

Student appeals parking citations

by Karen Bielaga

A special session held by the nine member Judicial Board last Wednesday in the Rainier Room to decide a parking violation case settled in favor of Nick Smith, Director of Parking, who had brought charges against Mike Scruggs, a GRCC student, who has currently \$55 worth of unpaid parking violations. Scruggs plans to appeal the decision to a special Board of Appeals, which is currently being appointed by ASGRCC President Ben Benson.

Scruggs stated that by the cut and dry rules of the school, he is guilty of the parking violations, which range from parking in a faculty space, handicapped space, overtime in a loading zone and in a non-parking zone, but, though his argument before the Judicial Board, he had hoped to show unfair and unjust parking practices on campus, including the fact that there is an estimated 2,000 parking spaces available for over 7,000 students that are enrolled for the quarter.

He also wanted to point out what he feels are inefficiencies in the security patrol on campus. Scruggs is the drummer for the GRCC music company and last month had \$2,000 worth of band equipment stolen from the Lindbloom Student Center. The company had been performing that night for a school function.

Scruggs said that he had not been aware that he would be defending his tickets during the hearing last week. The majority of his violations concern the loading zone space behind the Performing Arts Building. Scruggs stated that it is necessary for him to load band equipment into his car and that is nearly impossible to load all the equipment in 15 minutes, the time allotted for being parked in that space. He stated that when he and other music company people asked

Smith for special consideration in that zone, they were turned down.

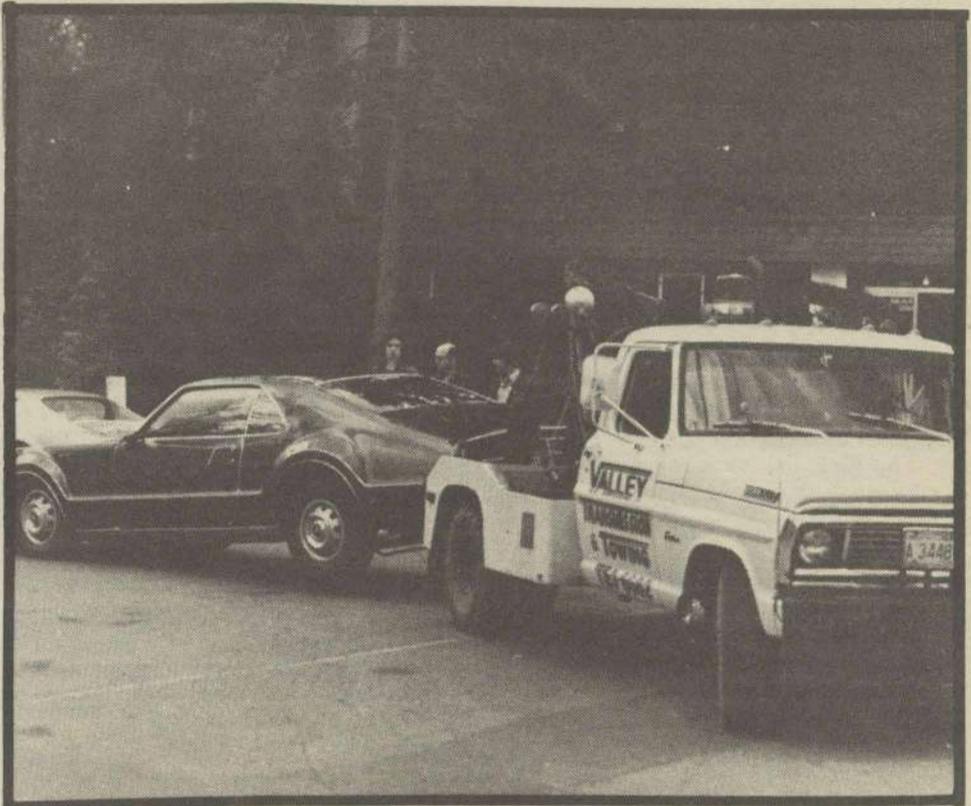
Smith produced Scruggs' violations as evidence during the hearing as well as three memorandums from various administrators complaining about illegal parking taking place and vehicles traveling on campus access roads often blocking the way for campus and delivery vehicles as well as fire lanes. None of the memos specifically mentioned Scruggs.

In response to Scruggs' claim that there is not enough parking space on campus, Smith stated that the new "I" lot has not been filled up even once, including last quarter. He stated that the dirt lot across the street from the school was closed because the college no longer had legal rights to that land. GRCC had been leasing the lot for \$1 a year from a lady who privately owned the property. However, last quarter the woman sold the land to King County, who then shut the area off and now the General Contractor has control over the lot, which will soon be converted into a park.

Smith feels that there is enough parking on campus to accommodate all students, although he would not reveal how many parking permits had been issued for this quarter.

Scruggs felt that he was being discriminated against personally because he was singled out when others who park illegally receive little or no penalty. He has been towed twice, once from a line of cars parked illegally, where he was the only car towed, and another time with \$3,000 worth of band equipment in his vehicle, which Smith stated the security department did not know about. Scruggs drives a Ford Pinto.

Smith's defense to that charge was that Scruggs was adequately warned in advance about towing possibility because the parking department sent



Another bites the dust. Another illegally parked car is towed from GRCC campus.

him three letters—one stating if all his tickets were not paid in full, transcripts would be held, and two others stating that towing was a possibility. Smith stated that GRCC has a very liberal towing policy, which is getting tougher, towing only when it seems probable that the person in violation does not intend to pay violations or continues to park in illegal and unauthorized places.

As for the stolen equipment, Smith stated that it was left unattended in the LSC, which can not be locked or

secured in any way. He feels that Scruggs, as a professional musician, should have known better to leave the equipment unattended. Smith had been on vacation at the time of that incident.

Scruggs felt that most students are not aware that the student government exists and that it is possible to appeal parking tickets. He is glad that such a system is set up and hopes that his case will bring the Judicial Board to other students' attention.

Editors' note

The current staff is delighted and relieved that the hostages are on their way home.

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Pre-College test will be tomorrow

by Gregory M. Smith

The Washington Pre-College Test will be offered tomorrow for students who did not take the test as high school juniors.

The test will be conducted in the lower level of the LSC at 8:30 a.m. Students must pre-register now at the Admissions Window located in the upper level of the

LSC, according to officials in Admissions.

Needed at the time of pre-registration will be \$9.00, an official copy of your high school transcript and official transcripts from all colleges you have attended. Needed on test day will be two (2) No. 2 pencils, your receipts, and a completed registration form.

VA cracks down on fraud

by Eulalia Tollefson

Legal action will now be taken to collect any debts under \$1,200 owed the Veterans Administration by veterans.

A law was recently passed authorizing lawyers of the VA at regional offices to take direct legal action in the federal and state courts if necessary. Collection of all debts had formerly been handled by the United State Attorney. Debts under \$600 were written off because of the high cost of collection.

Stephen M. Gold, of the VA District Counsel in Seattle, says, "Many debts are educational overpayments which arise when a veteran fails to satisfy reporting requirements and continues to receive GI Bill benefits to which he or she is not entitled. In a typical case a veteran drops out of school, fails to notify the VA, yet continues to cash benefit checks. The VA's accounting office keeps records of those who are overpaid and automatically contacts them by letter."

Debtors have several opportunities to

resolve debts based on a series of letters sent them from the VA's finance center. Continued disregard of these letters results in legal action. If a suit must be filed the veteran will be responsible for any costs or fees incurred as a result of that action.

There is a full veterans counseling service at Green River Community College, where 400-500 veterans are currently attending classes.

Warren Dickerson, of the Green River Office of Veterans affairs, believes the problem is largely one of misunderstanding. He urges all Green River veterans to promptly report any change in benefit status.

"Any veteran attending Green River should bring any letters of indebtedness to this office as soon as possible," Dickerson said. "These letters are often worded in difficult to understand legal terminology and need interpretation. We can advise the veteran as to the proper procedure for responding to these letters, eliminating or at least minimizing many problems."



Opinion

Conscience won't let 1980 perils lie

by Mike Shook

"What a year!" said the media, as 1980 rolled to a close. "Boy, are we glad it's over." The nation collectively sighed in agreement and with good reason. No one need recount the by now familiar litany of disasters that ranged from earthquakes to wars to volcanoes and just about everything in between. I too would just as soon let 1980 lie, but my conscience won't let me. Two separate, seemingly unrelated disasters grate on my nerves and, though the one is officially a disaster belonging to 1979, they both will influence deeply our lives in 1981 and beyond.

The first, the leftover disaster, is the matter of the hostages taken by the Ayatollah. I do not intend to condone or justify this act of terrorism, nor do I believe the Iranian people to be better off under the rule of a 13th century religious lunatic than they were under the Shah. I do believe we need to learn from the Iranian debacle and with the release of the hostages bringing the affair full circle, now is as good a time as any to briefly examine our policy there.

Intervention in other country's politics is unavoidable in this small world but our intervention, at least in Iran (and Central America, South America, Africa, Vietnam and wherever else we have financial/military interests) has been misguided to say the least. Our

considerations have been based on what is profitable to large corporate investments in those countries and on what strategic military outposts we can use. An example is found in Iran of how these tactics run a foul of the people whose country we abuse. The Central Intelligence Agency was responsible for the Shah's return to power in 1953, overthrowing a government elected by the people, thus setting the tone for our future there. The Shah's power was augmented by arms purchased from the United States. Sales of military goods were relatively light from the fifties to the early seventies, totaling only 1.2 billion dollars worth. Under the Nixon Administration, however, the Shah was to be made the protector of the Gulf. The Shah was given carte blanche to purchase anything he wanted and sales increased to the tune of almost 20 billion dollars in seven years. Missiles, jet fighters and bombers, tanks, even weaponry that was still in the developmental stage (that our own troops did not yet have) was sent to him, at the behest of Nixon and Kissinger. The people complained, rightly so, that such enormous sums were unwarranted and that the money could be used for educational and medical facilities. As they raised their voices, though Nixon was urging the Shah to be tough on dissidents and not to listen to "our

liberals griping" about human rights. The Shah, as we know now, heeded Nixon's advice and used his secret police to crush opposition. (The Shah's terrorism was so great that when I spoke with an Iranian student four years ago about his country, he was extremely reluctant to say anything about the Shah. "My family is there and he could have them or me killed," he said.)

With these facts in mind, is it any wonder that when the people there exploded in rebellion their anger was directed towards us?

By electing a man such as Ronald Reagan to the Presidency, we have demonstrated our unwillingness to learn from even our recent history. Reagan's election is, of course, the great disaster of 1980. We have elected a man who is almost as much a paranoid commie hater as was/is Nixon, as man with the

curious (and dangerously simplistic) belief that America is a nation somehow chosen by God to be the promised land. His world political view reeks of 19th century "Manifest Destiny" doctrine; his view of America somehow is stuck on a still life of complacent housewives, sheepishly grinning "darkies" and zealous George Babbit gibbering insanely about more: more zip, more zowie, and more more! (When Bill Moyers was interviewing Reagan for an election eve

show, he asked Reagan what he thought Americans needed to be happy. Reagan replied that it was more spending power. "More materialism?" asked Moyers. "Yes," Reagan said, "more materialism makes us happier.")

As Secretary of State, Reagan has chosen Alexander Haig, former chief of staff to Nixon and former Deputy to Kissinger on the National Security Council. Haig, in those positions, played a major hidden role in defining U.S. foreign policy for the administration that gave us Watergate and thugs like G. Gordon Liddy, and gave Jimmy Carter the horrendous Iranian mess.

In short, the people of this country have chosen to try to step backwards into the golden age when the good guys always won (with God on their side) to ride into the sunset, a time when only jazz musicians smoked pot, when thumping other countries with big sticks was standard foreign policy; a time that no longer exists, except in the cobwebs of some people's minds. Jimmy Carter was not exactly dynamic, but four years or less from now I think we will be wishing we could do it all over again. Falling on one's face is no fun, but at least it is forward and is bound to be better than lunging into the past.

Only Rose knows where the apostrophe goes

by Eulalia Tollefson

They are the 'our gal Fridays' and the unsung heroes of the office set.

They are largely responsible for successful corporate operation, working behind the scenes performing myriads of often thankless tasks.

They are the large army of personnel

that handles the reams of printed material necessary for communication.

One such person is Green River Community College's media person, Rose Webster. She is responsible for most of the printed material on campus. School catalogues, schedules, and brochures are among the many printing tasks per-

formed by Rose, as she prefers to be called. She is also typesetter for the college newspaper, The Current.

Rose says she likes her job because it is not boring.

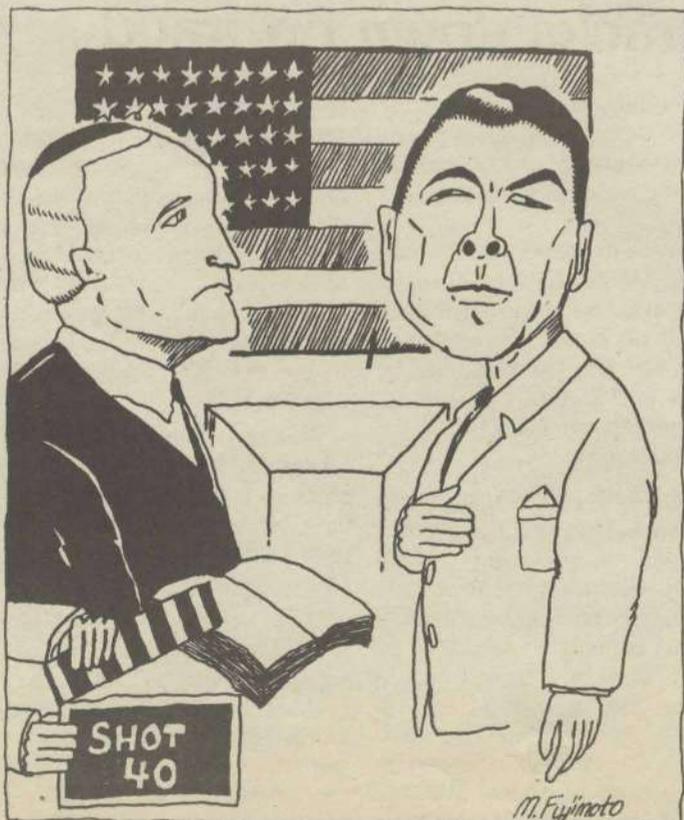
"I always know what's happening on campus," she explained.

Rose enjoys all aspects of her work.

She finds typesetting for The Current particularly interesting.

"Typing the articles about people on campus make me feel more involved with them," she said.

Anyone possessing a copy of The Current can thank Rose for sharing in its publication.



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News Correspondent speaks at Green River

by Karen Bielaga

CBS News Correspondent Ike Pappas spoke last Thursday on campus as a part of the Artist and Speakers Series.

He touched on a variety of subjects including the hostage situation—the current situation and how he feels the new Administration will deal with it—President Reagan's plans to handle the economic, domestic, and diplomatic problems which the U.S. faces, the possibility of a draft and the quality of today's all volunteer force, how the "Hollywood Mafia" will change the social style in the nations' capital and his career. He also answered a variety of questions from the audience, which nearly sold out the Lindbloom Student Center.

Pappas is stationed in Washington, D.C. and covers the Pentagon and most defense-related issues. Since leaving D.C. to visit the Puget Sound area, he has been keeping in touch with Pentagon, State Department, and White House sources on a regular basis concerning the hostages. His assessment of the situation as of last week was that release was close but he did not feel that the hostages would be home by last Friday's deadline or before President Reagan took over the Oval Office Tuesday.

In addition to the situation in Iran, the new Administration faces other problems, including the country's economy and diplomacy. These are some of the steps Pappas feels the new Administration will take immediately:

- 1) President Reagan will put a freeze on federal hiring.
- 2) Reagan will sign an order to abolish the council on Wage and Price Stability.
- 3) Reagan will suspend and review all regulations that he feels hinder economic growth.
- 4) The new Cabinet members will be directed to conduct investigations within their various departments to exterminate unnecessary positions and trim costs.

5) The White House staff will be reduced.

6) A 10 percent tax cut will be a dramatic, major change in U.S. defense policy and spending. The defense budget, which was proposed by the Carter Administration last week for 1982, was \$196 billion. Reagan was expected to add \$20 to \$30 billion to that figure and to increase the budget by \$30 to \$40 billion each year following this one so that by the end of the Reagan Administration an estimated \$300 billion will be spent annually on defense.

Pappas stated that Reagan's basic objective is to make the U.S. so strong that potential enemies will not attack or take action against the country—such as more diplomat hostage taking. Pappas also stated that he did not think the country will re-enter into the SALT agreements for at least a year until the U.S. is at a position of strength.

He feels that because of the increased defense spending, that is foreseen, there will be no "quick fix" of budget balancing as Reagan promised during the campaign. A spokesman for the Reagan transition team stated last week that the budget could be balanced possibly in the fourth year of the new Administration.

The Armed Forces, which currently has a shortage of 350,000 men, entered the second round of draft two weeks ago but, Pappas did not feel that a draft would be eminent. He stated that the military is having a hard time recruiting and retaining enough qualified men and women because of the insufficient salaries and benefits that the military offers in comparison to the private sector. Because of the low pay, fewer high school graduates are willing to enlist and many of today's recruits cannot even read the training manuals, which are currently being revised from a tenth-grade reading comprehension level to an eight-grade level.

Pappas stated that the new Ad-



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CBS correspondent, Ike Pappas (left) meets President of GRCC Dr. Chadbourne.

ministration plans to increase pay and benefits for military personnel, including expanding the G-I bill, which allows veterans to attend college at the taxpayers' expense.

The new Administration is hopeful that these actions will solve the manpower problem by the mid-1980's.

Pappas also noted that the Supreme Court will be ruling on whether it was discriminatory to exclude females in the drafting process come this spring or summer. Even if the Court ruled the action unconstitutional, he doubts that Congress would appropriate the funds necessary for the registration of women since such funding was not approved last year by the 96th Congress.

Pappas felt that Reagan will add dash to the bureaucratic metropolis that is known as the nation's capital. He feels that the new President has a gal a personal style and will "nice guy" his way into the Washington scene. He also stated that an estimated \$8 million was spent on Tuesday's inaugural ceremonies and

festivities—the most ever spent on initiating an incoming President in history.

Pappas suggests that democrats develop a taste for Californian wines, get close to Elizabeth Taylor-Warner, and climb into their tennis shoes to gear up for a possible come back in 1984.

Carter, who will now receive a \$69,000 annual pension and \$150,000 in office costs each year under the Former President's Act, will write his memoirs, look after the family's peanut farm which has had some financial setbacks during the last four years—teach at Georgian Universities, and finally have the heart-to-heart talk with brother Billy, according to Pappas.

Pappas is happy with his job, which he finds varied and exciting. He is married, has three children and resides in McLean, a suburb of Washington. When asked about his job, he stated that, "Covering the Pentagon is like digging out the Sahara (desert) with a spoon. There is a lot there, but each spoonful is important."

He talks to the animals

by Beverlee Ceccanti

A friendly gorilla scooped The Current yesterday by announcing the arrival to this campus on Tuesday of Dr. Sheridan Fouts, celebrated social scientist whose unusual research has prompted national publicity for such noted publications as Newsweek, the New Yorker, Life Magazine, and several network television programs including the popular CBS presentation, "60 Minutes."

The gorilla, actually an anonymous human in disguise, was the brainchild of Joe Fenbert of Student Programs who thought it an apt introduction for a speaker who has been talking with chimpanzees—considered by some to be the more intelligent members of the primate family—for the past six years.

Arranged largely through the effort of Gerald Hedlund, GRCC anthropology instructor, the bonus attraction to the Artist and Lecture series is free and is scheduled to begin at noon in the performing arts building; however, the building

has been reserved until 2 p.m. to allow for a question and answer period following the lecture.

Fouts will be speaking here at a substantially lower than customary fee. Hedlund surmises that this good fortune could be due to the close proximity of Fouts' residence in Ellensburg, where he is currently a member of the department of psychology at Central Washington University.

Fouts, whose youthful appearance belies his extensive professional experience and long list of credits and publications, was the first to develop a system of meaningful symbols out of a chimpanzee's existing repertoire of movement. His work has aroused the interest of the scientific community and others have since expanded this area of study.

Does Hedlund believe that primates are really capable of communicating on an abstract level? Hedlund says that apes have actually been known to swear, at least to the point that they have exhibited definite signs of distaste.



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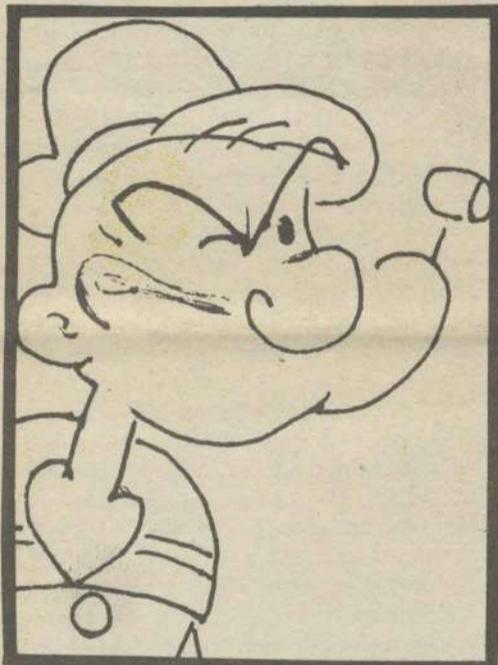
'Popeye' is one Sweet Pea

"Popeye," directed by Robert Altman. Produced by Robert Evans. Written by Jules Feiffer. Cast: Robin Williams, Shelley Duvall, Paul L. Smith, Paul Dooley, Ray Walston. Universal-Disney. Several theatres. Rated PG.

by Tom Steele

This feature-length, live-action 1980 adaptation of a comic strip and series of 10 minute 1930's cartoons has brought together Paramount Pictures and Walt Disney Productions; Robert Evans, the producer of "Chinatown" and the "God-

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father" movies; Jules Feiffer, the cartoonist and writer of two black comedies of despair, "Little Murders" and "Carnal Knowledge," and Robert Altman, the gifted director of several intensely personal, modern films, including "M*A*S*H" and "Nashville."

At its best, the movie is a wonderful visual recreation of the world of the old E.C. Segar comic strip of the late '20s and early '30s and the bizarre characters who inhabit it: Popeye, Olive Oyl, Wimpy, Bluto, Poopdeck Pappy, and all the rest.

Considerable care went into the physical production of "Popeye," including the creation of the delightfully stylized town of Sweethaven and the emphasis on cartoon-like color saturation and costume design.

Furthermore, the actors seem uniformly suited to their roles and look quite a bit like their cartoon counterparts. In the lead, Robin Williams, star of televisions "Mork and Mindy," brings off the proper blend of innocence and irascibility that has made the character of Popeye so endearing (though his muttering and ad libs are often inaudible on the soundtrack), and as Olive Oyl, Shelley Duvall, who has always looked as if she was born to play the part, gives the liveliest, least repetitious performance. Paul L. Smith is utterly one dimensional as Bluto, but Duvall works hard to give Olive a life of her own. She's the best thing in the movie.

And yet, even though the film makers have brought the cartoon world to the big screen in all its glory, the results do not work particularly well as a movie. "Popeye" seems slow and unstructured.

The \$20 million production cost is mostly up there on the screen. Only the point of the expense is missing.

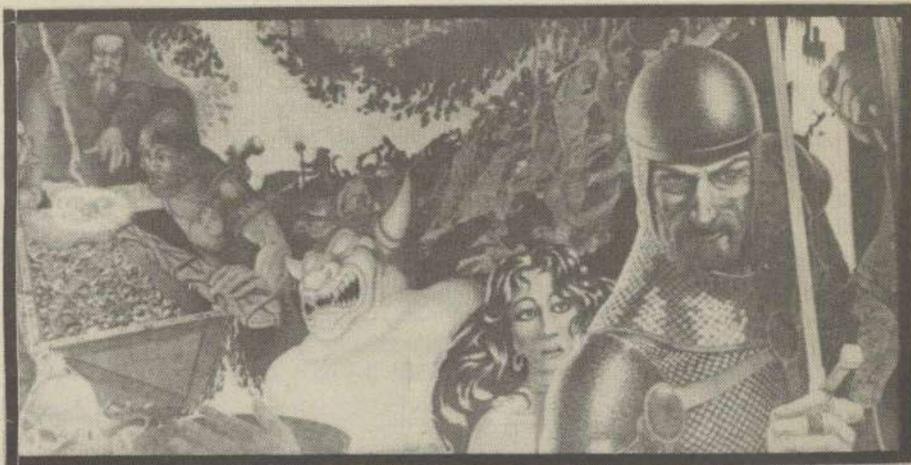


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It's a fantasy

Fantasizing on campus

by Gregory Smith

Dungeons and Dragons is a role-playing, science-fantasy game. Players may begin with one or more characters and embellish them with personality traits and strengths determined by the roll of different sided dice.

The process is complicated to explain but the game has attracted a small number of dedicated followers at GRCC. These students are members of The Fantasy Game Club which meets daily on the second floor of the Lindbloom Student Center.

Club members try new games when they come out on the market but feel other games do not generate the same fascination nor long term interest of Dungeons and Dragons.

The majority of club members play advanced D and D, which they feel is more challenging than the regular version of the game.

Members of the club plan to sponsor tournaments and represent GRCC in competition. Tournaments would be open to all six member teams interested in participating.

President of the club, Dave Tucker and a fellow member, Mike Johnson have already represented GRCC in an international competition. The tournament was sponsored by the World Science-Fiction Conference which met in Brighton, England. A different site is selected each year for the annual tournament.

Thousands of sci-fi enthusiasts gather to discuss new developments in the world of science fiction and also compete in fantasy game competitions.

Tucker competed with 1000 individuals in the Dungeon and Dragons tournament finishing in the top-100. Johnson finished in the top-ten at the Northwest conference last year.

Can fantasy games interfere with school work? Most members of the club experience no difficulty in separating club activities and course requirements, but there have been a few incidents where students have let the game take precedence over their college courses.

Anyone interested in learning more about The Fantasy Game Club may attend a club meeting. The club meets each Friday from 12-4 p.m. in SS 12.

Spotlighting on Rita Coolidge

by Tom Steele

None others career seems to be flying "Higher and Higher" these days than that of singer Rita Coolidge.

Although Rita was drawn to music early in her life, performing in her minister father's church choir and then touring with sisters Priscilla and Linda as the flaming Coolidge sisters, she went to Florida State University to study art. During her college stay she took singing jobs only to help her pay for art supplies. One of her jobs was working for a Memphis company that created jingles. While working there, Rita recorded the song "Turn Around and Love You;" it was released as a single and became a top-ten hit in Los Angeles. Then, when singers Delaney and Bonnie visited Memphis, they were so excited by Rita's voice that they asked her to come back with them to L.A. and record on their "Accept No Substitutes" album. Rita agreed and left school for the West Coast; once there she was amazed to find that her single had made her famous in California. "I loved it. I never

when back to Memphis," she says, "I just left everything behind and started again."

The beginning started out with a celebrated cross-country extravaganza in which she had a featured spot with Joe Cocker's Mad Dogs and Englishmen tour of 1969. In 1971, while on a flight to Memphis to work with her band before going on the road, Rita was introduced to Kris Kristofferson. Kris was so entranced by Rita that he never made it to Nashville, his own destination. It was love . . . and the two were soon married. Back in L.A., Rita found her talents were much in demand; she sang on albums by Stephen Stills, Eric Clapton, and Dave Mason, all of whom, in turn, provided sparkling studio work on her first album, "Rita Coolidge."

Rita's worldwide success has been growing since 1976, when Anytime . . . Anywhere, with its version of Jackie Wilson's "Higher and Higher," became a two million-seller. Other hit singles that spun off that album were "We're All Alone" and "The Way You Do the

Things You Do." Her 1978 album, Love Me Again, quickly sold half a million copies, and "You," a song from the album, was an easy listening success.

In 1979, Rita opened the year off with an appearance on the Bee Gee's UNICEF benefit, "A Gift of Song." In the spring she appeared with her husband at Columbia Record's Havana Jam in Havana, Cuba, and in June she won grand prize in the eighth Tokyo Music Festival.

It seemed to be an ideal life style for both, but like somebody once said, "all good things must come to an end," and so it did.

"It's still so painful to discuss, but it seems that our lives and careers were going in different directions. With Kris bounding all over the country making films and with me on the road, we found that we were happier without each other," says Rita. The divorce is as friendly as possible and they both are sharing custody of their daughter Casey.

Currently, Rita is taking life a bit slower, while her career is still flying "Higher and Higher."



Singer Rita Coolidge

Cast opens 'Barroom' backstage

by Mauri Fagan

In the greenroom the adrenalin is flowing, lines are being rehearsed, characters are being created with the magic of make-up, and finally it's time, the house lights dim and the first performance of "Ten Nights in a Barroom" is underway.

Directed by Gary Taylor this musical melodrama is a portrayal of a town, that some believe has been corrupted by the "Sickle and Sheaf" saloon.

A gambler, Harvey Green, played excellently by Rolf Baradson comes to the town of Cedarville and starts causing problems the minute he arrives, that affects everyone in the town.

Along with himself, Harvey Green brings his girlfriend, a dance hall singer, Goldie Hills, played by Angela Watson, who is frowned upon at first by the women of the community, but things change during her stay in Cedarville.

The owner of the "Sickle and Sheaf" is Simon Slade played very well by Michael Painter and Mrs. Slade played by Pamela Quintana, who feels that life

would be a whole lot better if her and Simon were back at the "old mill."

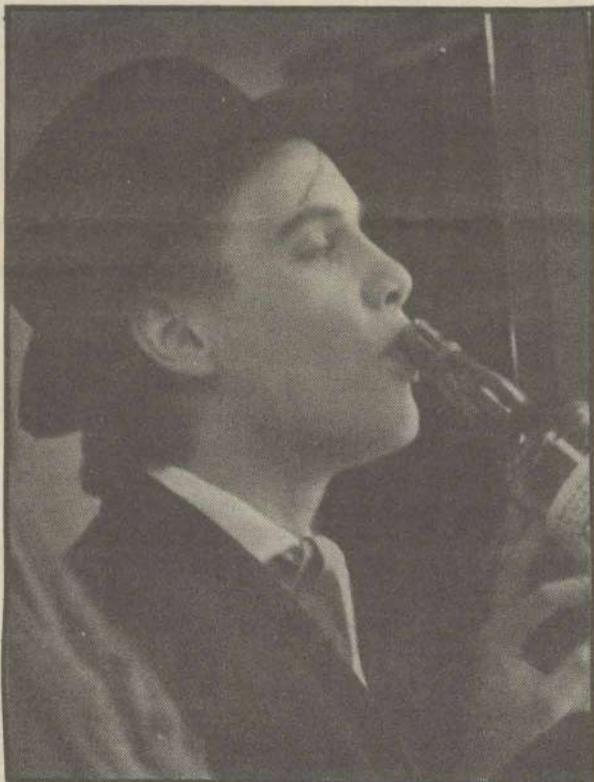
Then, there is Sample Swichel played by Rick Rinehard and his lover, Mehitabel Cartwright played by Jennifer Johnston, who also experience many encounters with sly Harvey Green.

And, of course, let us not forget the town drunkard Joe Morgan, played superbly by Dennis Traylor-Austin. Joe Morgan finds it very hard to stay away from the bottle and spends his very last dime on booze!

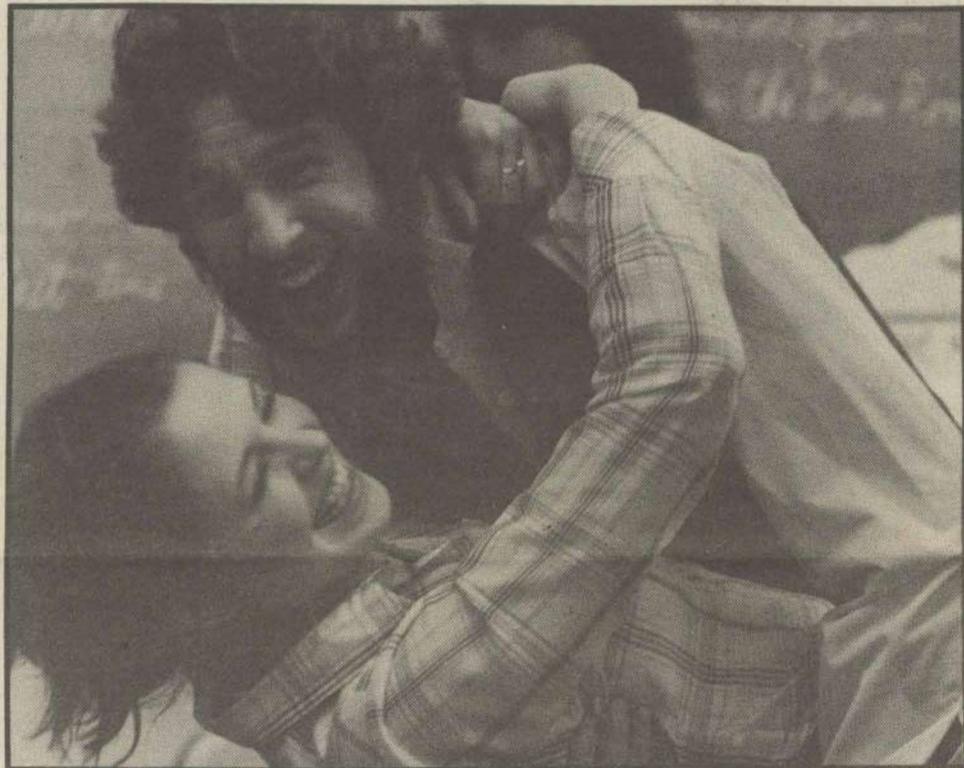
The piano music is performed by Bridgite Meier, who is accompanied at times throughout the play with dancing girls and different singing acts.

The performers did an excellent job in portraying their characters naturally, which made "Ten Nights in a Barroom" an overall pleasure to watch.

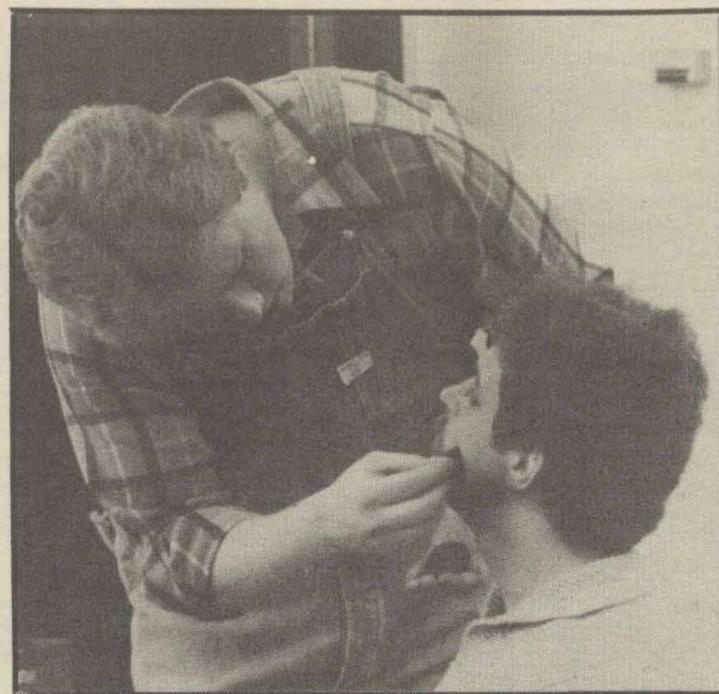
The cast will give their final performances tonight, Saturday and Sunday. The play starts at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and at 7 p.m. on Sunday.



Dean Norman (Willie Hammond) samples a prop.



Rolf Baradson (Harvey Green) and Angela Watson (Goldie Hills) practice dips in the Green Room.



Rick Rinehart (Sample Swichel) left, helps transforms Dennis Traylor-Austin in to Joe Morgan.



Gary Taylor, right, goes over last minute details with Bridgite Meier, left, and Cheryl Hansen.

Photos by Lynn Niemi

Trade and industry programs vital to progress

by Eulalia Tollefson

Young men and women trained in vocational skills at local high schools do exceptionally well in these areas at Green River Community College according to Bob Patterson.

Patterson is division chairman of Trades and Industries at the college, and is in charge of the automotive, auto body, carpentry, machine shop and welding sections. High school students attending Green River for extended skill development in one or more of these classes make a significant enrollment contribution, though there is no high school recruitment. Requirements and demands of industry dictate enrollment size and program criteria, explained Patterson.

"The post office is an example," explained Patterson. "Trained personnel were needed for postal maintenance.

These persons were required to take a class in welding. Consequently, the welding enrollment expanded. Boeing is another of the several companies and industries requiring employee education in specific trade and industrial programs."

Since the open door policy at Green River must be maintained, local high schools can not have preference. Because of this, community colleges do not react with area district educators to coordinate curriculum development.

"I wish we did have some input, but we do not advise high schools," said Patterson. "We have apprenticeship committees that advise all students, including young people from high schools. Each of our departments has its own advisory board that works with industry and alerts apprenticeship committees to current industrial standards and needs. Local high school students are so well

trained that the transition to community college trades and industries program presents no real problem."

High school programs in trades and industries are not ignored, however. The machine shop periodically conducts a mini-machine show. Vocational directors and machine shop instructors, as well as any interested persons, are invited to attend these shows to view the latest techniques, skills, and equipment in this instructional area. Carpentry classes build homes, then conduct an open house upon completion of the projects. High school instructors are encouraged to bring students to view these homes. The welding department also has projects that demonstrate the latest methods used in that skill.

Industrial needs, demands and techniques are constantly changing, becoming ever more sophisticated and complex,

requiring continued education in order to keep pace. Industrial companies believe trade and industry programs to be such a vital contribution to progress that they often fund advanced training for their employees. Green River is the recipient of many such funds.

The unemployed young man or woman emerging from high school could optimistically pursue advanced training at the community college level.

"We have a good placement program," states Patterson proudly. "Our entire trade division runs about 95 per cent job placement."

Next week: Local high school vocational directors discuss advantages and disadvantages of community college Trades and Industries programs for students out of high school.

The Media is . . .

The Message

by Beverly Ceccanti

Developed six years ago as part of a strategic move by educators to maximize state funding for Green River Community College, the Winterim journalism seminar provides students an opportunity to meet noted media personalities and intimately explore the variety of careers they represent. Winterim describes the school session that occurs at GRCC between Fall and Winter Quarters; an innovation which had earlier adjusted student credit-hour ratios in the the school's financial favor.

Though shifting statistics have swung Winterim into the cost column of the budget sheet and most of the original offerings have since been cancelled, the media seminar remains a unique and hopefully permanent asset to the communications curriculum according to Ed Eaton, head of the journalism department and originator of the program. Says Eaton, "It gives my students a chance to meet face to face with professionals that are doing what they someday want to do . . . gives them a time frame to ask questions . . . In no other format can we do this as effectively as Winterim because of the all-day class sessions."

Agenda for the five-day event has previously included five to ten speakers. This year's schedule numbered eleven guests and included members of other press-related sectors of the community.

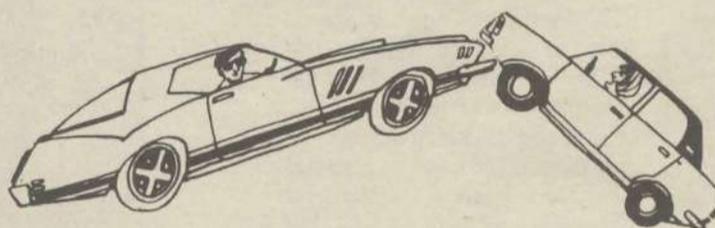
Tim Egan, the 26 year old P.I. reporter whose exposé on John Rosellini probably cost the politician the State Attorney General election last November,

was an easy favorite among students. Egan told an animated story as he recounted the events and ethical considerations that developed out of a tip-off during a routine investigation of a political candidate. He stressed the importance of protecting his source as well as confirming information with public and private records to insure accuracy.

The accuracy issue was emphasized repeatedly by representatives of the news media. Lou Corzaletti of "The Seattle Times" maintained that all reporting is essentially investigative and the controversial Don McGaffin, King TV commentator, pointed out that lawsuits are an occupational hazard. Janet Horne said that clearing information with top level personnel of involved agencies has been critical to her work as a consumer reporter for "The Seattle Times."

Lt. Mike Nault of the Kent police precinct, and Reg Bruce, executive director of Citizen's Council Against Crime, a private organization that compiles published data on local crime, discussed press relations.

Other speakers included Dick Larsen, Seattle Times political reporter and author of the book "Bundy/The Deliberate Stranger," executive news producer Phil Sturholm of King-TV, newsman and former GRCC student Mark Hendricks of KCBI-TV in Boise, ID., and Barb Vetter and Sam Longoria, owners of Warthog Productions, a filmmaking company which is soon scheduled to release its first major picture, "In Search of the Gods."



Driving tips for winter

by Brian Travis

Defensive driving for winter means taking preventive measures to protect the driver and the passengers against injury from accidents.

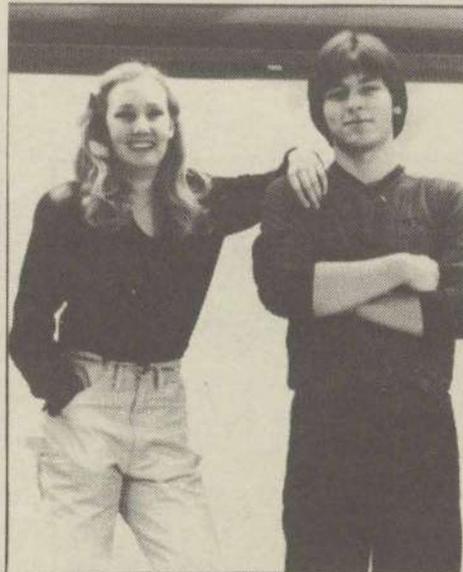
Buckling safety belts, observing speed limits and bad weather conditions will protect the driver during winter travels. Winterizing the car and sharpening one's driving skills plus leaving plenty of time to get to and from the destination will cut down on possible hazards.

When driving on wet roads or ice, make sure the car is in top operating condition for travel through possible

snow. Allow plenty of space between cars on the road.

Hitting an icy spot at an intersection can cause accidents. According to pamphlets from the Department of Motor Vehicles, if you hit an icy spot at an intersection and can't stop, ease up on the gas, hold the wheel steady and roll through. Sudden or hard breaking can result in a wheel lock, which in turn may put the car into an uncontrolled skid. Also remember that children will be playing outdoors in the snow (if we get any) so be on the look-out.

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Seattle Opera has discount tickets for students this month

by Danna Schouten

The Seattle Opera is offering half-price discount tickets to students for the upcoming production of Puccini's "Manon Lescaut" featuring soprano Carol Neblett in the title role.

Italian performances are scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 28, and Saturday,

Jan. 31 at 8 p.m. The English production, which features a separate cast, will be Sunday, Jan. 25 at 2 p.m. and Friday, Jan. 30 at 8 p.m.

Remaining tickets will be sold at the Opera House box office 15 minutes before curtain time.



Clinton's Corner

M's sold for \$13 million

by Tim Clinton

The Seattle Mariner baseball team has been sold for \$13 million to California businessman George L. Argyros, after long months of searching for a suitable owner for the team.

Argyros will have controlling interest in the team, while original owners Stan Golub, Walter Schoenfield, Danny Kaye, and Les Smith will maintain part interest in the team.

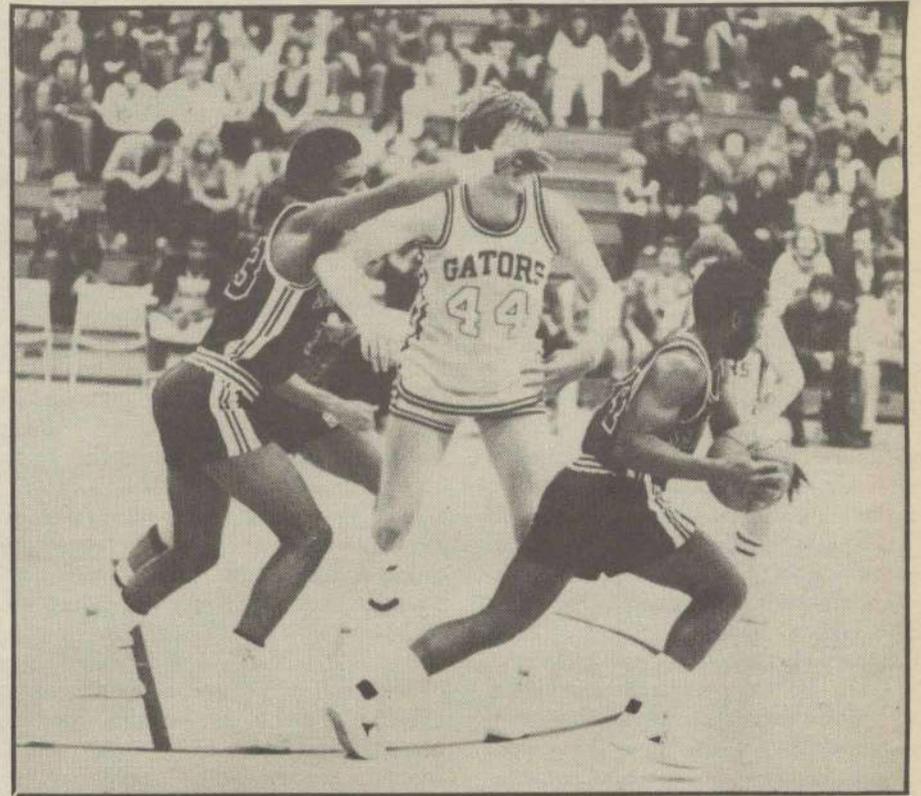
The \$13 million purchase price of this controlling interest is rather ironic, as the M's last offer given by Nelson Skalbania was \$12.5 million for the entire franchise. Thirteen million dollars is also the amount that the New York Yankees will be paying for one .276 hitter named Dave Winfield, which makes one wonder about George Steinbrenner's sense of monetary values.

At any rate, the new blood in the Mariner organization should improve the overall situation of the franchise, which has been operating in the red for the past several years. The large amount of money will enable them to afford higher player salaries and better promotions.

All this should help lift the spirits of the Seattle fans, the players, and all those involved with the ballclub.

The answer to last week's sports trivia quiz question, which asked who won the men's downhill ski competition in the 1976 Winter Olympics, is Franz Klammer of Austria.

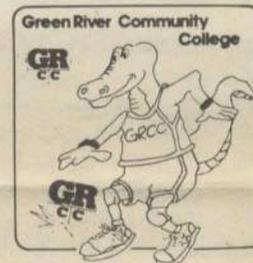
This week's question is what old time major league baseball team moved to Baltimore and is now the Orioles? Answer next week.



Seattle guard dribbles past Gaylen Dacus

PHOTO BY GRAEME GOWIN

Men's team at 4-5



by Dennis Gustafson

The Green River men's basketball team has played three games since Saturday. In all three they have had a respectable lead at half-time; in only one did they have a lead at game's end. On January 17 the Gators rolled over Skagit Valley to the tune of 82-69, on Monday they fell to Ft. Steilacoom 76-65, and on Wednesday they bowed to Seattle Central 64-50.

The Saturday contest with Skagit Valley was Green River all the way. The 45-37 half-time margin was widened to the final score with the help of 22 free points garnered from 30 trips to the charity stripe. Tad Smith had the hot hand contributing 29 points to the total while Don Smith pumped in 17 and Doug Kline got 15.

On Monday the Gator's came out like they intended to repeat Saturday's massacre at Skagit Valley. They lead at half-time 38-32, and appeared to be in control. The second half action soon proved otherwise as the Gators managed

to score only 27 points to the visitor's 44 for the final score of 76-65. Tad Smith was virtually shut out in the second half, something that hasn't happened often. Don Smith and Mike Abbott tied for scoring honors with 17 a piece. Doug Kline contributed 11.

Wednesday's game was an even more pathetic repeat of Monday's game. The Gators once again came out strong in the first half, dominating the play with Mike Abbott connecting for ten points an outside shooting and Tad Smith collecting 14, mostly on driving layups and base-line jumpers. They left the floor at half-time with a comfortable 34-25 lead.

The second half was a complete fiasco for the Gators. Time after time the Seattle Central club forced turnovers with its full court press until finally they took the lead for good at 46-44 with nine and a half minutes remaining. They never let up the Gators never got up the final was 64-50. The Gators only scored 16 points in the entire second half! Eight of those sixteen points came on the outside shooting of Mike Abbott, who finished with 18 to lead the team scoring. Nobody else got over two points in that very dry period.

The Gators now sport a 4-win, loss league record and are 7 and 11 overall. The next Gator contests are on the road against Shoreline on Jan. 24 and Tacoma on Jan. 28. The next home game will be against Bellevue on Jan. 31.

Intramural soccer tourney date set

by Tim Clinton

There will be an intramural indoor soccer tournament played during the noon hour on March 2 and 3. Anyone interested should talk to Mike McCluskey in PE 9.

Meanwhile, the basketball and volleyball programs this quarter are "going great," according to intramural coach Ted Franz. "We have 18 basketball teams and 12 volleyball teams.

In the very early Volleyball League A standings the Greater Gators, The Point

Serves, and the Royals are tied for the lead with 1-0 records. Shower Power and Staff Shaft lead League B at 1-0, too.

Division 1 of the 5 on 5 basketball league is lead by the Coldpackers and Lennies A S, both with 1-0 records. Although Division 2 action hasn't started yet, Division 3 is lead by the James Gang and the Spurs at 1-0. The Exterminators lead the pack in Division 4 with a league leading 2-0 record.



Harriers run well in Spokane meet

by Joe Fenbert

Members of the Green River Track team "ran well and showed promising potential," commented distance coach Rick Becker as he reflected on the team's performance at the Eastern Washington University Junior College Invitational Meet.

Both men and women Gators competed Saturday, Jan. 17 with athletes from Spokane Community College, Eastern Washington University and North Idaho College on Eastern's 200 meter indoor track.

Val Harlow had the only first place finish for the Gators winning the 60-meter hurdles in 9.6 seconds and she also ran on the women's mile relay team that placed third behind two teams from SCC. The three other members of the mile relay team were Patti Dodson, who also ran the 800 meter run placing second, Stacy Simpson, who placed third in the same race and Kim Mose, who also ran in the 300 meter run and placed third.

Tim Predmore, matched against tough competition from SCC, ran the men's 60-meter high hurdles in 8.5

seconds which was just a half a second off the meet record. The men's mile relay team of Joe Fenbert, Mike McClusky, Lorne Wallace and Mark Kepler competing against eight other relay teams finished fourth overall with their time of 3:33. Tracy Handyside paced himself to a third place finish in the men's 1500-meter run with Todd Amidon running just behind. Other Gator runners included Dan Stocking, Craig Burklid, Doug Clous and Mike Campos all in the men's two-mile run and Kerry Grant in the men's 60-meter sprint.

In the field events, Cheryl Mullins placed 3rd in the women's long jump with a jump of 15'8" which was just inches behind a Spokane jumper and establishes a new Gator track record. In the men's high jump, Curt Hustedt placed fourth and Duane Decouveau placed fifth.

Coach Ron Snodgrass summed up the meet by saying, "We were not expecting peak performances at the meet; we went there to have fun and get psyched up for the upcoming spring season."

The next track meet is Feb. 7, at the University of Idaho's Kibbie Dome.

Sports continued . . .

Women basketballers right ship



by Dennis Gustafson

The Green River women's basketball team has arrived! In the last seven days the Gator Gals have had four games; they won two, were in a close contest in a third, and the other was a justifiable loss to a tough Skagit Valley team.

In addition of a healthy Shelly Boyer, some great inside work by Pam Gossman, and some inspired play from the Gator bench has transformed what was once considered an incompetent, lackadaisical crew into an exciting, very competitive team. The Gators have won only 3 games in 12 outing but the improvement in the team since the new

year is enough to make next season appear not so bleak.

The women defeated the PLU Lutes last Wednesday 14 with a score of 62-50. They led all the way in the contest. Pam Gossman had her best night of the season with 28 points, Lisa Fenton had six assists and Linda Hubbard led the team with 9 rebounds. The Gators had only 11 turnovers in the contest.

On Saturday the women travelled to Mt. Vernon to challenge the Skagit Valley squad. The game turned out to be rather lopsided in Skagit Valley's favor, 73-51. The team's major failing was its 27 turnovers. Pam Gossman was high scorer with 12 points and the leading rebounder with 11. Anita Rossi had six assists.

The next game was a heartbreaking loss to the Ft. Steilacoom Raiders, 62-59. The Gators were in this one all the way; they trailed by 2 points at half-time, 28-26, and traded the lead with the Raiders several times. The team was

again lead by Pam Gossman who played a good inside game, scoring 20 points and collecting 8 rebounds. Shelly Boyer also played a superior game, scoring 11 points, grabbing 7 rebounds and dishing out 6 assists. Anita Rossi also contributed 11 points.

On Wednesday 21 the Gators played Seattle Central. It was without a doubt their best of the season. The first half saw Green River up by one at 23 to 22, but in the second half the Gators really took command and won going away, 61-51. The women showed a lot of spunk and poise in the waning moments, crushing a Seattle comeback attempt, which had the lead narrowed to four points with five minutes remaining. Three Gators scored in double figures: Pam Gossman got 22, Katie Miller 17, and Kelly Asbjournson 11.

The Gators' next two games will be on the road against Shoreline tomorrow and Tacoma on the following Wednesday 28.

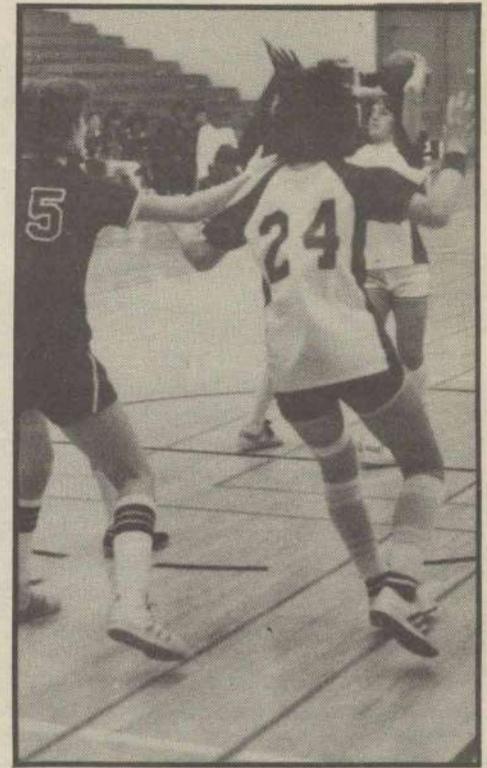


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Teach me how to be sensible, logical, responsible, practical

by Connie Frankhauser

It is ever morally right to kill a person or let a person die? What are the moral implications of abortion? Are scientific explanations value-free? What is at the real heart of the philosophy of Marxism?

These are the type of questions asked and examined by the Green River Philosophy Club.

Its purpose is to attend conferences thereby seeing professional philosophers at work, and hearing the contemporary

issues being discussed in the field of philosophy.

Club Advisor Jeff Clausen commented, "It is valuable to the student not only for his own information, but he is able to bring these issues and ideas back into his classroom for discussion."

Several members of the Philosophy Club attend a conference in Vancouver, B.C. in late November. The topics discussed centered around the moral problems in the health care professions

including the decisions to be made about abortion, euthanasia (commonly known as mercy killing) and a patient's right to know the whole truth about his condition.

A conference is scheduled for March at Western Washington University. Several leading philosophers will present papers for discussion and social hours will allow the students from colleges throughout the region to discuss the

issues presented in those papers.

Each spring the club also hosts a picnic and invites students and faculty on the campus. Clausen commented, "The picnic gives the students a unique opportunity to interact with students and especially faculty in a non-academic setting."

Anyone interested in obtaining further information about the club may contact Jeff Clausen or Meredith Van Ry in the Philosophy Department.

Cinema and Video

Movies to be shown

by Heather Creeden

Cinema and Video will be showing three current movies in the Glacier Room at noon Jan. 28, 29 and 30.

On the 28th, "The Jerk," starring

Steve Martin, will be shown. On the 29th, the feature will be Monty Python's "Life of Brian," and the 30th, the space thriller "Alien" will be shown.

No admission will be charged.

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