

Finals schedule

Monday, Dec. 11

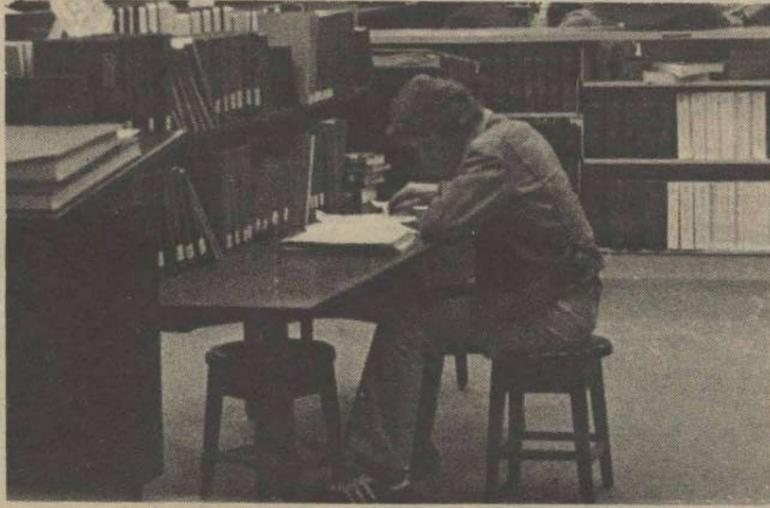
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11 a.m. to 1 p.m. All 11 a.m. classes
2 to 4 p.m. All 3 p.m. classes
4 to 4 p.m. Available test time for classes with conflicts

Tuesday, Dec. 12

8 to 10 a.m. All 9 a.m. classes
11 a.m. to 1 p.m. All 1 p.m. classes
2 to 4 p.m. All 4 p.m. classes
4 to 6 p.m. Available test time for classes with conflicts

Wednesday, Dec. 13

8 to 10 a.m. All 10 a.m. classes
11 a.m. to 1 p.m. All 2 p.m. classes
2 to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday classes that do not fit regular class time
4 to 6 p.m. Available test time for classes with conflicts



Financial aids money excess continues

Wendy Havre

The Financial Aid office at GRCC finds itself having to face a unique problem — having more money on hand than people to give it to.

Fear of ineligibility and increased availability of employment in King County are probably the two main reasons why students are failing to apply for the three programs with the most residual — Basic Grant, with an unlimited amount of funds; Supplemental Education Grants, with a \$20,000 excess; and Work Study, with a \$100,000 excess, says Bob Walker, assistant director of financial aid.

The increasing numbers of students supporting themselves may be leading to feelings of ineligibility. Many of these students, who are married and have families, do not realize they are judged on a different criteria than students living at home with their parents.

Another thing they need to take into consideration is that the eligibility requirements are becoming more liberalized.

As availability of employment increases outside the college, students are presented with jobs that pay more than those offered on the Work-Study Program and offer more than the 15 hour maximum in Work-Study.

The excess of funds is a problem to financial aid because the amount of money allocated in the next school year is directly based on the funds used this year. If all the money for the 1978-79 year is not used, there is a possibility that the college will be cut short next year when the cost of living increases. The possibility of increased tuition proposals incited by the government may be another factor for increased need for financial aid next year.

An information table will be situated under the stairs on the first floor of the Student Center on Nov. 21, 27 and 28 to help students with financial aid for the winter quarter.

"It doesn't take that much time to fill out an application and many people are surprised to find they are eligible," says Walker. "You can't find out unless you try."

GRCC tackles parking problem

Eileen LaFlore

The issue is whether or not GRCC has adequate parking facilities now and for the future. Dr. Earl Norman, dean of students, said, "Parking during the peak hours of 9 to 11 a.m. is already a problem. Next fall the situation will be critical when the college loses the Lea Hills parking lot

across the street because the city intends to create a recreational park on the site."

There are several solutions that Dr. Norman and the parking board are considering; the encouragement of car-pooling and the stronger use of the Metro buses is urged. Also, the board decided to support the new Metro 10 percent discount for students riding the bus.

A partial solution being considered is a new parking lot near the SMT building, which would add 300 to 550 car spaces. Cost problems are involved because GRCC doesn't have the money and would have to borrow the amount. Student parking permits would then be raised to pay the debt.

The cheapest parking lot would be \$250,000 and would have only a gravel surface and no lighting.

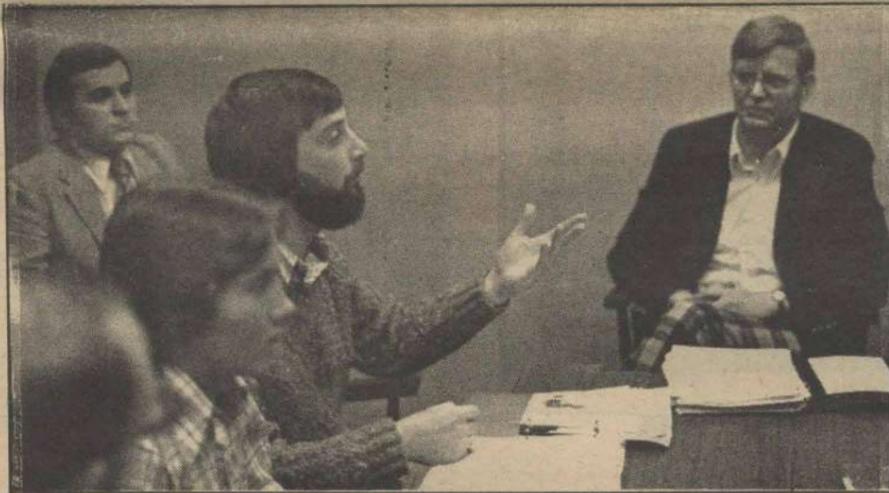
The parking board, consisting of eight members, has been discussing the new SMT parking lot, but has not reached any decision because the members need more information and input from faculty and students before they commit themselves to a major project.

Dennis White, a member of the parking board, said he "is not convinced that a new lot is necessary and needs more facts before he changes his mind."

Dr. Norman said, "The projected GRCC school growth is 100 full time (equivalent) students per year. There just won't be any place for all those student cars, unless we build more parking facilities."

Dr. Norman doesn't see any final solution for adequate parking at low rates, but he does think a new SMT lot would help the immediate situation.

The parking board is seeking input on solving the parking problem and urges students to submit their ideas in writing to Nick Smith, parking and security director.



Campus security director Nick Smith discusses a point as the Parking Board chairman Will Hawkins, looks on.

English teacher attends conference

Dr. Vernon Loland, GRCC English instructor, attended the National Council of Teachers of English 68th annual meeting over the Thanksgiving holiday. The meeting, which took place in Kansas City, Missouri, drew over 2,000 English teachers from all 50 states, plus delegates from South Africa, England and Canada.

The meeting was an intense workshop, speech and idea sharing extravaganza and included a message from President Carter through Ernest Boyer, director of the NCTE. The message said Carter was "saddened over the declining ability of students to read and write." And that he urged the council "to shift the trend" towards better literacy.

Major progress in analyzing study results on students aged 7, 9 and 13 in order to find a better way to test aptitudes replacing the present minimal competency testing practiced in 30 states.

Loland, who has served on the steering committee of the Pacific Northwest regional branch of the

national organization, said "Two things struck me. The first was that one could get a very great sense of what was going on nationally, instead of just concentrating about your own section of the country. It was very interesting to hear people and discuss with them. In another sense, I noticed that the same problems were recurring on a national scale. These include a declining interest in literature courses and less reading in younger people."

Loland related that it was the general consensus of those attending the meeting that the need for people to write more at a younger age is evident. He agreed that the root of most English skill problems was the lack of reading done by contemporary youth.

This, Loland says, is a difficult thing to do with today's young. The American culture provides many active and diverse activities that are more fun or easier to do than to sit still and read a book.

Community college enrollment increased in 1978

Fall enrollment in Washington's 27 community colleges is expected to exceed that of fall 1977 by nearly six percent.

The estimated enrollment for fall quarter 1978 is 168,130, an increase of 9,330 or 5.7% over the comparable headcount for fall 1977.

In terms of full-time equivalents (FTE)—an FTE equals a student enrolled for 15 credit hours and is used in budget calculations—esti-

mated fall 1978 enrollment is up 3.18 percent over that of fall 1977, from 83,288 to 85,934.

Community colleges have reported that most of their growth is occurring in vocational education programs. Average credit hours per student are down slightly, suggesting that more part-time students are taking supplemental vocational courses which help them improve their job performance.

Holiday classes scheduled, but call them 'Interims'

Classes during the two-week Christmas vacation are on, but don't call them "Winterims"...call them "Interims."

That's the word from Bob Lawrence, associate dean of instruction at GRCC. Lawrence said in the past classes held during the holiday season were considered "special" and "often were too demanding with too short of time allowed to complete the courses. Consequently we have made these classes part of our Winter quarter, an interim between Fall and Winter," he explained.

"We've decided not to offer as many classes as in the past," he said. "Those we offer will be designed specifically for the short term."

Classes, which begin Dec. 14 and in some cases run until Dec. 29, include:

- **Communications Today**, an investigation into the latest trends and developments in the fields of radio, television, newspaper and photography. Seattle area media professionals, will discuss the communications field with students. This a is three-credit class which runs Dec. 14-20, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily.

- **Language of Advertising**, an introduction to the study of advertising with emphasis on the study of materials (display, magazine ads, etc.) produced by corporations and their advertising agencies in an attempt to sell their product to the people. Major focus

and attention will be given to the development of modern advertising methods with emphasis on how we have become a nation held together by what we buy and the ads we read. This five-credit class runs from Dec. 14-29, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily.

- **Log Cabin Construction**, Students participate in the construction of one or more log shelters including: selection and processing of logs and shakes, transporting materials to the site, preparing the site, and finishing the structure. The class meets daily from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is four credits.

- **The Psychology of Stress**, a study of the causes, symptoms, effects and treatment of stress from both a theoretical and practical level. This three-credit class meets daily, from Dec 14-28, from 9 a.m.-noon.

- **Understanding Your Car**, is designed to expose the homemaker to the necessary maintenance requirements of a today's vehicles through practical demonstrations and explanations. The class meets Dec. 14-20, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. or 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. and offers one credit.

All Interim classes are part of the Winter schedule, Lawrence said. If students have already registered for next quarter and are carrying 10 or more credits, the two-week classes will cost nothing, he explained. All classes are still open.

Heavy Boozers

College students like to drink

A survey of alcohol purchasing habits of undergraduates at the U. of Delaware reports that while no conclusive proof is to be found that there is a trend toward increased alcohol consumption on campus, there is "substantial evidence that college students are among the heaviest drinkers in the population." (Eighty-eight per cent of the respondents had taken at least one drink in the past year.)

Other findings of the study:

- * The number of days out of the year that alcohol was consumed ranged from 81 for freshmen to 106 for seniors; from 73 for all females to 107 for all males.

- * The average male undergrad makes 46 trips to the liquor store in a year, spending \$4.20 each time.

- * The average male expenditure per bar visit was \$5.68, the average female expenditure was \$3.25.

- * The number of times a student visits a bar or nightclub varies depending on several factors. Freshmen visited bars 15 times per year, seniors 44 times.

- * The average undergrad spends \$193 (\$264 for men, \$129 for women) on alcoholic beverages in a year. Forty-five per cent of that is for beer, 27% for hard liquor and 17% for wine.

The study, by John Newton of the UD College of Home Economics, was reported in the July Journal of College Student Personnel.

Food drive set

Ivan Pickens

Green River's Business Management Club is sponsoring a Christmas food drive on campus Nov. 27 through Dec. 6.

"Ten drop-off points will be situated around campus for the students' convenience," said Andy Ohrberg, club president, "and they will be open during normal school hours. We're encouraging everyone to get involved to make someone's Christmas a little bit better."

Joan Sekler, Green River's nurse, will provide the name(s) of students who will be eligible to receive the food that is collected. Further information is available by contacting Andy Ohberg in Student Programs, ext. 337.

Pottery sale

Twelve Green River pottery students will host a special Christmas sale on Dec. 5, 6, and 7. Tables displaying the pottery will be set up in the downstairs lobby of the Lindbloom Student Center from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. A variety of colors and styles will provide a nice selection of gifts at very reasonable prices.

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'Etiquette Deficiency'

Several weeks ago, I was invited to attend a formal dinner party that was being held in the honor of some society snob whose name I can't remember and don't particularly want to. The affair (high society's term for a big, drunken party) was set for 8 p.m., and being of a punctual nature, I arrived at 8:30.

I slipped into the crowd with relative ease and managed to amuse myself until dinner was served. Everyone was on his best behavior; being very careful not to step out of the bounds of approved etiquette.

I was being especially careful. I made certain that I wiped my mouth with my napkin before taking a drink. I checked twice to see that I tipped my soup bowl away from me instead of towards me, and was ever so careful not to stab my butter with my knife. Just as I began to think that I had successfully completed a 'society dinner', I made a small tactical error, at least I thought it was small. Instead of holding my wine goblet with my thumb and first two fingers at the base of the bowl, I used my thumb and three fingers.

Before I could correct my error, an elderly lady seated a few feet away leaped from her chair screaming, "Everybody away! He's got the disease! He's got an

"etiquette deficiency" and he'll infect us all!"

By the time they called for help, the disease had moved into an advanced stage. I began to slouch at the table and drink from my finger bowl.

"He's entering the final stages of deficiency," said one guest, "We must re-train him before he reverts into a middle class clod." Just as they wrestled me to the ground, I realized what they were planning to do to me. They were planning an etiquette exorcism.

The exorcism was a horrible thing to observe. The priest opened by thrusting two silver dinner knives shaped like a cross into my line of sight. "Take that you heathen," he yelled. I was then prodded with forks, serving forks, dinner forks, small forks, fish forks, oyster forks. However, I didn't give in without a fight. I told them they would never turn me into a social prissy and that I would never become one of their kind.

It took them weeks to bring me back under social control again. At least I let them think they did. But just between you and me, when I'm sure I'm not being watched by the society snobs, I still hold my goblet with three fingers. And sometimes I even drink my finger bowl. Take that you higher class society snobs.

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Point/Counterpoint



Parking should be planned better: Consider long range aspects

Dennis White

My name is Dennis White. I am in my fourteenth year as a biology instructor at GRCC, and my third year as a member of the Parking Board. I have been asked by the editor of the Current to express my opinion on a recent memo from Dr. Norman to the Parking Board. The memo stated that the King County Parks Department could begin construction of a recreation facility on the site of the "Lea Hill Mud Lot" during late spring/early summer 1979. Dr. Norman's response to this situation is to begin immediate planning for a graveled 500 stall parking lot to be constructed in the woods southwest of parking area G. He also stated "that any attempt to stall the project without credible alternatives and responsibility for their conclusions should not be accepted." Unfortunately, these credible alternatives should have been worked upon for the last fourteen years.

My opposition to the proposed parking lot is based upon inadequate planning by the Parking Board and the administration regarding this vital issue. I believe the Parking Board and the administration should consider the following:

1. There has been no formal written directive from the King County Park Department to vacate the Lea Hill lot by a given date.
2. There has been no formal statement from the King County Park Department as to whether or not we will be able to use any of their parking spaces adjoining the recreational facility.
3. We have no documented data of the present use of the Lea Hill lot. We need to know how many cars are using the lot, the length of time they are on the lot and the students' class schedules who are using this site.
4. The Parking/Security Department has not made any survey of students using the Lea Hill lot as to where they would park if a new lot were to be constructed in the southwest corner of the campus.
5. The only documented use of the other parking areas on campus was done during the first three weeks of the quarter. We need to know how many parking stalls are not being used in existing parking areas. I realize it takes time and money to gather this information, but it is necessary data relative to our problem.
6. Much more effort should be made on this campus to encourage car pooling. Faculty member Bob Aubert recently conducted a survey that showed 78 percent of the cars arrive at the campus with a single occupant. Car pooling is not always easy and inconveniences occasionally occur. However, the fuel and money that it saves and the prevention of parking lot construction is worth it.
7. The same survey conducted by Aubert showed that only 5 percent of those queried rode public transportation. Metro is offering a new fare plan to students and they are attempting to provide more suitable schedules to and from the campus.
8. Further efforts need to be made with scheduling classes. The greatest block of classes are offered in the morning hours. We need to experiment more with schedules that offer more afternoon and early evening classes to alleviate the parking situation.
9. We have to have more information on our future enrollment. Most of the institutions of higher learning in our state are presently experiencing difficulty meeting enrollment quotas. If GRCC should remain relatively stable or drop in numbers, the question can be appropriately asked whether we need a new 500 stall lot.
10. I received a letter recently from Atlantic Richfield in Ferndale, Washington, which stated, "During the lifetime of most of your students, the world will become largely depleted of oil." Are we really planning for such a situation? Some refer to this position as just a scare tactic. I consider it a real situation and if we think of the GRCC of the future we need to give very careful thought to the need for additional lots.
11. As a member of the Parking Board I want to know more fully how much a 500 stall lot would cost and how it would be financed. We have available the 1977 information provided by the school architect. We need to thoroughly review these figures before recommending a new lot. The students, staff and faculty should be aware of a large increase in parking fees that would be necessary to pay for the lot.
12. If the Parking Board should recommend that a lot be built, I would question the location selected by the architect. We have to consider the extension of parking area G. The so-called "sewer road" was cleared during the initial construction of the campus. If we find that a relatively few spaces are needed, it may be cheaper and environmentally advantageous to obtain them from this area.
13. I have a newspaper clipping describing a situation by a biologist at Pacific Lutheran University. He was commenting on the fact that several years ago he had ample areas on campus to take his biology classes for field oriented activities. Now the biology classes must drive some distance from the university for field activities. It's hard to visualize this happening at Green River. Or is it?

I have been referred to as an extremist environmentalist — constantly expressing over-emotionalism when it comes to the natural beauty of our campus. However, I am quick to retort that many students come to GRCC and remain because of the setting we are so fortunate to possess. I hope that before we get the bulldozers out for the construction of a new parking lot that we investigate more fully the points which I consider to be relevant in this issue.

Green River has no choice: a new lot or stacked cars

Nicholas Smith
Director of Parking
and Security

The parking situation at the college, is one that is filled with problems and controversy. As Director of Parking and Security for the last five years, it is a topic I feel qualified to write about. Let us consider the basic problem with which the college is faced.

1. We are losing the Lea Hills overflow parking lot (perhaps better known as the mud lot) to the County, who will develop a recreational facility on the site. This constitutes a loss of 550 parking spaces.

2. At the start of the fall quarter we had approximately 100 cars parked illegally on the campus and 50 cars parked on the County roads with all the campus parking spaces completely filled. Obviously an unsatisfactory situation.

3. According to Dr. Bill Cohen, the college enrollment planner, we can look for a projected enrollment increase of approximately 200 students per year for at least the next five years.

Immediate solutions are imperative. The loss of 25 percent of existing student parking spaces calls for prompt and responsible measures. Over two years ago, when the parking department first felt there was a possibility of losing the land across the street, a parking study was made by Aehle and Thurman Architects Inc. to consider various options for providing additional on campus parking. Bear in mind that Bud Aehle is the original architect who has designed the college campus from the initial ground breaking to its present state. His concern for the aesthetic beauty of the campus is obvious. The additional parking site selections have been made with the same consideration for the environment.

In addition to the suggested parking space increase my department has also worked with various agencies to implement alternative means of college commuting. We have worked with Metro to improve the arrival schedule of buses on the campus to coincide with the start of classes.

Starting winter quarter the college will become a sales outlet for Metro monthly passes. In addition to this, the passes will be offered at a 10 percent discount rate, with the college absorbing the price difference. We are presently offering a greatly reduced rate for carpooling. Any group of three or more people can obtain a parking pass for \$3.00 per quarter.

All these alternative methods of transportation have been considered as a very positive aid to the increasing parking problem. But as the college draws students from an increasingly larger area of our state, and as student schedules are so diverse, carpooling and public transportation can only assist to a limited degree.

Taking all these facts into consideration, I feel we have no alternatives but to provide additional on campus parking for 700 cars. Because of the enormous cost of such a project, and our reluctance to dramatically increase parking rates, I would suggest the proposed lot be completed only to the gravel stage.

The main parking shortage is in the daytime and this lot could be effectively shutdown in the evening, therefore reducing security hazards.

I would urge you to support this project as the only viable alternative to college progress.

Ed. note—We wish to thank both Dennis White and Nick Smith for taking the extra time and sacrificing other work, in order that the subject of parking could be properly addressed. Both men are to be commended as people who are tired of sitting back in an apathetic stupor. The Current intends to kick things up and encourage the thought process of those involved with Green River Community College. We can't do it alone. Suggestions for editorials and guest writers are needed. The Current is an open forum for opinions—use it!

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KGRG takes on new look



Stuart Lewis spins records in the newly designed KGRG studios. Later this week a priest is coming out to pronounce a blessing on the transmitter.

Chuck Mingori

KGRG radio station went off the air Thursday, Nov. 10 so that the KGRG staff could renovate their studio.

They changed the design of the studio from a U-shape to a "more accessible" L-shape.

Station Manager Dave Buchanon (alias Zack Tyler) said that the former design was "not space efficient" and that it was "clumsy".

"The way we have it now," stated Buchanon, "It is very open. It feels better and it is more accessible."

By building a new counter top, raising the floor and improvising an old greeting card rack that can now be used as a shelf for tapes, Buchanon feels that the studio is more comfortable.

Also, carpeting is going to be laid on the floor, a Formica counter top finish has yet to be added and a new cassette deck was bought with funds from the KGRG budget.

To get design ideas, some KGRG members visited some local commercial radio stations. They visited the KJR, KVI, KIRO and KING radio stations.

"We looked at each studio and came up with our own design," explained Buchanon.

Originally, KGRG was scheduled to go back on the air Monday, Nov. 20. But when they went off the air they sent their transmitter to Hatfield and Dawson Consulting Engineer for repair.

Hatfield and Dawson has had the transmitter since then and according to Buchanon, "they haven't even looked at it yet"

Buchanon says that one way or another they hope to have it back by tomorrow so they can broadcast a Auburn High game.

The transmitter can be used for a while but as Buchanon says, "Slowly, but surely, something will go wrong with it."

DJ tells it how it is

Gary West

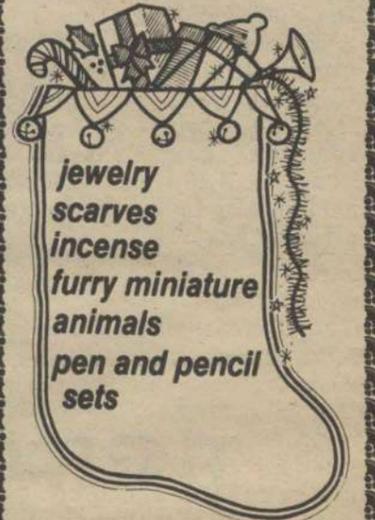
As a disc jockey for KGRG, one of the questions I am most often asked is, "Did you always want to be a DJ?" Well, to answer you truthfully, I did — not in the womb, mind you, but right after that, yes I did. So that is what prompted to to become a DJ. I said to myself, "Well, Wolfman Jack had to start somewhere, so . . ." "After a little training, I was ready for that very first on-the-air experience. So with my headset snugly adjusted (on the hook), the microphone adjusted (aimed at the middle of my forehead), and my feet firmly planted (in the upper recesses of my mouth) I was all ready. It was a kind of frustrating beginning, but after a little experience, perseverance, and a couple thousand screw-ups, I felt I could handle anything during my four weekly hours. I usually go from 11 to noon on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and from 1 to 2 p.m. on Thursdays.

After about five weeks, I got the call to do a three-hour night show, filling in for a DJ who had done a number on his car. I had never done anything on the air over one and a half hours, so I figured this would be a big opportunity for me. I had a few worries, too. What if nobody was there besides me? What if our transmitter blew up? What if the wind blew the tower down upon the studio? What if vandals came into the studio? Not to mention Arab terrorists and those awful communists. Well, as you would figure out, none of these materialized. Members of the Current staff were there, the wind was not that bad, the transmitter, shot as it was, did not detonate, the vandals stuck to the roadside rest

areas, and the terrorists and commies stuck to their own businesses. All three hours went smoothly, with no trouble — no trouble except for the tidal wave of requests.

It is a fun thing to do, however, listening to rock music, talking to lots of people, and really enjoying myself. I wouldn't trade it for anything. And besides, if the students and listeners like what we are doing, I love what we're doing. Even if I don't know what the hell we are doing sometimes.

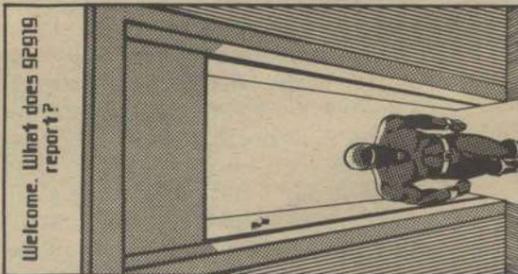
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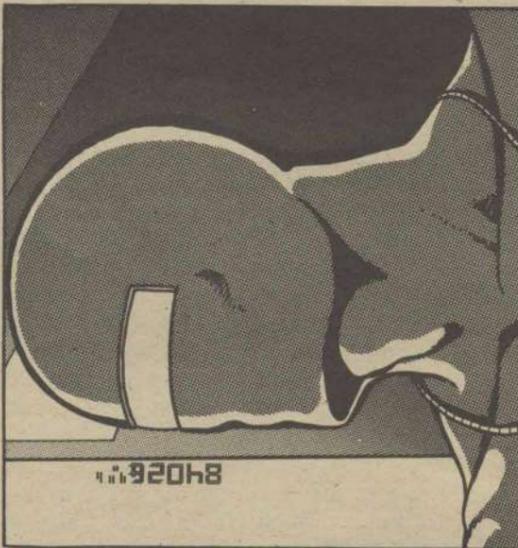
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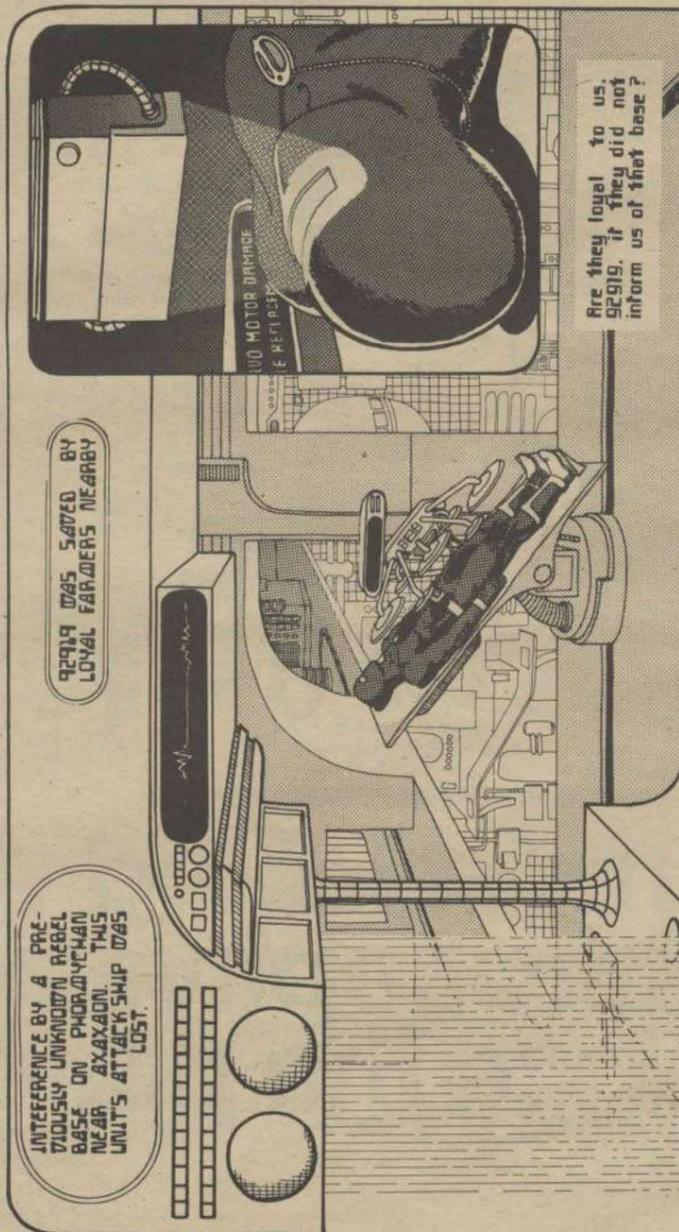
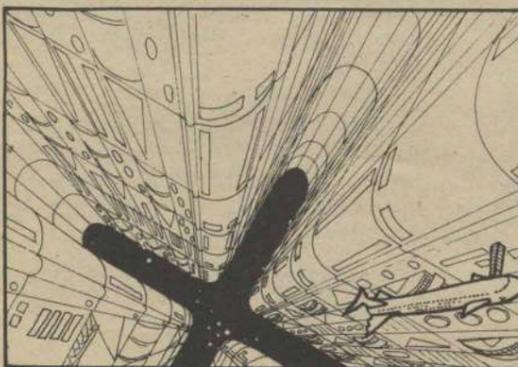
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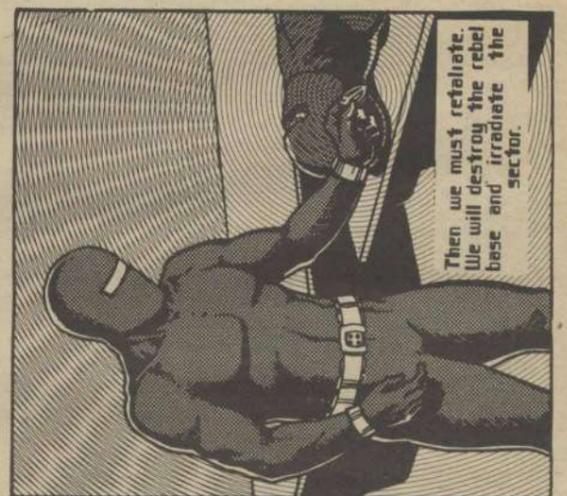
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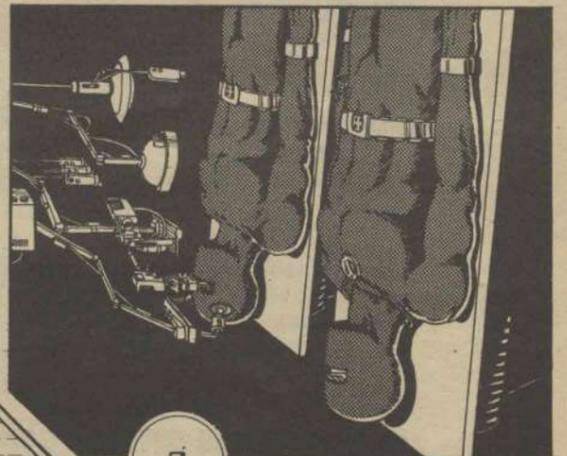
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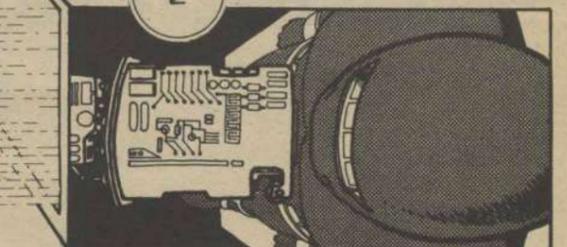
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'Reach for those goals'

Kevin Gunning

I stood looking from a distance as Fred Catton utilized all the strength he had to wrestle the 40 pound battery from his wheelchair into the back seat of his car.

His paralyzed arms were coiled up. His back hunched over his small body. The battle with the battery won, he entered his next contest, using his teeth, his knees and his crippled arms in his labor to enter the car.

Again and again he rose up, agonizingly close to his destination, only to collapse onto the wheelchair again.

I stood on the steps of the Communications Annex on two strong legs, in a body that could take me to the top of the nearest tree if I wanted.

I will never know what Fred Catton faces every time he opens his eyes in the morning. I will never know his hope, the wistful thinking. I'll never know his kind of strength and power to overcome adversity, never experience his frustration, or feel his agony. Heavy doors and eight inch curbs won't show their evil to me. Passers by won't avoid me, or wonder if I'm not quite right upstairs.

I approached Catton's green Ford to help him. A strange, tense feeling permeated the back of my spine. It never left, this odd feeling.

I folded his wheelchair, loaded it and closed the door, receiving his thanks, but all the while my mind struggled, wondering why I felt this feeling that I didn't really want any part of all this.

"What does this say about me?" I asked myself. "What does it say about the nature of man?"

The questions I never answered, but only felt a strange sense of release as returned to my normal world.

Fred Catton is a Green River accounting student who has had cerebral palsy since birth. (It happens when insufficient oxygen is present in the brain during birth, damaging nerve tissues.) He has limited use of his arms and hands and cannot walk.

He drives to school in a car set up especially so he can drive it, controlling the brakes and accelerator with hand controls.

When out of the car, he climbs into his \$1600 wheelchair which is worth more than his car, and tools around school controlling the battery-powered chair with a switch on the arm rests.

With so many difficulties and

"... If you want to let it bother you, it's your problem..."

barriers, one might expect a little bitterness from Fred Catton. But no matter how deep one digs, he will find a courageous, mature, unvindictive battler.

"If you want to let it bother you, it's your problem," explains Catton about his condition. "As long as I'm doing as much as I can to give myself freedom, I'm okay."

"It really hasn't bothered me to be disabled. When I was younger, I put myself in other's places and tried to understand what they were facing."

"The place where you get bitterness is when someone who knows what it's like beforehand to have a healthy body, then have an accident."

Catton has dealt with many aspects of being disabled. He's survived 24 surgeries in attempts to free his body from cerebral palsy's grip. His parents have been a major factor in asking him to be more and giving him responsibility to fend for himself in many occasions.

But everything is not always rosy. "People stereotype the disabled into people who must have

something mentally wrong," said the deep eyed, handsome Catton. "I know a guy who had a bad speech problem, but was really intelligent."

"People will come up close and scream in your ear, pronouncing each word slowly, thinking you're hard of hearing or something. It's kind of humorous at times really."

Catton says a lot of people have difficulties in their own way. Some may not be as quick to learn as others, or may have psychological problems.

"Things are getting a lot better," surmised Catton. "The majority of people understand more now."

Catton and others in his position have times when they need help, but find some people a nuisance when they help too much, not that they don't like help. "If I need help, I ask for it, and I'm not afraid to. I can eventually do things like opening heavy doors, but someone else can save a lot of work and get it done quicker."

"The majority of people will help, though. It's kind of a neat way to make friends and meet new people."

After completing his two-year accounting program, Catton plans

"... The majority of people understand more now..."

to expand his small business as a marketing consultant. Catton also spent a year at Griffin Business College.

Catton spends much time on his hobby, a "57 Chev." "That's my baby," grins Catton. Catton also does major and minor repairs on his cars.

The life of Fred Catton can not be described as easy, but he is resilient. "As long as a person sets that goal, they have direction. Then they have to reach for that goal."

Witness here the American Dream, only in a different sort of way.

The interview was over; I helped Fred Catton into his car. I couldn't believe how heavy the battery to the wheelchair was; it seemed like 40 or 50 pounds. The strange feeling had gone. Now I felt more at ease and joked about charging him for slave labor. I watched as he backed up his Ford and drove away. I walked back up the steps to the newspaper office with another feeling as when I had first met him. But this time I felt okay; I felt normal, and not like I was running away from anything, and I felt a little warmer.



Metro buses may solve some of the parking problems facing students.

Parking problem to be solved by Metro?

Karen Moore

The parking board has met the past two Tuesdays to discuss plans for having Green River as a sales outlet for Metro bus passes.

Green River will be offering monthly passes to students at a 10 percent discount which will be about \$11.70 a month. If GRCC becomes a sales outlet they will also be making available discount ticket booklets for those who do not ride the bus every day. In addition to this, there will be special park and ride areas available for the student to use in Auburn and Kent.

This could prove to be a partial answer to the parking problem the college is faced with. If students who are interested find this program is convenient and workable for them, it could turn out to be a big success.

Metro has said that they will publicize Green River on posters and billboards on their buses, and they also said they will come up to GRCC and have a Metro day. Then

Metro will discuss the program and all of its advantages for the students.

So far the University of Washington is the only other college to try this program, and it has proved to be a big success there.

There are probably a lot of questions and remarks that each student has: "I hate riding the bus." "What if I miss it. Will I have to wait forever for another one?" All of these questions have answers, and positive ones at that. Metro service comes up to GRCC every hour, usually a few minutes before and after the hour. For those who dislike riding the bus, just think of the gasoline cost, and the wear and tear on the cars that will be saved—that's an advantage that can't be beat.

If this three month probationary plan works out and the demand for Metro increases, they have assured us that they will be as flexible as possible to serve us.

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Dear Editor:

Recently while eating lunch, I was again confronted with a recurring problem. After winding my way through the masses at the cafeteria, I proceeded to the dining room and found no place to sit. I then opted for *Cosell's*, only to find a meeting in progress. Tray awkwardly balanced in one hand, drink in the other, I made my way to the Rainier room — my last chance. Losing out to a pumpkin carving contest, I wound up eating on the stairs again.

At present there are several thousand students at GRCC with a lunch hour between 12 and 1 p.m. I realize that in the spring and early fall the shortage of space isn't so acute, but now with temperatures soaring into the high 30's (when it's not raining), eating outdoors soon loses its charm.

Considering the shortage of space, I wonder if it would be possible to hold such meetings and special events at another time or place. I think better planning would solve the problem and the

space would be greatly appreciated.

Mark Rich

Dear Editor:

Regarding the *Encare Oval Contraceptive* advertisement in today's issue (Nov. 16), I believe it is misleading as to the effectiveness of this type of contraceptive.

According to Diane Cousineau, clinic coordinator of the Federal Way Planned Parenthood, Planned Parenthood rates *Encare Ovals* as effective as using foam. This means that for every 100 women using this method for one year, 2-29 will become pregnant. Compare this to the effectiveness of birth control pills when 100 women using this method for one year, less than one will become pregnant.

Encare Ovals should be used with condoms for reasonable effectiveness or a completely different type of contraceptive should be chosen.

Cindy Avila

We can laugh now

GRCC no Tahiti

Karen Moore

What seemed to be the start of another cold and rainy weekend, typical for our area this time of year, did a complete u-turn when something happened at about 5 p.m. that evening that changed the outlook of our wet and rainy weekend to one of unexpected excitement and danger. It began to snow, first coming down mixed with rain and then deciding to do a cover show all of its own. The flakes continued to get bigger and bigger and fell harder and harder to the ground.

"It won't stick." "It will start to rain." These are probably some of the thoughts running through everyone's mind when it all first began. But in just a few hours the snow had changed the greater part of Washington into a winter "wonderland" of landscaped beauty.

The sight was awesome, but for some created a dangerous situation when it came to go out driving their cars. Over the weekend there was an abundance of accidents, resulting from the freezing temperatures that followed the great snowfall. The news cautioned everyone not to drive if possible. The roads were extremely hazardous, and a part of I-5 was closed in Tacoma. This was all right for those who could get by without driving, but for those who had to drive somewhere . . . well, they just had to take their chances.

A lot of people were anticipating another heavy snowfall the next night, but were awakened in the morning to frozen snow, frozen streets, and for those who forgot antifreeze even frozen cars.

Do any of these snow and ice conditions close the doors of Green River for the day(s)? The administration decides if the conditions are too bad for the college to stay open. To find out stay tuned to the radio stations: KASY, KIRO, KJR, KOMO, KVI, KTAC, KUPY, and these television stations: KING-TV, KIRO-TV, and KOMO-TV.

Having the cold and freezing weather is unpleasant for some, but for others the snow portrays a spirited aire for the coming holiday season. Just think what Lea Hills parking lot will be like when it thaws out!!!!

Got those cold weather blues?

Escape the despondence of winter woes and school pressures. Join the "we can laugh now" winterim class titled, "Tahiti Cop Out 101." The expedition leaves two weeks before finals for Tahiti and returns with the sun to the Northwest (which may never happen). Those wishing to learn rest and relaxation may do so by mailing a check for \$2500 to We can laugh now c/o Idi Amin, P.O. Box 1978, Hootman, Uganda. Mail those checks before midnight tomorrow. The class is offered for those wishing to escape the stress and tension brought on by that the overburdening effect of the cold weather recently.

ANOTHER "WE CAN LAUGH NOW" MINI-POSTER

CONCEPTS

Love nature and grow vegetables

The Findhorn community, located on a sandy peninsula jutting into the North Sea, has proven itself to be one of the most amazing gardening communities in this era of technological and industrialized agriculture.

From a small acreage of sand and gravel beginning in a trailer park, the members of this community have developed a flourishing garden producing over 128 varieties of vegetables, fruits and herbs.

The success of the garden they attribute to their cooperation with the spirit forces of nature. They have demonstrated that love makes plants, as well as people, grow.

The Findhorn people believe that man has lost sight of nature's

purpose in the world—that man no longer cares about working with nature and therefore nature no longer cares to work with man.

They believe there is a limit to the force man has used and imposed upon nature through technology and industry. They propose there was once an alliance between man and nature, but that man has broken that alliance of harmony and moved on to force.

The gardeners begin each day with an *attunement*. Joining hands, they stand together in a circle in silence. During this minute or two, each gardener consciously blesses the day, his or her fellow gardeners, the nature kingdoms and the day's work before them. They become aware of individual ener-

gies of everyone and everything in the environment at that moment. Following the attunement, they discuss the work design for the day. Each person invokes the spirit forces in his own way, experiencing contact with the devas (gods or good spirits) or nature spirits individually. They strive for cooperation, rather than manipulation—oneness of life rather than controlling life.

Does the Findhorn experiment have anything relevant to offer mankind? The theme of the Findhorn garden—the cooperation of humanity with the kingdom of nature, as represented by the devas and the nature spirits—claims great significance in redirecting consciousness towards the natural order of life which this planet's

survival would seem to require. They believe the same seed which unfolds in the various life stages of a tree, a flower or a vegetable also informs this planet with a life and a spirit which is gradually unfolding itself, realizing its latent potentials.

The community of Findhorn bridges the past and the future. By drawing one back into myth and legend and into cooperation with the spirits of the earth, one is invited to a more ancient time when man was young and shared his world knowingly with these beings. At the same time, Findhorn urges humanity to reach beyond technology into a new maturity by sharing creation with nature rather than opposing and trying to control it.

Editor's note: "Concepts" is a place for interesting theories, wild claims, or for just standard but relevant themes important to society, scientific, spiritualistic, common sense or otherwise. It is especially hoped instructors will supply the Current with material, or at least a phone call so we can send someone on the story. Try it. Make the paper an educational experience. Mind exploration is fun. Share the wealth. Ext. 267.

Concert of the month

Joel entrances crowd

Tracy LaBerge

The northwest has been very fortunate in having several top bands and performers play in concerts this past month. One of the most outstanding performances took place Monday, Nov. 6, in the Seattle Center Coliseum. The concert featured Billy Joel, at his best.

Joel opened the show with the title cut from a recent album, *The Stranger*. His ability to reveal his personality through his music enabled the audience to see Joel as a friend, rather than a stranger.

Good Die Young, and *Always a Woman*, were four smash hits Joel performed from *The Stranger* album. In between songs the mood was light, while Joel did impressions. His favorite impersonation was of comical genius, Steve Martin.

From his latest album, *52nd Street*, Joel dedicated to "nosey people" the song *My Life*, which contains the verse:

'I don't need you to worry for me 'cause I'm all right.

I don't need you to tell me it's time to come home.

I don't care what you say anymore, this is my life.

Go ahead with your own life and leave me alone.

Joel set the mood for another song from his *52nd Street* album entitled, *Big Shot*. He described someone laying in bed with a splitting headache, hung-over from the night before. At the foot of the bed another person stands and screams:

You had to be a big shot, didn't you?

You had to prove it to the crowd. . .

Several of his songs, Joel acted out. Unlike many other performers who just play their songs without personally getting involved, Joel performed approximately 30 songs and led the audience to believe that he was truly enjoying himself and didn't want to leave the stage. He came back for four encores, playing for almost three hours straight.

Members of Joel's band — Doug Stegmeyer, Richie Connata, Liberty DeVitto, and Steve Khan — should be commended for their musical talents. Connata performed a solo number on his saxophone which received an enthusiastic standing ovation from the crowd.

The night was truly an experience. I found myself humming songs Joel performed while leaving the coliseum. Billy Joel has been around for quite some time now, but is an artist we undoubtedly will be hearing a lot from in the future.

Touring choir perform tonight at Green River

The Vikaleers, a 30-voice swing choir from Ricks College in Rexburg, Idaho, will perform at 8 o'clock tonight in the Lindbloom Student Center.

On the same program will be four couples from the Vahalla Dancers, an international folk dance group at Ricks, and an awarding accordion player from Las Vegas.

The performance is sponsored by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Ricks is a church-owned two-year school near Idaho Falls.

Tickets cost \$1 and will be on sale at the door.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Out on the town

On Stage

South Pacific is currently running through Dec. 17 at the Second Stage Theater in Seattle. Performances are at 8 p.m. Thursdays through Sundays. Reservations may be made by calling 325-3633.

The *Ice Capades* is coming to Seattle once again! Tickets for this Seattle Coliseum event are selling now at the Bon for performances at 8 p.m., Nov. 29-30, Dec. 1-2; 2 p.m. Dec. 3-4; and 6 p.m. Dec. 3.

The ever-popular *A Christmas Carol* will play Dec. 1-31 at Seattle's A Contemporary Theater.

A Gift to Amuse will be presented by the Lakewood Players Dec. 1-3 and Dec. 8-10 at 8 p.m. Tickets are available by calling the theater box office at 588-0042.

Concerts

Herbie Mann and the New Family of Mann will play in an 8 p.m. concert tomorrow at the Paramount Northwest Theater in Seattle.

Henry Mancini and the Seattle Symphony Orchestra will play a benefit concert in honor of the Rev. John V. Sneeringer of Bellarmine Preparatory School. The concert begins at 7:30 p.m., Dec. 10, in the Seattle Opera House.

Area-born **Heart** will appear in two shows Dec. 30 and 31 at the Seattle Center Coliseum. The concerts will begin at 8 p.m.

Queen is scheduled to perform on Dec. 12 in Seattle. Ticket information and show times have not been announced.

"The night was truly

an experience"

Dressed in a suit and tie, his usual attire, Joel pranced about the stage and played his songs on three different pianos. He is truly *The Entertainer* and *The Piano Man* as both these songs imply.

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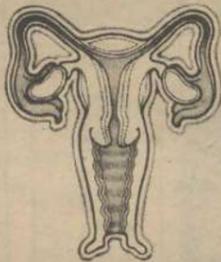
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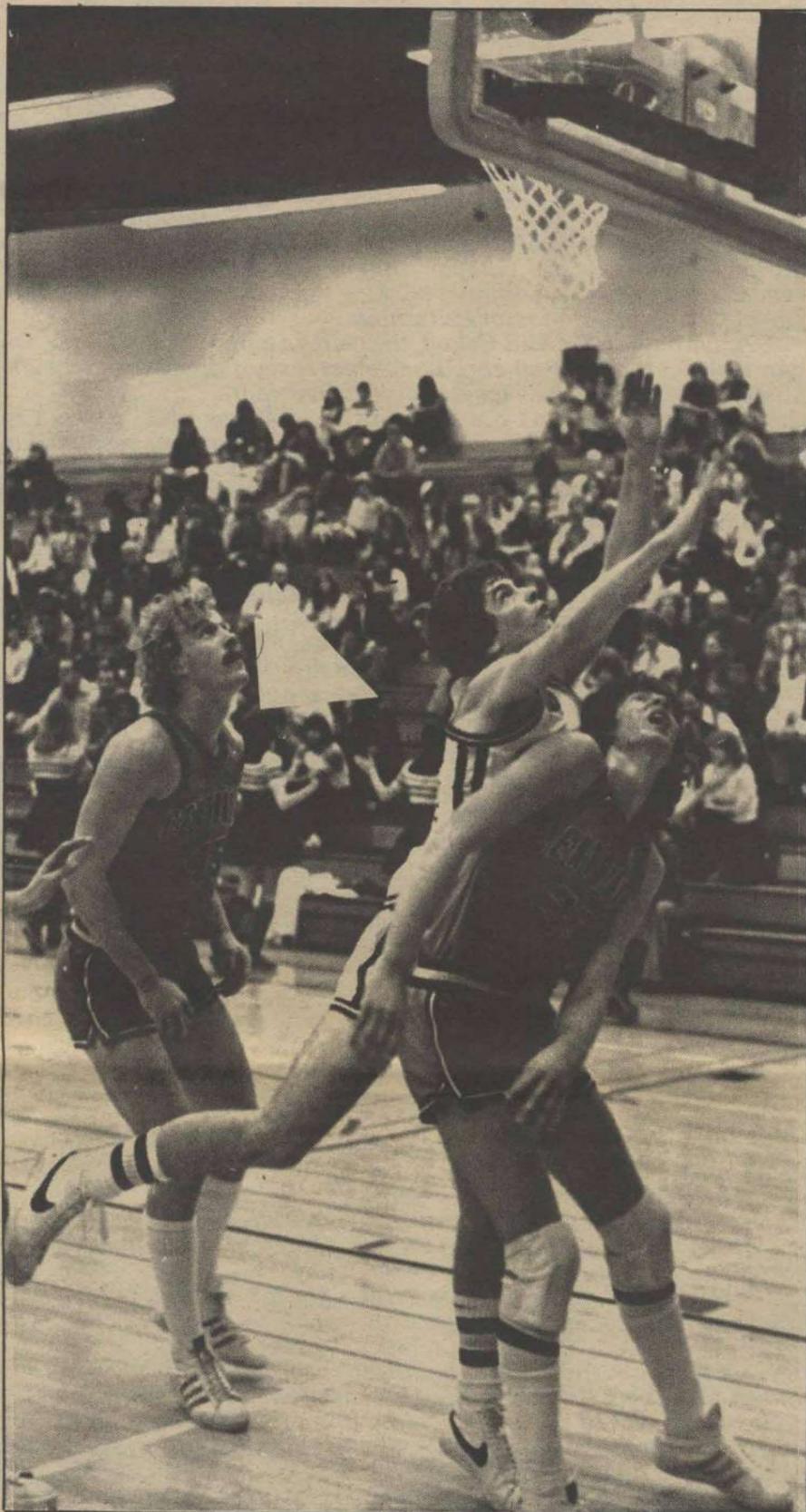
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'Defensive' Gators bounce back for a split



Green River's leading scorer, Brian Grow, works hard for a field goal against Centralia in the opening game of the season for the Gators. Grow scored 25 that night and 33 the next night against Yakima.

Chuck Mingori

Still recovering from their season opening loss against Centralia, the men's basketball team bounced back and knocked off Yakima Saturday night, to gain a split in the two non-conference games played in the Gator gym.

Commenting on the Yakima game, Coach Bob Aubert said, "We played so much better tonight than last night. We did some things tonight—defense, fast-breaking, rebounding."

Opening the season against Centralia on Friday, however, the Gators lost a 79-70 decision despite the 25 points of Brian Grow and Darryl Winston's 16. A highlight in that game came when Pat Church sunk a mid-court shot as time was running out.

But time didn't run out on Green River the next night as they took advantage of Grow's and John Gustafson's shooting and rebounding. Grow made an incredible 17 for 19 free throws along with an eight for 15 field goal accuracy to total 33 points. Gustafson rattled in 19

points, making eight for 14 field goals. Each one hauled down 12 rebounds, as Green River out-rebounded Yakima, 43-26.

At one point in the first half, Green River had built a 15 point lead, while controlling the offensive boards and passing the ball around against the Yakima zone defense. But a scrappy Yakima team fought back to only trail by a score of 40-34 at the half.

Green River's lead in the second half fluctuated from 10 to four, but Yakima couldn't get any closer.

Winston closed out the scoring for the Gators, when he was fouled as time ran out. He sunk one of two attempts bringing the score to read 75-68 in Green River's favor.

In addition to Grow's and Gustafson's scoring, the rest of scorers went like this, Winston, 12; Bragg, 6; Dale Campagna, 4; Stan Kaseycki, 2.

The Gators had an away game against Lower Columbia last night and they host Highline in a game next Wednesday. Game time is set for 8 p.m.

Playoffs nearing for soccer squad

With only one regular season game remaining after yesterday's home match against South Seattle, the men's soccer team has climbed to the number one spot in league standings.

When Green River lost to Skagit Valley on November 1, by a score of 7-1, things looked rather dismal. But since that time, the Gators have ran an unbeaten string of seven games together, winning six and tying one.

Included in those wins is Monday's triumph over Bellevue, a team which beat Green River by the same score that Green River beat them—2-1.

Coach Doug Peterson described the Bellevue game on Monday as identical to the 2-1 game played earlier this season. Both teams won on break-away goals.

The deciding goal for the Gators came at the 17th minute of the second half when Tom Bylin hit Ben Oagas on an assist for a goal. Mike Minahan struck for the first goal for Green River when he netted one at the 41st minute of the first stanza.

The excitement for the Gators

was somewhat overshadowed by the loss of two starters. Forward Matt Sweeney suffered a leg injury when he collided with another player. Goalie Mark Beach sustained a slight shoulder separation. Both could be lost for the rest of the season.

The league standings are complete as of Monday, but some teams have make-up games to play. According to Peterson, "If we win all of them, (meaning the last two) we will win first place."

If the standings finish the way they are now, the Gators would take first, because they defeated Edmonds once and tied them in the other game.

Saturday, the Gator's opponent is Skagit Valley. The game is scheduled at Skagit Valley. After that game, it's on to the playoffs.

	W	L	T	Pts.
Green River	10	3	3	23
Edmonds	10	3	3	23
Bellevue	9	4	3	21
Fort Steilacoom	8	2	5	21
Skagit Valley	9	4	0	18
Shoreline	8	5	3	19
Tacoma	5	9	0	11
Everett	4	11	0	8
South Seattle	2	13	0	4
Seattle Central	1	13	1	3

Gain playoff berth

Volleyball team captures playoff berth

Tracy LaBerge

After losing the premiere game Wednesday, Nov. 15, to Centralia, the GRCC volleyball team fought back with keen determination and succeeded in winning the next of three games and obtaining a spot in upcoming playoff competition.

Excellent serves by Shannah Rongen and Debi Millman, along with good defense by the rest of the Gator team just wasn't enough to hold off Centralia. They defeated GRCC 15-9 in the first game of the match.

The Gator team called time-out early in the second game, with the scoreboard reading 3-0, in favor of Centralia. They came back on the

court and managed to score twelve points successively.

The third game was a battle. After a 6-1 lead by GRCC, the Centralia team fought back hard, forcing GRCC to call time-out, with the score 12-10. The Gators clenched the game with a close score of 15-12.

The final game was dominated by the Gators all the way. They led 5-1 before calling time-out, and kept their lead throughout the game to the end. The final score was GR 15, Centralia 9.

The team will play the first match of play-off competition today at 5 p.m. in the gym on campus.

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