

## Jackson urges international awareness

by Karen Bielaga

United States Senator Henry M. Jackson stated that this country's dependence on fragile sources of oil and the decline of the American-allied power are two critical trends running against the U.S. He spoke Tuesday in the Glacier Room of the Lindbloom Student Center.

According to the Senator, these trends have both worldwide and domestic impact.

The senator stated that this country currently imports 6.8 million barrels of oil per year from OPEC nations, and that allied nations import even more. The price of oil, which is used for nearly every aspect of typical everyday life in America impacting inflation. Since 1971 the price per barrel of oil has risen from \$1.80 to between \$37 and \$50.

Jackson, who is the former chairman of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, stated that even if the U.S. is successful in developing necessary alternative energy sources—synthetic fuels, oil shale, geothermal power, nuclear energy, solar energy, and oil and gas from the over-thrust belt in the Rocky Mountains and from Alaska—a minimum of 5 million barrels of oil will still be imported into this country in the year 2000.

"We have to run in order to stand still," the senator stated because currently producing wells are running dry and it takes eight to twelve years for the first drop of oil to flow from the new sources that are being discovered in Alaska.

He also stated that what happens with U.S. foreign policy over the next 10 years will determine the available price and supply of oil. "What happens abroad affects all of us in the United States," the senator stated, "including people who live in Auburn, Kent and the Northwest."

He pointed out that the Boeing company averaged 60 percent of its total sales over the past decade to the foreign market.

Most Americans, the senator feels, don't realize how important international relations are. He stated that this fact is "a new lesson for the American people to learn."

Jackson stated that we must "build-up" U.S. military strength to avoid war. "This country has to be strong and credible to maintain peace," he stated. "I believe we can accomplish this."

The senator noted that Russia is undergoing many internal problems now. Deep economical problems and the fact that there are 152 different nationalities of people living in the U.S.S.R. were two of those internal problems he mentioned.

He warned that the fact that the U.S.S.R. is facing some trouble should not be interpreted that it might collapse.

He also noted that the threat of a war is only a threat and stated that the U.S.S.R. doesn't act hastily and that there has not been a confrontation between U.S. and Soviet armed forces since the end of WW II.

The senator went on to state that education is very important to this country. He noted that the 3.5 million Israelies dominate the entire Arab world of 95 million because the Israelies are well-educated.

"The community college system is a vital one in our society," Jackson said. He commended this state's educational system, which he feels is one of the most progressive in the Union for higher education and urged all present to pursue a career area "in which you feel you can do you best and then take advantage of it."

The senator stated that until the President presents his budget to the Congress next week, it was unsure what types of federal cuts education would receive. He stated that he hopes that there will be an effort to correct certain misuses in some areas connected with low-interest student loans. There have been many reports of students receiving loan money and then applying it to things like automobiles, stereos, etc. Jackson felt that some type of required receipt may be required in the future to help curtail these misuses of funds.

The senator said that he is very concerned about the fate of community colleges in the state because the U.S. can "ill-afford not have well-trained, well educated constituencies."



Sen. Henry Jackson chats with, among others, college president Dr. James Chadborune (left) and Sharon Morris (right), alumni relations director.

The senator stated that he believes there should be strong enducements to encourage women to return to school, he stated that this has been an ongoing battle for senate democrat Daniel Patrick Monahan of New York.

He also stated that "we are all working for" a national health plan in the Congress and is personally giving priority attention to the matter of custodial care (nursing homes) because the average nursing home charges \$1,300 per month for each patient.

The senator voiced support for draft registration and noted that while "candidate" Reagan opposed registration, the President will probably not take any action to stop it. Jackson feels that registration now is important because if some crisis did arise without easy access to registered men, it would take a good four months to locate potential draftees.

The senator stated that the U.S. must find ways of encouraging competent people to join the armed services and favors increased benefits for military personnel.

The mortgage lending rate, Jackson

feels, is one of the most crucial domestic problems facing the U.S. today. The major problem with inflationary rates is a psychological one, the senator stated.

"People are convinced that inflation is here to stay," he stated. Because of this, people will no longer buy company bonds and big corporations are being forced to borrow from the banks, which takes money away from the American people.

The senator stated that there is no quick fix to stopping inflation and does not feel that balancing the budget will solve the problem. He noted that Austria, who has not had a balanced budget in fifteen years, has the lowest worldwide inflation rate of 1.5 percent.

Senator Jackson is currently serving his 41st year in the United States Congress. This year he serves as our state's Senior Senator because Senator Warren Magnuson, who previously held that position, was defeated in the general election last November. Senator Jackson is up for re-election in 1982, but has not, as yet, made any announcements about a decision to seek another term in office.

### Registration appointments

## Cards dealt today

by Mauri Fagan

Registration appointment cards for Spring Quarter will be distributed starting at 2 p.m. today through Feb. 27.

Students who have earned 46 credits or more through Fall Quarter are to report to the Admissions Registration lobby (LSC 2nd floor). Students with less than 46 credits earned through Fall Quarter are to report to the main dining area in the Lindbloom Student Center.

Students are to schedule an appointment with their advisors prior to their registration appointment.

Open registration for evening or off-campus students is March 2 through April 3 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

On the day and time of registration students should appear at the registration area on the second floor of the LSC with their advising folder completed. Students will be required to pay tuition for Spring Quarter at that time.

If a registration appointment is missed or if a student loses his/her appointment card, he/she will not be able to register until March 17.

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# Opinion

## Reader attacks media coverage of Iran

### From the Editor:

The following letter was submitted by a GRCC student in response to an opinion column published in the Jan. 30, 1981, edition of The Current. Because of the length and depth of the letter, I felt it appropriate to print this letter as a guest editorial.

### by Sylvia Lekky

After reading the recently published article in The Current entitled, "Happy Ending for Ex-Hostages," I felt compelled to write this rebuttal as I find it difficult to concur with Beverly Vikse's basically hard-line philosophy concerning the Iranian matter.

In the past twenty years I have had the opportunity and the privilege of doing a vast amount of world traveling because of my job situation. As a result of my travel experience I have been provided with a tremendous insight into the economic, political and social conditions of many countries around the world, which in turn has enabled me to view complex political situations with an open eye and a strong comprehension of the fact that there are always two sides to an issue. Nothing is ever entirely black or white.

A great number of Americans do not fully realize what a privilege it is to live in the U.S., where citizens, regardless of color or religious beliefs are at long last beginning to enjoy equality and basic human rights. Many Americans are totally ignorant of what real poverty is like; poverty so abject that mere existence is a daily struggle amid widespread deprivation and starvation. In some countries where the wealth is owned by a very small segment of the total population, freedom and liberty are just empty, meaningless words. Can we really afford to sit back in our American

middle-class complacency and totally ignore the tragic and deplorable living conditions so rampant in other countries?

For many years, the U.S. government has had a history of backing up the regimes of despots and dictators; Somoza's dictatorship in Nicaragua is a classic example. It seems incredible to think that one family could rule a country for over four generations, and end up with a majority of that nation's total assets—all under the guise of "stemming the tide of Communism." The poverty I observed in Nicaragua on a trip there several years ago, was about the worst I have encountered anywhere. For too many years, our interest in countries like Nicaragua was purely on a monetary level only, with little concern for the exploitation of the underprivileged.

Now, we find our political mistakes have been replicated in another country—this time, Iran. It is my personal feeling that the 52 American hostages were unfortunate victims of circumstance who were forced to play the role of political pawns. Henry Kissinger and David Rockefeller would have been the proper candidates for hostage-seizing as they were two of the main perpetrators of the drama which unfolded in Iran. Former President Carter must also accept blame; for having been coerced into allowing the Shah of Iran to enter the U.S., even though he was warned of the possible implications that could result from this action.

Like Ms. Vikse, I too find violence, terrorism, and hostage taking abhorrent. Now that our hostages are safely home, it is time for us to reflect and decide exactly what lesson can be gained from this unfortunate experience. Also, it is high time we had some honest news reporting from the media at large. We need a complete investigation into the involvement of the U.S. government and

its financial institutions which were so instrumental in the architecture and the maintenance of the Pahlavi regime.

During the time of the hostage crisis, the U.S. press and government focused entirely on the hostage taking itself, completely ignoring the events that ultimately led to the attack on the American Embassy in Tehran. The years of suffering and oppression experienced by the Iranians under the Shah, with full U.S. support, seemed to be irrelevant to American journalists. This is hardly honest, objective reporting.

At the root of Iran's political problems, is the fact that the late Shah amassed a large personal fortune at the expense of the general Iranian population. Some will argue that many reforms and changes were instituted under the Shah's rule. This is true; however, most of the changes were on a superficial level only.

In retrospect, one wonders how the Iranians for so many years withstood the incredible atrocities committed by the Shah's CIA-trained Savak agents. We must also question the reasoning of our government's lack of interest in repeated warnings from American diplomats and other experts in the field of foreign affairs, advising of the deterioration and instability of the Shah's regime, at least two years prior to the events that culminated in the actual hostage-seizure. This in itself indicates a measure of irresponsibility by our government, which directly endangered the lives of all Americans living in Iran.

I disagree with Ms. Vikse's opinion that Americans have suffered a loss of "honor and dignity" because of Mr.

Carter's restraint and lack of quick retributive action during the crisis. As the true facts of the U.S. Iranian conflict begin to emerge, many Americans who think along the same line as Ms. Vikse does, will discover that we have, indeed, gained world respect for utilizing caution and restraint. Also, several of the ex-hostages recently interviewed, have stated that there would have been a definite loss of lives had the rescue mission been successfully implemented. I do not feel that a further loss of American lives would have been worth it, if all that was at stake was our "honor and dignity."

In the final paragraph of her article, Ms. Vikse made reference to President Reagan's recent threat against further terrorism. It will be interesting to observe how the President will react to his first real crisis in office. His first true test may be El Salvador. As was the case with Iran, our government is presently supporting repression and terrorism in this small Central American nation. President Reagan will have to face up to the fact that people living in the Third World countries are sick and tired of living under oppressive regimes. We have entered an era where a battle for human rights is underway. As Americans we will feel the full impact. The decision of our political leaders in the future, will directly affect not only us, but millions of people in other countries as well. We must begin to open our minds and look for the real causes of bitterness and hostilities that so often climax into serious political dilemmas. It would certainly be wonderful to put an end to international terrorism and violence. However, the "disease" must be properly diagnosed before a cure can be effected.

## Budget hearings planned

### by Lisa Rusi

The budget committee will be holding open hearings for the introduction and discussion of the 1981/82 proposed '522' of student fund Feb. 25, from 3-5 p.m. and March 3, from 7-9 p.m. in the Rainier Room of the Lindbloom Student Center.

Mary Neil, the chairman of the senate said, "these times were chosen so the

students from both the morning and evening classes would have an equal opportunity to attend the hearings." These hearings, Neil added, are for the general public to hear and comment on the proposals.

The public hearings are to provide information to those students and clubs who are interested in; don't understand; and/or want to make a request for more monies.

## Inflation hits canned pop

The price of canned soda in the school's cafeteria was raised to 60 cents at the beginning of this month.

Food Service Manager Rose Neuroth states that this was because the companies who distribute the soda increased their prices \$1.46 per case that the school purchased. The school is currently paying \$6.76 for each case of soda and must mark up 42 percent to cover

managing costs.

Ms. Neuroth stated that she had debated whether to just discontinue selling the soda because she feels that 60 cents a can is an outrageous price to charge students.

She also stated that due to price increases, the cafeteria will be forced to stop selling peanut butter cookies because the price per case of those cookies has risen \$7.40.

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# Valentine gifts range from carnations to cakes

by Beverly Vikse

"How do I love thee, let me count the ways . . ."

## Valentine Feature

There are many ways to express your love on Valentine's Day. The most traditional, of course, is by sending flowers and candy. Some area florists are offering special Valentine arrangements. Buds and Blooms has an arrangement of mums and carnations for \$12.50. The Blossom Boutique Florist is offering a unique bouquet of daisies, mums, and carnations. They are arranged in a lime container with a red Valentine holding a card, which holds a silver heart necklace with a tiny hole in it carrying baby's breath. This is \$17.50. A bud vase filled with mums and carnations and decorated with a ribbon and a heart can be purchased for \$12.50. Cugini Florists will be offering carnations and mums in a coffee mug with a Valentine for \$13.95.

There is also a wide variety of cards to choose from, which are either humorous or touchingly sincere and express devotion to that special someone.

For the creative sector, there are endless possibilities of ways to impress a sweetheart. A gift made with love will surely be appreciated. So, knit a sweater, write a poem, paint a picture, bake some cookies, make a vase, write a song or give a tune-up.

Personal gifts with a humorous touch can be found, too. The Bon features briefs for both genders decorated with hearts, a little cupid, and bright lettering, which reads, "Be My Valentine." Spencers, in Sea-Tac Mall is also a place



Valentine's day is special time for those in love

to find novelty gifts with a light-hearted touch.

If a piece of cake hits the sweet spot, here are two reputable places to shop. The Cake Box in Kent is offering 2-layer 9-inch cakes in the traditional heart shape for \$12.95. The Cafe Patisserie in Auburn has a special 8 inch 3 layer heart cake for \$9.50. Green River Community College will be offering special Valentine treats for sale, also. Special services, a division of Student Programs, will have custom decorated cookies for sale in the lobby of the Lindbloom Student Center. The heart-shaped cookies will be baked by the

Cake Box in Kent and decorated with frosted lettering by Mary Grover and cohorts.

Everyone loves originality. A singing telegram can be given to that special someone for \$5, if it is sung over the phone and \$25, if delivered in person. For an extra Valentine touch, the singers will be dressed as Cupids.

February 14 has long been celebrated as a day for love and lovers. Valentine's Day is actually the feast day of St. Valentine, a martyred Roman Catholic priest, who lived in 270 A.D. He is traditionally considered the patron of lovers.

# GR graduate offers car care tips

by Brian Travis

Car maintenance is the biggest responsibility of being a car owner or driver explained Kirk White, a graduate of GRCC's automotive technology class. White is now a certified automotive technician in the valley.

According to White, the biggest technological advancement in automotive transportation in the last ten years has been the development of radial ply tires. These tires track or run down the road smoother. They are not for all cars, however, so before drivers have them installed on their cars they should check with a mechanic to be certain they are right for that make of car.

One of the biggest problems with engine maintenance is abuse of a cold engine. When the motor is started, all the oil is in the bottom of the block. Drivers who race the engine in the morning will wear out the cars' parts much faster than if they let the car idle until it is warm, White said. He added that, on the average, it takes 20 to 30 seconds to distribute the oil throughout the block.

Changing the oil and filter every 4,000 miles and having a tune up done from 10,000 to 15,000 miles (depending on the type of car) is also extremely important.

Government mandates regulating requirements for maintenance of cars come out every three months to update the specifications on cars, primarily ones that are equipped with catalytic converters. That includes most cars for 1975 to date. Modifications or changes in the cars components will negatively affect the performance of the car, especially if one tries to remove the catalytic converter.

"If you take care of your car, your car will take care of you. If you don't take at least 'passable' care of your car, it will leave you stuck on the side of the road," said White.

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# Arts & Entertainment

## 9 to 5 - Slapstick with a social conscience

"Nine to Five," directed by Colin Higgins. Produced by Bruce Gilbert. Written by Colin Higgins and Patricia Resnick. Cast: Jane Fonda, Lily Tomlin, Dolly Parton. Twentieth Century Fox. United Artist Cinema 70. Rated PG.

### Movie review

by Tom Steele

Nine to Five is a wild and hilarious slapstick comedy, featuring three terrific performances by Jane Fonda, Lily Tomlin and Dolly Parton.

The movie follows the entry of a newly divorced woman, Judy Bemly (Fonda) into the work-a-day world, as she get her first job at Consolidated Companies. There, she becomes friends with her supervisor, Violet Newstead. Violet (Tomlin), is a 12 year veteran of the company who seems forever training new employees without ever getting further along in her own career.

Bemly also befriends Doralee Rhodes (Parton), the boss's receptionist. Physically, she's the stereotype of the well-proportioned blonde secretary. But she's anything but dumb.

One of the funniest scenes of the movie has Bemly trying to make copies on the Xerox machine. She can't find the stop button and the machine begins to sort copies, spit them out and gives her fits.

The rest of the plot has the three secretaries struggling to deal with their boss and what he represents—at first enduring him, then fantasizing about killing him and finally, through a strange series of events, holding him prisoner in his home and running the office without him.

The movie is at its best as a star vehicle. Tomlin, Fonda and Parton have a unique chemistry that seems to ignite an audience.

Even better is Dadney Coleman as their boss, who steals the movie right out from under them. He is so utterly believable and wonderfully hateful that he is the perfect foil to the trio of stars. It is his presence that holds the film together.

Nine to Five is the first movie to venture into the area of society and is the perfect vehicle for Fonda and Tomlin, who are strong advocates for equal rights for women. It is a comedy with statement.

In other words, this is a rare kind of slapstick film - slapstick with a social conscience.

## 'THE SHOPPE'



PHOTO BY JOE PIEK

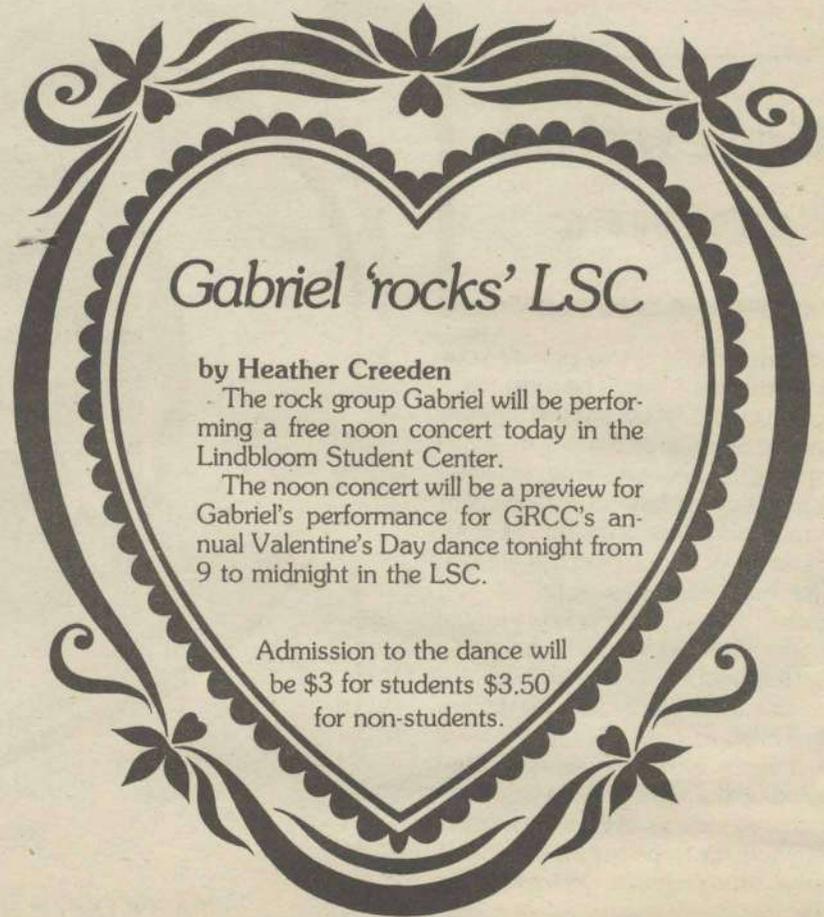
Jack and Clarke Wilcox, Kevin Bailey and Mark Cathey perform in LSC.

by Heather Creeden

The Shoppe, a five man country-western band and comedy team from Dallas, Texas, will be performing a free noon concert in the Lindbloom Student Center, Thursday from 11:30 to 1:30 p.m.

The Shoppe has performed several

noon concerts at GRCC in the past, most recently during the Fall Quarter. Other local appearances include the Western Washington Fair, where the Shoppe has performed for the last two years. The Shoppe has the distinction of being the only group chosen to entertain at the fair for more than two years.



### Gabriel 'rocks' LSC

by Heather Creeden

The rock group Gabriel will be performing a free noon concert today in the Lindbloom Student Center.

The noon concert will be a preview for Gabriel's performance for GRCC's annual Valentine's Day dance tonight from 9 to midnight in the LSC.

Admission to the dance will be \$3 for students \$3.50 for non-students.

## Coming Attractions

by Mauri Fagan

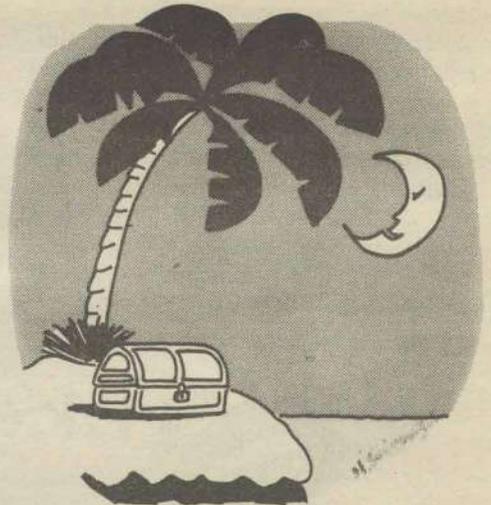
"The Heavier Than Air Players" of GRCC will present Robert Louis Stevenson's "Treasure Island."

This childrens classic is a tale of pirating adventures which take place in the bewitching tropics

The performance dates are Feb. 20, 21 and 22. Curtain times are 8 p.m. Friday and matinee performances at 10 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m., and 8 p.m. on Saturday. Sunday performances are 1 p.m., 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.

General admission is \$2 and tickets may be purchased at the door.

For more information contact Tina Holmes or Mark Goetz at extension 337.



There will be a roulette table, horse races, and many other games of chance.

Anyone wishing to help with the occasion may contact Ann Sadler or Cherrie Iannucci in Student Programs or call ext. 337.

Casino Night will be on February 20 at 8 p.m. in the Lindbloom Student Center.

## Outlaws pack .38 Special

by Brian Travis

A local area band, .38 Special, opened the Outlaws concert last Sunday night at 8 p.m. in the Seattle Center Arena in a performance that was almost a sell-out.

.38 Special's opening songs were "Stone Cold Love" and "Wild Eyed Southern Boy." Their fast rock beat was only the beginning of what was to be a great experience for Seattle concert goers.

The Outlaws came on stage at 8:55 p.m. and proceeded to show Seattle that

Rock lives today with the powerful sound of the four guitarists—lead, two rythm, and bass—and drummer.

It was an average concert until half way through the 90 minute show, when the dry ice machine came on at the beginning of their hit song "Ghost Rider." The fog appeared as a 30 foot wide waterfall of fog cascading over the stage.

During their encore performance they played another hit song entitled "Green Grass and High Tides" a great conclusion for a great show.

Three of a four part series

# Alcoholism - the socially acceptable disease

Betty Taylor

Alcoholism is a progressive disease that, if recognized in time, can be arrested through help and education. It is caused by too much consumption of ethyl alcohol, consumed too often, over too long a period of time. It is not caused by weakness and lack of control. It caused lack of control and weakness.

Alcoholism knows no social, physical, or psychological barriers and can happen to anyone who drinks ethyl alcohol. There are certain characteristics - tolerance, loss of control—that indicate a person is crossing the very fine line between social drinking and alcoholism. Other characteristics both physical and emotional appear in the alcoholic at varying stages of the disease of alcoholism.

"Certain diseases have certain characteristics which identify them as disease. That is also true of alcoholism and that is why we call it and treat it as a disease," said Jean Keefe formerly of the Alcoholic Referral Center in Burien.

The fact that alcoholism is a disease allows it to be: 1) recognized, 2) understood, 3) treated, 4) arrested. She went on to explain that the first step in the recognition of alcoholism is to get society over the stigma of embarrassment and insensitivity shown toward the problem drinker. Generally the person closest to the problem drinker is the hardest one to convince there is a problem and that he should be considered because of society stigmatism toward the word 'alcoholic.'

In most minds the word 'alcoholic' denotes the 'skid-road-bum' type of character. A good portion of those people may very well be alcoholics but they are the lucky ones who made it. The rest of the practicing alcoholics died first - usually from vital organ malfunctions. It is difficult at best to look at a co-worker who may have a drinking problem and associate that almost productive member of society with the 'skid-road-bum' image. It is impossible for a member of a family to do so with their problem drinker, Mrs. Keefe went on to

explain. Family members can accept infidelity and abuse quicker than they can accept the social stigma of 'alcoholic.' Perhaps society's image of an alcoholic is in error, she continued.

"We define an alcoholic as any person who's repeated use of alcohol, or who's continued drinking, is interfering in his or her normal way of life, or in someone else's life - like family, social, job, or health," said Mrs. Keefe.

The key to this definition is 'continued or repeated use causes problems' Mrs.

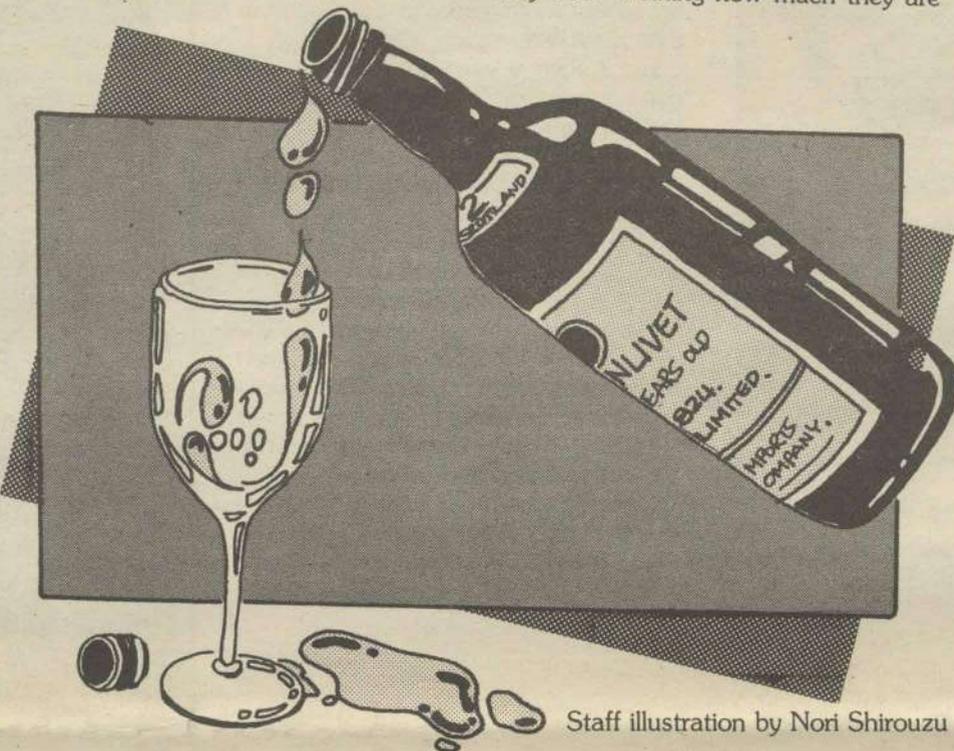
and will probably have to pay a fine. A person who places himself (herself) in a position to repeat his embarrassing and socially unacceptable behavior probably is an alcoholic.

This leads into the second part of the definition of an alcoholic which is "an alcoholic is a person who loses control of drinking," said Mrs. Keefe. Control of drinking doesn't have to occur everytime, just occasionally.

If a person is not able to predict once they start drinking how much they are

and ends up drinking ten drinks while dinner burn in the oven that is lack of control. The alcoholic's intentions are good and when control is lost excuses for the loss take over. Loss of control is progressive starting with how much and proceeds to when and where a person drinks.

A guy who stops off for a couple of beers after work and closes the bar has



Staff illustration by Nori Shirouzu

Keefe went on to explain. Anyone can have a one-time problem while drinking but if they continue to drink and continue to have the same problems, they are an alcoholic. Anyone who gets one drunk driving arrest is not necessarily an alcoholic but a second one is a indication of serious drinking problems. First of all, for most people and their families it is embarrassing to get arrested for drunk driving. If they work, they generally have to take time off to go to court

going to drink or what is going to happen as a result of their drinking or while they are drinking they have lost control.

"Alcoholism is a sneaky disease. It's been called Patient Lady." It'll wait for you," she said.

Loss of control is a gradual thing. It doesn't necessarily begin with the falling down stage but could begin with something so simple as the unplanned over consumption. If a person plans on drinking a couple of drinks before dinner

*"Alcoholism is a sneaky disease. It's been called Patient Lady. It'll wait for you."*

lost control of how much. A guy who dances on his party hosts' grand piano in his golf shoes has inappropriate behavior and probably won't be invited back to any future parties.

Alcoholism is not a popular disease. If given a list of ten diseases and asked to list in order of preference, alcoholism would be dead last. Yet for those people who are educated in the field of alcoholism they would list it first because it can be arrested through a change in diet - not longer consuming ethyl alcohol.

If it is that simple, why doesn't the problem drinker simply stop drinking?" stated Mrs. Keefe. "Because it is not so simple to stop. It is not impossible, it is just not simple."

An alcoholic has become emotionally and physically dependent upon ethyl alcohol. Because of the social stigma an alcoholic must face the guilt and fears created by the dependence, an alcoholic becomes a master of deception, at least for a while indicated Mrs. Keefe.

## VA increases benefits

If you are a veteran student you probably have noticed your monthly benefits have increased. Equally important but less noticeable is the changes in regulations governing the receipt of those benefits. Some of the major changes include: rate of pay for Correspondence or Flight training, Independent Study, interval payment and the schools reporting requirements to the Veterans Administration.

The reimbursement rate for correspondence courses has been reduced to 70 percent and Flight training reduced to 60 percent. This change will not affect students who were enrolled in either program prior to September 1, 1980 as long as they continue the program.

VA will pay for Independent Study classes as long as they are taken in conjunction with resident instruction. The maximum number of Independent Study credits that can be added to resident type credits is five. If Independent Study is the only form of instruction, VA will pay tuition and fees only.

VA customarily pays for intervals bet-

ween quarters providing there is no calendar month break. In the past this rule applied to all quarters including summer. This interval rule has been changed to exclude summer term. The rule that now applied states interval payment will be made providing there is less than 30 days between the end of summer term and the beginning of fall.

The amount of time the school has to report changes in a Veteran student status to the Veterans Administration has been reduced. This has made it necessary to change the reporting times of the monthly attendance cards. The first attendance card is still required by the last day of the first full month of the quarter. The second attendance card is now due the 20th day of the second full month of the quarter.

A Veterans meeting to explain when the attendance card for February is due and discuss regulation changes in detail is scheduled for Thursday, February 19th, 12 noon in SS 8 and 8 p.m. in LSC. Attendance at this meeting is essential to the continued receipt of monthly benefits.

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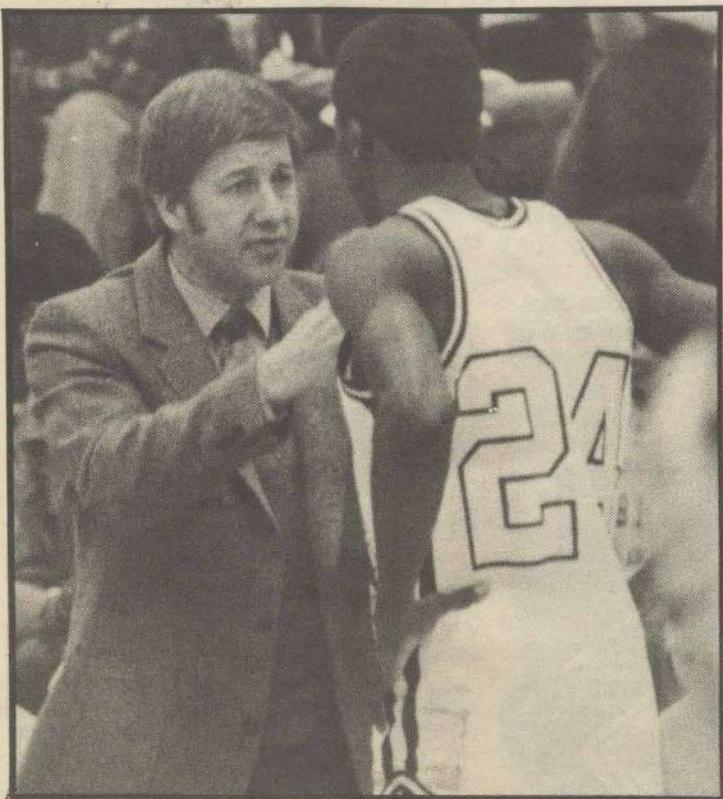
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# Aubert to retire



Coach Bob Aubert talks during a timeout with Al Durr

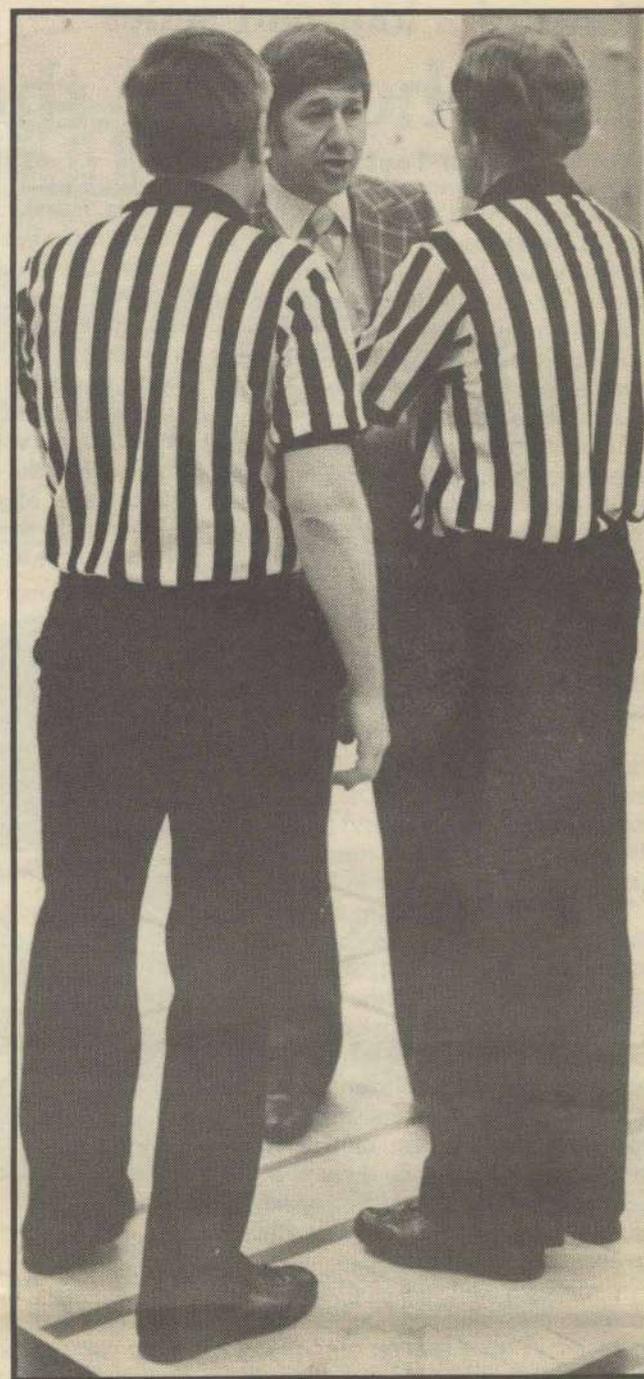
Coach Bob Aubert, the only head basketball coach Green River Community College has ever had in its 16 year history, has decided to call it quits after this year.

Going into this season, Aubert has taken teams to the conference tournament five times, won it in 1969, finished second in '68, and finished fourth in 1970. He has won 190 games, lost 169, and only four times in 15 years have his teams lost more games in a season than they have won.

But Aubert doesn't know all that. He doesn't pay a lot of attention to statistics, except in studying them to see how they may affect an upcoming game. Ask him his 15-year win-loss record and he can't tell you. He can't even tell you for sure his win-loss mark for last season when the Gators won 10 in a row and the division championship.

But ask him about ballplayers, college kids who used to play for him, and then try to get a word in edgewise. He counts people, not numbers.

Aubert is going to spend full-time in the classroom after this season, giving up coaching unless an offer so tempting he can't refuse it comes along. He is still interested in coaching but feels a change is necessary right now.



Aubert (above) talks with players during a timeout. He doesn't always wait for timeouts (right).





## Clinton's Corner

### Local cage scene winds down

by Tim Clinton

If you have been planning to see a Green River men's basketball home game this year, but haven't made it yet, you'd better go tonight, or wait until next year.

The last home contest is at 8 p.m. tonight against the Skagit Valley Cardinals, while the final ballgame is at Fort Steilacoom tomorrow night at 8 p.m. This will also be the last weekend that retiring Gator Coach Bob Aubert will lead the team.

This year's high school boy's basketball season also draws to a close tonight. Several local schools are either already in, or in contention for, a playoff spot.

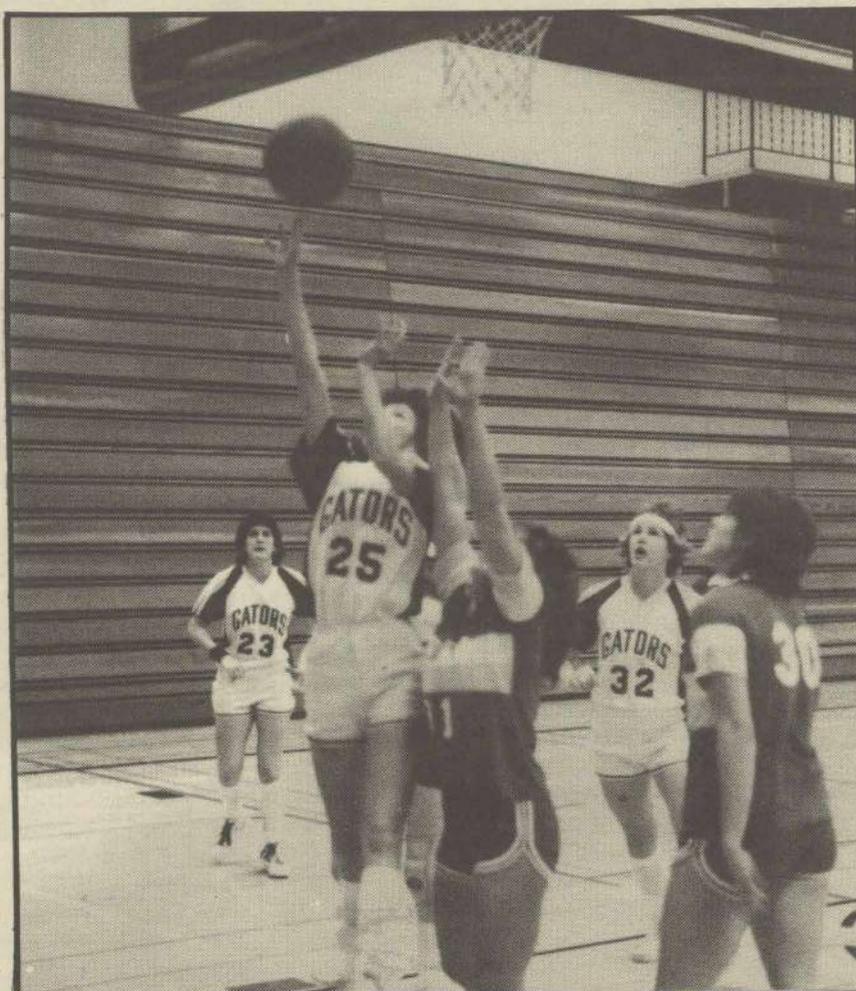
As of last weekend, the state-ranked Auburn Trojans were running away with the top spot in the North Puget Sound League. The Kentridge Chargers and the Kennedy Lancers are also assured of playoff spots.

The fourth and final NPSL playoff berth was occupied by the Highline Pirates, but the Mount Rainier Rams and Kent Meridian Royals were only a game behind.

The Lakes Lancers were holding onto the top spot in the South Puget Sound League, while the Federal Way Eagles were securely in second. The Thomas Jefferson Raiders, Roger Rams, and Curtis Vikings were in a three-way tie for third. Two of those teams will see post season action.

The answer to last week's sports trivia quiz question, which asked which Seahawk has played in every game the team has ever been in, is Dave Brown.

This week's question is what United States senator is a former pro football player?



Jamie Traynor attempts a shot against the Everett Trojans as Kattie Miller and Pam Gossman look on.

### Track team visits Moscow

by Michael Trebnef

Though many Olympic athletes never got to travel on the "road to Moscow," the Green River track team did when they went to compete in the Sixth Annual Vandal Indoor Track and Field Meet.

The meet, held on February 7, inside the University of Idaho's massive Kibbie Dome, brought competition for both men and women Gators from Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana and Canada.

"The outstanding performance of the day," commented distance Coach Rick Becker, "was Craig Burklid. He finished in the middle of the pack in the 500 meters showing a smooth and strong stride."

Other Gator running performances included a Seventh place from a field of 12 by Tim Predmore in the 55 meter high hurdles with a time of 8.2. Mike McCluskey and Al Berkey finished third and fourth respectively in heat four of the 400 meter dash with times of 53.1 and 53.4 while Mark Kepler placed fourth in heat three with a time of 52.7. Maggie Lund and Diane Harper finished ahead of the field of runners in the 1500 meters and Lorne Wallace placed fifth in the third heat of the 800 meters with a time of 202.6.

In the field events, Curt Hustvedt finished first in the high jump, Joe Fenbert, with a leap of 22'1", placed third in the long jump and Cheryl Mullines in the same event took fourth place among women jumpers with a leap of 14'10".

Coach Ron Snodgrass commented, that "considering the caliber of the competition, the Gators performed well. In fact, during the night meet when world class athletes were competing, a new world record was set by Ian Newhouse

of the University of Alberta in the men's indoor 300 meter intermediate hurdles."

Also running in the meet were Scott Simpson in the 55 yard dash, Patti Dodson in the 800 meters, and Tracy Handyside and Doug Cozart in the 1500 meters. Val Harlow, out for a month due to pre-stress fractures in her legs was unable to compete while both Stacy Simpson and Kim Mosse did not run because of illness.

The next indoor meet is Sunday, February 22, inside the University of Washington's Hec Edmundson Pavillion.

### Intramural update

by Tim Clinton

The intramural division races are still close in both the basketball and volleyball leagues.

The Throbbers are ahead in Division I of the basketball league at 4-0, with the Coldpackers in second at 3-1. The Cleavers still lead Division 2 at 3-0, while the Magicians are right behind at 2-1.

In Division 3, the Spurs are the top team at 3-0, with the James Gang a half game back at 3-1. The Exterminators, now at 4-1, are still well ahead in Division 4.

Volleyball League 4 has an especially tight race. The Royals (3-1) and Greater Gators (2-0-1) are neck and neck for the lead, while the Point Serves (2-1) and Autumn's Awesomes (2-1-1), are only a shade behind.

The Mighty Mikes lead League B with a 4-1 record. Shower Power and Staff Shaft are a game back at 3-1, trailed by The Dinks at 3-2.

### Women aim for playoffs

by Dennis Gustafson

As is often the case with a team made up largely of freshmen, the Green River women's basketball team is finally gelling, but the season is almost gone. The Gators showed signs of their approaching maturity in their Saturday drubbing of the Everett women, 73-57.

The women, who led from the opening buzzer, were never seriously threatened. Their offense, which could be best characterized as unselfish and balanced, controlled the tempo of the game with its patience and crisp passing. The defense, meanwhile, was tenacious, often harassing the Trojans over the full court and causing multiple turnovers. As usual, Coach Willis substituted freely and this practice appeared to pay off for virtually all women who played in the game were able to contribute in some way and 10 different individuals scored.

The first half of this game was of marathon proportions; it took an hour to complete. There were 33 personal fouls overall and two technical fouls against Everett. When the buzzer finally stopped play, Green River was very much in control, 37 to 18. Em Walsh was a

standout in this half dropping in a pair of "nothing but net" 25 footers and getting 3 of 4 from the foul line.

The second half was a more evenly matched affair. The Trojans made several attempts at catching the Gators but were never able to get closer than 12 points. The Green River team was clearly in control the entire way, responding to Everett rallies with rallies of their own and never once losing intensity—a sure sign of a maturing squad.

The Green River scoring machine was lead by Pam Gossman with 20 points; Linda Hubber netted 12, Shelly Boyer 8, and Em Walsh 7.

To gain the regional playoffs the women, like their male counterparts, have to finish in the top six of the league. Unlike the men who have only two remaining games, the women have five left. Three of these games are against sub 500 clubs - Shoreline, Seattle Central and Tacoma - while the other two are against the upper division - Skagit Valley and Fort Steilacoom squads. If the women can put away three of these five games, they could break into the playoffs. If they grab four wins it would be a sure thing. Go for it Gators!

## AACC Standings

(Top six to regionals)

### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

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Skagit Valley	10-1	Ft. Steilacoom	9-4
Edmonds	9-2	Bellevue	9-4
Bellevue	8-3	Skagit Valley	8-5
Ft. Steilacoom	8-3	Shoreline	7-6
Everett	5-6	Edmonds	7-7
Shoreline	3-7	Green River	6-8
Green River	3-8	Everett	6-8
Seattle Central	2-8	Seattle Central	5-8
Tacoma	1-10	Tacoma	3-10

### Sports continued . . .

# Gator men move into playoff contention



by Dennis Gustafson

The Green River men's basketball team got a new lease on life last Saturday. In a fight with the Everett Trojans for the backdoor entrance into the number six playoff berth, the Gators came out victors, 70 to 64. An upset this weekend over either Skagit Valley or Ft. Steilacoom could insure the playoff spot for the Gators.

The Gators showed their supporters how good they really are in the Everett game. They came out in a ball control offense as usual, and made it work to perfection. Patience was the name of their game as they passed and waited for the good shot, usually a wide open layin. Time after time the Gators were able to out last the Trojans defense and slip in a back door basket or drive inside for a close hoop.

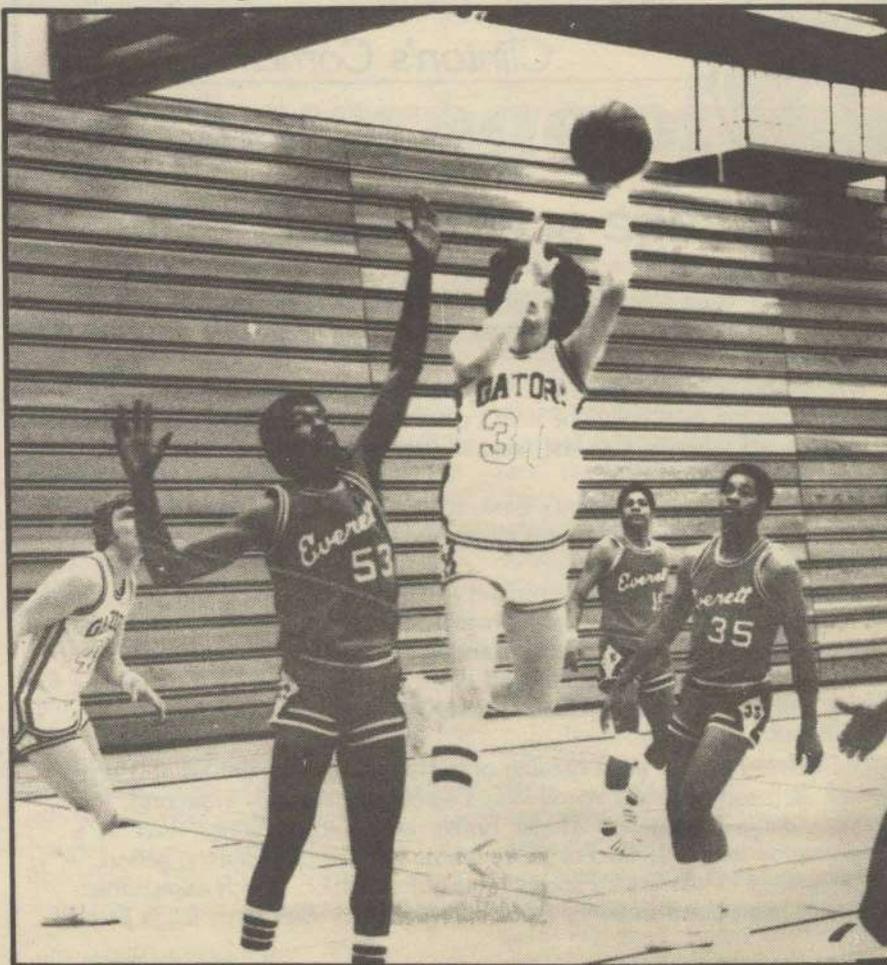
The poise Green River showed in their passing game carried over into all other phases of the game. The full court press,

once a dilemma was easily penetrated, crucial free throws were netted time after time, and the Gator defense was very respectable.

The two halves of the contest were very similar because Green River played consistently throughout. It must be said, however, that the Trojans never gave up. At 5:20 left in the game the score was knotted at 54 all, Green River came back to grab a 56 to 54 lead but Everett tied it again at 56. The game continued nip-n-tuck with the Gators nursing a two point margin and Everett not letting them pull away. At 49 seconds it was Gators 64, Trojans 60. Everett was then forced to foul to stay in contention, but that strategy backfired as Tad Smith and Mike Abbott proceeded to ice it for Green River with free throws.

The scoring duo of Tad Smith and Doug Kline combined for 55 points, 34 for Smith and 21 for Kline. Al Durr and Galen Dacus each contributed heavily to the victory with their inside work and rebounding. The entire Green River squad played superbly as was evidenced by the low number of turnovers.

The Gators meet Skagit Valley at home tonight and travel to Fort Steilacoom on Saturday. Both games are scheduled for an 8 p.m. start following the women's game which starts at 6 p.m.



Tad Smith takes a shot in Saturday's home game against Everett.

## Moby Dick - A 'whale of a performance,

by Beverly Ceccanti

Jack Aranson, touted by critics as a master dramatist, received a standing ovation for his multi-character performance at GRCC. He portrayed 13 different characters in his ingenious adaptation of Herman Melville's novel, "Moby Dick," and his February 5th presentation emerged as breathtaking segment of the Artist and Speaker Series.

"I think it's wonderful that we could hear something so living and vibrant," commented Pat Cummins, forestry teacher here.

On a stage that was vacant except for a few risers, he first appeared in a faded blue pea coat and seaman's cap, a pale gold shirt and pants of a shade that most nearly resembled brown. A loosely worn red neckscarf provided a vivid point of contrast to an otherwise pastel costume.

Aranson stood on a forward corner of the nearly empty platform and said, "Call me Ishmael." With those mildly spoken words the narrator of the tale came to life and began the telling of his story in the whaling village of New Bedford. As Ishmael related his desire to be a seaman and his fascination with the largest known creatures of the deep, his movement and speech intensified to create an aura of excitement.

Though some of the dialect used by the characters was difficult to understand, the emotional intent of the script did not appear to be lost on the audience. Aranson seemed to orchestrate every nuance perfectly to shift a character or create a mood.

The first sense of forboding was suggested as he paused to read the inscriptions of tombstones which commemorated villagers lost at sea.

As Father Mapple, his voice boomed with authority while he described the biblical Jonah being taken up by the jaws of a whale and his prayers to God during his time of tribulation. He turned toward the audience and raised a

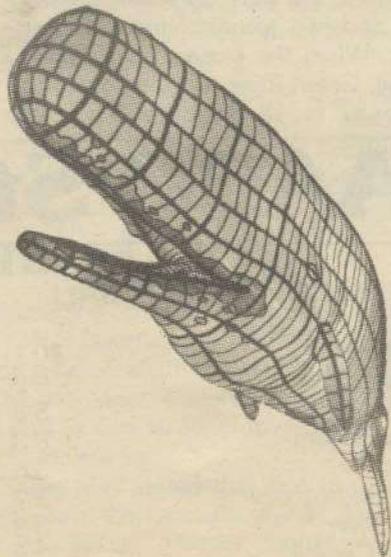
trembling finger in an appeal to preach the truth in the face of falsehood, then paused and assumed the person of Ishmael again.

The dialogue, which early in the play alluded to Captain Ahab's vengeance against a whale that severed his leg, became increasingly active after captain Peleg signed Ishmael on as a crew

member of the Pequod. As more characters and events were woven into the swiftly moving script, the maniacal degree of Ahab's obsession became apparent.

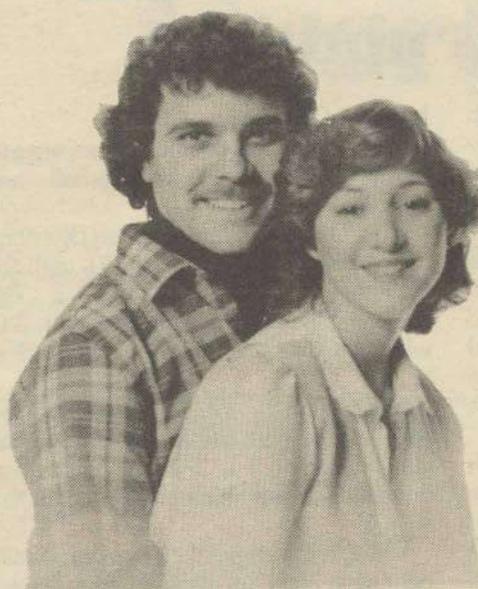
The intensity of Aranson's performance continued to gain momentum until the climatic destruction of Ahab, the Pequod and all its crew except Ishmael.

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