

Judicial Board

Avenue of student appeals open

By John Lucas

While methods for improving the parking rules and regulations at GRCC and other community colleges are being studied, there is still a line of appeal for students holding parking tickets.

According to Jim Wiles, GRCC Chief Justice, students with parking tickets have the right to an appeal. To file an appeal, the student simply fills out a form at the cashier's window in the Lindbloom Student Center.

"Until the Judicial Board hears the student's appeal and makes a decision, the fine does not have to be paid," Wiles said.

He added that signs which will explain this to students at the window, will be installed sometime this week.

Wiles has been Chief Justice since Chuck Mayse resigned during the summer. Also on the Judicial Board are Bob Apperson, George Rother, and Pat McDonald.

In addition, there is an additional vacancy that is presently being filled with applicants from the Sophomore class.

Wiles and Apperson said that they have been experiencing some difficulty with the parking lot situation. They explained that present parking lot rules have certain ambiguities which will have to be resolved, and that presently, action is being taken by a special committee of the student senate.

This committee, which was appointed by ASB president Steve Marcille last quarter should be completing its study soon. Meanwhile, parking lot rules still have to be codified by the State Attorney General's office in Olympia.

In addition to parking lot rulings, the Board serves as a body for interpretive enforcement and constitutes the students' first line of appeal. By interpretive enforcement, board members meant that they have only the power to rule on a situation as it stands, and they neither seek, nor demand further evidence.

"We investigate the charges as they are presented in order to render a decision on the basis of them," Wiles said. "Investigating only the facts presented to us, we seek no other facts because we are not a police force. We are the first link in the appeals process," he explained.

Beyond the Judicial Board, the student can theoretically extend legal action through the board of trustees, through the president's office, and continue on into civil courts.

Directly following the Judicial Board in this chain is the Appeals Board. It is composed of faculty and students, with the chief justice voting as a member.

Theoretically, any legal action can be initiated through the Judicial Board. Justice Apperson cited an example that has its basis in laws concerning student behavior.

"If a class is in session, and someone bursts in, disrupting the class," Apperson said, "it is possible for another student to file charges against the person because the disruption of a class violates state law. I know that that is pretty far out," he added, "but it is possible."

Judicial Board members said that students who wish to file appeals on traffic violations have several alternatives at the present time. The first line of appeal is with parking and security in HL-36. After that, a form can be filled out at the cashier's window.

They pointed out that the visit to HL-36 is not necessary, but will help to expedite matters, by insuring that all possible complications are avoided.

At the present time, appeals, and the initial action on other matters has to be initiated at Dean Barkely's office.

In initiating other action, notification in writing, addressed to the Judicial Board is necessary. And in all cases, the student is expected to appear for the Judicial Board hearing when scheduled.

Unless prior notification is received, the board assumes that the student no longer wishes to appeal. No further appointments for hearing are granted unless the student can show good cause on failure to appear.



JUDICIAL BOARD MEMBERS
 Top (l to r) Gary Jackson, Bob Apperson, George Rother.
 Seated (l to r) Associate Justice Robin Apperson, Chief Justice Jim Wiles and Pat McDonald.

Photo By Herman U

WACCSG forming convention plans

With initial lobbying efforts behind them WACCSG, the Washington State Association of Community College Student Governments, starts its winter convention in Olympia today.

According to Gilbert Zeigler, former ASB President at GRCC, and WACCSG information coordinator, 100 to 200 people are expected to participate.

Today, the first day of the convention will see student representatives on the hill. Conferences and appointments have been arranged to facilitate student conferences with state legislators.

Tomorrow and Saturday, legislators and other key figures from Olympia will be addressing an assembled body of students. The three day program will also include caucuses and share sessions, which have been scheduled to promote the interchange of ideas.

Arrangements were made jointly by Zeigler and Frank Loyal, WACCSG's convention coordinator. Loyal is from Centralia Community College. The headquarters for all activities is the Tye Motor Inn.

When asked about lobbying progress last week Zeigler reported that three bills have been introduced to the legislature through WACCSG efforts. These included a proposal for a feasibility study that might result in soft cover text books in community colleges.

Also included were a bill that would allow students to be participants on tenure boards, and a bill that would establish regularly allocated student activity funds, similar to GRCC's Special Services Revolving Fund in community colleges through out the state.

Zeigler also discussed anticipations for the convention. He said that he expected his office to put forth the effort to

make the convention a success.

"The only foreseeable reason for failure would be delegates failure to put aside petty power trips and some of the problems that have happened in the past, and get down to business," he said.

When asked what problems were anticipated Zeigler said that Mike Morrison, the WACCSG state chairman was likely to be under fire.

"There is no documentation on this," he added. "They always try to impeach the State Chairman, it just seems to be a matter of tradition."

He also said that students sometimes fail to take a realistic attitude toward the expenses incurred in lobbying and forming conventions.

"Student leaders, faced with a convention keep trying to justify the expense in their own minds. Suddenly they get pangs of conscience at a convention, and start making martyrs of themselves."



GIL ZEIGLER
 WACCSG Coordinator

When asked whether the influence of the State Board for Community College Education affected WACCSG in its lobbying efforts, Zeigler replied in the negative. He said that he had only been in contact with members of the state board three times since the first week of January when lobbying began.

Lobbying will continue till the close of the legislative session. Zeigler explained that his activities are primarily directed towards securing favorable legislative decisions on education issues, but added that the hitch hiking legislation, as well as the bill concerning the lowering of the drinking age are getting his attention when time permits.

"When I testify at committee hearings on legislation like this, I don't use the WACCSG name," he said. "I just go in as Gilbert Zeigler, concerned citizen."

Extravaganza winners named

The office of Terry Ingram has released the list of winners the competitions held at the second Club Extravaganza of the year. The winners: Ping Pong: Steve Westby first place, Randy Parker second, and Mitch Carlson third.

Pool: John Conger first place, Jerry Murakami second, and Ray Creapeau third place.

Pinochle: Two separate tournaments were held. The winners of each were to have played off, but were unable to as time would not allow it. (They are given here arbitrarily as Tourn. "a," and Tourn. "b.") Tourn. "a": First place to Tim Schutter and Dave Cluett, Second place to Carl Knutson, and Dean Shepard. Tourn. "b": First place to Jon Smith and Ken Schokway, Second place to Ed Huber, and Jon Poinot.

Wickstrom resigns, wants reappointment

Pat Wickstrom is one of four senators who recently quit the Senate at GRCC. Below Wickstrom explains his reasons for quitting and tells of plans to attempt to get back into the Senate.

CURRENT: What were your reasons for quitting?

Wickstrom: I guess you'd have to say I was just frustrated past the point of really caring about it at the time.

CURRENT: What caused this frustration?

Wickstrom: You do a lot of work and you get static everywhere, we had trouble before just working together as a group, the Senate and the other members of the associated student body. However you can work with that and you assume it's going to be like that for a while and so everything's fine and then we finally decided to sit down and try to hash out our problems and at that point the newspaper stories came out. And I didn't personally feel that the, particularly the editorial, that was written was written in very good taste as a matter of fact I'm like Conlan myself, you know, you feel things if your working hard and you think you're doing the job and you're called a series of names and everywhere you go you hear did you hear about the Senate, they're doing this. As a matter of fact since I've been in office, I've never once heard anything said about anything the Senate has done, tried to do, complimented.

CURRENT: Who do you blame this on, the fact that no one knows what the Senate is doing?

Wickstrom: I guess you'd have to say human nature. You can't point at one person and say you're the one that's doing it because I know it because I can prove it, point A,B,C,D, it doesn't work that way anymore.

I've submitted my name again to get back into the Senate and it will be up to the Senate to decide whether I'm really going to do a job or not and if it was valid enough for me to quit. A lot of people will probably say, well it probably was a rash moment, I was angry.

CURRENT: What are your reasons now for coming back to the Senate?

Wickstrom: Well a number of things, I don't think the Senate's operating, yet, at the level that it could achieve, right now. There are a lot of things that I don't now see that I'd like to see done and now I've given up my Senate seat and my voice in the Senate and that kind of destroys some of the ways I can work to see the problems resolved. You can work outside of the Senate but still there are more things you can do inside working together to help review it instead of sitting on the outside and being an attacker, we have to get our problem done by sitting down and going through them and not on a defensive, offensive system.

CURRENT: What ideas do you have for the Senate if you make it back in?

Wickstrom: Well I think the Senate is going to have to develop a set of rules to go by. They don't seem to be able to function by Roberts' Rules of Order, to a high degree, that's my own personal opinion, someone might say it has but I could see flaws. In things happening

there I could see where you've got to sit down and everyone has to look at themselves and look at each other and find out which way they can function better and if their functioning at a high enough level for a Senator, whether their doing their job or whether their just getting by. It's a perception thing, some people might think their doing it, their job as a Senator, but I think being a Senator involves more than just coming into this meeting one hour a week and voting on things that are brought up by other Senators and by Marcille.

CURRENT: Do you think that at the time you left the Senate that it was working as a whole or mostly individuals?

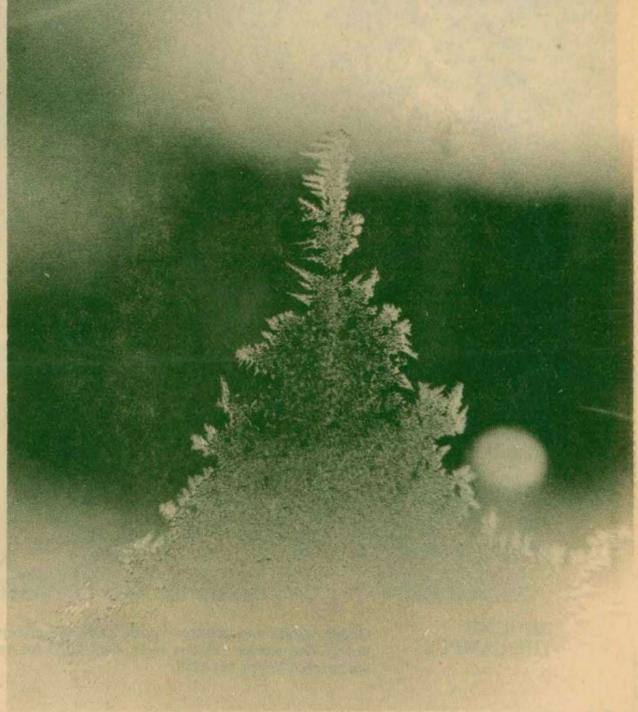
Wickstrom: Your always going to have a small amount of individual efforts; but as a whole I see the Senate progressing a little farther each time. I don't know whether its lost its power again, they charged up because of the big hassle and everyone really started working hard because all of a sudden you see all the problems you're having because you have to sit down and say "Well the reasons things aren't going are because of this, this and this and also I'm not doing what I could be doing." I've still got a little more time and maybe if I worked a little harder things would get done and a little bit more would be accomplished.

Draft laws recently clarified

An explanation of present draft laws, followed by a question and answer session was held in PA8 last week. An official from the Selective Service Commission explained some of the intricacies, and answered questions for more than half of the one hour session.

The questions were from 35 draft eligible students at GRCC. The Selective Service official was Robert E. Wells.

Wells is an Assistant Manager for the system in Washington State. He works under David Mansfield, the Washington State Deputy Director.



SNOWY ART Although Christmas has come and gone the "white" is still here sculpting trees on window panes. Photo By Eric Holmquist

ASB pay issue still undecided

By Rik Dalvit

Elected Student officers are payed now, but at a much lower rate than what many hope for in the future. They now receive \$1.60 per hour which is the freshman rate of pay for other student jobs on campus. The money for their pay comes from the \$14 fees Students pay for.

The Financial Aids Committee is now working on the question of what a new rate of pay should be. The Committee is also working to formulate comprehensive job descriptions which will serve as criteria for performance, and which will also ostensibly justify pay differentials among different jobs with different responsibilities. Jan. 13 the committee passed job descriptions for student government officers.

President Steve Marcille has introduced a pay package proposal to the Committee which he hopes will be accepted. His proposal calls for \$2.75 per hour for Pres., \$2.50 per hour for V.P., and \$2.25 per hour each for Administrative Assistant and Comptroller.

As the matter stands now the committee has rejected this proposal. Marcille intends to have the committee explain their reasons for this to the Senate.

Many members of the Senate feel they should be payed also, but so far the Senate was not included in the original proposal.

Marcille said Monday that he will soon introduce a new proposal to the committee concerning pay raises for other student jobs on campus. He said he thinks the Aids Committee has made no progress.

One member of the Financial Aids Committee, Don Henak, was removed by Marcille.

Marcille said he considered Henak was an obstacle to committee progress, in that he was a key figure in the rejection of the proposal.

Henak construed the dismissal as part of an effort by Marcille to force the proposal on the committee.

Henak said Thursday that he had gone to Marcille's office to discuss the dismissal. The discussion turned into an argument and Henak claimed that Marcille grabbed him and pushed him over the couch in his office.

When asked about the alleged incident, Marcille said that Henak had made it all up. He said that he had heard rumors to the effect that this incident had taken place.

He said that Henak had come to his office, and they had raised their voices at each other. Marcille said that he had his back to Henak when Henak made a certain remark.

Marcille said that he then turned suddenly and startled Henak, who then fell over the couch.

Concerning the dismissal of Henak, the committee wrote a letter to Marcille, Barclay, and the student senate defending Henak's work on the committee, and urging that he be allowed to continue as a member.

Monday, Marcille answered the letter with one of his own which stated that the student government has committed itself to the goal of making the Associated Students of GRCC a stronger, and more unified organization, and that Henak's membership on the committee seemed detrimental to that goal.

Marcille said Monday that he thinks the pay proposal is fair. He said he is carrying 16 credits this quarter and spends many more hours on his job than the 15 hours per week he is payed for at the rate of \$1.60 per hour.

He said if the raise is approved the officers will still have a limit of 15 hours per week for which they can be paid.

Bickel hopeful Learning Co-op will expand soon

The LRC-DC Learning Co-op located in H1-48 will now definitely be able to operate 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. daily.

The facilities hours had been somewhat irregular due to what Bert Bickel termed as a "personnel problem." It was difficult to get someone dependable to work in the facility, he said.

He says that now the problem is solved, and the hours may now be depended on. Bickel is hopeful that sometime in the future the Co-op will be open nights and weekends. This is not possible at this time he says.

Some may be familiar with the co-op as the "Language Lab." In addition to language tapes it offers music listening tapes, video program tapes, and a variety of other audio material to supplement class instruction.

Librarian Ed Bush, who is nearly singlehandedly responsible for the growth of the facility has plans for its further expansion. He hopes that it will serve more students with more material.



WHY ME? Acting registrar Booker Watt and Selective Service official Robert Wells answer questions about the recently revamped system.

"The young people themselves chose lotteries and the new system," Wells said.

HE went on to explain that in every state, college students volunteer to serve on a selective service advising board. Recommendations from the students, based on hypothetical cases which one might encounter in dealing with selective service, are then forwarded to the national director's office.

When asked if there were efforts made to up grade the quality of personnel, Wells replied to the affirmative. He said that since the first of January, no one over 65 is allowed to continue on in the employ of the system, and no persons who worked there for more than 20 years are allowed to remain.

He added that this necessitated the hiring of new personnel, and only the most intelligent and most capable of handling the needs of younger people and minority groups were hired.

When asked if pay scales would permit competitive hiring for jobs with the system Wells explained that pay scales were not running very high at this time. Most Draft board secretaries are rated G.S. 4 while there are some working at higher wages ranging from G.S. 4 to G.S. 6 there are only two people in Washington State being paid above G.S. 10 by Selective Service.

While Wells maintains that this is a living wage, he also said that the pay scales are still low and employes have to be highly motivated to do this kind of work.

White campus, snow falls and stays, and stays



AROUND THE CAMPUS:

Glassy icicles and arbitrary paths were the effects of snow that has covered GRCC for nearly two weeks. Classes were suspended for two days last week as a result of the unexpected heavy snowfall.

Photo By Eric Holmquist



Photo By John Lucas



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Mr. Wizard

Astronomical briefing

By Rik Dalvit

The door to ST-80 was open. "Would you like to see the sulfa worms I brought back from Mexico?" he asked two female students who were about to leave.

They accepted the invitation without enthusiasm.

Startled cries rang out, and a minor commotion ensued when two cloth covered springs shot from the can that contained the "sulfa worms."

The ladies' adrenalin flow soon slackened and they laughed.

"Actually they're snakes," he said. "I like the pink one best," he told them as he put the can in his filing cabinet.

He saw them off and motioned for the person seated at the table in the hall to enter. "Yes?" He enquired of his visitor after he had seated himself in his swivel chair.

"You're Dennis Regan?" the visitor asked.

"Right," said the man in the chair with confidence.

Regan was dressed in a red-dotted fitted jacket with wide lapels, flared muted-blue snakeskin trousers, green suede shoes, vertical striped shirt, and diagonally slashed striped tie. He lit a long cigar.

"There'll be an eclipse of the moon soon?" blurted the visitor in an anxious question.

"Yes, Jan. 30th."

"Is that by our time?"

"Yes, I wrote a letter to the paper (the Current) giving the details," he said.

"Yeah, I'm from the Current." "That's really something," said Regan, "a reporter and a tapped phone in my office at the same time." He pointed to his phone with his cigar.

A chrome water tap protruded from the side of the phone. It was tapped.

"About the eclipse..."

"Yes, I gave most of the details in my letter."

"Yes, I know, I have the letter." The visitor thought for a moment and then recited, "It'll be the last chance for anyone in the western hemisphere to view a total eclipse until 1975."

"Yes," Regan answered. "A rare event. A total eclipse is a rare event. I thought it might be of some interest to some of your readers. That's why I wrote the letter. The letter gives most of the details."

"Do you teach astronomy?"

"Yes, astronomy, chemistry, and physics," he said.

"Will the eclipse be visible to the naked eye?"

"Yes, I'm hoping we'll have clear weather." Regan said with enthusiasm. "A heavy overcast could obscure it," he added ominously.

"About the timetable?"

"I gave most of the details in my letter."

"Yeah, I have the letter, but I..."

"Here," said Regan, "the details are also given in the January issue of Sky and Telescope." He rummaged through a stack of periodicals by his chair. He found the issue he was looking for, and began thumbing through it.

"Ah yes," he said when he found the article. The article was illustrated with a diagram showing the various positions the moon would be in during the eclipse. "You can get a lot of information from this article," Regan looked up at his visitor.

"A total eclipse is a rare event, I'm hoping we'll have clear weather."

He meant it. He was enthused.

"During an eclipse scientists are able to perform many experiments, such as sizing experiments," he said.

Another person now waited in the doorway.

"Thank you," the visitor said, "ah, is there some time when I would be able to talk to you, I don't want to take any time away from any of your students..."

"Most of the details are in my letter," Regan said, "and you can get a lot of information from this article," he added.

It seemed as though Regan was about to offer the magazine. Apparently he thought better of it. He hung on to it. "The January issue of Sky and Telescope," he said, "they have a copy in the library."

"Thank you."

Prof takes pressure off

Ithaca, N.Y. — (I.P.) — A Cornell University mathematician has come up with a formula calculated to minimize pressures on students during exams and to maximize their learning.

Basically, the formula is this: calculus students, minus pressures, plus personal attention, equals course mastery. The course that's being mastered is Math 111, introductory calculus, taught by David W. Henderson, associate professor.

Henderson said he conceived his new teaching system because he has an aversion to the standard lecture-exam system which tends to be impersonal in super-big courses. With 517 students enrolled in the course, it easily qualifies as one of the giants.

Henderson took his first step to create a new system last spring when he pulled a pleasant surprise on his calculus students. To their delight, he gave them several cracks at passing an exam.

"The students reacted enthusiastically," Henderson said, "because they knew that if they goofed, they'd have another chance. This took a lot of pressure off them — and as a result most of them did well the first time."

Henderson said he wasn't satisfied

because there was no individual attention afforded the students. Now, that shortcoming has been overcome by the initiation of a new experimental way of teaching introductory calculus, a method Henderson has dubbed the exam-tutorial system. The system is designed to make examinations a definite part of the learning experience — and not just a convenient means of assigning a grade to the student.

The primary innovation is an examination room, staffed by tutors for 14 hours a week, where students can go to take exams and get extra tutoring if they wish.

The course is divided into several parts and the student must pass an examination on each part before he's allowed to move to the next part. In the exam room, the student's paper is graded immediately by a tutor who discusses it with him.

This gives the student a chance to correct careless errors or to clarify answers. If the student fails an exam, the tutor is right there to point out the mistakes and make suggestions for further study. The student then may return later for a different but equivalent examination.

The hope is that this system will help students achieve a high passing grade. "We think we have a way to teach a course in which all students are more likely to earn an 'A,'" Henderson said. "About 75 per cent of our students already have reached this level at mid-semester."

Another big plus for the experimental teaching is that it permits students to set their own learning pace. When a student feels he's ready for an exam, he takes one. In order to pass, a grade of at least 80 must be achieved and the student must show an understanding of each question. In fact, most passing students get a grade of at least 90.

While he's pleased with results of the exam-tutorial system to date, Henderson is not through trying to improve his teaching methods. "I'm not planning to stop here," he said. "I don't think this is the optimum."

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Advertising, rip-off?

Advertising is a necessary element for any business or product that exists. It is the device that manufacturers use to present their products to the public, and about the only way that a buyer can choose between products. There are so many products on the market that are designed to do the same thing that you have to be convinced that one particular brand is the best, and that it will do whatever you bought it to do.

The public is bombarded without mercy with advertising claims that range from toothpaste that will give you instant sex appeal, to detergents with sparkling crystals that will give you the cleanest wash on the block. One automobile manufacturer even claims that their car rides so smoothly that a valuable diamond was cut inside the car, without fear, while it was being driven through city streets.

Advertisers use the media to present their propaganda to the public. Television, radio, and newspapers are the main sources that are used, but advertising doesn't stop there. Along our nation's highways, and in our cities and towns, billboards and signs rise from the ground with claims that their certain product is the best, and that it will do a better job than any other product offered.

Many times advertisers claim that their product has "special" ingredients that make them better. These ingredients usually have big, long technical names that only a Harvard professor could even attempt to say, yet alone know what they mean. Then some advertisers even claim that their product doesn't have some certain ingredients. I would imagine that the people who buy these products don't care what they contain, just as long as the product does the job that it was bought to do.

There should be a set list of regulations that advertisers should be forced to follow so that the public wouldn't be fed misleading information. These regulations would control what is said about the product, and might even go as far as to control the number of products produced that are designed to do the same job. Every product that is advertised should also undergo testing to ensure that it does what the advertisers say it will do, and to determine if the public should be aware of any possible dangers that would result from using it.

Advertisers are the only people that benefit from advertising. The people who buy a product for the first time don't really know how it works until they use it, and then it's too late because they have already bought it.

Advertising should tell what the product really does, not what the manufacturer wishes it could do.

Dave Strieb

In groups

Militant concept best?

It seems to me that in their mad rush for freedom and equality a number of special interest groups have let themselves be blinded to the plight of others not normally considered to be their "brothers" or "sisters."

In a time when everyone regardless of race, creed, color, sex or sexual attitudes can be discriminated against equally I can not understand why these people would want to polarize themselves. Unless to be a part of the "in" group at that moment. (Whoever is leader is in jail or on trial now).

If all the Blacks, women, Klansmen, Italians, dykes and fairies would look around at something besides their headlines they would realize that they all have the same goals and complaints and that they are just perpetuating the hate and discrimination they claim to be so much against.

The "liberation" groups have rejected a very good philosophy that says a man should be judged by his own actions and not by the actions of his peers.

They seem to wallow in the mud thrown at the various leaders of the various groups.

They let these leaders and their actions replace any actions they may themselves take and eventually become nothing more than what their heroes do or say and lose any identity they may have had in the first place.

It is terrifying that modern propaganda need not be as good as it has become. There seems to be an abundance of people more than willing to be led around by rings in their noses. Just give them a hero, throw him or her in jail and you get a whole new group of robots for as long as you can keep the martyr in the paper and on T.V.

In an age that is by all outward appearances so militant, it seems so incredible that a very basic military concept has been overlooked, the concept of united we stand, divided we fall.

With the whole nation, divided into minority groups we leave ourselves wide open to attack and defeat by anyone who is more powerful than the strongest minority. We are also very easy to control when we can not get together to fight our common enemies because we are kept busy fighting with each other.

While we may enjoy many small victories won by our representing groups, we are missing the chance to gain the things which are real victories and which would gain more for everybody now and in the future.

So go ahead and burn the flag, burn whitey, burn a cross, burn your bra. Maybe our children can find a way to build something strong out of the ashes we leave behind for them.

RUSS THOMPSON

Cinema \$cope

By John Lucas

"Dollars" a similar offering in the same vein comes across with an equal amount of action and a little more humanity.

Goldie Hawn, former star in TV's Laugh In is featured in one of her funnier performances.

There was also an international plot, full of smuggling, murder and international sculduggery originating in Hamburg, Germany. It was hard to figure out who constituted the forces of good for awhile.

This enhanced the plot, and banished most of the boredom.

Every once and awhile, things drag a little bit. But you have to give the script writers credit here, the basis of the plot is very contemporary.

Perhaps the funniest part here concerns an Army Sergeant whose efforts to filch the Service Clubs of Europe was meeting with success until he got ripped off himself. Sound a little more contemporary?

In the intrepid violence of Dirty Harry Clint Eastwood continued with his specialty. He was superb as usual.

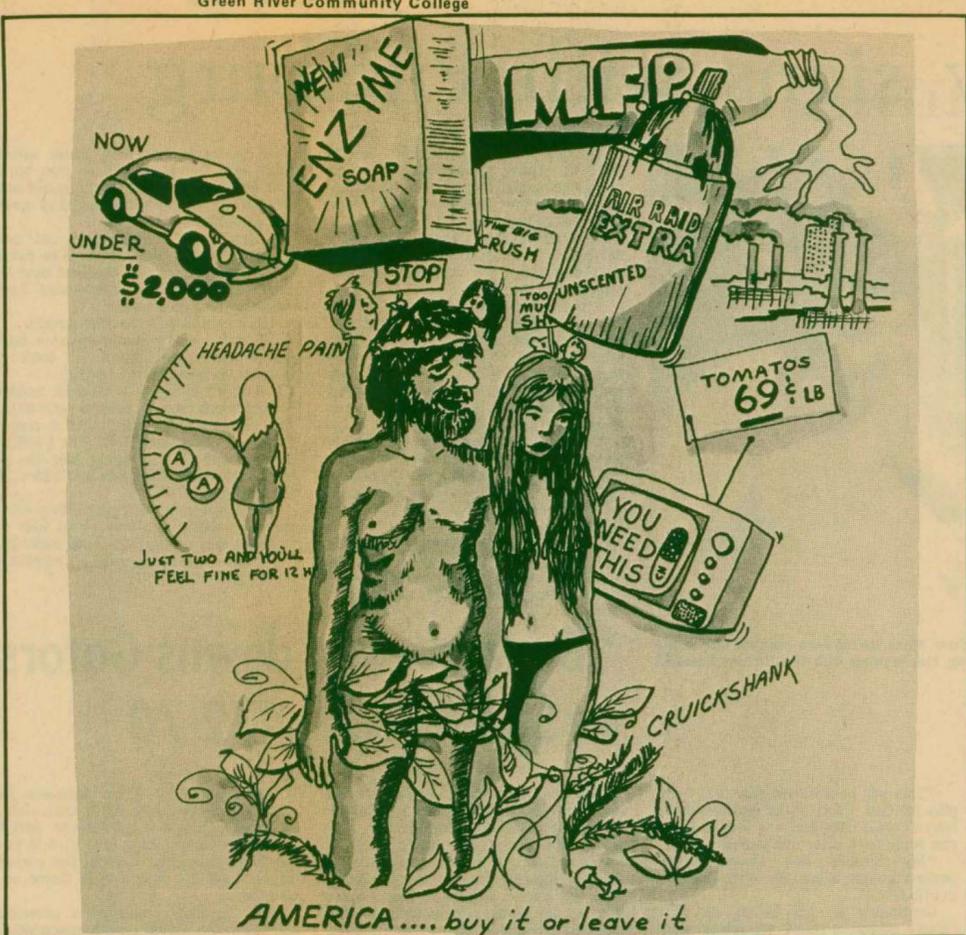
Harry Calahan is a Detective in San Francisco. His fellow workers call him Dirty Harry for a variety of reasons.

He is not a friendly person. He does not like anyone, and he dislikes politicians and law breakers equally.

You never see his badge until the end of the movie. But a 44 Magnum pistol is prominently displayed and used throughout.

Along with the violence, and some brilliantly executed police brutality, the audience can identify with some of the problems facing policemen. And if they are sympathetic in the first place, walking ten bloody miles in the shoes of a cop is not difficult or too far fetched.

On the other hand we see Harry on such a good day, that the rising action can lose credibility if the audience is not sympathetic. He just seems to happen along just in time to catch the criminal once or twice too often, but the struggle between good and evil is well represented just the same.



Peace proposal

Failure in Viet Nam?

While not all developments in Viet Nam are of a mind stopping nature anymore, what happened last week should have been enough to make the average person lean on his snow shovel and speculate for awhile.

For seven years we have heard bombing accounts on Christmas day, there have been six Tet offensives, and amid the verbal onslaught of air strikes, prisoner interrogations, and body counts, nothing retains any shock value anymore.

Did someone say something from the back of the room? Was the word peace mentioned, or was it just someone walking through the war office clearing their throat?

If all one really knows is what one reads in the papers or gleams from the tube, recent developments may point to the implementation of a plan for winding down the war. Now may be the time to accept the fact that winding down is losing, and losing for American politics, is dangerous.

This could be best exhibited by recalling the hard line strategies of the later Sixties. At that time, we were not losing no concessions were being made at all, and our position was all the more vulnerable because of our support for a South Viet Vietnamese dictatorship.

Now Thieu has to resign, and free election have to be held. This constitutes the only change.

From what Defense Secretary Laird said on Meet the Press Sunday night, the rest of the eight points are changes in name only. We still reserve the right to protect the destiny of South Viet Nam from too much too soon.

How is this being done? It is all a matter of how two words are defined, election and infiltration.

dictators take reign

While the eight points call for freedom of choice at the polls, and stipulate that there should be no infiltration beyond national boundaries after truce is declared, most authorities on Viet Nam will probably tell anyone patient enough to listen that there can be no such thing in that country.

Since the early Sixties, one dictator or pseudo mandarin after another has taken the reigns through the approval of the people. In fact, their approval was so strong that office holders never failed to capture anywhere from 4 to 99 per cent of the vote without even straining.

Such was the case with the Diem regime in 1961. Thieu went almost the same route.

While it is perhaps easier to have a dictator resign than to have CIA agents do him a job, the character of the Vietnamese will probably remain the same. There will never be a free election because it's not the custom. Thieu knows it and so does everyone else.

Infiltration is the other watch word here. The war began in the early Sixties when we set up advisory operations aiding the South in their attempts to bar infiltration.

For every thing we tried, the NLF returned it in kind. This included everything but air strikes.

Bombs didn't stop them from getting tanks into the central highlands last week did they? Of course the reason for that probably has something to do with the fact that bombing has been mercifully reduced just like Laird said.

But since bombing didn't work from the beginning, there is no reason to suspect that it will now. And it's odd to find Nixon's strategy resting so heavily on thin air where the NLF is concerned.

Now we approach the year of the dog, still now knowing the outcome. This will be the seventh Tet since the beginning of hostilities in 1964.

John Lucas

bags of bodies

In 1968, during that season the neat little plastic bags holding the bodies of our dead were piled five deep on Saigon piers while as far as the people at home were concerned, war progress was rosy.

The dog may be a good year for farming, which suggests a bad year for war. But you never know for sure, Charlie has been tending rice paddies in the day time and raising hell at night for so long that it just might be a good year for both.

Meanwhile, efforts to un-mask the hypocrisy of Hanoi may be doomed unless we're really prepared to get it on. That would mean one big My Lai four when peace proposals are rejected and not just a few more bombs.

On the other hand, it is still possible to gradually ease peace proposals into something that would satisfy the enemy. Their satisfaction would boil down to our leaving and losing.

Basically, this is not a bad idea. But with 86 billion in the pocket of the pentagon, they may not have to make a decision right away.

Lost wars are something we never had to face. We were always the heroes of the world.

Say hero to the GI in Viet Nam and he won't smile at you. The definition of that word has changed too.

Now days a hero is somebody who gets people killed. There are ways, we hear, of taking care of this problem.

One way is the "Hero Time," ritual. While the hero doesn't know it his buddies who want to live form a large circle around him.

Then a few grenades are thrown, and the hero achieves immortality while other GI's live to make it back to the block. The practice is not nice, in fact it's downright Un-American, but it's functional.

Losing wars that can't be won might be functional also, but a few things have to re-defined.

After World War II we told our children that we were forced to do battle with people who didn't believe in God and were out to destroy humanity. The spirit carried and we won.

Now, when it would take action more in-humans than anything we ever dreamed up for Auschwitz, just to break even, it's about time to start re-writing war stories and re-define the meaning of losing.

What do you tell the children? I would tell mine that war is wrong and of course to make extreme efforts to get along with the other guys out on patrol. Along with the usual warning about never volunteering for anything I would probably tell them never to show up at the induction station till war is declared.

Sewing class starts

All men in the Green River Valley can now be liberated, by sending their wives, mothers, sisters, girl friends, or themselves to a new sewing class which will begin February 14 at GRCC.

The Sewing Men's Knit Pants class will allow men to enjoy the freedom of custom-tailored knit garments. Machine laundering, no ironing, and wearing comfort are some of the attractive features of double knit menswear.

In the class, participants will learn how to measure and alter men's trousers. They will be taught the construction and finishing details which will make their garments comparable to expensive, ready-made menswear, at a fraction of the cost. Because the fashion picture for men also includes coordinates, class instructor Mrs. Walter Hyden will demonstrate the making of knit dress shirts and neckties.

Also scheduled to begin the week of February 14 is a Ladies Pants Fitting Class in which alteration and design of pants for women will be featured. The emphasis will be on pant suits and pant costumes. Mrs. Hyden will conduct this class as well as a Lingerie class. Garments to be demonstrated in the Lingerie class include slips, panties, gowns, and girdles, plus gift and accessory items.

Mrs. James Bodwell will share her knowledge of sewing on knit fabrics in two Stretch Sewing classes. These will cover the new construction techniques used for making knit shirts and other garments from the soft cotton, synthetic, and wool knits now available.

Mrs. Pete Jensen will give individual instruction in her Intermediate sewing class. Participants select their own projects. Special emphasis is placed on fitting, lining, sleeves, buttonholes, and collars.

Just ask me!



Gator aid

By Jamie Leavitt

I received a traffic violation in one of the campus parking lots which I don't believe I deserved, how can I appeal it?

First you go to the Cashiers' Office, located on the second floor of the Lindbloom Student Center, you then obtain a book containing the applications for hearing and the hearing calendar. The hearing calendar informs the student wishing to obtain a hearing concerning a traffic citation the date and time his or her case will be presented to the Green River Community College Judicial Board.

Application for hearing are subject to review by the Judicial Board and notification will be given to applicant prior to the hearing date and time should the application be refused.

Hearing dates and times must be adhered to by students applying for a hearing. A 24 hour notice in advance must be given to the Cashier's Office should the student applicant not be able

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to appear at which a new date and time shall be set.

Failure to appear or to give advance notification shall automatically waive applicants right to a hearing and the citation in question will be enforced.

How can I start a campus club?

First come to the office of Terry Ingram, Chairman of Clubs, in the Student Programs area. There you will receive a constitution form. Ingram will then aid you by helping you set up the first meeting by putting a notice in the bulletin.

Then a date and a meeting place are set up through Mrs. Virginia Akers, in the scheduling office, and then the meeting is publicized.

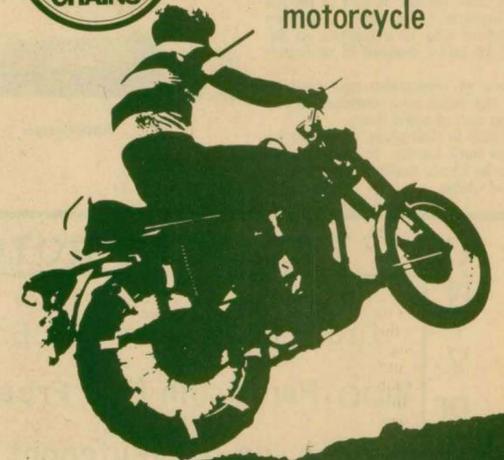
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Matheny signs with Pittsburg



Newly signed Keith Matheny and sports editor Mark Richardson enjoyed one of the lighter moments of an interview concerning him signing with the Pirates baseball organization.

He talked about his maturity and related its growth to activities in a ballgame during his first year of Legion play when he felt that he had potential to play professional baseball.

"We traveled to Yakima and played against a team that took first in the state and had a guy named Nelson who later signed, he said.

"In the first four innings they bombed me but in the last couple of innings I shut them out and learned alot about pitching and I was very proud to know that I could do it. I shut them out and learned alot about how to work on batters. In that game Burrell taught me not to give up."

Using an illustration he got up and showed how the left hander came up to the plate and stopped still. "It seemed like I was looking up at him while I was on the mound and it is quite a feeling," Keith said.

"I threw what I thought was a real good pitch, a curve ball that broke across the outside corner and he reached out and smashed it and I just watched it

leave the park. The next batter whose name was Dillon hit a liner that hit a seat next to the left field scoreboard and skipped out of the park but they gave him a double."

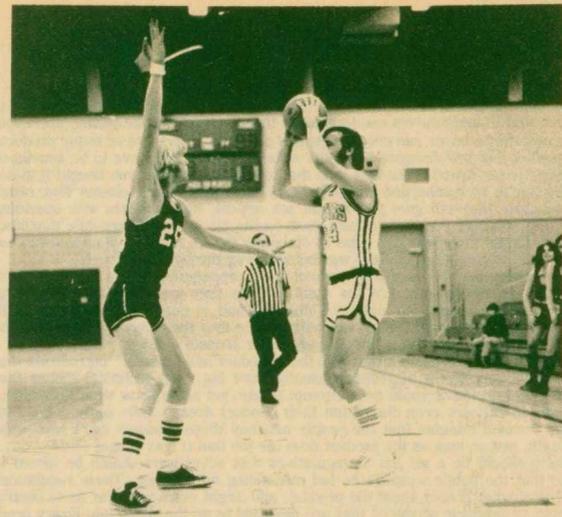
"After that I shut them out and struck out Nelson the third time he came to the plate, which was the first time he had been struck out the entire high school and legion seasons."

His potential was the next subject. "I feel that my maturing as a ballplayer will come naturally. I have to work on speeding up my fastball.

"A guy can throw a little bit harder but not much past his natural potential. I will really have to take it like it comes because I really don't know who I will be playing with . . . I would just like to play, with a friendly laugh and added, in the majors.

"It is just an honor to sign, they don't sign that many and only about four or five that they do sign out of 100 make it.

"I will be working with an emphasis on my pitching."



Stop! Forward Tom Cressman looks inside in action against Everett. The Gators from the visitors 91-55 in a game that saw the sophomore cash in 12 points.

"Buzzer" shot downs Gators at Skagit Valley 72-70

Who was that guy that shot one for ten in the first half against the Gators for Skagit Valley at Mount Vernon High School and then came out in the final period to score 24 points with a red hot 11 of 14 shooting pace to singlehandedly wipe out Green River? It was Warren Melvin, the team captain of the Cardinals. He led Skagit to a come from behind 72-70 Puget Sound division victory.

With 17 seconds left in the contest, Green River had a shot blocked by 6'10" Jerry Clark which was picked up by Melvin who requested a timeout.

He got the ball on the out of bounds play at midcourt and began dribbling against Ron Christian who was checking him closely.

With the score knotted at 70 he moved into the scoring zone and passed the ball to Steve Pettit who cranked a 16 footer inside the free throw circle. The shot hit the backboard but was put back into the cylinder by Clark.

The ball fell to the hardwood. The buzzer went off. At almost the same moment and it was all over.

The green clad Gators were guilty of only one error in the first 12 minutes of play and held as much as a 32-17 lead throughout. Leading the Gators into that position were Ron Christian with two assists and Mark Willis who picked up four assists.

Assisted by ten Cardinal turnovers the Gators opened up the ballgame at 8:

16 when Willis hit Arnie Jacobsen to make the score 21-14. After that, John Hudspeth, Willis, and Gil Stewart, added baskets to build a 32-17 lead at 3:58 before Skagit asked to regroup. The period played itself out with a 38-25 Gator advantage.

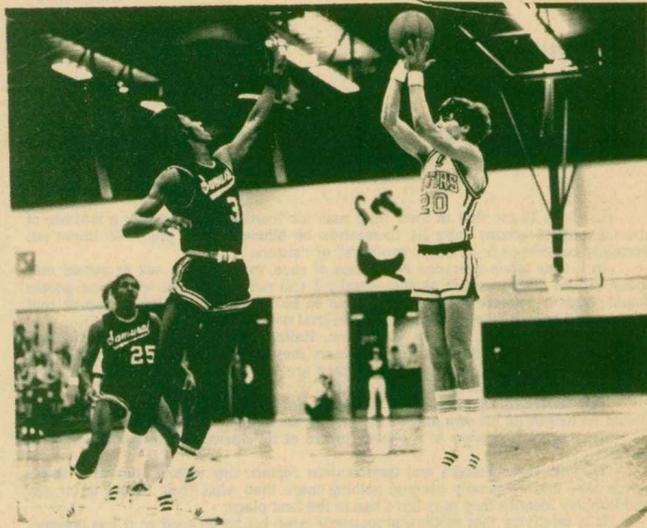
The Cardinals employed a pressing defense in the second period, which slowly paid its toll on the visitors. During the first ten minutes of the second half the lead was edged to nine points with Melvin connecting on four baskets. By 11:01 the Gators had been outscored 20-16 with the score 54-45.

Skagit sub Don Misner got a rebound basket at 1:21 to tie the score 68-68 starting the big action to close the ballgame. Then John Hudspeth who hit 14 for 14 free throws answered with two more to put GR ahead 70-68 at 1:18.

After that Melvin got the ball and hit a bomb from the right corner to tie the score. The Gators took the ball quickly down the floor but a shot was blocked and Skagit hurried down again only to miss a shot.

Another Gator shot was blocked when Melvin picked up the ball to call timeout with 17 seconds remaining.

The Gators open the second round of play at home against Fort Steilacoom Saturday night at GR at 8 p.m.



Two! John Hudspeth jumps up for two of his 20 points against Shoreline. The Gators travel this week but meet the Tacoma Titans February 12 at GR. The last meeting saw the Titans take a 77 to 70 decision.

Photos By Duane Hamamura

After being drafted by the Cleveland Indians and the New York Yankees on two occasions, GRCC's Keith Matheny has signed with the World Champion Pittsburgh Pirates baseball organization. Matheny was signed on Saturday by scout Babe Barbaras.

Last season as a Gator Matheny pitched his way to a 7-2 record with an earned run average of 2.29. He struck out 71, and gave up 11 base on balls, 44 hits and 21 runs in 64 innings of play. He threw 382 strikes and 237 balls and no hitters against Edmonds and Shoreline.

The right hander helped offensively with a .356 average, second on the total squad. He will report to Bradenton, Florida which is located south of Tempe with those trying out for spots in the organization from the triple A level.

An informal interview when he was asked why he plays baseball and what keeps him going Matheny had an indepth answer.

"I have been working for about the last three months for Jesus Christ and to witness for Him. Since about three months ago I have sort of decided to serve Christ through baseball.

"I would like to become active in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes though there don't seem to be any Christian athletes here, or at least I have not seen any around the gym."

He continued to relate his hopes about the future, and seemed to relax as he stretched and scratched his new mustache. "In the Majors I can witness and will be in the public eye through speaking engagements. I am sure God will find something for me to do.

"The way you conduct yourself on the field is a big part of the Christian witness. If something blows up you don't get mad and if things go good then I can praise the Lord. If something goes wrong, I look for some lesson that God has for me.

"The way I act on the field may draw someone to ask me why I act the way I do and I can get something started that way."

Seriousness took over as Matheny talked about his past and first accepting Christ. "In the ninth grade I accepted Christ and things sort of stayed the same but newer grew. Up until the last couple of months I even went to parties and did whatever I wanted to do.

"In our Sunday School youth group we have been studying the book 'The Late Great Planet Earth' (written by Hal Lindsey and copyrighted in 1970) and I ran into the word apostasy. I didn't know what the word meant so I looked it up and found out that it means the abandoning of ones beliefs. It sort of hit me close to home so I went down to see my older brother who is a teacher at Sequoia Jr. Hi and I decided to recommit my life.

"I have to reestablish my work by studying the Bible and strengthening my faith. That sort of sums it up.

"My faith in God gives a greater incentive to work harder. In the last couple of weeks I have really worked harder because of Christ.

"This will be the first year that I will play for God. I sort of felt real bad that I haven't done it before. The feeling that I can come back after that is really great.

"My brother has always really pushed me and helped me when I needed it with God."

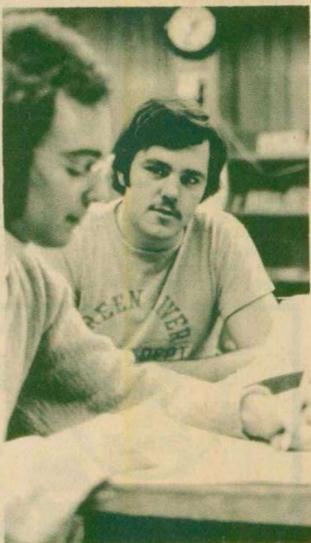
Continuing on his beliefs he said, "God's power is really something when you see it all around through different books of the Bible by different people through hundreds of years. 'The Late Great Planet Earth' points out that these are the latter days . . . it is really good.

"I would really like to get something started here but, he said with a serious chuckle, I just don't think there are any around."

He got back to his athletic future and emphasized coach Jack Burrell and his family. "I definitely think my family has helped. They have always encouraged me to play ball and to continue working.

"(Jack) Burrell Kent's American Legion baseball coach taught me to compete. He taught me to be mentally tough and compete all the time. His attitude, which is 100 per cent all the time really stuck.

"Most coaches and instructors have stressed it through their attitude but he is the one who taught it to me. I played American Legion baseball for four years and my maturity has been a steady progression. At first I was timid but he helped bring that out of me through his actions and attitudes."



Anticipation



Conversation throughout

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Mark's Time Out



to a friend

by Mark Richardson

Losing has got to be the hardest result for an athlete to understand. It is very common for a coach or leader of a team to respond with something like, let's learn from our mistakes and start thinking about the next one.

The Gator basketball squad suffered what has to be their toughest loss in two years of playing together as a unit on a last second tipin by Jerry Clark of Skagit Valley.

Feelings at the buzzer

At the buzzer the team, stunned and dejected, picked up their things and walked to the locker room across the gym floor. The players' eyes seemed glazed as they thought about the last 40 minutes of basketball, and how the Cardinals had pecked away a commanding 15 point lead to six, with four minutes left.

They had been defeated, almost singlehandedly, by floor captain Warren Melvin who poured in 24 of his game high 27 points during the last 20 minutes of basketball.

I remember how untroubled I felt after the contest. Commenting about my feelings, one of the spectators especially close to the team, said, "... yes, but you didn't go out there and physically, bleed your guts out to win, and then have the game turn out like it did."

The hurt of losing

In that statement, lies the most difficult aspect of failure. To give your best, something good enough for a winning effort, and then have to accept the notion that defeat is crucial, and often damaging to the emotional stability of the human being.

If the individual can take the losing result, learn to move on, and then transfer what he has learned to the team picture then he should be able to say that he has contributed significantly to the team.

All 110 to Walt

Providing a 110 per cent performance seems to have caught on over the years as a catch phrase which best describes an effort which is demanded and appreciated by the competitive world. I don't know any one guy I have run into yet at Green River who better fits the above mold than Walt Butler. As the gymnasium custodian, he always seems willing to give a little bit more of himself to those who request his services and handles everything with a pleasant smile.

Most people with his employment standing never get thought about by columnists, but this guy is really special. To talk to him last week one had to get his wife to take the telephone to his bedside because he had been injured in action earlier in the week. The injury occurred when he attempted to move a table while preparing for a women's recreation basketball game with Everett.

He talked about some of the work he has done and his three years at Green River. His time at the college was the first inquiry offered and he handled it by saying:

"I think it has been three years now," he said. "Let me ask Grace. Yes it has been three years."

The kids and the people

"I injured my back in 1963 when I was a truck driver and it eventually got so I couldn't work any more. Last week I got a kink in my back when I juggled that table around, and it got worse until Friday when I couldn't move it any more and they put me in traction.

I expect to be back this coming week though," he added.

He had a very simple answer when asked about his job.

"I stay at the school because I like all the kids and the other people around the campus. It is a great place to be and work."

I think it would be an accurate statement to say that he has better command of the active 'athletes' names than the students do.

Husky wrestlers

I can't seem to get the University of Washington's upset victory over Iowa State out of my mind. The Huskies defeated the number one ranked wrestling team in the nation and what some have called the finest college wrestling team ever brought together.

In talking with some coaches about Husky grappler headman Don Smith, they have unanimously called him the person who has done the most for the sport in the Northwest.

One deep at GR

The Gator grapplers are one deep at each of the ten weight divisions, and spread two positions into their unnatural spots. Coach Doug Carr says that he tells his 190 pounder and heavyweight wrestlers to go out and win if the opponent is weak, and to just try to keep from being pinned if the man is a tough wrestler.

The thinking behind putting the wrestlers out of their natural spots is to avoid forfeits. The two who have manned this tough role are Al Frye and John Cartwright.

This could be called personally sacrificing for the good of the team.

Wow, am I tired

Wrestling has to rate as one of the most demanding individual sports in the world. A college match in each classification is eight minutes in length. When it is all over the competitors are wasted, there just is not anything left.

In the past, when Carr talked about recruiting from the student body, he revealed some of these aspects.

They never show up

He said that he has approached different individuals about turning out, but warns them of the harder parts of the sport which demand hard work. He says, "Most of them show up for the first couple of workouts and then quit or I just never see them."

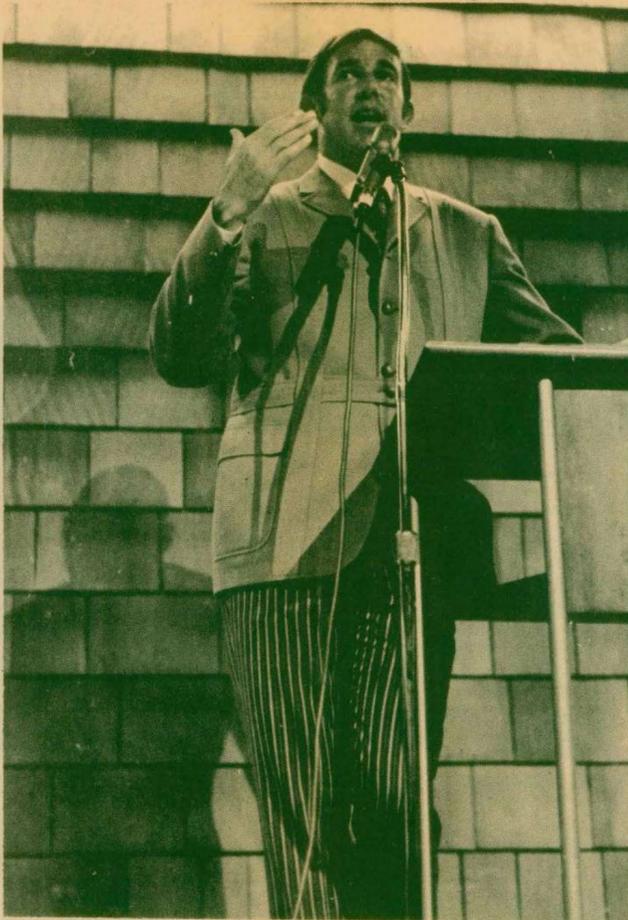
A spotlight one can't avoid

Each sport has its own demands on maturity but wrestling has to be one of the most demanding. During the time when an athlete is trying to get the fundamentals down and is asked to wrestle in matches, he has to stay out there the entire time, good or bad, and do it in front of everybody.

It is a spotlight the athlete can't avoid. In basketball or other team sports the coach can substitute for the person who may not be having a good day but in wrestling there is no such out.

I kind of admire those guys who put themselves out in that manner every week. It is even more notable when there is only one individual available at each spot.

One person at each spot does not demand the competition that another squad might focus on just for the honor to wrestle, yet there has to be a certain amount of team unity in the Gator camp in order to be as successful as the team has been.



Quarterback John Brodie reaches out to justify a point during the January 18 presentation in the Lindbloom Student Center. A packed house saw the 49'er show a film and answer questions.

Photo By Duane Hamamura

Gators lose as Graham and Staab shine

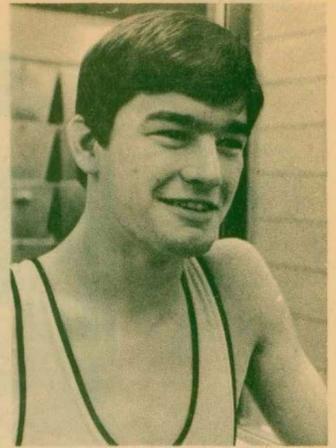
The Green River Gators saw a six match winning streak broken by Simon Frazer Friday night and then lost two free style exhibition matches Saturday to Simon Frazer and Everett. Saturdays matches were not scheduled but due to the University of Washington's cancellation and injuries the free style exhibitions were wrestled.

The Gators were down 12 points before the match ever got under way. They had to forfeit the 126 and 142 pound divisions. Wrestling nearly identical matches, Randy Staab and Jack Graham pinned their opponents to tie the score at 12 apiece. Both wrestlers had a 7-0 lead in the third period when the pins came. Phil Grey won the third match in a row for the Gators as he decided Bob Hodgins by a 2-1 margin. Simon Frazer ties the score as Steve Martin beat Steve Bastrom 9-6 in the 158 pound class. Although he did not pin his man Rich Kabelac turned in one of the best performances for the Gators of the night beating Jack Cairney 13-3. Kabelac scored 10 points in the third round to break open the match. Taras Hryb, a Canadian National wrestling champion, defeated Green River's Brian Kendall 6-0. Alan Frye received one point riding time at the end of the match to tie John Kelpic in one of the best matches of the night. At this point with Green River leading 21-20 the team score came down to one final match. Kevin Willick scored five first round points and made them stand up for a 6-1 decision over John Cartwright to give Simon Frazer a 23-21 victory.

In Saturday's matches the Gators were beaten 31-14 by Simon Frazer and 29-26 by Everett. The only two Gator matmen to win both matches were Graham and Staab. Graham won by scores of 7-1 and 4-0 while Staab pinned one opponent and decided the other 11-0.

Almost all year two wrestlers have given the Gators two wins in their first three matches. Staab and Graham have a combined win loss record of 19-1. Staab was beaten in his first match. In individual points, they have out scored their opponents 130-41 and in team points the ledger reads 97-4.

The Gators return to action tomorrow night and Saturday night hosting Everett and arch-rival Highline at 8:00 p.m. in the Gator gym.



Randy Staab

This is the initial story in a series of stories picking out a Green River athlete for special recognition. Athletes will be chosen from one of these groups: GRCC Basketball or Wrestling teams, the Tae-Kwon-Do club, GRCC Judo-Karate club, the Green River Soccer team or the intramural program.

One of the things a wrestler prides himself on is shutting an opponent out. Randy Staab, after being beaten in his first match, has had only one point scored against him in six straight matches. Randy, in a period of eight days, has two pins versus Big Bend and Olympic Community Colleges to go along with a 9-1 win over Spokane Falls and a 3-0 win over a Central Washington opponent. His overall duel meet record is a fine 6-1-0. In the two tournaments he has participated in, the University of Washington invitational, he has finished third in both.

When asked about Green River's chances in the upcoming matches against Simon Frazer and the University of Washington J.V. he said, "We have a real good shot at Simon Frazer but Washington will be a lot tougher." He listed the Gator's chance as no better than mediocre in the state meet at the end of the season. The former Bethel star described Gator wrestling coach, Doug Carr, as simply one of the finest in the state.

Randy, a U. S. Navy veteran, is majoring in Machine Technology and lists hiking and fishing as his hobbies.

Intramural basketball

Sheep and J.P.'s win

Recreation's 5-on-5 basketball is now in full swing after a heavy schedule of noontime games during the past week.

In the 5'10" League the Cotton Pickers and The Flock opened up their division with The Flock winning the opener 30-27, last Tuesday. Friday the 'Pickers took it on the chin again but with help from J. P. Boys, 51-26.

B League featured a series of tight games starting off with ?? nipping the Frito Banditos 34-33, last Wednesday. In

Friday's B Leaguer Kevin Mulvihill's 20 point barrage wasn't enough as the Trippers took the Gator Geasers Inc. by three 39-36. Ed Cone led scoring for the victors with 17 points. And in Monday's game The Frito Banditos came back from a 10 point halftime deficit to defeat the Magic Christians 39-38. John Hopkins of the Banditos and Steve Stahl of the Christians shared game high honors with 17 points.

The Jolly Ballers won a decisive victory over the Armadillo's 62-44, with Keith Bauer leading all scorers with 20 points. Last Friday's game pitted the Master Gators against the Lil' P's with the M Gators taking it 61-29 behind the 19 point output of Leo Roy. Monday Keith Bauer and Pat Willis combined for 38 points to lead the Jolly Ballers to a 64-37 win over "4 Play". Bauer's 22 and Willis' 16 points led all players.



Photo By Duane Hamamura

The ball went up for grabs in 5-on-5 action. The teams plays during the week with the Jolly Ballers pulling away undefeated so far.

Team 1 leads GRCC pinmasters

Mindy Meyer's 528 and Rick Hudson's 531 made them this week's series leaders in the Green River College Bowling League.

Along with Meyer, Valerie Hadley's 472 and Pat McDonald's 426 gave them second and third spots respectively. Meyer also led in the top game category with 187. She was followed by Billie Van Hume with 170 and Valerie Hadley with 169.

For the men Hudson was followed by Gary McDonald's 529 for second and Dean Shepherd with 528 for third. Though not taking men's series, McDonald rolled a 218 for high game honors with Ray Crepeau's 194 and 191 by Rick Hudson for second and third.

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We got trouble everywhere, not just in River City

By John Lucas

From mid-morning till way after the shopping center closed for the night, there were sporadic crowds standing on the sidewalk in front of the pool hall. Cars seemed to accumulate on the street in front of it.

At first glance it could have been the now vanished youth of the early sixties or late fifties. They only needed a strip of asphalt to call their own; something to race the engines of their cars on to attract attention.

The face of America is changing. Drugs are on the street everywhere.

The summer is a good time to see this. Most of the buying and selling (dealing) has to take place in a central location, and with school out it can't go on unless there is one.

While dealing is at its heaviest, panhandling (begging for money) and some sporadic stealing follows. If the observer has seen it all before, it looks familiar enough, otherwise it is easy to pass it off as something from another era.

"Got any spare change?" The question doesn't just get asked at Avenue B and 11th Street anymore. It was commonly heard in Federal Shopping Way.

Tattered clothes, patched jeans with bell bottom cuffs, old Army jackets, and varying lengths of hair have nothing to do with spotting the users of drugs. Today these are just a standard mode of casual dress for anyone under 30.

For the trained observer there are symptoms. Sometimes it's people's eyes, sometimes their behavior, but proof takes a long time.

Frank, (not his real name) might fit the image here. He is twenty years old, has long hair, and grew up in the Federal Way area.

At the present time he is not dealing drugs but he was active in the Federal Way area for two years. Part of that time he was working in the pool hall.

Although Frank is not a student at GROCC, the Current was able to locate him and arrange for an interview.

A week later he talked to this reporter for two hours.

Without the owner's knowledge, dealing went on in the cars in the parking lot, on the sidewalk in front of the pool hall, and sometimes in the pool hall itself. Most of the time honored techniques for dealing were used; most of the heaviest activity was on weekends.

In the summer, it was not too noticeable, because there were large numbers of people standing around on the sidewalk outside the door. Frank said that caution had to be exercised in keeping the drugs in one pocket, or one place on the dealer's person so that all that had to be done if capture seemed imminent was throw it on the ground.

"If you throw the stuff on the ground, you don't have to split," he said. "A lot

of people carry lids (packaged marijuana) in their boots."

"If I carried lids in my boot I would worry because boots are too tight. It would be too much trouble to get the stuff out of there and throw it on the ground."

"I always had it in my coat pocket, and I always had my hand right in there holding on to it. As long as you throw it on the ground they can't bust you."

Frank also said that the police seemed to know what was going on at the pool hall.

"The police knew that there were a lot of drugs being passed, and at one time they had an unmarked paddy wagon with a guy sitting in it. He had a two way radio and he would radio to someone else who would come over and bust people."

Frank's trade in harder drugs was mostly restricted to the psychedelic variety. When he was making a sale on items like these he usually would go home and get what the customer wanted from a safe hiding place. While doing this he always made sure that he knew the people he was selling to. It seems to be the second rule of drug selling or dealing.

"It's not too smart to carry anything on you for too long," he said. They knew that I was dealing, but I made sure that they couldn't catch me with it."

"All you have to do is tell the guy how much its going to cost when he tells you what he wants. Then you tell him where you are going to be and at what time."

When asked to describe the average customer, Frank and his friends were baffled for a moment. Someone cracked a joke about bubble gum sales, and Frank proceeded to describe some of the characteristics of the customers.

Most of them are as young as 15. All of them are under 21.

Frank also said that as a conservative estimate, somewhere between 75 and 80 per cent of the people under 21 in Federal Way are taking drugs. Some of it is amphetamine and psychedelic, most of it is marijuana, and a small portion of it is heroin.

"I can remember sitting at your place and watching a couple of hundred dollars float in a night," one of Frank's friends said.

"Yeah," Frank replied. "Its a good business if you can sort of stay anonymous. I would much rather do it than work."

They never seemed to agree on how much business was done in the shopping center in the average twelve hour period. Estimates ran between \$1,000 and \$2,000 per night. The figures were based on a good night in the month of August.

They all agreed that the drug traffic was mushrooming because it had become the in thing to do, and this has

changed the situation in Federal Way. There is now a greater likelihood for LSD and Mescaline, (the two most frequently used psychedelics) to be cut with strichnine and other poisonous substances.

There are also a greater number of needle freaks, people who inject drugs with a hypodermic. Frank said that most of these people will shoot anything that they can obtain at a low price, and the lowest prices are in "reds," a blanket term for barbituates.

"A year ago this past summer, it was all clean," he said. "There was clean Acid, (LSD) clean mescaline, clean everything."

"Then as winter came on, none of these things were clean anymore. The acid gets really dirty, you get all kinds of strichnine or anything else they want to put in it as long as it gets you high they can do anything they want to with it."

"There's even some mescaline going around that is cut with paint," one of his friends interjected.

Other subjects covered in the interview were the marijuana smoking and drug dealing in cars. Frank said that most of the time police do not get suspicious in the day time and the only real caution that has to be exercised is at night.

Panhandling and stealing, (ripping people off), were also discussed. Frank said that there was no one in Federal Way who had to beg or steal for money unless it was for the purpose of obtaining drugs.

"It can't be so bad that they have to be out panhandling in Federal Way. Their parents give them enough money to do anything they want to, but they don't give them the money to score too, so they go out and get some more money for that."

When asked about his predictions for the long term use of drugs by people presently using them in Federal Way, Frank said that continued drug use was not likely. He pointed out that peoples attitudes change as they get older, and used himself as an example.

For next summer, Frank predicts no change in the amount of drug traffic. He said that parks and beaches will probably replace the shopping center for dealing activities.

The King County Sheriff's office seems to agree. They said that narcotics detectives are investigating, but agreed that the nature of the operation makes offenders difficult to apprehend, and the nature or extent of illegal activities is difficult to fathom.

According to Captain Pingrey from the King County Sheriff's office, pool halls in Burien, Kenmore, and North City were closed voluntarily by their owners this year because they were unable to maintain business at an adequate level.

Pingrey said that there had been a tendency for younger people to use these establishments as gathering places. Once this happened, the customers just did not like to play pool there.

Pingrey also said that Washington State law forbids minors, persons under 21 from entering pool halls. He added that this law has been in force continuously in King County, and in Federal Way.

"We are in the business of enforcing laws," Pingrey said. "We are not trying to give business men a hard time."

The Federal Way Chamber of Commerce reenforced the police department statements. Al Segar, the manager said that the pool hall became a gathering place for younger people, and there had been un-pleasant results.

Most of the people who gathered there caused difficulty with the operation of the beauty shop next door. Most of these were on the sidewalk outside.

Segar also said that the Chamber had taken no action nor had made any recommendations to the owner that he close. He added that he had been in touch with the police over the drug situation.

Until August 1970, the pool hall was owned and operated by Willis Welch. He sold it, but was forced to repossess the establishment on November 4.

Welch lives in Kent near Midway. His wife was a counselor in the Federal Way school system and together, they know a large percentage of the young people in Federal Way.

Welch said he was aware of the drug problem and convinced that it had been getting worse. But he maintains that no drugs were sold in or near the pool hall when he was managing it.

He further stated that it became impossible to continue operating the pool hall because police said that they would enforce the 21 year age limit. According to his statement, the law was never enforced until December 3 when Detective Branham of the King County Detective Division told him that citations would be issued if persons under 21 were found on the premises.

Welch explained that when he opened for business in 1968, he consulted the King County Sheriff's Office, and was encouraged at that time to operate without age limits. The only restriction then was a 10 p.m. curfew for persons under 15, which was enforced continuously.

The law referred to in Welch's claim is section 26.28.080 of the Washington State Blue Laws. Written in 1905, it forbids entrance to any place where liquor is sold, and makes reference to "dance houses," and public pool or billiard halls in this respect.

It also firmly establishes that persons under 21 are forbidden to possess tobacco products and cigaret papers. Doing otherwise is a misdemeanor.