedule, Fall Quarter 85

All classes will meet during the week of final examinations as scheduled below. Whether or not an instructor administers a final examination is decided by the instructor in accordance with division policy. December 6 has been designated as a study day.

### Monday, December 9

8 a.m. to 10 a.m.	All 8 a.m. classes
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.	All 11 a.m. classes
2 p.m. to 4 p.m.	All 3 p.m. classes
4 p.m. to 6 p.m.	Available test time for classes with conflicts* and noon hour classes.

### Tuesday, December 10

8 a.m. to 10 a.m.	All 9 a.m. classes
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.	All 1 p.m. classes
2 p.m. to 4 p.m.	All 4 p.m. classes
4 p.m. to 6 p.m.	Available test time for classes with conflicts.*

### Wednesday, December 11

8 a.m. to 10 a.m.	All 10 a.m. classes
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.	All 2 p.m. classes
2 p.m. to 4 p.m.	Tuesday-Thursday classes that do not fit regular schedule time. Available test time for classes with conflicts.*

\*Exceptions to this schedule require arrangements with the Associate Dean.



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