



## Where Have All the Young Years Gone?



These original GC faculty members already had 20 years in when this anniversary photo was taken in 1981, and they seemed happy with their lot. Front row, l-r: Trudy Hill (Bratten), Dorothy Arnold, Shirley Acheson, Tom Hepp, Mickey Shelley, Shirley Collamer, Bob Danielson, Lee Engelhorn; second row, Charlene Lamons, Don Anderson, Bob Holden, Brad Palmer, Lee Roper; third row, Walt Yuhl, Ruth Coover, George Washington, Martin Gerrish, Bill Carden, Ray Resler, John Burdick, Ray Reynolds, Larry Coons. For older group, see page 3.

(Photo by John Dixon  
Courtesy of Bob Danielson)

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## Spring Fair at GC to Mark 35 Years

Grossmont College will mark 35 years of academic excellence with a Spring Fair Thursday, April 24, on the quad between the LRC and administration building on the campus.

Retirees will be particularly welcome at the Fair, which will be GC's official observance of its 35th birthday, complementing last fall's Homecoming football game, which drew former students and staff to the campus.

The Fair, from noon to 6 p.m., will highlight college class offerings and will feature student demonstrations in such areas as computer-assisted math, pottery, painting and poetry. Photos of current GC personnel will be on display, plus old photos detailing the college through the years. A "memory board" will be likely to evoke nostalgia and prompt reminiscences among retirees. Those attending will have opportunity to voice their "most memorable" Grossmont experience on a video tape which will be made to commemorate the occasion. Also available will be copies of the new photographic Gallery of GC personnel.

Naturally, there will be a 35th birthday cake. It will be cut and shared during the afternoon. The Fair is being sponsored by the GC Foundation, with Alma Smith as chair.

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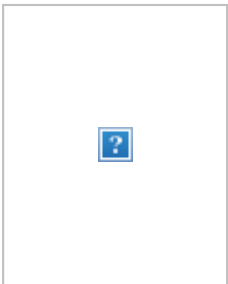
## **Cuyamaca Springfest Offers Variety of Presentations**

Cuyamaca's celebration of spring will be a week-long Springfest, starting April 14. The week will begin with a Health Fair on Monday, which will offer medical screening, talks by community professionals and fitness trends.

On Wednesday, April 16, focus will be on a Career Fair, where those attending will learn employment trends and requisites. Cuyamaca personnel and representatives of area employers will give information and advice. Also on Wednesday, Michael Hall, head of the college's Environmental Technology program, will head an environmental conference, which will include Cuyamaca participants and outside speakers examining environmental challenges. Friday, April 18, single parents will hear about developments which may affect them, including welfare reform regulations which may bring changes for some single parents. Sandi Phoenix is chair for the Health Fair, Laurie Brown for the Career Fair, and Sandy Lyon for the Single parents conference.

All programs are free and open to the public.

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**Editor's Comments**  
**by Pat Higgins**

Whatever your thoughts about the California lottery, you'll probably be happy to know that GCCCD is getting a substantial sum from the lottery this year. The amount, according to GC President Richard Sanchez, is about \$1.6 million. A few years ago, I remember Ivan Jones, then GC president, listing the yearly take at about \$1 million. If the amount through the years has been around that amount, the lottery unquestionably has been of considerable help to the district, and has made it more difficult to oppose it on principle. Or has it?

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The legality of the lottery was assured, at least temporarily when keno was eliminated last year. Now the continuing fight is over gambling at American Indian casinos, with slot machines as the principal objects of disagreement. Not all slot machines, though; only those on which the house pays a portion of players' winnings, called Class 3 machines. Their operation is similar to parimutuel, where if you pick a winning horse at Del Mar, you get a portion of the amount bet that day. None of your winning comes from track funds. But apparently the disputed slot machines are a source of great profit; one tribal leader has said they account for two-thirds of his casino's profits. I don't know why perhaps the payoffs can be larger with the Class 3 machines, thereby drawing more play than those not funded by the house. In San Diego County, the Barona, Sycuan and Viejas casinos are still operating Class 3 slot machines under a temporary 1994 agreement with U.S. Attorney Alan Bersin. The agreement will remain in effect until courts rule on the use of the machines. One case pits an Indian plaintiff against Gov. Pete Wilson, and it may reach the U.S. supreme Court; a decision by that body would settle the question definitely. Under the temporary agreement, the three casinos are keeping but not expanding the Class 3 operation. Currently also, the state is negotiating with the Pala Indians for a compact, which is stronger and more permanent than an agreement. If a compact is reached, it may become a model for the whole state, and the San Diego tribes might agree to a similar settlement. For now, the tribes may be getting revenge for Manhattan Island.

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A lighter topic now. Lee Roper thinks we retirees don't get together often enough as a group. He thinks we should have some gatherings in addition to the annual Retirees' breakfast and the Chancellor's Luncheon. Is his sentiment typical of those of retirees living within coffee/breakfast/luncheon/dinner distance of the GCCCD area? If they're your sentiments, let the Grapevine know, by a note to that effect by June 15, prior to publication of our next issue in early July. Or call Lee at 287-3799, and he'll pass the word on. If there's enough sentiment, we'll ask somebody to arrange something. It would be a pay-your-own-way affair; we probably wouldn't ask for any sponsors.

If you think twice-a-year is enough, or more than enough, don't bother to tell us. No news will be "no" news.

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## Poet's View

### *Self-Promotion*

*A rose is a rose is a rose.  
Scholars often have said,  
Except at Grossmont College*

*Where titles are being spread.*

*Professors Emeritus, Emeriti,  
Titles which come with hardly a try,  
Be they pretentious and divisive,  
And even downright sleazy.*

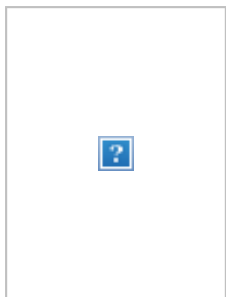
*We'll call ourselves a university  
A notch above Harvard and Yale.  
And the matter of integrity,  
Take up at your local yard sale.*

*So now doesn't the Ph.D.  
Have a much too common ring?  
Let's order a gross of tiaras  
And all crown ourselves as king.*

*Lee Roper, GC Poet Laureate  
(Self-appointed, of course)*

**Ed. Note:** Anybody want to react to the poet laureate? Applaud him, quarrel with him?  
Let the Grapevine know; we'll print your views.

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## **Biblio-Files**

*by Tom Scanlan*

My first selection this time, [Snow Falling on Cedars](#) by David Guterson (pub. 1995, paperback), was influenced in part by my recent visit to Seattle. I enjoyed the Christmas holidays there with my oldest daughter, Karen, and her husband, Mark. This was their first Christmas in their own house (they'd been students living in rented homes or apartments since their marriage over five years ago). As most of you know, Seattle had their worst snow storm in seventy years beginning the day after Christmas, so Rosemarie and I were snowed in there an extra four days longer than we'd planned. We saw lots of 'snow falling on cedars.

There's another reason that Seattle influenced my choice. Guterson's novel, published in 1995, is set mostly on San Piedro, an isolated island north of Puget Sound, only hours away from Seattle by boat. He describes life in this small village of gill-net fisherman as only a native could. It's a novel that informs as it entertains.

This is Guterson's first novel, yet it won the prestigious 1995 Pen/Faulkner award. It's a wonderful story of how people's ties to the land and their national origins affect their loves, hates and prejudices'profoundly affecting their own lives and the lives of those they touch. In an interview, Guterson summarizes his writing of the novel with, 'My work comes from inner disturbances, from seeing injustices and accidents and how they affect peoples' lives in a tragic way.

Much of the story involves the mid-1950's trial of Kabuo Miyamoto, a Japanese-American fisherman. He's accused of murdering a local fisherman because of a dispute involving family property that was confiscated years ago at the outbreak of World War II when Kabuo was interned at Manzanar, along with thousands of other Japanese-Americans. There's an intriguing mystery as to the true nature of the crime, and how Kabuo's warrior skills and resentment might have driven him to murder. The story moves back to just before the war, to a high-school love affair between Hatsue, now Kabuo's wife, and another islander, Ishmael Chambers. Their budding relationship was shattered by the outbreak of the war and her family's forced evacuation to the internment camp.

Guterson describes her family's life in the internment camp and the profound effect this has on their futures, especially Hatsue's. Here she meets Kabuo, and they are hurriedly married just before he joins the Army in order to prove his loyalty to America. The story then returns to the trial, where it now develops that Ishmael Chambers, still bitter and despondent over his failed romance with Hatsue, may hold the key to determining her husband's innocence or guilt. There's lots of conflict and suspense, but it is empathy for Ishmael, Hatsue and Kabuo that will keep you turning the pages of this very touching and exceptional novel.

A much lighter but delightful little novel is Peter Mayle's, [Hotel Pastis](#), published in 1993 (paperback). It is also a first novel, and, as in Guterson's novel, the setting is masterfully rendered and plays a major role. Mayle had previously written *A Year in Provence*, a best-selling travelogue based on his own experience living in this part of France.

He uses this locale for his novel, wherein an Englishman, Simon Shaw, recently divorced and frustrated by his job as an advertising executive, vacations to this part of France and is thoroughly charmed by a small village and its people. With prompting from his new-found French sweetheart, Nicole, he decides to convert the village's abandoned police station into a boutique hotel and get out of the rat-race of advertising altogether. He convinces his loyal friend, chauffeur and 'man servant,' Ernest, to help him set up and run the hotel, because Ernest is expert at decorating, a connoisseur of food and wine, and works wonderfully well with people. The town's various inhabitants, eager to help with and profit from this project, add local color and comedy to the novel. The story is enhanced by a subplot involving some aging local thugs and their convoluted scheme to rob the bank in a nearby town. They end up kidnapping the son of one of Simon Shaw's wealthy clients, which further complicates his task of establishing his new hotel. In this type of novel, you know that 'all will end well' but getting to the ending is lots of fun.

My third and final review, [O Come Ye Back to Ireland](#), by Niall Williams and

Christine Breen (pub. 1987, paperback) is also a book about 'place' but is non-fiction, even though it reads very much like a novel. Niall, from Dublin, and Christine, from New York, met each other as graduate students in Literature at University College Dublin and were married two years later in New York, where they each found jobs with publishing houses. Uncomfortable with their yuppie existence in Manhattan, they decided to return to Ireland and to take up farming at Kiltumper, a fifty acre farm in western Clare where Chris's grandfather was born. The book is an account of their first year on the farm, where they had to deal with harsh weather, isolation, a primitive cottage, and their lack of knowledge about farming and country living. They battle rain and mud and cold while trying to grow their own vegetables, raise their own chickens and cut their own peat for their cottage's solitary stove and heater. In spite of many hardships, they discover themselves and, through their neighbors, the soul of Ireland that first year, and reward the reader with a story that appeals to those universal yearnings to go back to the land, back to one's roots. You'll be taken enough with their story to send you back to the bookstore for their later books, *When Summer's in the Meadow* and *The Luck of the Irish: Our Life in County Clare*, in which they describe their life at Kiltumper following that first difficult year.

**Doris Alexander Recommends:** Another retiree who weathered Seattle's worst snow storm in seventy years, Doris Alexander, wrote me a letter while the snow was still falling outside her window, in which she recommended a number of books, most of which I've not read yet. Of those I have read, I'd certainly recommend Tim O'Brien's, [The Things They Carried](#), a very personal account of one foot-soldier's perceptions of the war in Vietnam. She also recommends *The English Patient*, and since I enjoyed the film and I've been told the book is even better (we hear that a lot, don't we?), I'd certainly agree with her recommendation.

Other titles she recommends in that letter are: **Corelli's Mandolin**, by Louis de Bernieres; **Regeneration**, by Pat Barker; **Dancing at the Rascal Fair**, by Ivan Doig; **The Good Rain**, by Timothy Egan; and **A Debt to Pleasure**, by John Lanchester. She also suggested that I try something by William Trevor, whom she considers one of the finest writers in English of this century.

**Note:** Judy Barkley informed me that the English Department will not produce **The Cowles Mountain Journal** this year (1996-97) but may do so next year in case any of you were planning to submit something for publication.

Thank you Doris. Now, where will I find the time?

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## 16 Head for Leisure

Seven veteran members of the GC teaching staff will leave active duty in June, joining GCCCD teachers and classified staffers who retired at or near the end of 1996.

The 1996 retirees were Ed Daner, GC sociology instructor; Julie Kuhl, District programmer analyst; Robert Akers, Cuyamaca Education Development and Service; Roberta Eddins, Grossmont Admissions and Records; Judith Hodgson, Grossmont Bookstore; Joan Mayuiers, Cuyamaca President's Office; Curtis Nichols, Grossmont Maintenance; Frank DeGraff, Grossmont Grounds; and James Hinkley, Grossmont history

instructor.

Those retiring in June, all from Grossmont, are Glenda Richter, English instructor; Felix Rogers, physical education/athletics; Don Shannon, history; Jean Sprunt, physical education; Eleanor Tucker, speech; Elaine Wolfe, math; and Wayne Harmon, geography.

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## **GC Bargaining Now More Calm**

Relations between the district and the Grossmont College faculty seem considerably more calm than when the November Grapevine was published. Negotiations on the matter of shared governance continue between the district and the faculty senates of Cuyamaca and Grossmont College, but apparently without the rancor, or with less of it, than characterized last fall's meetings. Even then, the Cuyamaca delegation led by Faculty President Tony Zambelli indicated that shared governance was working well at that college, even though bitterness was widespread at Grossmont.

Recently, Chancellor Jean Atherton has met with the faculty representatives on the shared governance question, and though a number of issues remained to be settled at the time of Grapevine publication, the fact of the meetings seemed to presage better days.

On the basic contract for pay and working conditions, the Grossmont United Faculty and the district are at the point of exchanging specific money proposals and trying to negotiate their differences. One of the union's unfair labor charges against the district has been dismissed by a member of the Public Employees Relations Board, but the union says it can be revived for a full board hearing. The other unfair charges are still before PERB.

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## **'Doctors' Check Costs District \$3,750**

One of the most unusual deals in GCCCD history apparently will result in the district paying \$3,750 to find that an outside audit contains only minor errors. The affair began when Trustee Carolyn Griffin decided that an audit conducted by Vavrinek, Trinen, Day & Co., one of the state's largest accounting firms, ought to be rechecked for accuracy. So, apparently telling nobody, she contacted a firm named Accounting Doctors, and asked about having the audit reviewed.

At the March 4 board meeting, to the surprise of those present, Griffin revealed her plan and moved that the board hire Accounting Doctors for \$3,750. She insisted, however, that she should handle all arrangements, and said she had instructed Accounting Doctors to that effect. At the meeting she was unable to answer such questions about whether the firm had any certified public accountants, and where the company is located. It was later learned that its home is Ventura. Trustee Rick Alexander questioned the proposal, "I mean, is this responsible government?.....We might as well take a guy off the street, for all we know." Griffin said such comments were much ado about nothing. "I don't know what all



the uproar is."

Voting on Griffin's proposal to hire Accounting Doctors, Board President Rebecca Clark and newly-elected board member Timothy Caruthers voted affirmatively. Alexander and Ron Kraft voted against it. So, whatever the feelings of district officials, Business Vice Chancellor James Austin was obligated by the board vote to sign a contract for the Accounting Doctors' services.

Subsequent procedural steps required that the contract, signed by both the district and Accounting Doctors, be ratified, then for the Ventura firm to report its findings about the audit and collect its pay.

All that was scheduled for the April 1 board meeting, but at meeting time no signed contract had been received from Ventura. In addition, Clark and Kraft were absent at the start of the meeting. So, it appeared there'd be no ratification, presentation or payments.

Meanwhile, former long-time district board member Barbara Collis took the board and Accounting Doctors to task for lack of ethics in the affair, citing work on the review taking place while no contract had been signed.

Others who spoke included Lisa DeJesus, Grossmont student representative, who said GC students were opposed. She also said the Doctors' references included no declaration that anybody on the firm's staff had previously dealt with a state-allocated budget.

Earlier in a March 18 letter to the district, Andy Rutizer, president of Accounting Doctors, noted only his BA in English from Temple University.

In the letter he also said that so far as the audit examination had gone, the Doctors had found no major mistakes in the Vavrinek audit.

At the April 1 meeting, Griffin said double checks of earlier work are common practice and that her proposal was not made out of distrust for the Vavrinek firm, but to educate the board. She then suggested that the item should be set aside until all trustees were present.

That's how it stood at Grapevine deadline time. The ratification, presentation and payment may come at the May 6 meeting. Part of the uncertainty about time was due to board schedules the rest of April, and to a report that Rutizer might not sign the contract before going to Tahiti on vacation.

But the signed contract arrived from Accounting Doctors the morning of April 2. So, courtesy of the trustees, Rutizer may recover his vacation costs as soon as he get home.

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## Chancellor's Luncheon





At the Chancellor's luncheon in January at the Outback Restaurant, those attending included, first row l.-r.: Pat Higgins, Bob Danielson, Ruth Coover, Marie James, Muriel Owen, Irv Metzgar, Lee Engelhorn; second row: Bill Burns, Bob Steinbach, Sam Ciccati, Lee Hoffman, Don Anderson, Bob Rump, Emilie Duggan-Zouhar, Wally Cohen, Tom Scanlan, Bill Hansen.

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## More E-mail Addresses

The Grapevine has been on-line at the GCCCD web site (<http://www.gcccd.cc.ca.us>) under Grossmont College Publications since February, 1996.

Now, to encourage you to act on those impulses to complain or congratulate, we're giving you a couple of e-mail addresses where you can get us so quickly you may just be walking away from your computer when our reply will come flashing in.

For Tom Scanlan: [scanlan@mail.gcccd.cc.ca.us](mailto:scanlan@mail.gcccd.cc.ca.us)

or

[scanlan@msn.com](mailto:scanlan@msn.com)

For Pat Higgins: [MEJ2HIGG@col.com](mailto:MEJ2HIGG@col.com)

Try us.

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## New Memorial Scholarships

Scholarships have been established at Grossmont College for two faculty members who died last year.

One is in memory of **Carolyn Shushan** who died in December. She started and directed the Occupational Therapy Assistant Program at Grossmont. Contributions may be made to the Carolyn Panak Shushan Scholarship Fund. Checks should be made payable to Grossmont College, with a notation at the lower left hand corner that they are for the Carolyn Shushan Scholarship Fund. Mail your check to Linda Bunney at the GC

Financial Aid Office.

The other scholarship is in memory of **Don Settle**, long-time telecommunications instructor, who died last April. Contribution checks should be made payable to GC, with the notation that they are for the Donald E. Settle Scholarship Fund, and sent to Linda Bunney, in the Financial Aid Office.

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## **Lantz, Scouller Recuperating**

**Dick Lantz**, retired GC biology instructor, is back to his leisure activities after suffering a mild heart attack about seven months ago. The attack came while he was sailing solo in a regatta. He finished the race, then decided he ought to get checked at a hospital. First indications were that the problem wasn't a heart attack, but subsequent tests showed that it was. Fortunately, the problem wasn't severe. Now he has to remember to take pills, but doctors say he can do whatever he wants in the way of exercise, including daily hiking.

**Don Scouller**, who wrote "Navel Engagement" for the last issue of the Grapevine, also is recuperating at home in Tucson. His injury is a broken metatarsal bone. Scouller says he suffered the break after he became despondent and attempted suicide by jumping off a sofa. That explanation is what in his days as telecomm instructor was called a "Scoullerism." His wife, Joan, who is considerably more trustworthy than he, says he was helping her clean house and stood on the arm of a sofa to reach a high spot for dusting. He fell, twisting his foot and breaking the bone. He wore a cast for a couple of days, but now is reasonably unfettered and doing normal activities, but no dusting.

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## **Welfare Reform Hits GCCCD Students**

Some 1,500 Grossmont students and 500 at Cuyamaca have been hit by the first aspects of welfare reform.

The old AFDC (Aid to Families with Dependent Children) program has become Temporary Assistance for Needy Families with mandatory work by recipients, tighter rules for food stamps, greater efforts to enforce child support orders and other features.

According to the Career Chronicle, put out by the staff of the GC Career Center, the greatest impact on the students will be the requirement for work. Noting that Gov. Pete Wilson's first priority is getting welfare recipients into jobs, the Chronicle staffers point to the fact that the low-skilled or entry-level jobs for which the welfare recipients might qualify, won't pay enough income to support families. Many welfare recipients don't possess the basic skills to get employment in San Diego County; that's why they are on welfare.

Some jobs suggested as positions which welfare recipients could fill include customer service representatives, sales persons, cashiers, receptionists, information clerks and hotel desk clerks. Starting money ranges from the minimum

wage of \$5 an hour to \$11.

Those fortunate enough and persistent enough to get a bachelor's degree in making a career as customer service representatives could achieve annual salaries of \$30,000 to \$40,000.

Most important to employers, says the Chronicle, basing its information on a study by the U.S. Labor Department and the American Association of Counseling and Development, are ability and desire to learn; basic academic skills in reading, writing and computation; listening and oral communication. Also creative thinking and problem solving; self-esteem and goal setting; concentration on personal and career development; skill in interpersonal/ negotiation and teamwork and organizational effectiveness and leadership.

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