

'Dead Mr. Ed' still plagues campus



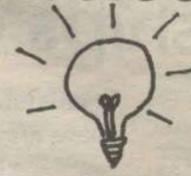
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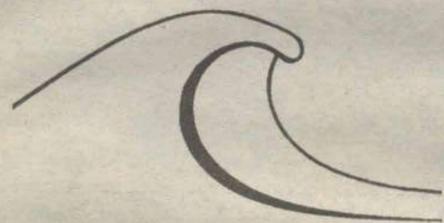


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Toni Edwards: Vice President

Toni Edwards was elected to the position of vice president in the student elections in this week's elections. Edwards received 407 votes, more than any other candidate.

Edwards was a 1991 graduate of Federal Way High School.

While at GRCC, Edwards has been a freshman senator. Her main focus has been on the multi-cultural issues. Edwards would like to see GRCC become a multi-cultural campus, not just in image, but in involvement. "I am open to new ideas and I want change in order to move forward and improve the campus," she said.

While in the office of vice president, Edwards feels her responsibility is to work closely with the senators and encourage them to motivate the students into taking a larger role in the decision making processes.

Marek Brustad: sophomore senator

With 257 votes, Marek Brustad was elected sophomore senator. Brustad graduated from Enumclaw High School in 1991.

While in office Brustad wants to insure that the students' money is spent responsibly.

"I want to let them (the students) know what their responsibilities are and help them become more involved." Brustad stated in an interview.

Increasing tuition and student protection are other issues that are of a major importance to Brustad.

Eckhoff wins election

Dawna Bird
Business Manager

In a narrow margin, 278 to 270, Don Eckhoff won over Larry Slover as ASGRCC President in the elections, Wed. The elections brought out 8.9 percent of the student body, just short of last year's record of 10.02 percent. "This has been a very emotional campaign. Everyone has put his heart and soul into this race." Grant Bonham (current president) stated as he read the race results.

As ASGRCC President, Eckhoff has high expectations. He has many programs that he would like to encourage. Including:

* Daycare:

Students with children will find light at the end of the tunnel in the near future, according to Eckhoff. Until then, he is going to initiate a referral program to help assist parents in finding quality daycare for their children. Eckhoff would like to create a list of quality providers and have it accessible to students.

* Recycling:

Eckhoff feels that Green River has a quality recycling program but he would like to see it taken a few steps further. He would like to see recycling receptacles in all of the major building entrances. Eckhoff would also like to encourage more recycling of glass and plastics and he will work with Gina Stewart on finding an outlet for styrofoam. "In order to improve things globally you have to start locally," is Eckhoff's motto.

* International students:

A better program to help international students adjust to the American college system is among the top issues for Eckhoff. He is going to encourage them and help find the means to become more involved in student programs and student government.

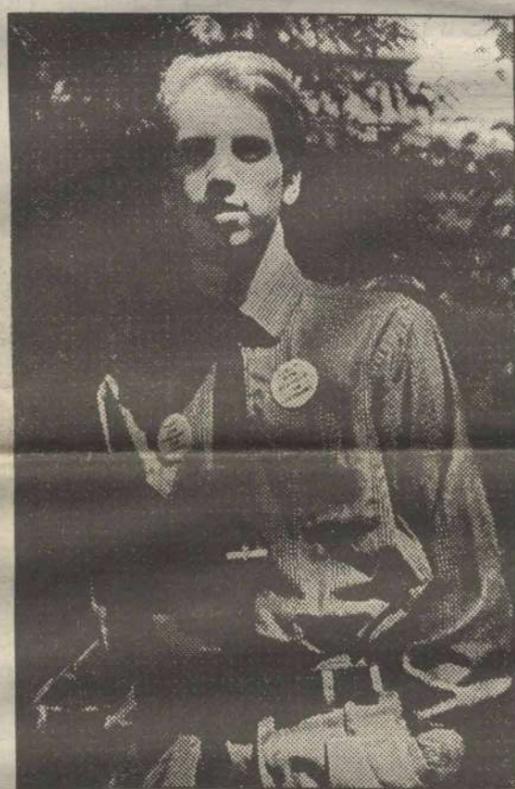
* Evening students:

"Evening students have no voice, I want to give them a voice." Eckhoff declared. He would like to propose an evening student senate. By having a senate at night, these students will be able to vote on all bills that are proposed.

The "Spotlight at Night" program suggested by Larry Slover is something that Eckhoff endorses. This is a great opportunity for local talent to come and play for the GRCC students and for the campus radio station, KGRG, to cover the event.

Eckhoff also plans on getting even more whistles and safety awareness programs for night students.

* Faculty contracts:



Newly elected ASGRCC President Don Eckhoff won Wednesday's election by eight votes.

Free massages at health fair May 7

Representatives for the local health organizations in the area will be available to answer questions and concerns of Green River Students in the Lindbloom Center, May 7 at 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

The GRCC physical therapy students will be giving FREE massages at the Health Fair. Lung volume testing, blood pressure, and heart risk assessments are some of the other services offered during this fair.

A blood drive will also be taking place on May 7 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Contact Ann Darling at ext. 330 for more information.

René Teterud: sophomore senator

The second of four Sophomore senators elected was René Teterud.

Teterud graduated from Enumclaw High School in 1991. Since Teterud has been at GRCC, she has served on the judicial board. She is special event coordinator and is a student member on the tenure committee.

Teterud's goals are to continue to support the carpool program, to help get more light on campus for the night students and to support the recycling programs that are already in place. She also feels that students should be kept informed of the tuition costs and what they, as students, can do to help keep tuition cost down.

Teterud wants to be a senator that students feel that they can come to with their problems and know that she will help them find a solution.

Shannon Lyman: sophomore senator

Shannon Lyman won the position of sophomore senator with 273 votes. Lyman graduated from Kent Ridge High School in 1991.

At GRCC, Lyman has served on the Judicial Board as an associate justice. She also sponsored the Racism seminar and helped plan the trip to Olympia for the senators.

Lyman's goals are to help improve campus security and encourage the planned daycare program. Lyman wants the students to feel free to come to her with their problems and concerns and she will help them to get a quick response.

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Scholarships are everywhere

By Victoria Guevara
Staff Writer

Scholarships and grant monies worth \$6.6 billion go unused every year in this country. According to the Association of Fund Raising Council Inc. there are more than 23,000 foundations in the United States that fund students, and more than 80 percent of the applications for funds are misdirected or filled out inappropriately.

More than \$7 billion yearly is available from corporations, and of that only \$400 million is used. Private sector funds are abundant; 65 percent of the

scholarships, grants, and loans are from this source.

The sources for scholarships are numerous. Age, income, or ethnic orientation does not matter; in some cases these factors could be advantageous. Everyone is eligible.

With state and federal aid programs decreasing, many young people as well as adults do not consider college because of financial reasons.

This does not have to pose a problem. With some investigation, finding scholarships to apply for is fairly simple and the criteria varies. Availability

ranges from local churches to unions to wealthy individuals donating money for higher education.

Students seeking scholarships may check the library, unions, businesses, and churches. They should read the criteria carefully: deadlines, dollar amount, conditions, and ethnic background.

Students should carefully complete applications, including cover letter, grades, and letters of recommendation.

Save copies and mail first class. Being honest, informative, and sincere will be beneficial.

Elizabeth Warner: sophomore senator

Elizabeth Warner was elected to the sophomore senate, with 291 votes. Warner was unavailable for interview.

John Nyhuis: senator-at-large

John Nyhuis, elected senator-at-large Wed., believes "Open minds will always hold the path to the future." Nyhuis graduated from Auburn High School 1991.

While in office, Nyhuis is concerned with student safety. He wants to insure that the students stay more informed with the way their money is spent. Nyhuis would also like to see the highlights of the meetings published regularly.

Eckhoff wins campaign

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Eckhoff wants to do everything in his power as president to help avoid a strike. He will also assist in encouraging a quick solution to the faculty contracts that are renewable at the end of summer quarter.

* Community service:

An Adopt a Highway program, according to Eckhoff, is just one of the many things that GRCC student could do to help the community and project a good image of the college.

* Carpooling:

"The carpooling program started by Senator Hix was a great program. It exceeded all expectations. This summer I would like to encourage this program to high school students coming to the campus."

Over all Eckhoff wants to be a president for the students. He wants to have an open door policy in his office. "If you have a problem, complaint or solution please come to me."

Rudolph Grein: senator-at-large

Rudolph Grein was elected to the position of sophomore senator.

Grein spent three years in the Marine Corps as an Assistant Non-commissioned Officer in charge of the training and licensing department. He was known as their "idea man". Grein feels that the skills he learned in the service will give him a better edge to helping represent the students of GRCC.

In 1992 Grein received his GED from Green River. He is currently working on his Associates in Arts degree.

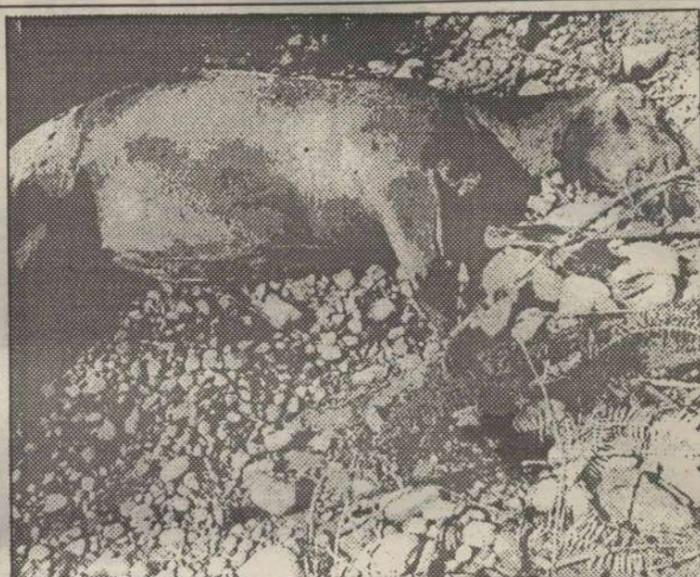
Grein's main objective is to encourage students to become more involved in the college. He would especially like to see more programs and events for the night students.

In an interview Grein stated, "I am here from 7:30 in the morning to 9 p.m. If you (the students) have a problem I am here to listen and I am not afraid to get involved."

Darci Mattioda: senator-at-large

With 313 votes, Darci Mattioda was elected as senator-at-large. This is Mattioda's second year at GRCC.

In the position of senator-at-large, Mattioda's goals are to improve education and the teaching system. She would like to see more tutoring available for students. Her main goal is to help assist in establishing a daycare system to benefit both the students that have children and the student who is studying childhood education.



Mr. Ed is dead . . . now what?

Dead horse will remain on campus

The carcass of a dead horse will remain where it lies, allowing nature to take care of nature. The horse, discovered on April 3, died of a broken neck when it fell into a ravine in a wooded area near the campus.

School officials, after conferring with the De-

partment of Health and Resources, decided that the safest option would be to camouflage the carcass and close the trail. No chemicals will be used to aid decomposition, to prevent possible contamination of a nearby stream.

The owner of the horse remains unknown.

Audition for music company

The Green River Music Company Professional Entertainment Training program will be holding auditions in the Performing Arts building at 1:00pm on May 10, and 2:00 on May 11.

The auditions will be for Vocalists (soprano, alto, tenor, baritone, and bass), Rythm (keyboard, guitar, bass, and drums), and Horns (trumpet, trombone, and sax).

Vocalists will be required to perform three songs from memory, and will be evaluated based upon stage presence, musicianship, and style. Rythm musicians will read simple chord charts, with an emphasis on musicianship. Horn players will be evaluated on tone, intonation, and basic reading, and are required to place an appointment for auditions before May 15.

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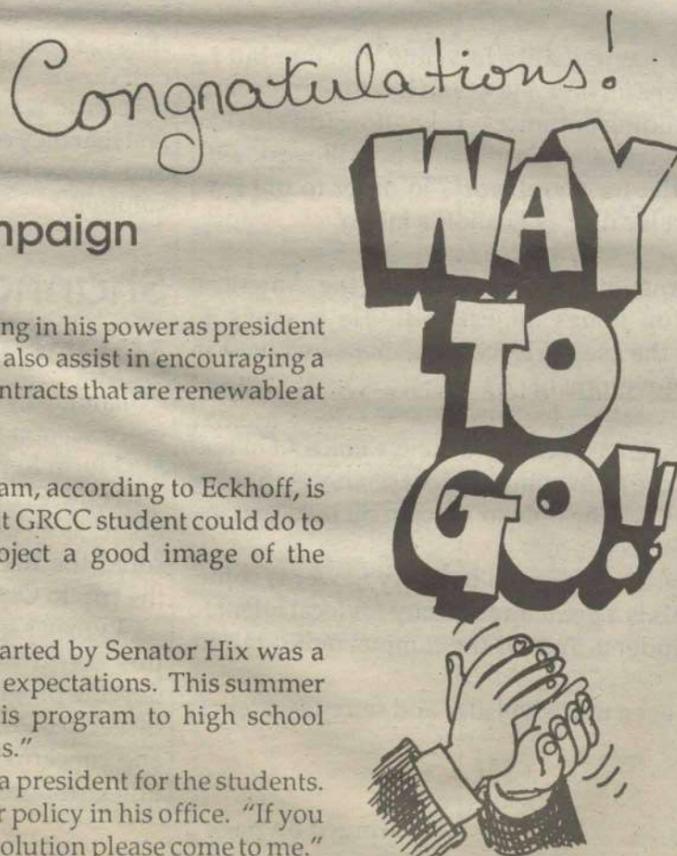
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Take the dive of your life in Canada

Sandy Forman
GRCC Student

Bungee jumping may be considered the ultimate rush for those adventure seekers willing to go to the time and expense involved, Nanaimo Island, in beautiful British Columbia, provides the perfect setting for this activity. The Bungee Zone Co. has erected a 180 foot bridge spanning the Nanaimo River, built solely for this purpose. On a nice day, business is so good that customers sometimes have to wait up to three hours for the opportunity to hurl themselves head first off the now famous bridge. One might wonder just what kind of person seeks after this kind of thrill.

When I went, exactly a

year ago, I found quite a variety of people, from elderly folks to college students. There were fat people, thin people, rich people, poor people, athletes and klutzes, and plenty of people who just came to watch, like my children. We brought our mountain bikes and make the weekend a family adventure. My oldest son, who was 12, went with the notion that he, too, would jump.

Before the jump, I had to weigh in (Probably the worst part of the day, because they wrote the weight on your hand with a permanent marker. It took forever to get it off). From your weight, it is determined from which of the

two cords you will jump. The lowest weight on the chart was 90 pounds and the heaviest was 299. I think my son was relieved that he weighed less than 90 pounds, so he was off the hook.

After watching several people jump in the three hours I had to wait, I came to the conclusion that this activity was perfectly safe and sane. However, when I ascended the 50 steps to the bridge, I was getting a little shaky. The worker calmly and professionally tied my feet to the bungee cord with a seat-belt-like strap and a towel. By the time I was perched on the jumping platform, I was seriously questioning my sanity.

I had such a difficult time

getting up the nerve to jump that I heard my ten-year-old son shout, "Push her!" This did not inspire confidence. I kept thinking about all the people I had told that I was going to do this and how chicken I was being and how I was too young to die. Finally, the person in charge, said, "Okay lady, we're counting down from 5 and you're going. 5...4...3...2...1. I closed my eyes and went. It seemed like time stopped for a moment. I'm certain that I had no pulse. Down I went and just my hands touched the water, I gently bounced back up almost to the bridge. I was so surprised to be alive. In fact, I felt extremely alive. I bounced up and down several times,

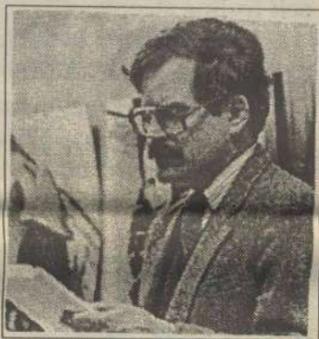
each time with less height and velocity until I was lowered to a waiting raft in the river.

Another fear in a thirty-something year-old's life conquered. My children thought I was a hero. My family thought I was nuts or surely going through a mid-life crisis. With all the expenses for the weekend including hotel, gas, ferry ride, food, a video tape of the jump (for proof), a tee-shirt, and of course the jump, it was the most expensive two-minute thrill I've ever had. But it was worth it. On reflection, I am very glad I did it — but I don't have the urge to do it again.

What's next? Skydiving, maybe.

Vietnam war symposium back for the sixth year

By Ray Carter
Staff Writer



David Willson

File photo

The 6th Annual Vietnam War Writers Symposium begins at 7:30 P.M. on Friday the fifteenth of May in SS 8. Featured in the Symposium are authors David Eyre (*Float*), Gregg P. Jorgenson (*Acceptable Loss: An Infantryman's Perspective of Vietnam; Inches To Live, Seconds To Die*), Elizabeth Ann Scarborough (*The Healer's War*), Robert Schlosser (*The Humidity*

Readings), Jerome Gold (*The Negligence of Death; The Inquisitor; Life at the End of Time: Stories and Essays*), and Green River Community College's resident author and Symposium sponsor, David Willson (*REMF Diary; The REMF Returns*)

The evening will open with a brief introduction by Symposium Moderator and Sponsor, David Willson, followed by reading by the

participating writers and audience members. Audience members and authors will then be given an opportunity to chat and purchase signed editions of the authors' books, after which the audience and authors will participate in a formal discussion session.

Willson looks forward to the event this year, saying he "likes it better, now that the room's cleaned up." The

Symposium is held in SS-8, the former Nigel Adams Room.

Assisting Willson in conducting the Symposium will be Jean-Jacque Malo (Author of *Vietnam War Filmography*) acting as Music and Program Facilitator, with art provided by Peggy Caudill, and Videotaping and Other Media Services donated by Steve Carkeek.

Comic books soar to new heights

By Paul L. Jensen
GRCC Student

With Pulitzer Prizes and \$50,000 price tags, comic books are not just for children anymore.

The 1930s and 40s were the golden age of comics, introducing such characters as Superman, Captain America, Wonder Woman, and many others still familiar today. This era acquired its name because the sheer numbers of comics sold far outnumbered those at any other time in the history of the industry - until recently. The 1950s saw an almost extinction of the comic book industry, but 1959 marked a new birth for some of these aging super heroes, and the creation of many new ones, including Spiderman and Batman. Children were once again experiencing the adventure of comic books at 10 cents a copy. This marked the beginning of the "Silver Age."

By 1970 the market had taken a slump. Publishers had little to moderate success. By the 1980s many of the children that had been reading the comics of the Silver Age were adults, and they were again children. They were willing to pay large sums of money, sometimes thousands of dollars, to acquire certain rare volumes. Comic book collecting became a craze that still has yet to find a peak. Earlier this year, at the fashionable Sotheby's auction house in New York City, a first edition "Spiderman" sold for more than \$14,000, and an early "Batman" brought around \$50,000.

The numbers of comics sold today dwarf those of the Golden Age. The original comics were never intended to be collected. They were printed on inexpensive newsprint with acidic inks, a combination that did not lend well to the preservation of the magazine. Today's market, however, is geared toward the collector and toward most age groups.

The success of the market today can be traced, at least in some part, to the older audience. According to *Comics*

Buyer's Guide, the average age of the comic book purchaser today is 35. One reason for this interest by adults is the art in the comic books. It is geared for adult tastes and has evolved from the simplistic work of Golden and Silver Ages to the dazzling, eye catching work of some of today's artists.

Three of the most popular artists, each with loyal followings, are Todd McFarlane, Rob Liefeld, and Jim Lee. McFarlane, a Vancouver B.C. resident, had such a strong following that when Marvel Comics had him take over the art for "Amazing Spiderman," the circulation tripled on the first issue. McFarlane, Liefeld, and Lee have just recently formed their own label under which they will put their work out themselves.

The storylines are also reaching out for older audiences. 1992 found a comic book called "Maus" by Art Spiegelman winning a Pulitzer Prize for its portrayal of the Holocaust using mice as its principal characters. Steven Grant is the writer of the popular "Punisher" series which is about a Vietnam veteran whose wife is killed by muggers, who turns into a psychotic vigilante roaming the streets with many different types of high-tech weaponry. Grant is also working on a comic book about the assassination of John F. Kennedy that should be on the newsstands sometime this fall. He says it will be a "build your own conspiracy book", where at the end of each page the reader chooses from a list of options what he believes happened, then turns to the corresponding page where that part continues. There are many other titles that are geared toward older audiences as well, including pornographic works.

Comic books have come a long way from the Golden Age and, with the changes they have made, are not just for children anymore.

Retraction:

The Current recently erred in stating that Toni Edwards was the multi-cultural services advisor when in fact she is the cultural and fine arts coordinator. Girtha Reed is the multi-cultural advisor.

Support offered for homosexuals on campus

Counseling Services will be offering a weekly support group for gay men, lesbians and bisexuals at GRCC.

If interested, please call ext. 292 and leave your name, address and phone number on the voice message.

The group will meet on Tuesdays from 12-1 starting May 12.

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Feature

Parking problem plagues disabled

By Yankee Randles
GRCC Student

Parking at Green River Community College can be a problem for everyone; however for the disabled person it can be a nightmare.

The purpose of parking spaces for the disabled is to make available parking close to easy access routes to the main buildings on campus. These spaces are identifiable by a blue sign signifying parking for the disabled, and a yellow wheelchair painted on the ground in the center of each parking space. Currently GRCC has 23 of these spaces scattered around the various parking lots that service the college.

According to Iris Westdyk, assistant director of parking security on campus, 150 permanent permits are available to use these spaces. These permits are limited to one year in length before they need to be renewed. Westdyk points out that temporary permits can also be obtained for those people who have short-term disability. There

are two ways to apply for a permit. First, those whose disability is obvious through visual observation may get a permit. Second, a letter from a doctor may get officials from the college to issue a permit. Permit requests are reviewed at the admission office and there is no additional charge for them.

The biggest problem parking security has with these spaces, according to Westdyk, is that non-eligible drivers park their cars there. When security finds an illegally parked car they will issue a campus ticket. If a student does not pay the tickets, grades and transcripts will be withheld. King County Police often will cruise the parking lots and will also issue tickets to illegally parked cars.

With only 23 spaces set aside for the disabled driver, demand sometimes is greater than supply. If this should occur, the disabled driver may use any of the 250 spaces designated for staff without being cited, according to Westdyk.

Balloon Wizards twist magic

By Ray Tellier
Staff Writer

In recent months restaurants have seen the need for entertainment between the time patrons order and the time they receive their food. This is where Rick Scherek and his company of Balloon Wizards come in.

Scherek's company trains people to make animals, hats and other various things to entertain the patrons.

Scherek first learned to make balloon animals in

New York and then refined the talent in San Francisco. He then got the idea to work in restaurants in the Puget Sound. Scherek has been in Seattle for about a year but is now expanding to South King county. Scherek holds training sessions one day a week for prospective employees. Scherek expects the trainees to practice at least 30 minutes to one hour to increase speed.

Balloon Wizards is the

largest company specializing in restaurants in the Northwest. The company presently has contracts with 14 people and looking for more all the time. There are presently 25 restaurants who have a balloon Wizard come in and entertain for about three or four nights. Scherek states, "we are not for kids anymore, parents as well as kids are getting into trying to stump the balloon guy."

Just for the health of it: I dare you to drive safely and save your life...the ultimate health promoting action

By Ann Darling
Director of Health Services

Beginning at age 13, the auto injury and fatality rates for teenagers and young adults increase each year. This means that not only your health at risk -- but indeed your very life is at risk -- every time you step into an automobile! Take a pro-active approach and protect health and life by following these simple ideas.

*ALWAYS buckle your seat belt when you get into a car and always wear a

seat belt with a shoulder strap on every car trip. This means to the grocery store or around the block, as well as here to Timbuktoo.

*NEVER get into a car with a driver who has been using mind altering substances, be they alcohol or drugs. The idea of a designated driver is one you should keep in mind whenever you are out with the group.

*KNOW who you are driving with: do they have good driving skills? If you are driving with an

inexperienced driver, don't do distracting things.

*STOP and rest, or take a breather, or a walk, or get a cup of tea, or coffee, if you are on a trip and find yourself feeling sleepy.

*REMEMBER it's better to be late, than dead on time!

*THINK before you get into an automobile; it is a very powerful instrument.

Stop by either the State Patrol booth of the Kent Drinking Driver Task Force booth at the Health Fair and discuss these issues some more on May 7th in the Lindbloom Student Center.

Smoking Pavilion in the works for GRCC campus

Ray Carter
Staff Writer

The Smoking Sub-Committee of the Green River Community College Health and Campus Design Committee currently proposes to erect a smoking "pavilion" west of the Lindbloom Student Center, between the Student Center and the Science and Technology Complex, at a cost of between \$8,000.00 and \$15,000.00, depending on the source.

The stated goal of the Committee is to move smokers away from the entrances to buildings on campus, so that non-smokers may enter and exit without wading through clouds of second-hand smoke. Committee members include Mike MacIntyre (Chair), Tom Wiseweaver, Lue Larson, Teri Gautiere, Larry Turnbull, and Bernie Bleha.

Towards this end, GRCC Facilities Director Tom Wiseweaver states signs are already going up through-

out campus, with other unnamed groups on campus attempting to terminate the sales of tobacco on campus.

Wiseweaver views the "pavilion" as a shelter, not a "facility" under the terms of the Executive Order barring smoking in state facilities, thus allowable for construction. This conclusion is based on the fact that the "pavilion" will be open to the weather on at least one side, unheated, and only possibly lit.

The "pavilion" is presently in the design phase, with several designs to be presented to the GRCC Cabinet (consisting of the President and the Vice Presidents) for final approval prior to construction on May 15th, according to sources. Facilities will fund the project from savings in its' allocated budget, according to Facilities Project Manager Lue Larson.

Aggregate panels have already, prior to project ap-

proval, been ordered, but Larson states that these panels have a multitude of uses, thus the order is appropriate.

Not all members of the campus community have been unqualified in their endorsements of this project.

"It's certainly gracious of the powers that be to acknowledge that drug addiction is a fact of life in America and erect an edifice to it," says David Willson, GRCC Librarian, "What's next? Building a Crack house, or a coffee pavilion? Perhaps a campus tavern for persons who choose to drink beer? Monuments to persons who choose to indulge strike me as a wrongful use of funds...there's no moral difference between this pavilion and building a crack house."

First year student Sandy Van Kirk shares "I'm a smoker, but I think the money could be better spent. More ashtrays might

be nice." Third year student Scott Manchester succinctly added "Ridiculous!! Stupid!!" Mary Stegman, a 2nd year student, stated "Segregating smoking is impossible" suggesting that more work is needed before the project is approved, and "I think it could be a project from the wood shop".

Willson went on to add, "Given the choice between kissing a smoker and kissing an ash-tray, I think I'd choose the ashtray - the ashtray could be washed."

Persons favoring the smoking shelter were more difficult to find. I.E., outside of the persons proposing it, this reporter is still waiting.



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Elections become endorsing grounds

By Ray Carter
Staff Writer

Not unsurprisingly, the field of candidates narrowed even before the election. Presidential candidate Bruce Hix was disqualified from the race at 11:30 am on Monday, April 27th immediately prior to the noon time Candidate Forum in the Student Center due to insufficient academic credits. Simultaneously, candidates for the positions of ASGRCC Senator-at-large and Sophomore Senator were persuaded to trade slots on the ballot in order to preserve their eligibility for the respective offices.

"Doing it at the last minute like that smacks of dirty tricks - that, or

just incompetence..." says a well-known campus pundit in discussing the last-minute disqualification of Hix and the Senatorial candidate-juggling.

In yet another surprise development, Chief Justice Alex Reiter was observed Tuesday evening campaigning for Presidential candidate Larry Slover, and another Justice served as Don Eckhoffs campaign manager.

The bag'o' election surprises was not yet exhausted that fine Monday. Though disqualified, ex-candidate Hix spoke as a candidate at the Candidate Forum. Hix endorsed

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Letter to the editor:

Dear Editor,

Thank you very much for your recent coverage of our student government elections. I greatly appreciate your time in sharing information about the elections with the student body.

However, I have serious reservations about the "editorial" you printed entitled "Chaos or corruption - Or just politics as usual?" by Steve Olson and Ray Carter (April 24, 1992). First of all, in my experience with journalism (which consists of about six years worth), I have always understood an editorial to be an opinion based on facts. You clearly left the facts in exchange for a sensationalistic piece of writing that you hoped would elicit a response. Usually I would do no

more than line a bird cage with this, but I feel that someone should let you know that even under the title "editorial," accuracy should be foremost in your coverage. I keep hearing the claim that because it is an editorial, it is okay to say anything you want. I disagree with this position. I think you have had your fun, but it has been at the expense of some very hard working individuals who deserve more from their campus newspaper.

Secondly, I have been chairing the Senate all year, and I have yet to see either Mr. Olson or Mr. Carter at any of our meetings. While they claim to have done extensive and painful research, neither has even been to a meeting of the body about which they purport to know so

much. The claims that Senate rubber-stamps each bill that comes through, and that we work with nearly a million dollars are two signs of the ignorance they exhibited in their writing (one recent bill failed 8-7, and we had \$10,600 to work with at the beginning of the year). Furthermore, throughout the time I have been involved, I have not seen anyone imbibing or procreating at any meetings of student government or student programs.

Finally, I would like to thank you for your assessment of me as a beauty contest winner. I have never before thought of myself in that capacity.

Sincerely,

Jason W. Boyd
ASGRCC Vice

President

Alumni returns to old stomping ground to trip down memory lane

Steven Smith
GRCC Alumni

It's been said you can't go home again. Well, as a alumni of Green River Community College, I figured I'd give it a try anyway.

I'm definitely glad that I did.

I graduated from Green River in 1985 after two years of attending classes and working at the Current and KGRG. For those of you now on air, I'll date myself a little... I was a freshman disc jockey at the station the year the control board you're working at was installed. You can figure out how old it is now.

By the way, the equipment in the production studio (at least the main board) was here then as well. None of us know how old it is.

It seemed strange

walking around the campus again, going into the cafeteria and standing in the balcony of the student center, looking out over students who were dining and studying. So many things here have changed, yet so many things are still the same.

I ran into Bruce Compton at a student government meeting. I spoke with Ed Eaton, got advice from him (for the umpteenth thousand time). I even stood before a class and spoke.

But what I really enjoyed about coming back was speaking to the newswriting students and some of the present staffers of the Current. In all of the time I spent on the staff here, on the campus, working long hours with less equipment

than the newspaper has now, I never thought I'd come back and have the students asking me the same questions I asked the media professionals when they came to campus.

My god, what a rush.

The experience was a little like going through de-ja-vu. The radio station is still one of the busiest places on campus, the newspaper office is still a mess. I guess some things never seem to change.

Then again, that's what the idea behind going home is really all about... seeing how much has changed and how much remains the same. The issues are still pretty much the same, as well — I came on campus the day of student government elections.

I think I surprised some of the Current

staffers, though. The newspaper was embroiled in a dispute with student government over election tactics and editorials that were published.

All it meant to me is that it was further proof that things don't change, even after eight years. When I was on staff — in the era of John Merrill, Matt Massey, Steve Bird and Mike Papritz, to name a few — we battled with student government.

It's amazing to see the parallels between then and now. But more important, I was able to step back from who I am now, look back at the person who I was then and realize what lessons I learned while at Green River than helped me learn the bigger lessons...

The lessons of life.

Coming to Green

River, I sort of saw myself as being someone who came from the school of hard knocks. Leaving Green River, I was ready to set the world on fire.

Coming back to Green River, I now know I was wrong about both. But the lessons I learned between the coming here and coming back have carried me through the last eight years.

I've always felt at home at Green River. I guess I always will.

Yes, someone did once say you can't go home again. But it can't hurt to at least try.

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Staff extends its thanks

The Editorial Staff of the Current extends its thanks to those individuals who came to offer input and share their views with us after the publication of our last issue. Your comments and outlooks are valued by the Editorial Staff, and we look forward to hearing more from you in the future.

We acknowledge that our article was not error-free, and that we are not infallible. We would, however, remind our readers that editorials are composed simply of the opinion and perceptions of the writer(s) and while every effort should be made to hue closely to known fact, the amount of opinion and hyperbole per paragraph is typically higher in editorials than in news articles.

Having noted some difficulty on the part of various members of our reading public in distinguishing sarcasm, cynicism, and satire from personal attack, we will include in all future articles containing humor the following notice:

WARNING: *This article contains humor, satire, or sarcasm. Humor-impaired persons should seek out a person with a fully functioning sense of humor for interpretive purposes to assist in reading this article.*

It's mom's day so start pricing that crock-pot!

Ezra Bredstrand
Staff Writer

That big day that we all look forward to every year is on its way. May 10, is Mother's Day.

As the big day approaches I ask myself those same questions that I ask every year. What do I get Mom? What do I make for dinner? And the infamous, Why the heck do Mothers get their own holiday anyway?

What to get Mom is always the toughest of the three. There's always flowers, but they always die real quick so they don't seem very practical; and I'm a practical guy. I prefer

to get her something more permanent such as, a cheese grater or a crock pot. Needless to say, Mom is not overly excited about these gifts (Although she tries to polite about it).

Basically, you have to find that perfect gift that falls right between flowers and a crock pot. This year moms' gift will be a Red Rider BB gun with a compass, a stock, and a thing which tells time. Of course I'll have to spend countless hours teaching her how to use it so that she doesn't shoot her eye out.

That brings me to my final question. Why do

Moms get a holiday? Sure, fathers have their own day but you never hear as much about that one. And what about Grandparent's Day? I know that there is one because a calendar that I had once had that day on it. But that was the last I ever heard of it.

I think that there should be a Son's Day. It's hard being a son and I could really use the extra cash flow. The thing that really chaps my hide is those mothers think that it's their God given right to have their own holiday.

And, actually, they may be right.

The high price of power leaves some GRCC students wondering "Am I energy conscious?"

By Michelle Shuler
Staff Writer

As you rushed out of the house today, did you take time to turn off your lights and your radio or TV., and turn the heat down? The energy crisis comes home when you become responsible for paying the power or gas bill every month. When you get that itemized bill in your name for the first time all of a sudden you realize your parents weren't just bugging you. Many of us are guilty of several energy wasting habits.

Take a look at your own energy use habits by answering the following questions. Evaluate your energy consciousness by using the scoring system at the end of this article.

To answer the following questions circle 3 for never, 2 for sometimes, 1 for often, and 0 if the question does not apply to you.

1. At night your ther-

mostat is set at 60 degrees. 3 2 1 0

2. You turn off your air conditioner or fan when leaving. 3 2 1 0

3. You buy products that are in containers that can be recycled, reused or returned. 3 2 1 0

4. To keep warm in the winter you wear socks and a sweater. 3 2 1 0

5. Instead of heating the whole oven you use a microwave. 3 2 1 0

6. You air dry your hair after washing it instead of using a hair dryer. 3 2 1 0

7. When washing clothes you wait until you have a full load and use warm or cold water. 3 2 1 0

8. You open the windows on nice days instead of turning on the air-conditioner. 3 2 1 0

9. You plan meals that allow all foods to be cooked together in the same appliance. 3 2 1 0

10. When you go out side you make sure the

door is closed. 3 2 1 0

11. On cold nights you use extra blankets instead of an electric blanket. 3 2 1 0

12. You take hot showers or fill the bathtub with hot water. 3 2 1 0

13. You turn off the lights when leaving the room. 3 2 1 0

14. When using the oven you do not open the oven door to check on the food you are baking. 3 2 1 0

15. During the day your thermostat is set at 68 degrees. 3 2 1 0

16. You use a small burner on the stove for a small pan. 3 2 1 0

17. You don't let the hot water run while doing the dishes and run the dishwasher on a full load. 3 2 1 0

18. You turn your curling iron on right before you use it and turn it off right after you're done. 3 2 1 0

19. You look in the refrigerator quickly for something to eat.

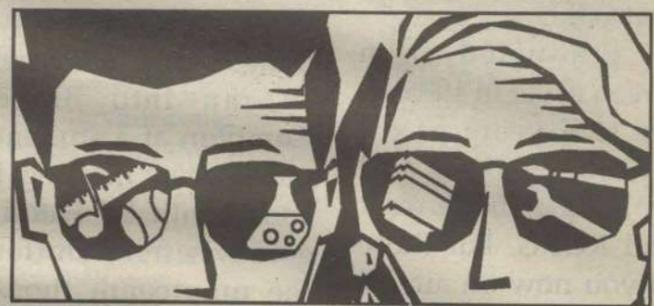
3 2 1 0
20. When suing a three way light bulb you only use the highest setting when reading. 3 2 1 0

Add up your score
How did you do?
0-28 All Right!! Way to go!! You are an awesome energy saver!

29-46 You're on the right track. Need to make a few more energy conscious choices.

47-60 NOT! Bummer! No-way! Bogus! It's time to change your habits to avoid energy waste!

These are just a few of the ways you can save energy. As you can see, your energy consciousness is more than just turning off a light. Do your part in protecting the future so that you can continue to "light up your life!"



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GRCC baseball springs into action

By Lisa Tedmon
Staff Writer

The Green River gator men's baseball team has had an impressive league record so far in this season. Their record is 9 and 5. On Saturday, April 25, at 1:00 p.m. the Gator men played against Olympic and slammed them with a score of 12 to 8.

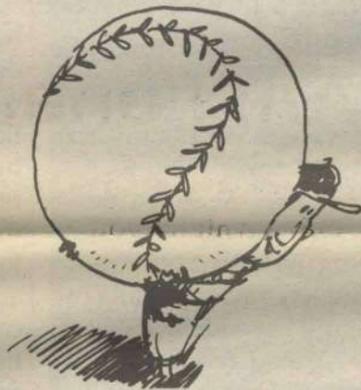
The players on Saturday were as follows: Mike Brusseau, Brett Pulley, and Jeremy Coplen (Pitchers), Jeff Range (2nd base), Jarod manley (center field), Clint Gould (1st base), Jeff Wagner (Catcher), Brian Smith (left field), Josh Straube (3rd base), Pat Swap (short stop), Loni Hatton (designated hitter), and Casey Olsen (right field).

They have played 14 league games so far. The teams that the Gator men

have beaten are: Lower Columbia (2), Bellevue (1), Centralia (1), Pierce (2), Skagit Valley (1), Shoreline (1), and Olympic (1). Congratulations guys!!!!

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Strikes You're Out!



Sarah McLachlan soothes the savage music beast

By Ezra Bredstrand
Staff Writer

As Sarah McLachlan embarked on her first U.S. tour she graciously stopped by Seattle. The Canadian born and raised McLachlan played at the Moore Theater on April 26. And she made what was just another typical dateless Sunday night into one of the best dateless nights of my life.

The show started with candles being lit which gave it that homey, sort of dark feeling that we all love. McLachlan then baraged the audience with a lot of really slow and sort of sad

songs.

Even if you didn't enjoy the kind of music being played you had to marvel at the skill of McLachlan. She has an incredible singing voice that can master any octave and a pretty darn good guitar player. And she was pretty enjoyable to look at also.

About two-thirds of the way through the concert, McLachlan sang her big hit "Into the Fire." It was probably the most upbeat song of the night and if you're familiar with the song you know that it's not terribly

upbeat. It was a great show even with the deficit of upbeat songs.

She also gave little "politically correct" statements in between songs about things like animal rights and stuff like that. Things people generally don't pay nearly enough attention to.

Seattle's own Peace, Love, and Guitars opened the show. They were a sort of harmonious band featuring acoustic guitars. They have a drum set and I the crowd to come see them when they did. I just may do that.

Letter to the editor:

Johnathon Schwing does me an honor in his column, but I'm not at all sure he meant it as a compliment when he said that already embarrassed students have to walk by a "mom" figure to get condoms. Being a mom figure to approximately 8,000 students is quite a challenge!!! (My 22-year-old son, a student at Western, says he wishes everyone could have a mom as open as his!)

In the age of AIDS, our world has changed immeasurably. And if one is too embarrassed to "parade by a mom figure" to get free condoms, then maybe that person should reconsider WHY they are embarrassed and are they really ready to be sexually active?

When I came to work on this campus, two tears ago, condoms were NOT freely available. Neither was information available about choices around sexual activity, sexually transmissible diseases, and many other health related issues pertinent to this population. Those things are now all available in racks outside my office, in the library, and in the Health Self Care place in the back of the central staircase in the Lindbloom Center.

Condoms are also available on the wall outside Health Services. I don't always notice that the basket is empty and I do have concerns that the condoms are thrown around the campus indiscriminately. But my purpose in making condoms available remains the same. If we can prevent one unwanted pregnancy or save one person from a sexually transmissible disease, and "in the age of AIDS" even death, then the money the Senate allots to Health Services for condoms will indeed have been well spent... and they really ARE freely available Johnathon.

Rest assured I do not check out who is taking condoms out of the basket - I'm really not even interested. I am really only interested in saving lives and promoting health.

Ann Darling
Director of Health Services

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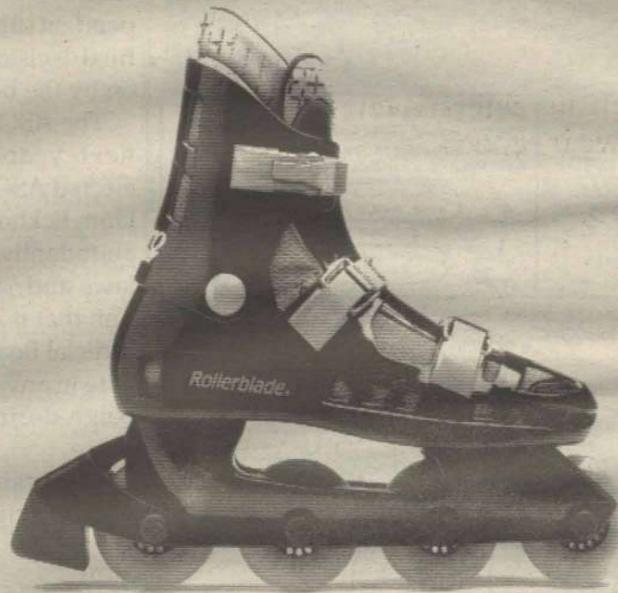
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'The Trenchcoats' sing at college

By Yasuko Watanabe
Staff Writer

A dynamic group of four young men from across the Pacific Northwest, performed their style of street a Capella music recently at Green River Community College.

"The Trenchcoats," came to GRCC and harmonized many repertoire from 50's doo wop, jazz, country, classical, rap and ballads.

The group formed at the University of Washington in January of 1987. Members include manager Doug Wisness, Kerry Dahlen, Jamie Dieveney, and Joe Mele.

Dieveney will graduate from Pacific Lutheran University this year. All of the other members have already graduated from the UW.

"The Trenchcoats" came up with the interesting name from the first time they took the stage. Five years ago they appeared wearing trenchcoats. They decided that the name, should stay with their image.

The group has appeared at the Western Washington Fair, Bumbershoot, The Bite of Seattle, games of the Seattle Mariners, Sonics, Tacoma Stars, and at area colleges.

In June of this year a CD/tape should be completed. They're currently recording for that upcoming release.



Trenchcoats play at Green River

Election campaigns full of surprises

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Slover several times and engaged in a virulent attack on the character and morals of Presidential Candidate Don Eckhoff before alleged forum moderator Grant Bonham got around to intervening. When an audience member inquired about his right to participate in the Forum, Hix replied "Freedom of Speech, Baby".

Hix earlier particularly impressed the Current Staff with his position on condom availability on campus, presented during the candidate interviews. Hix went on at great length expounding on his sincere opposition to the presence of free condoms on campus, before deciding he supported them.

A particularly interesting question posed by panel member Grant Bonham (we regret we cannot give you the exact quote, as Bonham has failed to respond to our call for written copy) can best be summarized as "how would you muzzle the Current". Fortunately, no candidate came down in favor of censorship.

Yet, even after the Forum (fascinating as it was) ended, the magic "Bag'o' Election Surprises was not yet emptied. Unopposed Senate Candidate Marek Brustad brought out the issue of the legality of candidate-juggling - when students sign a petition for a person to run for a given office, is it legal for that petition to be used to qualify

them for a different office that the signing students were unaware of?

On Wednesday (April 29), the Judicial Board met in regular session and Reiter reported to the Board the events leading to the Forum Fiasco. Reiter informed the Board that he did not become aware of the credit shortage until Monday the 27th, that he gave the unqualified candidates the opportunity to register for further credits, and while Slover registered for further classes (needing only 3 credits to meet requirements) Hix declined neither being able to afford nor complete seven additional credits beyond his fifteen credit load (according to Reiter). Action on the mat-

ter by the Judicial Board awaits next weeks session.

Reiter stated he did not believe that a conflict of interest existed for either himself or any other Judicial Board member campaigning for candidates as long as they were not serving on what he described as the Judicial Board Election Committee.

After a point it merely becomes a progression of depressing events with no resolution. This set of elections has been characterized by startling ugliness and maneuvering, and while thankfully over, we must look to the future.

Judicial Board members cannot be allowed to participate in campaigns the full Board may forced to rule on - despite the existence of a supposedly independent subcommittee, any final decision must be ruled on by the Board.

The ASGRCC Senate, or next year under newly elected ASGRCC President Don Eckhoff, must make abundantly clear in the By-laws and/or the Constitution that no member of the Judicial Board may participate in any ASGRCC Campaign during their term of office.

What can be done to prevent the curious events of this year's Candidate Forum?

The Judicial Board must completely certify to

ASGRCC standards all candidates BEFORE they are placed on the ballot or allowed to speak in the Candidates Forum.

One further step must be taken. A professional moderator from off-campus MUST be hired to prevent the spectacle of a non-candidate publicly and at length endorsing a candidate and attacking that candidate's opponent from the Forum podium, without appropriate interference from a moderator or persons appearing as such, Bonham, who by virtue of his position on campus is difficult to regard as impartial.

Bonham, I am sure, did his best. I merely hold that Bonham's best was for me the final note required to persuade me ASGRCC Presidents, as a class, should be barred from moderating or appearing to moderate Candidate Forums on the grounds that the appearance of impartiality may well be impossible for them to achieve. Perhaps this protected species may have some role in the forum - posing questions - but not as moderators. I remain unsure that any member of ASGRCC Government could display the requisite appearance of impartiality, but I remain certain that an ASGRCC President cannot.

Welcome aboard, Don. Good luck.

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YOU FEEL BAD ABOUT YOURSELF.
I ADMIT IT: I'M LOWER THAN SCUM.
IT'S TIME TO SHARE MY LIFE WITH SOMEONE ELSE.

YOU REALIZE YOU'RE NOT GETTING ANY YOUNGER.
YIKES.

YOU REALIZE YOU'RE GOING TO DIE SOMEDAY.
HEY... WHERE IS EVERYONE?
TOMB OF THE UNHAPPY BACHELOR

MICROWAVE POPCORN TASTES EVEN MORE TASTELESS THAN USUAL.
OH MY GOD, I'VE BEEN EATING STYROFOAM PACKING KERNELS.

YOUR USUAL LEISURE ACTIVITIES LEAVE YOU FEELING EMPTY INSIDE.
SUPER MARIO SAVES THE PRINCESS AGAIN!
I CAN KILL MYSELF NOW.

YOU IMAGINE WHAT IT WOULD BE LIKE TO SLEEP WITH EACH PERSON WHO CROSSES YOUR PATH.
SIR, DO YOU HAVE A FEW MINUTES TO TALK ABOUT THE LORD?
YES I DO.

YOUR JOB NO LONGER FULFILLS ALL YOUR NEEDS FOR SELF-ESTEEM.
I THOUGHT I TOLD YOU TO FETCH THE JEANS FILE.
I'M LOOKING, SIR.

YOUR EROGENOUS ZONES BEGIN DOING THE MAMBO INVOLUNTARILY.

YOU THINK ABOUT SEX MORE THAN CONSTANTLY.
YOU WANT FRIES WITH THAT?
OH BABY.

YOU START TO BELIEVE THE PERSONAL ADS.
HMM... IT'S AMAZING THAT A SENSUAL, VOLUPTUOUS, WITTY WOMAN WOULD NEED TO ADVERTISE. BUT I GUESS IT MAKES SENSE.

YOU CHECK YOUR ANSWERING MACHINE SEVERAL TIMES A DAY, JUST IN CASE.
MAYBE SOMEONE WHO DUMPED ME YEARS AGO HAS CHANGED HER MIND.
HELLO BINKY, THIS IS YOUR MOTHER. WHY HAVEN'T YOU

YOU REALIZE YOU'RE EVEN UNHAPPIER THAN YOU THOUGHT.
DON'T TOUCH THAT DIAL-- "STUPS" IS NEXT!!

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