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Phi Theta Kappa inducts new members

Cary Williams
Assistant Editor

The spring induction ceremony for Alpha Chi Beta was held May 26, 1995 at the Kent Performing Arts Center. Alpha Chi Beta is the Green River Community College branch of Phi Theta Kappa, the national honor society for two year colleges. Alpha Chi Beta is a five-star chapter and has continued to grow, inducting 63 students this spring.

The ceremony began at 7 p.m. with a speech by Brian Brandli, president. The welcome address was given by former president Tina Webb. Then the Phi Theta Kappa Emblem was introduced and explained, and each of the four hallmarks were highlighted.

The three latin letters Phi Theta Kappa stands for wisdom, aspiration and purity. The four hallmarks that the honor society strives to uphold and celebrate are: leadership, scholarship, fellowship and service. Speeches were given by: Brian Brandli, president; Angie Corpman, vice-president, Brendan Perkins, treasurer; and Chrisina Nelson, former treasurer.

The keynote address was given by Marie Shafer, regional vice president for 1994-1995. Marie has spent a lot of time and energy in Phi Theta Kappa, and stated that there were many benefits that would last a lifetime. She was one of many who helped raise Alpha Chi Beta to the five-star level, and she encouraged the new members to be active in participating in order to fully enjoy the benefits and maintain the chapter's top rating.

The rose was presented by Tina Webb. "The white bud signifies new intellectual associates . . . it typifies purity and beauty of life."

The signing of the charter was presided over by faculty advisor Hank Galmish. Each inductee walked across the stage, signed their name to the charter, then received a rose and pin from Christina Nelson and secretary to the advisor Joelle McIntyre.

At the end of the ceremony, Angie

Corpman lit the torch of knowledge. Each new member passed the flame from their own personal candle, then proceeded out of the main hall. The reception following gave the officers, members, and their families a chance to get acquainted while feasting on cake and coffee.

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Class of '96

Andrea Hardaman

Student, Liberal Studies Program



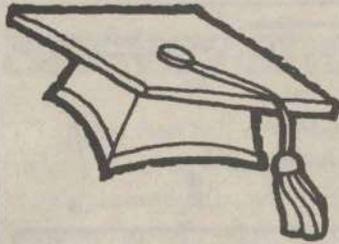
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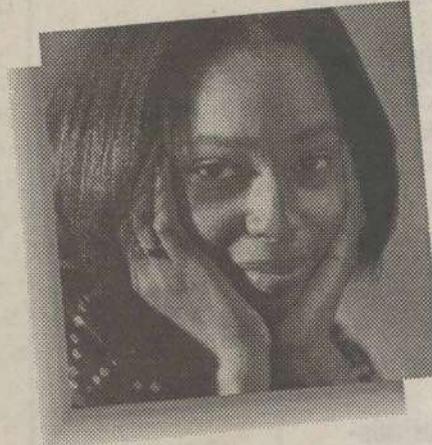
Campus volunteer Jim Schipper rides off into the sunset as another academic year comes to a close at Green River Community College. Schipper has freely given three years of service to keep the campus looking good.

photo by Nicolette Moser



**The 30th annual
GRCC
Commencement
Ceremony will
be held Friday,
June 16, at 8
p.m. in the
gymnasium,
followed by a
reception in the
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Leadership Award Recipients, '94-'95

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Sherri Foreman
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Margaret Powell

Latinos-

Norma Kozma
Marie Ariza

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Gina Gildehaus
Mike Cabe
Kerri McLucas
Lucie Werner

GIS-

Robert Smith

PTK-

Tina Webb
Erin Parsons
Fredd Stevens
Christina Nelson
Mark Mayhew

DEX-

Don Turner
Marina Muellner

GRACE-

Ian McGlocklin
Kirsten Lauritzen

SASP-

David Kuehnell
Nancy Anderson

Russian-

Wendy Bell

Forestry-

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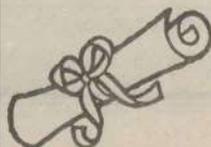
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Alisa Schwabauer
Carrin Hargraves

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Chris Hansen
Allycia Lindsay
Warren Berry



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Awards banquet honors student leadership and participation

*Cary Williams
Assistant Editor*

Campus leaders met yesterday evening at Green River Community College to participate in a recognition dinner hosted by Student Government and Student Programs.

In all, 82 participants throughout Student Programs received commemorative plaques in honor of their leadership and participation at GRCC.

Guest speaker at the ceremony was Tim Thomas, a former GRCC student who not only left the college as recipient of the President's Award, but was also involved with student government, the student newspaper, and the campus radio station, KGRG.

Associated Students of Green River Community College (ASGRCC) President Eric Savage emceed the event, which was organized collaboratively between Activities Coordinator Diane Anderson, ASGRCC Vice President Kelly Hansen, and President Savage.

Survey shows widespread alcohol abuse

More than half of Green River students drink, according to survey results released this week by Ted Broussard and Youngsil C. Kang of GRCC Counseling Services.

The random sample of 626 students out of 8500 registered this quarter, 57 percent said they have taken a drink in the 30 days prior to the survey, 55 percent were under 21 years of age, and 25 percent reported "binge" drinking (five or more drinks at a sitting in the previous two weeks.)

Other results showed that 29 percent of students have used marijuana at least once in the past year, 17 percent are current marijuana users,

17 percent have used some kind of illegal drug other than marijuana in the past year, 8 percent have used marijuana in the last 30 years before the survey. The most frequently used illegal drugs used in the past month were marijuana, 17 percent; amphetamines (diet pills, speed), 4 percent; and hallucinogens (LSD, PCP), 3 percent.

The report said 32 percent of students have driven a car while under the influence, 24 percent got in an argument or fight, 8 percent have been in trouble with police or other authorities; 7 percent damaged property, pulled fire alarms, etc., 5 percent

took advantage of another sexually, and 1 percent were arrested for DWI.

The study showed 15 percent performed poorly on a test or important project, 13 percent thought they have a drinking or other drug problem, and 12 percent had been taken advantage of sexually.

Of the 626 students who participated in the poll, 45 percent were male, 55 percent female, 57 percent were 18-22 years old ("typical" college age).

The study was designed to help prevent substance abuse by examining student attitudes and opinions.

Final Examination Schedule, Spring Quarter 1995

Wednesday, June 14

8 to 10 a.m.

11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

2 to 4 p.m.

All 10 a.m. classes

All 2 p.m. classes

Tuesday-Thursday classes that do not fit regular schedule time. Available test time for classes with conflicts*

June 13 has been designated as a study day.

Thursday, June 15

8 to 10 a.m.

11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

2 to 4 p.m.

4 to 6 p.m.

All 8 a.m. classes

All 11 a.m. classes

All 3 p.m. classes

Available test time for classes with conflicts* and noon hour classes

Tuesday-Thursday classes that do not fit regular schedule time. Available test time for classes with conflicts.*

Friday, June 16

8 to 10 a.m.

11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

2 to 4 p.m.

4 to 6 p.m.

All 9 a.m. classes

All 1 p.m. classes

All 4 p.m. classes

Available test time for classes with conflicts."

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

Freshman English only open to "Seniors"

I have one question for those responsible for scheduling Green River Community College classes: How can you get your Associate in Arts degree in the prescribed two years if it takes longer than that to be able to register early enough to get the required classes?

According to Educational Planning, there are 3865 students so far registered for fall with the purpose of accomplishing their AA degree. At the current rate, for the next two years, there will be only 2332 English 101 classes and only 1848 English 111, 112, and 113 classes combined (including summer courses). This means that only 60% of students with the goal of acquiring their AA can fill their English 101 requirements, and only 48% can fill their writing requirements!

The above total does not even include students in vocational and other programs who may also have to fill those requirements. This brings the percentage down even more. Although some of those students enrolled for their AA may have already finished their English credits, the incoming new students will make up for their numbers, and cause this problem to roll over to each successive year unless something changes.

According to Instructional Curriculum and Research, each quarter they copy the schedule from the previous year to determine how many classes there will be for English. But isn't the student population rising? I wonder how long it has been handled this way for it to get so out of control?

Some would offer the excuse that the school is becoming overcrowded and that is the heart of the problem. But I beg to differ. It seems like there is

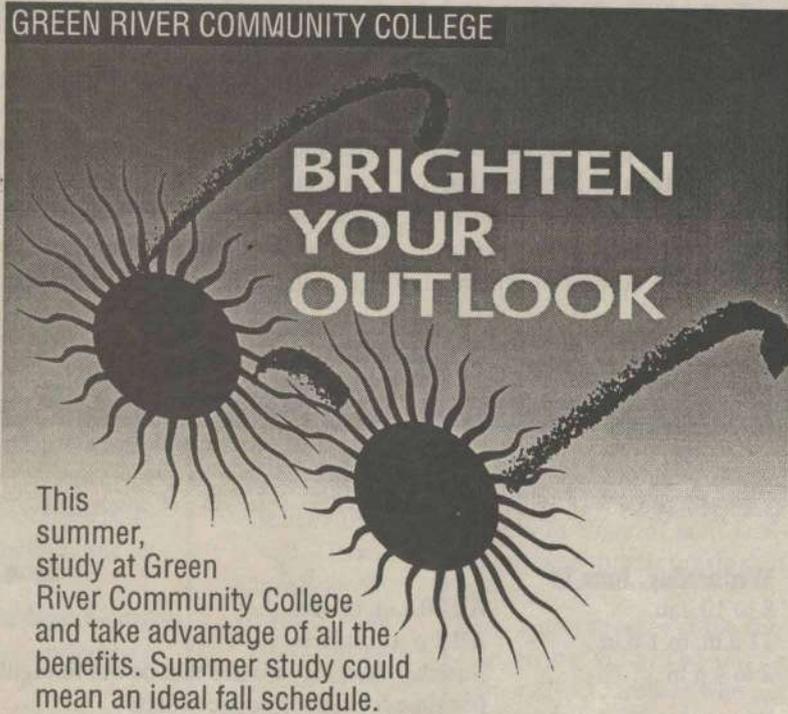
never any difficulty getting into the elective classes. It's only when it comes to the English basic requirements that everyone needs to fill that this difficulty arises. Why isn't there more room? There is really no excuse.

Most students who come to a Community College to get their AA

degree are here to fill their prerequisites for the four year school of their choice. If we cannot fill those prerequisites in the expected 2 years, then why bother with community college? If we wanted to go to a four year school now, we would have picked one.

-Marilee O'Day

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No pot of gold in sight for GRCC library

This summer construction on Green River Community College's new library building will begin. The facility, which is planned to be a larger, modern building should be ready to open its doors by September or October in 1996, according to Librarian Lee Semsen.

Although these improvements on the building are sorely needed is this enough to bring the school's major source of resources up to the level it is supposed to be?

In the 1993 Accreditation Report, the GRCC library received poor ratings, and was stated as being "an institution at risk".

"The library has been identified as something that needs serious attention. And the implication is that if improvements are not made, then the next major accreditation visit may result in a suspension," said Semsen.

The first step to improving the library is the new quarters.

But, the funds for improving the interior and quality of the collection of resources is sorely lacking.

"The history of Green River is not a saga of ideals fulfilled and goals achieved, but a series of adjustments to regional and national trends-social, economic, and educational-larger than itself. As a result of these adjustments, the Green River library has dropped to the lowest support level of any community college library in the state," stated the Accreditation Report.

Not only has the money been missing in the past but in the future as well. Currently, according to Semsen, the library receives from the GRCC budget about \$44,000 a year.

"To actually start to build the

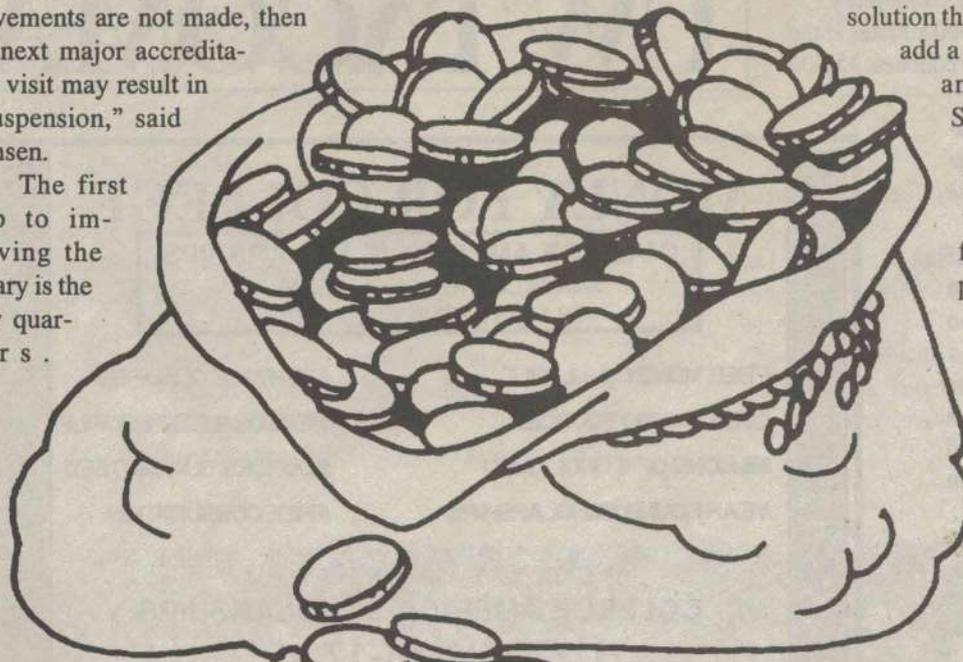
collection, to improve it, it would take a couple hundred thousand dollars a year, at least. Then perhaps in 5-10 years, with support at that level then the library might be where it should be. And then perhaps at that point, maintenance of the collection will be quite so difficult," said Semsen.

With time running out and no viable solution, the libraries funding dilemmas remain unanswered especially when the money should come from the yearly school budget. Adding \$25 above and beyond the regular tuition is for the normal college student very difficult to swallow.

"We have talked about different ways to trying to generate enough money to pay for the improvements that are needed in the collection. And we have not really found any other solution than except for the trying to add a fee which would be over and above tuition," said Semsen.

For now, ground breaking plans are underway for the new library facility. With summer approaching, student's heads are filled with plans for sun-fun. For now, the Board of Trustees and the administration are left with the arduous task of finding the answer. Attention must be made before it affects library, the students, and the school's accreditation

-Alisa Schwabauer



Special Olympics commandeers wide viewership

Overshadowing the Super Bowl, World Series and soccer's World's Cup, the ninth Special Olympics World Summer Games is the largest sporting event of 1995—6,500 athletes from over 120 countries will compete from June 30 to July 9 in New Haven, Connecticut.

A number of athletes and coaches are representing South King County.

The Special Olympics World Summer Games continues the Special Olympics mission of providing year-round training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympics-type sports for individuals with mental disabilities. It provides them with continuing opportunities to develop fitness; demonstrate courage; experience joy; and participate in the sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes, and the community.

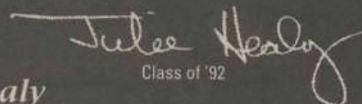
In addition to the 6,500 athletes at the games, there will be 2,000 coaches, 15,000 family and friends, 4,500 volunteers, 500,000 spectators and 1,500 media representatives from around the world.

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