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## Touch Tone Registration

BY TERRY CLAPP

PHOTO EDITOR

Students will be using phone lines instead of standing in line when registering for summer quarter classes at Green River Community College. "Students must use the new touchtone system to register during their appointment time," said Denise Bennatts, Enrollment Services Program Manager for Green River Community College, "There should be no lines in the Lobby."

Students will be able to use touchtone registration starting May 13 from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Friday, up to and including the third day of the quarter. "After that, they will need their instructor's signature, and then they will be back to registering at the lobby window," said Bennatts.

While students will not be able to register at the lobby window during the two week registration period, they can still go there to get program information and help finding classes. According to Bennatts, extra staff will be available to assist students in person at the lobby window, and also to help students using the touchtone registration system. "If a student becomes frustrated because he can't make the touchtone system work, that student can press "0" to get a live person (working the lobby window) who can help him through the process," said Bennatts.

Not only will touchtone registration be more convenient from home or work, but now students will have the added plus of being able to keep checking on the availability of classes without coming on campus and standing in line. "When a class is full, and a student opens a space by dropping from that class, the next student to call wanting in can register for it without using a waiting list," said Bennatts.

Students can also choose from a list of alternative open classes if they have attempted to register for a closed class. They can inquire about their schedule, registration appointment time, grades, and about their financial aid status, said

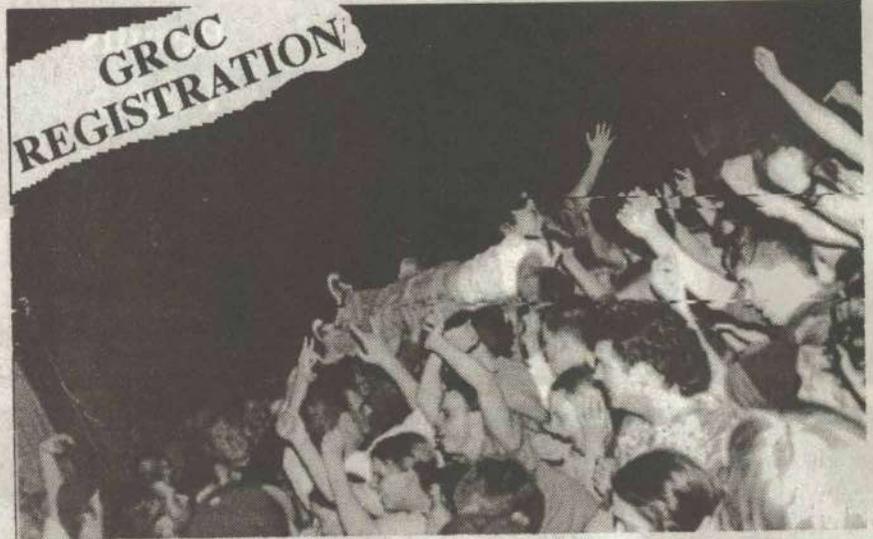


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*The old way of signing up for classes*

Bennatts.

Another option available with the new touchtone registration for summer quarter, according to Bennatts, is that students can register at the time of their appointment, but need not pay until June 5. Previously, students had to pay the same day they registered. In fall quarter, students will no longer have to prepay the day they register either. Students can register for fall quarter at the time of their appoint-

ment and yet pay no money until August 15 when they must pay the balance, said Bennatts.

Some students will not be able to use the new touchtone registration system, and those include: Running Start, GED (General Education Degree), ABE (Adult Basic Education), ESL (English as a Second Language), apprentice programs, senior citizens, international students, and staff.



*The new way to register for classes*

Photo by Fred Dimaano

# Techfee Passes and Tuition Rises

BY TERRY CLAPP

PHOTO EDITOR

Deciding how to spend the money is the next step towards an enhanced "Information Commons" in the new Holman library now that Green River Community College students have voted in favor of a self-imposed technology fee, according to Donn Adams, Vice President for Instruction at GRCC.

The technology fee, voted in on April 24 and 25, will be implemented in the Winter Quarter of 1997. Students will be charged \$2 per credit hour, and a maximum of \$20 per quarter. The fee is covered by financial aid for those students enrolled in financial aid.

"We're going to be hiring people and purchasing software, and all the bells

and whistles before the building opens before winter quarter so that when students come in the first of January, everything will be running, everything will be in place," said Adams.

"How we're going to do that, I don't know yet. We're going to have to shift funds around a little bit. We're in the middle of budget meetings right now," said Adams.

There will be a review committee that will make recommendations as to how the technology fee revenues will be allocated, according to Adams. "We will work closely with the student government leaders because they were instrumental in getting this fee passed," said Adams.

The way it is set up now, there will be discussion, and then the review committee will recommend to my office," said Adams, "I'm not a computer or Internet expert, so I'm going to rely heavily on that advisory group."

The review committee will include the Director of Learning Resources, the Director of Information Services, and the Chair of the Instructional Council for GRCC, and from the ASGRCC, the Vice President, the By-Laws Committee Chair, the Budget Committee Chair, and the Public Relations Committee Chair will be included.

The fee revenues will be spent on commercial information databases, computers (hardware and software applications), enhanced Internet access (not including E-mail or accounts), a dedicated open computer lab, and increased library hours (including weekends). "Along with all of that, and a very important part, is staff," said Adams, "Staff that will show students working within the Information Commons how to access electronic information, how to use it, and how to manipulate it."

"The equipment we purchase or lease will be pretty much state of the art," said Adams. In order to run Microsoft Windows 95, of which 600 copies were recently donated to GRCC by Bill Gates, CEO of Microsoft, we have to have the proper equipment, Adams said.

Microsoft office is used very much in the business world, therefore our students need to be familiar with it, and trained on it because that is what they will most likely meet in the business world," said Adams.

According to Adams, an advantage to leasing is that computers go out of date, so you just keep the lease payment going and it becomes a way of doing business. That's why the technology fee has been so important. We needed it badly because it's not just next year, it's ongoing. "It will go on forever because technology changes," said Adams.

One gray area that still has to be buttoned up before we start collection of the fee is which student groups will be exempt from paying the fee, said Adams. We have to decide shortly because we are going to start registering soon, Adams said. Students who will not pay the technology fee at this point are: ABE (Adult Basic Education), GED (General Education Degree), ESL (English as a Second Language), Parent Education, CE, and ETC.

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## Students Benefit From Health Fair



*Students getting well deserved massages*

*Photo by Heather Wallace*

BY KREE MOFFETT

STAFF REPORTER

Spring Health fair last week enlightened many students in a series of health related topics.

"It was very educational," said student Ben Steingard.

Booths ranged from Washington State Substance Abuse Coalition testing for lung capacity to Hughes Chiropractic Health center who provided information about chiropractic care. Northwest Organ Procurement Agency set up a booth hand-

ing out organ donor cards while Kent Drunk Driving Task force passed out pamphlets and showed informational videos.

The PTA Program sponsored free massages, Brian Hopper thought it was time well spent "It was so good, relaxing yet intriguing. He taught me some tricks of the trade," said Hopper.

Ryan Buol, referring to the line of eager participants said, "The massages look comfy."

Food Management Corporation, who runs the cafeteria program, was rep-

resented by Sharon Blas advertising the new food program.

"It's called New Triple Choice," she states about the new healthier meal provided for students and staff, "You have your choice of three starches, two vegetables and three breads. From those eight pick three

At noon hour the Lindbloom center was packed with curious onlookers. Interacting with the variety of booths participates went away with a smile and hands full of pamphlets.

## Green River Receives Grant

BY KREE MOFFETT

STAFF REPORTER

A \$498,040 grant was presented to Green River Community College by the U.S. Department of Education on April 17. Congresswoman Jennifer Dunn, who urged the grant along, said "Our community colleges are a very important part of the higher education system in Washing-

ton State. This grant will help the students of GRCC successfully transition from college to the work force."

The grant is awarded under the School-to-work Local Partnership Grant program, a program created to help students ease into the transition from school to work. Program activities include obtaining in-depth information on local labor markets, recruiting employers, designing school-based and work-based curricula

and training school-based and work-based staff for GRCC.

"Decisions regarding local communities and their education programs should be made at the local level and not in Washington DC," says an enthusiastic Dunn. "This grant approval will allow GRCC, rather than a bureaucrat in Washington D.C., the ability to create their own quality education program." The grant runs through April 30, 1997.

# Election Results...Fee Passed

By SAMUEL LEVESQUE

STAFF REPORTER

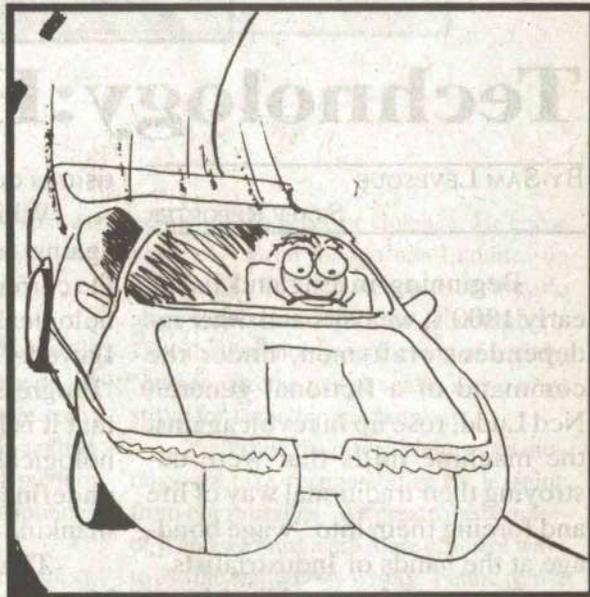
On April 23 and 24, Green River Community College students elected Randy Falkenhagen as Student Body President and his running mate, Mindy Lobdell, as Vice-President. Heather Dukes and late-entry Todd Moser were also elected as Sophomore Senators. The technology fee, which would add a \$2.00 per credit charge (\$20 maximum) to students' wishing to use the new Holman Library's facilities tuition, passed. Seven hundred and eighteen students voted in the election, just 10 votes over the minimum 10% of students required in order for the election to be legitimate. The supporters of the fee needed a voter turn-out of at least 708 students

total to make the election viable, and a 60% yes vote to pass it.

It almost didn't happen "(Thursday night) we still needed 150 more to vote, but Joe O'Brien, the student body president, and I did a bunch of impromptu presentations to classes, trying to get more people to vote," said Dani Chang, the current Student Body Vice-President. "We still needed 40 voters with a half an hour left," Chang said. In the end, the technology fee passed 399 to 250.

Aside from the down-to-the-wire voting, Chang said that she was pleased with the election. "Overall there was a huge amount who voted, but we needed that 10% for the tech-fee," said Chang.

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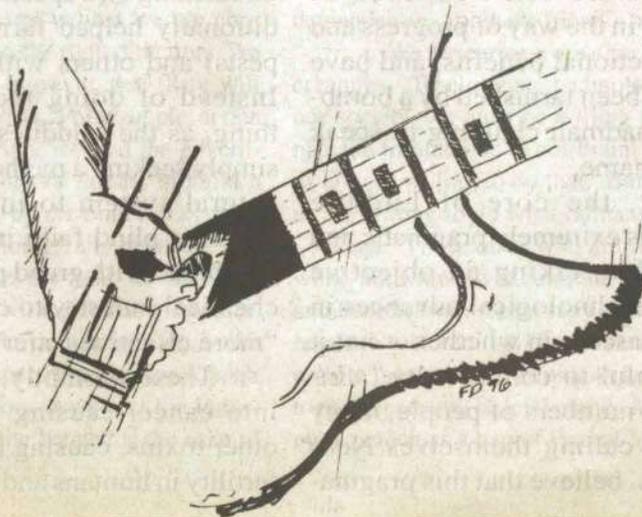
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# Point

## Technology: HINDRANCE...

By SAM LEVESQUE

STAFF REPORTER

Beginning in England in the early 1800's, weavers and other independent craftsmen, under the command of a fictional general, Ned Ludd, rose up in revolt against the machine mills that were destroying their traditional way of life and forcing them into "wage bondage at the hands of Industrialists."

The core of the Luddite Movement was the idea that people have a moral imperative to, "Put down all machinery harmful to commonality," meaning that any new technology that damaged the environment, broke up families, or forced once independent and largely self-supporting people into "wage-slavery" was not worth the short-term profits it might provide, and was in fact, morally wrong.

Today, the term Luddite has come to represent someone with an "unreasonable" fear of modern technology and a romantic notion of a more perfect agrarian past. Luddites are often belittled as standing in the way of progress and all its fictional benefits, and have recently been tarnished by a bomb-happy madman claiming to speak in their name.

Yet, the core of Luddite thought is extremely pragmatic and reasonable, taking an objective view of technological advances in order to ascertain whether or not it is "harmful to commonality." Increasing numbers of people, many of them calling themselves Neo-Luddites, believe that this pragmatism

is desperately needed today.

While Neo-Luddites are not against all technology, they view the current thinking about our technological system as fundamentally flawed. Many people believe that "Progress" is an inevitable fact and that it is leading us towards a technological Utopia, where as-of-yet-undefined technologies will free mankind from toil and disease.

This idea, espoused by Karl Marx, Carl Sagan, Gene Rodenberry and the like, is not only flawed, it is enormously impractical.

For example: Mankind survived and flourished for thousands of years without the aid of pesticides. When pesticides were first introduced, they were heralded as a great leap forward, allowing farmers to produce more food, and hence freeing people from agricultural labor.

However, it soon became clear that the first generation of pesticides caused more harm than good, decimating the environment and threatening bird species (which traditionally helped farmers combat pests) and others with extinction. Instead of doing the pragmatic thing, as the Luddites would, and simply seeking a method within the natural system to improve crop yields, a blind faith in "Progress" combined with greed propelled the chemical industry to create newer, "more effective, safer" pesticides.

These promptly broke down into cancer-causing dioxins and other toxins, causing increased infertility in humans and animals, soil

infertility, and decimating fish stocks.

Now, is it practical to continue in such a downward spiral in the vain hope that someday someone will develop something that would solve the problem, or simply abandon it as a failed technology?

This cycle can affect more than simply the environment. For instance, while the manufacture of televisions, VCRs, and hardware for the Internet causes massive environmental damage, these devices also serve to increasingly separate people from one another, causing a break-down in social structure.

The economic stress brought about by a corporate system that views people as "labor pools", a necessary but expensive ingredient in manufacturing products and hence profit, only adds to the crime and social decay on our streets and our homes.

The question Neo-Luddites are asking is why we continue to use these technologies that are obviously harmful, banking on yet more "progress" to save us. If we were discussing drugs and not technology, we would call our society an addict of the worse sort. Addiction, even to a good thing, is always destructive.

So what are the alternatives? Recognizing that we live a finite existence on a finite planet with finite resources, most Neo-Luddites and a great many others believe that we should switch our economic

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# Counterpoint

## OR HELP?

BY TERRY CLAPP

PHOTO EDITOR

Neo-Luddites — those against technology — would have you believe this earth to be a closed system whose resources are finite. Oil and gas, for example will be exhausted by the end of this century. We are raping the earth, they say, so we must stop ourselves by stopping the cause of it all — technology.

While there is no question that oil and gas are finite resources, the neo-Luddites are wrong. This earth is not a closed system. We have a renewable energy resource that makes grain grow, turns the trees green in summer, and feeds plankton in the ocean — the sun.

If we wish to make use of the sun's rays streaming onto the face of our earth and abandon the use of the finite resources, perhaps altogether, we need good technology to make it happen. Already the auto industry has developed marketable electric cars. Third world demand for electricity has boosted sales for Solarex, the nations largest maker of solar power systems, by 30% last year.

Neo-Luddites, however, decry technology complaining that it not only rapes the earth, but also robs us of our time and is too effort-intense. They claim that life was sweeter in the "old days," before all this modern technology stuff got in the way of "real" living. Life would be so much simpler, they say, if we didn't have to spend so much time reading Windows For Dummies. Why, without the evils of antibiotics, automobiles, and automation, we could spend more time growing our own food, hand-knitting sweaters, and leading self-supporting life styles.

At first glance, life without labor-saving devices is somewhat attractive. I can envision a sunny, summer afternoon burning incense and drinking dandelion

wine with ten of my best bare-foot friends. Who needs Quisnarts, Puget Power, and indoor plumbing?

In the winter, I do.

So how much time and effort is too much for neo-Luddites? Where do we draw the line and say this is where technology becomes too much? The invention of the wheel? The invention of modern medicine? Electricity? The telephone? The computer? Peanut M&Ms?

All good things take some effort, whether it is a convincing theater performance, a well prepared meal, even good sex. And OK, sure it took awhile to load Microsoft Windows 95, and a little longer to get accustomed to the sophisticated software, but now my afternoons writing papers like this one are much shorter and easier than they were when I used a manual typewriter. Another example of this is the new touchtone registration system at Green River Community College. Yes, it may be a little daunting at first to some students when registering for classes, but once they become accustomed to it, it should become a major convenience. Once we make the initial investment of our time and effort, the benefits can exceed the investment.

It is healthy to question our direction as a society as the neo-Luddites do. This is what assures us that we are continuing to move in the right direction. We must remember, however, that there will always be extremists. For example, at one end of the spectrum, we find the government spent millions of dollars to build a refuse plant that, by the time it was completed, was technologically obsolete. On a smaller scale, every year we find ourselves tempted with a faster computer, sexier car, a smaller cellular phone. At the other end of the spectrum, the Unabomber claims that the sooner we end the industrial revolution, the better for the sake of

humanity, via peace or violence. He chose violence. Even though neo-Luddites do not necessarily condone violence, they do align themselves with the Unabomber's view that technology is the ruin of society. Neither extreme makes sense, so we must strive for something in between.

While the refuse plant was a mistake, we take responsibility by learning from our mistakes. We create the technology, and we must learn more efficient ways to use the technology wisely. Future refuse plants will be thought out more thoroughly, we hope, or possibly eliminated altogether — with the right technology. Future computers, cars and cell phones could be upgraded more easily so we won't buy new every year. If not, we are to blame, not technology.

While most of us find the call for eliminating technology from our society extreme, we could consider the neo-Luddite's concern about how much we will allow certain technologies to interfere in our lives before we start to lose quality of life. If you're a "web head," for example, how many hours did you spend on-line this week, and compare that to how many hours you spent in "quality time" with family or friends over that same time period. And when was the last time you, as a consumer, demanded environment-friendly products?

We are curious, creative, sentient creatures. To eliminate technology from our society, we must be willing to eliminate the frontal lobe of our brain. Most of us are not willing to do that. But most of us are willing to do what humans do best — adapt. Those of us who are willing to work, not whine, will continue to improve and benefit from technology. Those who repair to a 10 foot by 10 foot shack in the remote mountains of Montana and refuse to participate will be left behind. And without so much as a bag of Peanut M&Ms.

## The Puyallup Fair Springs Into Action

BY HEATHER WALLACE

STAFF REPORTER

The Puyallup Spring Fair recently ran from the 18th to the 21st of April.

Fun was had by all despite the rain which didn't hold back the 80,000 people who were there to enjoy the exhibits and to "Just Do The Little Puyallup." People paid the five dollars to get in and have fun and lots of people waited in some lines to ride the rides. Not all the rides were open.

The rides that were open were the roller coaster, the swings, the haunted house, and the Zipper. Other attractions included the games, Livestock shows, Livestock auctions, The Hobbie Hall, The Trenchcoats, and our own Green River Music Company.

The Green River Music Company performed twice daily on Saturday and Sunday, entertaining audiences of all ages



with their unique designed floor show. Their show featured popular songs from the 60s, 70s, and the 80s.

"It was a great performance for everyone. We had fun and enjoyed ourselves

and the people that were watching enjoyed watching us perform," said Danielle Davis from the Green River Music Company.

Jason Warren said, "Nothing compares to the Fall Fair but it wasn't so bad and I had some fun at the Spring Fair."

## New club becomes ratified

By PJ BOWEN

STAFF REPORTER

The New Club on Campus Could Be For You

There is a new club on campus, and it's about time. This club is open to anybody with an open mind can be a part of it. The club is All Sexualities In School, called the A.S.I.S. (as in as is) The club has yet to be ratified by Green River Community College, and is in the process of writing their constitution.

Their main goal and understanding is that there are a lot of people on his campus who are gay, straight, lesbian, transgender, transsexual, bisexual, or just questioning their sexuality. "The group is here to let all people understand that they

are not alone. There are a lot of things this club can help with, such as information, resources or an ear to talk to or a shoulder to lean on. Said Matthew Robertson, founder of the club. "This is not a just a support group, it's a place to have fun too." Being the club is awaiting ratification, they have yet to set a place or time to meet. "Right now we're looking for assistance, willing individuals to help with organization and planning, or people who are just wanting to be members. It's not just going to happen by itself, we need help Said Robertson. Information can be reached by calling 918-3761, this is a pager number so please leave a number, this way only serious participants will call.

# It's National Masturbation Month... Practice Safe Sex

# Anxiety Screening comes to GRCC

BY JASON SHERRILL

STAFF REPORTER

Everybody has anxiety, do you think you have too much? GRCC counselors may be able to help people with anxiety disorders to overcome their problems.

Thursday May 2, 1996, GRCC held an Anxiety Disorder Awareness meeting in the Glacier Room from 12-1 p.m. ADA was held for any GRCC student with an anxiety disorder or a question about it. Ted Broussard, M.A., a GRCC counselor, was present along with a few assistants to answer any questions and to screen people for possible disorders.

Having anxiety is normal. Anxiety helps to keep one alert when faced with a trying situation or problem. It is normal for the body to respond with fear; this is known as the "Fight or Flight" response. An anxiety disorder, however, isn't normal. An anxiety disorder is defined as a condition that interferes with basic life functions. Life functions such as a job, family, and social life.

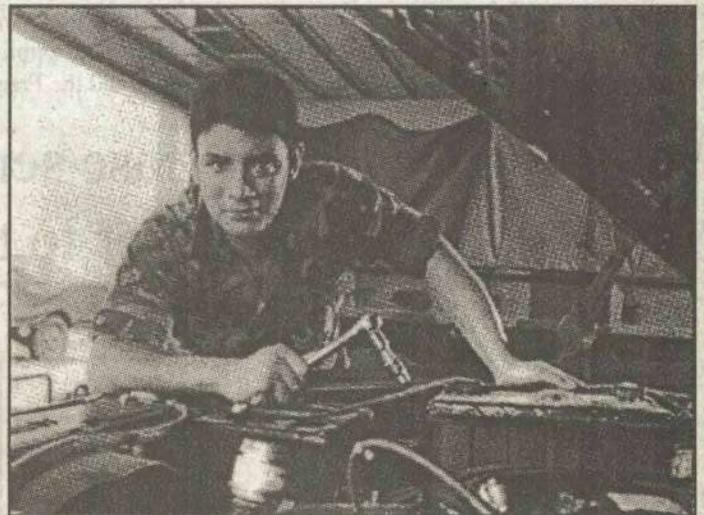
Twenty-five million Americans have some form of an anxiety disorder. The most common is the panic disorder. Symptoms include: racing heartbeat, chest pains, terror, fear of dying, dizziness or lightheadedness, nausea, flushes or chills, difficulty breathing, tingling or numbness, feelings of unreality, and fear of losing control or doing something embarrassing. Often times these symptoms are confused with the early warning signs of a heart attack. More than 3 million Americans have this treatable disorder. Therapy comes in both medical and cognitive-behavioral therapies. Medical therapy is handled by the family doctor where as psychologists deal with the mental therapy.

GRCC has short-term personal counseling free of charge to any GRCC student. Short-term counseling is usually 5 to 7 sessions, each 50 minutes long. After 7 sessions, a referral for off-campus counseling is available. Counseling services are offered throughout the year and all counseling is confidential within the confines of the law.

Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Tue through Fri. Mon 11:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. all year. Summer quarter hours will be determined on a later date. If you need to schedule an appointment, call ext. 304. The receptionist of front desk person will be able to schedule an appointment with either Ted Broussard or Marie Sundberg.



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## Letter To the Editor

Dear Editor,

I am writing in regard to an opinion, titled "The seeds of Rebellion", which appeared in your April 19, 1996 publication. I have always believed that a good publication staff can answer, to the best of their ability, the questions who, what, when, where, why and how, involving any event of which they are writing. This "opinion" has fallen very short of basic journalistic guidelines. I think that this "opinion" was either written by an uninformed, uneducated, person or it was deliberately written with it's inflammatory remarks to cause problems.

The two points from the "opinion" that I would like to address involve the comments about the Waco and Freeman compound. Comparing Waco and the Freeman are like comparing apples and or-

anges. The Waco incident included the "Freedom of religion" aspect, the Freeman's are not doing this because of religion. The Waco incident should not have happened and BOTH sides were at fault. The Davinians allegedly broke the law and should have surrendered on request, but this did not give the government the right to use excessive force to apprehend the Davinians. The Freeman were left alone until they allegedly broke the law, the U.S. Law. When asked to surrender to the athorities, the Freeman choose to hide behind women and children and fight, just like Waco.

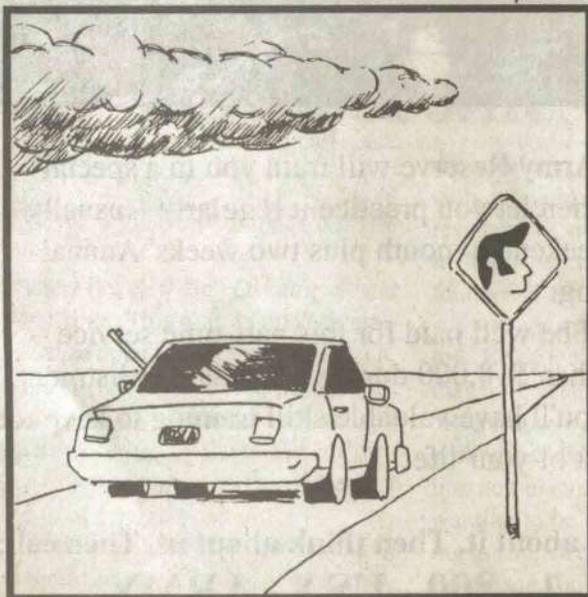
With the Freeman', this is not a case of rebelling against taxes, this involves over a million dollars worth of FRAUD and death threats to public officials. If the Davinians and the Freeman had not alleg-

edly broken the law there would have been no reason for the U.S. government to become involved in their lives. Also when asked to surrender they fefused, brought their families into the problem and prepared to fight. If you are in the United States of America you should abide by it's laws regardless of whether you are a visitor, and immigrant, or a citizen. Most of the people in the U.S. are good, hard working, law abiding, tax paying people who are proud to be in America. The constitution of the United States is an excellent foundation for a great country, a country which is the melting pot for many proud and law abiding people from around the world.

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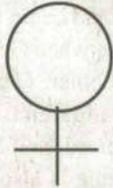


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# SHE SAID...HE SAID



The time has come to reveal the perfect male. I took the time to poll various women and find out who Mr. Wonderful actually is.

Let's start at the top, the crowning glory, his hair. He must have either the hair of Charlie Sheen, Antonio Bandaras, or Matthew Perry.

The eyebrows must be separate, no uni-brows may apply. His eyes should be like Ray Liotta's or perhaps Chris O'Donnell. He should have the nose of Mel Gibson, lips of Val Killmer, John Michael Montgomery's dimples, and Christian Slater's chin.

Now, we're working our way down. The shoulders and torso of Steven Segal, accompanied by the butt of Val Killmer. (Val basically looks good coming and going!)

The legs of Barrishnokov, and the feet of Tom Cruise, not that I have ever taken my eyes off his chest to look at them, but I couldn't leave him out.

Now we have our outer body, but like our mothers always told us, it's what's inside that counts. He must be caring, faithful, humorous, loving, responsive, affectionate, and sensitive. This would make him Tom Hanks, as long as he's not Forrest Gump.

The key to all of his mannerisms is that he must be willing to treat his girlfriend like the goddesses we all are. Above all else, he must clean, cook, and do his own laundry.

I have often found that if he treats his mother or sisters poorly, he will sooner or later treat you the same way. He must drive a nice car, but take the same amount of care in you as he does that machine.

I have one thing to tell you ladies, I know this man exists, but I am terribly sorry ...I've got him, and I'm not giving him up for *anyone!!!*

Remember, talk minus action equals zero.

The quest for that perfect someone...

I will probably always be in search of the perfect mate. It is hard for me to explain why it's harder for a man to openly blurt out their dictation of the perfect female. I will try to allegorize it for you.

It was the usual Saturday night at my usual hangout. I was with my friends having a good time, when I noticed a girl kind of keeping to herself. I thought to myself, how odd, because in my opinion she was quite cute. Nothing outrageous, like supermodel standards or anything, but I thought you know, maybe I should just go and say hi to her. I also felt that would be like a jerky thing to do. But being that I felt like this complete loser, I thought what the heck?

So that is what I did. I went up to her and said "hi." Do you know what she did? She said "hi" back to me.

After painful introductions we decided to hang out together for the rest of the evening. We got to know each other a little bit, shot a little pool, and basically we had a good time.

My friends were shocked that I could just say hi to a girl and not get decked, let alone hold a conversation with someone from the opposite sex for five minutes.

We talked about things like movies and sports. She was a hockey fan, which is a major plus. But what actually made me respect her more was the fact that she was a Jackie Chan fan. It was wonderful, I thought, that we had so much in common, and she likes to watch Jackie Chan movies too! I could never recall ever hav-



ing the time of my life with a girl with my clothes still on. But I sensed something was wrong with her. Something that she was keeping from me. And when we were finally alone together, I found out what it was.

"I think you should know something," She said to me, "I have AIDS." I blinked. Not really knowing how to handle myself in a situation like this, the only words that came out of my mouth were,

"Oh. You do?" I felt like a fool.

"Well, it's just HIV now, but I know it's coming," She said. I was thinking about how I got into this mess and how to get out, and did I really want to because in my honest opinion, she was so cool. I weighed my options and decided to act upon my gut feeling.

"That's okay." I replied

"Huh?"

"I don't mind. I think you're pretty neat. We can be friends," I said. I was pretty comfortable with the fact that I finally met someone who had HIV. At first it was kind of a shock to me that I was hitting on someone with HIV, but I feel like I made a very good friend that night. However, I can't get by the fact that no matter who I meet, something always ruins my chances to find that special someone.

I figure people only get one chance at happiness in life. While other people take their chances on the good looks and what not, looks can only go so far. What counts more in my book is what's on the inside.

## Movie Review

### Celtic Pride

By HEATHER WALLACE

STAFF REPORTER

The movie Celtic Pride has Damon Wayans, Dan Ackroyd and Daniel Stern in it and is not worth your money at all.

The plot is dumb and the movie has no point beside the fact that Dan Ackroyd and Daniel Stern are supposed to kidnap Damon Wayans the star player of the Utah Jazz. The only parts that you could smile and laugh at when former NBA Basketball player Larry Bird criticizes Ackroyd and Stern for being fair-weather fans. You know when you don't want to get up during a movie to go the bathroom, well you could care less in this movie.

Jason Warren said, "It was so dumb I forgot what the movie was about the day after we say it and their was no point to the movie what so ever."

The best part of this movie was the final scene when Ackroyd and Stern try to kidnap Deion Sanders to stop him from playing in the Superbowl. I recommend if you have nothing else to do and want to spend money for the dumbest movie, go see Celtic Pride.

On scale of one to five this movie gets a 1/2.

## Andrea Chenier Comes to Seattle

By P.J. BOWEN

STAFF REPORTER

Seattle Opera presents their 95-96 season finally with Umberto Giordano's Andrea Chenier, conducted by Steven Mercurio. This is Mercurio's premiere performance in Seattle. This opera will run May 1,3,4,8,&11, at the Seattle Opera House.

Andrea Chenier takes place in the spring of 1789, in Paris France. The curtain opens to the preperation being made for a reception in the ballroom of Chateau di Coigny. One of the servants, Carlo Gerard (Richard Paul Fink) plotting for his part of the revolution. As the guest are arriving, Maddalena di Coigny (Diana Soviero) tries to entices poet Andrea Chenier (Ben Heppner) to speak of love. He refuses, claiming that his muses are not with him. When he slips and uses the word 'love' the guests laugh. This infuriates the poet who rebuts with a inpovisational poem, embarrassing the hostes. To further her embarassment, the servant, Gerard storms in with a mob of angry peasants begging for alms. They are dismissed without a pentance, and the aristocrats resume their party.

Act II the Revolution is over and Maddalena, who had been in hiding, anonymous sent letters to Chenier request- ing thast he meets her in the city center.

Though he is in dandger, he agreed to meet her, disregarding the fact that he is on the Tribunal list. He is wanted for treason.

They meet and begin to profess their love to one another when Gerard enters and begins to fight Chenier. Gerard is secretly in love with Maddalena. In the duel, Chenier stabs Gerard, and Maddalena escapes, for her name is also on the Tribu- nals list. Although wounded Gerard tells Chenier to run and protect her.

Act III Chenier is captured and sent to prison. Gerard is busy writing the in- dictment, when Maddalena approaches him, asking that he help Chenier by speaking on his behalf at the trial. If he was freed she would be his. At the trial however, neither the polished words of Gerard, nor the romantic words of the poet could set him free. Andrea Chenier was sentenced to death.

Act IV While Chenier reads his fi- nal poem, Gerard enters the prison with Maddalena. She bribes the jailer to allow her to take the place of Idia LeGray (a fe- male prisoner that was sentenced to die the same day as Chenier). This way she could see her lover.

After a heartwrenching scene be- tween the lovers, they walk hand in hand to their death at the guillotine.

More information is available by calling (206) 389-7600.

## KGRG TOP 10

1. Juned- Titanic
- 2.7 Year Bitch- Cryin' Shame
3. Gravity Kills- Guilty
4. Goodness-- Electricity Electricity
5. North American Bison- Rust
6. Bell- Attempted Pop Song #1
7. Various Artist- Home Alive
8. The Investigators- Atomic Cafe
9. 29 Died-height 611
10. Cherry Poppin' Daddies- Kid On The Street

# Seattle Greets Olympic Torch with Celebration

BY STEFF JACOBSON

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The Olympic Torch arrived in Seattle on Tuesday, May 7, on the 11th day of its relay across country. Seattle hosted a free citywide celebration at the Seattle Center Flag Plaza in honor of the Olympic Torch. Joining this party will be Seattle Comedians John Keister and Peggy Platt, KJR DJs, Hit Explosion, Main Attraction, Jr., Cadillac, Second Nature, Duffy Bishop, Ernestine Anderson, Ottoman Bigwigs, The Groove, Satchel, opera singer Ben Heppner, high school marching bands and cheerleaders, Washington State Olympi-

ans. Burnie Clark, President and CEO of KCTS TV ran Seattle's first leg of the relay and was escorted by Bill Nye "the Science Guy". Clark and 55 torchbearers and members of the general public carried the torch through the streets of Seattle to Pike Place Market, down 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, all around the Kingdome during a Mariner game, up through the International District, to Seattle University, past University of Washington to Fremont and Queen Anne, and then around the Key arena, and lastly the Seattle Center which was its final destination before joining the party there. This is the first Olympic relay that allowed mem-

bers of the public to carry the Torch. Seattle Mayor Norm Rice will be at the celebration to share in the celebration.

"This was a tremendous group effort, and Seattle should be proud to throw one of the largest, brightest celebrations along the route," said Mayor Rice.

Before the Torch arrives in Seattle it would have traveled through Vancouver, Washington and Olympia. Then through Tacoma and Bremerton. After Seattle it will continue its way to Atlanta and the opening ceremony of the 1996 Centennial Olympic Games.

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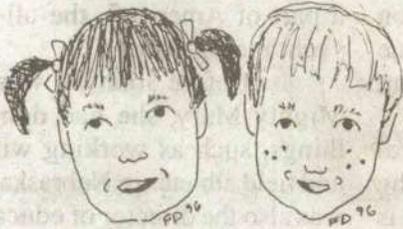
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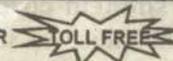
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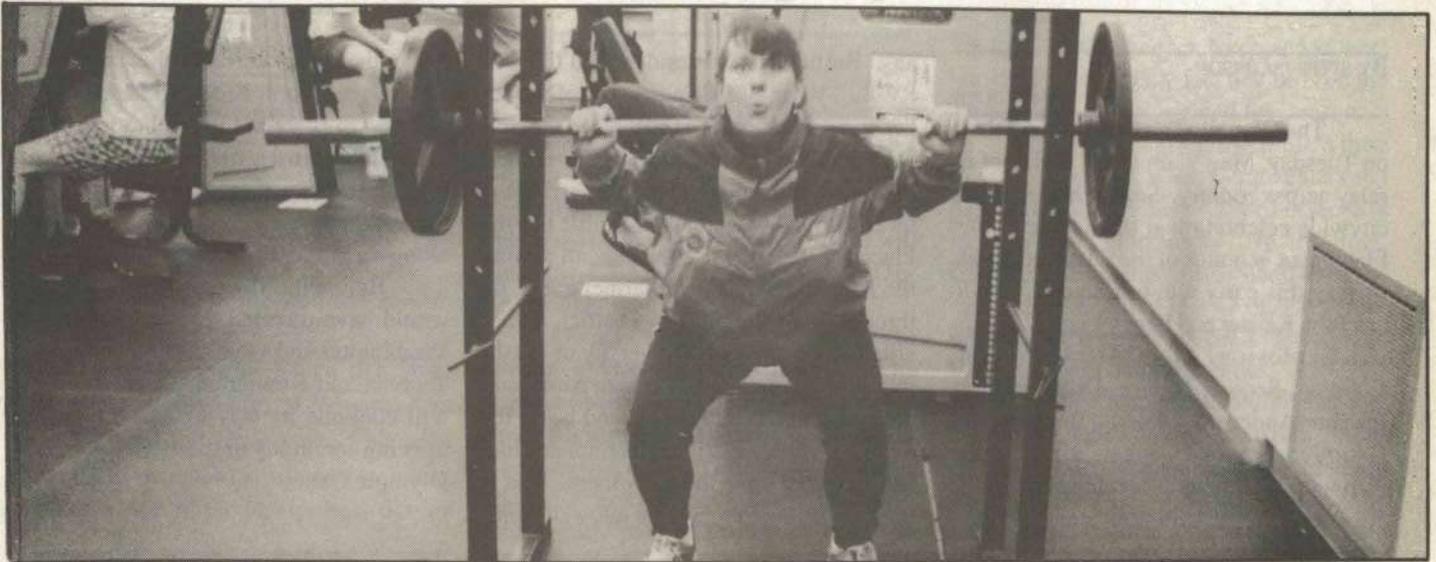
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## Stephanie Armitage-Johnson: "Think Positive"



*Teacher Stephanie Armitage-Johnson warming up*

*Photo by Heather Wallace*

BY ROBERT HILL

STAFF REPORTER

We have a very important person instructing at Green River Community College. Her name is Stephanie Armitage-Johnson, and she is a weight training instructor. What makes Johnson so significant is that she was on the *Mighty Mary*, the all female ship in the America's Cup, she was a strength coach at Washington State University and she was one of the top competitive weight lifters in the world.

Johnson graduated from Puyallup High School where she broke all of her older sister's records in track. After graduating, Johnson went on to Washington State University on a track scholarship in shot-put and discus. While attending WSU, she started lifting weights to stay competitive. Johnson competed in track at WSU for five years, and after that, Johnson's coach asked her to be a strength coach because of how well her technique had developed.

At the time that Johnson became a strength coach, she was the only female strength coach in the country. For her, this was something challenging, so she went for it. Johnson looked at this as not so much

of a pioneering experience, but more of something she would enjoy.

While studying for her Masters degree, Johnson went to Hungary to learn about Hungarian weightlifting techniques. To study their methods, Johnson trained with the athletes at the Olympic Training Center, took interviews on audio tape of the athletes, took pictures of their techniques, tracked the athletes weight repetitions, and rate of weight increase. The Hungarian weight lifters techniques influenced Johnson in the way she trained. Her technique improved and just small things about the way she lifted got better.

At the moment, there are no female weightlifting events in the Olympics. Johnson believes this is so because weightlifting is considered a very masculine event and officials think women will start using weight gaining drugs and steroids to lift more weight. Although steroids would make the female weight lifters stronger, Johnson believes better lifts can be achieved naturally.

A few years ago, Johnson was reading an article about an all-woman yacht racing team being put together for the America's Cup, the *Mighty Mary*. She called the 1-800

number advertised in the article, filled out an application, and sent it in. Johnson was one of 45 women chosen out of 700 to be invited to the tryouts. After the tryouts, in June of 1994, Johnson was given a position as a grinder. A grinder is a person who turns cranks to change the gear ratios to increase or decrease the speed at which the sails were trimmed to help the yacht turn. Although her team did not win, Johnson feels much stronger for having been a part of *America3*, the all-woman yacht racing team.

Before Johnson was on the *Mighty Mary*, she had done many things, such as working with track and field athletes in Nebraska and she was also the director of education for the National Strength and Conditioning Association. Johnson enjoyed being a strength coach at a large university immensely. She recently applied for a head strength coach position at Washington State University. There are no female head strength coaches in the country at the moment. Johnson had been an assistant strength coach for eight years and now she's ready to take the helm as a head coach.

## Counterpoint cont...

model from one of gross consumption of resources and "unlimited growth", to one of sustainable living.

Like most things that are good for us, sustainable living requires sacrifice. The core tenant to this belief is the fact that the soil, water, atmosphere, and life forms on this planet are the only things keeping us alive, and as such, cannot be exploited in such a way as to cause harm to them. This is keeping with the Iroquois practice of making decisions based on their effect on the seventh generation yet unborn. Unfortunately, most of our current technological structure will either not last until that seventh generation, or will so irreparably harm the Earth as to make that generation inviable. Hence, a switch to a social structure based primarily on self-supporting farms and the wise use of re-

newable resources is absolutely necessary.

Giving up our modern "comforts and conveniences" would be hard, but keep in mind that cultures and people flourished, were happy, were sad, lived, died, created things of beauty, and accumulated a vast knowledge of the world without them, and continue to do so to this day. Also, thanks to new techniques that draw on an increased knowledge of nature, a self-sustaining, eco-friendly life is easier than ever. Giving up the myth of "progress" and our dependence on un-sustainable technologies opens up an opportunity for humanity to advance artistically, philosophically, spiritually, and scientifically without the threat of ecological and/or social disaster driving us into ruin.

Some say that a agricultural life would leave to little time for human ad-

vancement, but the fact is that most "primitive cultures", by and large, worked considerably less than we do now. Their work was varied, necessary, often fulfilling, and left them time to dance, sing, paint, laugh, and raise families. The average work week for an Northwest Coast tribesman has been estimated at around fifteen hours a week. The rest was devoted to art, leisure, and war. Leave war out of the equation, and think about that 15 hour week the next time your at work, entering data into a computer, or building a computer, or making parts for a computer, or designing a computer, or repairing a computer, or mining materials to be made into computers, or cleaning up the toxic mess at a computer factory, or....and then decide which one of you, the tribesman or yourself, was the more "advanced".

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