

Permit fees rise in expansion push

By Barb Hobby

Car pooling it to school next year may not be such a bad idea. As a result of the decision made by Dean for Students Earl Norman and the Parking Board, Green River Community College parking permits will cost \$1 more for students and staff members this fall.

It was a lengthy battle that led to that decision, however. The Parking Board approved the proposed parking budget for the coming year, but would not agree to Earl Norman's recommendation of raising the parking fees to \$6 for students and \$7.50 for staff members, based on a 50 per cent increase. The parking board members felt that would be too much of an increase. Evidently a compromise of sorts was made in the end, and Norman has accepted the board's recommendation of the \$1 raise in parking fees.

Norman was disturbed by the delays in making a final decision on the raise in fees.

"The Parking Board has been dragging their feet," said Norman.

"They couldn't seem to realize that we're going to lose the Lea Hills lot."

Money taken in by the increase in parking fees will be used in adding 90 to 100 new parking spaces, according to Nick Smith, parking and security director. The additional spaces will be put in along service roads in two areas on campus. The new parking will be unmarked gravel spaces, and should be finished in time for the fall parking crunch.

Board member speaks out against expansion

Parking Board member Dennis White, a biology instructor at GRCC, feels that there are alternatives to building new lots — alternatives that haven't gotten much consideration. White believes that any raise in parking fees presents an added expense to students that they don't need. Students are having enough trouble paying for a college education. With the projected enrollments down, White feels that new parking spaces would prove unnecessary.

White has a good-sized collection of newspaper articles — all about the future gas shortages. White believes that GRCC should be looking farther ahead than just fall quarter. Encouraging the use of mass transit and car pooling would ease the parking problem, and at least prepare for, if not put off the coming shortage of fuel.

White is also concerned that the construction of new parking lots would mean the loss of trees and other natural surroundings that the GRCC campus is well known for. The natural surroundings also provide a study area for White's biology students. Many times White has been accused of trying to deprive the students of adequate parking.

"I've been told I'm too much of an environmentalist", said White.

Car poolers will benefit

In an attempt to provide more parking space, car poolers will receive financial benefits for their efforts this fall. New car pool permits will be issued to cars carrying three or more students. The permits will cost \$7 and will be transferable among the cars in a pooling group.

However, this is not the last time that students will be hearing about rises in parking costs. Norman feels that much more expansion will be needed in the coming years, and he intends to raise the fees again in the fall of 1978.

Fight the 'cult of self,' Lerner tells graduates

By Mark D. Stumpf

In what often seemed the quintessential commencement address, Dr. Max Lerner urged GRCC's graduates to cure America's "deep sickness" of "anything goes" values. Alienation — described as selfishness — was his target, and the spirit of the Bill of Rights — described as access — was his lance.

The June 14 speech in the Lindbloom Student Center began with Lerner's tale of a professor who "dreamt he was lecturing to his class, and he woke up to find he was." Everybody faces that danger of becoming "sleepwalkers," Lerner said.

"Every one of us has some fact that we master . . . and we better know that fact. But at the same time, we better know the relation between that fact and the whole universe."

History is not out of our control, Lerner asserted. "When it comes to our society and our civilization, it's not in our stars but in ourselves that we help to shape our future."

America is access

Intellectual dissidents in Warsaw, Poland once asked him to describe American civilization in a single word. Running through catch-words like freedom and opportunity and equality in his mind, Lerner hit upon "access" as America's essence.

"We're born free in America, Lerner said. "We're not born equal. We're born very unequal. . . It has nothing to do with categories. It has to do with individual differences."

"We also have the idea in America that there has to be equal access to equal life chances, so that every one of those unequally born youngsters gets the chance to develop his unequal abilities to the full." When Lerner asserted his

personal commitment to that goal, the LSC resounded with applause.

Acknowledgment of the ideal is not enough, Lerner said. People today who are overly concerned with "getting there and making it . . . may think about their own access," but often ignore what ties them to society at large. The nation has disposed of the imperial presidency, Lerner said, but not the "imperial ego, the cult of the individual self, and the selfishness also of groups acting as if they were one individual self."

"That, I think, is the American sickness, and it is a deep sickness," Lerner said, adding that "we have to fight it."

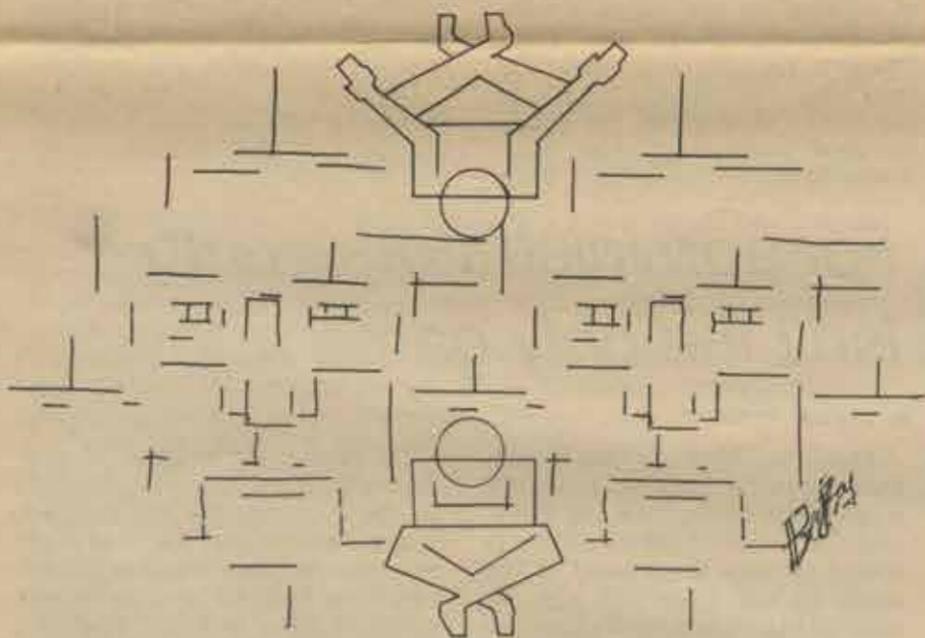
A revolution of values

Lerner said the values revolution is the "central revolution of our times," and defining the new values involves asking the right questions more than producing "right" answers. As Gertrude Stein lay dying, Lerner related, she asked her friend Alice B. Toklas, "What's the answer?"

"We don't know," replied Toklas. "Well then, Alice, what's the question?" Stein returned.

"In the past, we have talked in terms of money and power and success and prestige and security. And now, without giving up what is valued in those, we have come to understand that these are sawdust questions, and we must add other questions," Lerner said. "Questions about loving and the capacity for love, questions about human connectiveness, questions about being able to take risks, questions about the adventure of ideas and of life."

"I think it is your generation, perhaps for the first time, that is in a position to make some kind of values synthesis so that we care about living, but even more, so that we care about life."



FACES THROUGH THE BARS

Illustration by Bill Fay

The lonely man of McNeil

By Robert M.B. Draper

Surrounded by four cold, gray walls with nobody to talk to but other men in the same predicament is a problem that those of us on the outside can't accurately visualize.

But this is the very real plight of a 30-year-old inmate of McNeil Island Federal Prison. Though his problem is probably widespread throughout the penitentiary, this young man has chosen to try to do something about it. In an effort to brighten his life somewhat, he has asked people, especially young ladies, to write him, and share a little of their life with him:

Hello, girls. I'm writing from McNeil Island, federal prison. I have a couple of years to do, and am already getting mighty lonely. I'm 30 years old, was born in Oklahoma City, and my blood line is Norwegian. I'll be here for quite awhile, so if any of you care to write, it would sure make a lonely guy happy.

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Trustees approve records, refund policies

By Mark D. Stumpf

Refunds, records, and resignations were among the topics discussed at the June 16 GRCC Board of Trustees meeting. Included was trustee approval of a new tuition refund policy that gives students more (money) and less (time).

Effective immediately, the new policy provides for 100 per cent classload reduction or withdrawal refunds prior to five days before the quarter begins, 75 per cent for the first five days of classes, and institutes a \$5 refund fee and a \$5 minimum refund amount. Such refunds were in the past set at 50 per cent, but extended 10 days into

the quarter. Cancellation of classes by the college will still bring 100 per cent refunds.

Three letters of resignation were read the trustees. Business instructor Richard Passage retired effective June 14. "Certainly he has been a great contribution to our college, having been here since 1965," commented Dr. Melvin Lindbloom, college president. An even longer veteran of GRCC, nursing instructor Doreen Lorenz, also resigned. Lindbloom said she started the practical nursing program at Auburn High School in 1963 that later became part of Green River's curriculum. Homer Hal-

erson, associate dean of instruction for vocational education, resigned to become executive director of the state vocational education commission. The past two directors of the commission have come from GRCC, noted Lindbloom.

Privacy and access to college records are subjects of a proposal presented to the board by Dr. Earl Norman, dean for students. Designed to meet the requirements of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, Norman said the policy represents little change in current procedures, which he said go far beyond the law's requirements in giving access to the student and denying it to non-college parties.

Force-filling classes

Innovations in scheduling are being introduced this summer to increase enrollment and the efficiency of the curriculum, Dean of Instruction Bill Taylor told the trustees. Some classes offered in several sections are being "force-filled," Taylor said, meaning section B isn't opened for registration until A is filled, and so forth. The goal is to make some classes super-efficient to allow the college to support other, less popular ones that are part of the school's "commitment to comprehensiveness," Taylor indicated. He said it will be used Fall Quarter if successful this summer.

Offering some special vocational classes in the summer, like anatomy-physiology and some forestry classes, will hopefully help keep vocational students at the school throughout the entire two-year program, Taylor said. Students have increasingly been

getting jobs and leaving school long before their programs are complete, he said.

Trustee Dr. Richard Eidal asked if force-filling might cut enrollment by causing class scheduling conflicts for students. Taylor said only "very popular" classes, ones offered at many times, are being force-filled, leaving students adequate choices.

Enrollment efforts are going "pretty well," said Norman, dean for students, with 1,300 students registered for Fall Quarter. "Our applications are up from last year nearly 60 students," Norman said.

Hugh Mathews, trustee from Renton, was unanimously elected chairman of the board for the '77-'78 year. William Kennelly, chairman this past year, will serve as vice chairman.

Subcommittees of the All-College Council (ACC) will have to route all policy decisions through the full ACC under a policy adopted by the trustees after their questions about its purpose were answered. The intent, said Norman, is that subcommittees such as the bookstore and parking board not take "policy development and changes" directly to the Board of Trustees for action, but instead to the ACC. Subcommittees will remain autonomous in "operational" decisions, he said.

A four-hour, closed executive session before the 4 p.m. public meeting was used by the trustees for their annual evaluation of Lindbloom and his of the trustees.

The board's next meeting is scheduled for July 25 at 4 p.m. in the board room of the Administration Building.



PRESIDENT AND THE PRESS — Dr. Melvin Lindbloom, college president, takes a shot while Eric Pryne, a Seattle Times reporter, prepares for the rebound. Dean for Students Dr. Earl Norman looks on. Photo by Dave Lambert.

For administrators, youth isn't the only game in town

By Evonne Tersiisky

The Green River campus is quiet at seven in the morning. There are a few early risers here and there, and the sound of their activity is mixed in with the sounds of the birds in the trees and the air stirring in preparation for the day.

Yet part of the campus is definitely alive and awake at this time of the morning. Sounds of the pounding of feet on hardwood and shouts of excitement are coming from the gym. Further investigation reveals a basketball game in action—a fast-paced, active, and at times strenuous match of man against man and man against ball.

The players move around the floor, covering their areas, watching the ball, watching the other players, and moving, always moving. The game is good, fast, the players know what they are doing. But the game is somewhat unusual because it is not being played by student athletes but instead is being played by GR administrators, faculty, and people from the community.

Dr. Melvin Lindbloom, college president, is among the regular players. Lindbloom, who was an active athlete in his younger days, says he plays basketball now because, "I enjoy it and I'm getting older so I need the exercise."

Dr. Earl Norman, dean for students, has been playing basketball in the mornings for the past six years because he feels it is good exercise. Norman, who has a heart condition, feels his health problem might be more serious if he didn't keep up with the exercise he gets playing basketball.

Clark Townsend, assistant to the president, said he never was very athletic but began playing basketball to keep in condition for two outdoor activities he enjoys, skiing and backpacking. The best time for him to get regular exercise is during the morning basketball games since the rest of his time is spent on administrative duties and meetings.

GR faculty members also join in the morning workout, including Rawhide Papritz, geography instructor. Al Morrison, a businessman in the community, and Jim Denton, a local public school teacher, also play in the game along with a few students.

Any student or community member interested in playing morning basketball is invited to come to the GR gym any Monday, Wednesday, or Friday at 7 a.m. and join in on the action, say team members.

Check and balance

A question of planning, not plunder

By Mark D. Stumpf

Parking is known at the Current as the tar pit of editorial topics, where the unwary and the brave sink into a sticky mass of contradictory goals, never again to be seen in an unambiguous state.

Students' interest in the subject is a see-saw one: When they are forced into the literal pit of parking here, the mud lot, or cannot find a space at all, the cry is to do something about it — expand parking. When the Parking Board moves to expand, environmental concerns come to mind. And when it becomes apparent parking permit prices must be raised to provide revenue for expansion, one can sense the helplessness of contradiction already enveloping the debate.

Parking has the strange attribute of being an absence rather than a presence. It is trees and birds and deep green ferns replaced with space, nature's whole traded for man's hole. The more cars we create, the more emptiness is needed to accommodate them.

If the world's parking problem is the result of concentrating on making more cars, Green River's is the result of the exclusive attention paid to slavishly servicing them. Rather than considering the root cause — that more and more people drive cars — the college has reacted to the immediate headache by proposing to pop a few more asphalt aspirins, making later recovery from the tumorous spread of nothingness on campus that much less likely. For Green River's rich and pleasing environment, it could progress to be a terminal case.

Lest this wordy beast lumber down the same wishy-washy path that has consumed its predecessors, I will not take one side of the supposed dichotomy of parking space versus environment and low permit prices, and then minimize the other. Though it seems at first the most equivocal of all, I propose that it is possible to work toward all three goals in a constructive way.

The real alternatives of car-pooling and bussing have received only cursory attention by the Parking Board and administration. A car-pool discount in permit prices has been offered, but not promoted. Likewise for Green River's recently-expanded bus service. They have been viewed only as means of reducing the parking crunch, or providing transportation for those who are unable to drive. They should be viewed — and sold — as good choices in themselves, economically and ecologically.

In coming years, our President tells us, the hard economics of energy will force people to end unnecessary use of the private automobile. Little prescience is required to see that if money is committed to expand parking now, much vacant blacktop will be the future result, especially since the college is working hard to boost enrollment to where it was two years ago. If parking is built, and time proves it useless, it will nevertheless be too late to reverse the decision. The destruction in a few minutes by a roaring bulldozer of forest nature nurtured for centuries simply cannot be undone.

Some creativity is needed in the search for options. To cover the short-term parking shortage, for instance, arrangements could be made for commuters to park at the spacious Metro park 'n ride facility now under construction in Auburn. A college shuttle bus, operated at convenient intervals, could ferry students to campus. That would be a far better use of funds than the Caterpillar rape of one of GRCC's greatest assets.

Even if the Parking Board wanted to explore such alternatives, it could not. As long as permit fees are the source of its revenue, the board is bound to use that money to provide parking for those who bought them. This structural problem could be resolved by rewriting the body's mandate, and adding flexibility to its revenues by tapping the ASGRCC for some of the extra lump of services and activities fees the tuition increase has provided. A transportation board is what the future calls for.

The Parking Board has been accused of being short-sighted for its approval of a smaller permit price increase than the

administration wanted. The fact is that both the board and administration have been unable to see the circular nature of each's views — more space requires higher prices, which reduces the need for space, and keeping prices low encourages driving, creating more need for space. Now they have an opportunity to demonstrate some vision. They can change the structure of parking decision-making and its goals, before there is little natural beauty left to protect, and fewer metal chariots to take its place.



RIDING THE BIG CAT — Dr. Earl Norman, dean for students, at the controls in a college publicity photo.



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Lead and Learn promotes GRCC

By Dave Lambert

New students making the community aware of Green River Community College, and possibly picking up some other new students in the process, is the emphasis of the Lead and Learn Program at GRCC this year.

The Lead and Learn Program was started eight years ago by Associate Dean for Students Mike McIntyre to alleviate what he saw as a lack of continuity in student activity leadership positions.

McIntyre said that by the time a student leader had learned the skills necessary for the job, they would graduate and move on.

Lead and Learn gets its people from high schools in the area and also first year GRCC students. Out of 100 first year applications for L and L only eight were chosen for

this year's program. There are a total of 16 students in the program.

The application is accompanied by two letters of recommendation, then the applicant must go through three intensive interviews by Sue Krutz, L and L coordinator, McIntyre, and finally by members of the administration and Board of Trustees.

Training for the L and L students began last week with three days of intensive classes on how to make the community more aware and interested in the college. This training will prepare the students for the various outreach programs offered at GRCC this summer.

Skills learned by the students will help them as they work at recruiting booths in the community and giving tours around the GRCC campus.

Many of the tasks performed in training are designed to teach the L and L students how to gain information on campus. Tasks such as finding out how many flat-bed trucks there are on campus teach the students where and how to find all kinds of information at GR.

The students are divided into teams of three comprised of one second year student with two new students in an effort to help the newcomers on the job.

The L and L students also do some prospecting, telephoning persons that express an interest in GRCC through the outreach program.

McIntyre stated that most of the new students were here for a job, but added that L and L students had a high success rate later in life.



LEARNING THE ROPES — Rick Sanford explains the finer points of finding information at GRCC to Lead and Learn student Diane Harrison. Photo by Dave Lambert.

Characters cast for con man musical

By Evonne Tersisky

Characters have been cast for the GRCC production of "Music Man," a moral, musical, comic play to be performed August 12, 13, and 14 at 8 p.m.

Jointly produced by GRCC's music and drama departments, it is being co-directed by drama and stage director Gary Taylor, and music director Ron Smith. Choreography will be directed by Jenny Hillock, and Joe Baker is responsible for technical direction and sets.

The play opens as Harold Hill, traveling salesman/con man, played by Mike Vouri of Sumner, comes into River City. He allows the townspeople to believe he is a professor of music, and that he can and will form a boys' band within a month with their cooperation. He claims that the band will keep the boys from "the road to sin" — the town's newly-acquired pool table.

Harold then goes about selling the people instruments and uniforms with the intention of leaving town as soon as the money comes in. But he runs into trouble in the form of Marian Paroo (better known as Marian the librarian), the town's music teacher, played by Charmee Cowan of Tacoma. Marian discovers the college Harold claims he got his degree from doesn't exist and Harold, in truth,

doesn't know a thing about music. She can't be conned.

Marian is about to expose him to the town when she notices a personality change come over her younger brother Winthrop, played by Rob Eaton of Auburn. Winthrop, a shy, reclusive boy has become transformed with the excitement of playing the coronet in the boys' band. When Marian sees this drastic change for the better in her brother, she tears up her evidence against Harold — and falls in love with him.

Meanwhile, River City's head of government, Mayor Shinn, played by Kurt Hanson of Auburn, has also managed to get some evidence against Harold.

The town must make its decision. Should they punish Harold for his dishonorable intentions or should they praise Harold for the happiness he has brought them?

Other characters in "Music Man" include Debbie Frodsham of Auburn as Marian and Winthrop's mother, Mrs. Paroo, who likes Harold and encourages Marian to marry him. Winthrop's sweetheart, Amaryllis, is played by Sirena Warner of Auburn. George Bellah of Kent plays Charlie, the play's villain, another traveling salesman who helps to expose Harold as a fraud. Shelia

Robey of Kent, plays Eulalie Shinn, the mayor's wife, and Erin Donnelly of Renton (featured in the dance numbers), plays the mayor's daughter Laneeta.

When the town finds out about the con, they plan to tar and feather Harold, then lynch him.

But Harold stays because of his love for Marian, and is caught. Marian then gets up before the

town to speak in Harold's behalf.

Although it's too late for a role in the play, help is needed on costumes, publicity, properties, make-up and other back-stage work. Anyone interested in helping may contact Taylor at the Tuesday and Thursday-night rehearsals at 7 p.m. in the Performing Arts Building.



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First lady of folk here Sunday

By Robert M.B. Draper

Joan Baez, America's first lady of folk music, will be in the Paramount Northwest this Sunday to provide Seattle with an evening of her beautiful music.

Ms. Baez is currently on tour to promote her new album, "Blowin' Away." The show consists of a 30-song repertoire of old hits and material from her new album.

The show opens with only Baez, accompanying herself with an acoustic guitar, playing some of her favorites, such as "Blowin' in the Wind" and "The Night They Drove Old Dixie Down." Following an intermission she is joined by a five-man band led by guitarist Elliot Randall. The band lays down a tight background for some of her more rock-oriented music.

Considering the positive reviews it's received in other cities, this should prove to be one concert that shouldn't be missed.



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