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Problems muddle 'average' election

Rick Furnish and Bob Ogle

What was termed an "average" fall election has turned out to be not so average after all.

Four of the five freshman candidates elected to the Student

"We were told at the beginning of the meeting that no board members could file charges," Siverson explained, referring to a point made in the by-laws. He had filed the charges personally, and that

being a misprint of the term "9 a.m." as the term "9 am."

And, though the appeals are still prepared and ready to be presented, they may not even be heard by the board after all.

Siverson said the charges, now dropped by him, must be pressed by someone else, before a yesterday noon deadline. As of press time, yesterday morning, no charges had yet been filed.

If charges are filed, a hearing would not take place until 10 academic days from the notification of charges to the defendants. The Judicial Board also has the option of passing the case on to the Board of Appeals, made up of four

faculty members and four students. Such a committee would normally be the next step in the appeals process. Further appeals could be taken to the college president, and all the way to the state legal system.

Despite the problems with the disqualifications, the Senate will go about its business as usual, ASGRCC vice-president Maurice Baxter reported. Eleven senators are now seated, one more than the ten necessary for a quorum.

Those candidates unaffected by the entire incident are new senators Mary Neil, Randy Sithhisier, and Rick Haskel.

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Senate, and one senator-at-large candidate, were temporarily disqualified last week for not having all campaign signs down by 9 a.m., the morning following the closing of the polls.

"The candidates each received a copy of the rules which they signed," said Chief Justice Reed Siverson of the Judicial Board, shortly after the announcements last week. "They take full responsibility for the observance of those rules."

Temporarily disqualified were Ann Tulare, Sue Forslund, Chet Wells, Jean Guillot, Randy Jhansen and Joyce Rodriguez. All except Jhansen and Guillot were elected.

Siverson said he toured the campus around 11 a.m. last Thursday, and found a couple of Tulare/Forslund signs, along with a couple of Jhansen/Wells signs. Rodriguez signs were evident throughout the campus, Siverson added.

The candidates were scheduled to make an appeal to the Judicial Board on Wednesday at noon. But, a strange turn of events cancelled that meeting, and now the possibility exists that no charges at all may be filed.

was the problem.

"It was handled wrong," Siverson admitted. "It was just some procedural things that happened."

Prior to the Wednesday controversy, all candidates involved had prepared appeals to present to the board members.

Wells and Jhansen formed their joint appeal on the grounds of inability to remove all of the signs. According to the appeal, the two candidates were unable to remove a sign which was posted in the gymnasium, because the facility was closed.

Forslund and Tulare also formed a joint appeal, stating that they had made an attempt to remove all the signs, and that they believed they had done so. They cited the possibility that signs Siverson found may have been replaced by well-wishers who did not realize the elections were over.

Rodriguez filed her appeal on several different points, including "ambiguous language" in the election rules. She cited one example as being the lack of specification of time zones, applying to the 9 a.m. poll-closing time, and another as

Inside

Carsh Wiltuner and his "little" Minority Affairs office are trying to tackle a lot of big goals on campus. Wiltuner discusses his program on page 5.

Backgammon, the world's most popular board game, is coming to the Lindbloom Student Center next week as a mini-course. Check into it, with the report on page 6.

The second of two installments about the psilocybin mushrooms, dealing with physical effects and some interesting history about the fungus. Ever try to catch a reindeer? Page 7.

Also . . . the trustees, volleyball, weird people, trash, the dance company and a movie review in this issue of The Current.

Paid leaves dominate Trustees meeting

Charmane Levack

A conflict over and eventual approval of five faculty members' right to paid leaves and the process of selecting a replacement for retiring GRCC President Melvin Lindbloom were the spotlighted items at the Board of Trustees meeting in the Administration Building Oct. 18.

The conflict stemmed from a legislative decision made after last February that now allows faculty members leaves with pay (as much as approximately 70 percent of their salary). Last year, faculty endured "no cost" leaves (the difference between an instructor's and his replacement's salary) and the board approved five faculty members' applications for leave under this pretense last February.

Wayne Rosenbrock, chairman of the Faculty Staff Development Committee (FSDC), presented a committee recommendation that the board now approve paid leaves for the teachers involved (Carole Bishop, Rainer Dirks, Sandra Gallaher, John Hanscom, Richard Inch), since they intended to take their

leaves after the new legislation went into effect. He claimed \$20,500 was available for this from a FSDC fund.

The proposition raised a few trustee eyebrows, (partly because of the question whether more teachers have applied for leave knowing paid sabbaticals were in store for them), but after a closed-door session with Personnel Director Clark Townsend and Dean of Instruction Bill Taylor, it was approved.

The board accepted "with extreme reluctance" Lindbloom's letter of resignation (effective June 30), and showered the absent president with praise.

"Through his leadership, we have built the finest community college in the United States," proposed Hugh Mathews.

William Kennelly added that Lindbloom has given "excellent service to the college and the community."

The board hopes to select a replacement for Lindbloom by April 1. The procedure to be used in the selection of his successor were read and consequently approved.

The board's responsibilities on this matter are to employ the president, establish his/her salary and length of contract, and to establish a screening advisory committee to assist them in the search for a new president.

The committee consists of two trustees (Kennelly and Beverly Schoenfeld were appointed) to serve as chairman and vice-chairman, one administrator, (Earl Norman), the president of the United Faculty Coalition (Robert Casad) or his designee, the president of the Civil Service Union (Bunny Knutson), the president of the Associated Student Body (J. Douglas Anderson) or his designee, and the Director of College Minority Affairs (Carsh Wiltner).

The board is expected to determine the operation procedure for the committee, announced the position in publications with national circulation, employ a consultant for initial screening of applicants, to follow the College Plan for Affirmative Action, and seek counsel from their Assistant Attorney

General (Tom Anderson) throughout the screening and selection process.

The committee's first meeting is slated for Monday at 3 p.m. in the board room.

In other business, the board gave the green light for Lindbloom to sign a grant application to the Environmental Protection Agency for the design and construction of a wastewater training facility on campus.

Four of the five trustees attended the Association of Community College Trustees' 10th annual convention in Detroit Oct. 3-5, and their general impression of the workings of other community colleges, after hob-nobbing with trustees from across the U.S., strengthened their pride and faith in Green River's excellence.

Kennelly felt other trustees were too heavily involved with nit-picking: "They deal with nuts and bolts, where we deal with policy."

Next month's meeting is scheduled Nov. 15 at 4 p.m. in the Administration Building.



Photo by Tim Hyatt

(Clockwise from upper left) Ski Club officers are: president Carl Prothman, vice-president Bryan Thresher, secretary Michelle Fairbanks and treasurer Laurel Benson.

Weird Club has different interests

Mike Shook

Slugs, drug music, having a good one, ice-skating on pavement, none, D.C. (Doctor of Chiropractic?), anything, learn how to make people think I'm not weird, drying my hair, tom-peeping, bizarre acts and heavy breathing.

These are some of the interests of the 32 people who signed up on the Weird Club roster. The young man behind the formation of the club is named Paul Glasgo. He is a person whose outward appearance affords one no clues that he is, in fact, weird.

"I'm a closet weirdo," said Paul when asked about his normal appearance. "I wanted to start a club where other weirdos, non-weirdos and just people who like to have fun could get together and be weird." There are no activities planned for the club as yet. A constitution must be drawn up by the weirdos and approved. The club will then be of-

ficially recognized by the college and will be eligible for funds and use of facilities.

There are many varying degrees of weirdness. Included among them are forms of weirdness that manifest themselves in violent action. Glasgo, when asked about this aspect of weirdness, was very emphatic in his reply. "The Weird Club is absolutely against any violence. We will do nothing illegal, nothing violent. We just want to be weird." He added that the club's activities would hopefully be a good time for everyone involved.

There is no minimum standard of weirdness that must be met in order to join the club and Glasgo urged all weirdos, whether closet weirdos, borderline weirdos or those "normal" people simply interested in associating with weirdos to come to the next meeting of the Weird Club. That meeting will be today at noon in Science Technology, Room 5.

Ski Club heads to Canada, Utah in winter and spring

Cindy Scott

Skiing trips to Canada and Utah are planned for winter and spring breaks by the Ski Club. Several weekend and overnight ski outings are also being discussed. All trips are open to both the beginning and the advanced skier.

Through Ski Club, beginning skiers have the opportunity to take skiing lessons at both Crystal and Alpen-tal.

The Canada ski trip planned for winter break will be a seven day trip. Other details of the trip have not been finalized. During Spring break, Ski Club is offering a week long trip to Utah. Plans include skiing in three areas, Snowbird, Alta and Parks City. Reservations are booked through the club and a travel agency. The cost is \$199, which includes transportation, lodging and lift tickets.

Approximately 160 people signed up for Ski Club membership, of those about 60 were present at the Oct. 12 meeting. "We really had a good turn out," stated Club President Carl Prothman, "but we hope more people will come each meeting."

English tests given through Nov. 2

Students needing to take the English qualifying test may do so now in the Learning Lab, through November 2.

A \$1 fee is required, and can be paid at the cashier's window (Lindbloom Student Center, second floor). The receipt must be presented upon taking the test. A

Other club officers were also elected at the Oct. 12 meeting, Bryan Thresher, vice-president, Laurel Benson, treasurer, and Michele Fairbanks, secretary.

To encourage attendance at club meetings, door prizes will be given away, and ski films will be shown. The prizes are donated by local ski shops. At yesterday's meeting, a pair of sunglasses were given to the door prize winner.

"The main things I want to promote are, learning how to ski, meeting new people and having fun," said Prothman. One or more club parties will be given for members to get acquainted, he said.

The Ski-Swap will be Nov. 20. Skiers may bring equipment to trade or sell. Wange Wong a professional free-style skier will be at the Swap to talk and answer questions skiers may have.

Before the ski season begins, Wayne Johnson of Skiers Edge Ski Shop, will attend one meeting to demonstrate the proper way to wax and edge skies.

People interested in becoming members should contact one of the club officers or Student Programs Clubs Chairperson, Mary Nell.

package of Scan-tron computer cards is also required, and can be purchased in the campus bookstore.

The Learning Lab is open from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday. The Learning Lab is located in the west end of the Holman Library.

Opinion

Elections: forget mistakes, not rules

Bob Ogle

Student government on this campus has been thrown into turmoil the past two weeks, by the problems concerning the potential disqualifications of senatorial candidates.

The Chief Justice of the Judicial Board failed to read the by-laws thoroughly . . . the senatorial candidates either forgot, neglected or "honestly tried" to remove their

signs . . . a meeting was called, but not conducted . . . appeals were formed, but not (as of yet) heard . . . charges were made but dropped.

Most of what has happened in the past two weeks should now be forgotten. In order to work together, to do what they were elected to do, the senate--whole or partial--and, the Judicial Board must forget about the charges and the dif-

ferences and set about the business of taking care of business.

What should not be forgotten is the very thing that was forgotten in the first place--the student by-laws.

It is quite interesting that, during the whole fracas, no one bothered to check the by-laws to see what they stated. The answer was there all the time, but it wasn't revealed until the last minute. That was the biggest mistake of all, and it caused a lot of people a lot of time, work and trouble.

No member of the board can br-

ing charges against anyone. No member of the board can participate in a decision in which he or she is involved in the case. The rules are there, but they aren't any good if they aren't read. We urge that all parties involved brush up on their by-laws, or at least get in the habit of doing some research when necessary.

Or, as Ivan Pickens, judicial board member who did the research said, "The research was done to give a fair trail, and to give an objective trail."

Litter bothers campus

Mike Shook

I've often thought to myself, as I strolled around the paths of Green River Community College, that it is almost as though the various buildings on campus were somehow lowered into clearings cut in the forest, just large enough for them to fit. My mind is continually delighted by the abundant, lush vegetation, the numerous ferns, the maple, alder and fir trees, and a multitude of bushes, plants and vines that I can't identify. It doesn't really matter that I don't know all the names; it is enough for me simply to enjoy them and to let myself be refreshed by them.

Unfortunately, as with any area used by humans, various sections of the campus resemble a garbage dump and virtually everywhere else bears the signs of modern man's abuse: cigarette butts, wrappers of every kind and the occasional soda can. I will not dwell on the actual garbage itself since everyone has seen it, everyone is aware of its existence and nearly everyone contribute to it.

I have wondered however, about the reasons why people litter (to use the polite term). Why are human beings so messy, so disrespectful of their environment, so insensitive to the life around them? Why are people such slob?

I've tried to dispel it by saying it is

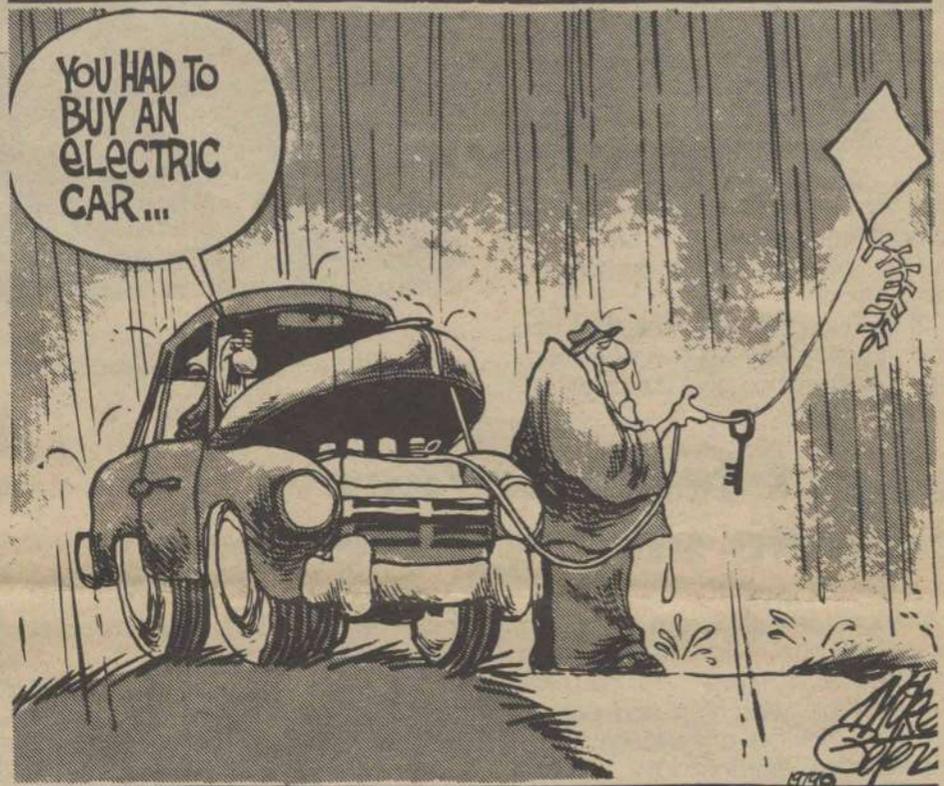
a lazy habit, but that doesn't work too well. I've begun to realize by now that it isn't the habitual laziness that bother me.

It's the not caring "Not my problem it's just a stupid can anyway." That is the fact of sloppy behavior that I find disturbing. Are we really such slothful, dimwitted creatures that the majority of us must stumble through life unable to notice and appreciate the world around us?

I don't believe one need feel compelled to walk moon-eyed in the underbrush, oohing and aahing about "the splendor of God's creation" (although that is perfectly acceptable). I'm simply saying it is a matter of self respect, of personal dignity. Is there anyone among us that would continually throw his cigarette butts, his half eaten "Milky Way" bar, his empty cola can and his unwanted salad on the floor of his living room? Of course not, because it is his home.

By the same token the world around us is our home. Each of us, wherever we are, that is where we are living for that space of time, even if we are only passing through.

This world is my home, this campus is a part of my daily life I have too much respect for myself, my fellow humans and my environment to make of it apigsty and myself a pig. And that is the real question of garbage: pigs or humans?



Letters

I would like to bring into proper perspective the controversial decision made by the former track coach, Mr. Behrbaum.

All the while Mr. Behrbaum is busy rationalizing his decision by making himself a martyr, the real issues are considered trivial, if not completely ignored.

Let's just ignore the fact that the athletic department had to pay three hundred dollars in a penalty fee. Three hundred dollars after all, is a miniscule amount and we shouldn't rake anybody over the coals for such an insignificant amount of money.

I wonder how many warm up suits or other track equipment could have been purchased for three-hundred dollars? And what about the probation of track? The fact that the present coach now has to walk softly and constantly look over his shoulder doesn't bother anybody. Certainly not Mr. Behrbaum!

Oh! And last but not least, let's just bury the fact that the 1980 track was banned from state competition. I suppose Mr. Behrbaum has

already rationalized his decision to this years track team with a saddened face and a speech about how "Morally right" it was.

Yes! Yes! I am aware of the fact that he doesn't coach the team anymore.

How comfortable! He might not have even had to give the speech.

As far as the garbage about bringing the team close is concerned; who is he trying to kid? Anyone who has been on a team knows that it's the very nature of being on the team that brings the team close together. The feeling that everyone has to do his or her part to achieve victory. The knowledge that the mental well-being of one member of the team is of concern to everyone is not a new concept. What coach isn't interested with this players' personal well being?

So who is the self-righteous man who hands us this line about how "morally right" it was?

C'mon Behrbaum, let's get off the ego trip and tell it like it is. That makes the difference between a novice and a professional.

Besides, it's "morally right."

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Dance Company in first recital of season

Charles Hoffman

The Green River Dance Company will present its first recital of this season, "Rags to riches to Rock III," in the Performing Arts Center, Friday, Nov. 2 at 8. Additional performances will be Saturday, Nov. 3 at 8 and Sunday Nov. 4 at 2:30.

Jazz, ballet, and modern dance will be set to music by well known artists such as Pink Floyd, Billy Preston, Leonard Bernstein and Claude Bolling with original choreography by Jenny Hillock (director), Don Stayner, and Dave Brunton.

Additional Dance Company members include Russel Metzger, Patty Ferraro, Pam Ferraro, Julie Jacobus, Sue Beielka, Sandra Billbe, Julie McAfee, Rex Muth, Linda Steele, Elizabeth Grove and Kris Baggaley.

Tickets for the performances can be obtained in advance from the Student Programs office or at the door; \$2 for adults and \$1 for students.

The company in only its second season, has not received a strong turnout at its past performances but is hoping for greater enthusiasm this season.

"It is a concert, we think, that you and your families will find entertaining, fast-moving, and fascinating," said Hillock.



Photo by Charles Hoffman

Dave Brunton (center) supports Sandra Billbe (left) and Julie McAfee during Dance Company rehearsals last week.

Short-term career course starts here soon

A short-term program designed for community residents as well as students which deal with the problems of job searching and career potential, will be offered on three consecutive Wednesdays in October and November at Green River Community College.

The course runs Oct. 31, Nov. 7 and Nov. 14, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Students will learn to identify their skills relate them to various jobs, how to search out jobs, how to write a resume and how to handle a job interview, according to the instructor Sharon Morris.

Morris, director of career planning, placement and alumni relation, said the course is a "must for anyone who has been away from the work world, and mid-career changer, the person whose job has been terminated, the college student who desires to compliment their educa-

tion or anyone else facing obstacles in the job market.

"Frustration, confusion, fright and anger are all feelings that often confront the person during their search for employment," the instructor commented. "Our course here at GRCC is designed to help people learn skills that will alleviate some or all of these all too frequent frustrations," she said.

In addition, Morris will discuss the subjects of appropriate dress, various management styles used by many businesses, salaries, and how to tie-in a good job with the best geographical locations.

Cost for the two-credit course is \$20.40 for those not enrolled at GRCC. Additional information is available by contacting Morris at 833-9111, 464-6133 Seattle, or Tacoma 924-0180, ext. 318 or 288

Mike Willis leads Outreach

Rick Furnish

Mike Willis is the new head of GRCC's Outreach Program which is GRCC's "public relations." It has been expanded this year and Willis was hired as the school's representative.

Willis, who has degrees in both marketing and speech, is enthusiastic about his job. He is presently organizing a group of people on campus to visit the 80 high schools in Pierce County and King County.

Besides talking to high school students about GRCC, Willis visits local businesses to let them know about GRCC's continuing education program.

Outreach operates information and registration booths at local fairs and shopping malls from time to time.

"The idea is," Willis quipped, "Mom drops off the kids for a two-hour movie while she goes shopping and on the way out, she signs up for classes."

The coming thing for the 80's looks to be the leasing of space at the malls so that mom can actually take her classes at the same time she does her shopping.

"We also provide tours of the campus on an individual as well as a

group basis to all interested parties," said Willis.

Willis feels that the campus really sells itself.

"Environmentally, GRCC has the most beautiful community college campus in the state," Willis said, "and I don't think that it's bias. That's fact, because I think I am witnessing this all year long."

Willis has found a great deal of interest among high school students in campus activities. He believes the school's main selling point to be that the student at GRCC doesn't have the feeling of being "lost in the crowd."

Willis is a GRCC alumni and feels the time he spent here as a student was a definite help in preparing him to go on to his degrees.

Friday, Nov. 9, nearly 1,000 high school students will be on campus. The students have a choice of visiting reps from three of the 20 different colleges in this area and will be looking at GRCC as a possible future school.

"What excited me 12 years ago about Green River still excites me today," Willis said. "It's the unique educational atmosphere. It's things like the friendliness and caring of the faculty for our students."

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Little Minority Affairs office sets big goals

John Louderback

Behind the foosball tables hidden upstairs at the Lindbloom Student Center is a small office managing Minority Affairs. The task that little office tries to tackle, according to Carsh Wiltturner, director, is to make minorities' educational dreams come true.

The office is in charge of counseling and helping minority students that are attending Green River.

Wiltturner has a philosophy in running the organization. He believes America is an essentially "pluralistic" society. "Although never acknowledged, we are pluralistic by the fact that we have physical differences, but different ideas and goals." Society deems America as a "melting pot." It stems back to different varieties of immigrants arriving in America wanting to participate. But that's where the differences begin," claims Wiltturner, "Everyone wants a slice of the American dream."

Now, more than ever, minorities are getting a chance to get a slice of that dream. Today there are more black minority medical students and minority students' grade point averages are higher than ever.

The government took an interest in minority students in the sixties as a result of riots ranging from protesting the Vietnam war to minority equality.

Wiltturner claims there are two theories to the difficulties minority students have in the educational field. First, they are either innately inferior, which he doubts, or that they have had bad experiences in reaching the dream. "With education," Wiltturner explains, "minorities have lower incomes and a web of

factors in educational self-image. Self-prophecy plays a major role and if that is negative, skills plus study habit suffer."

"We are here in a sense to do as much as we can to fill in those deficiencies. We run the gamut for minority loans and financial aids plus send questionnaires to instructors to catch any problems the student maybe having. Motivation is another deficiency as is poor attendance. We try to catch the deficiencies early enough to help," he says.

"Again, we are here to help those deficiencies but if the student lets them get in their way they are wasting their money and ours," he insists.

Wiltturner feels Green River has a very extensive program compared to other community colleges. We have a better percentage of retaining ethnic minorities and catching problems early enough to correct them. Green River also has clubs offered for minority student. The Black Student Union and a Native American Club gives students a chance to get in contact with who they are and gain a self concept, according to Wiltturner.

"The organizations believe you are who and what you are and frowns on denial of that," explains Wiltturner, "have pride in yourself," he sums up.

Student tutoring banks are also set up to aid students who are having difficulties understanding subject matters in courses.

Wiltturner believes Green River has a lot to offer minorities for a predominately white school and feels the attitudes on campus are very good. Beginning his fifth year as

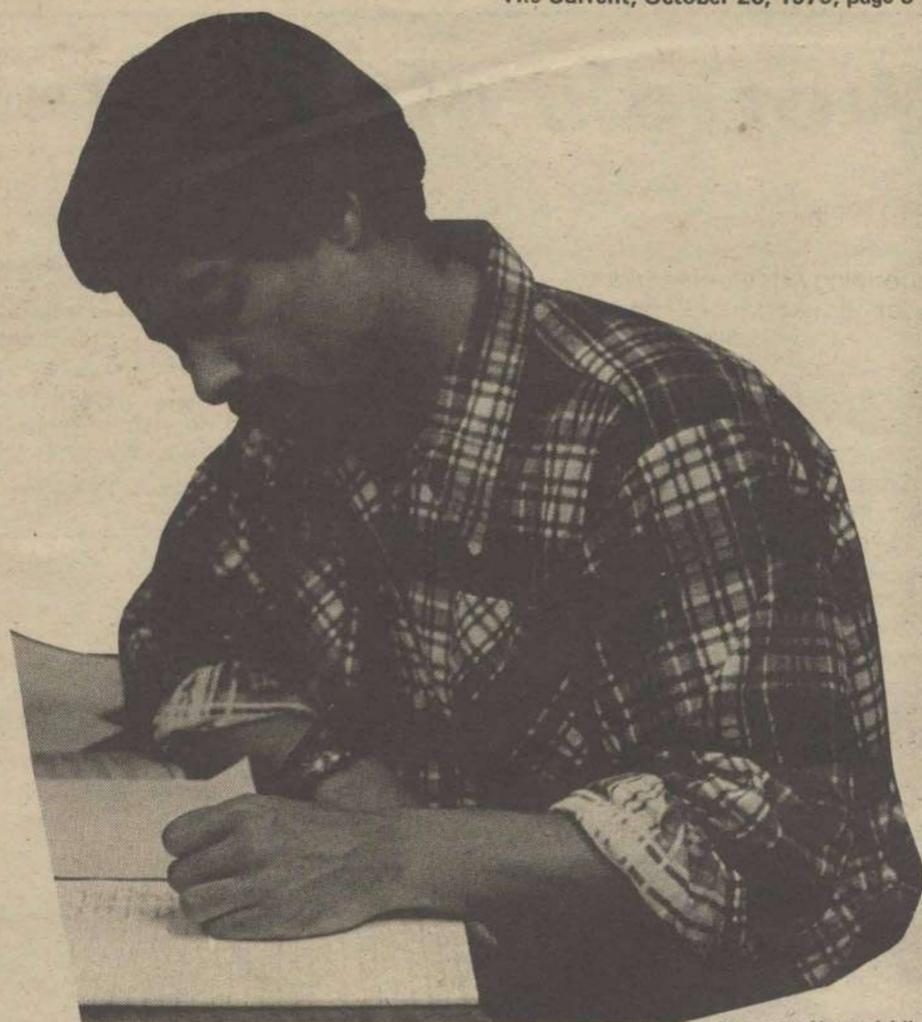


Photo by Nancy Ishii

Carsh Wiltturner

director, Wiltturner still feels he is in a process of finding out what needs to be done." I've found the hole, now I need to fill it with dirt," is how he explains the situation.

A native Californian, Wiltturner joined the Air Force and was sent to McChord Air Force Base. As a "city kid" from San Francisco, he claims his visualization of Washington state was "somewhere over the North Pole."

After serving as an officer of Security Police, he became in charge of base race relations. From

there he received his masters in sociology and psychology from Pacific Lutheran University. He is currently trying to get a doctorate from the University of Washington.

He is assisted by Girtha Reed who does public relations and paperwork. "She makes the office run," remarks Wiltturner. Reed is the first person you meet in that little office behind the foosball tables.

"She makes a first impression and does a very good job of making a good one," he said.

Nationwide fraternity promotes transportation awareness

The "Delta Nu Alpha" is a nationwide fraternity, organized to promote greater knowledge of traffic and transportation among its members by holding informal discussions on transportation and traffic matters at all regular meetings, to foster and promote the exchange of information, experience, ideas, and cooperation among its members and to develop an appreciation of the traffic profession as a motivating factor in industry and commerce.

DNA meetings are held once a month on the GRCC campus. Interested people (men and women) are invited to contact Jim Olsen (631-5318) or any DNA member for more information.

The GRCC Chapter has achieved nation-wide recognition for its participation in the industry since it was first organized by Matt Moskal. It has been awarded the outstanding chapter award for two years in a row, over both Stanford University and the University of Maryland. This chapter recently won a \$400.00 award for its outstanding membership drive for the National DNA.

Delta Nu Alpha fraternity will hold a seminar on Oct. 27th at 9 a.m. until

3:30 p.m. in the Lindbloom Student Center on campus. The cost is \$15.00 for students and \$25.00 for professionals. The student charge just covers expenses and the charge for professionals is tax deductible.

The seminar is open to all transportation students and transportation professionals (truck, rail, steamship and airline). It will include lunch with discussions by Terry Priest, traffic manager for J.R. Simplot Co.; Marla Orthel, personnel administrator, Albertsons, Inc.; and John Linn, agent for the Union Pacific, Meridian, Idaho.

The speakers will be Don Dixon, District Personnel Manager, Burlington Northern R.R. on the topic "What personnel is looking for in management positions and management training" and Louise Lauletta, sales A.T.S.F. of Chicago on the topic "Shippers and personnel management." For reservations, contact Olsen on campus days 8-10 during the week or contact Janet Neely (phone Seattle 624-1804, Tacoma 572-2231). Checks can be made to Delta Nu Alpha and mail to T.N.T. Inc.; 2602 Port of Tacoma Rd; Tacoma, WA 98421

Review

Movie is good 'time after time'

Charmane Levack

Science-fiction movies usually conjure up images of sensational special effects, cumbersome robots, laughably phony monsters, or space journeys to spookily foreign planets.

"Time After Time," playing at the Guild 45th, employs none of these devices--its heart beats with the sound of human goodness and love--and yet it scores triumphantly as an imaginative, suspenseful sci-fi adventure.

The adventure begins in 1893 London as H. G. Wells (well-portrayed by Malcolm "A Clockwork Orange" McDowell's) pursues Jack the Ripper (David Warner) to 1979 San Francisco, via Wells' time machine invention.

A bank foreign exchange officer (Mary Steenburgen) becomes a critical part of the chase, when both men eventually come to her to convert their British pounds into American dollars--enter curious romance for gentleman Wells and liberated career woman.

The hokey premise works, thanks to writer/director Nicholas Meyer's deft sense of charm that rarely leaves us for long, and his concern for the characters involved that makes the viewer care what happens to them.

Through this premise, Meyer presents an interesting irony: the Ripper feels "quite at home" in the violence-oriented 20th century, (Warner does a fine job here as the 'bad guy') while Wells touches the heart with his "little-boy lost" naivete of trying to adjust to the modern-day world.

The movie is a delight as we watch Wells absorb culture shock after culture shock, whether it be finding out exactly what "as quickly as possible" means to a cab driver, seeing the headline "Colts Maul Rams," or sizing up a synthetic table at a local "Scottish restaurant." (McDonald's)

Judging from the enthusiastic reaction of the packed house I viewed "Time After Time" with, the film is a sure bet for an entertaining two hours.

World's oldest game comes to GR

Bob Ogle

Green River Community College students will get their chance next week to learn how to play the world's most popular game, as a week-long backgammon course will be conducted in the Lindbloom Student Center.

After more than 5,000 years of existence, and a short period of near extinction, the board game is now alive and thriving throughout the world.

Backgammon's longevity dates all the way back to King Tut's tomb, where the oldest backgammon board in existence was found. The board now resides in the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C.

In medieval times, the game was reserved for royalty. Anyone ranked lower than a knight was forbidden to play the game—reason being, if peasants were playing backgammon, they weren't plowing the fields or fighting in wars.

The game was strong in the U.S. until the depression in the 1920's, when the game virtually disappeared world-wide. It saw a resurgence in the 1950's, first in Europe, and then it came back to the U.S., where it became the game of the elite.

Now, it has lost that distinction. More than 25 million now Americans play the game regularly.

Backgammon activity in the state is currently monitored by the Pacific Northwest Backgammon Association, an organization founded by Ted Barr and Associates, a group of backgammon aficionados who bill themselves as "backgammon professionals."

Barr, a former attorney, and self-professed dropout from the "corporate rate race," is the founder and driving force behind the firm.

"I was a lobbyist for a bank corporation," Barr related. "I learned how to play the game in law school at the University of Washington. I started playing the professional

would go anyplace," he related.

"It" went far enough to sponsor weekly tournaments in Seattle, Bellingham, Tacoma, Portland, Federal Way, Pullman, Bellevue, and Puyallup.

The third largest backgammon store in the country has since been established in Seattle's Hansen Baking Co. shopping center. Another

"Hefner's a real addict," Barr explained. "He's promoted the game a lot in his magazine."

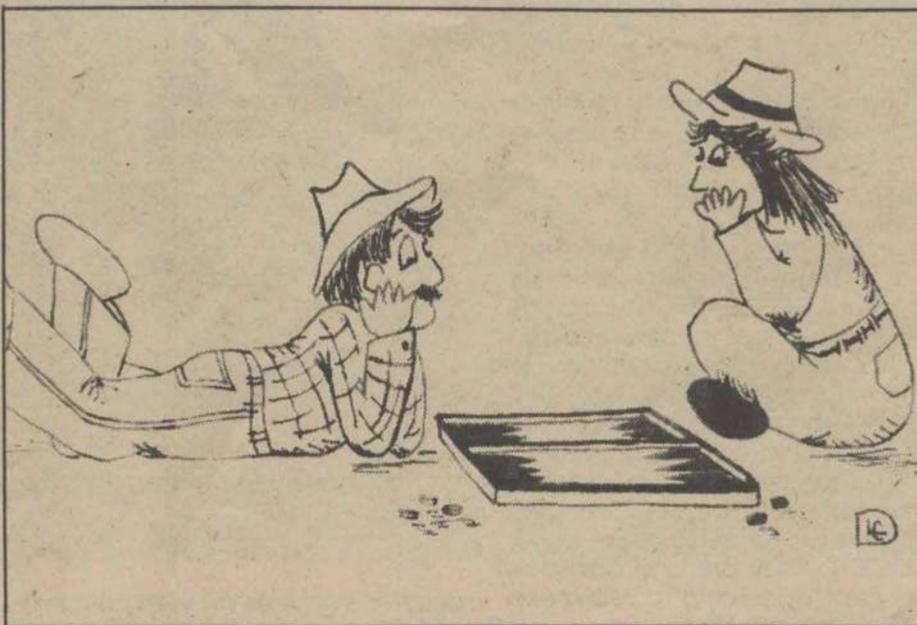
Other publications which deal totally or partially with backgammon are "Gammon" and "Gambler's World." Backgammon columns, one written by Barr, appear in several newspapers across the country.

For the \$2 mini course fee, the pupil will be getting a deal. Barr's associate, Rob Opsvig, also teaches backgammon lessons, and charges \$25 per hour for his services. Barr charges four times that much, \$100 per hour.

"I teach to beginning and intermediate player," Opsvig said, explaining the difference in prices. "Ted teaches exclusively to upper intermediate and advanced players. For \$100, he really gets into the hour of lessons, and delves into the subject. Also, the price determines whether the person is really intent on playing good backgammon."

The weekly tournaments throughout the state are divided into two divisions, novice and advanced. After playing about 30 games or so, Opsvig said, one is qualified to be a novice. Becoming advanced, he added, can take a little longer.

"Backgammon's not a game like chess, where it takes a long time to be even a little bit proficient," Opsvig said. "It doesn't take long to learn how to play backgammon, but you can spend your whole life mastering it."



Drawing by Debbie Conley

backgammon tour, when I traveled for the company. I finally got tired of the rate race, so I left the corporation."

He played the national circuit for a while longer (he is the only touring pro in the Northwest, playing four or five professional tournaments per year), and then he established the PNBA. He no longer practices law.

"I thought I'd fool with backgammon for a while to see whether it

pro shop exists inside Nordstrom's, in Bellevue, and many department stores are now stocking backgammon games and accessories.

Part of the reason for backgammon's rise in popularity is Playboy magazine publisher Hugh Hefner. He established the first backgammon club in the United States, "Pip's" of Beverly Hills. The club is also a disco, and is a hangout for many celebrities.

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Enumclaw artist to display work

Dennis Gustafson

Mike Bathum, a local artist living in Enumclaw, will be showing some of his recent work in the Holman Library at Green River Community College from Nov. 19 until Dec. 14.

The works that will be on display was inspired by a recent visit to New Zealand, where Mike was the guest of a Maori family. The Maori are a Polynesian group indigenous to New Zealand where they comprise approximately 20 percent of the present population.

A primary component of many of Mike's designs is the Maori symbol, "Koru," which means the basic element of life—a sprouting seed. Initial-

ly, he used graphite and water colors as the media for his interpretations of the Koru motif. More recently, Mike has begun using acrylics and contemplates the use of photography to add more dimension and variety to these works.

Another Maori concept that the artist uses is "Moko," the facial tatoos employed by the Maori until the British outlawed the practice in the nineteenth century. The tatoos were used to accent the facial strengths of the men, usually radiating out from the eyes, nose and mouth, while the women's tatoos were limited to the lower lip

area. Mike's depictions of this form, which he has combined with some ideas from his earlier works, results in a very interesting blend of cultural art forms.

Mike Bathum earned a degree in graphic arts at the University of Washington, after which he attended Seattle University where he acquired a teaching certificate. After a three year teaching stint in the Lakes School District, he went on to obtain a Masters of Fine Arts degree at Fort Wright College in Spokane. He now teaches art at Enumclaw High School and continues to work on his personal projects in his studio.

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The Green River Community College "Gator Booster Club" is sponsoring a used furniture and household goods sale called the "Gator Attic," to raise money for student scholarships. Donations are being accepted at 833-9111, ext 337, and the sale will be open to the public on Saturday, Oct. 27th in the Lindbloom Student Center, on the GRCC campus.

History sees mushrooms in other perspective

Last of two parts
Dan Grossruck

The intoxicating qualities of certain mushrooms are not new to the annals of history.

People throughout the world have known of their "secret" inebriating properties for many thousands of year.

In ancient India, for example, a certain mushroom known as "Soma" was worshipped by priests as the "Giver of Immortality."

This mushroom (native to the Northwest as well as India) was thought



to give one a vision of what the gods saw or a "Vision of Immortality."

Actually, the base of these profound revelations was nothing more

than another "high." Elaborate rituals were performed whenever the divine inebriant was consumed. "Soma" was compared to the sun and to lightning because of its color and its intense effect on life.

In parts of northern Siberia, where liquor is scarce, certain tribesmen (and women) had, for many years, consumed "Soma" or a variation thereof. These mushrooms were so highly prized by these people that a single mushroom might buy a man three or four reindeer. It was common knowledge among these people that the urine of those who consumed the mushroom contained the same properties as the mushroom itself. If one couldn't afford the mushroom, or only had a single ration, one had simply to wait for the consumer to relieve himself. In this way, four or five people could become quite intoxicated as long as they wanted from a single mushroom.

Reindeer also were well aware of this practice. Equipped with a bota bag gorged with the stuff, it was no

problem to gather a herd. At last, the fine art of reindeer catching is revealed. I wonder if the guys on "Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom" know? Santa Claus certainly knows what makes reindeer fly.

Cossacks sometimes ate the mushroom, especially when they intended to kill some more. Possibly the reason for Ivan the Terrible's reputation.

Once eaten, whether disgorged later or not, the mushroom had a profound effect on the mind. To step over a puddle would be as to leap across a stream. To grasp an eating utensil would be to use both hands as its size was greatly exaggerated. Bodily movements became short and jerky. Facial expressions are nervous and wild. One minute a man could be conversing quietly with himself and the next minute, dancing wildly and singing as loud as the vocal cords permitted. After a fit of frenzy, a person would collapse into a sleep from which nothing could awaken them.

Although "Soma" and "Psilocybin"

are two different mushrooms, containing different chemicals, certain parallels can be drawn. Any drug, no matter how potent or impotent, can be very dangerous under any circumstances. One man in Siberia



actually castrated himself and died. Another, saved only by his friends, attempted to cut himself open apparently on orders from the mushroom itself.

The very nature of the mushroom itself, existing only on the decay of other once-living organisms, can lead to profound psychological disturbances while under the influence.

Women's Center offers service to women both on and off campus

Lisa Ryberg

The purpose of the Women's Center at GRCC is to "provide quality service to women on and off campus," says Maid Adams, who helped establish and now runs the center, which has been in existence for just under a year in OEB-17 (just

follow the signs).

In May of last year, a community needs assessment questionnaire, put out by Maid Adams, revealed there was a need for a place where women could go to receive guidance and support from others in similar situations as themselves.

The center was basically established to meet those needs and to give guidance to women wishing to return to school after raising a family or dropping out, women wishing to return to work, make a career change, or got to work for the first time.

One major direction in which the center is working is that of women in non-traditional jobs such as welding, machinists, etc. This summer a pilot program, funded by a grant, in which 10 women participated, was very successful. Adams hopes this year a regular program can be developed, along with a "basic support group" or informal rap session.

Approximately 150 women a month drop by the center or come in for an appointment. For Adams, this creates a rather demanding schedule, working with a lot of women with a lot of needs. However, she feels the center is a "very successful program," and she enjoys her relations with contacts very much.

Adams, who was a part-time teacher at GRCC for 4 years, and has Master's Degree in counseling, stressed that the Center is not a counseling center, but "it is like a key to a door; without the key you can't open the door."

More than half of GRCC students are women, with one-third of the female population between the ages of 30 and 49. Although the center deals with women of any age and background, the number of housewives and career women re-entering school is on the increase.

All-college fall conference slated Nov. 7

Green River Community College will hold its Fall quarter all college conference in the Lindbloom Student Center Nov. 7, from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Admission representatives from 20 four-year institutions will be available to discuss admission procedures and course equivalency policies.

The following schools will be represented: St. Martins College, Whitworth College, Western Washington University, Walla Walla College, University of Puget Sound, Seattle University, Seattle Pacific College, Pacific Lutheran University, Fort Wright College, The Evergreen State College, Cornish School of Fine Arts, Columbia College, Central Washington University, Antioch College West, University of Portland and ROTC/University of Puget Sound.

For more information call GRCC at Seattle 464-6133, or Tacoma 924-0180, or Auburn 833-9111, ext. 294.

GRCC costume dance rocks to Rail tonight

Tammie Cook

The Lindbloom Center will slink, slither, howl, yowl, rock and roll tonight from 9 p.m. until midnight with Rail.

It's the fifth annual Green River Masquerade party. Gool's, goblins and other what-nots, who's-its, and where-frogs will be admitted for \$2.50. Decent people must pay \$3.50. Prizes will be awarded for the most amusing attire.

Vocational program answers industry's call for employment

With the Pacific Northwest in the midst of an industrial boom, the demand for trained vocational and technical people seems endless. Vocational classes are constantly full and often have to turn away hopeful students.

The success of the vocational program is due in part to the close proximity of several industrial giants. These industries are in frequent contact with class instructors in the never ending search for qualified employees.

Roy Watson, Dean of vocational academics, indicated increased technology in many fields has amplified the need of formal training. Watson said mechanics, for example, deal with modern technology with the emphasis on clean air engines, necessitating greater understanding of engineering.

Construction of new buildings in the area has made the carpentry and welding trades top choices among job seekers. During construction of the Alaska pipeline, welding classes were conducted around the clock in an effort to meet with the demand. The Boeing Company seems to have a never ending thirst for qualified machinists,

draftsmen, engineers and other technically oriented personnel.

As the building and industrial trades grow, so does the population. With the increase, comes the need for more medical personnel. The health occupations program fills this need with qualified nurses and therapist. During the period of rehabilitation from an injury or surgery, the role of practical nurses or therapists is irreplaceable.

Watson also pointed out the need for incorporating some communications and or self-help courses into the program.

These additional communication courses also help the business student relate to customers as well as fellow workers. In the case of the air traffic controller, the lives of others can depend on how well communication is handled.

The measure of success with the Vocational/Technical program is the placement of students in the career for which they were trained. Watson indicated at present the GRCC program is placing 97 percent of its graduates.

Professional Entertainer Training (PET) was recently added to the Vocational program

Sports

Spikers firm up second with victory over Shoreline

Mark Blaisdell

Green River's womens volleyball team rebounded for a 3-1 victory over Shoreline last week, upping their season mark to five victories against two losses, while strengthening their hold on second place.

"After that first game we recovered pretty good," stated Coach Jill McDavit. The Gators dropped the opening game, 15-3. McDavit credited a strategical ploy as the key to the Gator success.

"They (Shoreline) had one good spiker who was really scoring, so we put two girls on her to block, sometimes even three," explained McDavit. The Gators rallied to win the next three games.

Players cited for outstanding plays by McDavit included Denise Croster, who did a "Fine job of serving," Coleen Twanski (also for serving), and Cathy McAlphine, for her "tremendous job of hustling." Also commended for their play were setters Roxanne Asey, Donna Kern, and Stacy Sinpon.

When talking about the team, McDavit was full of praise for

everyone on the roster. "I feel we have a very strong team, one with a lot of depth," she explained. "I have a lot of confidence in the girls and they really are hard workers."

"The team also has alot of unity," McDavit went on, "and that's hard to beat anywhere. I definitely expect us to place in state this year," she concluded.

The team opened the season with a 3-2 victory over Skagit Valley in a match that lasted 2½ hours. They then traveled to Edmonds, where they lost 3-0. Edmonds now is in first place.

Following that loss, they entertained Bellevue, and after a 15-3 opening game victory, the squad dropped three succesive games. "We really shouldn't have lost, and I really can't pinpoint where the points went," explained McDavit. The Gators then stomped Fort Steilacoom and Everett by identical 3-0 scores, which were "no contest," according to McDavit.

The Gators entertained Tacoma here Wednesday and this evening square up against Skagit Valley in the Green River gym at 7:00.

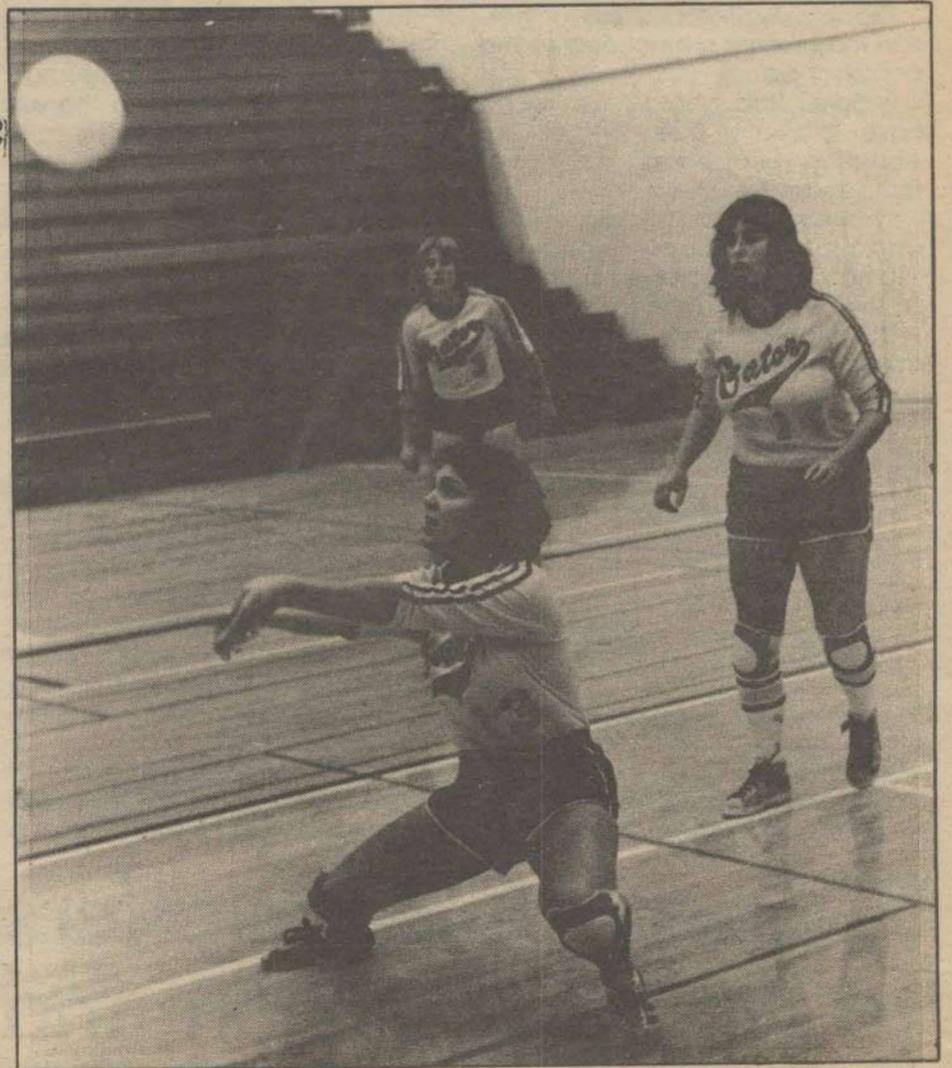


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Debi Millman gracefully sets up this ball for a Gator front line smash. Kathy McAlphine (14) and Donna Kern (3) watch intently. The Gators dusted Tacoma Wednesday night 3-0 to increase their record to 6-2.

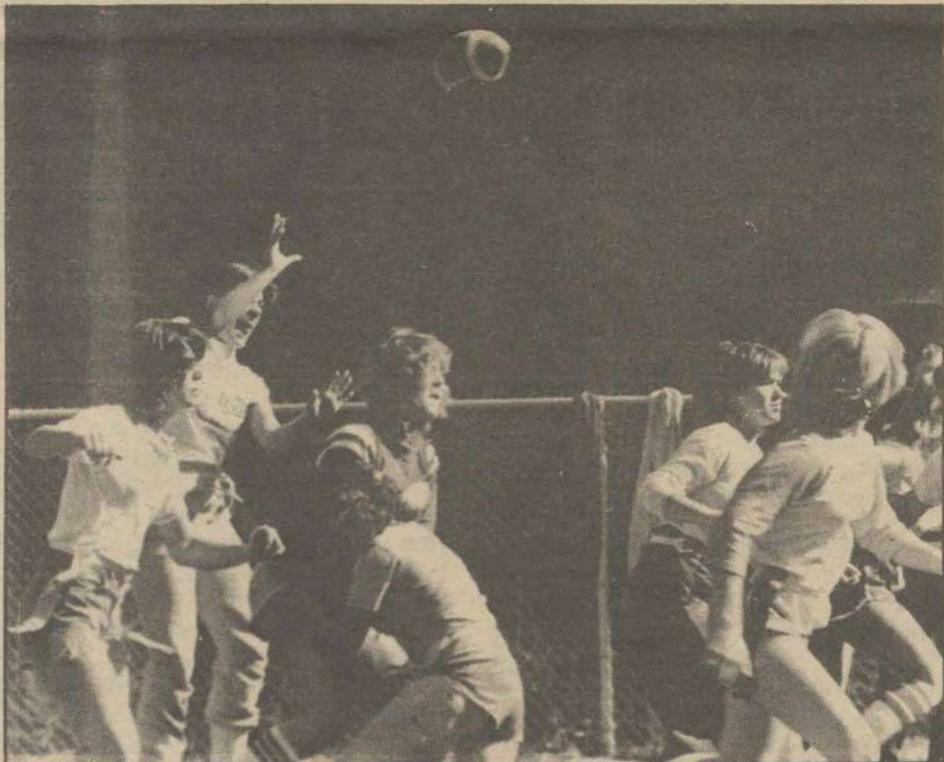


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Intramural action proved intense as exemplified through this moment of anxiety. Roxane Asay (not pictured) intercepted this pass and returned it for a touchdown.

Crunch hits athletic department

Mark Blaisdell

The gas crunch seemingly is having it's effects everywhere, it's latest victim being Green River's athletic department. A request for more money to the newly elected senate is expected to come next week.

It seems that the cost of vans, which transport the players, has risen dramatically in the past year. "Last year we were charged 18 cents a mile, and this year we've been notified the cost will be 30 cents per mile," stated Jack Johnson, the school's athletic director.

"Since we based our sport's budgets on the 18 cent cost, a change in the overall amount each sport needs is neccesitated," Johnson added.

Using numbers, it is estimated that the 12 cent addition will add up to an extra \$1,797.00 in traveling expenses. The sports teams have been budgeted for \$37,348.00 this year, so the extra costs would amount to a 5 percent increase.

"As you can see, the gas shortage definitely has had it's impact on us," Johnson concluded.

Player shortage causes match cancellation

Jon Buchholtz

Little happened Monday afternoon in Green River's scheduled non-league soccer clash with Tacoma. In fact, the game was cancelled due to a shortage of Gator players.

Green River, down to seven men Monday, will face undefeated Skagit Valley tomorrow afternoon. The game is slated for 1 p.m.

"We'll be up to pretty good form for tomorrow," Doug Peterson, Gator coach, confirmed. "We lost quite a few people to injuries in our last couple of games, then several went hunting over the weekend and didn't make it back in time.

"We had cancelled the game a week before it was scheduled to be

played," he added.

The Gators dropped a 5-4 decision to Seattle Central last Saturday, and Peterson showed obvious displeasure. "Our defense simply played a terrible game," he said. "Whenever an offense puts four goals on the board, there's no reason to lose, especially with the talent that we have defensively."

"It was just a bad effort." The Gators knotted the score at four late in the game, only to allow a game-winning goal with roughly 15 minutes remaining.

The Green and Gold squad traveled to Edmonds Wednesday afternoon. Results were unavailable at presstime.

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