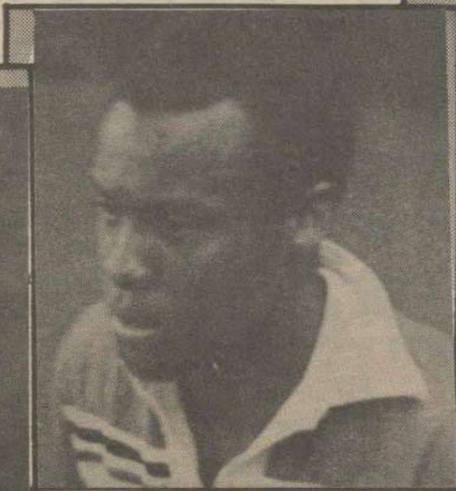




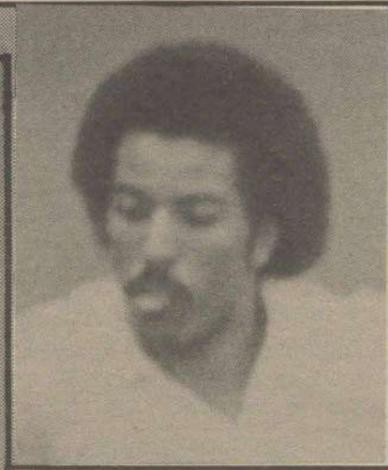
No. 1 state champ Mark Kovacevich



No. 4 state champ Dave Stanford



No. 5 state champ Scott Stewart



No. 6 state champ Gilbert Rigell

GR men capture fourth state tennis title

by Matt Massey

The Green River men's tennis team did more than simply capture their fourth state community college championship in the last six seasons this past weekend in Yakima.

The Gator men, who finished at 10-0 in Northwest Athletic Association of Community College Region II play, also overcame the unexpected and fended off sickness in the process.

"This was by far the most meaningful state championship for a GR tennis team (men's or women's)," said Coach Steve Sauers. "The team overcame such adversity in winning the championship. It was incredibly thrilling to see."

Battling severe cases of food poisoning, three Gators helped propel the team to the state title. Mark Kovacevich and Scott Stewart each won their respective state singles crowns. Kovacevich won the No. 1 singles championship and Stewart took No. 5 singles. Russ Olels had to forfeit away his No. 3 singles title because of the effects of the Yakima restaurant (food poisoning), but he was able to play in doubles competition with partner Dave Stanford. The two placed second in No. 2 doubles.

The Gator men finished 19 team points ahead of their counterparts from Highline on the Larson Park courts adjacent to the Yakima Community College campus. Green River totalled 217 points, while Highline registered 198.

In addition to Kovacevich and Stewart taking championships, Stanford and Gilbert Rigell notched individual finals victories in No. 4 and No. 6, respectively. Rigell put the finishing touches on a perfect record in the CC ranks with his No. 6 singles 6-0, 6-2 victory over Steve Taylor (Skagit Valley) in the finals.

Cookie Ledesma, Green River's No. 2 singles player, made it into the finals, but lost to Roy Merca of Highline, 6-4, 6-3.

Ledesma defeated Merca in regular season action.

The remarkable thing about Kovacevich's and Stewart's championship matches is that the victories came rather quickly. Both players had been in a Yakima hospital late Friday night and both had minimal hours of sleep, besides having just Gatorade in their stomachs when they competed. The two were in the emergency room with abnormal temperatures, while Olels was released earlier Friday evening.

"When you're sick, you sometimes play better, because you want to get off the court," was assistant coach Dave Lester's assessment.

Kovacevich took Pat Waggoner for the No. 1 singles crown, 7-6, 6-1, and Stewart ripped Adrian Vernon of Bellevue, 6-0,

6-2 in his title match.

The state team championship was the 10th in the history of Green River sports and out of those ten, the tennis teams have been responsible for seven.

The Gators didn't let what happened last year get in the way of this year's championship tourney outcome. The men had a rash of injuries just before the tourney 1st season and thus fell to Spokane by two points.

This year the Gators were lucky to have as many individuals playing under the existing conditions, but the team was able to come away with a state title. Kovacevich was one of those individuals lucky to be playing. He didn't even think he was going to be playing, but Sauers left the decision up to Kovacevich himself. The chance paid dividends

towards the title.

MENS' TENNIS STATE CC CHAMPIONSHIPS

At Yakima

Team Standings - Green River 217, 2. Highline 198, 3. Bellevue 182, 4. Yakima 124, 5. Spokane 77, 6. Columbia Bsin 54, 7. Walla Walla 34, 8. Skagit Valley 14, 9. Centralia 0, Clark 0.

Championship Match - Mark Kovacevich (GR) def. Pat Waggoner (WW) 7-6, 6-1; **CONSOLATION** - Bill Treneur (Yakima) def. Steve Walters (H) 6-1, 7-6. **No. 2 Singles** - Roy Merca (H) def. Cookie Ledesma (GR) 6-4, 6-3. **No. 3 Singles** - Mark Vilegas (Y) def. Greg Scott (H) 6-0, 6-2; **No. 4 Singles** - Dave Stanford (GR) def. Jim Brown (B) 6-2, 5-7, 6-3. **No. 5 Singles** - Scott Stewart (GR) def. Adrian Vernon (B) 6-0, 6-2; **No. 6 Singles** - Gilbert Rigell (GR) def. Steve Taylor (SV) 6-0, 6-2.

Doubles - Horn-Brown (B) def. Vilegas-Treneur (Y) 6-2, 7-5; Lagonegro-Phon (B) def. Olels-Stanford (GR) 6-4, 6-2; Wakasa-Vernon (B) def. Stewart-Rigell (GR) 1-6, 6-4, 6-3.

Women net second place finish

by Matt Massey

Green River went head-to-head with Region II rival, Tacoma, Wednesday in the final round of the women's state community college tennis tournament, but the odds of winning it all weren't all in the Gators favor.

The GR women's squad settled for second place out of the 12-team field.

The women split a pair of dual matches with Titans during the regular season in tying for the Region II title with identical 8-1 league marks. But it wasn't just Tacoma who got in the way of the Gators attempt at defending their state championship. As it ended up though, the Green River players would have had to notch nine wins out of the ten matches on the last day of competition for the state crown. Anyway, Tacoma had its way and took the state championship home with victories in five of the seven head-to-head matches with Gators on the

final day.

Tacoma registered 72 team points and Green River collected 47, for second place while Walla Walla was the next closest competitor with 10 points. Tacoma ended the Gator's three-year reign of the championship.

"Our play was very inconsistent whether won a match or not, that was a key (to not successfully defending the state CC title). Their (Tacoma) middle people did better than ours (GR). But second place is nothing to feel bad about," told coach Steve Sauers after the Yakima state tournament.

Not all the odds were against the Gator netters, as Kelly McClenahan and Catriona Kruse captured individual state title victories for the only two final round wins over Tacoma opponents.

McClenahan defended her No. 1 singles crown by defeating Cee Cee Carr 6-3, 6-1 and freshman Kruse took her No. 2 singles counterpart, Gretchen Shodde,

6-3, 2-6, 6-2.

After the first two singles matches, things tailed off a bit, as No. 3 singles player Tricia Ganz (the number one seed in the event) was tripped up by Mary Lowndes in quarterfinal play on Monday 2-6, 7-5, 6-3. Theresa Wulfekuhle, the No. 5 state champ of last year and the number one seed at No. 4 this year didn't make it to this year's finals. She lost her consolation match for third place to Janie Cook of Tacoma, 6-4, 6-2.

In No. 5 singles, Beth Simonson placed third by notching a 6-3, 6-1 win over Maxine Ross of Bellevue after a semi-final loss to Mary Wheeler (Spokane). Gator Liz Heft lost to Gudrun Hauge in No. 6 finals action by a score of 6-4, 7-5.

Sauers considered the No. 3, 4, 5 singles misfortunes as upsets, and he was surprised to see all three of his doubles combos lose in the final. The Ganz-Wulfekuhle loss in the No. 2 doubles final was their first CC loss of the season.

League champs

Women clinch title

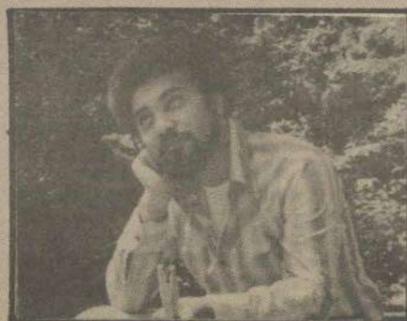
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OPINION

What is the purpose of college?

Why do we strive so hard, pay so much money and spend so many hours to get a degree? Why are we in college and what is the

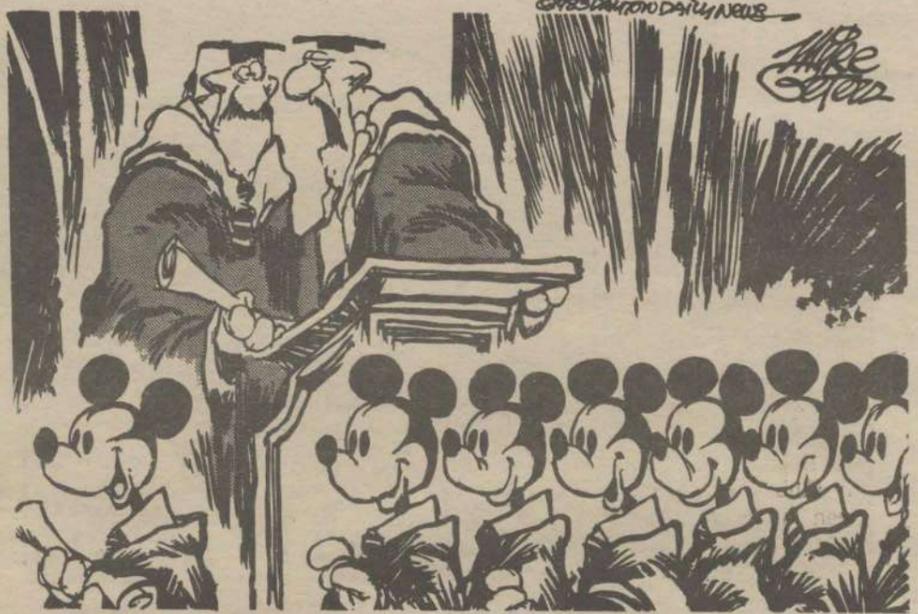
Editorial

purpose of college? Some are in college to please their parents. Some are in college for the fun of it, parties and new friendships. And others admit they are not really sure why they are going to college.

After three years and two community colleges, I believe the real purpose of higher education is to teach us how to think. We are not in college to retain the minor details of classes that will be obsolete in a few years. The real purpose of college is to teach people how to learn. Colleges should open minds and cause people to question. In college, students can obtain the necessary skills to make decisions that affect their lives.

Did you know that most people change careers at least twice? It is not the diploma or the cap and gown that will help make future decisions: it is the organizational and decision making skills that we learn in college that are important and lasting.

I believe teachers do not give tests to make us remember insignificant details. Tests are given to teach students that people are accountable for information given to them. In the future, when a student is in a job situation and is given some material to remember by the boss or at a meeting, that student will be expected to know it later. In the same way I believe that teachers encourage class discussions for better reasons than just to kill time. They realize the importance



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of other people's opinions on a decision or idea.

So, if you are learning how to organize, how to communicate, and how to think, then you are getting the real purpose of college:

— Patrick R. Walker



All seriousness aside

Sshh . . . I like marsh-'mellow' music

by Cara Lise Anderson

I found out long ago, that a dislike for heavy metal rock and roll is not a great opening line at a party. The usual responses run the gamut from embarrassment to pity; with a bit of fear and mistrust thrown in for good measure. Some of the more religious rockers are even more frantic and should be avoided

at all cost . . . very few life insurance companies cover body damage, resulting from a Harley Davidson being dropped on your head. The point of the story, kids, is that no matter how many "America: the home of the free" bumper stickers there are in your neighborhood, your choice of music is at least as important as whether or not you change your socks.

"It's the stuff that sounds like a station wagon hitting a garbage can that makes me crazy."

It's not that I don't like Rock . . . in fact, listening to Bruce Springsteen's macho croak has been known to send me into comalike bliss. I fully appreciate the crash of a guitar, the mania of Keith Moon's drumming, Geddy Lee's frenzied soprano squeaking. It's the stuff that sounds like a station wagon hitting a garbage can that makes me crazy. Up until my indoctrination at a Rock'n Roll radio station, I was convinced "Iron Maiden" was a punishment reserved for people who defrost pizza's during the Richard Simmons show. I don't relate to pained screaming about a) fast cars, b) fast women or c) fancy hair dryers and frankly I don't feel the need to reform. What I propose, on the other hand, is marsh-mallow music without guil': a code of social ethics that says it's okay to like John Denver; that gives us an inalienable

right to freely admit owning more than one Joni Mitchell album. God knows how many thousands of our nation's teenagers wear AC/DC buttons and stickers, secret thoughts of listening to a minuet by Bach burning in their hearts. Rock isn't just music, it's a way of life. What started out as a rebellion, has become a list of social do's and don'ts more strict than anything Jerry Falwell could dream up. It's a set of uniforms (if you need an example, count the number of James Jeans in a single classroom). It's a set way of speaking (hey, man, too many big words! gross me out the door). We need to get back to the love and togetherness stuff, as in Woodstock. I'll tell you what: you guys rent the campus, and we'll build a stage right under the dean's window . . . invite 1500 of our closest friends and . . .

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GENERAL NEWS

Student active in forestry program

Organizing first Forestry Club just one of Johnson's accomplishments

by Joan Nelson

Ann Johnson, a Forestry Technology major at GRCC has been highly active in the Forestry Department. She has been involved in the department ever since she has been attending the college.

Johnson, who will be graduating this June with an Associate of Applied Science Degree, organized the first Forestry Club at Green River. The club has been trying to raise money for scholarships. Johnson was also in the Work Study Program for the Forestry Department. She helped maintain and rebuild the college trails.

Other helpful things that Johnson has done were putting new window displays in the SMT building of the various forestry classes offered at Green River and organizing and putting on a display of all the Forestry Technology Programs at the college. This display was done at the Washington Forestry Conference.

Johnson decided to major in forestry because of her score on a skills test. She was in a class called Displaced Homemaker, and took a skill test that showed her high interest in forestry. She then made an interview appointment with one of the forestry instructors and then applied for and received a Pell Grant.

According to Johnson, Green River has a great Forestry Program compared to other colleges. "Green River has a better trained Forestry Program because the students are out doing the work," stated Johnson. "Other colleges haven't had the practical application."

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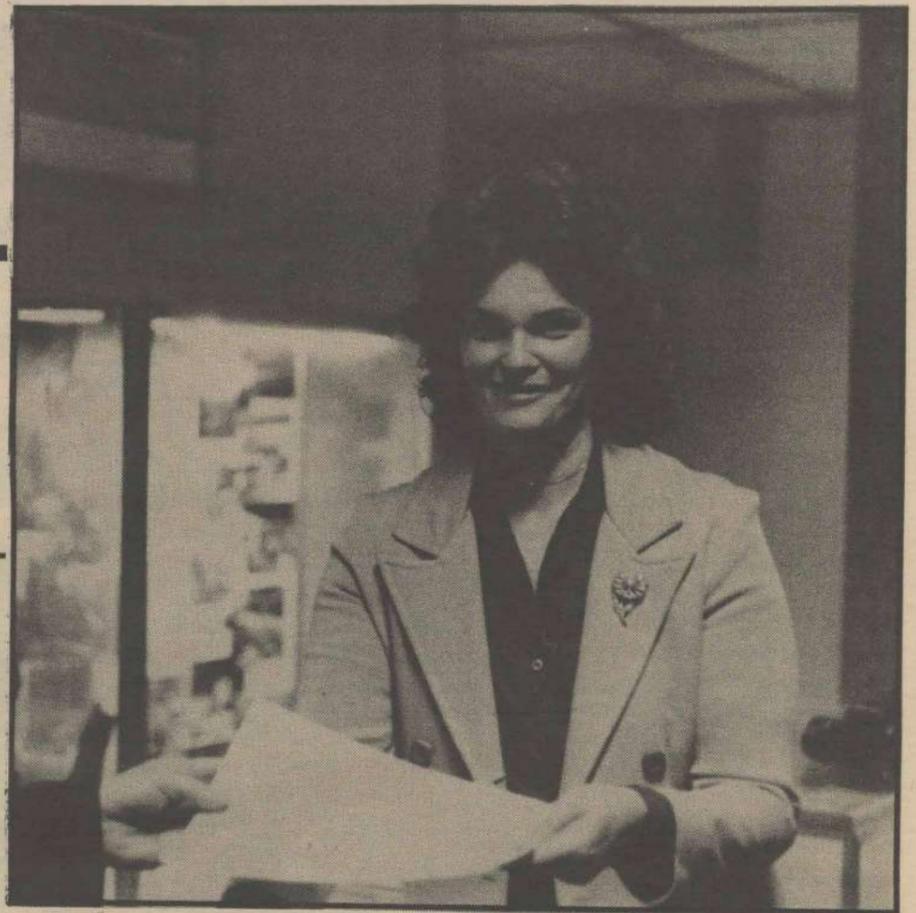
- Ann Johnson

One reason that the Forestry Program is so good is because Green River is close to White River, Tiger Mountain and the different logging places. With these places so close to the college, the students can go and do the work outside instead of in a classroom lab.

Two more reasons that make the program so great are the instructors, Pat Cummins and Walt Scobie. "They really get involved with the students and they care about what and how we are doing," commented Johnson.

Johnson's interest and hard work in forestry has landed her a job at Mt. Hood National Forest in Clackamas Ranger District. Her job will last through this summer, and then she will have earned the title of a certificate Timber Cruiser.

The new job will consist of cruising timber, which means to measure the trees to estimate the net volume in the trees. This is done to know how much wood is there, and its grade. Johnson will also be marking trees. She will pick out



Ann Johnson, Green River student, receives recognition for the contributions she has made to the Green River forestry department.

which trees to leave as seed trees and which ones should be cut down. Surveying and Engineering for logging systems and working on the fireline will be two more parts of Johnson's job.

Besides being outdoors doing the physical work, Johnson will be inside of an office about one half of an hour each day. She will be using computers to enter data. "I'll really enjoy the job because we will work in the office a little bit each day,

and then we will go out to the field," stated Johnson.

Johnson was finished with all of her classes last quarter and kept a grade point average of 3.61 while working part time at Rainier Bank. Johnson, who is the first Green River student to belong to the organization, Washington Women in Timber, says that there aren't many women in the forest industry, but added, "Women do just as good as men!"

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Senate passes bill of \$1350 for Chamber Singer's tour

by Sherry Mix

The Senate passed a bill totalling \$1350.00 which will help budget the Green River Chamber Singers tour to Canada over Memorial weekend. The money will pay for hotel, food, and some travel expenses.

The 19 member group of Green River students will leave next Friday and travel up to Nanaimo, Canada, where they will sing for senior citizens at the Bowen Park Recreational Center. These senior citizens will also provide housing for the group that night.

The musicians will continue to Port Alberne, Canada, on Saturday, where they will perform for the public at Echo Center Recreational Complex. After the performance, they will continue to Vic-

toria, where they will stay at the Strathcoma Hotel for the weekend.

While in Victoria, the Chamber Singers will be singing at the James Bay Convalescent Center at 3 p.m. and at Cameron Bandshell in Beacon Park at 4:30 p.m. The latter will be open to the public.

The tour will end May 30, with one last performance at Robson Square in Vancouver.

The Chamber Singers will be performing a variety of music: folk, madrigal and vocal swing jazz. Various solos and duets will also be performed by members in the group. All the performances will be free of charge.

They will also be performing June 8 in the Performing Arts building at 8 p.m.

GR Raft Race slated for June 4

For those students with a burning desire to get sent up the river, with or without a paddle, Student Programs is sponsoring the Green River Raft Race on June 4. This is a prime opportunity to show off creative engineering . . . or just plain warped imagination in a trek from Evan's Park to Beer Bottle Beach. In the

past, entries have been unique to say the least; with every craft imaginable built out of a milk cartons, foam and plywood floating down the Green River. All entries must be turned in and a \$4 fee paid before May 31. All rafts must check in at 10:30 on Saturday, June 4. The first heat beings at 11 a.m.

ARTS/ENTERTAINMENT

Athenz begins its long climb to the top

by Glynnis Green

Athenz, a local band of GRCC students, will perform with the Allies at the dance here on June 3.

The five member band includes, Tammy Katzin as lead vocalist, Dave Holmquist on keyboards, Rick Valenzuela as lead guitarist, Roger Cartwright on bass and Cliff Ross as the drummer. Randy Earwood is their soundman - manager.

The 11 month old band are all members of the Music Company. They met last year when Valenzuela was in Music Co. and the others were in the Professional Entertainment Training program. They originally hosted another bass player, but Cartwright took his place in Nov. 82.

"We decided to become a band on a Wednesday and we had a gig for that Friday night," comments Valenzuela.

"We practiced 10-12 hours everyday for three days for that gig," adds Holmquist.

They practice in a studio set up in Holmquist's Twin Lakes home. Their set includes two original tunes, "Can't Stand Still," and "Dream With Me" and cover tunes by currently popular groups as Journey, Styx, Triumph, Greg Kihn Band, Men at Work, and Huey Lewis and the News.

"We all vote on the songs we want to do," says Ross, "Then we fight," he jokes. "Someone brings in an idea or a song from a record and we learn the songs by listening to them."

Katzin explains, "We all play different instruments, and we take turns on lead vocals. We're also working on writing some new tunes."

Athenz sponsor, J.R. Holmquist, has helped with a lot of their expenses. Mainly equipment and instruments, and recently a band van to carry their equip-



From left to right: Dave Holmquist, Cliff Ross, Tammy Katzin, Rick Valenzuela, and Roger Cartwright.

ment. Also helping Athenz with publicity and design work, are GRCC students, Jeff Colter and Mike Neumann.

The group has played at well known spots in the Seattle-Tacoma area, and for several local functions. Last August they opened for Micheal Derosier and Steven Fossen, former members of Heart, at Gatsby's. They have played at Latitude 47, the Edgewater Inn, for the Working Women's Party, Fort Lewis and for several high school dances. They also performed here last February for a free noon concert.

"We hear a lot of good things from people who hear us play," says Cartwright.

"We know we are going to have to work really hard and pay our dues, but our goal is to be opening in the Coliseum in four years and headlining in five," admits Valenzuela.

"Basically we just want to be famous," jokes Ross.

The members say that they consider themselves a rock oriented band, with a few ballads included. All agree that they can see themselves in the future as a Journey type band.

In the future, Athenz will be doing some demo tape recording at Holden Hamilton Studio in Seattle. They also plan to tour this summer in Idaho, Montana, and various parts of Washington.

The members are looking forward to a contract agreement with either Far West or Andy Merkovich Productions. At present the two agencies are disputing the contract on who will handle Athenz.

Athenz performs at parties, weddings, and concerts and more information is available by contacting Randy at 927-3623 or 630-5597.

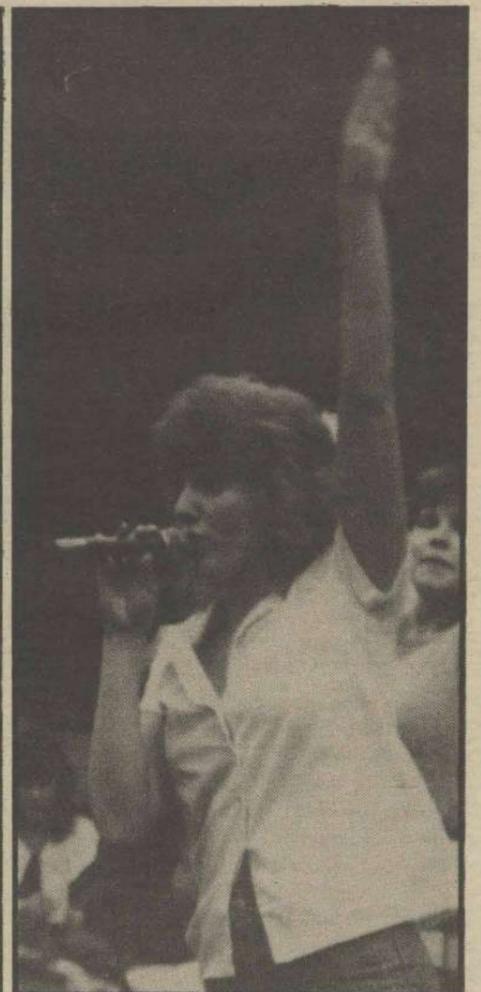


Photo by Doug Cooper

Green River Dance Company recently performed a medly of western songs before an audience of local school children in the Performing Arts Building.

ARTS/ENTERTAINMENT

Massey finds bargains in Orient

by Jim Massey

(When we last left Jim, he had just landed in Osan, South Korea, having survived a brief encounter with a Japanese dinner. Let's see what our intrepid adventurer is up to...)

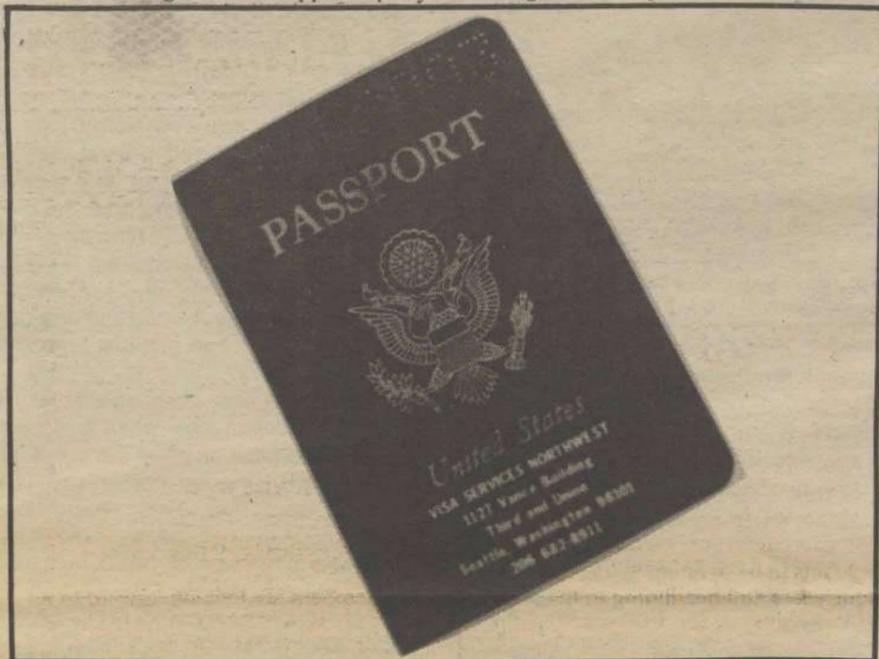
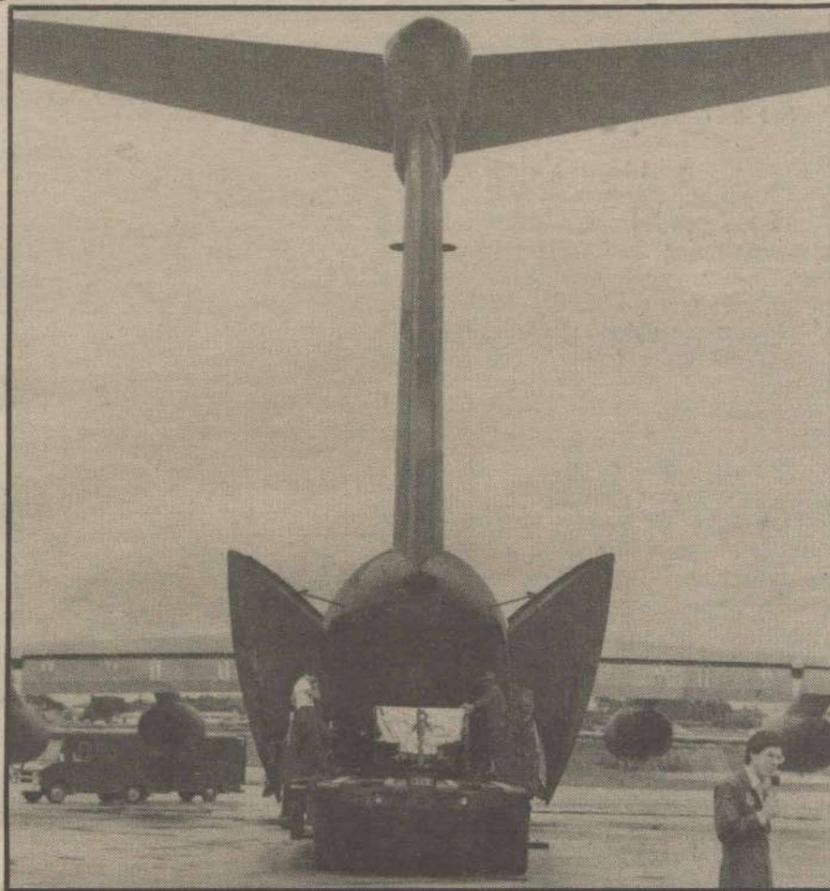
We didn't step off the plane in Osan. We jumped head first, one hand to break our fall and the other to grab our wallets. Those tags on products that say "Made in Korea" aren't kidding. This was to be the shopping portion of the trip.

All those products made in Korea were for sale, minus any import costs, distributor fees, or other little extras. They came straight from the manufacturer to the little shops on the crowded streets, waiting to be snapped up by

before I had gotten contacts, my teeth straightened, my hair permed, lost 15 pounds, and started growing noticeable facial hair. My photo looked like an extra from the "Little Rascals."

I apparently had an honest face, so they took our passports for safe keeping and off we ran for the shops. Vouri taught me the rules of shopping in Osan. First you go to one of the luggage shops and buy a roomy gym bag. Then you go grab anything else you can fit in it, including jackets, shoes, brass items, and mink bedspreads.

We went from the baggage shop, carrying my nice new Adidas bag I bought for seven dollars, to a little shoe shop. There I bought three pair of shoes (Bata,



Pictures from Jim Massey's trip include the cargo plane, his passport that contains a very outdated picture of him, and a crowded street in Osan, Korea.

some service man or lucky guest reporter.

Naturally, the thoughts of name brand tennis shoes and clothing at prices that would put K-Mart out of business had us drooling to get into town. But first us media folk had to get through the Korean authorities. A soldier escorted the five of us - myself, the three television people from Spokane, and Mike Vouri, our keeper - through a metal door down an ominous hall, and eventually to a tiny office with two uniformed Koreans.

The officials took our passports and individually looked us over, making sure the pictures and information matched our faces. I stood nervously as the grim Korean scrutinized my passport photo, which had been taken four years ago,

Reebok, and New Balance) for six dollars each. I then followed a crew member to a shop where I bought four Members Only Jackets for the same price. Before we went back to the plane, I managed to grab two more pair of shoes, a brass horse for my grandmother, and two bottles of Oscar, a peach wine.

We hurried back to our plane and loaded all of our purchases. It's a good thing it was a cargo plane. Our load must have nearly doubled. We got off the ground almost on schedule and headed south.

Our next stop was a quick one in Kwang Ju. From there we flew to another little base that I probably couldn't pronounce even if I could remember what its name was. Here we had to wait for someone to come out and help load our plane.

The passengers (about 40 serviceman and family members) had to wait outside. Then it started raining.

The passengers stood under one of the huge wings, pulling up their collars or huddling pitifully in blankets. The crew began to load the plane. Through some stroke of fate, the fact that I was wearing a flight suit made me prime cargo loading material. I dutifully started pulling on some huge pieces of machinery that was

being loaded and tried to act like I new what I was doing.

After an hour or two, we were all loaded and we took off for our next stop: Okinawa, an island off the south tip of Japan.

(Will Jim eat anymore raw fish in Japan? Will he live to wear his new shoes and jackets? Watch next issue for part four of his adventures in the mysterious Orient).

Excitement flies high in 'Blue Thunder'

by Doug Williams

Blue Thunder stars Roy Scheider. It is directed by John Badham, and produced by Gordon Carroll. *Blue Thunder* is rated R because of lots of naughty words, and a tad bit of violence. It is currently showing at the Southcenter Theater.

It was designed to quell terrorist uprising in war-torn countries. But they decided to assign it to the skies over Los Angeles. "It" is a highly sophisticated helicopter that can do everything but vacuum your living room rug. "They" are politicians, government officials, and all sorts of other scoundrels. The name of the flick? You guessed it - "Blue Thunder," a highly entertaining, very well made film.

The centerpiece of "Blue Thunder" is a

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modified helicopter that has an on-board computer, video recorders, audio recorders, a 20 mm cannon, and a dozen other special features. It has everything a cop could possibly want to control what's going on below him.

"Blue Thunder" stars Roy Scheider as an honest helicopter cop in LA who is always at odds with his superiors, but has a heart of gold (at least gold-plated) and a certain sense of dignity.

Scheider uncovers a dastardly plan perpetrated by a half-dozen or so government and Pentagon officials that would put these "one man army" helicopters to use over some of the major cities in the

United States. He doesn't like the idea of having armed helicopters hovering over civilians very much, but he is absolutely opposed to the second part of the plot which involves the murder of one certain honest helicopter cop who "knows too much" - namely him.

What follows after the bad guys discover that the good guys know what's going on? Well, the logical thing would be a chase scene or two. But how should the bad guys chase the good guys? Well, not in cars - that's too commonplace. Not on horseback either - this is southern California we're talking about, they're much to modern to have horseback chases. Well, it's not done on mopeds, surfboards, not even on foot. C'mon, this is a helicopter movie! The chase scenes are done in helicopters—what else!

The helicopter chase scenes in "Blue Thunder" are wild. Darting under bridges, and skimming over building tops, the helicopter plus a few F-16 fighter planes play a deadly game of cat and mouse. Thanks to some great photography, the audience gets to ride along with the pilots as they try to either shoot the other guy down, or keep from being shot down. It all adds up to a lot of excitement.

"Blue Thunder" is a fun movie to watch. Everybody cheers for the good guys, and boos whenever the bad guys rear their ugly heads. There are no weak spots at all, and the audience is kept entertained throughout the movie. So, on the infamous fluctuating scale of one to 10, "Blue Thunder" gets an infamous eight.

FEATURES

Ted Smith adds flavor to sociology

by Jeff Braimes

Green River sociology instructor Ted Smith is a lucky man. He is one of the relatively few people in the world who really, truly and sincerely loves his job.

"I see teaching more as a special calling or opportunity than a job," explains Smith, a faint smile making its way through the hair of his beard. "I love my job," he continues, "and I take it seriously - but not too seriously." The grin widens.

For anyone who has ever experienced a Ted Smith course, it is probably semi-difficult to imagine him taking much of anything too seriously. His teaching style is off the wall to say the very least, often almost to the point of being a stand-up comedy routine. It is not uncommon to see a Ted Smith survey of Sociology class rolling in the aisles, as one day in particular Smith touched on such norm-breaking topics as nose-picking, open flies, tight bras and undershorts, eating lasagna with your hands, dancing with members of the same sex and growling stomachs, all in fifty minutes.

However, all of these usually unmentionables as well as the entire comedy factor in general are secondary to the lecture, and always add, to never detract from it. Smith's lecture style helps students to remember, keeps them from falling asleep, and also reflects Smith's love of teaching. The fact that the fun and games are kept in check and do not dominate are also evidence that Smith does take his job seriously.

There is also a very philosophical side to Ted Smith. "I like to encourage students to think," Smith states, "and to seek truth before certainty." Smith admits to not yet having personally found "The truth," but also says that we all

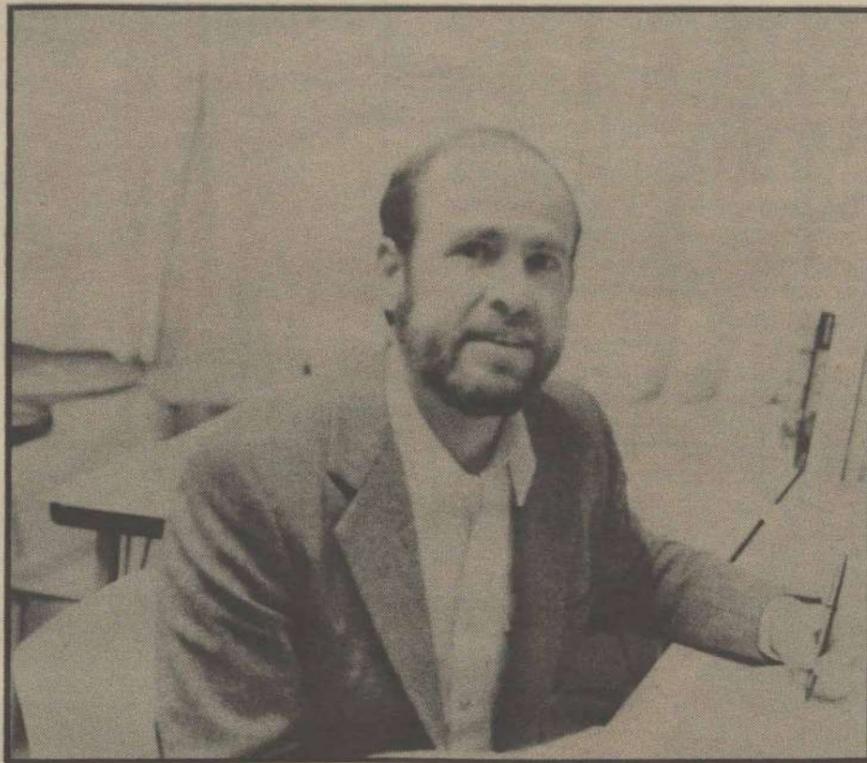


Photo by Joan Nelson

Sociology instructor Ted Smith encourages students to think, seek truth before certainty and to have fun.

have "Temporary truths" that help us make it through our day to day lives.

Smith was born in Charleston, WV., "which has absolutely nothing to do with my life, because I was only there long enough to be born before we moved." His family then migrated to Richland where Smith spent most of his growing up years. Upon graduating from high school he did what any confused high school graduate does; he joined the army. After six months, Smith got out of the army and into East Central State Univer-

sity in Oklahoma. He then transferred to New Mexico State University in Las Cruces, NW where he received his Master's Degree in Sociology.

Always longing to return to the Northwest, Smith did so, and earned his Ph.D. in Sociology at the Univ. of Washington. By this time it was 1969, and Smith migrated south once again, returning to New Mexico State Univ. where he taught for one year. He then accepted an offer from Southern Methodist Univ. in Texas,

where he spent the 1970's teaching Sociology.

Again feeling the Northwest itch, Smith packed up his wife and son and headed for the green. Only this time there was no school and no job waiting.

"We were takin' a chance," Smith reminisces of the spontaneous move to Washington, "but it was worth it."

While his wife Jody McNeil found a job at CONBELLA in Seattle in her field of counseling psychology, Smith worked a few miscellaneous teaching jobs before landing the big one at Green River last year.

He, McNeil and their 15 year old son Stuart (Smith describes him as "playing a very good trumpet and a very loud stereo") now resides on Capitol Hill in Seattle.

Smith is very active physically, jogging three miles a day, and playing racquet ball, softball and volleyball on a regular basis. This has not always been the case for Smith, however, as he remembers his idea of physical exercise as "Playing three hours of go get 'em racquetball, then going down to the pub and drinking a pitcher of beer and smoking a pack of cigarettes."

These ideas were given an awakening slap in the face in 1976 when Smith suffered a mild heart attack at the age of 34. Since undergoing quadruple coronary bypass operation two years ago, however, Smith has given up smoking and plans to live in good health for a long time.

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Frostad concerned about drafting training

by David Lundeen

John Frostad, drafting instructor at Green River, recently expressed his concerns about the drafting technology training at Green River. He also talked about the trend of the drafter.

"I think we're at a real crossroads in our training here at Green River. I think the high technology area is going to have to be very much addressed by us in this program," commented Frostad.

Frostad explained that more change will be happening with computers as they are used more and more in engineering firms and industry. He also noted the electronics industry is rapidly changing and advancing.

Since the change in electronics and computers is happening right now and will continue in the future, Frostad feels that the drafting department at Green River needs to update their training standards to meet the high technology standards in such areas as electronics and computers.

Today, more and more high technology companies are using CAD/CAM systems (Computer Aided Drafting and Computer Aided Manufacturing), which are computers that are used to enhance engineering and design concepts. Frostad and other drafting instructors at Green River feel that the best way to update the training standards of the drafting department is to purchase a CAD/CAM system and teach students how to use these computers.

As soon as possible, the drafting department would like to obtain some

CAD/CAM hardware and software, get drafting instructors trained to teach students how to use these computers, and put these computers into the classroom so students can use them as a tool that will enhance their drafting principles.

Frostad added, "We need the hardware/software to give an actual industrial introduction to CAD/CAM."

Frostad explained that drafters will create a "data bank," which is information that will feed into numerically controlled machines used in industry. In many engineering firms, the drafter will be working more with purchasing, accounting, shipping, and quality control. The people involved in these areas will come to the drafter for information, figures and facts (from the "data bank")

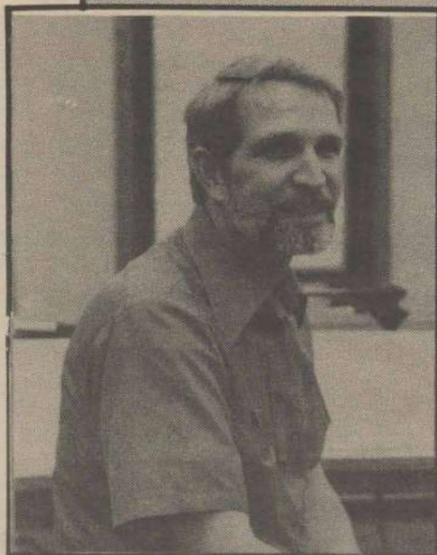
more responsible for math principles and applications.

In the future, the drafter is going to be more like a technologist. Frostad explained that the engineer is the theorist, the technologist-drafter applies the theory and directs the people in the realm of engineering, and the technician does the work. The technologist is sort of like a mid-management person, Frostad noted.

Frostad stated that drafters now are taking on more responsibilities of the engineer. For example, the documentation process of a project was originally done by the engineer, but now this task is being taken on more by the drafter. In other words, engineers are leaving one tool to grasp another tool, and the tool they left, the drafters have to pick up.

John Frostad graduated from Eastern Washington University in 1965 with baccalaureate degrees in education and industrial technology. Before coming to Green River, he worked at about 10 different industrial companies as a drafter, and in some cases, as a drafting supervisor.

Frostad started teaching at Green River in 1969 on a part-time evening basis. He worked at an electronics firm at that time and taught electronics classes in the evening. In 1973 he became a full-time instructor at GRCC. He taught a special nine-month program in electronics-mechanical-architectural-civil drafting. About four years ago, he started teaching regular drafting classes that related the drafting technology program. Today he teaches three levels of electronics drafting and two levels of mechanical drafting.



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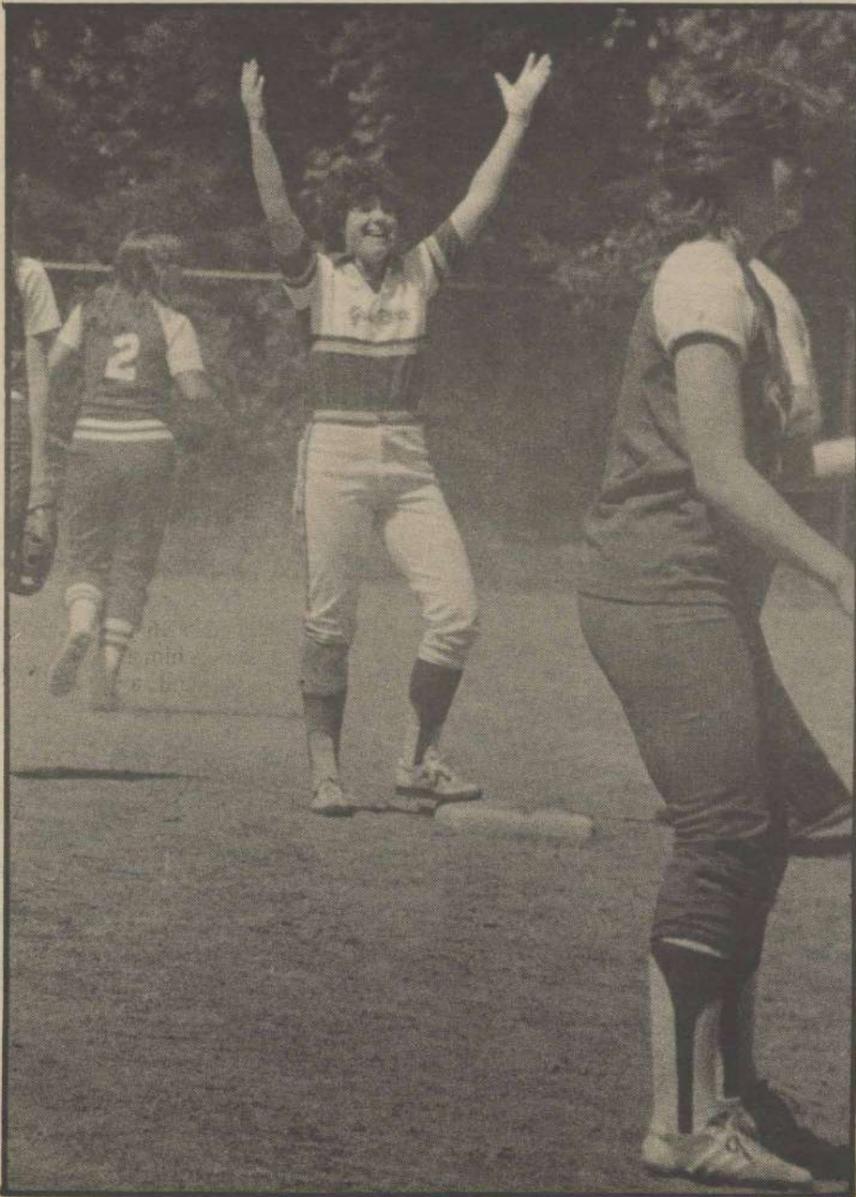
Photo by Laurie Montesi

that they need to get their tasks done.

When asked about the trend of the drafter, Frostad replied, "I think the drafter in the future is going to have to be more knowledgeable about the entire system from the design through the manufacturing."

Frostad stated that communications and people skills will be very important for the drafter to learn because the drafter must be able to communicate with the different departments in a company. Also, the drafter will probably be

SPORTS



Gator Reggie Kincaid celebrates after rapping a double against Tacoma.

Softballers clinch first

by Brenda Lord

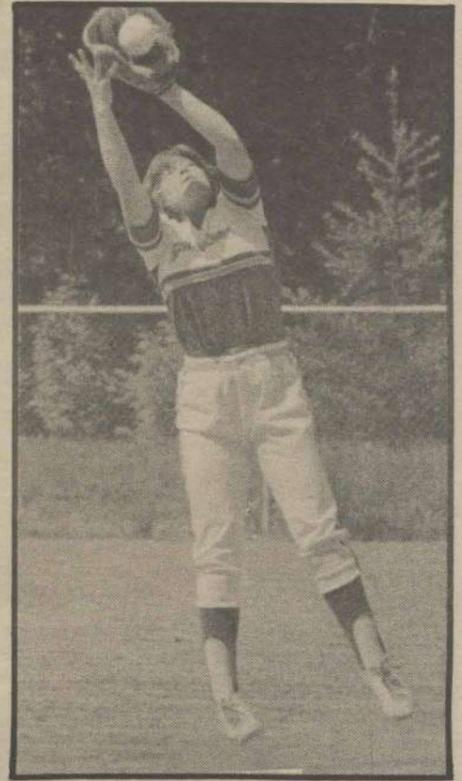
The women's softball team has clinched first place and are on their way to the state playoffs. It is the first time that Green River has ever been league champions. The team did this by defeating Tacoma Community College Monday 7-2 and 17-2. The Gators exploded for 18 hits while only committing three errors during both contests.

"I feel the team is playing very well considering the injuries we've had to overcome," stated Coach Harry Beggs.

The state playoffs begin next Wednesday and continue until Thursday. Four teams are involved in the tournament. The games are being played at Sprinker Fields in Tacoma. The first contests are to begin at 5:30 p.m., Green River will be playing the fourth place team, which will be either Grays Harbor or Edmonds. At the same time, second place Fort Steilacoom and third place Olympic will be battling it out. Then at 7:30, the winner of the Green River game and the Fort Steilacoom-Olympic contest will play for one of the championship slots. The championship game will take place Thursday at 7:30.

The women have been slugging the bats for an average of .321, while their opponents have been hitting .168. At present, Beth Stroyer has the hot handle with an average of .399. With all the injuries and mishaps, the Gators have had to pick up two players. They are Jill Kinsella and Jean Weier. "The girls have adjusted to the injuries. They realize it's all part of the game," commented Beggs.

Last Friday the women defeated Olympic Community College in a double



Shortstop Nancy Sharp header, 6-4 and 4-1.

The Gators swung for five and four clean hits, respectively. The team committed five errors in the two games combined.

On May 11 the Gators trounced Edmonds Community College 10-5 and 10-2. The women ripped the bats for a combination of 13 and 12 hits, respectively. Five errors were committed by the team.

Pro ball among hopes of Egbert

by Rick Sands

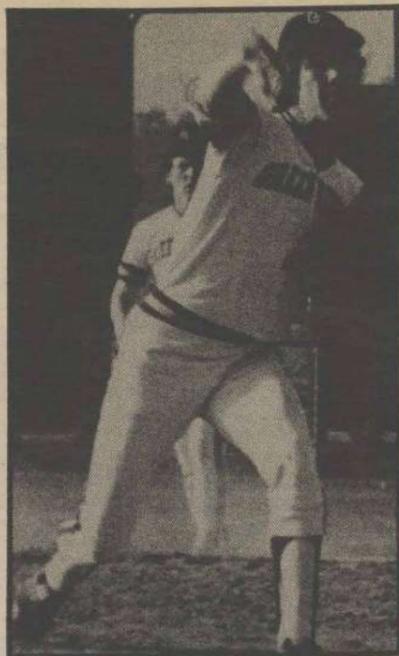
One week after Wayne Egbert, the Green River baseball team's leading pitcher, graduated from Sumner High School, he received a phone call from a representative from the Philadelphia Phillies organization announcing that they had just drafted him.

"It was a dream come true," Egbert said of the call.

Before the Phillies could actually sign Egbert to a money contract, they wanted to see him play summer ball. There was only one problem - Egbert was led to believe, by the diagnosis of two doctors, that he was suffering from tendinitis. He was advised to sit out during summer action to let his arm heal. Egbert went to a third doctor after he rested all summer and found out that he didn't have tendinitis, but instead had an enlarged nerve in his arm. He took medication for one week and was able to get back into action.

Again there was a problem. Summer baseball was over and Egbert would have to wait until the '83 GR season to play. By having to wait until the '83 GR season to play. By having to wait until spring to play, the Phillies didn't get a chance to see him in action. A decision on signing with the Phillies would have to have been made by December 30, 1982, but without playing any summer or fall baseball, the Phillies couldn't offer Egbert any money. Egbert didn't sign.

On January 1, 1983, Egbert was again free to be drafted. A few weeks later, the Milwaukee Brewers organization contacted Egbert and announced that he had



Green River pitcher Wayne Egbert

been drafted by them. Depending on how well Egbert does this season will decide the amount of money he will get offered. So far this season he has two wins and two losses, with a 3.56 earned run average.

Commenting on GR's team, Egbert said, "We all get along good. Mike Martinez and Darren Swanson have helped me out a lot this year. In high school, I mainly threw a fastball, but thanks to Martinez, Swanson and coach Tom Burmester, I have more confidence in other pitches."

Egbert's best season was his senior year in high school. His E.R.A. was an outstanding 0.54 with an 8-2 win-loss record. Egbert was Sumner's Most Valuable Player, as well as being named both all-South Puget Sound League and all state. Even at the plate, Egbert was tough, batting .333.

Egbert's chance of returning to GR is 50-50. He has until the first part of June to sign with Milwaukee or he will become free to be drafted again.

Green River to host state track meet at Auburn

by Mike Wright

For the first time ever, the state track meet for Community Colleges will be held this weekend at Auburn High School.

At least 300 athletes from all over the state will be competing for top honors in their respective events.

Green River Track Coach Ron Snodgrass is bringing his entire team to the meet and said, "We're shooting for third or fourth overall."

After breaking the school record in the 800 meter with a time of 1:53.5 two weeks ago, Ken Resseto should also do well in the 1500 meters.

Mike Neumann is entered in numerous events and should gain important points in both the hurdles and the high jump events.

Running anchor leg on both relays will be Kevin Williams. He'll also be in the 100 meter dash.

Shelly Schrader coming on strong of late is expected to take a top spot in the high jump and should be ready for the 400 meter hurdles also.

In the 800 and 1500 meter runs Trish Brown will be giving it her best shot for a win.

Green River should gain points in many other events, including Larry Beatty who should be one of the first to the tape in the 400 meter hurdles while Scott Killingsworth should place in the pole vault.

Look for strong performances from Brett Treadway, Brian Rassilyer and Warren Estby.

The women's discus will be handled by Karen Barnes, Noreen Schultz, and Denise Zerr.

Spokane Community College is favored to win the men's team title and

Bellevue Community College should take the women's.

Dan Shannon, an Enumclaw High School graduate now at Spokane Community College, could possibly be the standout performer of the entire meet.

Admission is free for all students and \$2 for adults. Final events are scheduled for Saturday.

Intramurals

Tournament slated

A pickleball tournament is scheduled to begin May 31 and will go as long as needed to finish the tournament. The tournament will run during the noon hour each day.

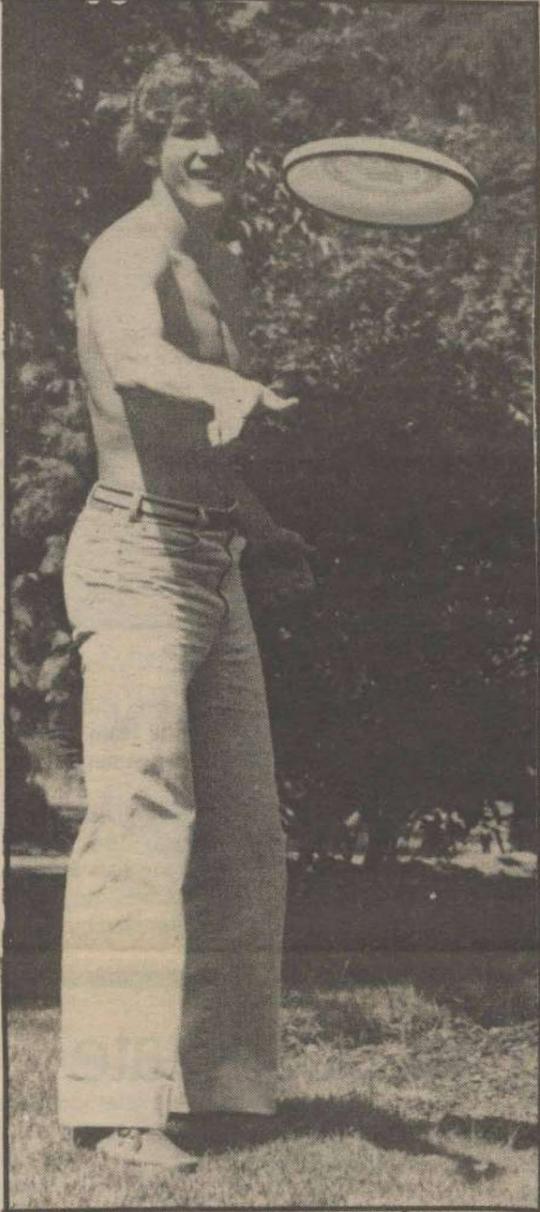
The intramurals program has set it up for Men's Singles, Men's Doubles, Mixed Doubles and Women's Singles and Doubles. "The tournament is open to all students, faculty and staff," said Ted Franz. Franz encourages all to sign up and participate. "There will be no fee charge but we ask all to be responsible to show up," remarked Franz. The first day will begin with singles play.

The 4 on 4 basketball playoffs began Tuesday. Slowbreak defeated USC while Bottom of the Net beat the Facers. Yesterday, the Timber and The Wave were scheduled to play along with the Six Pack and the Sixers. In today's competition, Doc & Co. is to take on Slowbreak while Bottom of the Net is to encounter with One Step Behind. Game times are at noon in the gym.

Softball playoffs are scheduled to begin Monday at noon. The tournament is single elimination and some teams may crossover into the other league to play. In the Fun League there will be no playoffs.

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Spring has sprung



Photos by Warren Estby

Green River students take the opportunity to enjoy the sunshine.

