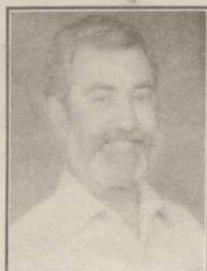


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Student Government elections end with apathy: Low turnout still hinders elections

By Patsy Shelafae

Student Government elections finished on April 30 and the results are in.

student government wanted a higher turnout.

Student government put up posters through out the

speakers in the forum. They expressed their opinions on why they should be elected into their positions. Afterwards,

forum for students to speak their minds and talk about concerns that effect them," said Morris, ASGRCC's

Morris.

There are still some positions open in the student government senate and judicial board. Elections and

ASGRCC Student Government for 98-99

President: Dan Morris

Vice-president: Aaron Atkission

Sophomore Senators:

Paul Beattie

Emory Gearhart the 4th

Senators-at-large:

Amy Ramsey

Brendon Cromwell



Student Government President Kathy Arndt, passes the torch to newly elected President Dan Morris and Vice president Aaron Atkission

The candidates didn't have any competition among themselves. However, they did try to get people to go out and vote.

Voting was the real competition because it has been at an all time low in the past year. Both candidates and

campus telling students to vote.

There was even a forum for students to meet the candidates held in the Lindbloom Student Center. Student government hosted the candidate forum on April 28.

Dan Morris and Aaron Atkission were the main

there was an open forum for students to ask them questions. They answered each question diplomatically.

One of their campaign promises was about an open forum.

"Basically, once a month we're trying to get an open

president for next year.

When elections were over, the candidates were happy to have their desired positions.

"I'm happy and excited about the next year. I want people to know they can come in and talk to Aaron or myself on just about anything," said

appointments for those positions are going to be next fall. So if anyone is interested, keep an eye out for next year.

"We [student government] would encourage students to be a part of their school in some way," Morris stated.

Continuing Education will be offered to summer quarter students for the first time

By Marilyn Wilson

Continuing Education helps people learn new skills, explore different fields, and to update techniques in a career or a favorite pastime.

They realize how valuable time is to students so classes and seminars are scheduled during the evening hours and on weekends.

Since location is another issue to many people classes are held within the South King County vicinity. At the present

time, courses are being offered in Auburn, Enumclaw, Kent, Maple Valley and at the Supermall.

Continuing Education caters to anyone over the age of 18, professionals, students, seniors and hobbyists alike. This summer they offer a variety of classes to meet the needs of the community for professional and personal enrichment. Credited and non credited classes are offered.

The Professional

Education classes, for example, can earn professionals credits for college, clock hours, continuing education units or specific requirements for licensing or certification.

The Lifelong Education classes meet the needs of adults of all ages. Classes often change frequently to meet the needs of the community and are open to people of all skill levels.

Self-support classes and Community Service classes are

offered to meet the needs of individuals not seeking a degree, but seeking direction in creative, leisure and business activities. This offers individuals a climate for continued learning.

These classes are financed by student participants and not by state tax funds.

The quality and level of education received are taught by professionals and qualified hobbyists at facilities both on

and off campus.

"I would like to see students stop by and check us out," said Leslie Moore from the Continuing Education office.

They offer a variety of classes ranging from professional classes like Small Business Marketing to the 911 Emergency Dispatch program. Depending on what class you select classes range from one day to ten weeks. Average
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Fire inspection will shut down The Annex until mid May



The Annex in downtown Auburn on its first opening night

By Marilyn Wilson

The inspection of "The Annex" brought about a temporary closing of the club due to violations of building codes.

"It's not our fault!" said owner Tory Goblen.

The grand opening of "The Annex" three weeks ago

was a huge success and Goblen couldn't have asked for a better opening night. With the success of the opening also came an inspection from the fire department.

The building that "The Annex" is located in is over 60 years old.

The internal structure

itself needs to be reinforced. As is, "The Annex" is a fire hazard and does not pass safety codes for the City of Auburn.

All the wood siding needs to be taken out and replaced with sheet rock. One GRCC student Sara R. Campbell who has ventured to "The Annex" stated that "The Annex is

dark and small inside. There are exposed pipes, big holes in the walls, and black light paint on the wall."

Ventilation in the building is another serious issue. Since they are going to cater to smokers and have a cigarette vending machine in the building, smoke and air circulation is going to be a problem.

Having only two doors in the building, the main entrance and a door behind the stage is not enough. Ventilation is a problem even with the doors open, for sufficient air circulation there must be expensive changes in this area.

They have brought an architect in to assess the situation and the estimated cost of improvements and repairs to bring "The Annex" up to building code regulations is about \$60,000.

Goblen didn't sound as if he was overly bothered by the temporary shutdown of "The Annex." Instead he seemed more enthused about the reopening of the club on May 15 and the new gigs that they have booked to perform.

In the meantime the other bands previously scheduled to venue in "The Annex"

have been postponed to later dates. The bands set to open on May 15 are the Appletones and Deep Fried Denise.

Other gigs that are lined up to perform at "The Annex" are 90lb Wuss, 30ft Fall and Park Boys.

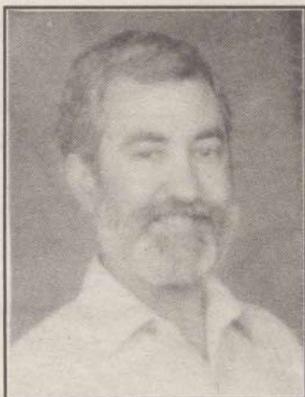
"Every Friday and Saturday, we'll be open for concerts," said Goblen "and during the rest of the week we plan to rent 'The Annex' out."

Other future ideas for "The Annex" include inviting a poetry group to perform one night a week and perhaps the possibility of renting "The Annex" out to plays and productions during other times of the week.

Goblen mentioned that he and Gracie Wallen have become partners in this venture and together will co-own the club.

Wallen was and will stay on as the production manager for "The Annex."

The temporary shutdown of "The Annex" has not deterred it from remaining open and Goblen, looks forward to welcoming the crowd through the doors of "The Annex" when it reopens again on May 15.



Dave Bender 10 years ago

Teacher Feature: David Bender

always been about numbers. As a math teacher his job involved the one and only exact science. One plus one is always two and if a student was tearing his or her hair out with a math puzzler, Bender had an answer.

This time the answer to this problem would require a bit more than solving math problems. Bender found himself in the hospital facing the challenge of a lifetime. Bender has made a quick recovery and plans to be back very soon grading tests and solving problems for the math students of the future.

What is Bender really like? Behind the numbers, behind the ominous authority that all math instructors seem to have, "Mr. Bender is a nice man," said math instructor Larry Larson, "I've really enjoyed working with him." Larson and Bender began working together at Green River over thirty years ago. They met sharing an office together and over time have become good friends.

Bender began his career at Green River in 1967 after receiving his bachelor's degree at the University of Washington, a master's degree at the University of Oregon and even a teaching job at Auburn High School. Bender has also served as the division chair and was responsible for the hiring of many of today's math instructors.

Some things that people may not know about him is that he is an accomplished pianist who enjoys classical music. Bender is also a man with a healthy sense of humor; the poster on the wall in his office proves this.

"Some people like to drink from the fountain of knowledge, I just come to gargle."

Everyone in the math department is pulling for Mr. Bender and expect to see him soon and for those students who will be taking math in the future, they will be able to take their problems to the one and only David Bender.

By Akio Segawa

Every other week The Current takes a close look at one of its many faculty members to help students get to know its staff. This week's faculty member however is extremely deserving of recognition.

Less than two weeks have passed since one of Green River's veteran faculty members suffered a severe life threatening heart attack. Math teacher David Bender was that person. But this is not a tragic story with sad scriptures and depressing thoughts. This is a story of strength and life. This is the story of a man making a quick recovery with plans to be back on campus as soon as possible.

Bender's job for years has

Car wash for Cancer

Time: 12 pm- 1:30 pm

Day: May 7

Location: East side of Autoshop classes

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Letter to the editor by Marlon Jones

"Ahn nyounghae say yo!" (Han'gul for Hello!) I read In-Gyu Kim's article on the comparison of America and Korea in the April 29th issue of the Current and felt that I must share my experiences. I taught English in Korea and in the process fell in love with a country that is rich in culture, pride, and respect. I taught at the Samyook Institute in Jeonju, ROK (Republic of Korea). YES. Jeonju, the home of Dul Sot Bibimbop (an authentic Korean dish of rice and vegetables served in a hot stone bowl with a spicy sauce)!

In-Gyu:

I was impressed with your letter and honored that you were able to study in America for a year. I hope you made many wonderful memories to take back to Korea with you. When you get home, give your fellow students a message forme. Tell them that Marlon

said... A Looooong Time Ago, when tigers smoked loooooong pipes (I was there just last year) I learned of a culture rich with five thousand years of history including King Sejong. King Sejong instructed the wise men of the land to create the Korean language, Han'gul, which is the most scientific language known. I learned of the sad love song "ARIRANG!" which I sing poorly, so don't ask!

I learned of a country where respect exists in all areas of life and not just those we readily see. I was particularly impressed with the respect that the student has for the Songsangneem: the teacher. And equally amazed at the diligence shown to every task presented to the Korean student.

I lived within walking distance of Jeonbuk National University. I must agree with you when you say that students get involved in the political

process. I witnessed many demonstrations, protests, and rallies during my stay that only served to stimulate more interest in my own country's political process. One of the protests involved Chinese Medicine students and the government's decision on who could sell Chinese medicinal herbs (the dilemma has been settled now).

I really enjoyed getting lost in Jeonju. I had my address written in Han'gul and learned the pronunciation. Then I hailed a taxi... "Takshi" or got on the bus and rode until I saw something interesting. If Americans want to experience a rush, ride in a Korean taxi. It was so cool!

1. Hail the taxi.
2. Tell the driver your destination.
3. HOLD ON!!!! Sometimes I took a taxi just for the rush.

On the other hand, riding

the bus was a little different.

"Ahn nyounghae say yoo. Ney. Chung ang shi jang?" (Hello. Downtown area please?) Passengers would laugh at me because of my pronunciation... which by the way was comical. Many people, including the elderly, would try to give me their seats, they really treat foreigners like royalty.

I would have to say shopping for groceries was my FAVORITE! Little old ladies would remove things from my cart and replace them with things they thought I should have. "Who is this foreign MAN shopping?" It was great. I can't wait to go back!!!

I could go on for days but I think you guys get the point. However, I must say that the most precious thing I learned while there was LOVE; for it is there that I met the most beautiful, intelligent, and loving woman alive: MY WIFE.

So In-Gyu, tell everyone hello for me and eat a bowl of Soon Doo Boo Chigae (tofu soup); walk the streets of N'aemdaenum; and buy me a necktie from I'taewon (I have 29 already).

Have a safe trip and God bless. Ahn nyounghae key say yo! (Goodbye!)

Letters to the editor

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enrollment in continuing education classes is anywhere between 900 - 1200 students per quarter. As to whether financial aid covers costs for any of these programs? The answer is not likely. But many employers cover the cost of classes and the 911 emergency dispatch program offers some type of assistance to students.

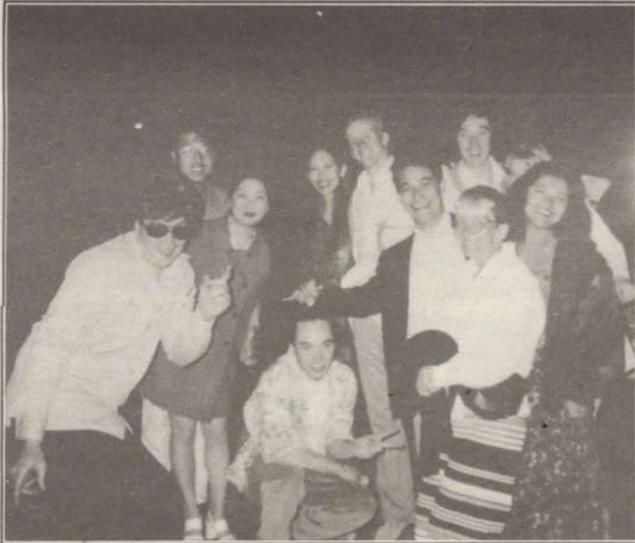
"The continuing education program here at GRCC offers something for everyone," said Moore.

Students who are interested in taking some continuing education classes during the summer should stop by the office off of Matthew's way.

"We would be more than happy to help assist you with your needs," said Moore.

Office hours are Monday - Thursday from 8 am-8 pm and from 8 am-5 pm on Fridays.

GRCC's Moonlight Cruise gets down and funky 70's style over Puget Sound



The great 70's fun at this year's Moonlight Cruise

By Matt Phelps

The Old School 70's Moonlight Cruise was a raging success last Friday selling out with over 200 participants.

"We have over 75 more people this year than last year," said Rene Popke student activities coordinator.

Students and nonstudents alike enjoyed the three hour cruise.

There were representatives from almost every part of GRCC, International students, student government, KGRG staff, student programs, among others.

Charles Thompson, one of the Cruise directors, kicked off the night saying "You have a 100 percent polyester guarantee tonight."

Only about 75 people dressed in 70's outfits, but they ranged from everything from swinging disco dancing styles to the funky out styles of Shaft.

The winners of the best costumes were Amy Ramsey and Kathy Shireman, who were decked out from head to toe. Fittingly enough for the night the prizes were gift certificates to the "Goodwill".

The night kicked off with the DJ playing the Gilligan's Island theme.

Most attendees were not too excited about the pizza that was served.

"The drinks should have been free," commented Jamie Stratton GRCC student.

The food did not deter people from having a great time though.

The disco dancing portion was definitely the high point of the evening and where most people had the most fun. The dance floor was overflowing the whole night with people getting down and groovin'.

"I think they picked the smallest part of the boat and made it the dance floor," said Chris Deussen sophomore president.

The great music supplied throughout the evening ranged

from songs like "Y.M.C.A.," to "Play that funky music white boy," and everything else from the 70's dance era.

At one point Duesen was heard exclaiming, "I am a very freaky girl, the kind you don't take home to mutha!" as he shook his booty out on the dance floor for the song "Super Freak".

The Cruise was held on "The Spirit of Puget Sound".

The boat consisted of three decks, the main dinning area with over 35 tables and a dance floor, an observation deck to enjoy the beautiful Seattle skyline and surrounding area, and a second deck that was closed off.

"We should have had

access to the whole boat," said Stratton.

Popke said "This is the first time we have used this boat. It's a great cruise line to go with, the boat has a lot of character. People seem more relaxed and are just having a great time."

Another one of the Cruise directors, Greg Linnell said "This is pretty groovy. It's excellent it soldout, so I am happy."

Linnell decked out in 70's clothes from head to toe, drove one of the two vans from GRCC to the waterfront. Having a great time he called the van the "Disco Dodge", a great way of explaining the whole trip to the boat and

back.

The only person the whole night who didn't seem to have fun was the hired photographer that only got to take ten pictures because most people brought their own cameras to grab memories with.

When the cruise was over Thompson said, "This was the best Moonlight Cruise ever. We partied like rock stars."

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Three angry listeners: Smarmaset



By In-gyu Kim

Smarmaset is a local woman punk rock band. This CD consists of four songs.

Titles include "I am the girl," "Happy song," "In My Head," and "Prick". Most of the songs talk about a girl or maybe the singer herself. All music and lyrics were written by lead vocalist/guitarist Erin Fisher, and produced by Adam T Fisher who plays bass and drums.

In order to understand her message, I looked up the lyrics, but most of the songs have no meaning or have too much meaning which I found confusing.

For this review, I invited three people together to listen to it. We played the CD, and after that I asked some questions. Here are their responses.

Q: What do you think about this CD over all?

YC: Is that all? Unfortunately I have no idea. It's just songs, not great, not bad.

RJ: I don't know what her intent is, but the voice is good.

MT: I've heard punk music before, but this isn't good, anyway, the repetition in the song reminds me of the

movie "Georgia" I like that pretty much.

Q: If you choose one song of them as the best song what it would be?

YC: "In My Head", that has a strong beat, and I like her high key voice.

RJ: "In My Head", is

pretty good.

MT: "I Am The Girl", there is no reason, It's just better than the others.

Generally these people didn't like this CD. I agree with what they thought, but I'm still wondering, "Is there any message to us?"

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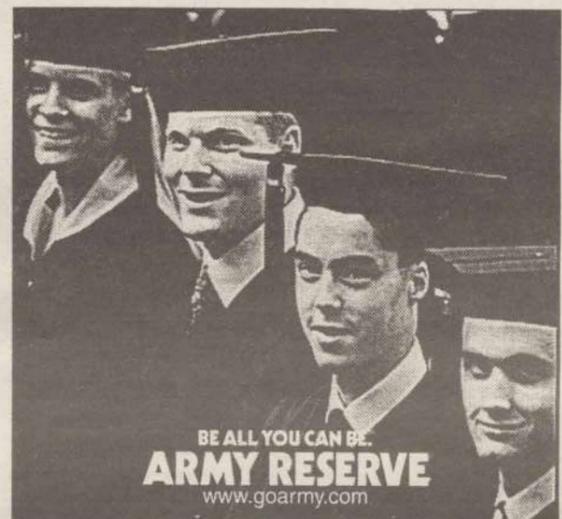
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Advice Column: Dear Matilda

Having problems with that "special someone?" Need some friendly advice or an opinion from a self-proclaimed love and sex expert? Dear Matilda can help! Send Matilda any questions to askmatilda@hotmail.com, or drop them off in *The Current's* mailbox in the Student Programs office in an envelope marked "Ask Matilda." Please do not include any names.

All questions will be responded to through email by Matilda, but not all questions will make it into *The Current*.

Dear Matilda is a relationship advice column featuring *The Current's* own love and relationship "expert" Matilda Philipooses. This advice is by no means professional, and should be followed at the reader's own risk.



Dear Matilda,
I got to GRCC and I'm 19. My fiance is 40. We are supposed to get married in July. I love this man tremendously but I feel like I'm getting in over my head. You see, if I marry Todd I'll be a mother of two children. Both his, one by me and another daughter by his previous marriage. Another thing that bothers me is that his daughter is a year and a half younger than me. I love him but I don't know if I can go through with the marriage. What do I do?

Child Bride

Dear Child Bride,
It sounds as if you fear the whole idea of marrying this guy. That is normally a good sign that you don't want to get

His life is already half lived and you have yours to live. If you marry him later on in life you are going to regret the decision you made.

As he's on his death bed you won't even be thirty and today it's hard for older people to find others later in life. Think about it that way.

As to the kids, if you don't get into the marriage you won't have to stress about the younger daughter. But in reference to your child, that is your decision as to what is best for the baby. What to do with a baby is not my area of expertise.

Dear Matilda,
My girlfriend and I have totally different schedules. She

into the relationship. You have to realize that marriage is a lifelong commitment.

goes to school mornings, and works afternoons, and sleeps evenings. I on the other hand work evenings, sleep mornings and run errands in the afternoons. Our problem is that we don't spend enough time together. We try to get together for some last minute dates and



they always fall through for some reason or another. What can we do to keep our life with each other going?

On the Run

Dear On the Run,
Just remember that you can't spend every waking moment with the person. Even though I know how nice that is. Try to plan things like a couple

weeks ahead of time. If something last minute comes up then just try to go for it. Remember that it won't always happen.

Another thing is when you do have free time then go to where your partner is and see if they can go, if not then accept it.

Dear Matilda,

I've been raised my whole life by my step-father. My real father just recently came into my life and he wants a relationship now after eighteen years of my life. He hasn't been there for me when I needed him and now he wants to be involved in my life when it is convenient for him. What do I do?

Adopt A Son

Dear Adopt A Son,
A lot of males feel the way that you do. They don't want to get to know their real parents. There are people that have done studies on this and it

was found that the males have no interest in who or why. But that the females are the ones that want to know who and why. This might explain why you feel betrayed and left. I don't blame you, that's how I feel. Except I want my father in my life, and I want to know him. I don't know if the feeling is mutual. You should at least give him a chance.



Horoscopes

While I was out of my mind this weekend my friends got together with their psychic powers and actually put together some decent horoscopes.

Taurus

This week you will learn that you are not always the center of attention. You should focus on meaningful relationships between family and friends. Procrastination doesn't always pay off.

Gemini

You tend to attract excitement and change but you bore easily. Friends this month may be looking for trouble. Try not to be too adventurous and daring, even though you have a lot of nervous energy to burn up.

Cancer

Your aggression and demands are too much for the people around you which will cause immense sensitivities and diverse moods between you and peers. You also find that you will have to work with those whom you have little in common with.

Leo

Lately you are refusing offers, but don't think too fast. You may find yourself a leader of a new group. Don't be too serious; have some fun.

Virgo

You are working towards your goals very well, but you will find that others don't think in the same terms. You will also find that you are not as successful at your dreams as you had hoped.

Libra

Lately you have been trying to act too mature and have not found the joys in life-relax. You will be forced to make up your mind about something. Take your time, good things are coming your way.

Scorpio

Recently you have been unfairly labeled as cold-hearted but rely on optimism; it always worked before. Your family thinks you've been too dominating. Try to work in the best interest of your family instead of your own.

Sagittarius

You will soon find that a friend has not been honest, but don't let that get you down. If friends can't be honest with you

they are obviously not worth it. Beware of making hasty decisions.

Capricorn

Don't be afraid to seek new heights because you will find a lot of good in what you look for. Try not to be so patient all the time. You will become very anxious for something.

Aquarius

You're finding yourself feeling very joyful of late. Keep it up this will continue for a long time. You will find yourself with a lot more friends soon. Tasks may be hard right now but be patient.

Pisces

You have been sharing your belongings too much with a friend. Be careful he or she may take advantage of you. Your love life will reach astronomical heights in the near future.

Aries

New beginnings impact your environment. Like a child, you tend to be spontaneous, frank, and open. But also self-centered and willful. You look at the world with awe and wonder but be careful not to roam too far from home.



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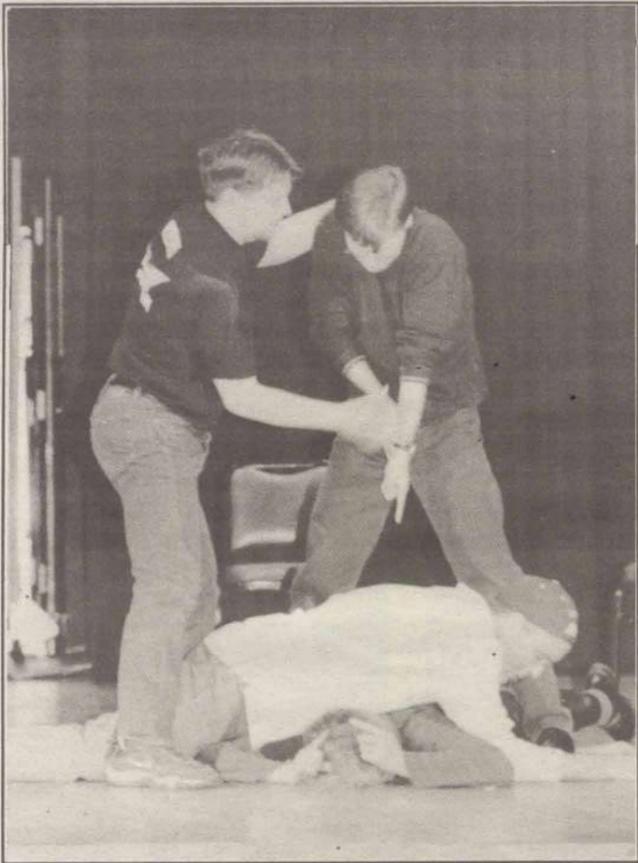
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Theater Sports, an evening of side splitting, knee slapping, improvisation...



Theater Sports in the Lindbloom Student Center on April 2

By Lisa Law

In a crowded alley at Pike Place Market people eagerly gather every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday to experience an evening filled with side-splitting, knee slapping improvisation.

Theater Sports is a quaint theater in Seattle where people can go to see live theater, comedy, and "competition improvisation" all in one show.

"Improvisation is where we create scenes using audience suggestions, no script, no set routine, there's all these different games, there's hundreds of them and we make them up all the time," said Keith Dahlgren, Managing Director.

For years I have been hearing about Theater Sports and how hilarious it is, but until they came to GRCC, I didn't get the chance to see for myself just how funny it truly is. After getting a preview of what Theater Sports was like I decided to go to Seattle to check out the real thing.

Filled with anticipation and excitement I anxiously waited in line to enter.

As I was waiting to get in I decided to find out what other people thought about Theater Sports, and as luck would have it I was standing next to GRCC Freshman Sara Myers.

Myers a Theater Sports veteran, (15 times), said, "It's a competitive, crazy, audience participation fest. Great big

fun. I planned my whole week around this excursion."

Inside, the theater is a cozy auditorium that seats 235 people. The stage is set about eye level to the audience, and the closeknit atmosphere helps encourage a feeling of involvement for the audience.

Three stern faced judges sat to the left of the stage and judge the team's performance.

The majority of the audience consisted of repeat "sporters" and many newcomers.

The team consists of four actors/actresses who perform skits based on audience suggestions.

They have a vast repertoire of games they perform.

At the performance I attended a team from Spokane Theater Sports was in town to compete against the Seattle team. One of the favored skits of the evening was when each team performed a stereotype of the other team's hometown. The Spokane team's skit was set in Starbucks, and the Seattle team portrayed a couple on a date in Spokane going cow-tipping.

The two teams had the crowd in an uproar, people were literally falling out of their seats. I haven't laughed so hard in my life.

"It's really difficult to do a show with an audience that's quiet. I mean if the audience is like yelling and screaming you get pumped up as well," said

Dahlgren, "the MC usually spends some time getting the audience ready too because we feed off their energy just as much."

The stern judges even fell out of character and laughed a few times during the evening.

At the end the judges decide what the best suggestion was, and the audience member with the best suggestion for the evening was given tickets to another show.

"The best suggestions are the simplest ones, you know, a lawn mower, or something that you can take something simple

and build from it," Dahlgren said "You have to be creative to get simple suggestions, creative in asking for suggestions to get simple ones."

The team's witty, on-the-spot, quick thinking takes a lot of talent.

"A lot of people consider it basically just fooling around, but it looks like it, a skilled improviser makes it look like you're just fooling around," said Dahlgren, "I like to think of it as a skill or craft that you actually have to learn because there's a lot of different aspects to it that take training."

Theater Sports has been here in Seattle for 15 years and is becoming very popular nation wide.

If you're looking for something fun to do I would highly recommend this to anyone.

"A large part of our audience is college students," said Dahlgren.

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According to Kyle Meier, Theater Sports patron, "it's well worth the nine dollars."

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Gators Tee It Up!

By Editor John Kelly and Dennis Tellefson

A view of Mt. Ranier to the South, sun beating down, a slight breeze from the West. Freshman Mark Hansen steps to the ball eyeing a sloping 12 foot putt. Stroking the ball gingerly placing it on the lip of the cup, Hansen looks to the heavens and it drops.

"As long as the putts keep falling, the team will keep winning," stated a confident Hansen.

As a three year coach of the Auburn Riverside Ravens, the PGA Head Professional at Jade Greens in Auburn and the first year coach at Green River, Coach Joe Bauman brings a lot of experience to this year's club. Bauman's skills have attributed to the teams record of 11-1 in league and 25-3 overall.

"The team is playing sweet," commented Bauman on his team's success this season, "were doing well."

Although the team has shown great success this season they've had their obstacles to overcome. One minor setback was losing to the Lower Columbia Red Devils by three strokes on April 28 at South Western Oregon Community College.

Despite the one league loss the GRCC golf team has four major wins, the Tacoma City Championship, the Tacoma League Match, the

Bigfoot Invitational, and the Grays Harbor League Match.

"It, (the Bigfoot Invitational) was a total team effort," stated Freshman Ryan Heidy "God-willing we won."

"We kicked ass," added Sophomore Co-Captain Collin Crenshaw.

It's no wonder that the team is doing so well with the enormous discipline and drive these guys possess.

"They all are too hard on themselves, they work hard and expect a great deal," commented Coach Bauman "They're all a five handicap or below."

At the Tacoma City Championship on April 2 and 6, Hanson asserted his heroics in shooting a one over par, 73, on the second day of play to end up with a 152 two day total. Helping Hanson out was Co-Captain Sophomore Brian Powlus and Freshman Ryan Heidy, whom both shot a 154. Next the GRCC Men's Golf Team teed it up with Lower Columbia and Tacoma C.C. at the Tacoma League Match on April 14.

Leading the way this time out was Sophomore Issac Henry-Cano and the Co-Captains, Crenshaw and Powlus. They shot two 77 and a 78 respectively.

"That's what we're here for, anything less than a championship would be very unsatisfactory," voiced Heidy.

It's been an almost perfect season for the team, leading the way throughout the entire year the Gators will look to have continued success come May 18 and 19 in Olympia at the league championships.

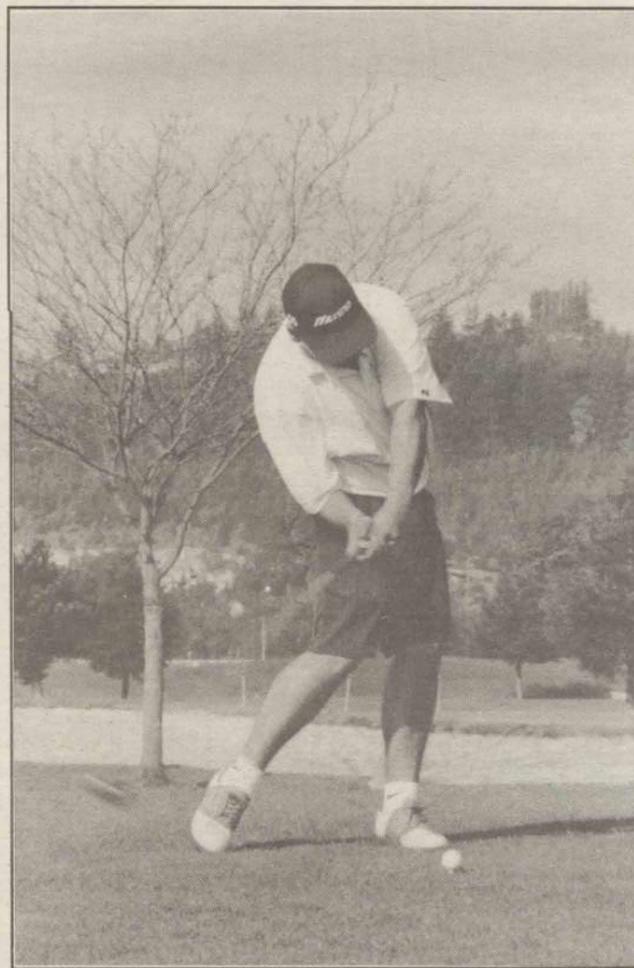
"Our top five golfers have a chance at all-league," said Bauman.

Led by captains Crenshaw, and Powlus (cousin of former Notre Dame Quarterback Ron Powlus) the Gators have charged to an impressive record that has not gone unnoticed.

"They're playing pretty well," stated Grays Harbor Head Coach Pat Meldrich, "Green River as well as Lower Columbia will compete for our league championship. They hopefully will compete for the NWAACC, we'd like to keep it in our league."

The success of this year's squad goes beyond the tutelage of the coaching staff, but comes by way of a talented group of golfers. Boasting a team that holds the talents of Powlus who finished his freshman season with a seventh place finish at the NWAACC Championships. The team is also accompanied by freshman Heidy who (Graduate of Liberty High) nabbed fifth place at the Washington Junior Golf State Tournament.

"The team has meshed well," stated Heidy "We owe it to our success."



Gator Golfer Issac Henry-Cano tees off at Riverbend Golf Course

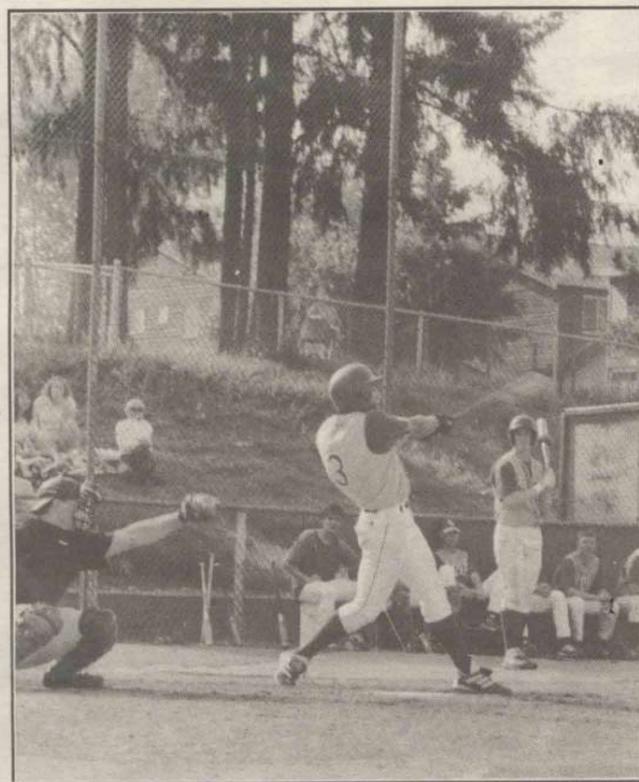
This year's team appears to have the makings of a championship contender, the team will look to dethrone the Columbia Basin Community College Hawks, which has won 10 of the last 12 championships. The Gators have done

their part thus far this season knocking off the champs in the previous two meetings between the teams.

"We're a force to be reckoned with," commented Freshman Kyle Dofelmier.

Gators outpitch the Helmsmen from BCC

Sophomore Jake Willis saves the day with two run homer in the bottom of sixth



Gator's infielder Spencer Allen hits a double to help GRCC past Bellevue CC

By Ben Levenhagen

Great pitching and clutch hitting got the job done last Wednesday. The GRCC baseball team beat the heat and Bellevue Community College 3-2.

Starting pitcher Tyler Willis dominated on the mound early. Willis had good command of his pitches. He held Bellevue to one run in five innings.

Jake Willis came up big with a two run blast in the bottom of the sixth. It scored Jason Durham and put the Gators up 2-1.

Reliever Alex Donnelly came in and held Bellevue in check. He shut them down and set the table for the Gators offense to win the game.

Rod Gott led off the seventh with a double into the left center field gap and the Gators were in business. Next Todd Dow came to the plate

and laid down a perfect bunt up the first base line. The bunt moved Gott to third. He would score easily on Shane Sehlin's clutch base hit to right. The run would prove to be the game winner.

Todd Dow talked about the one run victory saying, "Our pitching dominated and gave us the chance to come up with the clutch base hits." Dow also added, "Fundamental baseball is important, especially in one run games."

Coach Billy Jones handed reliever Levi Frary the ball late in the game and he rose to the challenge. He closed out the game and sealed the victory for the Gators 3-2.

The team is back on the right track with a three game winning streak. You can see the Gators ball club take on Skagit Valley tonight at Green River at 3pm. They are also home all weekend Friday May 8th against Prairie BB Academy at

3pm, Sat. May 9th against Centralia at 1pm, and Sun May 10th against Shoreline at 1pm.

As the season winds down the Gators baseball team looks like a strong contender for the NWAACC championship, despite losing the lead in the western division the team will come back with full force and try and upend Lower Columbia and regain the lead.

Look for the team on May 21-25 in the NWAACC Championships in Yakima

NWAACC Baseball Standings

Western Division

Lower Col.	13-4	17-9
Green River	11-5	16-9
Tacoma	9-7	14-16
Centralia	7-10	12-17
Pierce	5-10	9-14

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Dean of Sarcasm

Editorial by John Kelly

Oh Joy! It's playoff time! Not that the playoffs are a bad thing, but with the playoffs comes the most dreaded part of my life, oh yes. It's Bill (please find a new job) Walton.

Oh how I love Bill Walton, he's got to be the best commentator on NBC, possibly the best commentator in the game. Forget about Kevin Calabro, Walton, now there is a true to the game, nothing bad to say about anybody or any team kind of guy.

That's a negative Mr. Kelly.

Having listened to you for too many years. I've come to realize that no matter the time nor the place you're going to open that mouth of yours and stuff I'd rather not discuss is probably going to come flying out of it.

Oh sure, it's probably not that nice a thought that I'm picturing but it's true, you need to lighten up buddy.

Wait a minute, your right Mr. Walton your not always negative, you occasionally say

nice things, but it sure isn't about my Sonics. Where do you get off criticizing the dad.

Sonics, I mean geez, is this not the team that held the lead in the NBA through out almost the entire season. Oh wait, you don't care.

Hey guess what, NEWS FLASH nobody cares about you.

I've got an absolute fantastic idea, why don't you do the NBA watching fans a favor and quit commentating, or at least do the Sonics a favor and quit commentating on their games.

Hey Walton didn't your mother ever tell you that if you have nothing nice to say then you shouldn't say anything at all. Maybe you should take the advice of your creator and SHUT UP!

What do you think of that idea? Huh, Walton, your arrogance doesn't let you care to much what your audience feels.

Probably not.

So listening to your antics has become almost as memorable as the games themselves, that's probably

your plan though.

I can say you have definitely given my father and I something to talk about, and if you think I hate this character then you should listen to my

It's starting to become a tradition to flip the radio on and listen to Calabro and Marques Johnson, maybe you should take lessons.

Well as I sit here typing this I'm starting to get sick of this whole article, and don't know if it's the article or just spending the last half-hour having to think about you.

So how do you feel this seasons playoffs will turn out?

That's got to be the most unintelligent question that could be asked to you, what else would the mouth predict but the obvious: Chicago and Utah. Pretty well thought out Walton.

Good safe answer.

So is it just me or should NBC finally do the right thing and give this seven foot waste of space his walking papers.

Or must I resort to a battle of Mr. Walton and Mr. Kelly.

Softball team improving

By Dennis Tellefson

Never count on someone being dead until you hear the "flatline". It seems someone has blown a new life into the GRCC Women's Softball Team and resurrected their defense. Winning four of their last five contests, the Lady Gators have a little something to hold their heads high about. They beat the Pierce Raiders, the Olympic Rangers and the Grays Harbor

Chokers twice

"We came up against Grays Harbor and held them to one run," stated Coach Lawrence Shaull "We just shut them down."

To end the season, the GRCC Women's Softball Team had two doubleheaders with the Clackamas Cougars and the Pierce Raiders,

"We're hopeful to win the rest of our games," said Coach

Shaull "We should beat Pierce Community College, we have two good pitchers."

Which leaves us looking toward the future of GRCC Women's softball and next year. What is going to happen?

"Next year we're going to recruit a lot," Shaull claimed "We have a lot of girls leaving, there's too many projects here."

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