



### Have a good Dane!

Anyone can get hungry or thirsty on a sunny day at Green Lake — even a Great Dane named Scooby. He waited for a handout one sunny day at the hot-dog stand at East Green Lake. — Staff photo by Jerry Gay.

## School sale

### Stage group left hanging in air

By KEMING KUO  
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EDMONDS — To complete a play's run, or not to complete it: that is the question.

It faces Herb Burke of the Sound Expression Theater (SET), which this Saturday opens its run of the musical "Carousel" and will continue it through May 1.

Or won't.

"We're not sure if we'll stay at the Edmonds Junior High through the entire run," Burke said.

The junior high is the object of a legalistic Ping Pong match between Edmonds City Council members and its mayor, Harve Harrison, who recently vetoed a move to have the city purchase the city landmark. Originally, the Puget Sound College of the Bible had bought the junior high. (Details, H1.)

"We started to celebrate after the city moved to buy the school," Burke said. "Then we heard about the veto and now we're in a cloud."

At stake, Burke said, are construction shops in other parts of the school besides the main theater known as the Edmonds Auditorium.

"They (the Bible college) would have us move out of the rooms

and we just purchased a complete set of lights . . . It's a problem."

Also of concern to Burke and members of the theater group are reports that although the Bible college would allow other community groups to use the auditorium, the productions would have to be "clean, Christian shows."

SET members feel that may have a subtle restrictive effect on the troupe's selection of shows, not unlike the imposition of a "family hour."

"We don't want our landlord to be a censor," Burke said, noting that one past production of theirs, "A Little Night Music," contained a scene which might be considered risqué.

"There's a scene in which a young man emerges with a woman and both are zipping up their clothes," he said, quoting a bit of racy dialog that ensues. The show didn't do too well at the box office.

But SET's major emphasis is on Broadway musicals suitable for family audiences, Burke said.

"Compared to some rock shows and modern theater, we're the cleanest thing in town," he said.

Another possible problem is insurance. With the sale still up in the air, no one is sure of who would be responsible for any policy.

"We might have to leave in the middle of our run," Burke lament-

ed. "But somehow we'll find a place."

"Carousel," a Rodgers and Hammerstein musical, stars — among a cast of 46 — Leclia Reineaud, Janet Stimpson, Rand Hix, Larry Albert, Reuben Van Kempen, Gloria Kraushar and Kathleen Hallum.

## Park Board against obtaining 12 acres for Mill Creek park

Times North Bureau

EVERETT — The Snohomish County Park Board has recommended against obtaining a 12-acre park site at the Mill Creek residential development, according to Dick Fowler, parks director.

Fowler said problems of liability, maintenance and lack of restrooms were among reasons for the decision.

"We're spread too thin as it is now," Fowler said. "It's difficult to see how we could take this on, too. The board felt it would be too much to take care of."

Fowler said there was some feeling among board members that the park would be serving Mill Creek more than the county.

He said there also was concern that the State Department of Fisheries might require fencing or some other type of protection for fish at the fish ladder and pond along Penny Creek, which crosses the site.

The United Development Corp., developer of Mill Creek, offered the 12 acres to the county for public use rather than fence it off exclusively for its residents. It would include picnic tables, an interpretive center and a walkway around the pond.

Pete Van Giesen, planner for the Mill Creek project, said the developer wanted to avoid creating an "elitist image by fencing the site off from the public, but

would have to do that to avoid liability problems if the county not did take over the land."

Van Giesen said he would bring the proposal before the county commissioners, though he has not yet requested time on the agenda.

Van Giesen said he felt the commissioners should consider the tax base of the Mill Creek development and the fact that recreation amenities — such as a golf course and tennis courts — have been provided for its Mill Creek residents before denying the plan.



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## Inmates to discuss sentencing with new parole-board members

By JANE CARTWRIGHT  
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MONROE — Inequities in the sentencing and parole of criminals include varying amounts of time served for the same crime, lack of due process in parole hearings and prisoner files closed to the individuals they concern.

Inmates on the Resident Justice Committee in the state reformatory here plan to discuss this position today with visiting new members of the state Board of Prison Terms and Paroles — Diane Oberquell, the Very Rev. Matthew Naumes and Walter Hubbard.

The nine regular members of the committee, originally organized in conjunction with a study on parole undertaken by the American Friends Service Committee, contend that the perspective of those convicted should be considered in proposed changes in the state's criminal-justice system.

There are several proposals before the legislature that would abolish the parole board in favor of a uniform sentencing code and establish a Board of Criminal Sanctions.

The American Friends Service Committee, a Quaker organization, plans to take its parole study to the parole board in about six weeks, according to Alice Paine

Iverson of the Justice Program staff.

In the discussion with parole-board members today, inmates say they plan to recommend that the parole board:

— Disregard in decision making any "silent beefs," the rumor or suspicion of crime or bad behavior for which a prisoner has never been proven guilty.

— Place greater weight on recommendations for parole made by counselors and members of the prison staff who daily relate with prisoners.

— Explain the criteria used to determine who will be paroled during "intensive or accelerated parole" aimed at reducing crowding in prisons.

— Only revoke parole if guilt is proven in any parole violation or further crime.

In a recent position paper on sentencing proposals presented during an A.F.S.C. seminar in the reformatory, the inmates on the justice committee wrote:

"We have long recognized problems with the existing parole system which result in wide discre-

pencies in sentencing for similar crimes.

"There is no due process in parole hearings, no access by prisoners to their files which may contain faulty information, no access to legal representation and no appeal or grievance procedures.

"The severity of the problems leads us to believe it may be best to eliminate the system altogether. However, we also see problems with the proposed Board of Criminal Sanctions which can act in the same way as a parole board in the case of appeals and decisions about extended terms."

The Resident Justice Committee said it had not come up with a complete solution but appealed to the public and the Legislature for "human fairness" in consideration of how to "eliminate . . . biases in any new system . . ."

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