

Firstdraft

Student Writers' Chance For Literary Publication

By Peggy Shipman

If you are an aspiring writer or just enjoy jotting down a few lines, Firstdraft, Grossmont College's literary magazine, offers the perfect opportunity to see your work in print.

Every semester the magazine's editorial staff—in conjunction with steno services, and the graphics, photography, and duplicating departments—produce a magazine containing about 120 works by present and former Grossmont and Cuyamaca students.

Firstdraft began in the spring of 1978. Verena Anderson, parttime English teacher and originator of Firstdraft, said: "Journalism has The G, the drama department has their plays, and telecommunications have their television and radio station. I thought it would be good for writers to have their own magazine."

Anderson also believes that with so much competition in the



**Verena Anderson . . .
Firstdraft originator.**

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writing field, Firstdraft is an excellent voice for those whose work may not be published in the future.

The editorial staff of Firstdraft is comprised of Grossmont students. The short stories, sketches or poems are entered, copied, and evaluated independently by each member. Weekly meetings are held to discuss the works and to decide which will be accepted. Notices are

sent out either accepting or rejecting the pieces. Finally, the graphics department then prepares the magazine for the printer.

Three short stories or three sketches at a maximum of 3,000 words, or 10 poems at a length of 50 lines may be submitted by the same person.

All work must be typed. Do not write your name on the final copy. Attach a 3x5 card with your name, phone number, title of the piece, and the name of the English instructor through whom you are submitting your work.

According to Anderson, the biggest problem is last-minute entries. The deadline for submitting copy is March 26. The spring issue of Firstdraft will be available in May for \$1.50 per copy.

Although funding for the magazine is included in the school budget, your support is also needed.