

Open door is closing on higher education

by Don Evers

Higher education in the state of Washington is taking two steps backward, and the open door is starting to close. Whether this is general, nationwide, backward trend in higher education, or simply a fact of our economic times is unclear. According to many, it is a mixture of both. Students' tuitions are rising while higher education opportunities are falling.

It seems to be a foregone conclusion that tuition had to rise for community colleges. Tuition next year will rise from \$306 to \$507 for three quarters. This steep rise, according to Dr. John Terry, executive director of the State Board of Community College education, will deny access to a secondary education to 44,000 people in the next two years.

"There is no question about it, this slams the open door," Terry stated.

Not only is tuition going up, but the state budget will only allow 91,903 full time students in the state's 27 community colleges, subject to passage of the bill in the house of Representatives.

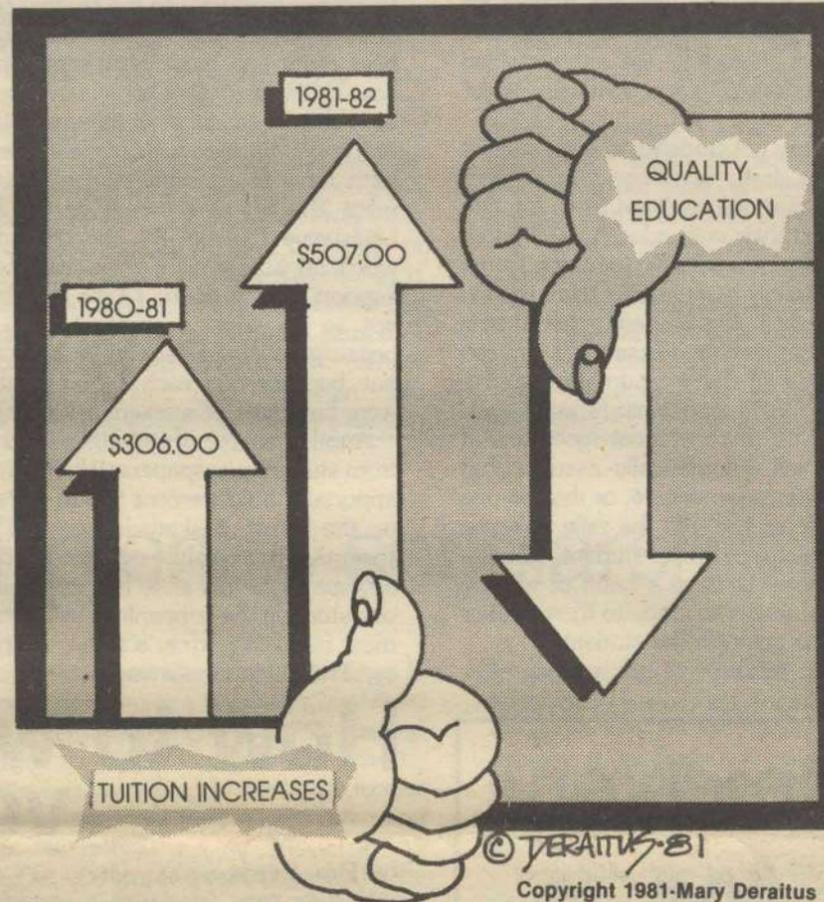
According to Terry, the hardest hit people will be the poor and those who want vocational instruction. Vocational classes will be cut first because they are the most expensive. Academic classes will have priority because they are designed to be transferable to four year institutions. Terry feels that in the light of this, community colleges will become institutions of the middle class, rather than to every citizen as they were designed.

Senator Jim McDermott, D-Seattle, had much harsher words.

"You are being taxed to fund the state budget. If there is any way to hurt the people more than to have already been hurt, I don't know what is is."

However, Senator George Scott, R-Seattle, chairman of the Senate Ways and Means Committee, promised that,

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in the face of decreased federal financial aid to students, "loan programs will cover any student who can't afford tuition. No one will be put out the door."

Some people seem to think otherwise, but compared to other campuses, the students here at Green River Community College have done little to counter the legislative measures. According to Dr. Nigel Adams, history instructor and coordinator of local "Save our Colleges" campaign, a petition drive to save higher education did not college enough

signatures to accomplish much.

"About all we can do is go on record as opposing," stated Adams. He also cited the dismal failure of a car caravan to Olympia before the key vote on higher education in the House of Representatives.

"There were only about 30 people there and maybe 25 percent of them were from Green River," declared Adams.

Other sources seemed to think that because GRCC serves a middle class community, students don't really care about tuition hikes. This, however, may

be a misconception. The legislative areas that GRCC draws from are the 30th, Federal Way and Auburn; the 11th, Renton and Kent; the 25th, Puyallup and Sumner; and the 2nd, Tacoma.

The voting in the state senate went along party lines with the Republicans responsible for what we are going to get. The Democrats tried for a much lower tuition increase and a variety of other legislation that would not have curtailed higher education as much as does the Republican legislation.

The reason for this type of atmosphere of course is the economy. Higher education has to compete with prisons, mental health facilities, and other social programs. According to many who are aware of the mood of the legislators, higher education is way down the list of priorities. However, Dr. Edmund Gleazer, president of the American Association of Community and Junior Colleges said that education shouldn't have to compete with social programs and that it is tremendous in combating social ills.

"Nursing home officials tell me that the elderly taking classes spend less time in the infirmary. Prison officials tell me that the rate of recidivism is cut as a result of community college programs behind bars," stated Gleazer.

Also, studies show that the educated are less likely to be dependent on the state, especially in old age.

"We've got to learn to see education, as particularly community college education as a valuable resource in dealing with major social problems," said Gleazer. This is not the way the legislators in Olympia see it. In terms of dollars, tuition is going from \$306 to \$507 per year; at the same time the needed budget of \$501 million over the next two years to educate students will be trimmed to \$389 million.

Relay team to begin competition

by Danna Schouten

Outdoor Programs is seeking individuals interested in being part of Green River Community College's relay team which will be racing in the 'Ridge to River Relay' race in Wenatchee, Sunday, April 26. The race is being run in conjunction with the annual Apple Blossom Festival. The five relay events of the race are cross-country skiing, downhill skiing, long distance running, bicycling, and canoeing.

The race begins near the top of Mission Ridge with cross-country skiing and

continues with two miles of downhill skiing on a fairly difficult course set in a leisurely giant slalom format. At the end of the run the skier will remove his gear, run 100 yards and hand off to the distance runner who will be waiting at the Mission Ridge parking lot.

The long distance run consists of a 7.1 mile race with a hand-off to the bicyclist who then continues for approximately 15 miles through Wenatchee.

Eight miles of canoeing on the Wenatchee River and two miles on the Columbia River follow the bike race. To com-

plete the relay, team members must portage their canoe four hundred yards to the finish line.

Green River College will be sending two teams at a cost of \$10 per person. The fee includes team t-shirts and cost of transportation to and from Wenatchee.

The GRCC 'Ridge to River Relay' teams will depart by van Saturday, April 25.

More information may be obtained by contacting Mark Schmidt in Outdoor Programs, ext. 271.

Freshman senator position available

by Danna Schouten

A position within the student senate was made available with the resignation of Freshman Senator Karen Bielaga.

Green River College students currently enrolled in classes equalling at least 10 credits with less than 45 total credits earned are eligible to apply for the position of Freshman Senator.

The vacancy will be filled on April 23. More information may be obtained from Mary Neil in the Student Government Office, ext. 410.

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Opinion

Divided students make safe target

The following editorial is reprinted from a legislative update sent to the Current by the Council of Representatives and Presidents (CORP). As of press time, Governor John Spellman had rejected the budget offered by the House, saying it was a starting point, but the it would not be acceptable as a final budget. We still have a little time left while the budget differences are worked out.

This is an opportunity to allow us to editorialize briefly about what happened. Students have been caught in the middle of a political struggle between Democrats and Republicans. We have been used by the Republican party as a chief source of convenient revenue. Tuition became important to the Republican party since it was directly tied to their budget and if they were going to keep their promise of no "general tax increases," they had to get some revenue somewhere. "User fees" are an easy target since they aren't "taxes," yet they provide the state with some revenue to boot and students are the

most vulnerable source of user fees. Even though there are almost 300,000 students in our state, (sufficient numbers to have a definite impact on any election) we simply don't translate into votes. Basically, we are a divided force, and therefore a politically "safe" target.

One may get students to unite against a war, a draft, or refugees in another country, but one can't get them to unite to defend their own education. Student government are partially to blame. Often times, there is more apathy there than in the student body. Student governments tend to get lazy, and assume failure too early. One of the most frustrating problems CORP's leadership faces at each meeting is that student government leaders will automatically assume that their students won't care, or that no one will want to come to the rally or some other excuse. Most student governments seem to have a habit of waiting for the students to come to them, rather than their going to the students.

CORP can't even get an operative

telephone tree going from student government to student government. We haven't even begun to worry about how to get our messages to the student body at large yet. At each CORP meeting we hear more and more complaints about how CORP's mailing list sits on so-and-sos desk, etc. Neither of these problems has anything to do with student apathy, both have to do with student government apathy. One can have the best Legislative Team in the country, and it won't do any good if there isn't some support behind them. That's how labor got to be such a viable lobby, not because they had such great lobbyists, but because for each lobbyist, there were hundreds of workers behind him.

Another source of our difficulty comes from student newspapers. What is more important; a 67 percent tuition increase or the latest basketball game? Even though probably every student newspaper in this state has run at least one story on the happenings in Olympia, most failed to portray a sense of urgency. There was a seeming attitude of 'it

really won't be that bad, will it?' Furthermore, there was little follow-up.

Unfortunately, the problem is further compounded because on some campuses, student newspapers and student government have placed themselves in adversary, rather than cooperative, roles. Student governments need to be constantly providing the student body and the student newspaper about what is happening, and how students can work to prevent it. After all, we're all in this together.

As long as these problems persist, we can be assured that it will continue to be "politically safe" for the Legislature to take advantage of higher education. We need to work together, and it will be hard work, to defend what is so important to all of our lives, the community college system. This is a very sore spot with your lobbying team. We tend to feel like we're wasting our time - and maybe we are - and that if students don't care about what happens to them, then we shouldn't either. We really need to work closer together. Think about it.

Current Commentary Possibilities for a positive future

by Michael Shook

An acquaintance of mine asked me last week why I'm always writing editorials and comments that are so critical of our American way of life.

"Couldn't you," he asked, "just once in a while write something positive?"

Well, I gave that question some thought since last Friday, and realized he was right—it's easy enough to moan about this or that, to criticize every little thing about our culture - it's another thing entirely to come up with something positive. Despite the difficulty that presents itself when one is being positive, I felt a responsibility to my readers to try. Here then are a few of the positive topics I came up with.

Ronald Reagan has less than four years left before his term as President is up. With any luck, he will stick by his statements about being a one-term President.

Psychics and sooth sayers, after conferring with their spiritual contacts (the editors of the National Enquirer and Midnight Globe tabloids and the editor of People magazine) have predicted that Alexander Haig will become involved in more political infighting during 1982 and will threaten to stay on as Secretary of State. Fortunately, Vice-President Bush will come to his senses, acquiescing to Haig, who will then quit.

Because of the exorbitant tuition hike that will take effect this fall, my wife will

not be able to attend the University of Washington. She will have to get a job instead, which will, in addition to bringing in more money for beer, card games and betting during football season, free up her evenings, enabling her to cook meals for me again. It's about time! There are only so many kinds of frozen dinners available.

Anthony Burgess and his creation, Alex the Droog, have announced they will be running for the nation's highest office in 1984. Their platform is the Brave Orange World without welfare (Bowwow) a daring idea that promises to eliminate once and for all the scourge that is sucking this country dry: welfare. This amazing feat will be accomplished by eliminating those who need welfare. No welfare recipients to collect benefits, no benefits needed. Although the Reagan administration has already taken a step in this direction, Alex feels the President is being too soft hearted. "We'll take whoever's left, dress'em up as nuns and ship'em off to El Salvador," he explained in a telephone interview.

These are only a few of the swell things I got excited about this week. There were many others I could mention, but this short list does give one an idea of how powerful positive thinking can be. As Professor Pangloss said years ago, "This is the best of all possible worlds." Isn't it?

How to write your legislator

by Don Evers

Writing to a legislator is something most Americans haven't done because we simply haven't known the process, or we have been suspicious of the effect.

The question of effect is fairly simple. If a person's letter is one of many, it is an extremely effective lobbying tool. However, if that person's letter is the one and only of its kind, chances are obviously slim that it will cause any social revolution. Even one though, if written properly, can make its mark. Congressman Morris Udall, former Secretary of State (D-AZ) reports that "... on several occasions I can testify that

a single, thoughtful, factual, persuasive letter did change my mind or cause me to initiate a review of a previous judgment."

Lobbying by writing serves other purposes. It lets a legislator know people are watching his/her voting record, and it lets the legislator know his/her constituent's needs directly. Also, other than voting, it is one's only line of defense against the rich special interest groups that can put lobbyists in the capital buildings. The special interests groups advantage is money; the average

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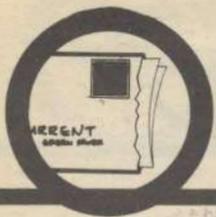
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Letters

Students query

Where is student government?

To the Editor:

Where are our Student Government Officers when we need them the most? As students at Green River we elect our officers to represent our ideas and needs; also to keep us well informed in matters regarding our education. In our opinion this is not asking too much. But evidently some people think it is.

In Olympia, on April 9, there was a rally with our legislators regarding Community Colleges. Instructor Dr. Nigel Adams and another from Edmonds Community College were the only faculty members present. Students from GRCC constituted 25 percent of the people there; of that group not one per-

son was an elected GRCC student body officer. According to CORP (Council of Representatives and Presidents) our elected officials were notified of the meeting. Where were they? Why didn't they inform the student body of the meeting? Where is our leadership?

You think it's difficult to get the classes you need now? If you don't speak out you will be faced with even more cuts and an increase in tuition of \$200 per year. Obviously this money is not being used for the betterment of our educational system, but as a source of revenue for our government. Where does a fee stop and tax begin? We believe that education should maintain

certain standards of quality and should be available to all at a reasonable cost, "untaxed."

We have very little time to take action, we have the rest of our lives to regret it if we don't. We must communicate our needs as students if we are to retain our dignity. Our minds are not a source of revenue for our state. We are seekers of a good education, and a better world. We deserve it regardless of race or economic status.

We can no longer stand by and watch our Community College slowly die. We must unite and think of the direction in which education is headed. Remember, if the direction is downward, you will go

with it, unless you are willing to let your voice be heard.

Remember, you do make a difference. Write your legislators, or call them on the hotline, 1-800-565-6000. Let your opinion be known. It's your education and your future, you have the right to protect it. If you don't, this is just the beginning. Where will the cuts end? Where ignorance begins?

Pamela Anderson
Janice L. Martin
Beverly Vikse
Monika Craig
and 20 other students

BMA announces fashion show

The Green River Business Management Association announces a fashion show which is titled "Fashion Fever." It will air next Tuesday at the Federal Way Athletic Club.

The event, which begins at 7 p.m., will feature the latest in men's and women's sportswear and evening attire. The models for the show will be Green River students and they will be wearing everything from bikinis to three piece suits.

Also planned for the evening will be a racketball demonstration; door prizes and refreshments will be included.

Admission for the evening will be \$2.50; tickets are now on sale in the lobby of Lindbloom Student Center. More information is available by calling 941-5995.

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How to write your legislator

citizens advantage can be a pen. Here then are some tips for proper procedure in writing to a legislator.

1. The correct address is essential. Having the incorrect address on the envelope will help insure its speedy disposal.
2. Let the legislator know who you are by your voter status, legislative district and city.
3. Be sure to do a little research so that you may be specific. Let who ever you are talking to know which bill you are referring to.
4. Try to write just before the key vote has been taken. Be timely.
5. Perhaps most importantly, explain in your own words how the piece of legislation is going to effect you personally.
6. Urge your legislator to take action.
7. Type or write your letter on a plain 8½ x 11" white piece of paper and mail it in a legal size envelope.

Re-entry scholarship available

Green River Community College is currently offering a \$500 scholarship to be used in conjunction with tuition and expenses at the college. This scholarship was developed to honor the former college president Melvin Lindbloom and his wife Roma.

The applicants preferably should be over 30 years of age. It is also desired that they be either the head of a household or have their family financial-

ly dependent on them. Before the scholarship is awarded, the recipient will be asked why she/he thinks training is necessary for her/his re-entry into the job market, and show how this training will enable her/him to advance in the job market.

Individuals must be enrolled or have their applications for enrollment in process no later than May 8. A complete high school and/or college transcript

along with three letters of recommendation* from people other than family members must accompany the scholarship form. Applications may be picked up at the Alumni Relations Department at the Lindbloom Student Center, Rm LC 122. Deadline for applications to be submitted is May 8. Any questions may be direct to the college at 833-9111, ext. 288.

Scholastic honor society seeking applicants for '81

The Scholastic All-American Selection Committee is now accepting applications for the 1981 Spring Semester. Students who are active in scholastic organizations and who perform well in class are asked to join.

The Scholastic All-American is an honor society founded to recognize this country's top undergraduate and graduate students. Students are selected from over 1,280 schools covering all 50 states. Members participate in various nationally organized service projects each year.

Students are selected for considera-

tion based on the extent of their academic and scholastic performance both in and out of the classroom. No one factor is weighed heaviest when a new member is considered. A student's best asset must be his or hers. "well roundedness."

Interested students are asked to send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to "Application," Scholastic All-American, Administrative Offices, P.O. Box 237, Clinton, New York, 13323.

All students are encouraged to submit an application regardless of their grade point average.

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ASGRCC candidates for 1981-82



Art Anderson
Position running for: President.
Age: 24

"Everybody should have the opportunity to get involved and they shouldn't have to go searching for it. We've got to break out of this high school mentality. There are more important things than dances-I'm not saying 'all work no play' let's just get our priorities straight."



Dennis Traylor Austin
Position running for: President
Age:

"If elected as president I will make myself more accessible to the students. I will also let students decide where money should be spent by surveying the GRCC student body. I would like to see student's financial needs and educational needs come first, before activities. I would like to see my government a hard working government and always on the ball."



Sue Bauer
Position running for: Vice President
Age: 24

"I would like to get 100 percent more student involvement and awareness in the student government. I would like to establish a ombudsman system to find out student gripes in the classrooms. I would like to poll the students to see how they feel about bills being proposed in the senate. I will do everything I possibly can for the majority of the students."



Joe Fenbert
Position running for: President
Age: 18

"Joe and I plan to make student government big. Every student on this campus will know next year who their president and vice president are. Once this is established, the student government will turn into a valuable resource to the students. With Joe's and my knowledge of the processes of student government, we can start working your concerns into student government. Joe and I are both hard workers and believe that we can make next year's student government the best ever at GRCC."



Joe Piek
Position running for: Vice President
Age: 18

"We want to make student government the authority on campus for which it was created. The resourcefulness and authority of student government has never been tapped on this campus. Joe and I feel that we have the experience, after having been on the senate this year, to make these changes possible. Student government, especially on a computer campus such as Green River is a very complicated system and we feel that we can put our ideas into effect immediately next year without having to take time to learn the system first."

Campaign news:

Final speeches and debate scheduled for noon, Monday Lindbloom Student Center

Persons running for Sophomore Senator

Kristian Strinsky, 19, Curtis High School
Interest: Earth Sciences
Objective: To help make better decisions and create more student involvement.

Doug Cozart, 18, Puyallup High School
Objective: "It will be challenging to appropriate our student government in the most effective way."

Guy Marshall, 26, Kailua High School
Interest: Business/Economics (High School Student Body President.)
Objective: Major emphasis on representing the student body.

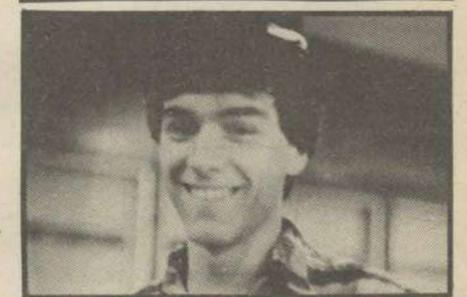
Sam Burke, 18, Franklin Pierce High School
Interest: Engineering, (experienced Senior Senator in High School)
Objective: Help unify Student Government

Jean Lawrence, 18, Stadium High School
Interest: Chemistry
Objective: To get a more encompassing and involved student body government

Patricia Craig, 19, Puyallup High School
Interest: Business Administration
Objective: "I will work for better student senate communications."

Katherine German, 19, Redmond High School
Interest: Air Traffic Control, (Freshman Senator this year)
Objective: To keep Public Relations up to date

Karen A. Parker, 30, Ballard High School
Objective: To make the government more open to the students, and better meet the needs of all student age groups. I fully support "Day Care" and the work of the Women's Center in helping displaced homemakers acquire new skills.

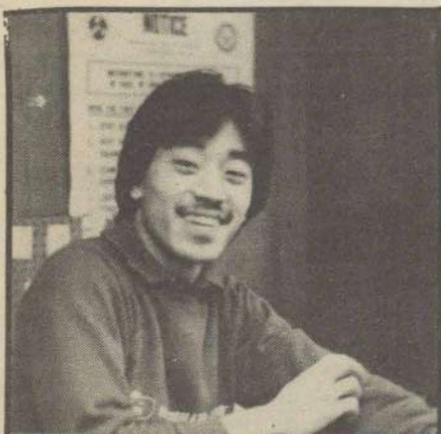


Michael McClusky, 21, Kentridge High school
Interest: Student government budget team
Objective: To bring student government back to the students



Maurice Marable, 18, Bell High School
Interest: To simplify student government for the students use

Persons running for Senator-at-Large



Nori Shirouzu, 23, Tokyo, Japan
Interest: Journalism
Objective: "I want to make GR even better and to help students feel good about their school"



Craig Birkid, 18, Enumclaw High School
Interest: Political Science
Objective: "Through me let the students express their views so I can let the government know what the majority wants."

Kim Mose, 18, Franklin Pierce High School
Interest: Education (H.S. Senior Class President)
Objective: Better communications between the students and the government



Best picture of the year 'Ordinary People'

Ordinary People is not ordinary—it's extraordinary.

It's a brilliant movie with a superior screen play, excellent acting and fine directing by Robert Redford.

There is no wonder why *Ordinary People* won this year's Academy Award for Best Picture. Not since *Kramer vs. Kramer*, last year Best Picture winner, has there been a film so perceptive, intelligent and revealing about modern life.

Movie review

by Tom Steele

Based on Judith Guest's best-selling novel, the movie is about a group of fairly ordinary people: a tax-lawyer father (Donald Sutherland), a good looking country-clubbish mother (Mary Tyler Moore), and a 16 year old son (Timothy Hutton). It picks up their story soon after the death of the oldest son in a boating accident and concentrates on the difficult adjustment of the younger son Conrad, who, feeling responsible for his brother's death, has attempted suicide and has just been released from a stay in a mental institution.

The picture follows Conrad through his difficult return to school, his being pursued by an interested girl (Elizabeth McGovern) at choir practice, a brief meeting with a suicidal friend (Dinah Manoff), and numerous confrontations with a rather cold and unapproachable mother. His father suspects that everything is not right with Conrad and he tries to get him to talk about his problems. Finally, he convinces the boy to go see a psychiatrist, played by Judd Hirsch of *Taxi* fame.

The mother is still mourning for her dead son, Buck, and she is ashamed by the fact that remaining son is seeing a psychiatrist.

Treated unkindly in film

Mary Tyler Moore's character is not treated kindly in this film. When she discovers that Conrad lied to her about quitting the swim team, she's not upset because he had lied to her, she's upset because one of the country club friends knew about it first. She was embarrassed.

The fact that the mother is treated unkindly makes the movie much different from other films, such as the *The Great Santini* and *Kramer vs. Kramer*, both of which refused to identify villains.

Moore's role isn't exactly villainous, but she is shown as being weak and very shallow.

Best performance ever

Donald Sutherland gave the best performance of his career as the sympathetic husband and father who is torn between the two people he loves the most. His final two scenes are moving and beautifully acted.

Mary Tyler Moore erases all mental references to her famous television sitcom character in the first scene and creates an almost frightening portrait of a woman who has suppressed her feelings so long that they may no longer exist.

Judd Hirsch gave an excellent performance as a psychiatrist patiently trying to pull Conrad's problems out into the open.

Finally, Timothy Hutton was superb as the troubled son. He is sure to be one of Hollywood's more talkable young actors, like Robby Benson, in the years that follow.

Ordinary People is a movie about behavior and feelings. It is rated R, strictly because of the language, but both adults and teenagers should see the film. It clearly shows how some of the parent teen battlelines are drawn and how they can hopefully be resolved.



Jazz festival

Green River Community College will be hosting its 11th Annual Vocal Jazz Festival, Saturday, April 25. This event traditionally draws the top 33 high school vocal jazz ensembles from the Pacific Northwest. The competition will begin in the gymnasium at 8 a.m. and run until 4:45 p.m., followed by a special performance by the Green River Music Company at 5 p.m. and the finalist competition at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$2 for students and \$3 for non-students and will be available all day at the door. For more information contact Lisa Bott or Mark Goetz at 833-9111, ext. 337 or from Seattle call 464-6133 and from Tacoma call 924-0180.

Singer to perform for degree

by Tom Steele

Move over Farrah Fawcett, Jaclyn Smith and Cheryl Ladd. Green River Community College has its own version of an angel and she's all three rolled into one. Her name is Jamie.

Jamie Dru Spindler is more than just your average college student and her

past can speak for itself. She's a singer, a dancer and an actress as well as being a professional journalist.

Born in Golversville, N.Y., Jamie studied journalism for a year at Syracuse University before moving on to Berklee School for Music in Boston where she majored in singing. Soon she found

herself a professional singer also.

Jamie worked nights as a weather-person for TV Channel 27 in Worcester, Massachusetts. She not only wrote but performed the weather news every night on the 11 o'clock news show. Some evenings while she was on the television reporting, Jamie was also on the stage of many Boston nightclubs singing, thanks to a method called video tape.

Cooper girl Jamie

Jamie's job at Channel 27 also included writing TV commercials. The studio's creative service director, Mario Finocchio, assigned her to writing commercials for Cooper tires. One day Jamie wrote this commercial: "Whether it's raining or it's snowing, you've got to have your Cooper's on." She told Mario that he should hire a sexy Mae West-type actress to speak the line while hugging a tire.

Mario liked the idea. He suggested that Jamie could do a better job at selling the commercial to the sponsor than he could. "Go sit on the sponsor's lab," he said. "Read him the line like Mae West, give him a hug and see what happens."

What happened was that the sponsor liked Jamie's presentation so well that he wanted Jamie to be the Cooper girl.

It was not time before Jamie was in front of the camera. The shot of her hugging the tire and talking sexy showed up on millions of TV screens, broadcast

by studios throughout the East Coast. She was so encouraged by the response of the commercial's success that she quit both her jobs and headed west to try her luck in Hollywood.

Within a short while, Jamie was singing with top name bands including those of Herb Albert and Horace Heidt Jr. Working as a stand in for "The Ghost of Mrs. Muir" actress Hope Lange on an ABC Movie of the Week called "The Secret Night Caller," and dancing in a commercial spotlighting the Rythym Heritage record "SWAT."

When asked what was the highest and the lowest point in her career, Jamie replied, "It was when I was working in Reno as the warm-up act for Wayland and Madame. I had the star dressing room with all the royalties, but I couldn't take all of the gambling and the lifestyle that went along with it."

From Hollywood to GRCC

Jamie moved to the Seattle area a year ago with her husband John to get away from the hussle and bussle of show business. John is a musician currently performing with the group "Janis," playing such local spots as the Doubletree Inn and The Hall of Fame in the University District while Jamie completes her schooling so she can get her degree enabling her to teach elementary school.

Whatever the career is, Jamie is a superstar, making people happy wherever she goes.



Jamie Dru. From superstar to college student

Health Fair a success

by Eulalia Tollefson

Poor health is an accumulation of bad habits, believes Judi Names, Director of Health Services at Green River Community College.

Ms. Names, assisted by Rose Stewart in Student Programs, sponsored this year's Health Fair.

The theme of the Health Fair, conducted Tuesday and Wednesday of last week in the Lindbloom Student Center was 'Positive Lifestyles '81.' Its purpose was two-fold.

"One goal was to increase awareness of healthy lifestyles. This involves learning to control poor health habits. Bad exercise, eating, smoking and drinking habits cause some of today's major health problems," said Ms. Names. about available community resources.

Fourteen agencies, as well as the Green River physical education department, set up booths and dispensed information designed to alert individuals to real or potential physical and emotional problems and directed those needing assistance to qualified clinics and centers.

Personnel in some booths conducted health tests. Carol Malcolm, R.N., Administered blood glucose tests on behalf of the American Diabetic Association.

"The tests are only a screening process. Few warrant further investigation," stated Mrs. Malcolm. Participation in the tests, however, develops an awareness of the danger of diabetes. Money spent "Another goal was to inform persons

is worthwhile from an educational standpoint."

Skin fold tests were given under the direction of Doug Carr, physical education instructor at Green River. In these tests, the percentage of body fat is measured in order to determine exercise needed.

Pat Clark, from the Washington State Lung Association, conducted pulmonary function tests and distributed pamphlets describing specific respiratory problems and how to deal with them.

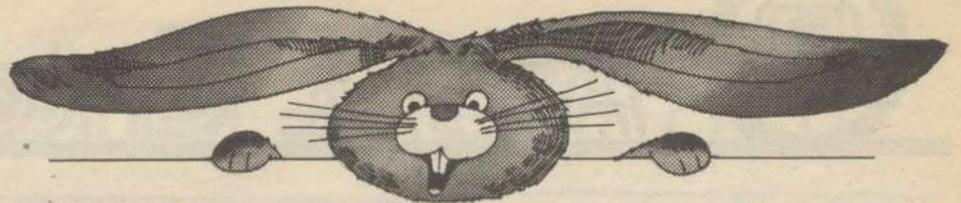
Eight speakers represented Health Fair agencies. One, James Stewart, drug abuse coordinator for Pierce County, gave a discourse on drug awareness.

"Society may pay a bigger price for pot than any other drug because the user does not recognize changes in personality or behavior and will not admit to behavior alternation," declared Stewart.

Anyone contemplating the harvest of hallucinogenic mushrooms should be well educated in mycology, he said.

"In one month's time over 50 people turned up at the poison control center at Mary Bridge Hospital in Tacoma desparately ill from ingesting mushrooms," said Stewart.

The above were only a sampling of a number of booths medical tests and speakers at the 1981 Health Fair to promote an early-life training program in physical, mental and social wellness.



Easter arises again

by Danna Schouten

This Sunday is Easter, perhaps the most joyous of all Christian holidays. Not only does it commemorate Christ's death, resurrection, and Ascension, it is a time of year when Christians of all denominations, all over the world, reaffirm their faith in Christ.

It is a special time for those of the Jewish faith also, for this is the week of Passover; the celebration of the Jew's deliverance from slavery in ancient Egypt.

In America, Easter is observed on the first Sunday following the vernal equinox in April.

From coloring eggs to attending Midnight Mass, Americans celebrate Easter in their own way. On Cadillac Mountain, at Mount Desert Island in Maine where the sun first touches America, sunrise services are a part of the celebration that is Easter.

To our readers of all denominations the Current extends its wishes for a happy holiday.

Western offers new Industrial Program

Graduates with the Associate of Arts degree can now pursue a four-year Bachelor's degree and a certificate in Industrial Arts Teaching complete in the Seattle area through a new WWU program announced this week by Sam Porter of the WWU Department of Technology.

According to Dr. Porter, there continues to be a shortage of qualified Industrial Arts teachers throughout the United States. Instructors are needed to teach at the junior and senior high school level in Industrial Arts, with specialties in drafting, electronics,

graphic arts, woodworking, metalworking, power and auto mechanics, and plastics technology. There has been a national shortage of Industrial Arts teachers for many years; this shortage is not expected to decrease within the next ten years as retirements continue to deplete the ranks of the teaching force.

Interested candidates should contact the Counseling Center for a brochure. Advisement will be available on Thursday afternoons at the North Seattle Community College campus (Counseling Center) by appointment. Please call Dr. Porter at 676-3380 in Bellingham.

Women's center

serves GRCC students

by Pamela Robertson

The image of the Women's Center seems to be a place where women go to chatter and gossip between classes. This is far from the truth. The center is an information and referral service center.

As director of the center Maid Adams helps many women (and even some men) re-enter school, find jobs, get information on financial aid, and many other much needed services.

For many years women have been brought up to believe that they are to become homemakers and mothers. "The Women's Center," says Adams, "helps women get in touch with their abilities and helps them realize that they have a wider choice in their lifetime decisions. It also gives them the encouragement to understand that women can support themselves if they desire and the Center can give them the proper connections to get started.

"In addition to an information and referral center, the Women's Center also functions as a resource center where many magazines and brochures are available to read," says Adams. "It's a place to ask questions, study or just sit and talk and have a cup of coffee."

Besides her duties in the Women's Center, Adams also teaches the "Survival SKills" class here at GRCC, which aimed at homemakers who are beginning school again. She also keeps busy sending flyers to women in the King County area and making public appearances speaking to women about their goals.



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Clinton's Corner

A champion passes

by Tim Clinton

Our nation lost one of its greatest sports heroes this past weekend with the passing of former heavyweight champion Joe Louis.

Known affectionately as the "Brown Bomber," Louis dominated the boxing world for twelve years. He defended his title for 25 straight times, more than any other boxer in history.

He captured the hearts of Americans on the eve of World War II when he knocked out Max Schmeling, the pride of Nazi Germany, in the first round of a heavyweight title bout in Yankee Stadium.

Louis was known for his honesty, for always fighting fair, and was considered a glowing example for black and white alike.



On the lighter side, if you're a golf fan, you may be glad to note that we have a new reporter, Ray David, covering that sport. He is more familiar with golf, while I've never had much to do with the sport. If you read last week's golf article, you'll know what I mean.



The answer to last week's quiz question, which asked what baseball player is the son of Hollywood Squares Master-of-Ceremonies Peter Marshall, is Pete LaCock. After playing several years for the Kansas City Royals, LaCock has gone to play in Japan, seeking more money.

This week's quiz question is who had the first ever Mariner hit in their opening game in 1977?

Track team reigns in meet

by Michael Trebnf

Though the Green River Track team was jokingly "thanked" by a Spokane announcer for "bringing the rain" to the Big Foot Invitational, it was, in actuality, the Green River team that reigned over most of the competition at the meet.

The meet at Spokane Community College brought in competition from Eastern Oregon University, Central Washington University, North Idaho College, Whitworth, and the University of Calgary Spartans from Canada.

Duane DeCouteau, with a high jump of 6'4" was one of three first place finishers for the Gators. In the men's 110 meter high hurdles, Tim Predmore was first in heat one with a time of 15:3. Val Harlow, in the women's 100 meter hurdles, won the event with a time of 15:9.

When asked about his team's performance and the meet itself, Coach Ron Snodgrass said, "We really felt welcomed at Spokane. The weather was not favorable for running but overall our efforts were the best that I've seen this year. We were right in there with the other teams except for Spokane Community College they can take their team to four year schools like the U.W. and beat them."

In the men's 800 meter run, Green River showed its strength. Placing second, third and fifth in the event with their respective times were, Lome Wallace, 2:00, Mike McCluskey 2:01 and Steve Wagner 2:04. These three Gators along with sprinter/hurdler Al Berkey, will run in a two mile relay at the Mt. Hood Relays. "With this type of depth," said Snodgrass, "we should place, if now win, the event."

Also in the meet, Joe Fenbert placed

third in the 400 meter run with a time of 50.2. Val Harlow placed fifth in the 400 meter hurdles and sixth in the Long Jump with a leap of 15'5." Taking sixth in the Javelin was Mike Abbott with a throw of 152'10." The men's mile relay team of Joe Fenbert, Al Berkey, Mike McCluskey and Steve Wagner finished third with a time of 3:30. Spokane Community College won the event with a time of 3:20.

The next track meet is the Mt. Hood Relays tomorrow at Mt. Hood Community College.

Golfers place 4th

by Ray David

Highlighted by Ben Benson's tie for Medalist, the Green River golf team placed 4th out of 9 teams at the Tacoma Invitational on Monday.

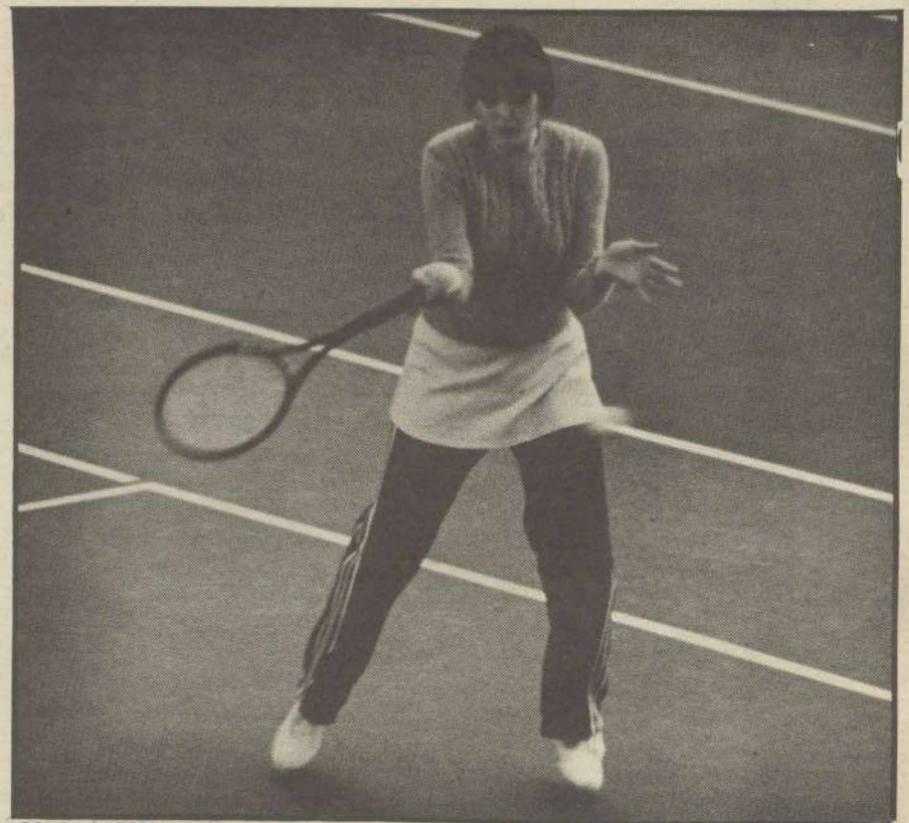
Benson shot a 2 over par 74, followed by Lance Kilbride and Rich Ross both at 81. Mike O'Donnell shot 83, with Rick Mathias at 84, and Sonny Verzola at 88.

When asked about the team's performance, Coach Torp Peluso said, "We've got to improve." Peluso added "The course played hard, and for the conditions they played well."

In another match last Friday against Tacoma, the Gators lost 337-328.

Kilbride was low scorer for the Gators at 82, followed by Ross at 83. Benson, Mathias, and O'Donnell came in next at 86, while Verzola shot 94.

The Gators next action will be a match today against Bellevue at 1 p.m. Monday the team will travel to Kayak Point for the Everett Invitational. Starting time is 10 a.m.



Christy Milam in action against Lower Columbia on Monday.

Photo by Nori Shirouzu

Women netters reach 9-0

by Ray David

Increasing their season record to 9-0, the Green River women's varsity tennis team beat Lower Columbia 9-0 Monday. The Gator's number 1 singles players, Kelly Sharkey, defeated Debbie Ganz 6-4, 6-3. The Gator's number 1 doubles team of Sharkey and Christy Milam, defeated Ganz and Kristy Baker 6-1, 6-4.

In other action, the Gators beat Highline 9-0 last Thursday and Columbia Basin 9-0 last Friday. The Women have now increased their winning streak to 34 over community college teams.

The men's team is also having a suc-

cessful season, bringing their record to 5-0, with a 6-1 win over Clark Tuesday.

The men's number 1 singles player, Clay Rushton, defeated John Heim 6-1, 6-1, while the number 1 doubles team of Rushton and Scott Cadigan, beat Heim and Steve Small 6-1, 6-4.

In other action, the men topped Olympic 6-1 last Wednesday.

When asked about both teams performances, Coach Steve Sauers simply states, "They played very well."

The next home match for the women will be Monday against Fort Steilacoom, while the men will play Fort Steilacoom Tuesday. Match time is 1 p.m.

Coach Peterson retires

After winning one state championship, finishing second twice and fourth twice, Coach Doug Peterson has decided to take a break from coaching community college soccer at Green River.

In fact, Peterson has been coaching for 15 years when his eight years as a junior soccer coach are counted.

Peterson has won 80 matches in those seven years at GRCC, lost only 25 and tied 14. His best year, even though the team finally had to settle for second in the state, was last season when the Gators went undefeated through 22 matches going into the state tournament playoffs but lost the title to Skagit Valley on a shoot out after the match ended in a 2-2 tie.

Peterson is still grumbling about the officiating in that match after two key calls late in the game were critical to Skagit Valley's come back that knotted the score.

In Peterson's first year at Green River, the Gators won the state title with a 14-2-2 mark. The next year they were 12-4-1. In '76 they were 10-2-1, then 10-2-1 the following year and dropped to 11-6-3 in '78 and 13-7-3 the next year. This year the Gators finished 22-1-3.

One of the joys of the last two years of

coaching was having his son, Russ, on the team. It would have been a joy for any coach since Russ was all-state both years and led the state in scoring.

"You always feel funny having your son on the team," Peterson recalls, "especially if you play him a lot." But the younger Peterson proved he belonged there.

"It was tougher on him than it was on me," Coach Peterson said. "There's a lot of pressure playing for Dad."

Peterson has really enjoyed his relationships with the players over the years and has only one regret - that the players are pretty well ignored by the four-year schools who have very limited recruiting budgets for soccer and completely ignored in pro-draft.

"English coaches pick English players," Peterson complained.

The decision to retire was a joint decision by Peterson and his wife, he said.

"She has been very understanding and very supportive," he said. "But now it's time to spend more time with the family and do some of the things we want to do."

It will be hard to stay out of soccer completely, he said. He plans to wait a couple of years and then see what happens.

Women split doubleheader Wednesday

by Dennis Gustafson

The Green River nine split a doubleheader with their Olympic Junior College counterparts Wednesday in women's, modified, fast-pitch, softball action.

The Gators won the opener nine to eight with a last ditch rally in the final inning, and dropped the second five to two when another late inning rally failed. The team now owns a two win four loss record.

The winning pitcher in the opening victory was Kelly Asbjournsen who came in to relieve starting pitcher Tija Petrovich after she got into trouble in the fourth when she gave up three walks and a homer. Asbjournsen's first pitch in relief was tagged for a double into left field and a resulting error stretched that hit into a score. She then settled into her rhythm and only allowed one more hit for remainder of the contest, a homer by Cooley in the fifth.

Asbjournsen also led the Gator offense gamering two of the five team hits, a double in the fifth and a run scoring triple in the sixth.

The team was cruising with a three to one lead until the fourth inning when Petrovich lost control and Olympic erupted for six runs putting the Gators behind seven to three; this set the scene for Green River's late inning heroics. In the bottom of the fifth, Asbjournsen lead off with her double then stole third, she then came home on a error by the catcher on an attempt throw out on Tami

Harto's bunt. Linda Hubber topped the inning with single which she stretched into a four bagger when the center fielder let the ball get by.

The Gators got two more in the sixth behind Asbjournsen's run scoring triple. That tied the score at eight all going into the final inning. In the seventh the Gators defense picked up; after allowing the first batter to reach first on a technicality - the bat hit the catcher's glove - the remaining three batters were taken out in order. In the bottom of the seventh Harto reached first on a throwing error she promptly stole second, then third and came home on another throwing error; that run broke the tie giving GRCC the victory.

The second game was a much faster paced contests than the two and a half hour opener. Once again Petrovich started on the mound only to lose control in the third when she walked the first three batter she faced. Asbjournsen again came in as the reliever but not before Olympia got two runs. Those two runs coupled with two more in the fourth and a lone run in the top of the seventh constituted the scoring for the Olympic team, but it was enough to win the contest as the Gators were only able to pick up two for the game, one of those on a proteted steal of home in the sixth.

The Gator coach, Jan Kochel, commented after the game, "We can't expect to win games with hitting like this. The team average in the first game was only .179 and in the second only .167."

The next Gator game will be played against Grays Harbor next Monday and is an away game. The next home con-

test will be a return match with Olympic next Wednesday. All games are tentatively scheduled for 2 p.m.



Jamie Traynor snags a throw to first in Wednesday's game against Olympic.

Photo by Ray David

Baseballers top champions twice

by Tim Clinton

First place is still very much in the possession of the Green River Gator baseballers, as they twice tripped the Tritons of Edmonds in both ends of a twin bill that were separated by three days.

After being rained out on Friday and Saturday, the Gators got in one game of a scheduled doubleheader against the defending division champions from Edmonds on Sunday, and came away with a 10-2 victory.

The nightcap was played on Wednesday, with Green River coming away with a 8-7 victory on a home run off the bat of Wally Smith.

"It's just incredible the way we come back all the time," noted GRCC coach Tom Burmester after his team's fourth come-from-behind success out of their five wins against no defeats. "We just keep battling back. These guys don't seem to want to quit."

The Gators' next action is at Fort Steilacoom at 3 p.m. today, while they will be at their home field of Russell Road Park in Kent for a 1 p.m. twin bill against Shoreline tomorrow.

Green River used a 13-hit, 10 run attack for Sunday's victory that was backed up by the four-hit pitching of Rob Porter, who collected his second win. Danny Hipp was the leading hitter in the contest, as he went 3-3 with a double and two RBI's.

Edmonds took an early lead in that game with two runs in the second, but the Gators came back to tie it in the bottom half of that stanza on Hipp's two bagger, Dave Wallace double and a single by Bobby Schultz.

The Homstanding Gators took the lead in the fourth when Bill Bankhead doubled and came into score on a base hit by Smith.

Green River blew the game wide open in the fifth in a rally highlighted by a bases-loaded triple by Jamie Gifford.

The Gators added two in the sixth when Wallace reached base on a fielder's choice, Schultz doubled, Brian Ray singled, and Troy Phelps hit a sacrifice fly.

Hipp was the big hitter for the GRCC squad on Wednesday, too, as he went 2-3 with a roundtripper and three RBI's. Smith went 2-5 in the contest with the game-winning homer, while Gard went 2-2.

Green River started off the action with a fun in the third when Dave Gard singled on a fielder's choice play.

The lead was short-lived, however, as the Tritons chalked up five tallies in the fourth frame with the help of three wind-aided homers.

Hipp helped the Gators pull within one in the fifth, when he ripped a three-run shot over the fence in left.

Green River took a temporary 7-5 lead in the bottom of the sixth, when they scored three on a Gifford double, Gard and Bankhead singles, three walks and an Edmonds error.

The Tritons came back in the seventh, though, to tie at seven with two runs of their own.

After Gator reliever and winner Steve Gay made it through the last 1 1/3 innings unscathed, Smith clinched the victory in the eighth with a blast over the fence in deep leftfield.



Staffers receive awards

by Tom Steele

Two Green River Current staffers won awards for their writing in a competition sponsored by the Washington Press Association in conjunction with the Oregon Press Women Association, last Saturday afternoon. Awards were made at the Portland Thunderbird Inn.

Former Green River Current Editor Anita Zohn won a third place award in the creative writing division for her poem entitled "To Be Strangers."

Reporter Eulalia Tollefson earned a second place in the feature writing competition with her story about Seattle street musicians.

Photo by Tom Steele

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