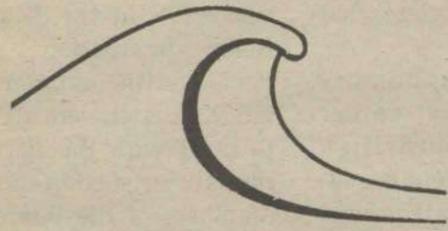


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The Green River Community College

# Current

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## GRCC seeks state funding for proposed library

By AARON SPARKS  
Staff Writer

The 1993 legislative session in Olympia this spring will decide on whether or not to fund a new Green River Community College building, tentatively The Center for Information Technology.

The new building would provide additional library space and additional room set aside for learning resources, science labs and developmental education. The structure would be

equivalent to the SMT building, a three-story structure similar in size in terms of square footage.

A committee, consisting of Rick Brumfield, vice-president of business affairs; Robert Lawrence, dean of math and educational services; Larry Galloway, special assistant to the president; and Tom Weisweaver, director of facilities; was formed back in 1990 to oversee the project when The Holman Library building no longer met with Washington state standards.

"The space of the library, in recent years, hasn't had the chance to be fully functional and meet the needs of the increasing number of students on campus," explains committee member Robert Lawrence.

If approved for funding, The Center for Information Technology is scheduled, at this time, to be constructed north of Holman Library in the general vicinity of the DC building. The approximate completion date of the new building would be July-August 1995 after which the committee would

turn its attention to remodeling the Holman Library building.

The new building was one of six amicable college projects chosen for possible funding and faces competition from schools such as UW, Western, and Washington State.

"We are in competition for capital money," says Lawrence.

Currently, the project coincides with the college's acquisition of additional property.

"We have an agreement to purchase the property at

the corner of 320th and 124th, the brick house and its 2 1/4 acres," says Clarke Townsend of the Developmental Office on campus.

The actual use of the house is still under discussion. Rumors say the property will be the sight of the college's proposed new child care center.

Green River is also planning to petition King County to vacate the dead-end street at 320th so the college can acquire it. There has been no specific use for this property reported at this time.

## Cindy Rinehart talks about life in entertainment

By AMY CLARK  
Staff Writer

We see her everyday at three. Who's that girl? Why, it's Cindy Rinehart from Northwest Afternoon. Cindy's always giving us the scoops from the soaps, but what about her, what is Cindy really like?

Cindy was born in Texas. She moved around a lot because her father was a pilot in the airforce. When Cindy was 18 years old she lived in Columbus, Ohio. She went to WCOL FM to look for a job. She wanted to go into radio. After three and a half hours of interview she got the job. She had no experience in the radio business. For two year's Cindy was a Disc

Jockey on WCOL on Sunday's, which she hosted Religious and Gospel music.

Cindy married a musician and was in The Mickey Wilson Trio. In this group Cindy sang and played the drums. Cindy was married for four years and then divorced. She then went back on the road, only with a different group this time. They traveled to California where Cindy found herself back in the radio business. Good Morning Palm Beach! She was writing T.V. commercials and starring in them also. Entertaining comes so naturally for Cindy!

In 1982 she moved back to Columbus, Ohio where her brother was Mayor. Cindy wanted a job in the

television area again so she went to QUBE T.V. and asked for a job. They asked for a resume and Cindy showed them a tape of her which she said "It was really bad", but they hired

going to talk about. There were 15 soaps and no way she could cover all of them she thought. Cindy bought every soap book available and tape recorded as much as she could. She studied

she didn't have to always have the answer to everyone's question.

After 8 years at QUBE they shut down, that's when Cindy came to Seattle. Cindy was then hired at KOMO and part of the Northwest Afternoon crew where she fills Western Washington with everything they want to know about soaps.

Cindy would like to pursue and acting career at the 5th Ave. Theatre. Her spunk and charm has brought her seven emmy nominations in the past eight years. Although Cindy could not comment on where or how she gets her inside scoop, she left us with this inspiring quote. "I've always been a people person".

**"I've always been a people person"**  
- Cindy Rinehart

her anyway for her own show on Warner Cable, Soap Scoop in Cincinnati. This was a one hour talk show with no audience, in front of her that is. She had a telephone to communicate with the public. When Cindy started this show, she had no idea of what she was

for one month and then she was ready. Her show was doing fine until a person called in and asked her a question and which she didn't know the answer. Cindy just sat there for a second and finally said "I really don't know". She came to the conclusion that

## Los Latinos Unidos has many plans for students

By KIM WILLIS  
Staff Writer

Los Latinos Unidos is a club for Green River Community College Hispanic students. It meets on Fridays from 12 to one in SG-59.

They love to have parties and activities. One of their first activities was a get together on October 30 to help everyone get to know each other.

Los Latinos Unidos are also planning a Multicultural Retreat for all the

multicultural clubs. This includes a weeks worth of activities, with events happening on Cinco De Mayo, the Mexican Independence Day, May 5th.

The club is also selling T-Shirts for \$12.50 and sweatshirts for \$15. The logo on the back of the shirt will be a series of Spanish flags in a circle with an American flag in the center. The letters "LLU" will be featured on the front.

The club is run by a tri-presidential committee. The presidents are Jaime Alverz, Sandra Ceja, and Art Lira.

# Meet GRCC's magnificent seven International Luncheon

By ARLEE MEYER  
Staff Writer

Here on the Green River Community College Campus, there is a group of women, who have been nicknamed "The Magnificent 7" by the Valley Daily News. They are Green River's Women Volleyball Team. The Gators are coached by Elena Stowell and her assistant Vicki Michaeu. The team consists of only seven women. Right now, they have a 9-3 record, which put them in second place tied with Clark College. The tie is predetermined by the league by a coin toss in case of a tie and Clark has won the toss.

The Gators played against Pierce College in the last

game of the season on November 11th. They beat Pierce in five games. Charity Hani was out with a knee injury. Teresa Rigoni stood in as a player and held her position but couldn't move that well because of a pinched sciatic nerve. The team is required to have six players on the court during the games or forfeit.

Last Friday the Gators came up short in their Conference tie breaker for second place against Clark, the team was defeated in three games with scores of 15-3, 15-2, 15-8. They were able to come back Saturday, November 14th, to beat Centralia in three games with scores of 17-15, 15-11, 15-12. The play off games put the Gators into third

place in overall conference standing going into Conference Championships being held in Oregon City, Oregon on November 19, 20, and 21st.

Stowell said that having only seven on the team has its benefits and its disadvantages. The benefits are that everybody gets to play, they are comfortable with their position, they know where they play, how they fit into the offense, and you can develop a routine. The disadvantages are if someone gets hurt, or if someone is having a bad day.

I can't say here you can have a break, they have to overcome it. The kids like that and they don't, it's good because it makes them become stronger players, if

that the type of person they are, I see this as a positive thing" said Stowell.

Practice is at a disadvantage because they don't have six other players to play. Sometimes they scrimmage the boys baseball team or a class that comes in.

Returning sophomore Darlene Kier set career records at Auburn High School. "Her talent has allowed us to play at the level we play. She allows us to run a quick offense, to be able to play at the caliber I like to play at," said Stowell.

"Melissa Sitzenstock is the most improved player I ever coached," said Stowell. "Sitzenstock has really developed a lot of confidence in her style of play and has opened up her ability to hit the ball in different ways and has really become a strong and steady player for the team," said Stowell.

Andrea Lancaster is an outside hitter and team captain. "She has a lot of natural leadership ability. She knows where she is and where she wants to be. She is a very confident player, very comfortable with herself and with the team and that's why I chose her to be the captain," said Stowell.

Charity Hani is the back row player. "Charity has played some front row occasionally, she is a very strong passer, team motivator, really hyped, tells it like it is to everybody, she makes sure everyone pulls their own weight," said Stowell.

"Sheela Greenan plays middle and at the beginning of this season, there were games where she couldn't find the court," said Stowell.

Uli Martin has a lot of court sense. When I first saw her play at open gym, I said she's got court sense and she's played a lot of volleyball. She's an outside hitter for us and keeps the team going," said Stowell.

Teresa Rigoni had to overcome a lot of injuries, but Stowell says

Coach Stowell has been named Western Regional Coach of the Year. Stowell was selected by all the other coaches in the conference. Stowell said that she is very surprised about being named coach of the year.

Two of the Gators have been picked to be on the All-Star teams. They are sophomores Darlene Kier and Teresa Rigoni.

By SURINDER GILL  
Staff Writer

The International Programs Center of Green River Community College hosted a luncheon on November 9 in the Glacier Room. International students from the summer and fall '92 quarter were invited to meet with the Faculty heads of instruction and the Members of the Board of Directors of the GRCC foundation.

Some of the members of the Board of Directors at the luncheon were Mike McIntyre, Clare Townsend, Cyril Van Selus, Don Lisko, Donn Adams, Rick Brumfield and Bob Johnson.

Christos Iordanidis, Director of International Programs, welcomed all new students to the campus and briefly summarized about his recent trip to Asia. He also shared his thanks to the GRCC Foundation and its members for their educational sponsorship. Three international students were called upon to give a speech about how they are doing in the college curriculum and how America has affected their lives.

The International Programs center was set up in 1988 with the help of the GRCC Foundation. Nancy Kramer, Program Coordinator manages the Center with the aid of three assistants, Sue Desante, Michelle Mencham and Wendy E. Myers. The Center helps international students to enroll into intensive English and academic classes. It also helps students with social and educational problems that may arise as a result of being in a foreign environment.

"These students bring to us their interest of our culture and ideas in the hope of creating and educational 'alloy' that will best serve and unite us all in a world of peace and prosperity for all," said Iordanidis.

This quarter, there are 180 international students from countries like Japan, Malaysia, Singapore, Norway, Sweden, Mexico, Thailand, Kuwait and many others. GRCC has educated international students from 52 countries.

For the foreign students at GRCC, the International Programs Center plays a significant role to help meet the needs of international students who need help.

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## Writer's Rebuttal

By KIRSTEN ODEGARD  
Copy Editor

Mr. Mortensen:  
Surely you do not intend to state that the Reagan and Bush administrations did anything for the environment or labor—particularly since "freeing up the private sector" is a euphemistic way of saying deregulation, which is responsible for the majority of damage to the environment and the majority of mistreatment of American workers.

I do not suppose that Mr. Bush would like to brag about gutting his Clean Air Act, or the lackadaisical performance of the Occupational Health and Safety Administration, or the many companies who lay off thousands of workers while their executives keep enormous salaries or even get raises.

Never mind the divisive nature of both administrations regarding the "struggle between social classes"—class divisions which they further exacerbated through attempts to make the Civil Rights Act of 1990 look like a "quota bill" (which it never was), and other tactics such as immediately dismissing from the military any confessed homosexuals and comments from George Bush like "I hope a lot of them lose," which he mumbled rather audibly in reference to women senatorial candidates as he sat down — after trumpeting the number of women in his cabinet (as proof of his sense of sexual equality)—during the second debate.

Further, only a few vocal people have given us the idea that to be a "liberal" is something to be ashamed of. Your argument is strictly a personal viewpoint and therefore not consistent with your call for editorial impartiality and balance—which is a misplaced desire considering that editorials are opinions rather than straight news as you would seem to like them

to be.

Also, you are probably correct that most of the media are liberal, since those of us who wear that label also tend to seek the truth and do not like to be lied to and treated as though the American public was a body of ignorant fools who would buy any pleasant sounding happy-talk the Bush Administration would care to release.

As for your distress at my "biased views," of course they are biased. They are opinions. That is why we call them editorials.

Further, it has been proven extensively and repeatedly by the mainstream press that the 128:1 tax myth is indeed a myth. For me to do more than remind readers of its existence would be to state the obvious.

I did not write that Mr. Bush had been proven guilty. The words "treasonous activities" refer to the activities, regardless of who has been implicated. Indeed, as of this writing new evidence has come to light which strongly suggests George Bush WAS involved in the Iran-contra scandal.

If you would like to find for us quotes from the Democrats which are as humorously muddled as Dan Quayle's, we would certainly run them also. In the meantime, the only quotes we have been able to find of this caliber of humor have come from the vice president.

Lastly, if we had any editorials which were pro-Bush we would have included them. The simple fact is that we printed all that we had, and I advise you to read another newspaper or turn the page if you do not agree, since, as I will make clear one last time, these were editorial columns and not subject to the rule of impartiality.

Many major newspapers frequently run only right-wing editorials on any given day. Have you thought about writing to them about their lack of balance?

## Nature: Is it worth all the hassle?

By NOLAN MCSHERIDAN  
Staff Writer

Driving down Green Valley road one can easily see the nature of Washington State.

Local farms sell fresh strawberries, raspberries and blueberries. There are several produce stands that sell locally grown corn, beans and tomatoes. At Christmas you can buy your tree from the tree farm.

Green River flows through the valley. This river offers various recreational uses such as canoeing, rafting and steelhead fishing. In the fall salmon return to the creeks and spawn. The county saw what was happening in the Kent Auburn valley, and decided the blight of ugly warehouses and development would not encroach on the serene setting of the upper Green valley. In 1972 the county, through zoning regulations, made it impossible to sub-divide property into anything smaller than ten acres.

The county then passed the Farmland Preservation Bond. This bond would preserve farm land forever. The plan was to buy development rights to farms so they would stay in production and not be driven out by skyrocketing property taxes.

In 1989, King county voters passed proposition two, the Open Space Bond. The wording in the voters pamphlet would lead people to believe that open space and greenbelts would be preserved. Both of these programs were supposedly voluntary. The people who had land that could qualify for either of these programs couldn't sub-divide to the minimum 10 acre tracts that are allowed under zoning restrictions. In return for their civic mindfulness, the county would tax them at a lower rate.

One of the programs that was buried in the bond proposition is a bicycle equestrian and pedestrian trail from Auburn Narrows Park near highway 18 to

Flaming Geyser State Park. This trail will make use of preserved farmland and property acquired by the open space bond. Land that is currently not in the program will be purchased by the county. If the landowner refuses to sell, the county will exercise their right of eminent domain and condemn private property.

Local residents are unhappy with the trail, which in some cases will split their property in two. A group that is representing property owners, The Upper Green Valley Preservation Society, has retained the services of a law firm to represent them in their law suit against the county. Special interest groups that favor construction of this trail refuse to discuss any alternatives or compromises with the local people.

This issue of property rights versus special interest groups should be of concern to every one. Anyone's house or land could be next.

## Gym weights for funding

By SURINDER GILL  
Staff Writer

Everyday students of Green River Community College utilize the facilities of the Physical Education Building. The equipment in the Weight Training Room is almost 20 years old and as we are in the '90s, there is a need to improve the present condition of facilities and equipment at Green River Community College.

The weight training room needs significant improvement. Among other things, there should be carpeting on the floor. Remodeling should be done to enhance the image of the gym. The Universal gym equipment is old and outdated. There should be more and newer machines like the Nautilus. The showers should be upgraded and hygienic and sanitary awareness must be observed in order to prevent bacterial infections like Athlete's feet.

"The Gym is one of the most used facility in GRCC, there should be more Nautilus machines, mirrors and carpeting in the weight training room," said Larry Turnbull, a GRCC instructor.

According to the Dean Preising, a physical fitness instructor, weight machines need to be bolted to the ground to prevent accidents that may occur as a result of loose equipment. Presently, the bench press, the squat rack and the free lifting equipment, slide or come off the floor when one is using them. The auxiliary, Universal weight machines, and the cable machines on the west wall are not in the appropriate state for lifting. He also said more treadmills, stairmasters and a Nordic track Cross-Country ski machine should be included to create a variety for students to use. There is a lack of Dumbbells ranging from 3 1/2 pounds to 50 pounds. Mirrors are very beneficial to students because they help to analyze their form when lifting weights.

The Green River Foundation has done a lot to help promote a fitness related wellness program by creating a fitness trail with pavement and exercise stations to center the needs of the students as well as the community of Auburn. If the administration is able to improve the facilities, the community should be al-

lowed to use it during the evenings and on weekends when there are no classes. A fee should be charged for using the equipment to prevent abuse of it and to help pay for its maintenance.

Mike Behrbaum, who has been in GRCC for 18 years also agrees that modification of the gym has to be done. He said that a budget has been set aside to buy new equipment but it may take time to upgrade the facilities of the gym.

There have been instances where by students have been hurt as a result of lack of supervision in the Weight Training Room. There is also a liability of a lawsuit against the administration if there is an injury as a result of poor supervision during free period. The Green River Foundation has done a lot to help but we need the community to come forward to help.

Preising also added that other on-campus faculty and staff using the weight training room would benefit from supervision as it will not only improve their mental state of mind but also their physical state of being by getting the appropriate instruction.

## Coppola's Dracula doesn't bite

By Angela Gosswiller  
Staff writer

Francis Ford Coppola's new film, Bram Stoker's Dracula opened last Friday the 13 to packed houses and rave reviews. In many theaters, tickets were oversold and moviegoers had to sit on the floor or folding chairs.

All this was for a good reason; Dracula is an outstanding movie, although at times the storyline took a noticeable backseat to the artistic direction and cinematography.

Watching the movie was like stepping back into the Victorian era, except for the very modern amount of cleavage on screen.

Dracula, which is the the director's vision of Bram Stoker's book and a lesser known short story by the author, starts with the origins of Prince Dracula, tragic warrior and lover, Vlad the Impaler whose

reward for defending the Church is the death of his wife. Cursing the Church he gains the immortal, but soulless life of a blood-sucker.

The movie is a star studied film with Winona Ryder as Mina Murray, Dracula's (Gary Oldman) re-incarnated love and Keanu Reeves as Jonathan Harker, Mina's somewhat stuffy fiancée who is chosen to replace Dracula's legal adviser after he went mad with bloodlust. Anthony Hopkins appears in a cameo role as a wisecracking vampire expert.

Dracula was a beautifully filmed movie and the plot was enough to keep you interested, but alas! it had one small but fatal flaw: Keanu Reeve's hair. In the story, his character's hair turns white from fear after being kept captive by three beautiful, turned on and bloodthirsty vampire

brides.

Unfortunately his hair dresser used a watersoluble graying agent and halfway through his escape from Dracula's castle in rain and snow, Reeve's hair becomes his old Point Break brown again. After that, he showed up in every scene with a different color hair. Very distracting.

That, however, was the only major mistake, although newcomer Sadie Frost's performance as Lucy Westerna, Mina's rich party girl friend was a little weak. Frost tried hard, but she came off more like a 1-976 ad than an elegant but man hungry Victorian woman.

Dracula is definitely worth the ticket price and should be seen while it runs in theaters. The dark colors and attention to detail won't play well on a TV screen making it a poor rental for those of us without wide screen TV's.

## Finals schedule

All classes will meet during the week of final exams as scheduled below. Whether or not an instructor administers a final examination is decided by the instructor in accordance with division policy.

December fourth has been designated as a study day.

### Monday, December 7

8 a.m. to 10 a.m.	All 8 a.m. classes
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.	All 11 a.m. classes
2 p.m. to 4 p.m.	All 11a.m. classes
4 p.m. to 6 p.m.	Available test time for classes with conflicts* and noon hour classes.

### Tuesday, December 8

8 a.m. to 10 a.m.	All 9 a.m. classes
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.	All 1 p.m. classes
2 p.m. to 4 p.m.	All 4 p.m. classes
4 p.m. to 6 p.m.	Available test time for classes with conflicts.

### Wednesday, December 9

8 a.m. to 10 a.m.	All 10 a.m. classes
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.	All 2 p.m. classes
2 p.m. to 4 p.m.	Tuesday- Thursday classes that don't fit regular scheduled time. Available test time for classes with conflicts.*

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## Matt's Corner

### Donuts, frats, and action movies

By MATT STEELE  
Staff Writer

Since I was up in Federal Way, I stopped at Dunkin' Donuts. Man, was that place splib. From the greasy hot pink and white tables to the homosexual that was serving us, the place reeked of cheapness. But the thing that was the worst was the cheezy trumpet-effect-synthesizer-with-an-electronic-beat music. That really bothered me. The donut was good, however, it was not for dunkin' though, cause that cup of joe was a sour brew and definitely didn't fly with me. So just take the donuts home and brew your own java.

I saw Passenger 57. It was a fast paced nonstop action movie. And for as far as an action movie goes it was a good one. Yup.

Over the weekend I went down to a frat party at the U.W. It wasn't how I imagined. I looked forward to a beer drinking animal house party. It fell slightly short of my hopes. Maybe it was the people, they just didn't let their hair down. The band was getting all funky and nobody was grooving it. Speaking of the band, Marble Sun, the only highlight of the evening, played very well. Unfortunately, a wood paneled basement doesn't provide the best sound. Even so, the crowd was dead. It wasn't as if they weren't drunk enough, it just seemed that they were a little inhibited. At least the frat house itself provided some entertainment with it's white roof, Scooby-Doo kitchen, and beer machine, so I found myself slightly amused. Otherwise, it bombed. It truly astonishes me when a good band is jamming around a bunch of inebriated people and no one moved. Jeez.

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