



MAYS VOICES VOC-TECH CONCERNS GRCC student senators contemplate the ideas of Charles Mays, the voice of vocational-technical students, as he requests changes in the screening committee, a group to choose representatives for the future All-College Council. —Photo by Terry Chubb

Student requests, complaints aired during senate meeting

After the following article was written, Charles Mays made an unofficial announcement concerning his requests for the screening committee.

The structure of the screening committee has been changed to allow five members on the committee; two academic, one vocational-technical student, and one continuing education student. Tracy Shier will be chairman of the committee as a non-voting member. In order for the committee to nominate any students, there must be "two planes of thought" represented, or "opposition" of voice, says Mays.

The Current was not able to verify Mays' statement before going to press, because of the deadline schedule it must follow.

Charles Mays, spokesman for the Vocational-Technical division, raised doubts as to the ability of the Senate to elect members to the new All-College Council.

At the February 3 meeting of the senate he requested that, "in order to get a just and fair representation" of the student body, a vocational-technical student be placed on the screening committee.

The Senate after hearing Mays request, gave a vote of confidence to the present screening committee, and took no action on Mays request. A special Senate and all student meeting was called for Monday to get student views.

ABOUT 250 PEOPLE gathered Monday in the gymnasium to hear the debate. Don Woods, chairman of Clubs and Organizations, in his opening statement said "it is necessary for us to keep this trouble out of the hands of the faculty and Board of Trustees", and urged that a decision be made.

Stating his argument, Mays said that "The All-College Council will help govern the school. It will decide on many aspects, including the curriculum. He said that he is concerned with how the college council will be placed into effect, that is, how students will be chosen for the council. He went on to say that he hoped "we can intelligently try and figure out how the college council comes into effect."

"WE FEEL THAT IT IS only fair and equitable that the screening committee be made up of students from all departments on the campus." Mays charged that a screening committee made up of three academic students could not be fair. His group wants "one continuing-education, one academic and

one vocational-technical student on that committee."

ASB President Gil Ziegler defended the screening committee and the Senate by saying that he did not "stack" the committee with academic people; that in his opinion, the senate does represent a cross section of views and interests. Ziegler said that he is willing to take nominations for council members, but is not willing to "throw names out for an all-college vote" without first going through a screening process.

AN UNIDENTIFIED STUDENT from the assembly asked "Why do you have to have to be 'screened' for the election?" Tracy Shier, chairman of the committee, answered by saying that "this first council will be a special and important one." Students participating will have to know what is involved and somewhat knowledgeable about the council. He said that it is important that there "Would not be students seeking status - because after the elections are over, it takes a hell of a lot of work - it is not fun any more." He said that there has to be certain qualities guaranteed in the people who sit on the college council.

The rest of the meeting was dedicated to questioning "the integrity" of the student senators. One student claimed no knowledge of "who the senators are or their names"; he said that we will have "a farce on top of a farce" by allowing the senators elect the members to the College Council.

AS TIME DREW NEAR for the meeting to adjourn, Mays attempted to return thought once again to the screening committee, and the request that was made. He asked for students to "agree as a student body at large to accept or reject this proposal."

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Proposed bill may help library situation

by Diane Tyler

Very rarely can a student simply walk into Holman Library and find a desk or chair vacant at which to work. The overcrowding in the library is becoming increasingly obvious. "The problem is particularly bad during the hours of 10 a.m. through 2 p.m." stated Ed

Bush, acting director of the reference center.

THE LIBRARY IS NOT being used solely for its reference materials, but is also accepting the overflow of students caused by lack of space in other areas. It is being used as a lounge by a minority of students and as a study hall by a majority of students. There are many instances of students forced to sit on the floor while at the same time there are desks vacant but not available, because of books stacked there. These desks are saved by students who leave their books, go to class, and return in an hour or so to study.

WHAT RIGHTS DO students witnessing or being the victim of these actions have? David Willson, reference librarian says "It is not only the students right, but also his obligation, to stop other students illicitly saving spaces, or being unduly noisy." He added that librarians do not know what is going on as well as the student does. The emphasis then must be on student responsibility and policing. Willson also pointed out that if the librarians are required to discipline a student, that student is much less likely to turn to him for help. He added that people should feel free to approach the reference librarian concerning any and all questions about reference materials or term papers. "The librarians are all good guys and can save the student much time and effort."

The problem of overcrowding should be alleviated somewhat, by late spring or early summer when the new student services building is completed. At that time, counselors, registration office, financial aid office, lounge, and other areas will be freed from the library building. The administration and the general fund business office will then be the only unrelated areas in Holman Library.

THE BIGGEST PROBLEM at that time will be furniture for the areas cleared, which will make room for 140 more seats. This will cost anywhere from \$15-20,000.

Where will the money for this and other needed buildings and materials come from? No one really seems to know for sure. Funds for new buildings and renovation of old buildings have been cut to those already contracted.

A bill has been introduced to the House, (House Bill No. 512) which would allow community colleges to use the state building authority for capital construction financing. This would give them another resource, other than the legislature, for funding of new buildings.

The alternative is Governor Dan Evans' suggestion to the legislature of raising student tuition and fees - three dollars to be kept out for the local capital fund. Sixty per cent of this income already goes there.

UNIVERSITIES AND state colleges, with an enrollment of 80,000, already use the SBA for funding, while community colleges, with an enrollment of 100,000 are being forced to depend on the legislature and local funding. Dr. Lindbloom, GRCC president, says "In the long run, it is very important for community colleges to be included in the State Building Authority".

Supporters of HB 512 should write to Representative Frank Brouillette, or to Representative Marjorie Lynch, chairman of the House Committee on Higher Education, in Olympia.

AS TO THE OVERCROWDING in the library, David Willson says, "In the meantime - if there are no chairs available, students may sit on the floor, as long as they are not imposing on others. Students may use the library as a study hall, if they have nowhere else to go. Finally, be compassionate, think of others when you use the library, and refrain from too much ego tripping."

Turn table taken

A turn-table record player and two speakers were stolen sometime between February 3 and February 4 from the management class display window.

The thief broke in through the doors in Richard Passages' office in HS 15. Passage left the door to his office unlocked, but the display window doors were locked. To enter the display window, the thief had to break the locks on the door.

The turn-table record player was a United Audio Dual, and the two speakers were KLH and AR-5.

The county Sheriff's Office is investigating the theft.

The four students who set up the display are puzzled as to how they are going to pay for the stolen articles. It is a part of the retail merchandising class to set up displays, these articles are not insured, and must be paid for if lost, stolen or damaged.

This is the third time articles have been stolen from the display window. The first time no doors were locked, the second time the students forgot to lock the doors, and this time the thief broke in.

GR instructor tells of "Black History Week"

Recap by Vic Harris
To the Students of Green River:

This week has been proclaimed Black History Week in Washington by Governor Dan Evans. This indicates to me that lack of information in regard to Blacks continues to reign supreme.

Black History Week was started in February 1926 by a Dr. Woodson. Each year Black History Week begins the second Sunday in February, the primary object being to choose the week in which February 12 and 14, the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass respectively, will fall. In the event that the observance cannot include both dates, that of Frederick Douglass (a Black) is given priority - the week of February 14, not February 7.

Nancy McGraw speaks

GRCC student tells about Cuban revolution

"To make the revolution, we had to remake ourselves", said Nancy McGraw during a talk last Monday about her trip to Cuba to cut sugar cane.

She said that when she left she really did not know why she was going. She said that she was not political at that time - she had been going "to riots to get rid of her anger, hassled for rent, and got food-stamps." She was just another street person.

MISS MCGRAW SAID THAT they had a lot to learn in order to remake themselves; they had to learn to love, to play, and to work hard.

"We were hard-heads and hippies" not used to hard physical labor connected with cutting cane. They got up at 5 a.m. and quit working at 6 p.m. Because they were not used to the work, they did not contribute a lot as workers.

"We had to learn to love." Really "heavy political people" are robots - they divorce themselves from reality," said Nancy McGraw. "They have no understanding of other human beings."

IT WAS HARD TO learn to play and laugh in Cuba, said Nancy McGraw. She said that some of the American women got angry when she was playing volleyball with Cuban men - "because they did not think that fun and laughing were part of revolutionaries."

About the Cuban revolution, Nancy McGraw said that the revolution happened because "the majority of Cubans wanted the revolution and wanted the damn Americans out of their country ... the Americans were starving them to death." She said that many

THE ROLE OF THE Blacks in American History and in the history of other cultures continues to be neglected, misrepresented, and least understood. Even at this present date and writing, inaccuracies, omissions, and half-truths still mark the treatment of American minorities in social studies and related areas.

Very seldom, if ever, can one find a single text which presents a reasonably complete and undistorted picture of the American Blacks or any other minorities. Our texts continue to present a principally white Protestant, Anglo-Saxon view of American past and present with the nature and problems of minority groups going largely neglected.

Very seldom, if ever, can or do we note aspects of Black History in Africa and in this country between the years 1876 and 1954 in our current literature. It is this heritage background information, hidden facts, and myriads of additional information experience and circumstances that Black History was designed to reveal. American History is his history and his history is part of America's, and any account of what happened in America which does not fully reflect the presence and activities of the Blacks is to that degree unfaithful to reality.

THE BLACK, LIKE his American counterpart, has a heritage to be proud of in spite of years of "trickery and games".

As a result of Dr. Woodson's intent to share forgotten, overlooked, and unrecognized facts

with America's populace, we at this time list a few facts for this week's observance.

1. The Negro National Anthem "Lift Every Voice And Sing" was written by the noted Black poet and civil rights leader James Weldon Johnson. It was intended for use in a program given by a group of Jacksonville, Florida Black school children to celebrate Lincoln's birthday.
2. A Black by the name of Crispus Attucks was the first person to give his life in America's Revolution in Boston in 1750.
3. Dr. Hale Williams, a Black, was the first to perform open heart surgery in 1893 in Chicago, Illinois.
4. Matthew Henson, a Black, was the first man to reach the North Pole while in the company of Admiral R.E. Peary.
5. Dr. Charles Drew developed and discovered blood plasma.
6. Black History in English America began with the arrival of 20 Blacks aboard a Dutch vessel August 20, 1619.

Today we enter into the opening of a new era in American History. We are ready to face with realism and fortitude the great changes to come, and if this society and this America cannot nor will not live up to the philosophical foundation of its heritage, then it seems rather apparent that this country will not survive as we would want it nor will it continue to claim to be the great country it seeks to be.

Our contributions are not over; our pilgrimage is not over - from slavery to pseudo-citizenship now we are entering the last stage - our own pilgrimage has brought new strength to America. If America would be great, let her recognize her gain and move on from strength to strength.

Amen.
-Vic Harris

Susan Stern clarifies position

Susan Stern asked the Current to make note of the fact that she is not one of the leaders for the planned May Day march on Washington, D.C.

The Current headline last week implied that she was in on the planning of the closure. However, she indicated later, that she felt that the public should be merely aware of the plan, and said nothing about who the planners were.



PACKED HOUSE Students line the wall of the Holman Library, occupying all corners of the building and all available floor space, when all desks and tables are already "filled". —Photo by Terry Chubb



COMMENT ON CUBA "Some people do not believe what happened in Cuba was a peoples revolution ... but if it happens so many times you have to believe it," said Nancy McGraw, a GRCC student who recently went to Cuba to cut sugar cane. —Photo by Terry Chubb

Opinion & Comment Editorial Dem. Ross proposes grass legalization bill

A bill was submitted last week in Olympia that in affect would legalize the possession and sale of marijuana. The bill proposed that the distribution and consumer sales could be given to the State Liquor Control Board. In effect each person over the age of 21 could purchase an ounce of marijuana a day. Picture going to a liquor store to buy grass.

The sponsor of the bill, Representative Michael J. Ross, Seattle Democrat, said that he is opposed to drug use, the purpose of the measure is to stimulate public debate on the drug abuse problem.

It seems important to understand the potential power of grass and some other drugs in comparison to LSD power.

The following is a chart of comparative strengths of LSD and other Hallucinogens. (Approximate)

DRUG	CHEMICAL BREAKDOWN	DOSAGE
Marijuana	leaves and tops of Cannabis Sativa	30,000 mg
Peyote buttons	Lophophora williamsii swallowed	33,000 mg
Nutmeg	Myristica fragrans	20,000 mg
Hashish	resin of Cannabis sativa	4,000 mg
Mescaline	3,4,5-trimethoxyphenylethylamine	400 mg
Psilocybin	4-phosphoryltryptamine	12 mg
STP	2,5-dimthoxy-4-methyl-amphetamine	5 mg
LSD	d-lysergic acid diethylamide tartate	.1 mg

The news media everywhere is full of drug happenings. We are witnessing a drug abuse explosion. We see many "heads" --potheads, pillheads, hopheads, acid heads and rumheads. Remember in "1984", and "Brave New World"? The coming of chemical escape seems closer at hand then is commonly acknowledged.

Even if pot were legalized its use by minors and drivers would be illegal. This country is a co-signer of a United Nations treaty regarding marijuana, which would have to be changed. Almost every country has laws against marijuana use, a few more strict than others. In Nigeria and Egypt the death penalty could be enforced for its growth and distribution.

On the drug scene at McChord Air Force Base, more than 60 Vietnam veterans have been sentenced there since October for narcotic smuggling. Most have reportedly had vials of heroin, but a few had similar vials of opium. Just last week a G.I. back from VN was found to have a vial hidden in his radio. The vial was similar to others smuggled into the country. They contain commonly half a gram of what one federal chemist has determined as the purest form of heroin he has ever seen. It was reported that the "horse" is so pure that anyone injecting a vial into a vein would die before he could remove the needle. Vietnamese men, women and children are readily available sources of heroin at \$2 to \$3 a 1/2 gram vial.

—Roger Rice, opinion page editor

DRUG RESTRICTIONS PASSED

A bill was passed by the House in Olympia restricting authority for possession of marijuana by doctors, dentists, and veterinarians to professional purposes. It passed by a vote of 98 to 1.

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MEXICAN ART

Mexican cultural objects will be displayed throughout February in the art building and library showcases. The display will include toys, pots, baskets, and statuettes. This display is part of an exhibition shown at the Henry Art College, University of Washington.

HONOR ROLL STUDENTS

A total of 838 students were named to the fall quarter honor roll at Green River according to Dick Barclay, registrar. To be on the honor roll, a student must have completed a minimum of 12 credit hours with a quarterly grade point average of 3.0 or above.

BLACK HISTORY WEEK

Vic Harris, GRCC occupational therapy instructor, depicts Black history in copper. The process is called transpoptermism. His art display will be in the Holman Library throughout next week in recognition of Black History Week.

NO CLASSES MONDAY

Don't forget that there will be no school on Monday, February 15, because of Washington's Birthday.

WSU REPRESENTATIVES

Representatives from Washington State University will be on campus February 17, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. They will meet with students in the H.S. building, conference room A. Students should make appointments with the placement secretary in the HL building.

Student Government Office Hours

If you want to talk to someone in Student Government these are the people to contact in the lower lounge at the following times this quarter.

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
M. Weaver	9-10 3-4	9-10 3-4	9-10 3-4	9-10 3-4	9-10 3-4
N. Johnson	8-11 4-7	8-11	8-11 4-7	8-11	8-11 2-3
D. Merrifield	10-11	10-11	10-11	10-11	10-11
M. Conlan	11-12	12-1	11-12	12-1	11-12
D. Fundingsland	9-10	10-11:30		10-11:30	
V. Tucker	10-11	10-11	10-11	10-11	10-11
M. Merritt			11-12		
V. Farrell	9-11 1-2 3-4	9-11 1-2	9-11 1-2 3-4	9-11 1-2	9-11 1-2 3-4
T. Cosgrove	8-10 1-3	1-3	8-10 1-3	1-3	8-10 1-3
C. Caldwell HS-12	8-10	2-3	8-10		8-11 2-3
J. Sook Lee	9-10 12-1	9-10 2-3	(9-10) Senate	8-10 12-1	8-10 12-1
B. Sanchez	11-12	11-12	11-12	11-12	11-12
D. Tyler	10-11	10-11	10-11	10-11	10-11
J. Ritezej	3-4	3-4	3-4	3-4	3-4



Drug abuse prevention estimated at \$1 billion

From New York came the story about, approximately 25,000 people are hooked on narcotics. Experts placed the number between 75,000 and 125,000 people. It costs the public one and a half million dollars each year for protection, and for thefts, and distrust and fear of the addict is very wide spread all over New York.

Substances which abuse potential, range from simple, kitchen spices through common flowers and weeds to highly sophisticated drugs. All of these substances may be divided into three categories: 1) narcotics, 2) sedatives, 3) tranquilizers, 4) stimulants, and 5) hallucinogens.

There is a large difference among the terms "addiction", "habituation", and "drug dependence". Addiction has been defined as a state of periodic or chronic intoxication produced by the repeated consumption of a drug and involves tolerance, psychological dependence, usually physical dependence, an overwhelming compulsion to continue using the drug, and detrimental effects on both the individual and society. Habituation has been defined as a condition resulting from the repeated consumption of a drug, which involves little or no tolerance evidence, some psychological dependence, no physical dependence, and a desire (but not a compulsion) to continue taking the drug for the feeling of well-being that it engenders. Detrimental effects if any, are primarily on the individual. Drug dependency is when the body learns to live with the drug, tolerates larger increased doses, and reacts with concern with withdrawal symptoms when deprived of the drug for a length of time. These facts were taken from Smith Kline and French Labs of the National Education Association.

The total problem in New York and Los Angeles and all over the nation was estimated to cost the public close to one billion dollars a year to try and stop drug spread, to find the users and help get them back to a normal productive way of life.

—Roger Rice, opinion page editor

Letters to the editor

Dear Editor:

I would like to make a statement concerning the request of the trade students, made at last Monday's all college meeting.

I feel that there was a big mistake in the time element involved. To my knowledge, this business of the student governance proposal was started at least a year ago; the screening committee was initiated when the proposal was passed the first part of January. Freshman students have had about four-and-a-half months to learn about the new proposal.

News regarding this matter has appeared in the Current and the daily bulletin constantly, and anyone who cared enough, would have read about it.

Appeal for student participation in the process was made, and I feel that the senate had given enough opportunity for students to give advice and suggestions; if no one said anything before, it is not unreasonable for the senate to refuse alterations after everything has been decided.

One point made during the meeting was that the senate does not represent the entire student body. Personally, I feel that this statement should be disregarded — simply because there are both freshman and sophomore senators. It is impossible for anyone to know the freshman candidates before electing them. If they offer to serve the students, anyone who cares enough should go and find out who they are. The senators are students like anyone else, and it is impossible for them to shake everyone's hand and get acquainted.

As a student, it is our responsibility to find out who the senators are, and prevent those who do not represent "us", from being chosen.

It is immaterial as to how many voted during the last election. If someone refused his right to vote then, I don't think that they should be heard now — as it is the wrong time.

I think that the suggestion made by the trades department sounds reasonable, but they are not organized and the majority of the students act like they do not know what they want. On the other hand, if they had come up with the suggestion during the establishment of the screening committee, the senate would

be blamed for not taking their suggestion into consideration.

—Fabian Chan
President, Phi Theta Kappa

To the Students of GRCC:

Today I saw what I think is a GRCC power struggle. A challenge thrown against the president and the senate. I became angry watching my fellow students talk about equal representation between what I consider equals. A student is a student, voc. tech., academic or otherwise.

My friend, Don Woods, former clubs and organizations commissioner stuck his neck out to let these people present their ideas in the gym last Monday, on the word of Charles Mayes, who said a thousand people would show up. Approximately 130 attended, and complained about election procedures, seemingly avoiding Mr. Mayes' issue on the college council representation. As program board chairman, I will not condone any more such meetings in rooms that must be vacated by a regularly scheduled class.

As for who runs this school, I have met no opposition in programing anything on this campus. In my opinion, we are in a most liberal atmosphere here, and I will oppose any person who tries to shake the steady balance we have here. I grant that our student senate needs work, but I don't think that major drastic overhauls are the answers, at least not on a campus like ours.

—Bill Brimer
Prog. Board

Meditation talks begin today

The Students International Meditation Society will present a series of lectures dealing with personal instruction techniques beginning today and ending Monday.

The society's purpose is to help every individual improve his daily life by expanding his mind and relieving his tensions.

"It's not a religion or philosophy. You don't change ... it's something you add," said Vice-President Anita Fagan.

Approximately one-and-a-half hours will be spent daily studying the technique of transcendental meditation over the four days. A minimum donation of \$35 per student and the prerequisite of attendance at one of the introductory lectures are required. All donations are used to make the organization more available.

The society will repeat the course every other month at GRCC.

Society officers are President John Fagan, Vice-President Anita Fagan, Secretary Joann Glass, and Treasurer Paul Rubin.

Student favors grass legalization

Marijuana is not an addictive type drug but more a habituation, people smoking it for a feeling of well being. When smoked it hampers thought processes and memory, weakens concentration. A trip can last for from 3 to 5 hours with a time of passive distortion of vision, hearing and sense of space and time proportion. I am for the legalization of marijuana but as for LSD, STP, Morphine, mescaline, and any other type of drugs so little is really known about, forget them. I cannot see sticking a needle in my veins or popping acid 25 into my stomach or sniffing mescaline or any drug that could upset my physical well being as well as my psychological person, for an unknown period of time. These drugs are dangerous and should be studied thoroughly. An investigation can be made on the possibility of using LSD as a replacement for morphine on cancer patients. So even though the bill is not very optimistic I hope some thought will be seriously considered for the legalization of grass.

—Roger Rice, opinion page editor

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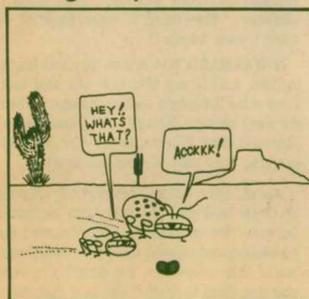
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Jesus People to stage festival

by Laura Deichsel

The Jesus People movement is happening all over the country, and the students at Green River College will have a chance to experience first hand the spirit uniting them all, February 19, 20 and 21 at 6 p.m. during a gospel festival.

THE JESUS PEOPLE is a youth-oriented religious movement whose members don't believe in religion as such, but want a relationship. The movement is inter-denominational, and all faiths and ages are invited to attend the festival.

The nationwide movement includes 5,000 members from Seattle, many of them reformed drug users, and 50 is the number now in the Auburn "army".

Members of both the Seattle and Auburn armies will be relating their first experience and first awareness of Jesus Christ to the audience during the festival, and a band called Glorious Revolution will be playing rock music until 12 p.m.

IN THE LAST YEAR and a half, Auburn's army has grown from eight to fifty kids, and is termed "the heaviest movement going," by Nick Barta, a spokesman for the group. Barta might be called the leader by anyone outside the People, but he prefers to say the youth have no leaders, and all are equal in a sense.

The People meet every Monday night at 7:30 p.m. in the Calvary Church in Auburn, for Bible study and continue for as long as people want to stay. Other times during the week, the kids go into the streets and "witness for Christ," talking to people about meeting Christ.

APPROXIMATELY ONE THIRD of the Auburn branch members are "ex-drug freaks" according to Barta. Five of their members are students at Green River, 30 are from Auburn High School, and 10-15 are attending junior highs in the area. Their uniting bond is Jesus Christ.

The national movement is growing fast, and

coffeehouses have sprung up in Seattle, Tacoma and Everett, to evidence the growth in the Northwest. Barta attributes this rapid growth to a statement from the Lord.

"IN THE LAST DAYS I will pull out my spirit upon all flesh," He said.

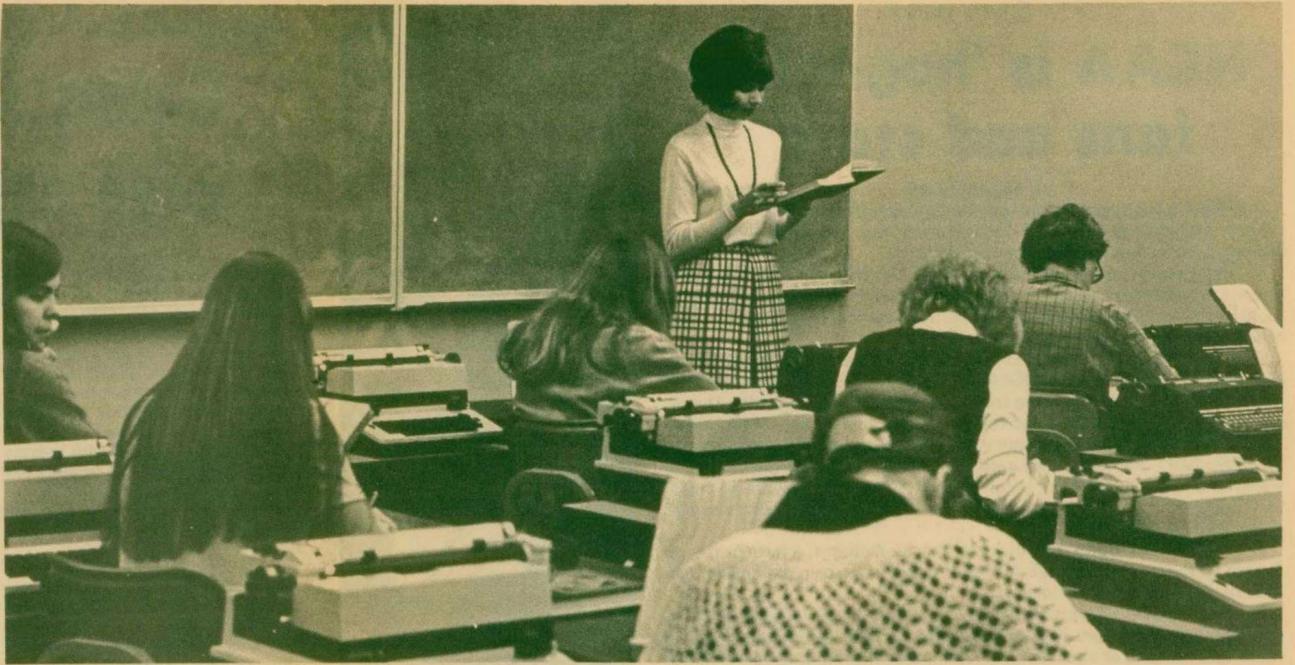
Students told of open vocations spring quarter

All general programs of study are open for spring quarter admissions. The admissions office is accepting applications from all students who do not have specific program majors.

In the two-year vocational-occupation programs the following programs are open and are accepting applications: air traffic control, building trades, civil engineering technology, all secretarial studies programs, technical art, mechanical engineering technology, journalism technology, law enforcement, machine technology, management, recreation leadership and transportation.

The following vocational occupational programs are currently full and we will not know the status for new students until after registration for returning students is completed: automotive, body-fender, drafting and welding.

Programs currently closed and not having openings for new students for spring quarter except under special conditions usually determined by the departmental advisor are: electronics, forestry technology, occupational therapy, physical therapy and practical nursing.



OFFICE. Students work on some of the basic office skills offered in the SKILLS two-year office occupations program. In addition to office skills

students also receive a general education. The vocational program is one of the more versatile programs on the campus.

Office practices taught in occupation program

Editor's Note: This is the eighth in a series of articles on the two-year programs on campus. The purpose of these articles is to make students aware of the various programs open to them.

One of the more versatile training programs on campus is the two-year office occupations program. Students enrolled in the program have a variety of alternatives open to them to learn office skills and in addition receive a general education.

Within the two-year program a student can strive for an Associate in Applied Arts Degree as a professional secretary or an Associate in Applied Arts Degree as a clerk typist.

The same two programs are open to the one year student working for a certificate. The classes offered in this program are applicable if a student wished to change at sometime and work for a two year degree.

Though the office occupation program is a vocational program the classes

included are transferable to most four year colleges, depending on the college.

The program also offers the student coming into it a variety of entry levels through the credit by evaluation system. In this system the high school records of incoming students are evaluated. If a student has already taken some office skills, for example typing or shorthand, they can receive credit for these classes without having taken them at college.

This system allows the student to graduate sooner and still have a complete education. It also saves the students time and money.

The office occupation program has still another feature. Within the program numerous classes are offered that allow the student to progress at his own pace. An example of this is a shorthand class. Formerly a student would take a 4 credit shorthand class. Now, however, a student takes a shorthand class and develops at his own speed within the class. For every ten words jumped in speed, beginning with 50 words, he receives two credits. Thus, if a student can take shorthand at 80 words per minute he may receive 8 credits in a quarter rather than just 4 for taking and passing the class.

The classes required in both the certificate and degree programs are basically business related classes. The suggested electives are more varied, but a student takes these only if he wished to do so.

Presently there are 35 sophomores and 80 freshmen registered in either of the two office occupation programs. Classes are taught by three full-time business teachers, Steve Sauers, Mrs. LaVera Wrede and Mrs. Arlene Haaven, and several part-time instructors.

Many business classes and the one year office occupation program are offered in the evening as well as in the day. It is hoped, says Sauers, that by next year the two-year degree course will also be offered in the evening without those students enrolled at night having to take day classes, as they do now.

'Tom Paine' opens on SU stage February 18

"Tom Paine" by Paul Foster will be presented for the first time in Seattle at Seattle University's Teatro Inigo beginning February 18.

"Tom Paine" is a contemporary, provocative, highly experimental piece of theatre in which an ensemble of fourteen actors play a total of sixty-two different characters. These characters present the audience with a performance in three levels. One is the level of the text which is tightly set down by the author to be performed exactly as written, the second is the improvisational level and the third is open discussion.

Foster's purpose is to show the liberal nonconformist spirit in agony. He does not whitewash Paine. His unbearable arrogance and conceit are not denied any more than his drunkenness. Foster had added much fictional decoration to his biography of Tom Paine revolutionary, liberal, and libertine, but to the end he remains true to the man's visions. He truly defends Paine's ideals, ideals that lie, or should lie at America's heart.

The play deals with many aspects of Paine's life from his writing of Common Sense during the American Revolution to his imprisonment and near execution in revolutionary France.

"Tom Paine" was first performed in the United States by the La Mama Troupe at the State 73 Theatre, New York in March of 1968.

Teatro Inigo's production is directed by William J. Dore, Jr. Continuing performance dates are February 19, 20, 25, 26, 27, March 4, 5, and 6. Curtain time is 8:30 p.m. Teatro Inigo is located on the corner of Broadway and Columbia.

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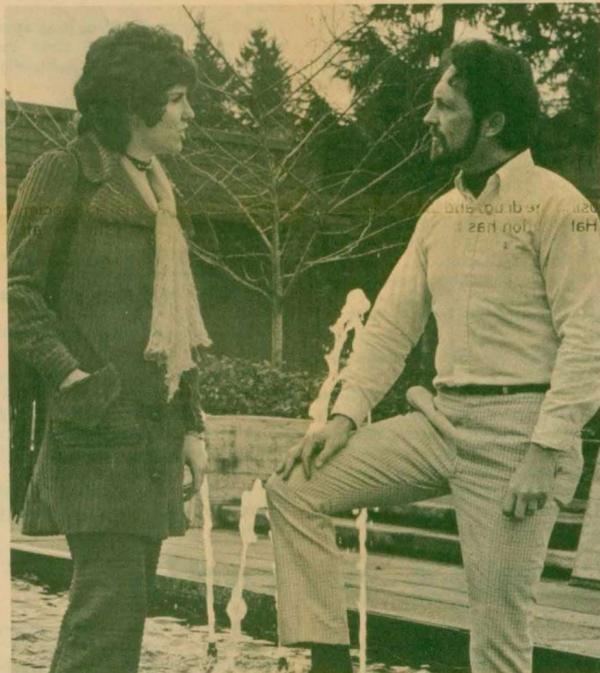
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Ron Smith, Green River director of choral musical, was named area chairman of the Kent-Auburn family concert, to be presented on campus March 14. He is shown here talking with Katie Cain, former GRCC music student, who is working on area concert publicity.

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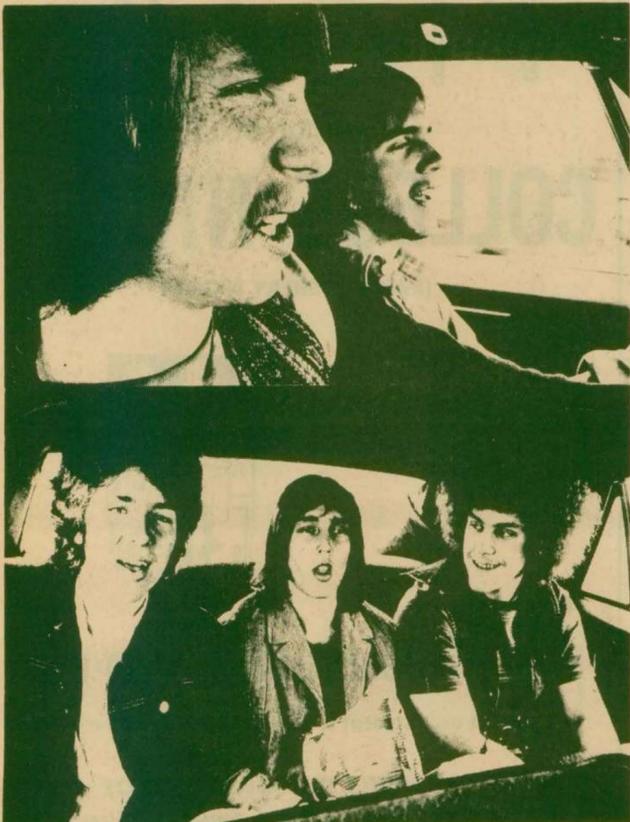
Smith to head concert

Ronald Smith, director of choral music at Green River, has been named area chairman of the Kent-Auburn family concert. The concert will be presented by the Seattle Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Milton Katims, on March 14 at 3 p.m. in the GRCC gymnasium.

family tickets will go on sale shortly at the GRCC student activities office through Virginia Akers and commercial outlets in the valley.

Smith will present a sneak preview of this year's concert, which includes not only fine traditional music, but also such exciting innovations as the latest in "electronic music" played on magnetic tapes, at an area kick-off meeting to be held tomorrow evening, February 12 at the college. Representatives of local service and civic groups, as well as those of PTA's and churches have been invited to attend.

Katy Cain of Sumner, a 1970 graduate of GRCC, is publicity chairman for the concert. She announced that both individual and



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NCAA is 'hog-tying' fans and stars

by Wayne Brokaw

The NCAA is hog-tying the fans and the stars of tomorrow ... Each year college basketball becomes less and less attractive to the dedicated, everyday All-American sports fan.

A prime example of this is in New York City, at Madison Square Garden where just yesterday, was one of the hottest floors in the country. The roof could be raised 10 feet during every game by hysterical fans. Now, you can hear a spider spin its web in the same arena.

Even closer to home, Seattue U was the prime interest for thousands of avid basketball fans until the NCAA decided that a few changes were due. Needless to say, time has proven the NCAA wrong as usual. Seattue U now draws only around 6,000 fans and the overall excitement has disappeared.

One of the prime points of blame is that the college player can no longer "stuff the ball". Remember the good old days, when during the pre-game warm-ups, you could watch an entire team stuff the ball? How the oo's and ah's would send a tingle down your spine! You are at this point saying, "How could you forget?"

It was thrilling to see a little guy like Charlie Williams, a former star at Seattue U, stuff it; or guys like Alcindor resting their chin on the rim and stuffing the ball with their elbows.

Believe it or not, the referee is now on the floor one-half hour prior to game time to make sure that no one stuffs the ball. I remember when I made sure to arrive at a game at least 30 minutes ahead of time to watch the warm-ups where the ball was constantly being crammed through the hoop in about a hundred different ways. What a thrill!!!

Yes, sports fans, here we are in the year 1971 supposedly to begin watching the stars of tomorrow do their thing and because of a childish rule are denied the fringe benefits of the game. Again remember the days of Elgin Baylor and John Tresvant at Seattue U when how one way or another would perform some fantastic move on a three-on-one fast-break manage to stuff it from the charity line? A chill would run up your spine as you were flying out of your seat. No longer do you see this around the NCAA. If it doesn't come back, college basketball will keep dropping in the entertainment field of sports.

My second grief - no longer is the fast-break dominant in college basketball. It is now the slower type game. The NBA realized awhile back that the game must be exerting more excitement for the fans so it installed a 24 second clock. The clock in the NCAA would create a whole new brand of basketball on the college front. It would add suspense and increase the tempo of the game. As it is now, going to a college game is like watching the Sunday night movie and its 101 advertisements. As you can tell, I am referring to the South Carolina vs. Maryland game where at half-time neither team had scored 20 points. What a drag!!!

The 24 second clock would eliminate this from happening. Or like the USC vs. UCLA game Saturday night when each team started to stall, the 24 second clock would have had a real fascinating effect on the teams playing as well as the fans. The tension would have been so great that both coaches would have passed out. The suspense would really lure the fans. This is not just a hunch but a sure thing and the NBA has statistics to prove it.

Hopefully, the NCAA prior to the 1972 basketball season will wake up and adopt some revisions to make the game more attractive to the sports fan, thus the spider webs would disappear from the hoops and the fans would crowd the arenas.

GR has best conditioned wrestlers says Omli

by Lyle Selle

In most years the top community college wrestling teams are from Grays Harbor, Columbia Basin, Highline, and Green River. "This year is no exception," were the words of sophomore wrestler Tom Omli when asked how the wrestling league looked to him. He added, "From our point of view, Columbia

Basin would be the team to beat." WHEN ASKED HOW the team shaped up against the competition, Omli's impression was the Gators are outstanding, in the first four weight divisions, and with a couple of the other wrestlers to look good the Gators look like they have a shot at all the marbles.

The Puyallup High School graduate said he was satisfied with his 20 and 4 record but there was four reasons he was only satisfied. Of his 20 wins, he has won only four by a pin. In regards to this, Omli simply said he could not finesse most of his opponents but he wasn't strong enough to hold him on his back. "Coach Carr deserves a lot of credit for my moves," Omli said. He went on to praise Carr's wrestling system by saying, "No one will out-condition us."

OMLI LIKES THE Green River campus and describes it as, "a quiet campus without all the rioting and protesting that wrecks a campus." His interests range from motor-cycles to reading drama. He also likes to try and watch all sports. He likes sports because of the challenge involved in being number one or trying to beat someone who is number one. In high school, he was a starter for two years on the football team at offensive guard and defensive nose guard as well as wrestling for the Vikings.

As for future matches Omli said he would like to see a lot of people out for the Grays Harbor match this weekend as it could well determine how the Gators will place in the state community college championships.



BIG TWO John Hudspeth drives past a Spokane defender for a field goal as Green River wins, 71-55.

-Photo by Terry Chubb



Paddle team readies for tournament

The GRCC ping pong club is in full swing says PE Director Ted Franz.

By this he means the club is at pace with single and double tournaments every Monday at noon in the gym. Bob Hanly, freshman took first place honors in last week's matches. John Troja placed second.

Meanwhile, Kim (Kemo) Estrada, Keven Van and two female paddle wackers, Denise Michalson and Carol Abbot will go to the Moscow, Idaho tourney February 11, 12 and 13 to compete in the single and doubles table tennis event.

Representatives will come from University of Idaho, Idaho State, Montana, British Columbia, Providence of Alberta, University of Oregon, Oregon State, Southern Oregon State College, Oregon State of Education, Portland State, Eastern Washington State College, Central and Western, Washington State and U of W.

Games on radio

The final five Green River College basketball games will be broadcast on radio station KDFL in Sumner, 1560 on the dial.

SINCE KDFL IS ON the air during daylight hours only, the games will be taped and played the day following the game. The schedule is as follows: Saturday's game with Olympic, the final home contest of the season, will be aired at noon Sunday, February 14. Friday's game with Columbia Basin at Pasco and Saturday's contest at Yakima next weekend will be aired back-to-back at 11 a.m. and noon Sunday, February 21. The Highline game Friday, February 26, will be aired Saturday, February 26, at 1 p.m. and the final game of the regular season, Tacoma,

Basketball Roundup

Gators smash Spokane Falls; edge eager Wenatchee 69-60

by Mark Richardson

The Green River Gators used a balanced scoring attack in defeating Spokane Falls 71 to 55 and the next evening GR managed to get by Wenatchee 69 to 60 in the second of two crucial games in the race for a fourth-place berth in the Cross-State Division of the state community college basketball league.

THE GATORS CAME OUT to blow the Spokane ball club off the floor in the opening moments of the game but couldn't maintain that momentum. The Spartan comeback was led by Don Krueger who popped in five straight 20-foot jump shots to spark the momentary scoring spree. At half GR led 32 to 26.

After a slow start, the Gators came alive and soundly defeated the Spartans. Ron Christian ignited the spark with two quick field goals and a timely steal. Terry Stark and Don Burrows added to the field goal total with one each as GR moved ahead 47 to 39.

During the second period, substitute Arnie Jacobsen ripped down 10 of his 13 rebounds and scored seven very timely points, mostly

on follow up offensive rebounds. With three minutes to go in the contest Coach Bob Aubert began to substitute freely.

THOSE IN DOUBLE figures for the Gators were Don Burrows with 11, and Arnie Jacobsen, John Hudspeth, and Ron Christian with ten points apiece.

Don Krueger and Jim Tyner were high for the Spartans with 18 and 11 points respectively.

February 6 and basketball didn't seem to mix extremely well for the Gators. The homecoming Gators pulled out a come from behind 69 to 60 victory over Wenatchee.

THE NIGHT STARTED very festively with Coach Aubert's birthday as the occasion. The laughing ended quite abruptly as Wenatchee began an attempt to soundly smash their prey. From the opening whistle GR was forced to play catch-up basketball. Just prior to the close of the first half, Terry Stark sank a 15-foot jump shot to knot the score at 26 to 26. The Knights added another field goal before the end of the period and the score was 28 to 26 at the half in favor of the visiting Knights.

The second half saw much of the same. The slow-down tactics of the Wenatchee team befuddled the Gators and led to many open drives turning into lay-ups for the Knights.

CHRISTIAN AGAIN STARTED things off for Green River with a pair of field goals and a steal. At 7:51, Wenatchee Coach Frank Mataya drew two technicals following a foul and the key play of Ron Christian. John Hudspeth sank two free throws at that point which brought the score to within two points.

Don Burrows helped the Gators along with field field goals during the second half. Hudspeth netted six of seven free throws.

For the game, the Gators were led in scoring by Hudspeth with 19, Burrows with 14, and Stark and Jacobsen with 10 each.

THE GATORS WILL BE appearing in their last home game of the season against the Olympic Rangers next Saturday at 8 p.m. GR will be looking to make up a 92 to 78 drugging they were given in Bremerton at the hands of the Rangers on January 8. This game is crucial again in the race to Longview and the state tournament at Lower Columbia.

George Thomson: a bit of Scotland on Green River's soccer team

by Terry Mengle

You might have seen a dapper little man in a golfer's cap, white shirt, tie, sweater, and dress trousers, looking much like a distinguished businessman, weaving dexterously between active players on the soccer field. You might have heard him yell an unintelligible command that was immediately obeyed by the players. You might have guessed that he was speaking some strange and exotic language.

YOUR GUESS WOULD have been partially wrong.

George Thomson, the Green River soccer coach, came to the United States from Scotland and speaks perfect English - with a thick Scottish accent.

Thomson started a professional soccer career at the age of 17 as a left fullback for "The Clyde", a Glasgow team that won the Scottish Cup. His career was later interrupted by the outbreak of World War II. During the war he served as a staff sergeant with the Royal Electrical-Mechanical Engineers in Burma and India.

IN AN INTERVIEW with the Current Thomson, expressed his tremendous love of soccer and a very warm out-going personality.

Current: How do you like living in Washington state?

Thomson: Ah like it, ah can sorta pitch ma tent anywhere an be happy, you know. Ah've traveled a lot in my lifetime. Well, ah'll tell ye this much, Scotland is much like Washington. If ah picked ye up right new and dropped ye in Scotland, ye wouldn't be any the wiser.

Current: Did you ever think you would someday wind up coaching a soccer team in America?

Thomson: No, no, ah came to the Uni'ted States on a dare, ye know that? Ah was sittin in my house readin a London newspaper talkin to ma wife about the Uni'ted States. She says, ah bet yer scart to go there. So that's how I finished up in the Uni'ted States in 1966.

Current: Is it pretty tough coaching men who have had little experience in the game?

Thomson: No, but what ye need for a good team are men with an instinct for soccer. We have many on this team. This is a gift, a natural gift. This is not just a thing that people learn. Ye can be taught how to kick a ball proper. Ye can be taught how to lead a ball proper. But ye canna be taught to move yer

body, move yer feet and manipulate the ball. Current: The team has had only one tie and one loss all season. That is a very good record for a first year team, isn't it?

Thomson: Aye, it is. Now dunna get the wrong idea, but this is truth. We got robbed the day

beat us. There is no question about it. The officiat was terrible in that game against Tacoma. We scored three goals and ey took two away.

Current: Well, what are your long term goals as the soccer coach here?

Thomson: Ah would like to see soccer put on the top of the totem pole here at Green River and have all the other teams fear to play us.

Gators upset Highline

by Lyle Selle

Friday night the Green River Gators upset the Highline Thunderbirds 17 to 16 in community college wrestling action. The victory was the Gators' first ever over a Thunderbird wrestling team, and set up an all important match with the Chokers from Grays Harbor tomorrow night in the GRCC gym. Grays Harbor, one of the best teams in the league, looks to be as formidable an opponent for the Gators as were the Thunderbirds last week.

The Highline match started off like the Gators would pull away to an easy victory as the first three Gators won by decisions. The decisions were scored by Jack Graham, Dave Harrington and Rick Roach by scores of 8 to 2, 8 to 6 and 8 to 4 respectively.

But the grapplers from Highline stormed back with Bill Perkins decisioning Dan Sloan

3 to 2. Dave Roe decisioning Kit Burns 13 to 2 and Mark Brown also decisioned Steve Bastrom, 22 to 2 to tie the score of the match at nine points each. Jim Alcorn then put the Gators back on top with the seventh straight decision of the night at 18 to 8. Kelly Bledsoe, Highline, got the first pin of the night as he beat Dale Hedden in the second round to give Highline their first lead of the night. The lead was short lived, however, as Tom Omli decisioned highly touted Bill Knippel 8 to 5.

In the last match of the evening, Mike Schmid (GR) and Steve Willis drew to a 0 to 0 tie to make the final score 17 to 16 for a Gator victory.

Coach Doug Carr called the meet a team effort with no one individual star. Even the guys who lost did a fine job, he said.

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