

Student records were available to all

GR violates student privacy statutes

By MARK D. STUMPF

GRCC has allowed uncontrolled access to a variety of academic transcript information on every student in the college, apparently in violation of both its own regulations and federal right of privacy statutes.

The information was contained in a computer printout summary of certain transcript data on every GRCC student. The volume was used in the student programs office as an open-access reference book for almost four months fall and this quarter.

That "Student Data List," called the "bible" by student programs personnel who used it freely includes students' cumulative grade point average (GPA), cumulative credits earned, current class load, and other information normally available only

to authorized administrative staff and faculty members.

Workers in that office said they — and anyone who walked in and wanted to see it — had access to the "bible" most commonly using it to locate students from the class schedule the "bible" also contains.

"The 'bible' that I know of, it's no problem just sitting on a desk," said Mike McIntyre, student programs director. Before Fall Quarter, the "bible" contained only students' name, address, social security number, and class schedule, all information the law allows the college to release as "directory information."

Registrar Richard Barclay, when informed of the open access allowed to the "bible," said the practice would be changed — im-

mediately. From now on, Barclay said, the "bible" will be given to student programs "with the express instructions that it not be open to general usage."

Much of the information the "bible" contains, like GPA and credits earned, "would not fall under the classification of directory (releasable) information," said an assistant state attorney general, Jim Porter. He said the college may be open to complaints to the Office of Education of the U.S. Dept. of Health, Education, and Welfare, and possible loss of federal funds, if unauthorized access is allowed to non-directory information.

Green River's own regulations say "the academic record shall be available to administrative staff

and faculty members under appropriate circumstances as determined by the registrar." A detailed records policy is under development by the administration. Presently, said Barclay, "The policy of the college has been not to release any information."

The "bible," open to all until the CURRENT brought that fact to the attention of Barclay, contains students' name, address, social security number, birthdate, sex, and veteran status. It also includes cumulative GPA, cumulative credits earned, current credit load, class schedule, the quarter when the student first enrolled, whether the student is special or matriculated, and a resident or non-resident of the state. If a

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VP Firth put on probation by judicial board

By MARK D. STUMPF

ASGRCC Vice president Charles Firth has been put on probation by the judicial board for refusing to sign releases giving the board access to transcript information on his qualifications for holding office last and this quarter.

The board's attempt to check on Firth's qualifications for this quarter was in the course of their regular quarterly check on all elected officials in student government. An anonymous tip led the justices to request Fall Quarter information as well.

Student government by-laws require Firth to complete at least 10 credit hours per quarter and maintain a minimum 2.0 grade point average. Firth was the only student government official that refused to sign the information release. The decision to put Firth on probation was made at the judicial board's Monday meeting, though the decision was not then made public.

A source told the CURRENT last week that Firth hadn't completed the minimum 10 credits last quarter, specifically, that he failed to complete Joseph Werner's Business 101 class. When he was first contacted about the allegation Jan. 12, Firth admitted not completing the class, and said he hoped to complete it within the week by taking the final test. He said then the issue was not a public concern.

Tuesday, Firth refused to say whether he had completed the class or not, answering "no comment" when asked whether he had completed that class or 10 credits total last quarter.

Firth is the same person who was removed from the same office for the same offense last school year. He was appointed vice president by ASGRCC President Teri Reed this fall to replace Marv Hoffman, who resigned Oct. 14 citing "personal reasons."

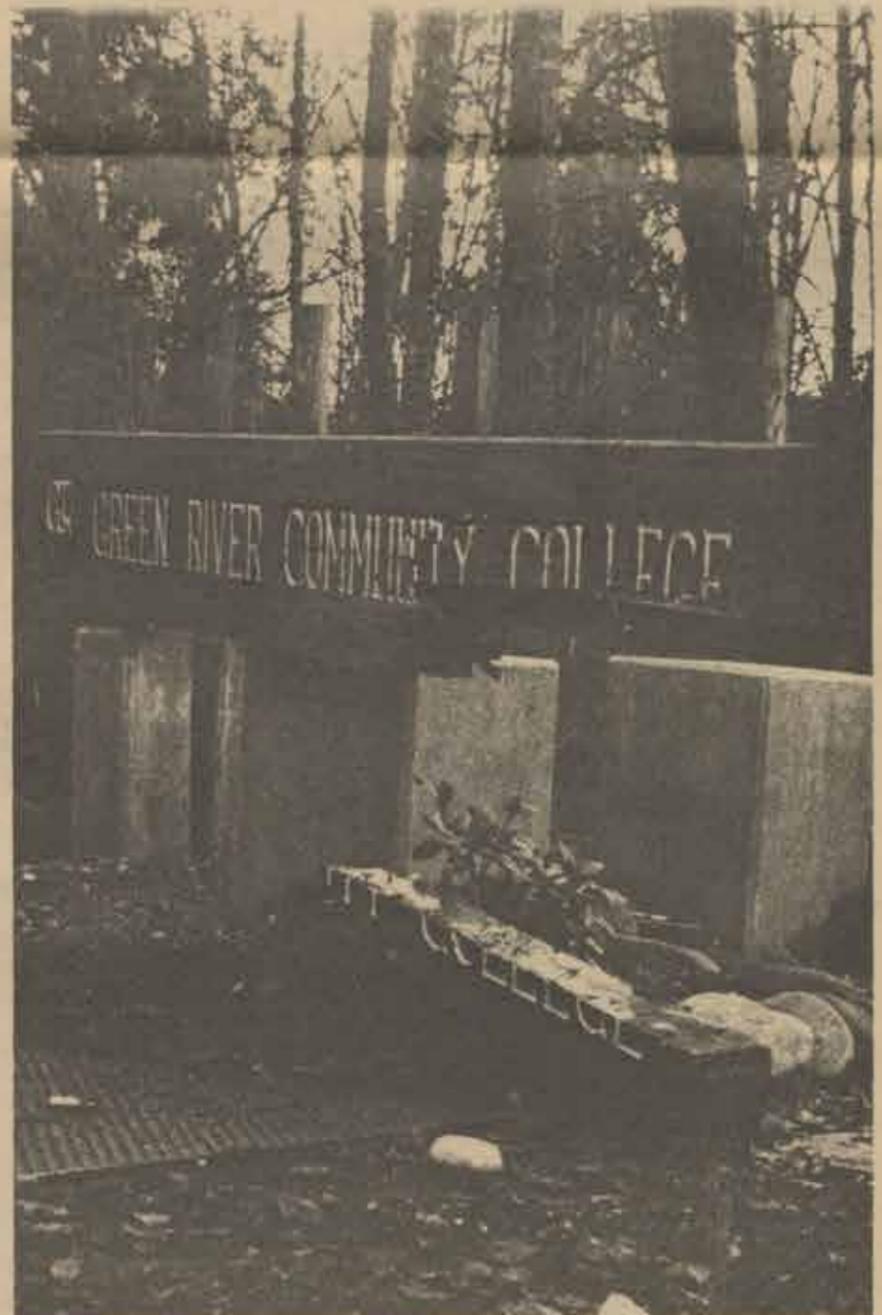
Applications due for editor

Applications for editor of the Green River Current are being accepted this week and next. The new editor will begin duties in February.

Editors for the Current serve on a semester basis, even though the college operates on the quarter system.

Anyone in school, enrolled for 10 credits or more, is eligible to apply for editor but adviser Ed Eaton recommends that the editor candidates have school paper staff experience and that they be enrolled in or have completed Journ. 101, Newswriting.

The applications may be obtained from Eaton in ST-63 at 11 a.m. daily or by special appointment with him. Applications are then returned to the paper adviser. Candidates, if they choose, may then make a presentation before the staff and answer questions by Current writers, editors, and photographers who will elect the second semester editor.



BRUISED AND SHATTERED — A wayward motorist recently bruised Green River's modern/rustic sign which sits at the end of 124th Avenue Southeast. The piece that was splintered off was found in the bushes and placed beneath the sign for artistic effect by CURRENT photo editor Lee Vanderlaan. We've forgiven him — hope our readers will too.

—Staff photo by Lee Vanderlaan.

Senator files charges

Reed sought out transcript information

By MARK D. STUMPF

ASGRCC President Teri Reed requested and got academic transcript information on the qualifications for office of 11 senators from then-Chief Justice of the Judicial Board Scott Sandmeyer sometime just before or during Christmas break.

The information included cumulative grade point average, cumulative credits earned, and current credit load — all factors in the senators' qualifications for office, and all information usually open to authorized faculty or administration members. The senators were not informed of the investigation and did not sign releases allowing Sandmeyer access to that information. How he got it is a matter of contention.

One of the senators investigated, Senator-at-Large Pat Cimino, has filed charges with the judicial board accusing Sandmeyer of "abuse of powers" and "invasion of privacy" for his "illegal, special effort to check (Cimino's) school records and passing this information along without my permission."

Reed said she wanted the information for "personal" use in

connection with a student government orientation workshop she conducted in December. She refused to explain why that kind of information was needed for the workshop, and declared the interview over when pressed for details.

Could that grade point and credit information have been sought as political intelligence on the senators? Reed said the question was "an insult to my integrity."

Her vice president, Charles Firth, who was also given the information on the senators by Sandmeyer, had a different understanding of why the information was gathered. Firth said that since legitimate checks on the qualifications of elected officials is a regular function of the judicial board, and the board under Sandmeyer had not made the checks Fall Quarter, Reed had personally requested Sandmeyer to get the information "to make sure the checks were done."

Sandmeyer never told the judicial board he made the checks, giving the information only to Firth and Reed. Sandmeyer said he got the information from a

summarized computer printout of student data that was at that time open to anyone. (See story, page one.) But LaVerne Smith, supervisor of registration, said she remembered Sandmeyer requesting the information on his authority as chief justice, meaning he did not need the signatures of the senators involved. She recalled he was "upset" at having to request the information in writing, but said she had no record of that request.

Sandmeyer said he gathered the information and gave it to Firth instead of the judicial board, as student government by-laws provide, because he "thought it would save the (judicial) board time." He then refused to answer further questions on the matter.

The CURRENT was able to view the list of senators and their qualifications drawn up by Sandmeyer when the judicial board first considered the matter. Later meetings on the issue, including the one at which Sandmeyer was questioned, were closed to the public.

The list came to light because Reed, after receiving the list from Firth (who got it from Sandmeyer),

gave it to present Chief Justice Wendy Jones.

Though Reed said she could not remember whether the list indicated whether the senators were qualified, the list she gave Jones clearly shows the name of the senator, his/her cumulative GPA, cumulative and current credits, and states whether the senator was qualified.

Senators whose qualifications were listed were Julie Bittinger, Bill Cole, Karen Love, Laura Pickens, Marcia Antonich, Ron Cole, John Halvorson, C. Michelich, Pat Cimino, K. Gauen and Mark Clemens.

Only sophomore Senator Ron Cole, since resigned, and sophomore Senator Marcia Antonich were listed as not qualified during Fall Quarter. The document said Antonich would have sophomore standing only at the close of Fall Quarter. According to that information, she was thus appointed sophomore senator while still actually a freshman.

Sandmeyer did the investigating as "volunteer work" for her, Reed said, adding it had "zero to do with his chief justice position."

Board down to three

Kennelly elected new chairman of Trustees

The GRCC Board of Trustees learned last week what it's like to conduct business with only three members, and the inconvenience was immediate: the start of that Jan. 13 meeting was delayed while trustees Hugh Mathews and William Kennelly waited for the arrival of the third trustee, Dr. Richard Eidal.

When he did arrive, the trio promptly elected Kennelly

chairman and Eidal vice-chairman to replace former chairman Dr. William Shaw and former vice chairman Helen Smith, who resigned the board Dec. 31. Kennelly and Eidal will serve as chairman and vice chairman at least until May or June, said GRCC President Melvin Lindbloom.

Tenure was granted to instructors Delores Wegner and

Carol Bishop by the trustees, to the expressed delight of fellow faculty in the audience. Because a quorum will not be available to hold a February meeting, the trustees voted to grant tenure as of Feb. 1 to instructors Will Hawkins and Robert Patterson.

The drive and plaza area next to the new Administration Building was named the John L. Fournier Memorial Circle by a resolution of

the trustees. Fournier was a local newspaper publisher who trustees said contributed to the early development of GRCC. His family paid for the flag pole that stands on the site.

Green River isn't the only community college with vacancies on its board of trustees, indicated Chairman Kennelly. He said John Mundt, director of the State Board for Community College Education, said at a recent trustee association meeting that 64 of the state's 110 community college trustees have resigned, are up for reappointment, or their appointments have not been confirmed by the state senate.

"I don't think we're going to get one (a new trustee) until May or June," said Mathews.

Former Gov. Dan Evans' budget, now before the legislature, holds some good news for community colleges, said President Lindbloom. He expressed pleasure at budget items providing \$5 million for replacement of laboratory science equipment statewide, compensation for the college's switch to a new computer system, construction money for a covered outdoor auto shop storage area, some funds for GRCC's cultural center project, and financial aid increases to compensate for the tuition hike, also a part of the budget.

"I'm generally satisfied with the budget, but I think it's going to be short-lived," said Lindbloom. He predicted the new governor and legislature will take Evans' version "back to the drawing board" for extensive revision.

The trustees voted to commend former board members Shaw and Smith for their "dedicated" service to the college.

Green River surplus sale

Bye, bye, said the turnstile and toilet stalls

Over the years Green River has accumulated obsolete, broken and just plain useless pieces of junk. In an attempt to clear out the room used to house these items, the Purchasing Department recently held a closed bid auction.

"There were about 700 bids on 255 lots, of which about 50 were not bid on at all. The sale will net approximately \$3,300 if all items are picked up," said John Watkins, Purchasing Manager.

The items ranged from adding machines to an X-ray machine and included a kitchen sink.

In light of the fact that the sale was held to rid the school of 'junk' there were some good buys.

The kitchen sink was in a cabinet, low bid was \$1.01, winning bid \$102.00. Two bids were placed on the X-ray machine, low at \$11.00, winning bid was \$12.00.

A seven foot slide rule went for \$5.76, a gift to an engineering graduate. A 12 by 16 foot folding room divider, that weighed about 600 pounds sold for \$11.91.

Four televisions were on the block, two worked fine, one had sound only and one didn't work at

all. The non-working model sold for \$5.00. Two boxes of obsolete-but-new dustmops brought in \$5.00. Three working electric typewriters were sold, one was exchanged for \$25.00, (low bid \$10.00), the other two went for \$6.89.

A turnstile sold for \$1.05,



reportedly to be used at keggers to keep the un-sober away from the keg. A Toledo platform scale with a lighted dial brought in \$10.00, low bid \$1.05.

Nineteen manikins were sold to a custom auto club member for use in show displays for \$25.00.

One Kodak movie projector

drew bids ranging between \$6.18 and \$73.95. A working 1/3 hp compressor drew many bids also. On the low end \$6.00 and the winning bid was \$100.00.

Some of the items that were not bid on included:

- * One film defect detector.
- * Infra-red heat lamps.
- * Pot and pan scrubber with evidence that it did work at one time.
- * One electric cart without wheels.
- * One truck tire.
- * Three truck wheels.
- * One Jeep seat minus cushions.
- * Two restroom stalls with obscene graffiti.
- * Used toilet paper dispensers.
- * Six to eight secretary chairs with three good legs. (One did sell for \$2.50.)

The items that did not sell will be sent to state surplus property.

The purchasing department held the sale themselves to avoid paying the fee that would be charged had state surplus sales held the sale. "We don't know if we made more or less doing it ourselves" said Watkins.

Undercurrents

Let them eat ice cream — Green River American Graffiti

By MIKE VOURI

If you don't happen to run into a friend with a hankering to drink coffee, smoke cigarettes and visit, the student center is an excellent place for reading, writing and arithmetic in the pre-noon hours. People are hunched over, slumped back or lost in blank-faced concentration over a plethora of academic tasks. No matter the discordant rattling of those inane pin-ball machines, or the ping-pong balls that float down from upstairs; the hum of study is the prevailing sound in the morning.

It was on such a morning recently that girlish voice suddenly crackled over the building's public address system: "Bzzt, crackle (background noise) Attention please. Free ice cream cones will be available to all in the lobby of the student center at noon, compliments of SPECIAL EVENTS."

I had been wrapped up in an English paper. Were my ears deceiving me? I glanced across the table to scan the face of a similarly absorbed student. Our eyes locked. Then, he slowly, deliberately, wetted his forefinger on the tip of his tongue and waved it in a circular motion over his head.

I'd heard correctly.

Another vital community activity was coming down from on high. In the fine old tradition of free kazoos and bubblegum, pumpkin carving and Christmas tree decorating contests, and the soon-to-be incepted "Gong Show," the masses were once again being soothed, placated, recreated and amused by the local fun factory.

Please do not misunderstand. I am in no way casting doubt upon the good intentions of our Special Events; they do their work well — sort of. What I question is the need for sophomoric dribble. Perhaps at the ripe old age of 29 I am becoming a cynical old beater. Could be. According to a very reliable source who is employed upstairs in the student center, Special Events is geared toward serving the social needs of the community. Gong shows, pumpkin contests and ice cream feeds are designed to help people "get to know each other." My source says such activities are for the "younger students."

Fine. However, if my memory serves me correctly, the average Green River student is somewhere around 27-years-old. I'm sure many of my "older" colleagues here will recall that in our post-adolescent years, our generation had no time for precious trivialities. There were too many vital issues at hand, like the war and the dismantling of stifling, outdated social mores. College campuses were the stages on which scenes of confrontation were played and students were respected and too, detested, as essential elements in the national movement for change.

Truly, that era is long past. Admittedly the times are different. The violence of Kent State made the nation reel in shock and grief. No right thinking person wants those days back again. However, I question whether we should return to that thumb-sucking mentality that allowed an illegal war to

persist, unchecked, under our very noses and perpetuated that disgusting old canon that the energies of youth were better directed toward packing telephone booths and Volkswagens.

The inequities and injustices of today are less glaring and "personal" for most, but they are as real and malevolent as any which came to pass in the sixties.

For instance, the Supreme Court recently ruled that low income housing could be banned from any suburban area. The suburban defendants in the case claimed that race was not an issue; that it was a simple matter of zoning laws. They're not fooling anybody. The decision is a major set-back in the civil rights movement because blacks will remain locked in urban areas with little hope for escape. It's happening here in America boys and girls. Black human beings are still niggers to be kept in a "safe" place.

Our new governor has practically declared war on environmentalists in the name of "Joe Sixpack." According to her, wilderness areas heretofore reserved for backpackers should be thrown open to any Winnebago freak who wants to hook up his conduit and watch Johnny Carson. She's poo-pooed the recent oil tanker disasters as irrelevant in a broader sense and scoffs at the dangers inherent in producing nuclear power. In other words, she believes energy needs come first and foremost, the environment a distant second.

An abhorrent form of racism persists in the Republic of South Africa and a local banker said the South African gold coins he's selling have nothing to do with that country's apartheid policy. His logic leaves me cold. The coin sales are supportive of the South African government, which in turn, is supportive of the racist South African business community.

Everywhere, even here in the land of plenty, people are hungry.

Where is the voice of the student? Every week an organization representing one of the above causes is on campus and the turn-out for their presentations is minimal. On the day before the anniversary of the death of Martin Luther King, a Gong Show was in the planning stages and free ice cream was being dispensed in the lobby of the student center.

What it amounts to, is that we're glutting ourselves with pleasure and frolic in that frantic quest of "getting to know each other." Funny, you'd be amazed at how many people you'd meet at a rally supportive of human rights.

We must realize that the beast remains at the door and he can smash it down at any time to wreak havoc in our midst. As surely as our planet rolls around the sun and spins on its own axis, man remains a volatile, unpredictable force of nature who must constantly remain wary of his own failings.

There isn't much time left for lethargy and hedonism.

As students, we have the power — the power to right the wrongs, to enforce our ideals — if we'll only take the time to examine them and most importantly, act on them. We are in the majority. We can do it.

True, free ice cream and Gong shows may seem harmless buffoonery, irrelevant to the above issues. But mark me well, they sap our energy, distract the process of our thoughts and malign our integrity.

For our own sakes — Wake Up!

River City Mail Room

To the Editor,
Dear Mr. Vouri,

I am writing regarding Mark Stumpf's feature article on the resignation of Mrs. Smith and Dr. Shaw.

Thank you for featuring this article and for the informative way in which it was written. I do not know Dr. Shaw personally but have had some contact with Helen Smith and want to express myself regarding her and her impact on our GRCC campus.

Mrs. Smith's resignation is of no little consequence to our school. She has been devoting many, many hours to school needs. I am sure that no one could be more devoted to our school; more open to suggestion and more willing to knock herself out to help in any school related problem. All of this went on behind the scenes as far as most of us are concerned, but it

was none the less significant. Having been a school board member myself, I am aware that they take much of the criticism for school problems and get very little of the praise for its successes. Helen's case was no exception.

As one reads Mark's article and converses with Mrs. Smith, he is aware that her resignation is entirely based on her own personal convictions. These convictions add up, to me, to saying that we have a law on our books that ought to be reexamined, if it keeps people from service on the kinds of grounds that Helen has.

Thus, I express my personal regrets on the loss of Mrs. Smith from our GRCC board and my pleasure that she will still be around campus in another capacity.

Sincerely,
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Smile though your heart is aching

Miss Auburn contest - many dreams and no jeans

By CATHY MELBERG

The deadline for applications for the Miss Auburn Scholarship Pageant has been extended to the end of January it was announced recently.

Miss Auburn pageant is franchised through the Miss America Pageant which is the world's largest scholarship foundation for young women. They award \$1 million annually at local, state and national levels.

Top prize for the Miss Auburn pageant includes a \$600 scholarship and the right to go on to the Miss Washington competition.

Usually there are 10 women in the competition. First runner up receives a \$300 scholarship, second runner up—\$125, third and fourth get \$75.

So far it looks pretty good.

Ten contestants—four prizes. Pretty good odds.

But there's a catch. There's always a catch. It takes work—hard work and dedication, self discipline, time, money, talent, poise, sacrifice, beauty, intelligence and the final catch—there's only one real winner. Only one will go on to the Miss Washington pageant.

Statistically, the Miss Washington pageant doesn't look too bad either.

There's usually anywhere from 16 to 22 contestants. And the prizes are bigger.

First prize winner not only goes on to the Miss America competition in Atlantic City but receives: \$2,000 in scholarships for furthering her education, \$1,000 scholarship to Carolyn Hansen Fashion College, \$750 scholarship to American Conservatory of Music, \$500 fashion award, years free use



Miss Auburn 1976 Shelly Johnson
Staff photo by Mike Burr

of a car, official Miss Washington crown and diamond pendant, \$200 wardrobe grant, wristwatch, typewriter, hair piece, framed 16x20 inch color self portrait, Pandora chest of jewels, free cleaning for one year, camera kit with processing and 10 rolls of film, souvenir apple pins and red delicious apples to take to Atlantic City, complete winter outdoor wardrobe and use of a new arctic cat snowmobile during her reign, competition gown, four pieces of luggage and a trophy.

First through fourth runnersup receive lesser prizes but no one goes away empty handed at Miss Washington. Everyone receives at the least a \$100 scholarship, an official Miss America Charm, Toni kit, Pepsi and milk to drink throughout pageant week, and of course red delicious apples.

Before you all rush out and fill in your applications you'd better take a closer look at what you're getting involved in.

Green River is graced with more than a handful of beauty pageant participants—with a wealth of information as to what they're all about.

Ravona Parks, freshman at GRCC, participated in the Miss Federal Way competition last July.

The pageant theme was "The Sweet Old Fashioned Girl." During the beginning weeks pageant officials "sat us down and told us 'You are all going to be sweet, old fashioned girls,'" she explained.

There were several restrictions put on the contestants: No smoking in public, stay away from bars and parties, and during pageant functions (teas, luncheons) they all had to wear the same dresses.

"If we wanted to go out in public, we couldn't wear jeans. We either had to wear a dress or nice pants," she added.

All in all though, "I thought it was great, but I know a lot of the girls who didn't win anything, didn't feel that way," said Parks.

Debbie Lemke, a former GRCC student, participated in the Miss Auburn pageant last March and termed it "a very good learning experience."

And what about restrictions?

There were dress codes—dresses had to be approved, both formal and luncheon dresses.

"We were in the public eye at all times—in other words, behave yourselves," she said.

And after the pageant was over

"I cried and cried," she said. "I never thought there was that much emotional strain involved in it."

She also mentioned the expenses involved. You needed a gown and an interview dress. Fabric for the opening number was paid for by the sponsor but, "We had to make our own costumes," she added.

April Cawthon, freshman at GRCC, entered the Miss Des Moines contest last May.

Her reasons? "At the time I entered I thought I really needed the money," she said. She termed the pageant a weird experience and said, "I didn't feel right in it." "I guess I just don't like being looked at as a piece of merchandise, she added. The Miss Auburn Pageant and all local and state pageants which are affiliated with the Miss America Pageant are big business, regardless of their non-profit status. The prizes involved are proof of that.

This April's Miss Auburn extravaganza will take place as planned. The organization is too grand to buck. More than a thousand people will eye the ladies and pick their winner. But only one will walk away the big winner. The others will only have memories and dreams.

Film - lecture reviewed

'Dimbaza' reveals racism in South Africa

By LINDA BARROW

Racism. The word fairly snarls with images of swastikas and fiery crosses and bodies bent under the indignities of exploitation.

That is the blatant racism that is so easy to detect.

Yet, according to representatives from the Committee Against Racism (CAR), there is a new racism emerging, more insidious, but no less dangerous or demeaning.

As an example, CAR sponsored a film at Green River Jan. 11, "Grave at Dimbaza," which, owing to the racist conditions existing in South Africa under Prime Minister John Vorster's Bantustan program, had to be smuggled out of that country.

Under the program, the black Africans are separated by tribal affiliation and set out of the cities to be resettled in government-built housing.

The object of the program, according to Vorster, is that each tribal community (bantustan) will then be able to, eventually, gain independence as a separate state.

The film, however, gave evidence of the program being simply another step in the government's apartheid policy. Of the total land in South Africa, only 13 percent was given for the bantustans; whites control the other 87 percent, even though, of

the country's 22 million people, only four million are white. But this follows the usual course in South Africa, since the whites also control the government, the military, the judicial system and all industry.

When the film was made, approximately two years ago, the bantustans already contained three times as many people as the land could provide subsistence for.

It is the children that really get to you in films like this. Not the tattered little moppets with bright hopeful eyes, and their hands out for a few tourist coins; but those children with bloated bellies, eyes and senses dulled from malnutrition, with neither enough energy nor enough hope to raise their hands. Before the age of five, 50 percent of them die.

And yet, very profitable American industries abound in South Africa, drawn by the cheap labor, according to CAR spokesman, Dwight Threepersons. In fact, he continued, the U.S. is second only to Britain in investments. And for that reason he believes the U.S. could well become militarily involved in South Africa.

"I have faith in the American people, but they must wake up to reality," Threepersons insisted. "If the U.S. aids the government of



Dwight Threepersons, spokesman for Committee Against Racism (CAR). —Staff photo by Mike Burr.

South Africa, the reason won't be to protect it from the threat of communism; the reason will be to protect U.S. investments there."

Threepersons went on to charge Dixie Lee Ray with the responsibility for nuclear technology being given to South Africa.

There had been a boycott against giving South Africa the technology, but Ray, as head of the Atomic Energy Commission, overruled it, said Threepersons.

And in response to continued U.S. involvement in South Africa, he announced that CAR is calling for a protest to be staged in front of the Olympic Hotel in Seattle, Jan. 20, at 6:30 p.m.

It is not just South Africa's racism that CAR is concerned with, however, emphasized GRCC student Cathy Schop, another CAR member. "Racism is here, and it hurts everyone. It keeps us separated and ignorant and afraid."

Student records were open

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student is enrolled in a vocational program, that is indicated by the code number of that program.

Dean for Students Earl Norman admitted the open access "shouldn't have been. The intent of those ('bibles') is strictly for classes" — to locate students by their schedule. The practice of allowing open access will be corrected, he said.



Star Trekkers from Puget Sound's 16 Outposts featured a booth at the recent Science Fiction Expo at the Seattle Center last weekend.

Stardate 1977: Star Trekkers ready for annual convention

Story and photos by LEE VANDERLAAN

Science fiction fans are in for a treat at the upcoming Puget Sound Star Trekkers Second Annual Convention, scheduled for January 29 and 30 at the Olympic Hotel in Seattle.

PSST CON II promises to delight our fancies with 16 major motion picture films, 8 Star Trek episodes and 11 guest celebrities.

Spotlighted speaker is Robert A. Heinlein, author of *Stranger in a Strange Land*.

Featured also, are actors from Star Trek episodes, including George "Sulu" Takei, Grace Lee Whitney "Yeoman Janice Rand" and David "Tribbles" Gerrold.

Malcolm Klein, from Filmmation Studios, creator of the animated Star Trek version seen on TV, will present a lecture and slides on animation.

Susan Sackett, Gene Roddenberry's personal secretary, will be on hand to discuss the new Star Trek movie now being made at Paramount. According to local Star Trekker Robert Earl "Butch" Day of PSST, the film may well exceed the budget of "2001."

Also confirmed are Harlan Ellison, and BJO and John Trimble.

Frank K. Freas, celebrated artist of many science fiction "pulp" magazines, will speak about "Artists on the Subject of Art."

For all you atomaton freaks, "Robby the Robot," seen in the new film "Forbidden Planet" will be there, accompanied by Bill Malone.

In addition, displays, science fiction "hucksters" rooms, art and model shows and Star Trek games played by computer will be available.

Puget Sound Star Trekkers are featuring a banquet dinner Sunday night with the above mentioned personalities for an additional \$13 fee. Seating will be assigned randomly, providing you with a chance to sit next to your favorite star.

Kit Canterbury, commodore of PSST, reminds us to submit the \$16.25 fee for the two day event before this Saturday. Cost at the door will be \$20, or \$12 for one day only.

Send for tickets with check payable to PSST or Kitty Canterbury at 6207 7th Ave. NW, Seattle 98107. You must include a legal sized self-addressed stamped envelope.



Pictured are organizers Pat Morrison of North Seattle, captain of Outpost 3 (front); Bill Warren of Ballard, vice-commodore of PSST and resident artist of Starbase 7 (left); Kit Canterbury, commodore of PSST (middle); Robert Earl "Butch" Day, Data Bank officer.



Fascinating, those old comic books! A youngster marvels at a boxful featured at "huckster's" booth.



Space Comics? Yes, they should be right about here.



Tom Kennedy, one of the mechanics working for Outdoor Programs, adjusts a bicycle's brakes. —Staff photo by Tom Faber

Cheap bicycle repair in Outdoor Programs

By ROB ZERR

Bicyclists who have an annoying creak or rattle coming from their machines and have no idea why, can take it to someone who does—Tom Kennedy of the Green River Bike Shop.

Kennedy spends most of his life in the tiny shop located in the Outdoor Programs building, repairing everything from handlebar tape to bent rims and spokes on any kind of bike.

Unlike many of the larger bike shops which have high overhead, and in turn higher costs to do repairs, the Green River shop charges anywhere from \$.75 for taping handlebars to \$4.00 for a complete overhaul, not including parts. In contrast to the larger shops, there is usually only a three bike waiting list.

Tom opened the shop in the fall of 1976, when he saw that there was a need for convenient, low priced service on campus. Business was slow at first, says Kennedy, but by spring, with people out biking again, business became quite brisk.

Repairing bicycles is only part of his job, he is willing to teach cyclists how to maintain and

repair their own machines. He feels that you don't have to be a wizard with a wrench just to tighten or loosen the adjustment of your derailleurs, it just takes a turn of the screwdriver.

Tom got his start repairing bicycles at the age of 14 when he bought the "Anybody's Bike Book" and started practicing on his own bike. After taking it apart three or four times, he started taking his friends bikes out from under them and said "Hey this is broken." His reputation led him to begin his repair shop at GRCC.

Bikers wishing to have their machine fixed may come to the Outdoor Programs building between 10-11 a.m and noon-2 p.m. or contact Tom Kennedy or Rory Cahill.

Senate fills five vacancies

The senate suspended regular business last week to select senators. The five vacancies were filled by: Bucky Chandler, Gail Berg, Ray Fike, Rob Draper, and Linda Goddard.

There were five applicants for the freshman senate seat that Chandler claimed; two applicants for sophomore senator from which Berg and Fike were selected; and Draper and Goddard were chosen from five applicants for senator-at-large.

The agenda set for last week will be discussed at today's meeting.

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Current Events

Pre-college test Saturday

The Washington Pre-College test will be administered at Green River, Saturday at 9 a.m.

The Pre-College test is not mandatory. If a student wishes, they may meet the requirements for English 101 or Math by taking the English placement test, or the ACT or SAT test. Students planning to go on to a four year college will need to take one of these tests.

The \$8 registration fee must be paid by tomorrow. For more information, students may contact the admissions office.

Our apologies

How do you say you're sorry? We're sorry. Last week's CURRENT published a front-page article stating that \$1 duplicate parking permit fees had been suspended temporarily.

They have not been suspended. The story was based on information supplied by Laverne Smith, staff member of the Parking and Security Board.

Smith said she misunderstood the recommendation made by a subcommittee of the Parking Board to the Board of Trustees because she was unable to attend the meeting that day.

The actual recommendation reads, "The subcommittee...asks the following: That you take to the Board of Trustees the following revision in the WAC (Washington Academic Code) for their earliest possible action:

"...Additional permits are available according to the current fee schedule to an individual who may be registered to drive any one of several vehicles..."

The "current fee schedule" is \$1 for each duplicate parking permit issued. There has been no change of policy regarding their issuance.

SWEA needs members

The Students Washington Education Association (SWEA) is attempting to recruit members from Green River and possibly open a new chapter here.

The SWEA is primarily concerned with preparing education majors for the job market but membership is open to anyone who is not seeking certification for teaching.

Two SWEA representatives, Bryan Gurule, district director and Donna Roberts, district coordinator, spoke to a small group of GRCC students in the Lindbloom Student Center last Thursday. SWEA was promoting itself because with additional membership the organization will gain more representation in the national association.

Gurule and Roberts said that membership in the organization is desirable because of insurance opportunities for student teachers and for the additional information the student would receive about the education field. What appears to be the most attractive feature of SWEA is that last year 80 percent of the graduates who were members gained employment compared to about 35 percent for nonmembers.

New philosophy course here

Philosophy 115, a new three-credit Humanities course designed to provide a fresh approach to practical decision-making, is scheduled to begin Jan. 31, at 10 a.m. daily, as a part of the mini-quarter.

The new course, Practical Reasoning in Everyday Life, aims at developing a method which can be applied to realistic cases, including issues raised in other courses, as well as one's own problems.

Unlike Philosophy 120, the logic course taught at Green River, the emphasis of Philosophy 115 will be on practical applications to familiar examples in such areas as literature, editorials, ethics, and natural and social sciences.

"A rational and general method of decision-making is something we all need, but is, as yet, not really offered in any course here at GRCC," explained Jeff Clausen, philosophy instructor for the course.

This quarter, Philosophy 115 will be a late starting class, but, Clausen says, hopefully it will be offered again as either a five or three credit course.

Mini-quarter slated for March

Green River Community College is offering a basic core of liberal arts courses beginning Jan. 31, as part of a program to enroll students who for some reason were unable to register at the beginning of Winter Quarter.

Classes for this "mini-quarter" will run until March 18, and students enrolled in the program will be required to take all four courses offered.

The four classes offered will be worth 14 college transfer credits and are general education requirement courses that will meet degree distribution requirements at GRCC. The courses offered will be Health Education 150, Philosophy 115, Psychology 100 and Natural Science 102.

GRCC Gong Show coming

Green River's own "spoof" on the Gong Show will happen at noon on Feb. 1 and 2 in the main dining area of the Lindbloom Student Center. Applications are being taken for anyone interested and must be turned in to Student Programs no later than Tuesday. Applications will be accepted on the basis of creativity and originality.

Writer's Club wants writers

That little known and highly celebrated select few known to the world-at-large as the Writer's Club set its club meeting date for weekly sessions at noon in HS-6 on Thursdays. The odd meeting day and time were pronounced more attractive and erudite to the manically depressed in response to innumerable requests.

The club spokesperson who mysteriously appeared in the Current typing room just before the presses were poised to begin whispered something of an urgent nature to one of the typewriters, walked into a wall, and then excused everyone in the room.

High Tides and Green Grass

A Night on the Town at Boston's Hotel California

By KELLY ENOCHS

Three very popular rock albums have been released recently. One is the surprise debut of a new band named after their home town, 'Boston.' Rod Stewart's 'A Night On The Town' is already his best selling album of a long and illustrious career. The third is 'Hotel California' by our old friends the Eagles. After the miles of bubblegum released lately (I won't even mention disco), it is reassuring that quality rock and roll is still commercially acceptable.

Boston's first Epic album is a party favorite due to a boogie pace and the almost constant hard rock style of two lead guitars. The runaway success of the single "More Than A Feeling" quickly vaulted the album into the Top 10 and sales have already exceeded two million.

Pointing out the group's many influences, the single has been described as a "churning Lou Reed riff, by way of Joe Walsh." Styx, Led Zeppelin, and Yes can all be heard in their music.

Best cuts on the album include the single, "More Than A Feeling," "Rock and Roll Band" and "Hitch A Ride."

The highlight of 'A Night On The Town' is Stewart's greatly improved lyric-writing ability. Three of the four cuts on side one are AM singles, and the suggestive lyrics to "Tonight's The Night" zoomed it to number one. Some radio stations even censored the line "spread your wings and let me come inside."

The Cat Steven's song "First Cut Is The Deepest" has a great double-guitar opening and unpretentious use of strings.

"Killing Of Georgie (part I AND II)" is the album's surprise single. The seven minute song deals with the death of a homosexual friend. Stewart's feelings on life are expressed perfectly through Georgie - "George once said to me and I quote, 'Don't ever wait or hesitate, get in kid before it's too late, you may never get this chance again. Life's a mask but it don't last, live it long and live it fast.' Georgie was a friend of mine."

'Hotel California' is possibly the best Eagles album since their classic 'Desperado.'

It is sad to see Bernie Leadon leave the band, but the addition of Joe Walsh at lead guitar has brought the group back to reality. Where the last album 'One Of These Nights' artificial and slick, 'Hotel California' is real and emotionally close. The band's writing finally concerns themselves again.

Producer and engineer Bill Szymczyk has again given the group a beautifully recorded sound equal to the Steely Dan albums. "Pretty Maids All In A Row" with Joe Walsh on piano, synthesizer, and vocals shows the clean sound at its best. Best cuts here are "Victim Of Love," "New Kid In Town" - a song about Walsh, and the title track.

Overall, 'Hotel California' is a

labor-of-love album that should keep the Eagles at the forefront of the American rock scene for quite some time.

CONCERT RUNDOWN:

Jan. 26 - Dan Hicks, Country Joe McDonald, and David LaFlame, (sold out) Paramount Northwest.
Jan. 27 - Steve Miller, (sold out) Seattle Center Coliseum.
Jan. 29 - Kansas, Atlanta

Rhythm Section, Paramount Northwest.

Feb. 3 - Foghat, Seattle Center Coliseum.

Feb. 5 - Jackson Browne and Friends, (sold out) Paramount Northwest.

Feb. 11 - Grover Washington Jr., Paramount Northwest.

Mar. 27 - Chic Corea, an excellent jazz pianist, Paramount Northwest.

GRCC computer locates jobs

By DON WISSBROD

What are you going to be when you grow up? If you don't know, you might ask a computer.

The counseling center at Green River Community College has two new terminals linked to the Washington Information Service located at Eastern Washington State College. The computer provides information that may be useful to a person investigating careers.

This is the third year Green River has had access to the computer. The last two years teletypes were rented; this year the school has bought a faster and more efficient system.

The new terminal consists of a teletype and a tube that resembles a television screen. The computer will answer your questions on the screen and if you wish to keep any, it will print them on the teletype.

When using the computer, the person seeking information answers a questionnaire of 24

questions that are designed to tell the computer the likes and dislikes of the user. The computer eliminates occupations that the user does not appear to show interest in from its current list of about 227. The computer prints out the remaining occupations. The user can also explore individual occupations through the computer.

The computer can provide useful information such as job descriptions, salary comparisons, courses that help in preparation, bibliography of occupational books and cost comparison between schools.

The computer will be used in conjunction with a three day workshop, Career Potential - Today and Tomorrow, that will take place on Feb. 9, 16, and 23. Students may still register for the workshop which will run seven hours a day from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and is worth two credits.

'Victory Music Hall' blossoms at 'Other Side of the Tracks'

By DAVID LAMBERT

In this day of disco ducks and "shake your booty" it's nice to be able to think back into the not so distant past and remember the days when folk was king and all you needed to be a star was a beat up guitar, a flat pick, and a place to play. A thing of the past? Not if Victory Music has anything to say about it. Based in Auburn at the Other Side of the Tracks Restaurant, Victory Music and its manager Chris Lunn has been trying to provide an open forum for folk and jazz musicians since 1969.

"Musicians need a place to play what they want to play, and develop material that they can't play in a commercial club," explained Lunn.

Victory Music has three nights of regular folk and jazz performers during the week but the "heart and soul" of the organization is the "open mike" performances Tuesday and Wednesday nights. These performances are open to musicians from the general public on a first come first serve basis, attracting musicians from all over the Northwest.

A cover charge of \$1 at the door pays for the musicians on the regular concert nights. But on "open mike" nights the money taken in by Victory Music is used to sponsor an outreach program that takes musicians into resting

homes and hospitals and also publish a weekly 20-page music review.

Victory Music came into existence eight years ago at the Court C Coffeehouse in Tacoma as a result of the "open mike" performances there. Lunn moved the organization to the Olde Victory Store, changing the name of the store to the Victory Music Hall. Because of a lack of central heating and dwindling crowds, Lunn relocated Victory Music at the Other Side of the Tracks last year.

"I never would've believed we would've had success, presenting folk and jazz in a small town," Lunn summed up the move from Tacoma to Auburn.

The Tracks can also be credited for the success of Victory Music in its new location. The rough brick walls and square oak tables in the restaurant add to the relaxed atmosphere generated by the music.

Future goals for Victory Music include: acquiring more funds for the outreach program, starting a library of folk and jazz records and books, and adding a classical night to the performance schedule.

Victory Music is a non-profit organization with a membership open to the public at an annual rate of \$6 for a single membership and \$10 for a couple.



COMPLIMENTS OF VICTORY MUSIC - Members of Jorgen Kruse, jazz group, perform at the Other Side of the Tracks restaurant.

-Staff photo by Mark Dungan



Looking back

Titus, Dorgan making it big

By STEVE POWELL

Former Green River baseball coach Ron Hopkins has had many of his players, nine in all, signed by professional ball clubs. Two left-handed pitchers, Vince Titus and Chuck Dorgan, did well last season and it looks like they may very well make it to the big leagues. Of the five other players that have signed with teams, three were released, one quit after contract troubles, and three others are playing in the minor leagues. Other Hopkins products have been drafted but haven't signed yet.

Titus, a graduate from Winlock High School, pitched for Green River in 1974 and was 7-0 on the year. He holds the school strike out record with 17 against Wenatchee. In 41 innings that year he had 68 strike outs.

He was signed by the Atlanta Braves and has pitched for that organization for three seasons. Last year he played for an AA club in Savannah, Georgia. Strictly a power pitcher, he had a 12-3 record and an earned run average of a little over 3.00. He was selected to the AA all-star team. A starter all three years, he compiled season records of 5-3, 10-10, and 12-3.

"Titus has shown steady improvement over the years as the minor leagues have changed him from a hard thrower to a steady pitcher," said his former coach Hopkins, who was once a pro ball player himself. "I think he has a good chance of making it to the major leagues."

The ace of Hopkin's 1976 squad was Chuck Dorgan, a graduate of Meadowdale High School. Also a power strike-out pitcher, Dorgan had a record of 7-0 with 81 strike outs in 52 innings.

Dorgan had a no-hitter against Tacoma Community College as he struck out 15 in that game. He was named to the Puget Sound Region and All-State teams.

Signed by the Dodgers, he played for Bellingham last summer in his first season as a pro. The starter struck out 75 in just 65 innings and had a record of 3-6.

The Dodgers were happy enough with his showing that they invited him to Arizona to play winter ball in the Instructional League. Against AA and AAA competition, he had an E.R.A. of 3.80, a 5-1 record, and he led the league in strike outs for the first half of the season.

It's hard to understand how a coach with the reputation of developing such fine young baseball talent, could have been released from his position the way Ron Hopkins was.

Gator women lose by a point

The Green River women's basketball team saw a six point lead melt away in the last two minutes of last Wednesday night's game as they lost to Grays Harbor 57-56.

After the lead changed hands four times in the first five minutes of play, the Gators were able to run up a six point lead which was cut to one point at halftime.

As the buzzer sounded ending the half, Judy Gonsalves of Grays Harbor was fouled. She went to the foul line with a one and one situation, making both shots. The score at halftime was Choker 24, Gators 25.

The first five minutes of the second half was seesaw as the lead changed hands five times. For a short time the Gators were successful in getting the fast break to work when they again had a six point lead.

They lost the lead in the last 49 seconds when the Chokers went ahead 55-54.

The Gators were ahead once more at 56-55. From then on it was the Chokers' game.

The Gators did have a chance with 12 seconds remaining when Eileen Gallagher was fouled and given two free-throws. She was unable to put either shot in.

Grays Harbor rebounded and one of their players was fouled with five seconds left. She also missed.

Green River high scorer was Chris Williams with 21 points.



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Bellevue Helmsmen crunch comeback

BY KEVIN KENDALL

Unable to find the inside scoring power they badly needed, the Green River Gators were beaten by a shooting Bellevue club 98-87.

Led by Tony Giles' 13 points and 12 by Tom Taylor, the Bellevue Helmsmen smoked the net in the first half making 23 of 33 field goals as they took a commanding 47-40 halftime lead.

Andrew McGruder kept GRCC close at the outset by scoring some

Helmsmen tough zone defense forced some critical Gator turnovers that were turned into fast break lay-ins. Some sharp shooting by Todd Eisinger kept Green River in the game.

In the second half, the Gators came out playing tough and with about 16 minutes remaining in the contest, they pulled to within three points on a basket by Budd Neff. Bellevue kept up their hot shooting and forced GRCC to shoot from the outside as they built up an 18 point lead, their biggest of the evening, with five minutes left in the game. Green River continued to battle back but they ran out of time.

Helmsman Tom Taylor led all scorers with 26 and his teammate Giles finished with 16. High scorers for Green River were Todd Eisinger with 23, Craig Fite netted 19, Rusty Trudeau contributed 14 and Brad Eisinger and Andrew McGruder added 10 apiece.

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inside buckets and all of his 10 points in the first half. With Bellevue in the lead 19-16, the



EAT THE MAT—Taking his opponent to the mat and maneuvering himself to try and get in to position for a pin is Green River wrestler Pat Smith, (on top.) The wrestlers next match is tomorrow against Higiline at 7:30 p.m. The team will also be featured in the All Sports Coaches Clinic Feb. 12. Photo by Mark Dungen.

Eisinger leads GRCC in narrow victory

BY RICHARD COE

Traveling to Everett last Wednesday night, the Gator men's basketball team pulled out a last second win, outscoring the Trojans 88 to 87.

"The Gators trailed the Trojans the entire game," said Coach Bob Aubert. "At times by as much as 12 points," he added. The Gators were unable to get their defense into action and found themselves trailing at halftime by eight points.

After halftime intermission they continued the struggle of catching up. They still trailed the Trojans

until the last second of the game, when the winning basket came from a 15 foot jump-shot by Todd Eisinger from the side of the court. This was the only time in the 40 minutes of play that the Gators led.

Coach Aubert said, "We felt the game was played rather sloppily and there was very little defense."

Leading scorer for the Gators was Todd Eisinger, who in the second half scored 26 of his 34 points. Other leading scorers were Andy McGruder and Craig Fite with 18 points apiece.

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