

New parking lot?

Board decides on immediate towing policy

By PENNY THOMAS

Several changes were made in the GRCC towing policy by a unanimous vote of Parking Board members last Friday.

As expected, one new regulation calls for the immediate towing of any vehicle parked in a fire lane, any area designated as a handicapped space, or any critical safety situation on the first offense.

Another policy change provides for the impounding of vehicles whose owners have acquired three citations and have failed to pay the fines involved. The previous limit was five.

According to Nick Smith, parking and security Director, the enforcement of the new regulations will not full-scale right away. Signs must be posted in the areas designated for first-offense towing, and new citations have to be printed. Once things get off the ground, however, Smith assures that the new policy will be strictly and consistently enforced.

The Board also passed a proposal to hire a consultant for the purposes of conducting a study of on-campus parking. The main ideas to be included in the study are:

- A master plan for parking which will examine the whole problem including the Lea Hills lot and take into account FTE forecasts.

- A review of various areas that may be available on campus.

- One-line drawings for proposed lots and a definition of lighting, water retention, and landscaping.

- Estimates of cost.

- An environmental assessment.

According to sources at the meeting, the proposal was accepted only after a half-hour of heated discussion.

Although the study by a professional consultant (cost undetermined) is outlined as containing a "master plan" examining the whole problem, its main objective

appears to be finding out where and what size the lots will be.

The controversy at Friday's meeting evolved over this question of whether or not additional parking is going to be necessary. Dennis White, a faculty member of the Board, objects to the stand taken by Dr. Earl Norman and others that say there is not enough time to explore all the possible alternatives to building a lot. Dr. Norman stated that some things have been tried, such as "pool it" and Metro bus schedule publicity. He says not all the ideas have been exhausted but that something needs to be done soon.

The emphasis of the meeting was apparently put on when and where the parking would be put in, rather than if it would be installed. This is contrary to some earlier reports which said the meeting would be of an advisory, recommendation type.

White was under the impression that it was not yet decided whether

additional parking lots are the solution. Last Spring this was also the question in people's minds, and now, from White's viewpoint, it has been skipped over in an attempt to get the bulldozers rolling, perhaps unnecessarily.

The meeting was closed to the campus press and others not on the Board itself. It has not been determined why this was the case. Editors of the Current contend that closing the meeting is contrary to the open meetings law and protests are being made to Dr. Norman by Ed Eaton, newspaper advisor, because reporters were banned from a meeting where formal business was passed.

According to Dennis White, the business at hand at the meeting was of great importance to students and staff at GRCC. White feels that the question of expanding parking has not been adequately presented to the people of Green River.



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Senators request ouster of Reed, Firth

By MARK D. STUMPF

Five student senators have requested the suspension from college of ASGRCC President Teri Reed and Vice-president Charles Firth for seeking confidential academic transcript information regarding 11 senators last quarter.

In a letter to Dean for Students Earl Norman, the senators said

but requested charges against Reed only.

Firth denied any personal wrongdoing in the affair, and responded to the charges with critical letters to Senators Cimino, Draper, and Halvorson describing the move as "just another stab in the back."

Reed has been home ill, and was unavailable for comment. When the charges were first raised several weeks ago, she denied any wrongdoing, saying she requested the information from then-Chief Justice Scott Sandmeyer in connection with student government workshops she conducted in December.

Beyond saying it was for her "personal use," she then refused to explain why she needed such data, and said she couldn't remember that the list Sandmeyer gave her included the senators' cumulative grade point average (GPA), cumulative credits, and current credit load. The CURRENT has seen the list, and it did include that data on the senators' qualifications.

Through Firth, Reed seems to have changed that explanation a little since that interview a few weeks ago.

Firth now says the incident began when he noticed while looking up senators' addresses for a mailing list that one of them apparently wasn't qualified for office. (She has since completed the necessary credits.) Firth was looking in a summary of student academic transcript data that was then used as an open-access reference book by student government personnel. That book included the GPA and credits information, and

access to it has now been restricted for that reason.

Firth says he relayed his discovery of the unqualified senator to Reed as an indication that Chief Justice Sandmeyer was not doing his job, since the Judicial Board is responsible for checking the qualifications of student government officers. Firth said Reed then ordered Sandmeyer to check on all senators' qualifications. Sandmeyer did, and gave the information to Reed instead of the Judicial Board because he had resigned from office and "didn't know what to do with it," Firth said. Reed then gave the information to the new chief justice, Wendy Jones.

Why did Reed give the CURRENT the false "student government workshop" in explanation?

"Somebody said 'you weren't supposed to do that,' and she got scared," said Firth, and gave the CURRENT the first legitimate-sounding explanation she could think of. "I think she's basically an honest person," Firth said.

Cimino is trying to "build up his name" with the charges, said Firth. "I think he wants to be student body president next year." He charged Cimino was the one who motivated the other senators to sign, and said one he contacted didn't even know what he'd signed.

"I may or may not run for office," said Cimino. He said he wrote and circulated the letter because he was "pissed off" at the alleged invasion of his privacy. Cimino is also currently circulating a petition demanding the recall of Reed and Firth.

Two of the letter-signers, Senators John Halvorson and Rob Draper, said they were motivated

by a combination of political opposition to Reed and Firth and genuine indignation that the confidentiality of student records was violated.

Norman, the dean for students, said he will forward the letter to the Board of Appeals, but said he would take no action himself. "It doesn't make sense to me that the administration get involved in the nitty-gritty operations of student government." He said access to the records involved has since been restricted.

Norman said he couldn't say for sure when the Appeals Board would meet to hear the charges, but indicated it could be as early as next week.

John Wooden here Tuesday

John Wooden, one of the most successful college basketball coaches of all time, will speak at Green River Community College in the Lindbloom Student Center Feb. 15 at 7:30 p.m.

Wooden's record at the University of California at Los Angeles has been unsurpassed in modern day collegiate basketball. His teams had a string of eight major college championships in just 10 seasons. When he retired from the coaching ranks two years ago, he went out in style as his team astonished all predictors and won the title.

His topic for Tuesday night is one he is very familiar with, "The Pyramid of Success."

The cost for the event is \$2.50 general admission and \$2.00 for students.



CHARLES FIRTH

Reed and Firth used their powers to get the information in violation of college confidentiality regulations and the Buckley Amendment. They requested the pair be suspended and expelled.

"We expect action shortly by the Board of Appeals and college president," the letter said. It was signed by Senators Pat Cimino, Rob Draper, Bill Cole, John Halvorson, and Raymond Fike. Former Senator Gail Berg also signed,

Alcoholics Anonymous to conduct meetings

By LINDA BARROW

A skinny old panhandler in need of a bath and shave, with watery red-rimmed eyes and cheap-wine breath — the stereotype alcoholic — is only one of the misconceptions that members of Alcoholics Anonymous hope to correct with their open information meetings here on campus Tuesdays at noon.

The misconceptions include not only who is an alcoholic, but also what alcoholism is and how it can be dealt with. And the misconceptions are slow in changing, partly because A.A. is designed to protect anonymity and does not choose to take part in controversy, both of which mean no publicity. (The Current's status of "an in-house publication" circumvents this ban.)

Those "skid row bums" comprise only about three percent of all alcoholics, said the A.A.'s, the rest are doctors, businessmen, housewives, bluecollar workers, students, people from all ages and economic levels with one thing in common — an inability to control their drinking.

Connected with the "skid row bum" idea of the alcoholic, is the stigma that has been attached to

alcoholism. But the A.A.'s said, what needs to be understood is that alcoholism is a disease, a progressive disease which cannot be cured but can be arrested.

"It's a disease as much as diabetes or epilepsy," an A.A. emphasized. "It's only lately been socially acceptable to admit you're a diabetic, and even more recently, an epileptic."

And they hope that alcoholism, too, will soon be recognized as a socially acceptable disease.

But education about alcoholism is only part of the reason for these open information meetings. The meetings are also designed to provide help to those that want it.

"If you've been wondering if you have a drinking problem, you probably do," advised one A.A.

"And no one but an alcoholic knows what another alcoholic goes through," said another, "like the fear of thinking you're going insane, the fear when you realize that you don't have enough money to buy your next bottle."

"An alcoholic is the best con man in the world. He can rationalize so well that people will try to help, but in the wrong way, like telling him

he has to quit drinking," another went on.

In Alcoholics Anonymous, however, there are no musts, the A.A.'s said. Instead there is understanding, with shared common experiences and demonstrable paths to the achievement of sobriety.

This involves what one A.A. termed "drunkalogs," in which an A.A. relates his past history and the change in his life since joining Alcoholics Anonymous. Blackouts, ruined family relationships, losses of jobs, hospitalization and jail sentences are not uncommon incidents in the past histories of the A.A.'s.

"But it is not just how much or how often you drink," one A.A. commented, "it is what it does to you." If the alcoholic continues to drink, she added, "he will end up dead, incarcerated or insane."

In fact they believe that alcoholism is the number one killer in the country. "But in the obits it reads 'death due to cirrhosis or automobile accident or heart attack.'"

In the path to sobriety there are what the A.A.'s call their Twelve Steps. These include a reliance on a

power greater than themselves, honest self-examination, and an interdependence with other members.

"When problems pile up, instead of saying, 'the hell with it,' and going to get drunk, I can call up one of these guys and they help me put things back into perspective," one A.A. explained. "And next time maybe I can help them."

"It's like going to a psychiatrist to talk out your problems," another added, "except that psychiatrists don't understand alcoholics." The others laughed with him.

A.A. teaches you to re-orient your life, he continued. "Before, it revolved around alcohol; now I find it's fun, it's more interesting being sober."

"And as long as I don't take a drink, I'll be all right. But if I ever do, I'll go right back to being a drunk — I know, I've proved it."

Anyone wishing further information may attend the Tuesday open meetings. Literature about alcoholism and the various Alcoholics Anonymous groups will be available there.

Firth removed, then reinstated as vice president

By MARK D. STUMPF

In the span of about one hour last Wednesday, Charles Firth was, wasn't, and is now again ASGRCC vice president.



SALLY ROCKWELL

Rockwell receives \$100 scholarship

Sally Rockwell, science major at Green River, has won a \$100 scholarship from Soroptimist International of Auburn and will represent the organization in the District 1 northwest region competition.

The scholarship was open to women over 30 who wanted or needed education to re-enter the business world.

Twenty years and three kids after high school graduation, Rockwell decided to continue her education with emphasis on nutrition and preventive medicine.

She became interested in nutrition because of a 10 year battle with hypoglycemia. "I had been taking Valium for 10 years before I discovered that sugar was responsible for all my symptoms," said Rockwell.

Rockwell's main goal is to train people how to eat right and stay healthy.

He was vice president until the Judicial Board voted to suspend him from office. Then he was out. After a closed meeting of Firth and the justices, they emerged to announce the board had rescinded its earlier decision. Firth remains vice president.

Firth was first put on probation Jan. 17 for refusing to sign releases needed by the Judicial Board so they could obtain access to academic transcript information on Firth's qualifications for office. Firth was the only student government official to refuse to sign the releases.

Later, the board discovered it had authority to check on Firth's qualifications without his permission, and did so. They discovered he had not completed the minimum 10 credits Fall Quarter required by the ASGRCC By-laws. A second probation was considered.

At last Wednesday's meeting, the justices formalized the second probation. Sophomore Justice Harold Ricker then pointed out that the by-laws indicate two probations means suspension from office, and the board agreed with Ricker that Firth should be suspended until his appeal of the first probation was heard. Firth was called in to receive his sentence. The meeting was closed.

When the meeting was reopened, instead of a formal announcement of Firth's suspension, spectators heard Chief Justice Wendy Jones tell Firth, "The board has come to the decision that we were in error on your first probation." The second probation — for not completing 10 credits last quarter — still stands, said Jones, and Firth will have until "the midterm of Spring Quarter" to make up the incomplete credits.

Firth explained he argued to the board that the second probation (for being unqualified) showed that the transcript information releases he refused to sign weren't necessary anyway, making the first probation groundless. "How

can they kick me out of office for not doing something I don't need to do?" Firth asked.

Firth had little doubt as to what motivated the Judicial Board's move to suspend him. "Harold hates me," said Firth of Justice Ricker, who was his roommate until last week. "There's a definite conflict of interest . . . I'm surprised he didn't disqualify himself."

An earlier part of that Judicial Board meeting was a hearing on the case of Cimino vs. Sandmeyer. Pat Cimino is a senator who has charged former Chief Justice

Scott Sandmeyer with illicitly gathering academic transcript information on Cimino while he was chief justice, and giving it to ASGRCC President Teri Reed.

Chief Justice Wendy Jones announced after the hearing, which had been closed at Sandmeyer's request, that both parties had requested the case be heard by the Appeals Board instead of the Judicial Board, and the justices agreed. The Appeals Board is a campus body of four students appointed by the ASGRCC president and four faculty appointed by the college president.

River City Mailroom

To the editor:

Like students everywhere, we at the University of Washington are angry over the proposed tuition hike and are determined to fight against it. It will force many of us at the UW out of school altogether, and for those of us fortunate enough to remain in school, we will, in many cases, have to work more hours or go more into debt to pay for it.

We won't sacrifice our education to the interests of Boeing, Weyerhaeuser, and the rest of big business and industry that the Legislature represents. For them, every dollar more that we pay in higher tuition means one less dollar that they have to spend on education and can use the money for something more profitable. And particularly now, they are forced by the economic crisis to do this.

As a part of our fight against the tuition hike, the Revolutionary Student Brigade (RSB), along with other groups and individuals, is building for a big "Speak Out" against the tuition hike. By presenting an organized show of strength and opposition to the hike, the "Speak Out" will make the Legislature notice as to what the students think and what we intend

to do about it. Even more importantly, the "Speak Out" will show fellow students that we do have the strength and the unity to fight back. We hope that our demonstration at the UW will lead to bigger organized protests on other campuses and even in Olympia.

If possible, we would like to see students on campuses around the state get involved and plan to hold similar actions to mobilize students where you are, and to make a greater impact in uniting students statewide in our common fight. Only by uniting and mobilizing as many students as possible and taking unified action can we stop the hike.

More information is available by contacting the Revolutionary Students Brigade, Box 81, Room 207, HUB at the UW.



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Undercurrents

There isn't a parking problem?

By STEVE POWELL

"There isn't a parking problem at Green River this year!" That's what I keep hearing this year but I've yet to be convinced of that statement.

It can be argued that there isn't a parking problem because the number of full time students attending GRCC this year is down compared to past years. There are also more people car pooling to school this year, (car poolers get discount rates on their parking permits.) Then why can't I find a parking space at the decent hour of 9 a.m.?

Arriving at school five minutes before my 9:00 class recently, I drove through five different parking lots looking for a place to park. Unable to find even an illegal spot — they had already been taken — I ended up parking along side the road, a half a mile away from my destination. Students had parked in every loading zone and walkway in those five lots. One car was even parked on a hillside between two trees. I was, incidentally, 15 minutes late for class.

At the end of the day I found a yellow slip of paper on my windshield. A patrolman — who must have been waiting for me because he ticketed me just five minutes after I had left the car — had checked on the ticket that I was, "Not in parking space, blocking the roadway, and parked on landscape."

I had done all those things wrong just because I parked in the first spot I could find that morning.

Luckily it was my first ticket this quarter and it didn't cost me anything. Another ticket will cost a dollar, two more would be \$3 and after that, each parking ticket costs \$5.

Instead of paying work-study patrolmen to give out tickets to undeserving students, why doesn't the parking board use the money it receives to build another parking lot? There would be no need for tickets or patrolmen if sufficient parking spaces were provided by the school. I guess there really are enough spaces now if the students are willing to look for them and they have the time to walk a mile to school.

That is probably a gross exaggeration but the idea is true. The students are being robbed from their pockets just because they can't find a good parking place. It isn't the students fault that the school doesn't provide adequate parking facilities. A new one near the western or southern ends of the campus, those seem to fill up the fastest, would suffice.

Lack of parking has been a big problem at Green River for many years and it will continue to be a major problem until either a new parking lot is made, or some students stop coming to school.

"There isn't a parking problem at school this year?"

'You're nobody 'til somebody loves you'?

By BARB HOBBY

Alone. Everyone is at some time in their life. But in our society it seems we have been taught to fear being alone. To avoid it at all costs. Especially the shameful solitude due to lack of a male or female companion.

It's an unwritten law. To be a woman without a man, or a man without a woman—well, how sad. Particularly in the eyes of the numerous "happily coupled" ones. To them, a person alone is someone to be pitied. Someone to play matchmaker for. Because they certainly can't be happy in such a sorry single condition. Can they?

Well, I've got news for those happy couples. There is another way to be — alone. And there are those of us who are quite content alone. It can be done, but not everyone is willing to try something so different from what we've been taught.

We're not brought up to function as single persons. With marriage instilled in us as the ultimate goal, we're taught to be half of a couple. We learn that we won't be "whole" until we meet (and marry) the person who is to be our "other half." Our "better half." Much emphasis is placed on finding the perfect mate. Across the nation you can hear the endless harangue of mothers questioning their single children, "So, when are you going to get married?"

So much precious time and energy is wasted trying to avoid being alone. People go out on meaningless dates with men or women they care nothing about, or maybe don't even like, just for the sake of having someone to go out with. Hasn't anyone told them it isn't a sin to spend a Friday or Saturday night at home by themselves? And the idea of going out in public by themselves, alone, well it would be just too embarrassing.

There are those who will cling to a relationship long after its joy is gone. They grasp it like an empty shell in their hands, trying to retain the safety and security, when the relationship itself has become nothing more than a habit. They dread the thought of being alone.

Much in the same way, people will continue to live with a husband or wife long after they've stopped loving them. It becomes a marriage of convenience. They may not love each

other, but at least they're not alone. But is that really reason enough to stay? Maybe it is if you can't bear to eat, sleep or live alone.

The saddest victims of this learned behavior are those that quite suddenly find themselves without their "other half." The divorced and widowed. They're alone for maybe the first time in their lives. After spending years with the same person the shock of being alone can leave them unable to cope. The society that educated them to live as part of a couple has left them unprepared for being alone.

It's not bad to be alone. It doesn't even have to hurt. Time spent alone can be one of the most constructive, learning experiences a person can have. A period of solitude can often lead to creative expansion. But regrettably, not many members of this society will ever learn this. They will continue to consider being alone as a shameful burden. And they will spend a good deal of their time running from it.

You see, when you're alone, there's one person you're stuck with — yourself. People are afraid to be alone because they're not too sure they'll like what they see in themselves. But unless you spend some time alone, you're not going to know yourself, who you are, and what you want out of life.

We take countless hours getting to know other people — why so little time getting to know ourselves? After all, other people will come and go; you will always have yourself. And for those times that must be spent alone, it would be good to know you have a friend in yourself.

You don't have to be "romantically involved" with another person to be happy. You can be happy with yourself, if you just take the time. It would be a good investment, because although it is easier to depend on other people for satisfaction of emotional wants and needs, they won't always be there when you need them. In this world of constant change the only person you can really count on is yourself.

Do something different this Valentine's Day. Don't wait for someone else to love you; love yourself. Go buy yourself the best valentine you can find. Go on. You're worth it.



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A space in time

By MIKE VOURI

The traveler was weary. He'd driven the midnight highway between Tacoma and Chico, Calif., without stopping for rest. His only respites had been 10 minute stretch sessions at gas pumps and occasional encounters with coffee mugs mapped with hairline cracks and stained with the residue of a 1,000 usings.

He'd tried to converse with a sad-eyed waitress at one stop, offering remarks about the density of the fog between Roseburg and Grant's Pass and the condition of his sleepless body. He felt an overwhelming desperation to talk to somebody. His brain was exploding with thoughts, punctuated by an endless cacophony of frenzied, schedule-meeting diesels and the silent, maddening monotony of broken white lines. The waitress only shrugged, popped her chewing gum and asked him if he wanted a sweet roll soaked in melted butter.

He was running. Seeking that fleeting ideal — peace of mind. Seeking some semblance of order. He had become so caught up with interaction with others, external thought chains and the unrelenting din of the media world, that he felt totally out of touch with himself. He possessed no diagnosis for his malady, no scientific or spiritual explanations. He knew only one thing. He couldn't find the bottom. It had fallen away, left him, somewhere down the line.

Some old friends of his had decided to become people of the earth down in Chico sometime back. They'd slowly been making the transition to a simpler way of life. They'd purchased a large parcel of land in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada and were now living on it without benefit of running water, flush toilets, electrical appliances or any of the creature comforts prescribed for the American way of life.

Surely, he would find the ephemeral moment there. He rolled into Chico just past noon where he luckily encountered his friends, in town to pick up staples (whole grains, whiskey, herbal essence, etc.). He helped upload lumber and roofing materials on top of a vintage Willy's jeep wagon and sometime after darkness, under a full moon, they went out to the land.

Away from the neon of Chico, the traveler found a world washed in silvery shades of off-blue and muted lavender. The rich, golden colors of California grasslands, freckled with occasional lone Oaks, were as easily discernible as the faces of his friends.

The tired Willy's struggled to make the hills and wash-outs on the old mining road which led to the homestead. The road seemed to be blending into the earth like a slow-healing wound and the traveler's tail bone fast became intimately familiar with every suture.

It was quiet. Not a sound, except for a warming wind that blew gently. They reached the end of the road, unloaded the jeep and hiked a quarter mile to a half-finished structure, nestled in a creek-side glade. The shadows were deep from overhanging trees along the creek and towering buttes which formed the canyon walls.

They rested then — except for the traveler. He knew of the tree house a half-mile up the canyon and of the spiritual man and his woman who'd been living there for more than six years. They'd met briefly before. He felt compelled to continue on, to see them, to talk to them. He believed they might help him find the bottom.

He shouldered a pack and continued up the trail, accompanied by one of his friends so he wouldn't have to feel alone and afraid of the dark. Finally his conditioned male pride forced him to go on alone and the sounds of the forest night startled him every three or four steps. The creak of a limb was a man-eating cougar. The whistle of the wind was the blood-curdling howl of a coyote. The thump of his heart was the metronome of his very existence.

After what seemed an interminable period of time, he emerged from the woods into a clearing, and stood awe-struck.

It was a tree house. Surrounded by terraced gardens, it was a three-decked structure, cradled in the branches of four separate trees. He called out. A small figure crawled out and peered down. The traveler announced who he was and the man dressed and shinned down a wooden ladder. Welcome.

They sat in the garden and talked till dawn. They spoke little of finding the bottom or of the order of the universe. Instead, they talked of gardens, living in trees and of the spiritual aura of the canyon. The man believed simply that he belonged in the canyon. An inner-voice had told him to stay and he had. He'd been quite alone his first time there and had spent the night in a cave located among the buttes. He'd been awakened in the middle of the night by the howl of a coyote. Though at first frightened, he'd cautiously crawled to the mouth of the cave and to his surprise the coyote was not four feet away. He said the coyote stopped howling, then turned and faced him. They studied each other for a time, and when the coyote went on his way, he suddenly knew there had been nothing to fear. He realized he could live in harmony with all living things.

The man gently placed his hand on the traveler's shoulder and told him that human beings possess a great deal more than they give themselves credit for. He told him that belonging had nothing to do with perverted civilized ideals of social acceptance.

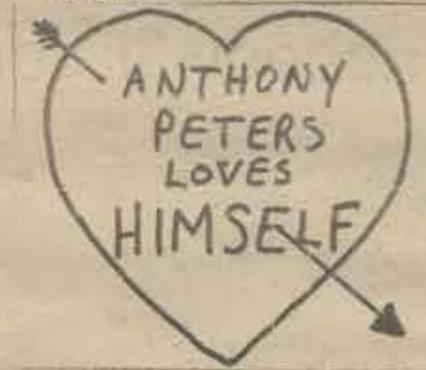
The traveler yawned. The long road hours and manual labor had caught up with him. The man escorted him to the top floor of the tree house, made him a bed and bid him goodnight. But the traveler could not sleep then. The man's words kept coming back to him. Harmony. Internal voices. Belonging. Spiritual auras.

Suddenly, the traveler was acutely aware of his own breathing. His limbs tingled with the relief of being reclined. Internal voices? Self. . .

The words continued to flow in and out of his brain, until he was moved to get up and leave. As he turned to throw the latch on door, he observed his sleeping form on the floor, smiled . . . and left to explore the canyon.



BLACK HISTORY WEEK — Two of the colorfully dressed African dancers from Sharples Junior High dance to the rhythm of the African drums. The group was the first in a series of scheduled events celebrating Green River's Black History Week. —Photo by Lee Vanderiaan.



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Day care threatened

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The Auburn Christian Action Program Day Care Association (ACAP) has been informed that their funding will be cut by \$700 next year.

This year the Associated Students of Green River Community College (ASGRCC) contributed \$6,300 into the day care association. Next year's budget calls for \$5,600.

According to Ellen Kropp, director of ACAP, "it would be impossible to operate if our funds were cut."

Fifty-five of the 100 children enrolled in ACAP are children of students attending Green River. Most children attend the Lea Hill Green River Center located near the college.

Funding for the association comes from many sources. Parent fees contribute 33 percent of the budget, state and federal funds contribute 20 percent for child care fees, 20 percent comes from other federal funds, 16 percent from United Way, 10 percent from associated organizations and 1 percent from fund raising and donations.

"We made cuts in just about everything," said Charles Firth, vice-president of ASGRCC.

"It is possible that the situation will change," Firth added. "According to the financial code, there must be two public hearings by the senate budget committee before the cuts will be final."



Learning Lab helps GRCC students in classroom

Getting behind in your classes? Or do you just want to get a little ahead? How about using the facilities that your tuition pays for. The Learning Lab might be just the place to check out.

"The Learning Lab can be

called a 'printless library,'" says Joanne Sahlin, learning lab supervisor.

The learning lab is equipped with cassette tapes, video tapes and audioscan equipment.

"We have something on almost all subjects. Business, social sci-

ence, natural science, arts, language and nursing are the largest areas with the most aids. Instructors use the lab to administer tests outside class time and some lab time is required for a few classes," related Sahlin.

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structured classes may take independent study courses using video tapes and information packages.

"We even have some taped music," said Sahlin, but "sorry, no Eagles. Just classical."

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New CB radio club plans road rally

There are people at Green River who call themselves such names as Spot, Mavrick, Brown Sugar, and Raggedy Ann. The reason is for communicating with citizen band radios. Green River CB club wants to enlarge their membership with both CB owners and non-owners.

The second and fourth Mondays of each month, the CB club conducts a rabbit hunt. The rabbit is a car equipped with a CB, and hidden somewhere in a pre-arranged area. Although the CB hunters are given maps to the area, to find the rabbit they must depend on their radios. The rabbit broadcasts every two minutes for thirty seconds so that

the hunters can tell the direction of the broadcast by the meter on their radios.

In the CB club's future is a poker road rally to take place two months from now. A CB is not required. Drivers must go to seven check points, drawing a card at each one. The winner is determined, not by time, but by the highest poker hand. There will be an entry fee for the rally and prizes awarded.

Anyone interested in finding out more about the CB club may attend the club's meetings at noon in HS-2 on the first and third Wednesday of each month.

Programs news

By LARRY LINDSLEY

Cinema: Diana Ross comes to the screens of Green River in "Mahogany", showing today and tomorrow on campus. The film, coincidentally here at the conclusion of Black Awareness Week, will be showing today at noon in PA-8, at 3 p.m. in the Gator Room (an additional screening), at 7:30 p.m. in SMT-214, and tomorrow at 8 p.m. in PA-8.

Space doesn't permit to give away the plot, but, as in the words of *San Francisco Chronicle* columnist William Hogan - "Diana Ross is on the verge of becoming a superstar of Streisand or Minnelli proportions. She is an electric

performer."

The All Sports Clinic is set for this Saturday in the LSC, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

John Wooden is scheduled to speak Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the door; students - \$2, general admission - \$2.50.

In the meantime, the Senior Citizens' Dance is set for this Monday night, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. This free event for the older set is sponsored by Special Events.

Just a reminder, "Superman" is coming next weekend in PA-8, and a Jazz Dinner Show is planned for Feb. 23.

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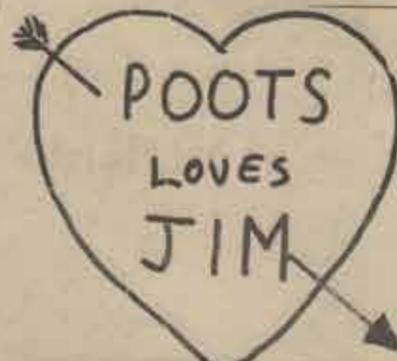
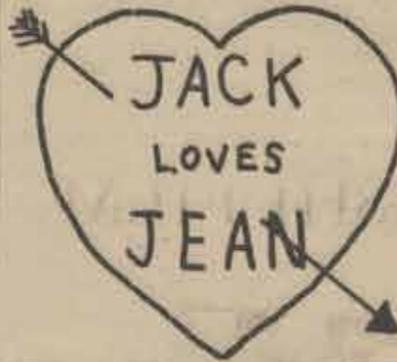
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Gold medal for chaos

By DON WISSBROD

The National Broadcasting Company has recently bought the rights from the Soviets to televise the 1980 Olympic Games for \$100 million, roughly four times the amount A.B.C. paid for the rights to last years games in Montreal. N.B.C. has had trouble in negotiations and now the Satra Corporation, an international trading company, may take legal action to prove that it had obtained the rights first. Even though the games are three years in the future, we are starting to hear the murmurings of redtape and confusion that have seemingly become inherent to the Olympics.

The original games, held in ancient Greece as part of a religious festival, did not have the complexity of its modern-day counterpart. The games stayed in one place, rather than move among cities like they do today. Truces were made between the city-states to allow athletes and spectators to travel safely. The first Olympic competition consisted of a single foot race. Later other races, athletic events, and contests of poetry were added.

Today, governments are expected not to let their politics interfere when allowing their athletes to participate. However, the Olympic Games are occasionally used as a tool for countries and groups to gain publicity for their causes. African nations boycotted the 1976 Olympic competition because a New Zealand rugby team played in South Africa. Taiwan also dropped out after a dispute over the use of its name and flag. The terrorist incident at the 1972 Munich games was a sad example that even momentary brotherhood is difficult to obtain.

The games move to a different city every Olympiad. This causes problems in cost and schedule as massive stadiums must be built in each new host city. It might be better to take the construction money and use it to maintain present stadiums.

Before the games began in Montreal, there was an urgent need to raise money. The Olympic seal is never allowed for use in advertising, except to promote the games themselves. Montreal placed a curvy "M" on the top of the seal and then sold it to manufacturers for the purpose of advertising. This can be looked at as an honest loophole or a sign that Olympic customs are cracking under the need for money.

There are three more years before the beginning of the next Olympic Games. During that time we will watch a web of international disorder that bogs the mind and makes it appear that simple competition may never be simple again.

Gator wrestlers beat T-Birds

By KEVIN KENDALL

A busy Green River wrestling squad picked up two league victories last week, but were also handed their second league loss of the year, a 22 to 14 loss to Grays Harbor, a team they had soundly beaten earlier in the season.

In the match the Gators jumped out on top 8 to 6 with a victory by Tony Batinovich. They then were stunned with five consecutive losses to fall behind 22 to 8. Brad Stohr quickly pinned his match for the final 22 to 14 score.

The Gators made a better show of their ability in their other matches, although coming close to defeat in a match with Highline. In

that one, the squad looked well in the lighter weights, with a pin from 128 pound Nick Capato and decisions from Matt McCleary and Ken Underwood, giving them a 18 to 8 edge. Losing their next four divisions the Gators were behind 23 to 18 before gaining victory on the final match, a forfeit to undefeated heavyweight Brad Stohr.

"They ducked Stohr in that match," said coach Doug Carr. "A lot of teams have been doing that. I would say he is favored to win the state title."

Brad has received six forfeit victories this year and has pinned all but one opponent.

GR women missed with new strategy

The Green River womens basketball team lost by three points in a practice game against Everett last Saturday. Green River tried out new defensive and offensive actions, which they planned to use against Grays Harbor in last nights league game. The women needed to win last nights game if they were to go on to the playoffs.

Coach Alison Cone was happy with the new defense. Rather than keep their old one-on-one play, the Gators kept one person at all times between Everett's high scoring center and the ball. This meant that the opponents' center had a good chance of being double-manned if she went in for a rebound.

In a previous game, Everett's center scored over twenty points. In Saturday's game she scored eight.

The women planned to continue to use this strategy in the game against Grays Harbor. Cone believed that Grays Harbor's center was the biggest threat in the last game that played, by dominating the rebounds and scoring 22 points. In that game Green River lost by just one point.

Cone was not as content with the new offense. She expanded the options, including a new play off the high posts.

In another practice game, the Gators won over Bellevue in a home game last Wednesday by a score of 76-43.



FIELD GOAL — Les Scott goes up with two points in a GRCC women's basketball victory.

GR men bounce Tacoma

By RICHARD COE

The Green River men's basketball team took revenge against Tacoma for two earlier losses this season by outscoring them 81 to 63, last Wednesday night.

During the first half of play the score was tied no less than six times. Neither team enjoyed more than a three point lead in the first half.

Both teams used a tough zone defense in attempts to force outside shots. The Titans had little success in an attempt to shake up the Gators and slow down the fast breaks by using a full court press. At the end of the first half, the Gators were in the lead by a score of 39-36.

Early in the second half, Tacoma took a one point lead, but lost it for the rest of the game as the Gators moved ahead. The Gators outscored the Titans 42-27 in the second half.

Leading scorers for the Gators were Craig Fite who scored 22 points, Todd Eisinger-21, and Jerry Line 17.

The Gators did not fare as well against Shoreline. They came home defeated by a score of 78-64. Again Craig Fite was Green River's leading scorer with 20 points.

Last night the Gators were at Edmonds for a game and will be at home Saturday night when they will play host to Everett.

In the other league win, the team showed no signs of letting up when they blew the Centralia team off the mats by a 37 to 8 score. The Gators were in front 32 to 0 before Centralia got their first points.

The Gators, in that match, got a pin from 119 pound Jeff Phalen and forfeits went to Stohr and 151 pound Pat Smith. Major decisions went to Capato, who won 22-4, and Matt McCleary. Paul Impson also won a major decision at the 168 pound level, winning 24-9.

The Gator grapplers have two more matches before the State Tournament. Their next home match is against Columbia Basin on Saturday starting at 1:30 p.m.

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