

Dr. Gerald Miller, GR instructor, dies Monday

by Connie Frankhauser

Dr. Gerald Miller, geology instructor at GRCC died unexpectedly Monday evening at 10 as a result of a heart attack. He was 52.

Dr. Miller had been a teacher at Green River since its opening in 1965, and was the only geology teacher the college had ever employed. Although heart problems had been evident in his family history, he had no previous history of heart trouble personally.

Although Dr. Miller was a renowned professional, he also was noted as an excellent, though demanding,

teacher. Dennis Regan, science instructor said, "He was a teacher who really cared about his serious students. Upon first appearance, he was gruff, but he would do anything for a student who really wanted to learn."

Faculty and students were in a state of shock much of the week.

"I've known Gerry like a brother," said Bill Taylor, Dean of Instruction. "He was an expert geologist who brought real expertise to our faculty."

Science Division Chairman Dennis

White commented, "Gerry initiated and developed the geology department to it's fullest. His wide background added untold expertise to the department here at the school, and we will miss him terribly."

Friends Bob Aubett in the P.E. department and Dr. Edward Fohn of the science department both expressed similar emotions.

But perhaps his loss to the school was best summed up by Regan when he said, "Gerry was a dedicated professional as well as teacher. His death will change the whole color and flavor of the science area on campus. He encouraged hard work from himself and his students."

Dr. Miller, who had a doctorate in geology from the University of Washington, was also highly recognized as a leading authority in the geological make-up of the northern Cascades area.

This became extremely important when he, because of his expertise, was hired as a consultant by Puget Power when they were considering the Skagit Valley as a possible site

for a nuclear power plant.

He found himself in direct opposition to those claiming the valley was unsafe because of major earthquake faults. After extensive research, he vehemently claimed that such faults were non-existent. "My findings," he said in an article in The Current on Feb. 1, "were public knowledge long before this nuclear site was ever even a consideration.

... I don't give a damn if the site is built or not. What upsets me is the politics involved in the whole thing."

Dr. Miller had several articles published in highly acclaimed science journals, the most recent of which was in the November issue of "Northwest Science."

Dr. Miller is survived by his wife Creola and three sons: Mathew, age 22 who is a graduate of GRCC; Kyle, age 18, a freshman at GRCC and Blake, age 14. His brother Bob from Renton and mother Hazel of Auburn are also among the survivors.

Services were schedule for Thursday at 3 p.m. at Price-Helton Funeral Chapel in Auburn.



Dr. Miller was responsible for several geological displays on campus, often investing his own time and money in making them.

Women stretch streak

by Roger Richied

Even though the regular season is all but over (barring tomorrows contest with Skagit Valley) the Green River womens basketball squad will now try to begin knocking off the same Community College teams, as the playoffs in Division I start on February 28.

Drawing the number one seed, as the result of GRCC running up 14 consecutive league victories, the Gators will draw a bye on Thursday, the first day of competition.

"We've been playing pretty well together as a team most of the year. I just hope we can keep up the high quality of team play," explained

Head Coach Jill McDavit.

The first GRCC opponent is scheduled for 7 p.m. Friday, as either Fort Steilacoom or Shoreline, will have to travel to the Green River Gymnasium.

All three Green River games this playoff weekend will be held on the Gator court as an advantage of being the finest team in the league helps out.

Team hustle seems to be a key point in the Gator team as McDavit notes, "The better physical condition we're in and the more stamina we have at the end of the game could really make the difference in a close game."

Region I	League		
Green River	13-0	Edmonds	7-6
Skagit Valley	12-2	Shoreline	4-9
Bellevue	9-5	Fortoma	4-9
Ft. Steilacoom	9-5	Everett	2-11
		Seattle Central	0-13

Why only four pages?

The Current would like to apologize to its readership for having to come out with four pages—we almost didn't come out at all!

Due to administrative needs, the campus media center, where The Current articles are typeset, was tied up. Because of priority then, The Current's needs were way delayed.

Deadlines were fouled up because of the snow last Friday and valuable time was lost due to the President's holiday Monday.

Next week we'll be back with eight glorious, stimulating, yet entertaining pages for Green River's finest! Thanks for reading.

-The Current's Modest Staff

1980-81 budget prepared

by J. Douglas Anderson

This year's budget request is \$18,915 over the actual amount projected for the 1980-81 fiscal year. In accordance with the Green River Community College Financial Code, Article III, Section 3, points 1-10, all areas which use student and activities (S & A) fees must submit a proposed budget for the next year for their program.

The budget team in conjunction with the Legislative and Executive branch of student government, is seeking student input in the preparation of the budget.

There has been \$1,000 held back for the Legislative Budget Committee to distribute. Any program in need of more money than what the

budget team has already allocated should attend one of the open hearings.

This extra money (\$1,000) is distributed after hearing requests from various areas at the two open hearings. The dates for these hearings will be Feb. 28 from 3 to 5 p.m., and Feb. 26 from 7 to 9 p.m. both will be held in the Rainier Room located in the Lindbloom Student Center.

The student senate has been divided up to research and analyze the different areas of the budget. Under each senator's picture is the area they are assigned to. This information, for the convenience of the student, will hopefully encourage students input in regard to the budget.



Budget Co-ordinator
J. Douglas Anderson,
President



Recreation Cultur. Arts
Andy Ohrberg,
Sophomore Senator

1980-81 522 BUDGET PREPARATION DRAFT 2

	1979-80 Current Budget	1980-81 Budget
Administrative		
Athletic Administrative	3,848	3,795
Recreation Administrative	3,098	3,098
Student Programs Adm.	2,220	2,220
	9,166	9,113
ASGRCC		
Executive Branch	3,777	3,740
Legislative Branch	6,420	6,400
Day Care	6,750	6,750
	16,947	16,890
Athletics		
Baseball	5,565	5,405
Men's Basketball	5,550	4,989
Women's Basketball	3,668	4,729
Men & Women X-Country	1,900	2,230
Golf	1,050	1,143
Men's Soccer	2,645	2,975
Men's Tennis	2,200	2,550
Women's Tennis	1,848	2,372
Men & Women Track	6,800	6,220
Volleyball	2,780	2,780
Women's Slowpitch	1,847	2,537
Women's Soccer	1,495	1,797
	37,348	39,727
Auxiliary Control		
Current	9,600	9,600
KGRG	2,800	8,406
	12,400	18,006
Performing Arts		
Chamber Singers	1,350	4,000
Concert Choir	250	400
Drama	2,190	2,669
Music Company	4,700	7,300
Musical	1,600	2,319
	10,090	16,688



Administrative Control
Sue Forslund,
Freshman Senator



Performing Arts
Mary Neil,
Freshman Senator

Recreation ACU-I

Billiards	645	0
Football	685	0
	1,330	0

Recreation Clubs Fund 3,000 3,000

Bus. Management Club 1,500 3,950



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Senator at Large



ASGRCC Control
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Mark Hanson



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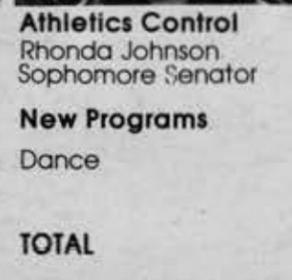
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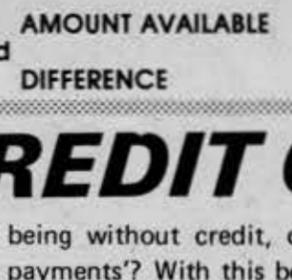
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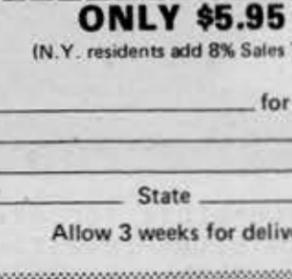
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Recreation Cultural Arts		
Art display	300	0
Cinema/Video	3,400	3,400
Music Programs	3,200	3,200
Artists/Speakers Series	7,120	7,220
Outdoor Programs	1,690	2,090
Special Services	1,465	1,465
Program Projects	3,005	6,055
Mini Courses	1,000	1,002
	21,180	24,432
Recreation Sports 4,000 4,000		
Student Services Control		
Business Office	3,000	3,000
Data Processing	2,262	2,262
Program Sevices	23,475	23,475
	28,737	28,727
Student Employment		
Work Grants	29,222	
Divisional Awards & NDSL	17,350	
	46,572	46,572
NEW PROGRAMS		
Dance	0	1,950
TOTAL	192,270	213,065
AMOUNT AVAILABLE		194,150
DIFFERENCE		18,915

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Letters

Legal abortion?

To The Editor:

This is my response regarding the article in the Feb. 8, Current on page 3.

To me, freedom means doing your thing unless it hurts someone else or you take away their freedom. "Someone" is everyone, fetus to grave.

Our country was supposedly founded on belief of God so we should be as one with religion. I don't know what Jefferson and the guys had in mind when the separation of state and church term is concerned. It seems to me when people want to remove God's laws with human laws they bring up the term.

I always heard it was the anti's who made up the "What-if" alarm stories such as we're going to be forcing women to be mothers and other terrible things! So don't put words and action in my mouth and hands. I or no one I know is condemning people who don't become fertilized or bombing places. Now you worry about life and I'm not ignorant or superstitious, but if I am, I'm glad I not one of today's "with it" people.

As far as I'm concerned, there's very few ands, and ifs, or buts, that fertilized egg in a woman (and test-tube) is going to be a human. Those eggs and sperm hanging around in

their separate homes haven't got any potential to be a person until they meet. When you feel that little someone kicking, isn't it alive yet?

The fetus is a guest in the woman's body at her own invitation and is temporarily a part of her body but not part of her bodily function. Getting pregnant is about the only bodily function she can control.

I just read an article about a girl who just didn't get around to using her contraceptives and so got pregnant. She couldn't put it up for adoption because of the pain of separation later, so she killed it. It was his and her responsibility by various means not to get the egg fertilized in the first place. She knew about contraceptives; which more people should be informed about.

I was taught when you make a mistake it's your problem and don't take it out on someone else. There's so many easy solutions to today's problems. The only solace is that the soul of the fetus should go to heaven.

Life maybe the pits at times but it's an experience worth it and I'm glad my mother didn't want to abort me.

Maybe the Supreme Court was right. I wouldn't want to be the child of a mother who thought more of herself and material things than giving me life.

Allen Douglas

Litter not the problem, it's people

To The Editor:

Recently, an editorial appeared in the Current concerning the litter problem on campus. Through a typographical error, the annual cost of picking up litter was reported as being \$3. It's actually over \$3,000 a year.

As a work/study student on the grounds maintenance crew, I have first-hand experience with the litter problem, and it is a problem.

The people on the grounds crew don't believe that the majority of litterers are slobs. We feel that it's more a matter of ignorance. Many people simply do not know better; their parents and friends probably litter. Nobody has ever told them how wrong it is.

It's amazing how effective peer pressure can be. It is up to us non-litterers to educate the rest. When you see somebody litter, point out to that person that there is a trash can nearby. (with over sixty cans on campus there is always one within a short walking distance) If that doesn't work, pick it up yourself. This campus is for all of us, and it's our responsibility to take care of it. Green River is a unique, beautiful campus. Let's have some pride and try to retain it's natural beauty.

The time, money and effort spent on picking up garbage could be better used. If you have any ideas or suggestions on how to alleviate the situation, please contact Tom Trindl, lead gardener of the Maintenance Department.

Barb Ahlf

Dear Editor:

After reading the article entitled "Legal Abortion Under Fire" by Mike Shook I felt I had to reply. Mr. Shook would label me a "pro-life" person as I am against abortions. However, I'm not fanatic, self-righteous, or vindictive. I have never been in a mob nor have I yet to throw a fire-bomb at anything. The people Mr. Shook was referring to are a small minority of the anti-abortion movement.

I agree with Mr. Shook that we can't determine when life for the fetus begins. It is this lack of knowledge that makes abortion a crime. Let's go on the assumption that life begins when the baby leaves the womb. Many babies leave the womb weeks earlier than they should, and live. A child was due to be born April 17th but due to the poor health of the mother, the doctor took the baby by Caesarean section on April 12th. The baby, of course, was alive and would have been alive had the doctor operated on April 11th or March 11th. Exactly what day could the doctor have operated and found the baby "not alive?" We don't know. The child had most likely been alive since conception or

soon after. A baby that is 3 months old is almost totally dependent on its mother. A fetus that is 3 months old is also totally dependent on its mother, just to a greater degree.

I also agree with Mr. Shook that the abortion issue "Concerns a woman's right to choose...to control her own bodily functions." Women choose whether or not they will have sex and whether or not they will use birth control. If they don't want a baby, it's their responsibility to see that some type of birth control is used. Very few women are "Forced into mandatory motherhood." The act that produces "motherhood" is usually entered into quite willingly.

A woman who is a victim of rape, incest or had serious health complications should have the right to an abortion if she wants it. But the women who skip birth control once in awhile (or altogether) must take the responsibility for their actions. "Accidents" may happen but abortion is definitely an option to an unwanted pregnancy.

There are many fine people in this world who were "accidents." Was their right to live any less than those of us who were planned?

Susan Neuffer



Performing arts
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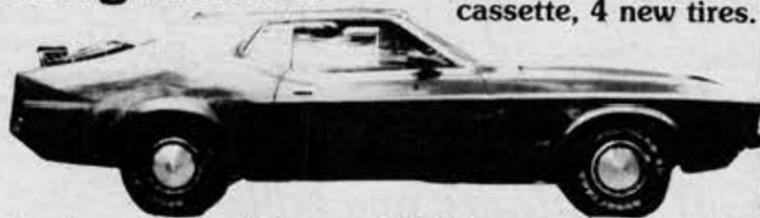
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Sports

Faulter on Monday ————— Men wrap up title

by Mark Blaisdell

Green River's men basketball team capped its league season Monday night, losing a tough 81-80 decision to Shoreline. The loss was only the Gator's third, though, as the team finished with a 13-3 record, good enough for first place in Region I play.

The game really meant much more to Shoreline, as with the win they remained in a sixth place tie with Tacoma. Since only six teams make the league playoffs in Region I play, a playoff between the two teams was scheduled for Wednesday night in the Green River gymnasium.

Leading the way in the Gator cause was Don Smith's 35 points and 7 rebounds, who was an amazing 16-22 from the field. Oliver Henry chipped in with 13 points, and John Bragg added 12. Henry also pulled down 12 rebounds.

Missing for Green River, was its playmaker, however. Pat Church missed his second game in a row and it was unclear why he was gone. One source outside of the team described his absence as a "personal thing between him and the coach." As of presstime, coach Bob Aubert had not yet been reached for comment. In Church's absence, Dan Muscatell paced the team with 9 assists.

A week ago Wednesday, the Gators edged past Fort Steilacoom 75-73, and last Friday they beat Seattle Central 84-73.

Henry led the team in the Steilacoom game with 18 points and 21 rebounds. Church also added 16 points and dished out 7 assists.



Photo by Diane Derrick

Oliver Henry calls for the ball as John Bragg pivots past an opponent

Against Seattle, Smith burned the nets for 31 points and 17 rebound. Henry also turned in another fine performance, scoring 18 and pulling down 12 boards.

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