

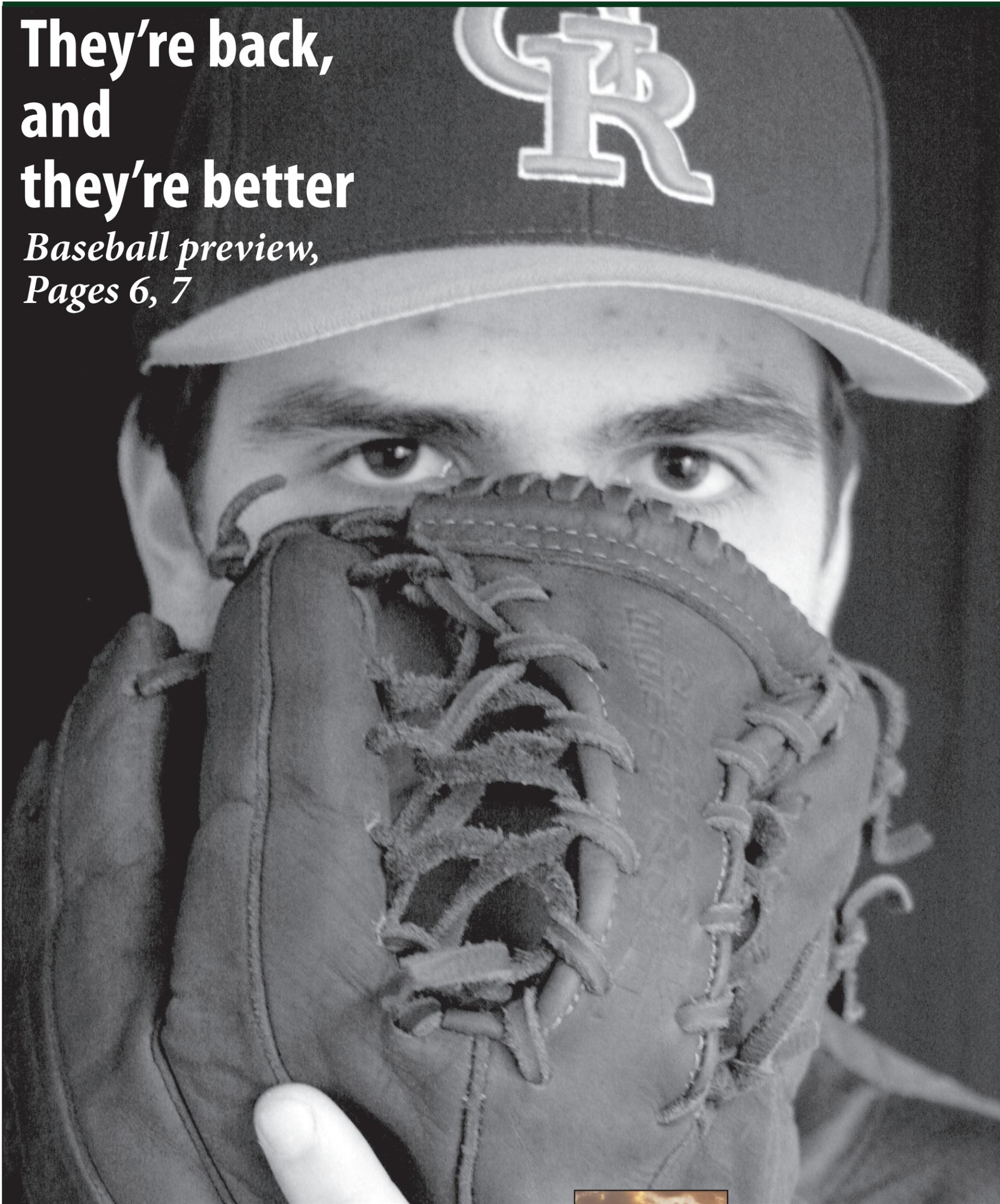
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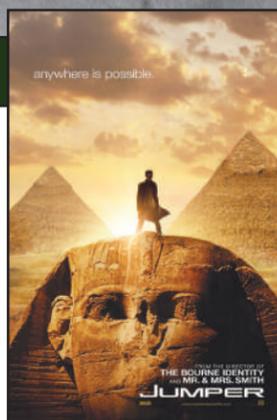
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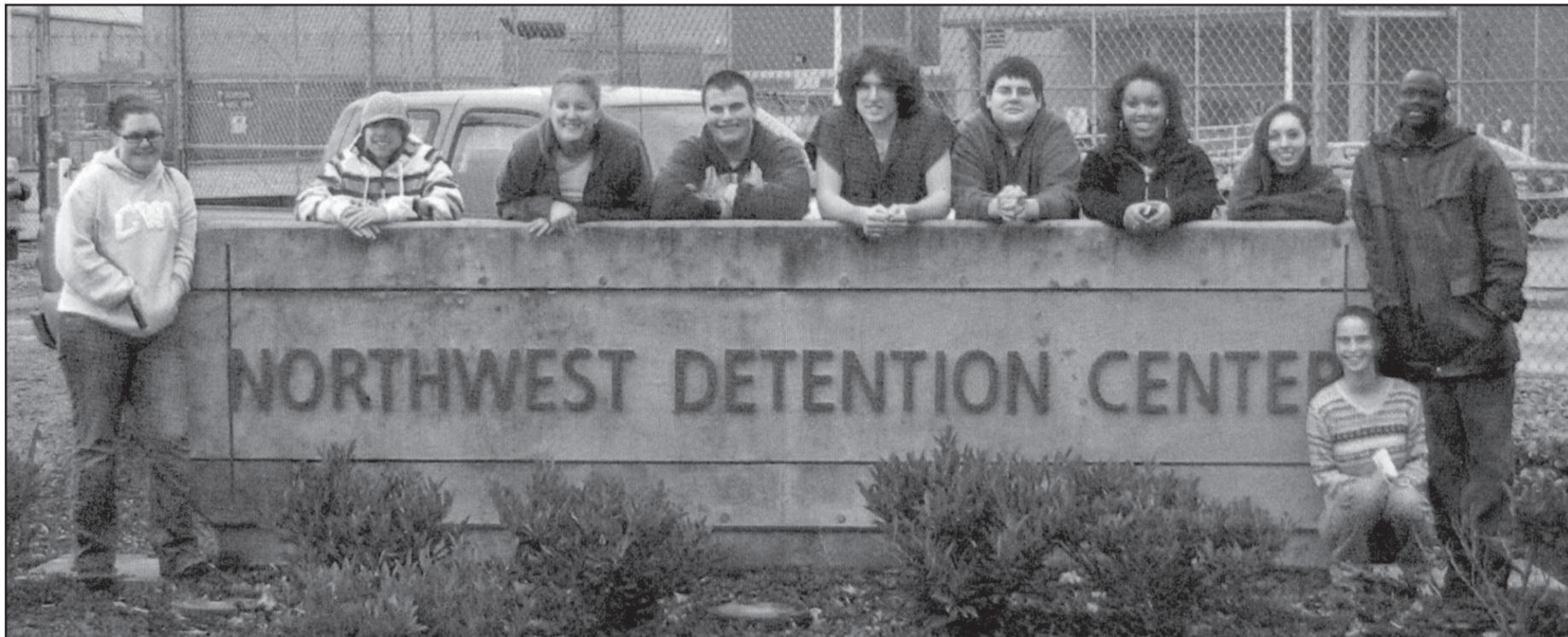
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## Criminal Justice Club causes boom of interest



Criminal Justice Club/Courtesy photo

The Criminal Justice Club was started by Samantha Fletcher last fall. It participates in many activities around the area, including a visit and mock emergency drill at the

### *New organization educates students about law enforcement*

**Caitlin Williams**  
Staff Writer

Over the last few years, "CSI," a television phenomenon has swept into the living rooms of millions of viewers each week. And, for those whose weekly dose of crime and punishment just doesn't satisfy, the Criminal Justice Club may have the answer.

A new organization on campus, the Criminal Justice Club was started in fall quarter of 2007 by Samantha Fletcher,

ASGRCC Student body senator and Criminal Justice Club president, Ron Riley, criminal justice instructor, and Colleen McIntyre, department head.

"Our club was formed on the basis of trying to give students a positive and informative view into the criminal justice system and a hands-on experience that they would not receive in the traditional classroom," Fletcher said.

There has been a definite demand for the Criminal Justice Club, as the classes focusing on this subject have become increasingly popular with students. They have put the college on the map in regards to college criminal justice programs.

Riley also has years of experience, making him qualified to advise a criminal justice organization. He attended the University

Northwest Detention Center. Future plans involve hosting a dinner theater murder mystery night to raise money for the club.

of Puget Sound for his Bachelor's degree and University of Boston for his Masters degree in criminal justice.

He has 30 years of experience in the field of criminal justice, with 21 years as a police officer, 9 as a sergeant, and 26 of those years spent in Auburn.

According to Riley, the club began last quarter with only "a handful" of students, but participation has grown to 18 members with all different levels of interest and participation.

Although it is seen as a way to gain real and dynamic involvement to prepare students for a career in criminal justice, not everyone who joins is planning to go into the field after they graduate.

Some people are in it just for the fun and experience.

While the club usually meets to discuss future activities, fund raisers, and a potential criminal justice scholarship, they also go on their fair share of excursions.

"We toured the Washington State Crime Lab where we saw the forensics section, DNA evaluation, and trace evaluation," Riley said.

On a visit to the Northwest Detention Center, the club participated in a mock emergency to drill the guards in the event of an emergency which resulted in the (also mock) handcuffing of the entire club.

They also plan to put on a dinner theater murder mystery to raise money.

It will be affordable and accessible to students, and the club plans to incorporate actors from the campus theater into the show.

"As a club, we strive to uphold our purpose and make the campus life and college experience better for everyone," Fletcher said. "My favorite parts of the club are going to every meeting and getting the possible chance to meet new students and get great input."

### Web site increases options for students

#### *Getacheapbook.com lets students sell textbooks on their own terms*

**Danny Sutradewa**  
Staff Writer

Online web sites help students sell and buy cheap and affordable textbooks. The first unofficial web site that is dedicated to students, getacheapbook.com, allows any student to be able to sell textbooks by posting them online.

"This web site really helps me to sell my used books," Andhika Agung Mulia, a second-year student, said.

Selling books online allows students to post whatever textbook they want for whatever price they want without any lowest or highest standard of price.

"We can set the price by ourselves; then, students start to compete for the cheapest book," Carrie Jun, a second year student said. "I once bought a book for \$45, and the original price was \$100."

Alvin Tai, the international advisor recommended this web site to students who seek to save money.

"This is a win-win situation when students sell cheap textbooks, and others buy. It will benefit both side," Tai said. "Student should know more about it."

With getacheapbook.com, there is no time limit for how long a student can post a textbook online.

"In the advertising board on campus, you have limited time to post your textbook. However, with online selling, you can post your textbook as long as you want," Gladys Athina, a first year student said.

Mulia said that online selling is better than selling books on the advertising board on campus.

"We don't need to waste paper to make a copy for our textbook advertising," Mulia said.

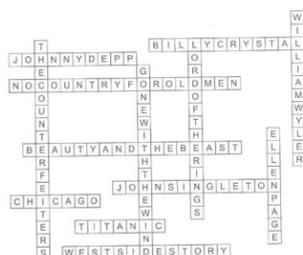
The getacheapbook.com web site was made by students from GRCC.

However, some students think that this web site itself needs to be better advertised to students.

"Actually this web site helps me; however, it still needs more publication so many students know about it," Student Irvandy Lim said.

In the future, the getacheapbook.com team will make a tutoring center forum that will enable students to help each other on their problems about the lessons at school.

#### Crossword puzzle answers



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# Campus Calendar

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						1 Men's baseball vs. Olympic, 1 p.m.; Legion Field, Bremerton.
2 Men's baseball vs. Olympic; 1 p.m.; Auburn Mountainview High School.	3	4 Nutrition Brown Bag, 12 p.m.-1 p.m.  Application/Personal Essay workshop, 12 p.m. -1 p.m.; Writing Center.	5 University Rep. on campus, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.	6	7	8 Men's baseball vs. Edmonds, 2 p.m.; Edmonds.
9 Men's baseball vs. Edmonds, 11 a.m.; Auburn Mountainview High School.	10 Multicultural Dance Exchange, 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.; CCA.	11	12 University Rep. on campus, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.	13	14	15 Men's baseball vs. Clackamas, 5 p.m.; Auburn Mountainview.
16 Men's baseball vs. Linn Benton, 1 p.m.; Auburn Mountainview.	17 Study Day; Classes cancelled. Men's baseball vs. Central, 2 p.m.; Spokane.	18 Finals  Men's baseball vs. Everett, 2 p.m.; Everett.	19 Finals	20 Finals  Last Day of Winter Quarter	21	22
23 Men's baseball vs. Lane, 1 p.m.; Auburn Mountainview.	24 Spring Break begins	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 Spring Quarter begins					

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## Man arrested after stealing wallet on campus



George Simons/Staff Photo

A man was arrested after trying to escape security officers and the Auburn Police department on the corner of 314th Street and 124th Avenue on Feb. 25. Just prior

**Sara Olson and George Simons**  
Staff Writers

A man was run down and arrested after stealing a wallet on campus.

On Feb. 25, the man was sitting in the first floor study area of the library, when a girl saw him taking her wallet.

According to Fred Creek, director of campus safety, based on a witness's

report, security came and took the man to their office to wait for the Auburn Police Department to arrive and take him into custody.

However, after waiting in the office, the man made a break for it. However, the security officer was able to keep up with him, as he ran down the street.

At 314th Street and 124th Avenue, two Auburn police cars cut the suspect off, and

to the arrest, the man had been taken to the security office after he allegedly was caught stealing a woman's wallet in the library.

tackled him to the side walk. Creek was impressed with the response time of the police department, as four cars arrived in five minutes.

Creek also emphasized the importance of keeping belongings safe and close while on campus.

The suspect was not a student, but is suspected to have friends who are.

**Angelica Asiesiukiewics's final letter from Spain will be published in Issue 10 of The Current.**

## Weird & Wacky News

Joe Chouery  
Staff Writer

### Man streaks to finish line

Nobody added a nude man to their trifecta at Moruya Racetrack in Australia, but one did unofficially compete. A 31-year-old man streaked down the last 100 yards of a horse race compromising the outcome of the race and placing the jockeys in needless danger. It is expected that the man will be charged, but it is not certain what his attire will be when presenting himself at the local court on March 17.

### Posting a comic gets employee fired

An Iowa man got fired for posting a Dilbert comic in his work place. The Catfish Bend Casino terminated David Steward after being caught on a surveillance camera posting the comic that compared bosses to drunken lemurs.

The Catfish refused to give the man unemployment benefits, and the issue proceeded to a court hearing. The judge ruled that it was a good-faith error in judgment, rather than deliberate misbehavior.

### Cow saved by a spot

A Michigan cow is saved from the slaughterhouse because of its irregular spot. The cow has a marking on the side of its body in the shape of its home state of Michigan. The owners are hoping to sell the cow for promotional or mascot use.

### Boy allegedly receives threat from Elmo

James, a two-year-old who owns an "Elmo-Knows-Your-Name Doll," got a disturbing message described as a death threat by his mother. The Elmo dolls plug into computers and are programmed to say messages that feature the child's name. After replacing the batteries, the boy's mother noticed her child repeating, "Kill James."

The mother notified Fisher Price, the maker of the doll, and got what she described as an unconcerned response.

### Cat hitches 240-mile ride from home

Miko, a cat, was found 240 miles from its home where it had ran away, fleeing a fire. An animal shelter found Miko's owner by using an imbedded chip implanted in the back of the feline's neck. It is believed that the cat hitched a ride on the back of a truck from Albuquerque, N.M. to Pueblo, Colo., where it was found.

### Critical errors nab attempted bank robber

A man was arrested and charged with attempting to rob a bank in British Columbia. However, his getaway driver had let the vehicle's battery die, because he had left the radio on while he waited for his accomplice to exit the bank. After the car would not start, they soon were captured.

The response time by the police was swift partly due to its location. The building that the bank was in also served as a Mounted Police station.

### Muskrat skinning hits pageant scene

In Gold Hill, Md., the Miss Outdoors Pageant took a different spin on the talent portion of the competition. Instead of singing, dancing, or playing an instrument, contestants walked down the runway, clad with a muskrat and skinning knife.

The competition is not new to the area and focuses on the beauty of the young women and the declining art of skinning small rodents.

## 'No Country' wins big in return of award shows

Oscars characterized  
by reign of foreign actors

Sara Olson  
Staff Writer

"Tonight we look beyond the dark days and focus on happier fare: This year's slate of Oscar-nominated psychopathic killer movies. Does this town need a hug?"

John Stewart, in his first time hosting the Oscars, summed up the night that paid tribute the cold blooded killers that captivated the attention of Americans over the past year.

In the shadow of the writers' strike that had many wondering if the red carpet would ever get back to normal, let alone prime time television, the Oscars charged forward, recognizing the best in every aspect of film.

Some students tuned in to the show on Feb. 24, crossing their fingers, hoping their favorite film came out on top.

Student and self-proclaimed movie geek, Theresa Daumit, set aside time to enjoy the 2008 Oscars, as she does every year. Although she admitted that she hadn't seen all the movies nominated, overall she was happy with the results.

"I kind of liked how all of the winners weren't from this country," Daumit said.

It was a night of diversity, as the four acting awards all were won by individuals born in a foreign country.

Daniel Day-Lewis, who won best actor in a leading roll, and Tilda Swinton, who won best actress in a supporting roll, both hail from London. The best supporting actor, Javier Bardem, was born in Spain, and best actress, Marion Cotillard, is from France.

Despite being satisfied for the most part about the winners, Daumit did think that

some deserving films were left out.

"Atonement" was amazing, and I thought it should have won more," Daumit said.

She also was a fan of "Juno," the charming film that took a comedic look at teen pregnancy.

"I think 'Juno' was really good, and I think that it should have won more stuff. If it weren't for 'No Country for Old Men,' I think 'Juno' should have won best picture," Daumit said. "It was very unique, and it had a different sort of ending for a teen pregnancy movie."

However, some students failed to get excited over the big award show.

Student Cora Stoltenberg said that she hasn't been excited over the Oscars for several years now.

"The last time I watched it was with 'Titanic.' I even had it on tape," Stoltenberg said.

Stoltenberg said she thinks that the entertainment value of the Oscars depends greatly on the host for the night. She admitted that she hasn't been impressed since Billy Crystal.

"When it's not a good MC, it kinds of creates the mood for the whole show," Stoltenberg said.

Daumit also wasn't overly impressed with Stewart's performance, calling some of his comments, particularly the ones about Jack Nicholson, "mean."

"I thought Ellen DeGeneres was better," Daumit said.

Despite varying opinions, if it weren't for the glitzy fashion and smiling faces gracing the red carpet, the night could have been one full of gloom rather than glamour with movies such as "No Country for Old Men" and "There Will Be Blood" being the obvious winners for the night.

As Stewart said, "Thank God for teen pregnancy."

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## Teenage driving still linked with high traffic accidents

*New research proves purpose of intermediate license, other traffic laws*



Commentary by Sara Olson

I still remember the day it happened. Although it may have been mostly ignored or overlooked by other Washingtonians, to a 15-year-old girl who equated a drivers' license with absolute freedom, this day put a damper on my soon to be recognized dream.

Intermediate licenses were to be issued to all drivers under the age of 18. Along with what seemed to be an eternal list of rules and regulations, each young driver was to be given a "sideways" license that screamed, "Inexperienced driver on the road."

Besides the humiliation that I was sure would ensue every time I pulled out what was supposed to be my pride and joy, I was certain that these new rules would pretty much render the license worthless.

The most significant of these rules was that for the first six months, an intermediate driver could not carry a passenger under the age of 20, with exception to family members.

Although five years ago, I would have answered this with a whiny "unfair," research was released and published on March 4 by the Associated Press, showing an increasing link between car accidents and teenage drivers and riders.

According to studies, more than half of child passengers killed in car accidents over the past six years, were riding with teenage drivers. Other alarming statistics revealed that the majority of these children killed were not wearing seat belts.

It probably is not unusual for an adolescent to struggle with the concept of this, as the only thing on their mind is that piece of plastic that is sure to be their ticket to freedom.

However, the facts remain, and the seriousness of the risk associated with teenage driving cannot be ignored.

New regulations continue to be passed, all attempting to reduce the number of injuries and fatalities that occur due to traffic accidents.

Most recently, texting was outlawed while driving, and this summer, talking on a cell phone at all will earn drivers a pricey ticket.

However, researchers now are issuing strong advice to parents across America, urging them to take a more active role in their child's driving habits. For instance, parents should insist that their child wear a seat belt and not allow them to ride with children who have been driving for less than one year.

Although it has been a few years now since I have been under the regulations of an intermediate license, I am just weeks away from turning in that "sideways" license for good.

Of course, in the end, that silly card did not keep me out of trouble and protect me from traffic accidents.

In fact, I am an ashamed member of the statistic that my drivers' school instructor warned my class about: "One out of every four of you will be in a traffic accident."

However, it did and still does serve as a reminder of common sense that often is inexcusably ignored and overlooked by adolescents and parents alike.

*"Along with what seemed to be an eternal list of rules and regulations, each young driver was to be given a 'sideways' license that screamed, 'Inexperienced driver on the road.'"*

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## Editorials

### Oscars successful, despite grizzly movie themes

Americans finally can take a sigh of relief. The red carpet has been rolled out once again, and stars clad in glamorous gear have traversed it, putting entertainment-eager viewers at ease.

The Oscars took place and not even the dismal theme of the night's top nominees could put a damper on the evening's festivities. Despite the nominations of gruesome flicks, such as "Sweeney Todd," "No Country for Old Men," and "There Will Be Blood," the night was filled with golden smiles and happy wishes from celebrities at the event.

Not even John Stewart's cracks at Jack Nicholson and pregnant Hollywood could disappoint, as everyone seemed thoroughly please to be back on the carpet, recognizing the greatest in the movie industry in 2008.

Sure, some might complain about red carpet host, Ryan Seacrest's, awkward questions aimed at Jessica Alba and her unborn child. Or perhaps, some may have been a little weirded out by the hickey Gary Busey gave to Jennifer Gardner while she ironically was being interviewed by Seacrest.

However, overall, there just wasn't a lot to complain about with regards to the night. For the most part, winners were charming and graceful, and hearing Glen Hansard and Marketa Irglova perform their award winning song, "Falling Slowly," from the film "Once," may have been worth the price of admission.

Seeing John Travolta nearly bite it while ballroom dancing his way into presenting an award, didn't hurt either.

### 'Moment of Truth' proves honesty is rare

"Is there an honest person left in America?"

This question is asked every Tuesday night on the new hit television show, "Moment of Truth," and thus far, the answer has been "no."

For one hour every week, in front of millions of drama-thirsty Americans, contestants are put through questioning, rigorous enough to make Hugh Hefner squirm. Questions, such as "Have you ever gambled one of your kid's college funds away?" and "Have you ever been paid for sex?" have caused beads of sweat to roll down the glossy foreheads of contestants, each one hiding at least one dirty secret.

Family members look on as they voluntarily agree to watch their loved one answer questions that could potentially compromise their character and humiliate those closest to them.

In a recent show, even the host admitted that he didn't approve of the particular episode airing on television, as through the questioning, the contestant revealed that she had cheated on her husband.

However, it aired nonetheless, and what is worse, Americans watched, shaking their heads in disgust, but refusing to change the channel.

Yes, the accuracy of the lie detector tests can be debated, as most know that much will be done to uphold the entertainment value of a prime time television show.

However, the thought of destroying one's family in front of an audience of millions, all in the name of possibly winning \$500,000, should disgust rather than delight.

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# Ready for work

*The Gators are back, looking for nothing less than a championship*

**Sara Olson**  
Staff Writer

They're big, they're back, and they're better.

The Gator baseball team, fresh off their third place NWAACC finish in 2007 is ready to go all the way this season, with a revamped pitching staff and a better balanced distribution of talent.

The team has hit the yard with stronger defense and pitching that, Matt Acker, head coach, claims will be able to compete with teams such as Lower Columbia and Tacoma, who consistently have had a strong rotation and defense.

"Lower Columbia in the past has been so much better, but it's close," Acker said. "The gap is not very wide, if there's one at all."

In addition to pitching, Acker has called Green River's outfield "tremendous."

The Gators, who have been known for their size in the past, are not quite as big this season. However, sophomore DH, Brady Van Hoof, said that where the team lacks in size, it makes up in experience.

"Overall, we're better. Last year, we relied a lot on the home run, but this year we're more experienced," Van Hoof said.

Acker also admitted that size doesn't account for everything. However, he said that he will continue to focus on weight training and building up strength in his players, hoping to eliminate "wear and tear."

"Bigger isn't necessarily better, but we're looking for athletes," Acker said.

Van Hoof and sophomore Ryan Voelkel do raise the team's height average, coming

in at 6'2" and 6'6" respectively.

The Gators know that they have very little room for error in their division of the league, competing primarily with Lower Columbia and Tacoma, as well as underdogs Centralia and Pierce.

"Centralia and Pierce both play very motivated," Acker said. "If you let down at all, you'll lose."

However, in his seventh season of coaching at Green River, Acker knows what it takes to make a winning team.

"Any team that wants to win a championship has to face adversities at some point, and they have to overcome," Acker said.

For the Gators, their adversity will come in the form of filling holes and staying healthy.

Sophomore pitcher, Brian Hill, said that the incoming freshmen need to be ready to contribute in big ways to the team. The team lost six position starters last year and will need to be able to fill those holes as quickly and effectively as possible.

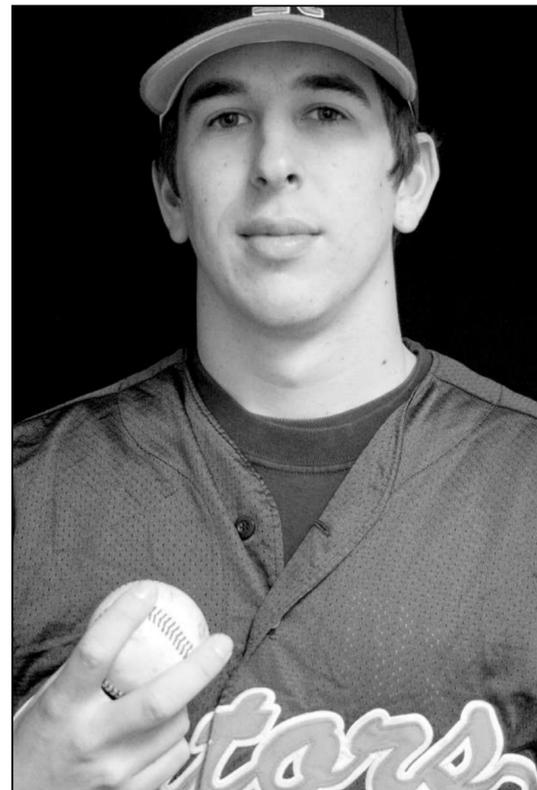
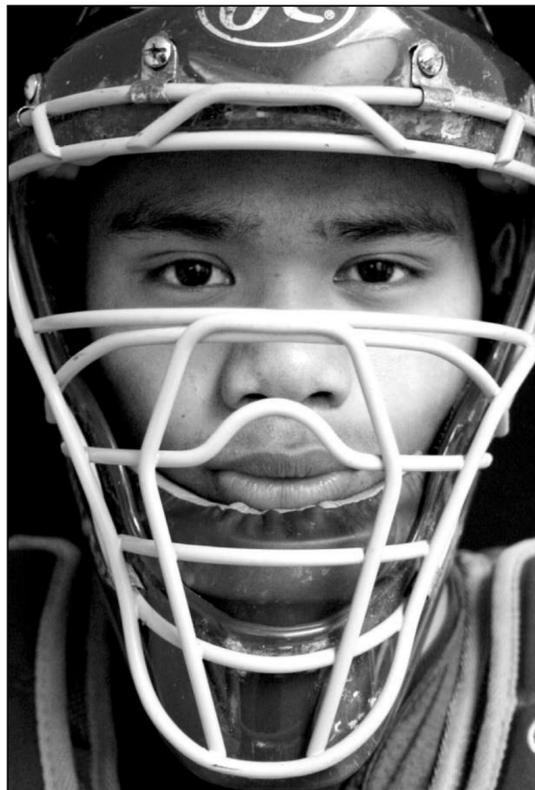
"The freshman need to step up, but they're doing really good so far," Hill said.

Acker is confident that the talent is there, as he already anticipates sending several players on to division one schools at the end of the season.

"Five players were signed to division one teams last year," Acker said. "This year, we could have seven."

As the regular season approaches, the team is ready for the work they have cut out for them.

"Everyone has a job to do, and they have to do it," Van Hoof said.



**Photos:**

**Top:** From left, Brady Van Hoof, Kyle Baskett, Joe Shuster, Brian Hill, and Ryan Voelkel hope to lead the Gators to a championship this season.

**Bottom, left:** Joe Shuster is the starting catcher for the Gators, providing strong defense behind the plate.

**Bottom, center:** Sophomore Brian Hill is part of the Gators' new and improved pitching staff.

**Bottom, right:** Designated hitter, Brady Van Hoof, will offer power and consistency to the Gators this season.

**Front page:** Sophomore Ryan Voelkel was part of the Gators' dominating lineup last year, and hopes to carry that reputation into the 2008 season.

*Photos by  
Sara Olson*

## New coach hopes to turn softball team around

*Gators swing into season with new coach, goals*

**Sean Kramer**  
Staff Writer

The Gator fastpitch team is kicking back into action with a lot of new faces, and a lot of new hopes in 2008.

Gary Jones, after five years coaching the team, has retired. In his place, the college hired Scott Dillinger, who heard about the job from a friend who's a professor at the college.

"I saw it as a diamond in the rough situation," Dillinger said of taking the job at Green River. "I think you can take it and turn it around quickly at the community college level."

Dillinger brings an impressive coaching resume to the table, which includes 24 years of coaching experience in football, baseball and softball, including the last seven years as a head softball coach.

"He's passionate about baseball and softball," Bob Kickner, athletic director said. "He knows the game. He'll have a good recruiting network as well."

Dillinger especially was pleased with the commitment that Green River was giving to the program, such as increasing scholarships, allowing the team to practice in the Big League Edge indoor practice facility that the baseball team uses, and allowing the Gators to play some home games at Mountainview High School, where the field is more favorable.

Dillinger had his work cut out for him when he got to Green River. He inherited only seven players, which included only one holdover from last season.

After hitting the recruiting trail, however, Dillinger brought together a roster that he hopes will show some promising things.

Eight girls were signed in January, which includes a couple of girls who came from other sports to join the team in order to have a full roster by the time NWAACC play comes around in April. Players that Dillinger is high on included Kaylee Powell, a native of Kent, who is transferring to Green River from Texas A&M University as a stepping stone to return to the Division I level next season.

*"I saw it as a diamond in the rough situation."*

—Scott Dillinger,  
head coach

Natasha Novak, who pitched Auburn Mountainview deep into the State Championship game last season, Randi Dry, who should be slated to be the Gator's defensive

specialist at shortstop, and Chelsea Mackner, who the Gators hope adds some power to the middle of the line-up, also are top recruits for the team.

Dillinger is hoping that his team has what it takes to earn the student's respect, comparing it to the baseball program, and the success that Mack Acker has at drawing the support he has.

"Matt was in my shoes six or seven years ago," Dillinger said. "People came to their games because they put the time in, and they earned it."

On the diamond, the Gators kick off a schedule of 15 non-NWAAC games which includes the Clark Tournament in Vancouver at the end of March.

## Gator Profiles

### Baseball players, Mark Howell and Jake Pettit



**Name:** Mark Howell  
**Position:** Infield

*Q: What is your favorite food?*

A: Anything that's on my plate.

*Q: Who is your favorite musical artist?*

A: Expendables.

*Q: What's your favorite movie?*

A: "Casino Royale."

*Q: Who is your favorite athlete?*

A: Chuck Lidell.

*Q: If you weren't a baseball player, what would you be?*

A: A snowboarder.

*Q: What is one thing you want to improve on this season?*

A: Driving the ball.

*Q: What do you do to get pumped up for a game?*

A: Show up.

*Q: What is your favorite part of playing for the Gators?*

A: Being around loyal friends.

*Q: Do you have any words of advice for young baseball players?*

A: There is more to life than baseball.



**Name:** Jake Pettit  
**Position:** Pitcher

*Q: What is your favorite food?*

A: Stroganoff.

*Q: Who is your favorite musical artist?*

A: Johnny Cash.

*Q: What's your favorite movie?*

A: "Alone in the Wilderness."

*Q: Who is your favorite athlete?*

A: Andy Pettitte.

*Q: If you weren't a baseball player, what would you be?*

A: I'd be trying to run my own business.

*Q: What is one thing you want to improve on this season?*

A: My velocity.

*Q: What do you do to get pumped up for a game?*

A: I think about game situations.

*Q: What is your favorite part of playing for the Gators?*

A: The people I play with.

*Q: Do you have any words of advice for young baseball players?*

A: Do your homework and go to class.

## Softball schedule

Date	Opponent/Location	Time
3/8	Edmonds/Green River	1 p.m.
3/15	Skagit Valley/Mt. Vernon	TBA
3/18	Edmonds/Edmonds	TBA
3/21	Clark/Green River	1 p.m.
3/29-3/30	Clark Tournament/Vancouver	TBA
4/1	South Puget Sound/Olympia	TBA
4/4	Highline/Des Moines	TBA
4/5	Centralia/Green River	1 p.m.
4/8	Pierce/Tacoma	2 p.m.
4/11	Grays Harbor/Green River	2 p.m.
4/12	South Puget Sound/Green River	1 p.m.
4/15	Highline/Green River	2 p.m.
4/19-4/20	NWAACC Crossover/Pasco	TBA

## Baseball schedule

Date	Opponent/Location	Time
3/8	Big Bend/Edmonds	TBA
3/9	Edmonds/Edmonds	TBA
3/9	Big Bend/Green River	10 a.m.
3/9	Edmonds/Green River	4 p.m.
3/15	Clackamas/Green River	5 p.m.
3/16	Linn Benton/Green River	1 p.m.
3/17	Spokane/Central Wash. University	2 p.m.
3/18	Everett/Everett	2 p.m.
3/23	Lane/Green River	1 p.m.
3/29	Tacoma/Tacoma	2 p.m.
3/30	Tacoma/Green River	1 p.m.
4/5	Grays Harbor/Aberdeen	1 p.m.
4/6	Grays Harbor/Green River	2 p.m.

## Gators start preseason play

*Softball team suffers significant loss in second game of season*

**Sara Olson**  
Staff Writer

Both the softball and baseball teams kicked off preseason play on March 1, and both came up empty.

In the softball game against Olympic, the Gators failed to overcome the Rangers, losing the game by a score of 7-3.

However, the biggest loss came in the second game of the double header. In a play at the plate, third baseman, Randi Dry suffered an ankle injury.

As a result, the Gators were forced to forfeit, leading to an 0-2 record at the beginning of the preseason.

For the baseball team, the Gators lost their first preseason game to Olympic by a high score of 11-12.

However, the team came back on March

2 in their double header against Bellevue, the reigning NWAACC champions.

Green River came out on top in the first game, when Cody Brooks hit a game winning single in the bottom of the 10th inning. Sophomore Michael Johnson also supplied a grand slam home run for the Gators in the first inning.

The second game of the double header proved to be equally intense, as both teams found themselves tied once again after nine innings of play.

However, it was Bellevue who pulled out ahead in the 12th inning, winning by a score of 5-4.

*For more information on individual and team statistics for the Gators, visit [www.cybersports.org](http://www.cybersports.org) or [www.greenriver.edu/athletics](http://www.greenriver.edu/athletics)*

# Baseball's association with crime continues to grow

*Clemens, McNamee hearing leaves fans with more questions, doubts*



Column by  
Casey Greer

In an event that interested political and legal analysts and baseball fans alike, all present and interested were left with more questions than answers.

The Clemens hearing has further exposed the seedy underbelly of baseball, and the similarities to organized crime are uncanny.

Don - rather Commissioner Selig has been remarkably quiet since the release of the Mitchell Report, which has implicated dozens of former baseball players in connection with steroids.

In "The Godfather: Part II," there is a scene where Michael Corleone is being peppered with questions about his criminal actions in front of the Senate Committee, who had been investigating his crime family, which once had high ranking officials on its payroll.

Michael confidently challenged the committee to provide a witness who can provide evidence of his guilt.

The committee, equally confident promised Corleone that they would find an adequate witness.

The committee found a witness, Frank Pentangeli, who could implicate Michael and the Corleone family on homicide conspiracy charges.

Michael, well aware of Pentangeli's deep traditional Sicilian roots attended the hearing with Pentangeli's brother.

Frank Pentangeli, after seeing his brother, suddenly was aware of the weight of his accusations, and recanted every statement he made to the committee.

The Feb. 13 hearing, involving Roger Clemens, Brian McNamee, and the absent, but well-heard witness Andy Pettitte, was the movie all over again.

Clemens lawyer, Rusty Hardin, was boisterous standing in front of the congressional building in Washington D.C.

He slandered McNamee, made an irresponsible comparison of Clemens' situation to the Duke Lacrosse Sexual Assault Case, which ended with the suspects being cleared of all charges and warned the media that they'd be sorry for any assumption that Clemens was guilty.

Pettitte, Clemens' close

friend and long-time teammate, considered the most important witness in the Clemens hearing, noticeably was absent the day of the hearing.

In a sea of half-truths, lies, deceit and back-stabbing, Pettitte is perhaps the only person who truly can corroborate Clemens or McNamee, who claims to have injected Clemens with steroids and Human Growth Hormone on multiple occasions.

Pettitte opted to give a taped deposition to Congress, rather than answering questions in a live forum. In his deposition, Pettitte implicated Clemens HGH use, but claimed ignorance in regards to steroid use.

Baseball has a long history of cheaters. Baseball, in the past, essentially has breached all courtesy in setting even a double standard, and nearly has glorified some of the games greatest culprits.

Pete Rose and Joe Jackson aside, the image of an old-time baseball player is a gritty, ultra competitive player, wearing a loose uniform and a funny mustache, who bent or broke rules in order to gain a

competitive advantage.

Routinely baseballs were doctored, bats corked, spikes sharpened, and players received a mere slap on the wrist if caught.

The key difference, and the reason the government is involved, is the relative effect on society.

As far as medicine has advanced, we still know little about the long term effect of steroids and HGH.

*"The culture of baseball has been shaken, its credibility shot, and its fans have been awakened to their idols' misdeeds."*

Some of the greatest speculations involve the development and accelerated growth of cancer.

However, there are no reports, even anecdotal, of widespread, long term

medical problems from hocking a loogie on a baseball, dipping it in a tub of Vaseline, jamming cork into a bat, or a cleat shaped cuts on a player's leg.

Baseball has done a poor job of policing itself, and some even believe that baseball's alleged ignorance to performance enhancing drugs is intentional.

There comes a point when an impartial authority must step in, and that point is now.

Children idolize and emulate athletes, and in their purest form,

athletes are not bad role models.

Most, or at least many athletes, are a symbol of hard work and discipline personified.

If the government were not to take a hard stance on the use of illegal drugs to enhance one's performance, or wallet, it would be doing a disservice to society and setting dangerous precedents for future generations.

It highly is unlikely that baseball can ever completely separate itself from steroids, but if anything that resembles a resolution is ever to be reached, drastic measures must be taken.

Baseball will need to employ a strategy similar to the drug-testing policies of the International Olympic Committee.

Harsher punishments need to be levied against offenders, and samples taken should be saved and retested as new information surfaces, effectively keeping the MLB one step ahead of offenders.

The culture of baseball has been shaken, its credibility shot, and its fans have been awakened to their idols' misdeeds.

Chances are, this near half-decade of steroid awareness is just the tip of the iceberg.

However, as it sits right now, baseball is battling drug dealers and con-men in the court of public opinion, and losing.

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## Author challenges Americans in patriotic book

*Wolf provides little-known information, insight into American government in 'The End of America'*

**Joe Chourey**  
Staff Writer

Naomi Wolf's, "The End of America," is a must read for all college students.

The book analyzes the systematic approach that oppressive groups and leaders put into place in order to take and keep control over their citizens.

The book, which the publishers dubbed as "a citizen's call to action," is an easy read that a time deprived student could and should insert into their lives.

Even if a student truly believes that ignorance is bliss, they still should read this book for the sole purpose of references. What Wolf writes could be a great reference for any student paper.

The book has a virtual smorgasbord of thoughts and ideas, not only from Wolf's mind, but that of over 350 of her cited references. The small book of only 150 pages shocks, disgusts, and enrages the readers into doing what they know to be right and true as patriotic Americans.

Wolf describes one of the 10 authoritarian steps in each of her chapters. She compares countries and times like Nazi Germany and Mussolini's Italy with America and now. The comparison is not disloyal to America or contemptuous in fashion, but it does admire what our country was and still could be.

Inspirational quotes of wisdom from our forefathers dot this book like grains of sugar on frosted flakes. They reinforce her message with a timeless stirring enlightenment that only the likes of Jefferson, Franklin, and Paine could muster.

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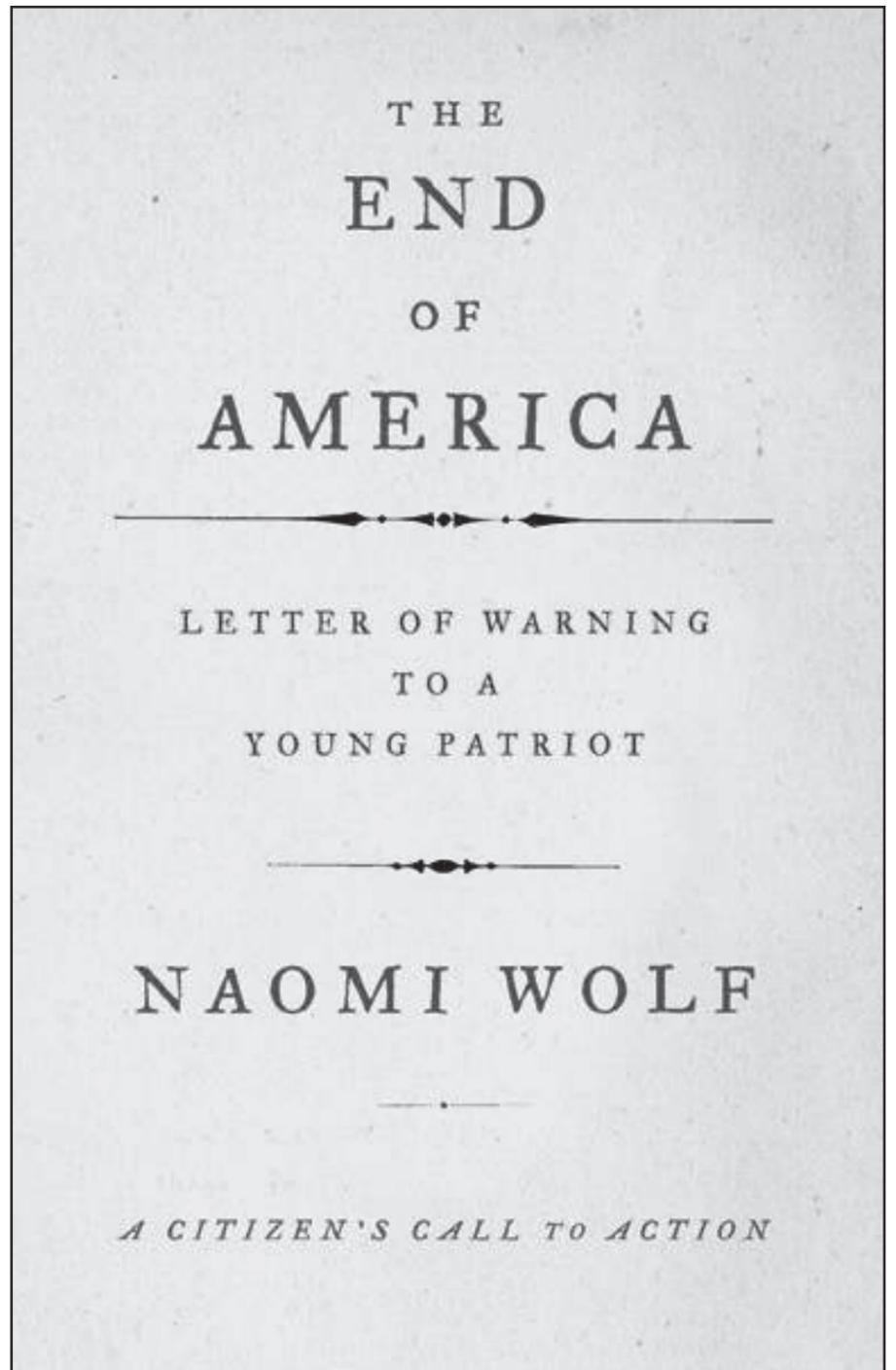
Between now and the end of the book, the illusion vomited on America by our government in order to hamper American rights will be seen for what it is. Readers will recognize the 10 steps of fascism. The internal and external threat, our paramilitary force, and surveillance of normal citizens are just three of the ten steps that our government has forced upon us, despite the wishes of our nation's predecessors and the muted voices of the current people.

The book describes what was and what is, a post and present 9/11. Do you choose a censored or uncensored media, or do you have a choice? Is having dissent treason, and what list will you be put on if you chose to protest this? Will it be the same list that you are put on if you look up how to make a bomb at the public library?

Skeptics might say it is a toned down version of Chicken Little isolating America, but Chicken Little never used real logic. If they still believe it is a version of Chicken Little after they pick up the book, I would encourage them to read it.

Comparison after comparison will be put forth; now and then, then and now, and one determination will be made: history repeats itself, and the outcome of America is up to us.

After turning the last page of "The End of America," readers may find themselves thinking differently about the information they receive and perceive as true. Even if they read the whole book and say "bah," at least it is a conscience choice to say "bah" instead of an involuntary twitch to say "baa." As was the choice with Neo in "The Matrix," the choice is yours; what pill will you take?



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"The End of America" by Naomi Wolf is claimed to be "a citizen's call to action" to readers about the current path of the government unknown to many.

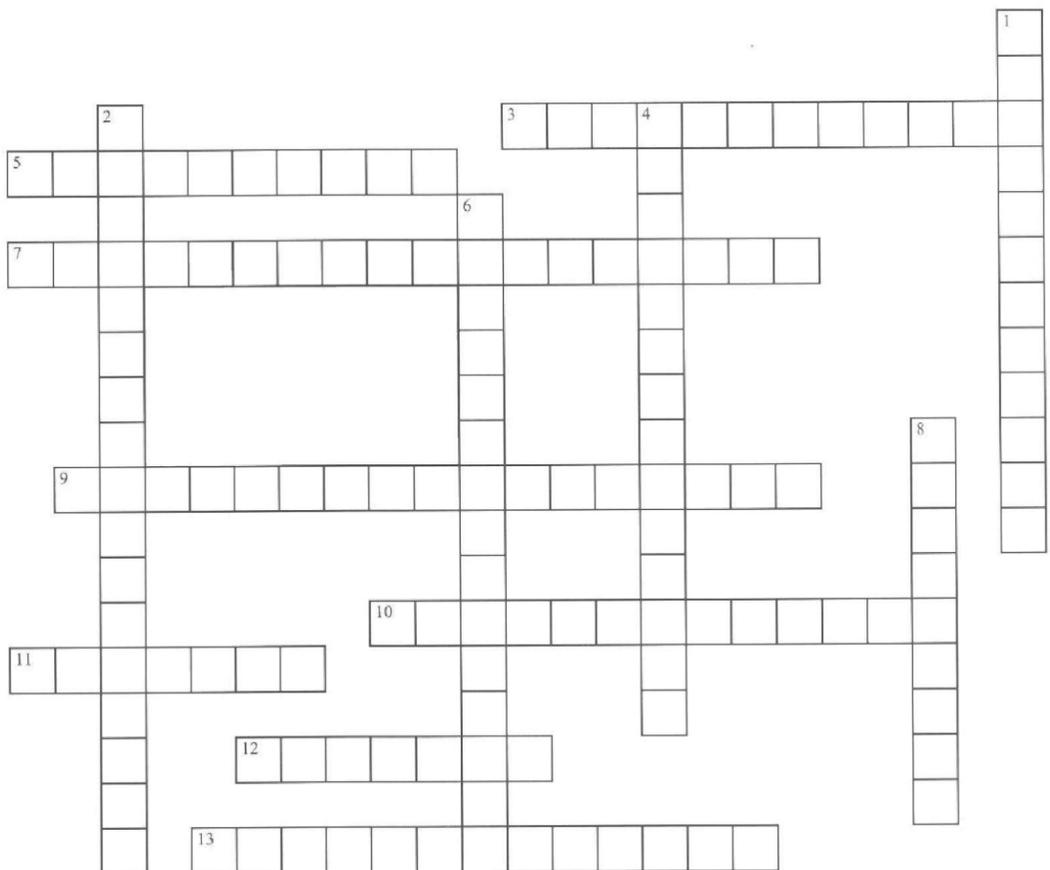
## Oscar Madness

### Across

- 3 Eight-time host of the Oscars and star of "When Harry Met Sally"
- 5 2008 nominee for Best Actor in a Leading Roll for "Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street"
- 7 Winner of 2008 Best Picture Oscar
- 9 Only animated film to be nominated for Best Picture
- 10 Youngest person to be nominated for a Best Director Oscar
- 11 The 2002 Miramax musical about death row; received 6 awards
- 12 The 1997 20th Century Fox and Paramount movie, starring Leonardo DeCaprio; received 11 awards
- 13 The 1961 United Artists popular musical; received 10 awards

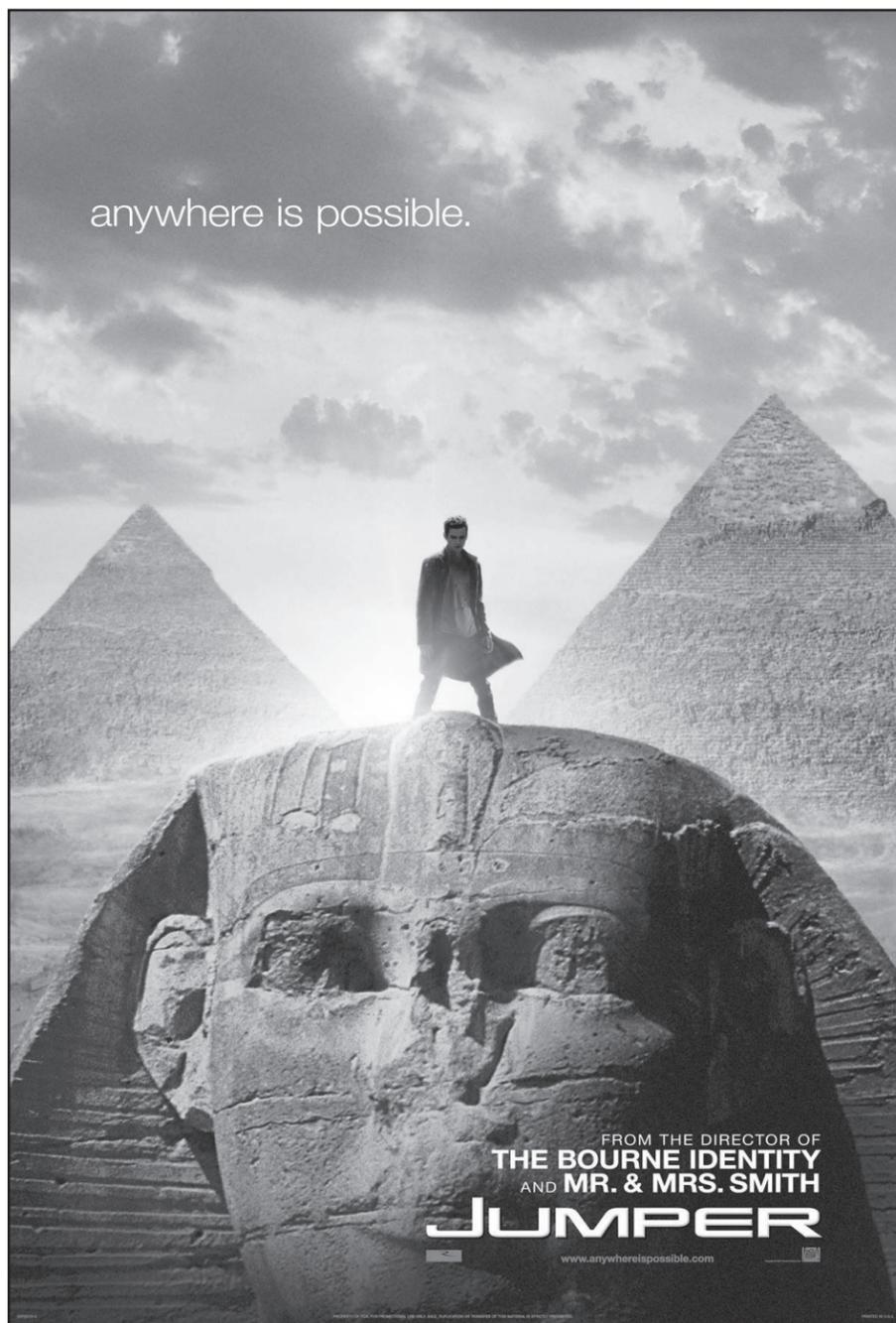
### Down

- 1 Most nominated director for the Best Director Oscar; has won three times
- 2 Austrian production that won Best Foreign Language Film in 2008
- 4 Three-movie series that received 11 awards, including Best Picture in 2003
- 6 First color film to win Best Picture
- 8 Actress nominated for Best Actress in a Leading Roll in 2008 for portrayal of pregnant teen



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# 'Jumper' fails to make flying leaps in theaters



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"Jumper," starring Hayden Christensen ("Shattered Glass") fails to impress with few special effects and missing links in the plot.

*New action film misses mark, opportunity to impress with special effects, complex plot*

**Bryanna Guidetti**  
Staff Writer

The new sci-fi movie, "Jumper," recently hit theaters, but not with flying leaps. This film plopped onto the big screen, missing its potential and proving to be cut out for the rental store.

Based on a novel written by Steven Gould, "Jumper" follows the story of a young man, David Rice (Hayden Christensen) who discovers that he has the ability to teleport anywhere in the world at any time he wishes.

After he finds out about his powers, he uses them to run away from his broken home and live on his own.

In order to do this, he uses his newfound abilities to rob banks without even opening doors, thoroughly evading the police.

He thinks he's alone and safe with his secret, but he soon learns that he's not the only jumper in the world, and other people know about him too.

When on a trip to Rome with his childhood sweetheart, he is confronted by a group of people called the paladins looking to kill him because of his unnatural powers.

This is where "Jumper" turns into a game of cat-and-mouse between David, Griffin (a fellow jumper), and the paladins.

The ending leaves the movie wide open for a sequel, pretty much putting an advertisement on the end telling the viewers to come see the second one.

"Jumper" is a movie that had the potential to be very good but ended up to be not so great, as little pieces of the plot seemed to be missing.

For example, it never explains why or how some people have the ability to jump. Maybe with a different director, "Jumper" would have been an award winner, but this movie won't be winning anything.

Another aspect of the movie that could have been improved was the special effects. "Jumper" is a movie

with a ton of opportunities for good special effects, yet there weren't that many. However, at least the ones that were in the movie weren't lame.

All in all "Jumper" barely was an okay film. It echos the "Spider man" theme - with great power comes great responsibility. David Rice just has to learn this the hard way when he finds out there are people out to destroy him because of his abilities.

In the end, the viewers are left with a lot of questions. Perhaps this will be a saving grace of the barely average "Jumper," bringing viewers back to discover the missing links of the first film in the sequel.

*"This film plopped onto the big screen, missing potential and proving to be cut out for the rental store."*

## New show tests honesty of contestants

*Contestants must beat lie detector tests to win big on 'Moment of Truth'*

**Steffani Becker**  
Staff Writer

Before family, friends, and the world, contestants on the show "Moment of Truth" tolerate invasive and personal questions in hope of winning \$500,000. The show has made quite an impression on America, as well as on the people on campus.

Liz McKinney, a counselor on campus, has her own personal opinions about America's new prime-time obsession.

"As long as people know that it's for entertainment purposes only, I think it's okay," McKinney said.

Although McKinney admits that she is not a fanatic, she believes that the show is rather interesting.

The reality and potential entertainment factor of the show is that the contestants strapped to the lie detector test are risking all of their personal relationships.

However, at risk of losing all that they hold dear, some might wonder if there is any reliability in the lie detector tests used on the show.

"There's a lot of controversy about lie detector tests, because it has been found that they can be manipulated," McKinney said. "This is why you don't see lie detector tests being admissible in court; they're just

not completely accurate."

Much debate has come up about the accuracy of lie detector tests and how easily they can be duped. Many lie detector tests, such as the one used for the new hit "Moment of Truth" keeps track of a person's heart rate to determine whether or not they're being honest.

According to lie detector tests, the steadier the heart rate is, the more honest the person is. When being tested, a sudden change in the heart rate signals that the person is lying.

However, some may wonder how someone could fool a lie detector test.

"It's something about their physiological response," McKinney said. "Physiological states can be induced."

One can induce their physiological state by controlling their mind. The more control someone has over their brain and body responses, the more control they have over the lie detector test.

It's all a matter of keeping their heart rate steady. A person can tell a complete lie, and as long as they have a steady heart rate, the machine will never be the wiser.

The lie detector test stands between the contestant and the reward money. Not only is the test an obstacle in the way of the prize money, but the answers revealed during the test ultimately influence the solidity of the relationships of people involved on the show.

"There should probably be counseling provided afterwards," McKinney said.

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# Formed from clay

*Student uses  
ceramics  
to create  
masterpieces*



Student Ryan McDonald tries to insert a little bit of himself into each piece of artwork.

**Jamie Page**  
Staff Writer

Student Ryan McDonald, 22, has been in the ceramics program a scant year, but that has not affected his talent or interest in the subject.

McDonald creates his art as a piece of himself, making ceramic works as a vessel of his imagination and uniqueness.

"You're taking a lump of clay that is lifeless and really not that pretty when it first starts, and taking ideas from your mind, so that it gradually becomes altogether you," McDonald said. "It might not look like you, but it has your essence – your spirit in it. When it comes out of the kiln, you have this finalized product that's a permanent expression of you."

In a sociology class, McDonald learned about statuses, which he found pertains not only to the coursework of that class, but also his personal life, and moreover his creations.

"My inspiration comes from my two statuses," McDonald

said. "There's an achieved status and an ascribed status. I try to integrate both of those things into my art and therefore I get my own unique product."

McDonald currently is working on a collection of face mugs, which connect the background and history in both American and African American cultures, incorporating both his "ascribed status" and "achieved status".

"My face pots are more than just an oddity or some sort of experiment. In one instance, slaves weren't able to have tombstones in some areas of the south, so they would make face jugs as grave markers," McDonald said. "I make them to embrace both the very serious side of our history, but also to get into an expressive human aspect. I mean, a face is a face. It's all-inclusive because we all have one, and we identify with that."

McDonald has found inspiration not only within himself, but also in his mentors on campus, who have,

intentionally or not, helped him with his art on many different levels.

Although he has yet to win any awards or recognition for his work, McDonald still is hopeful for the future.

"I'm hoping that stuff is coming. I definitely have a lot more to learn, but I believe that if I put enough effort into it, I can do something with it," McDonald said.

McDonald advises any and all students to find a passion, as he has, in art.

"I would encourage that if anyone has any interest in art at all, to explore it because there's so little of it in our society. I really think that for our children, we have to start embracing the finer points of humanity, and art is one of those," McDonald said. "Those are the things that make us human. We're becoming more mechanical, but that won't last. We need to embrace those things to define ourselves."