



# cougar print

Vol. X, No. 25

Clackamas Community College

Thursday, April 28, 1977

## Parking lot slalom

A participant in the Autocross held at Clackamas Community College last Sunday maneuvers around the track in search of the finish line. The event was sponsored by the Northwest Corvette Association (NWCA) from Vancouver and was held in the Randall parking lot. Another NWCA Autocross is scheduled for Sunday, May 22 as part of the ASG sponsored Spring Fair. Photo by Brian Snook

# Canadian television investigates Oregon marijuana law reforms

By Jim Rogers  
Cougar Print Editor



Jim Reed  
...looking at marijuana reform

The Canadian Television Network (CTN) was at Clackamas Community College last Tuesday to get information on Oregon's marijuana laws as part of a news special on pending marijuana legislation in Canada. "We're looking at the experiences of other communities in marijuana reform and Oregon is a good example," said CTN reporter Jim Reed.

According to Reed, the proposed legislative change in Canada is similar to the bill passed in Oregon in 1972 in that simple possession of small amounts of marijuana would be reduced to a fine. The only difference would be the maximum fine that the government could impose -- \$500.

"We already have a group of prominent Canadian citizens on film saying they smoke (marijuana)," said Reed.

According to Reed they not only have prominent citizens saying they smoke marijuana on camera, they actually have some of these people smoking marijuana in front of the cameras.

"In a way we're daring the authorities to prosecute them and our network," said Reed.

If the bill in Canada is passed the chances of which Reed feels are remote, the legislation would affect all of Canada.

"We're strictly under federal jurisdiction unlike the United States," said Reed. "Changes in the laws affect the entire country."

"Political opposition in Canada (to marijuana law reform) is quite extreme," said Reed. "It's a very conservative society, generally speaking."

While the show that is being put together will point out both the pros and cons of decriminalization, Reed feels that reform is needed in his country.

According to Reed, law enforcement agencies in his country are spending time on the enforcement of Canadian marijuana laws and he feels their time could be used for the enforcement of major criminal activity.

Reed also said that there are over 22,000 people in Canadian prisons as a result of marijuana related convictions.

"The editorial thrust of the program will be to inform the public that the laws need to be changed and that this legislation is before the house (Canadian parliament)," said Reed.

Reed interviewed a group of CCC students on the subject of the Oregon marijuana laws and portions of this interview will be in the program which will not be shown in the United States.

He was also scheduled to talk to State Sen. Stephen Kafoury (D-Portland) and others in Salem on Wednesday.

CLACKAMAS COMMUNITY  
COLLEGE ARCHIVES

