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## Colleges feel financial restrictions

### Five million students on 1,219 campuses feel the pinch

by Trina Tucker

Strapped financial resources seem to have turned community colleges back to the "basics."

Twenty years ago, the main goal of community colleges was to prepare students for transferring to four-year state colleges and universities.

Students were able to get a start on higher education at lower tuition costs, while living at home.

Since then, the number of community colleges has nearly doubled to 1,219; this Fall about five million students, 60 percent of the nation's college freshmen and sophomore are beginning their studies on these types of campuses.

Washington community colleges along with many other states that receive 60 percent of the nation's college freshmen and sophomores are beginning their studies on these types of campuses.

Washington community colleges along with many other states that receive 60 percent of their financing from the state legislature, have been forced to drop courses.

This year Washington's budget was cut \$45 million, or 10 percent. Washington schools have had to discontinue 4,500 classes and drop 648 full-time faculty members. Why is this? They are simply financially restricted.

In order to meet the budget demands some of the "frills" have been dropped throughout the state, and the "basics" are being stressed. Too many "elective" classes, like driver's education seem to have stretched the financial resources then. There is a growing concern that students should have more background in the liberal arts, and sciences area.

As stated by Shirley Gordon, a member of the National Commission on Excellence in Education, "Basic education is much more important today, because

there is so much more for our people to learn and understand than in previous generations. They won't be able to move with the changing job market or adapt themselves to new teaching's, or new ways of doing things, if the don't have a basic understanding in the sciences, maths, communications, and the ability to reason and see relationships."

"Education is that thing which lets us realize our potential as human beings. It increases education, our ability to make a good life available, for ourselves and for others," said Gordon.

There doesn't seem to be an easy solution to the difficult problem facing education, but refining the "basics" in the degree programs, may turnout to be beginning.

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## Board members chosen

The 1983-84 judicial board members have been chosen and meetings are now underway, every Wednesday at noon, in the Rainier Room.

Members of the board are sophomore justices, James Noviello, and Tim Ryan, associate justices, Mary Eversole and Jill Buckner, freshman justices, Mike Papritz and Karin Anderson, associate justices Mary Loibl and Trina Tucker. The Chief Justice for the board is Greg Melby and he conducts the meetings.

All applicants were reviewed by Melby, and when advice was needed he consulted Chris Igielski, the student body

president.

The meetings are open to anyone who would like to attend. To be placed on the agenda for a complaint or appeal contact Melby in the student programs office.

Some meetings of the board will be closed sessions because the members will be reviewed qualification of the senators.

The basic functions of the judicial board are as already mentioned, to review student grievances, and senators qualifications, but also, read and possibly ammend club constitutions before they go to the senate.



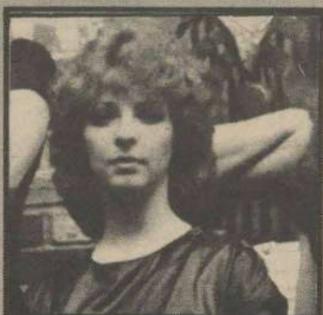
Chief Justice Greg Melby

Photo by Glenn Marzano

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Auburn band at GR tonight

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# OPINION

## “The Day After” has destruction

THE DAY AFTER, the 2¼ hour movie that depicted the nuclear destruction of Kansas City and the hell-like aftermath experienced in

the nearby town of Lawrence, Kansas, truly had an effect on every person that watched the movie on Nov. 20.

No one can deny the fact that nuclear war is simply not acceptable especially when a real nuclear war could be much worse than the catastrophic effects shown in the movie. Even though the movie was “cold” and horrifying, just think what nuclear war would be like in reality.

Scientists have indicated that even limited nuclear strikes against a few cities involving less than one percent of the world’s nuclear weapons would establish global changes far more hostile to life than previously expected. Soot and smoke could blanket our world into a winter so bitter and a darkness so extensive that the “day after” might not arrive for months.

Scientists say that the atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima, Japan by the United States in 1945 carried the explosive equivalent of 12.5 thousand tons of TNT. In contrast, scientists suggested that a Soviet bombing on New York City could involve 18 one-megaton warheads. Each blast would be 80 times more powerful than the Hiroshima bombing.

Burning cities could send up enough soot and smoke to block 95 percent of the sun’s light, resulting in the cooling of the earth to sub freezing temperatures.

A recent study suggested that the effects of a large scale nuclear disaster would be the extinction of an important portion of the earth’s plants and animals. In the Northern Hemisphere, there might not be any human survivors.

There is no question about it . . . nuclear war does not gain anything for anybody. If THE DAY AFTER did nothing more than make people aware of what could happen, then that is a big accomplishment. It is important that Americans become more aware

### Editorial

of nuclear weapons and their effects on our environment. We should not worry ourselves sick over this matter, but we should support our government in its efforts to reduce nuclear arms through talks with the Soviet Union.

This subject is not too pleasant to talk about, but if we care enough about our world and if we want peace, let’s get serious and start thinking about world peace and security instead of thinking only about ourselves, our luxuries, and our comforts. If a nuclear war did break out, we would no longer have our luxuries and comforts.

— David Lundeen



### A few unusual alternatives to boring vacation

#### Whacky Bits

by Doug Williams

Since the Christmas break is right around the corner, I thought it would be a good idea to give you a couple of alternatives to the usual Christmas vacation routine. I mean, vacationing in the Caribbean is simply too bland these days. Jeez, they don’t even have any political coups anymore. No more Marxist government takeovers - how boring! Lets face it, the invasion of Grenada took all the fun out of vacationing in that region. So, to supplement this loss, here’s a partial list of activities that are going on in the next month or so. I hope you find something that interests you!

Steven Campbell, aka “Wrong Decade Man,” in conjunction with Ted Green, will be conducting a series of lessons on how to sound exciting and lively on the radio while playing obscure music from the 1960’s. Learn tricks like rattling off dates of album releases at astonishing speeds. More information is available by contacting Steven Campbell at the British Embassy, New Dehli, India.

“Really boring. I fell asleep a bunch of times while listening to them - what a drag.”—Doug Cooper, superjock, 90 FM KGRG.

Happy Hans continues his record shattering stint at the Schnitzel House in beautiful downtown Renton. Mixing lively accordian solos with the harmonious strains of those Bavarian Bombshells, the Heidleburg Sisters, Hans will entertain dinner guests nightly from 6 to midnight. “Probably the entertainer of the year.

Hans has that smart look that makes all others seem cheap imitations of the real thing. Hans is entertainment!” Jim Massey, Arts and Entertainment Editor, The Green River Current.

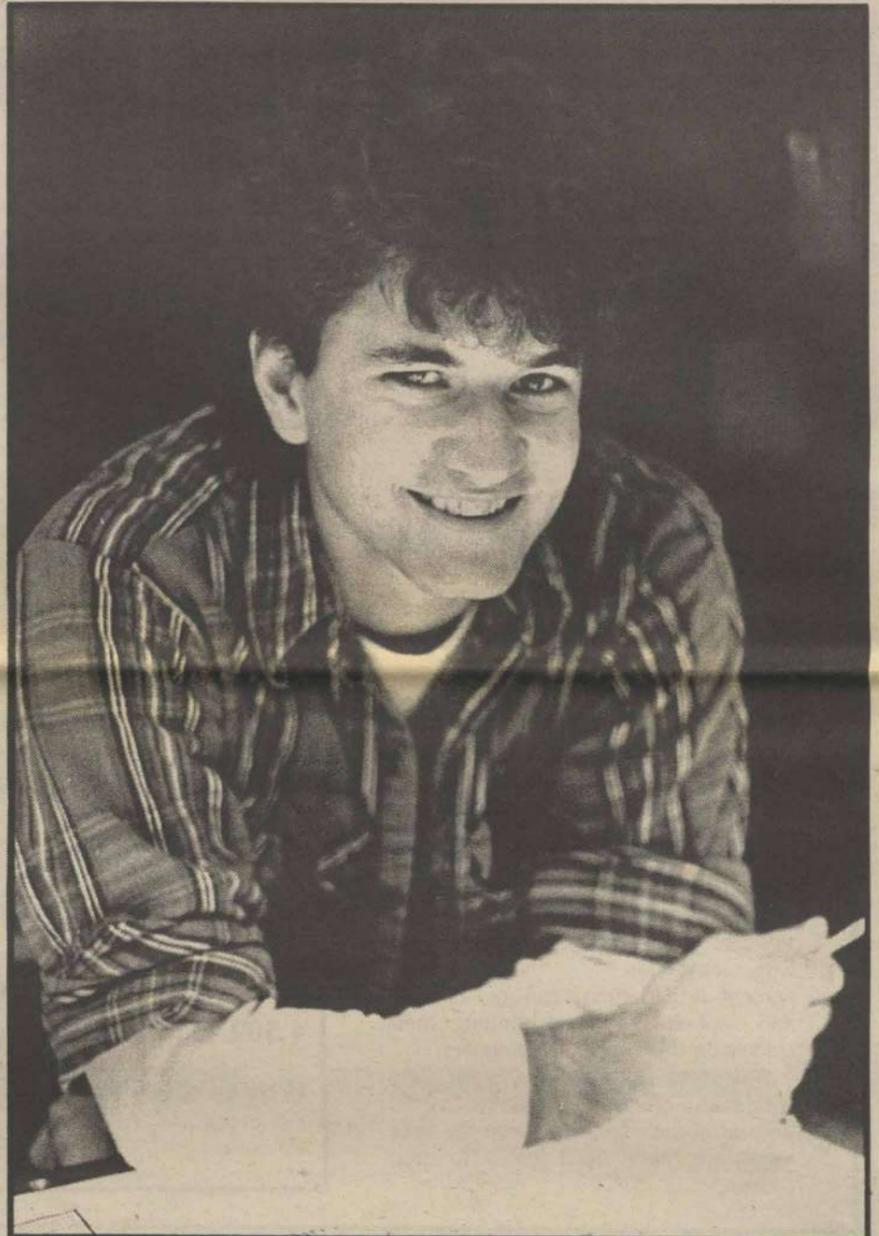
Algonia’s favorite son, Ralph “stump-dance” Yankabank, will be performing various acts of dexterity and physical prowess at the University of Algonia Theatre for the Performing Arts, Dec. 17 to Jan. 4. Ticket information and show times are available by calling 844-7866, ext. 267.

“A definite must for all students going into Proctology, Animal Control, Typesetting or School Newspaper Writing - a real thrill to watch.” —Jim Massey, Arts and Entertainment Editor, The Green River Current.

Jeff Braimes will host a seminar on heavy metal etiquette Dec. 25 at 3 p.m. at the University of Algonia’s Women’s Lockerroom. Subjects will include: proper head movement while headbanging, correct chain placement, purchasing leather goods, (whips, vests, underwear, etc.) and appropriate screams and guttural utterances for all occasions.

“I was an outcast until I went to Jeff’s metal etiquette seminar last year. Now I’m a socially accepted human being.” Heston McCleod, Cell No. 682, San Quentin, CA.

Remember, these are just a few alternatives to sitting around the house and watching dust collect on the cats. Whatever you do this Christmas vacation, have a good time.



Jim Massey, the Current’s Art and Entertainment Editor, will assume the position of editor for the Winter Quarter.

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# FEATURES

## Student dares impossible dream

### Rongkvanich wants to be U.S. citizen

by Myrna Anderson

Becoming a citizen of the United States seems like an impossible dream and an endless challenge for Nantana Rongkvanich, 24, a Green River Community College student from Thailand.

But this is only one of many challenges for Nantana since coming to the United States in Sept. of 1978.

Nantana came to this country to live with her aunt and uncle in Federal Way. She arrived on a Friday and started school on Monday, finding her years of English grammar little preparation for the conversational English needed at school.

Nantana met that challenge and was graduated with honors from Federal Way

**"I would like the chance to be independent and earn my own way."**

**--Nantana Rongkvanich**

High School with the class of 1980.

In the fall of 1980 she entered Green River Community College, working toward a business degree with hopes of attending a four-year university next fall.

The immediate challenge is meeting the financial obligation of school. As a student on a F-1 visa, Nantana is unable to be gainfully employed and as an out-of-state student has to pay a high tuition rate.

Being supported by her aunt and uncle has given Nantana the opportunity for meeting these obligations, but she says,

"I would like the chance to be independent and earn my own way."

And now there is her dream of citizenship that brings a new challenge.

The only opportunities that exist for Nantana to obtain citizenship are to get married to an American citizen, or to be

adopted by her aunt and uncle, a possibility they are exploring.

According to Nantana, immigration laws allow her to stay in the United States only as long as she is a student. Once her education is completed, she is obligated to return to Thailand, if she is not a citizen.

Nantana's dream of citizenship is also a dream of her aunt and uncle whom she calls "Mom and Dad." "Mom" is from Thailand and speaks Thai with Nantana and cooks delicious Thai food, Nantana states proudly.

Their love for Nantana motivates them to explore all possibilities that could lead to her becoming a citizen in a country she would like to call home.

## Free Water Tech offered

There will be a free information Water Technology orientation, Wednesday from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Occupational Education Building, Rm. 22. The meeting is sponsored by the Women's Center, and the Water Technology program.

Some of the topics discussed will include: what kinds of jobs are available in this field, pay scales, job securities and benefits, and available training here at Green River. A slide presentation as well as graduate students of the program will be on hand.

"Water Technology has an excellent future," said Mary Jo Adams, an instructor in the Water Technology program. "It's an important service to the public, and an excellent opportunity for women in a non-traditional field."

Adams, who taught at Whatcom Community College last year, said she is pleased about the way the Water Technology program is going here at Green River. "We've got a lot of new equipment that's really state of the art."

## FINALS SCHEDULE

All classes will meet during the week or final examinations as scheduled below. Whether or not an instructor administers a final examination is decided by the instructor in accordance with division policy. Dec. 2 has been designated as study day.

### Monday, December 5

8 a.m. to 10 a.m.  
11 a.m.-1 p.m.  
2 p.m.-4 p.m.  
4 p.m.-6 p.m.

All 8 a.m. classes  
All 11 a.m. classes  
All 3 p.m. classes  
Available test time for classes with conflicts\* and noon hour classes

### Tuesday, December 6

8 a.m. to 10 a.m.  
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
2 p.m. to 4 p.m.  
4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

All 9 a.m. classes  
All 1 p.m. classes  
All 4 p.m. classes  
Available test time for classes with conflicts

### Wednesday, December 7

8 a.m. to 10 a.m.  
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

All 10 a.m. classes  
All 2 p.m. classes  
Tuesday-Thursday classes that do not fit regular schedule time.  
Available test time for classes with conflicts.

\*Exceptions to this schedule require arrangements with the Associate Dean.

## Custodians provide food baskets

This Christmas season, the 15 members of the GRCC's custodial staff will provide four families with food baskets. These baskets are a step up from the past years when they could only provide a potluck dinner for needy families.

Basing the amount of food in the baskets on what the local food bank has passed out each one will provide enough food, paper products, and even some cleaning supplies to last two to three weeks. Because plans for the gifts started last year the staff members were able to prepare nicer boxes than they had originally planned.

Next year they hope to bring an even better project because of what they have learned in providing for those with fixed-incomes. They are in hopes that this will

continue to be a yearly staff project so that people less fortunate than themselves can have a better holiday season.

## Brunch given today

Green River Community College's Recreation Leadership Club is sponsoring their annual Christmas brunch today from 8:30-10 a.m. in the school's weight room.

Selected faculty involved with the club and members of the advisory council that supports the program will attend the event.

Students in the social recreation classes have been planning the activities for a few weeks. The theme of the program is the "Winter Leisure Lodge."

## Cutting down on fats reduces calories

For years the American Heart Association has recommended cutting down dietary fats because it contributes to heart disease.

So people switched from saturated (animal fat, lard and butter) to polyunsaturated (margarine, vegetable oil, coconut oil, and palm oil) and thought their diets were less hazardous to their health. Not so! Unsaturated fats also close off the arteries. A good reason to cut down fat consumption is because fats are loaded with calories - and by cutting out fats, you can reduce caloric consumption by at least 30-40 percent.

Examples:

Skim milk - 1 cup - 90 calories

Whole milk - 1 cup - 150 calories

Fats have twice the calories than carbohydrates or protein have. Any weight loss program should include some idea of total caloric input as measured by energy output. The only way you can lose weight



**Judi Names, R.N.**  
Health Services coordinator

is to take in less calories than you use up, simple enough, but why is obesity and heart disease such a problem? Lifestyles are resistant to change and we continue to live as if our habits do not matter.

To start a weight loss program follow these guidelines:

- 1) DO NOT CRASH DIET - eating 800 calories or less throws the BMR off and can cause sudden cardiac standstill if potassium levels are low.
- 2) EAT BREAKFAST and develop the habit of eating frequent small meals - this helps prevent fat formation (the storage of excess food).
- 3) EXERCISE at least three times a week. This helps burn off calories. Do some of exercise that you enjoy!
- 4) Do a diet intake diary for at least 3 days to 1 week to see what you are eating and the amount.
- 5) Evaluate self statements such as:  
-"I'm nervous. I need a snack to relax."  
-"It's no use, I always regain my weight."  
-"Losing weight is really not worth giving up my favorite foods."  
-"It's my metabolism."

All these above statements are blocks to successful weight loss. Weight loss can be permanent but there are no quick cures.

## Wellness health tip of the week

Weight loss programs should aim for permanent lifestyle changes. Improve your food quality by eating less fat and sugar, and more unrefined cereals, breads, fruits and vegetables. Eliminate snacks. Eat a big breakfast, moderate lunch, and light supper. Regular exercise is essential to a good weight loss program and maintaining ideal weight.



# ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

## Homemade memory books can make unusual, interesting gifts

by Alexis Kolb

Trying to find a personal, unique gift for the individual who seems to have everything can be an exasperating shopping experience.

One personal, homemade gift that can be given to either a man or a woman, is a memory book.

A memory book is a story or a collection of stories written by the gift giver about people, events or special occasions the two people share.

A story could be written about the person to whom the memory book will be given.

For example, if the memory book was to be given to a childhood friend, a story or group of stories about childhood adventures, shared with that person, would be a special, unique gift.

The offspring of a couple could get together and chose a topic to write about and create an interesting collection of memories of an event experienced by the family. No two children would have the same point of view or remember the same situation exactly alike. This memory book could be given to parents for an anniversary or other special family events.

Memory books can be illustrated, too. The serious artist may include pen and ink drawings or caricature portraits. Cartoons could be added for a lighter, comical touch. Black and white photographs can be placed among the written pages to create another type of visual impact.

After the stories and accompanying illustrations have been completed, copies of the book can be made at a reasonable cost at a nearby photocopy type printing facility. Usually it costs about 10 cents to photocopy a letter size sheet of paper.

Some copy companies have machines that will duplicate on card stock weight

paper. Card stock will make a durable cover for the memory book and make it appear more professional.

For memory books that are a quarter of an inch thick or thicker there is a hot binding process available that will bind the cover and pages together to make an attractive booklet. Spiral binding could be used, but it is generally more expensive than the hot binding process.

Colored paper can be used to fashion a different look or set the mood of the story that appear on the tinted page. Card stock covers can be purchased in bright colors as well, which might reflect the type of gift or the type of occasion for which the gift is being given.

Some families may wish to write stories over a period of time, then gather them together, print the booklet and give the finished product to each contributing member at Christmas or at a wedding or some other special family celebration.

A memory book from home to a loved one far away might bring many happy hours of enjoyment and a feeling of homeyness in a distant place.

Organizations, clubs or church congregations could compile a booklet for the member who is moving away or perhaps ill and in the hospital.

Co-workers might make up a book for a retiring staff member or a woman who is leaving to have a baby or a worker who has been promoted and being transferred to another office.

Memory books are limitless in scope and can be adapted to fit nearly any gift giving situation. The materials needed are inexpensive and readily available. The making of a memory book will take time and effort on the part of the creator, but the pleasure of the receiver will probably be well worth the effort.



## Talking Heads, music innovators, take over Arena for two nights

by Jim Massey

Talking Heads, one of the leaders of the "new wave" of music that began in the late '70's will perform tomorrow night and Sunday night at 8 in the Arena at Seattle Center.

Their sixth album, "Speaking in Tongues" is currently occupying a spot in the top ten on Rolling Stone magazine's chart. It has gone gold (sales over 500,000) a feat not even close to being achieved by their five earlier efforts, including a live double album.

"Talking Heads have composed and played the era's most consistently challenging and exciting music," says Rolling Stone, "a fusion of git-down street rhythms and collegiate sensibilities heady enough to spawn a generation of imitators on both sides of the Atlantic."

David Byrne, the 31 year old lead singer and songwriter, is the only son of immigrants who settled in Baltimore. He first picked up a guitar when in junior high, performing songs by The Beatles and Rolling Stones. His musical interests continued through his college days at the Rhode Island School of Designing where he met Chris Frantz.

Byrne and drummer Frantz teamed to form a band called the Artistics, with three other members. The group was well received by audiences, but graduation scattered the members. Byrne was persuaded to teach Frantz's girlfriend Tina Weymouth, a fellow art student, how to play bass. Talking Heads (the name was picked out of a TVGuide article) was born.

Guitarist Jerry Harrison, Harvard-educated former member of the Modern Lovers, joined the band a few months before they recorded "Talking Heads: 77", their first album. Their next three

albums were produced by art-rock performer Brian Eno. Byrne's continuous association with Eno and interest in outside projects nearly lead to the breakup of the band.

Emotions were at their most tense in 1981 during the "Remain in Light" British tour for that album. At one point, Weymouth grumbled about Byrne and Eno to the British magazine The Face.

"They're like two 14 year old boys making an impression on each other," she said. "By the time they finished working together for three months, they were dressing like one another. I can see them when they're 80 years old and all alone. There will be David Bowie, David Byrne, and Brian Eno, and they'll just talk to each other."

During this time, Weymouth and Frantz decided to try an outside project of their own. They came up with the Tom Tom Club, a zany band made up of Weymouth's sisters and some Jamaican friends. Their album, put out in late 1981, sold 600,000 copies, almost twice as many as any previous Heads record.

Since then, the band members have renewed confidence in each other and they are going strong. Weymouth and Frantz have married and have a son. Their current album "Speaking in Tongues" (with cover art by Byrne himself) is a huge success, receiving critical acclaim and high sales. "Burning Down the House," a single from the album, is being played as a video on MTV. The Sunday night show in Seattle had to be added because tomorrow night's show sold out so quickly.

Talking Heads are in good shape, both financially and artistically. And they show no signs of slowing down.

## 'Christmas Story' has ups and downs, but turns out to be a mild winner

by Doug Williams

"A Christmas Story," starring Peter Billingsley, Darren McGavin, and Melinda Dillion; directed by Bob Clark; rated PG for no obvious reason; at the Lewis and Clark and other theatres.

### Review

"A Christmas Story" is 1983's first holiday movie intended for the entire family. The children in the audience outnumbered the adults by at least two to one, and judging by the way most of the kids were laughing, "A Christmas Story" is a fairly good film.

The story is told through the eyes of a grown man looking back at all the trials and tribulations of one particular Christmas season when he was a kid. The narration idea seems helpful at times when the plot begins to clutter itself and become confusing, but it is also a hindrance when the narrator tries to be "cute" about things, or tries to oversimplify an already simple storyline.

Peter Billingsley, the adorable little boy seen on "Real People," and as "Messy Marvin" in the commercials, stars as a smart, sensitive grade school kid growing up in the 1940's. It's Christmas time, and the haspeckled waf wants nothing more than a deluxe bb gun that comes equip-

ped with everything that could possibly aide any good guy with desires to thwart copious quantities of bad guys.

So what's the problem?

"You'll put your eye out!" That's the scornful reply of Billingsley gets from every adult he talks to about his Christmas wish, including a department store Santa Claus that looks more like a mass murderer than jolly ol' St. Nicholas. But Billingsley simply keeps on dreaming about how he'll save his entire family with the aide of his trusty bb gun.

Darren "Nightstalker" McGavin plays the part of an understanding father who has an ongoing struggle with his temper and the house furnace. This is the first comedy role I've seen McGavin in, and he played the part of a loving father quite well.

Melinda Dillion plays Billingsley's gentle mother who spends the days bundling up her kids for the cold walk to school, stuffing bars of soap into Billingsley's mouth after he blurted out a word that begins with 'F', and fixing tempting dishes like meatloaf and cabbage that her children and husband methodically toy with at almost every dinner time.

"A Christmas Story" is a very innocent movie. No grandiose statements on socio-economic conditions are made, and no heavy morals are forced down the throat either. It's all designed to simply entertain, to bring back a feeling that many of us have lost to age. And, all things considered, it does a pretty cent job at fulfilling that task.

### Downstream

—Omega will perform a noon concert today and dance from 9 to midnight tonight. The cost is \$4 for the dance it will be in the LSC.

—Saturday, the fifth annual Christmas Boutique will be at Green River. There will be hand crafted gifts, entertainment throughout the day, and Santa will also make an appearance. It is from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the LSC.

—Green River's Heavier Than Air Players present C.S. Lewis' Classic story of four children's plight to free the fairyland of Narnia from an evil spell that is preventing Christmas from coming. Shows are Dec. 9-11 in the GRCC Performing Arts Building at 8 p.m. on Fridays 1, 3, and 8 p.m. on Saturdays and 1, 3, 7 p.m. on Sundays.

## ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

## New films due out for Christmas

by Jim Massey

Christmas time means vacation for hundreds of thousands of students and workers across the country, and that means big bucks at the box offices. The flood of holiday movies is about to begin, and there's bound to be something to please everyone.

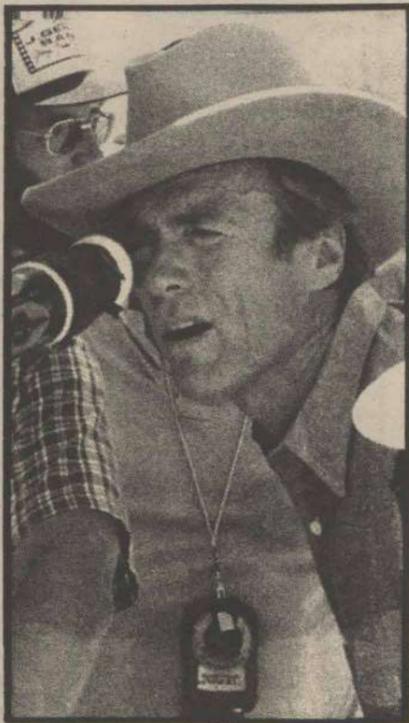
The first wave arrives Friday, Dec. 9. Barbara Streisand makes a return to musicals for the first time since "A Star is Born" opened seven years ago. She makes her directorial debut with "Yentl," the story of a turn of the century Jewish girl (played by Streisand) who disguises herself as a boy because only male Jews are allowed to study the scripture.

Another return is made by Clint Eastwood, who once again plays "Dirty" Harry Callahan in "Sudden Impact." Eastwood also directs himself in what looks like a film for those who don't want any thinking cluttering up the excitement.

Brian de Palma, the director who gave us such atmospheric and violent films as "Carrie" and "Dressed to Kill," unveils "Scarface," a three hour gangster drama starring the ever intense Al Pacino. Originally rated X for its violence, the ratings board was asked to reconsider and it was changed to an R.

"Christine," a film based on Stephen King's novel about a killer 1958 Plymouth Fury that is possessed (not repossessed, but possessed), is also slated to open. The director is John Carpenter, creator of "Halloween," "Escape from New York," and the mega-grusome "The Thing."

Arriving with very little advance publicity is "The Keep," which could turn out to be one of the most interesting horror films in some time. The writer and director is Michael Mann, who made his debut two years ago with the marvously energetic crime drama "Thief," starring James Caan. The top-notch cast includes Jurgen Prochnow (the commander in "Das Boot") as a Nazi officer in World War II who stumbles upon a mysterious



Clint Eastwood directs, as well as stars in, "Sudden Impact," the new "Dirty Harry" film.

fortress, and Scott Glenn as the creepy watchman who guards its secrets.

"Silkwood", directed by Mike Nichols, opens Wednesday, Dec. 14. Meryl Streep stars in the true story of a plutonium plant worker who dies mysteriously when she attempts to reveal dangers at the plant. The film also stars Kurt Russel, who has proved himself a better actor than his many Disney roles imply, and Cher (as in Sonny and . . .).

Friday Dec. 16, brings another big batch of films. John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John are reunited for the first time since "Grease" in "Two of a Kind," a romantic comedy about an inventor (Travolta) who falls in love with a bank teller (Newton-John).

Mr. T., who has been known to grimace to show any emotion from pain to ecstasy, is teamed with Gary Busey,

the outstanding actor who has put in excellent performances in "The Buddy Holly Story" and "Barbarosa," among others, in "D.C. Cab," an action comedy about cabbies in the nation's capitol.

"Gorky Park" should be a first rate thriller-mystery set in Moscow, Russia. The immensely talented William Hurt ("Body Heat," "The Big Chill") stars in the adaptation of the highly acclaimed novel by Martin Cruz Smith, directed by Michael Apted ("Coal Miner's Daughter").

"Uncommon Valor" stars Gene Hackman, the versatile actor who can play everything from light comedy (Lex Luthor in the "Superman" films) to heavy drama (the elder reporter in "Under Fire"), as a marine colonel involved in a raid on a Vietnamese prison camp.

Two comic remakes are scheduled for that day. Mel Brooks stars in the role created by Jack Benny in 1942's ("To Be or Not to Be," a dark comedy about Polish actors defying Nazis during the Occupation. The film is directed by Alan Johnson, who has choreographed most of Brook's previous outrageous films, including the classic "Springtime for Hitler" number in "The Producers."

Blake Edwards ("The Pink Panther" films, "Victor/Victoria") directs a remake of Francois Truffaut's "The Man Who Loved Women." The new version stars Burt Reynolds and hopefully few car crashes.

With such a wide variety of talents and artists, there will doubtlessly be some winners and some losers. Only time will tell.

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## Omega, local band, performs tonight

by Jeff Braimes

There will be an end of the quarter dance tonight at 9 p.m. in the Lindbloom Student Center featuring the music of the rock band Omega.

Omega, based in Auburn, has played such Seattle clubs as Ad Lib and Astor

Park, and also played at the Halloween dance at Highline Community College. They consist of a female lead singer and a male instrumental quartet featuring drums, bass and guitars.

More information is available through Green River Student Programs.

## Around the Green River

## Renton

The Valley Community Players will be having a production of Lucille Fletcher's "Nightwatch." The play runs Fridays and Saturdays, 8 p.m. through December 10 at the Carco Theatre, 1717 Maple Valley Road. For more information call 226-5190.

## Seattle

John Fahey and Tracy Moore present a Christmas guitar concert, December 22 at 8 p.m. at the Museum of History and Industry. Tickets cost \$6.50 if bought in advance, and \$7.50 if bought at the door. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster outlets.

Singer Andy Williams will be performing in a special Christmas concert

December 5 and 6 at the Seattle Opera House. Tickets will range in cost from \$10 to \$16. More information available by calling 447-4747.

Centerstage Theatre presents adaptations of Louisa Mae Alcott's book, "Little Women." The play runs until December 23, with Wednesday through Saturday performances at 8 p.m. The general admission fee is \$6.50, and students and senior citizens fee is \$4.50. For more information call 838-7899.

## Tacoma

The University of Puget Sound presents Sam Shephard's play about chasing the American dream, a free flowing adventure complete with actor improvisations and jazzy saxophone. It runs December 9 and 10 at the UPS inside theatre. The cost is \$4 for adults and \$3 for students and senior citizens. For more information call 756-3329.

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# SPORTS

## Big winners

### Green River men thump Shoreline

by Steve Smith

One game does not a season make. But, oh, what a game it was.

The Green River Gator mens basketball team got the 1983-84 Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges - Region II under way last Saturday night in high fashion, pounding the Shoreline Samuri 101-74 at the Green River gymnasium.

Five players scored in double figures for the Gators, led by sophomore forward Dan McCone with 19. Ron Grosvenor and Robert Grinds added 18 each while center Matt Mead tallied 13 and Dan Balmer popped in 10. Shoreline's Doug Kristjanson lead all scorers in the contest with 25.

The contest started out looking like the home squad was going to have a tough time handling the visiting Samuri, who jumped to an early 5 point lead at 26-21.

But the Gators managed to shake their opening game jitters with 14:30 remaining in the first half, clamping down on SCC with a ferocious defense and excellent perimeter shooting, building up

an eleven point lead at the intermission, 48-39.

Green River continued to close down the Samuri in the second half, building a lead of 20 points at 68-48 and was never headed as head coach Greg Probach went to his reserves lat in the contest.

While the Gator mentor know his team has a lot to work on, he was also pleased with what he saw for his team and felt this was the key to the victory.

"We knew what we wanted out of it," Probach said. "We went in to follow the game plan and we did."

The Gators outrebounded the Samuri as well, 38-23, lead by Mead with nine boards and Grosvenor with eight. The home five also got excellent support from the point, led by Scott Cline with five assists and Balmer with four.

Probach also was pleased with the excellent support from the administration and fans.

"We've got the confidence - we'll get in the right column," Probach stated. "It's a good way to open the season."

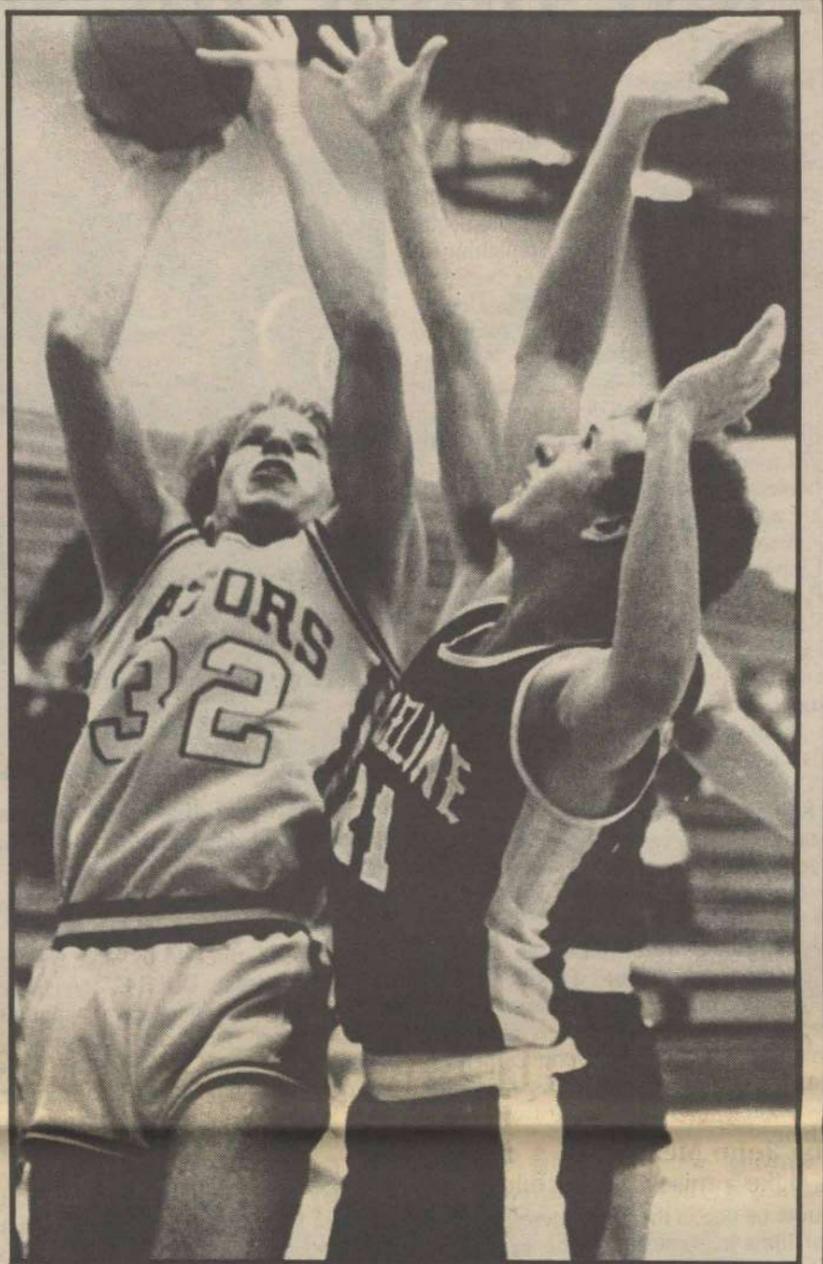


Photo by Glenn Marzano

First-year Gator forward Dan McCone goes up for a shot. McCone netted 19 points to help lead the Gators to a season opening 101-74 victory over Shoreline Community College.

### Women cagers double Everett

by Luke La Berge

The Green River women's basketball team opened their season in impressive fashion as they trounced Everett Community College 84-42 last Saturday night at Green River.

The Gators quickly opened up a 24-4 lead and never looked back. They led 40-20 at the half and continued to dominate in the second half, outscoring Everett 44-22.

The Gators displayed a balanced scoring attack as all ten gators that played, scored. Sophomore Shawn Pointdexter led the scoring barrage with 16 points, while Freshman guards Christine Hannon and Shawn Johnson scored 11 and 10 points respectively. Freshman Yvette Henry led the Gators on the boards in grabbing eight rebounds.

Coach Mike Willis was pleased with the Gators play.

The team played well as a unit and I was happy with our depth. We have ten

quality players on our squad and any of them could be capable starters for us."

Willis feels the Gators have a chance to become one of the top teams ever at Green River. "This is one of the strongest squads we've ever had here if our eight freshman can blend in with our three returning lettermen, great things could be in store for them.

Green River met PLU Wednesday, in a game in which results were unavailable at press time. The Gators travel to Everett tonight to play in a rematch of their first meeting. They entertain state champion Spokane Falls tomorrow night at Auburn High School at 6 p.m. Next Tuesday the Gators tune up for their Hawaiian Pacific tournament in Honolulu in which they'll be playing Dec. 8,9, and 10 by playing Shoreline in an away game.

Coach Willis is looking forward to playing in Hawaii. "I feel the trip will bring us closer together and make us a closer knit group."



Freshman guard Shawn Johnson

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# SPORTS

## Volleyball team looks toward state title



Gator volleyball team gives each other enthusiastic support during a former home game.

by Steve Smith

As the Northwest Athletic Association of Community College state volleyball tournament approaches, Lane Murray's Lady Gators stand ready, with confidence and desire to bring home a title.

"All of the girls are pretty positive," Murray stated. "They want to go and play a good tournament."

The Gators have already won a title, taking the Regional championship by defeating the Clark Penguins in Vancouver last week 15-7, 15-6, 15-3. The win completed the regular season for Green River who finished 12-0 in league play, 21-1 overall with a 91 percent win loss ratio in match play. Murray was very pleased with the teams performance.

With the tournament approaching, Murray foresees having to make no changes in her squad's strategies, saying she plans to add nothing new to either the offense or defense this late in the campaign.

"We're working on the things that have made us a good team thus far this year," Murray said. "We are perfecting our mistakes, trying to play mistake-free ball."

The Gator mentor also feels that the key to winning the state championship will be the basics of the game, stating that her team needs to be "consistently getting up a big block on their hitters."

"We'll need good, aggressive blocking," Murray said. "We need our blockers to work with our front court people."

"We also have to get good, hard serves. These are good passing teams, so if we serve to easy, they'll be able to set up and do what they do best," Murray added.

The Gator coach knows that competition at the state level will be tougher, coming from the likes of Mt. Hood, Highline, Yakima and five time defending state champion Spokane Falls.

Green River has already faced SFCC once this year at the Shoreline Crossover tournament back in November. They beat the Spartans in the first game of their match 15-8 and were leading in game two 14-12 before losing the match 16-13, 15-19.

But Murray has the confidence in her team and truly believes that they can take it all.

"The way we played on Tuesday is the best we've played in a long time," Murray stated. "If we show the same consistency and enthusiasm we showed against Clark, we can beat any team in the state tournament."

The Gators begin the quest for a championship on Friday, December 2, opening tournament play at 11 a.m. against the winner of Thursdays Yakima Valley-Bellevue match at Hudson Bay High School in Vancouver.

## Stars struggle for acceptance in new league

by John Merrill

Like a mischievous child, the Tacoma Stars are starving for attention.

The Stars, who last month embarked on their maiden voyage in the six-year old Major Indoor Soccer League, are looking to make it big in a league that is equally anxious for acceptance.

For those new to the indoor game, it is not the prototype soccer match by any means. It is played on a field approximately 200 feet long and 85 feet wide, more comparable to a hockey rink than a soccer pitch. Dasher boards, topped by plexiglass, surround the field. Games are played with a goal keeper and five field players on each squad, unlike the 11 fielded by an outdoor team.

Oh yeah, one other thing - lots and lots of goals are scored.

"The American sports fan wants to see a lot of transition, a lot of fast action, and a lot of goals," says Hal Childs, Tacoma's Director of Public Relations. "The MISL provides that."

Childs has been involved in the formation of the Sounders, the Super Sonics and the Mariners as Director of Public Relations for all of those franchises. He has also served with the Golden State Warriors and the San Diego Clippers of the National Basketball Association. With the Warriors, he was both Director of Public Relations and Assistant General Manager and was part of the management team when Golden State won the NBA championship in 1974-75.

Childs was Director of Public Relations for two seasons at San Diego and in his final year was Vice President of Communications.

Prior to joining the professional ranks, Childs was Sports Information Director at the University of Oregon for six years. Childs knows the Northwest, and feels that indoor soccer can be successful in the area.

"It's a brand new game - it combines the skill, beauty and techniques of soccer with the transition and pace of basketball and some of the rule and contact of hockey," Childs explains. "It's a wild, crazy, fun spot and we feel that once people are exposed to the game, they'll enjoy it and come back for more."

Through his experiences with expansion franchises, Childs has learned that to have fans, a club must first go out and entice them.

"When we started, we felt it was very important for us not only to get out into the business community and take our program to them.

"We had approximately three months from day one to put a franchise together, which isn't very much time. We're still in a formative stage. Even though we've played some games (winless, though, at presstime), we are still in the early embryonic stages of building this franchise."

Success never comes overnight, and being competitive is probably all the Stars can hope for this year, but they have the foundation to become a winner soon. Tacoma's president is John Best, who served in that position with the 1979 Soccer Bowl champions Vancouver Whitecaps. Coaching the Stars is Bob McNab, a former standout player who captained the famed Arsenal team in the England First Division during his playing days. Last week, the Stars signed Mark Peterson, a Tacoma native who once was voted the league's North American player of the year as a Sounder.

It won't be long before these attention hungry kids mature and become winners in the MISL.

## Heehn satisfied with GRCC

by Steve Smith

While her future looks bright, its the past that has brought Robin Heehn to the Green River Gator volleyball team.

Heehn, the starting middle back for the Gators, came to GRCC from Rogers High School in Puyallup after a year of playing basketball for Columbia Basin College in Pasco.

She says she wanted to play volleyball at CBC, but "The basketball coach (at CBC) wouldn't let me play both sports."

"I was recruited for basketball by CBC," Heehn stated, adding that "I find the people on the staff at GRCC easy to work with."

Heehn says she would be playing both volleyball and basketball this year, but a Northwest Athletic Association of Community College rule states that she must sit out a year of basketball, but will be able to play next year.

But while she waits to return to the court, she thrives on the competition of volleyball, setting goals and achieving them.

"I enjoy the sport. I like to be ag-

gressive at the net, to block other people's shots," Heehn said. "My main goal for every game is to be the main blocker."

"She is a good, aggressive front court player," according to Gator head coach Lane Murray. "Robin is one of the team leaders due to her enthusiasm and encouraging attitude."

Heehn also has excellent response to her mentors coaching ability.

"Lane - I think shes a great coach," Heehn stated. "She has so much to teach and if we can take it and apply it, I know we can win state."

Heehn also has her goals for the future after Green River, hoping it will lead her to competing for a four year school.

"Right now, I don't really know, but I would like to go on to Oregon State or Southern California College (a four year private school outside of Los Angeles)."

But for now, the people at Green River suit her very well for the type of game she plays.

"The coaches here seem to care more about you and not about winning."

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If you're currently enrolled as a GRCC student, just sign up for Winterim classes during your winter quarter registration appointment. There is no fee for Winterim classes unless you are signed up for more than 18 credits (counting both Winterim and winter quarter). The cost after 18

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If you are a GRCC student enrolled in a Vocational Preparatory program, check with our advisor on Winterim registration details.

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American Red Cross requirements for Standard First Aid and Personal Safety Certification may be met. Cost to state residents is \$58.08 plus \$1.00 co-op fee.

Dec. 8-22 9AM-12PM Three credits  
Dec. 8-22 1-4PM Three credits

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Learn the basic skills and strategy for the two indoor court games that are growing in popularity. Cost to state residents is \$38.72.

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Examine the history and current political implications of the Vietnam War through discussions with Vietnam vets, guest speakers, lectures and films. Cost to state residents is \$58.08.

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#### KEYBOARDING

Students in this course will learn to type alphabetic, numeric and symbol information quickly and accurately. The class is designed for those who want to operate a computer keyboard. Cost to state residents is \$38.72.

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#### INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTERS

Designed for people with little or no background in the use of computers, the course includes computer maintenance, programming, word processing, spread sheets and choosing a personal computer. Cost to state residents is \$58.08.

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Open to both beginners and advanced potters, this class includes instruction in handbuilding and wheelthrowing, electric kiln and gas firing, Raku and glazing techniques. Cost to state residents is \$96.80 plus an \$8.00 lab fee.

Dec. 8-22 9AM-3PM Five credits

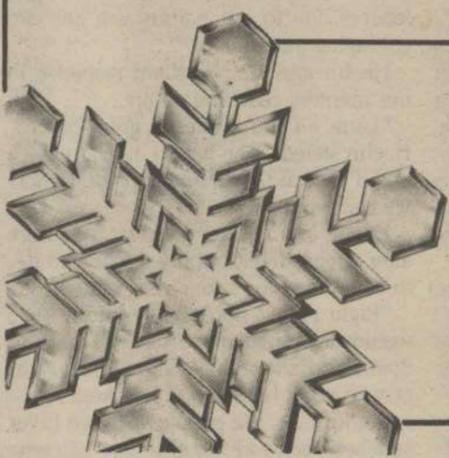
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