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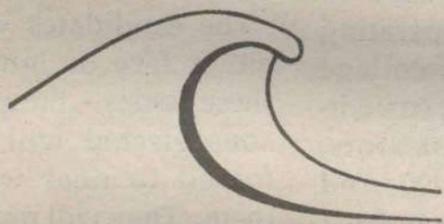
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"Democracy is the  
worst form of  
government, save  
for all others tried."

- Winston Churchill

Vote  
or shut up:  
the choice is  
yours

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## ASGRCC Student Elections Special Edition

### How to do it, and which box to put it in

Ray Carter  
Associate Editor

The Associate Students of Green River Community College Elections occur on April 28 and 29 on the first floor of the Lindbloom Student Center. Voting booths will be open from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m., and from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. on each day. This will be the students only chance to choose the candidate they feel will harm them least.

Candidates will be running for the offices of ASGRCC President, Vice President, Sophomore Senator (five positions), and Senator-At-Large (three positions).

Toni Edwards is the running unopposed in the Vice Presidents race. Edwards is currently on the student programs staff and is the Multi Cultural Coordinator. Her main concern is to help the students become more aware of the decision making processes that take place in student government. In her role as Vice President, Edwards wants to work closely with the Senators and encourage them to seek input for the students. Edwards states "I am open to new ideas and I want to see change in order for us to move forward and improve the campus."

Rene Teterud, Rudolph Grein, Elizabeth Warner and Shannon Lyman are campaigning for the five Sophomore Senate seats. Competing for the three Senator-at-Large seats will be John Nyhuis, Marek Brustad, and Darci Mattioda. It does take a 2.5 in Math 101 to realize that the choices are slim.

Regardless of the paltry choice of candidates, it is possible that the choices may become more paltry yet if history is any indicator.

Should candidates sin against the campaign precepts laid forth by the ASGRCC Judicial Board, they may well be disqualified from the race or removed from office if elected - a rare event, but one that has occurred both at this and more prestigious institutions.

Complaints against a candidate should be filed by contacting the Chief Justice at ext. 337.



Don  
Eckhoff



Bruce  
Hix



Larry  
Slover

### Presidential hopefuls face important campus issues

Dawna Bird  
Business Manager

#### Campus Security:

How does the Security Department arrive at the cost of fines and what is that money spent on? These are the security concerns of presidential hopeful Don Eckhoff.

"Security seems to have been a campaign issue every year, yet since I have been here (in 1988) very little has been done to improve the problem. I intend to change that."

Bruce Hix

Larry Slover is concerned that there are so many thefts on campus. Slover accredits this problem to the fact that there are the same number of security as there were in 1972 yet enrollment has increased by over 3000 students. As president, he would try to find a solution to this issue.

#### Student Involvement:

Don Eckhoff, if elected, plans to run a Presidential Corner column in every edition of the Current. Eckhoff would use this as a means to keep students informed about the important issues facing the student government and what he is doing as president.

Having a campus open forum meeting on a monthly basis is the solution that Bruce Hix favors. Hix would like to see an organized meeting established as a place for students to have their voices heard. This would give students the incentive to become more involved, in his opinion.

Larry Slover would make himself available during the lunch hour for students to be able to come to him with their concerns. Slover would like to generate opinion boxes. He would also like to put out calendars with the student government agenda on it.

#### Night Students:

Don Eckhoff is currently Evening Students Program Coordinator. While in this position Eckhoff was responsible for obtaining funding for and distributing whistles to night students. Eckhoff feels that the campus also needs more lighting to help insure the safety of the students. It is Eckhoff's hope that the presidential column in the Current will also keep them in touch.

"I have maturity and life experience on my side. I can work with people fresh out of high school as well as representing the returning students.... I want to be able to be approached by all students."

Bruce Hix

Larry Slover would like to create a "Spot Light at Night" program. This is where local musicians and talent would perform in the evening and KGRG could broadcast these concerts live.



## Put your ballot where your mouth is

By Jonathan Schwing  
Staff Writer

Elections. Faced with a deluge of choices in federal, state, and local elections in 1992, the Associated Students of Green River Community College confront students with yet another slate of choices in the ASGRCC Spring Elections of '92 on April 28th and 29th- and the ever-pressing question "Who cares?"

The Spring Elections allow GRCC students to select, for better or worse, the persons who will represent them in the ASGRCC Senate, and as ASGRCC President and Vice President. The persons ascending to these not-so-exalted offices will determine how student monies are spent, and represent student interests to the GRCC Board of Trustees and the Washington State Legislature. Their vision will be represented as that of GRCC Students.

The ASGRCC President acts as a conduit of student views to the press and regulatory bodies. He or she will play a vital role in determining what

events and activities the ASGRCC sponsors, and in setting the activities fee charged each student registering for classes.

Activist ASGRCC of-

ulty and administration. An \$8000 pavilion for smokers outside the Student Center is to be constructed, with plans for a second near the Science/Math/Technology Building. Parking on campus

grows ever more inadequate, and the school employs the same number of security officers in 1992 as it did in 1972 - with more buildings and students to protect, in a more hostile and dangerous era - "We ain't in the boonies no more, Martha!"

To fund fall, winter, and spring courses at the accustomed level of subsidization, summer

quarter at GRCC is being robbed of all subsidizing state funds, forcing a dramatic tuition increase for that quarter in order to cover ALL operating costs of the college (maintenance, custodians, administrators, secretaries, etc). And even so, state mandated increases in the regular quarter tuition will strike students beginning fall quarter of '92.

A single cafeteria holds a monopoly on food service on campus (operated by the same food service company since the college opened). In the age of AIDS, condoms are not freely available on campus (how free is it when an already embarrassed student must parade in front of

a "mom" figure to obtain them,) skinheads and Crips roam the campus, and the demon of political correctness roams the land.

The candidates will either face or ignore these issues - the persons elected will be forced to deal with them. They will represent your views and interests, and now is your only chance to choose them. You have the chance to choose - you can vote your convictions on April 28th and 29th in the Lindbloom Student Center - and if your choice is apathy:

HAVE FUN IN THE AFTERMATH!!



*"We ain't in the boonies no more, Martha!"..and the demon of political correctness roams the land...*

ficers might well decide to re-allocate funds from athletic programs that benefit less than ten percent of GRCC students to the Outdoor Programs equipment rental operation, supporting all students rather than merely the athletically talented.

The Paper Tree, supposedly under student supervision, might actually be persuaded to offer mace for students concerned about their personal safety. A second espresso bar might even be opened.

Or...things can go on as they are, with apathetic students doing time at GRCC, waiting to get out and hoping that things don't get worse before they do - with ASGRCC officers accepting the status quo.

GRCC faces a likely faculty strike or "labor action" within the next year, after years of acrimony between the fac-

## Letters

As spring descends across this great land, one can find footballs and frisbees on most college campuses, except Green River.

I don't know, maybe I'm old-fashioned, but doesn't the onslaught of

nice weather make anyone want to go outside and play? (If not, there are a lot of good retirement homes available.) I understand the importance of studying between classes, but all work and no play makes for a boring fellow!

This is college, so go for that 4.0, but don't forget to have some fun.

For you stuffed shirts who don't want to see us having fun be-

cause you're afraid you or one of your cohorts might get hit in the head, I only have one thing to say: Getting hit in the head would probably be the best thing that ever happened to you!

April Drollery



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The Current Staff is composing an article dealing with sexual minority issues on campus. Persons who feel that they can contribute to our understanding of sexual minority issues on campus, regardless of membership in such minority, are strongly encouraged to contact the Current Office at ext. 267 and or leave a message with a contact number in campus voice mail box 273.

# Chaos or Corruption -

## Or, just politics, as usual?

By Steve Olson and Ray Carter  
Editorial Staff

The Associated Students of Green River Community College Student Government staggers drunkenly forward into fame and glory with its Spring Elections on April 28th and 29th. The Associated Students are left wondering - what the hell do they do? (Other than stagger drunkenly into posterity...)

After extensive and painful research, this writer discovered that members of Student Government and the Student Programs staff do engage in activities other than imbibing and procreating. These activities are even rather rigidly laid out.

Student Government breaks down into (not unlike certain other disfunctional governmental entities) three branches - the legislative, judicial, and executive. These branches, not unlike those of a bonzai in the hands of a schizophrenic gardener, have achieved unique configurations found only at Green River.

The AGRCC Senate fills the legislative role for Student Government (however poorly) occasionally fulfilling its' responsibilities without coercion. These responsibilities include the allo-

cation of nearly a million dollars of Activities funds, deciding if clubs are worthwhile, passing by-laws of questionable utility, and seeing to whatever other clever little items they can dream up.

The Senate, in attempting (rather pitiously, in some cases) to go about its business further breaks into committees. The Senate has several Standing Committee's (yes, they sit, but they haven't figured that out yet...let's not tell them and see how long it takes them....); the Budget Committee, the By-laws Committee, the Public Relations Committee, and the Evening Students Committee.

The observant student will ask - "but what, if any, functions do these committee's serve?" Well, a lot of us have asked those questions and the answers, while really inadequate, work out as described below.

The Budget Committee is the fine group that actually comes up with the budget that the Senate, (being incredibly rushed) will rubber-stamp. During the year, they also handle the initial requests for cash from the ASGRCC General fund. Typically, at budget time their role is to give money to athletic activities as opposed to

quently disregarded in the real world, and that the next year's Senate can repeal when they're REALLY, REALLY bored.

Keeping up communication with the alienated student body, suffering under the weighty responsibility of maintaining the "information board", figuring out what students REALLY want, and trying to make Student Government look good by giving away coffee and cookies at finals are included among the duties of the Senate Public Relations Committee.

The final Senate Committee we must examine (yes, I know, it is a chore, but we'll try and keep it short) is the most excellent "Evening Student Committee". This committee is composed of a member of each of the above committees and at least one Judicial Board member and looks for ways Student

Government can help evening students and to fill evening student needs.

Okay, everybody - heave a deep sigh of relief! That's all you need to know about the Senate for now. And you don't need to know ANYTHING about the judicial branch (the

Judicial Board) for the elections, because your newly elected president will appoint them for you...coincidentally, they run the elections process.

Now that we've all rested and had a cup of mocha (or two, considering the subject matter) let's move on to what our esteemed executive branch (long may they wave) actually does.

The President tries to get Senators to introduce his proposals to the Senate, appoints committees (usually whoever walks through the door first - "Hey, Don! You still breathing? Great!! You can be on a Vice President Search committee!), and represents the students to the Board of Trustees and other legislative, regulatory, and beaurocratic bodies. His role is to look pretty, appoint committees, veto the sillier senate proposals, and kiss up.

The Vice President, in his lucid moments, is expected to act as President of the Senate, controlling meetings and casting tie-breaking votes. He or she appoints the Standing Committees of the Senate, represents the college to the All College Council, and makes sure the President gets legislation passed by the Senate in time to veto it.

All in all, a rather tedious little system peopled most commonly by the winners of beauty contest elections, grinding forward with indifference for student needs or goods, regularly funding athletic programs over socially useful programs dis-regarding that less than 10 percent of the students paying for such boondoggles actually benefit.

Vote your conscience - or grit your teeth and vote on the "Least Worst" ticket. Or just shaddup.

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The By-Laws Committee exists to make rules that are fre-

## Every day is Earth Day at GRCC

Dawna Bird  
Business Manager

It has been 22 years since the first Earth Day and the message has never been so clear; if we don't take care of our mother earth, we won't have a mother earth to take care of.

On Wednesday April 23, Green River Community College took their part in Earth day by distributing 250 trees to both day and evening students. Litter bags, filled with a variety of earthy news, were also distributed. This program was sponsored by KGRG, The Current and Student Programs.

Green River students and faculty/staff are not just earth conscience on one special day, this is some thing the college practices all year. Recycling barrels and boxes are available in a variety of areas on campus.

Last year alone GRCC recycled 860 lbs of aluminum, 38.5 tons of card board boxes, and three tons of white and computer paper.

Gina Stacy, who is in charge of the recycling pick ups, is looking for a place to recycle styrofoam. As of yet, none can be found.

The college is also starting pick up for plastics 1 and 2,

Liter pop bottles, milk cartons, juice and water containers all fall into this category. According to Stacy, in order to recycle these plastics, we need to take the caps off and flatten the containers when possible.

For more information on the environment, the Ecology Hotline is 1-800-732-9253.



PHOTO BY WENDY NEW  
Over 200 trees distributed by the student programs, KGRG, and The Current in honor of Earth Day 1992



Photo by Wendy New

Who is responsible for the dead Mr. Ed, that is the question!

## In search of: the golden egg

Dawna Bird  
Business Manager

The Easter Bunny left a trail of eggs filled with candy at the annual Green River Easter Egg Hunt. Approximately 250 children met at the Rainer Room on Saturday, April 18 to participate in the hunt.

The children were divided up into groups; three years old and under, ages four-six, seven-nine and 10-12. The three years and under group searched for their eggs in the grassy area by the Administration Building. Children ages four-six looked for their eggs on the track. Kennelly Commons was the area designated for all seven-nine year old hunters and the 10-12 year old group was found searching for their eggs on the ropes course.

Each area had one egg that had a slip of paper inside it. The child that found that egg could exchange it for a wagon filled with candy and prizes. All of the other Easter eggs had candy in them.

Kaitlin Dickerson found the golden egg for the three year old and under group; Jared Roundy discovered the prize for the four-six year olds. The special egg for the seven-nine year old hunters was found by Christina Retailiau and the prize for the 10-12 year old group was won by James Dundon.

A special thanks goes to Rene Teterud and Diane Anderson for putting together this event and to the Green River Gator for making a guest appearance.

## Health Fair slated for May 7

Representatives for local health organizations will be available to answer questions and concerns of Green River students in the Lindbloom Center, May 7.

The GRCC Physical Therapy Assistant Program

students will be giving FREE massages at the health fair and is just one of many groups offering free services. Spinal screening, heart risk assessments, lung volume testing and blood pressure checks are some of

the other services offered.

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. The Health Fair will be from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

### LIFE IN HELL

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BY MATT  
GROENING

**BINKY'S GUIDE TO LOVE**  
THERAPY IN DOODLE FORM

CHAPTER X:  
**FEAR OF REJECTION**

LOVE SECRET #14: MOCK HOSTILITY CAN OFTEN STROKE LOVE'S SMOLDERING EMBERS IN A LONG-TERM RELATIONSHIP.

LET'S FACE IT: YOUR THOUGHTS ARE GROTESQUELY TWISTED BECAUSE YOU HAVE AN OVERWHELMING FEAR OF REJECTION.

BUT, QUITE SIMPLY, REJECTION IS NOT THAT BIG A DEAL. IT MERELY MEANS THAT SOMEONE YOU DESIRE FINDS YOU UTTERLY LACKING IN SOME BASIC WAY.

THE MYSTERY OF REJECTION IS THAT IT COULD BE BASED ON ANY NUMBER OF NEGATIVE QUALITIES THAT YOU POSSESS.

IT COULD MERELY BE AN INTELLIGENCE PROBLEM: YOU'RE SIMPLY NOT SMART ENOUGH FOR THE OBJECT OF YOUR DESIRES.

OR PERHAPS IT'S SOMETHING AS TRIVIAL AS YOUR APPEARANCE. MANY HUMANS ARE NOT ATTRACTED TO PEOPLE THEY CONSIDER "SLOPPY," "DIRTY-LOOKING," OR "DOWNRIGHT REPULSIVE."

MAYBE IT'S A PROBLEM WITH A LACK OF SENSITIVITY ON YOUR PART. ACCORDING TO SURVEYS, A MAJOR CAUSE FOR REJECTION IS THAT THE REJECTEE IS PERCEIVED TO BE A JERK.

STRANGE AS IT SOUNDS, LACK OF FINANCIAL SECURITY CAN BE A MAJOR TURN-OFF.

OF COURSE, ONE OVERRIDING CAUSE FOR REJECTION IS YOUR BASIC LACK OF SEXINESS--AN INEFFABLE QUALITY THAT SOME FOLKS GOT, OTHERS JUST DON'T.

REJECTION CAN ALSO BE BASED ON ANY COMBINATION OF REASONS, INCLUDING ALL OF THE ABOVE.

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