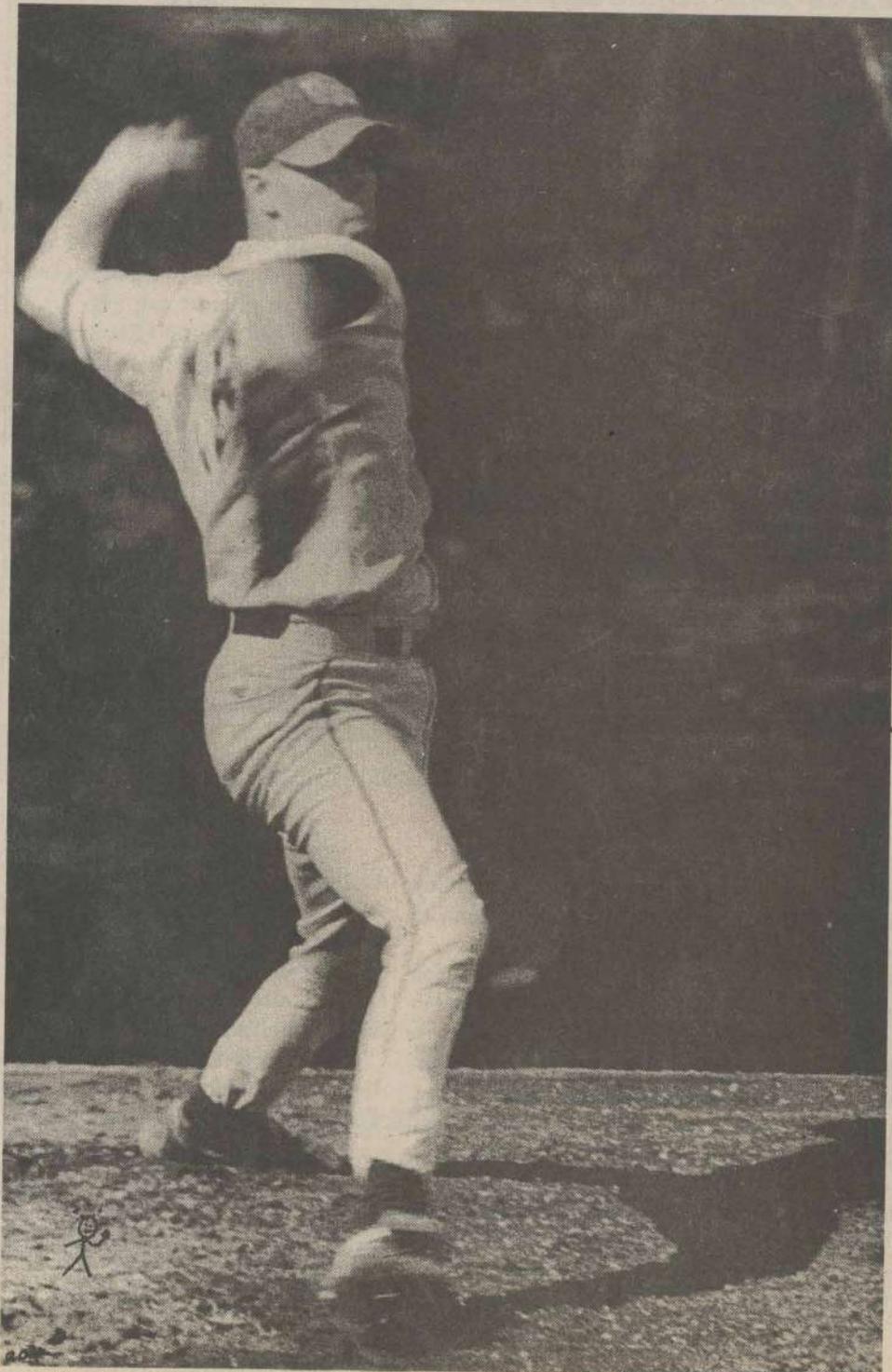




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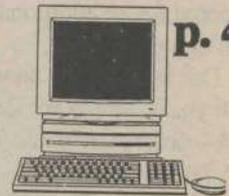
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**GRCC closes  
in on funds  
to construct  
Enumclaw  
campus**

**Brian Lumsden  
Staff Reporter**

Green River Community College is coming closer to having a branch campus in Enumclaw.

Donations for acquisition of the old Key Bank building have been rolling in since December of 1993, when the building was first considered for an addition to the college.

The building is about 11,000 sq. ft. and is located at 1414 Griffin Avenue in Enumclaw.

The Green River Foundation is involved in drumming up donations for the building, and is trying to scrape up an additional \$25,000 to reach the \$200,000 needed to make a down payment.

Remodeling and equipment costs have been estimated at between \$400,000-\$500,000, an amount neces-

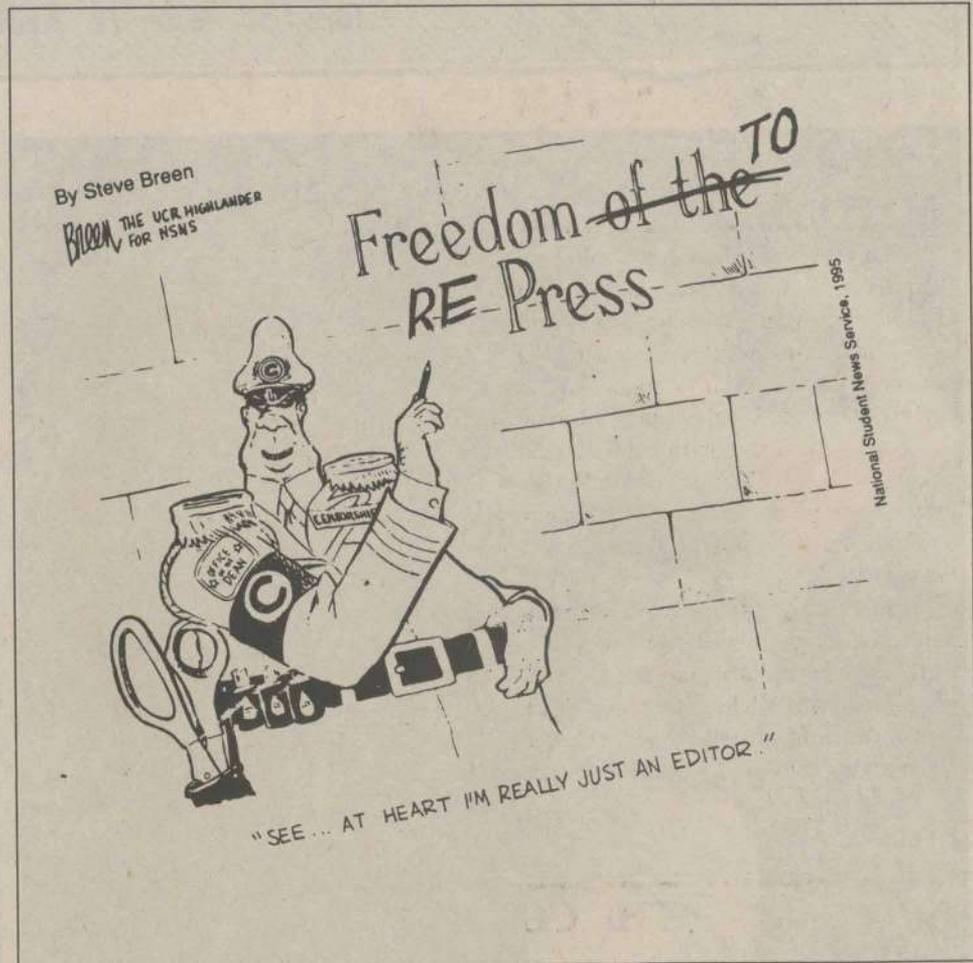
sary to do everything from installing computers and building classrooms to taking down the drive-up window.

Representatives Eric Robertson and Les Thomas from the 31st District have been instrumental in pushing a \$250,000 matching grant for the renovation of the building, and if passed, would expedite the construction of the

building.

When completed, the Enumclaw Branch Campus will serve the needs of outlying areas of South King County, and will also serve to carry overloads in Basic Skills classes.

Anyone interested in donating to the project should call the Green River Foundation at 833-9111 ext. 428.



cover: This man on the cover has a tough job. He throws the ball really fast and tries to make the guy who is on the other team miss it, otherwise, they'll hit it and maybe score some points by running around the field really fast (like the pitches)

## Student involvement encouraged for Distinguished Faculty Award

**Carrin Hargraves**  
*Executive Editor*

Green River Community College students will have a unique opportunity to recognize outstanding faculty members with this year's Distinguished Faculty Award.

The award is presented each year to GRCC faculty members who have demonstrated remarkable service to education through teaching, campus and community involvement.

Any part-time or full-time faculty member may be nominated by GRCC students, staff or faculty. Nomination forms may be found in various buildings on campus and must be turned in to the college president's office no later than Friday, April 21.

In an effort to create more student awareness and involvement, students will have a first-time chance to take part in the selection of the candidates this year. The student body president's vote will be determined by an informal poll taken by members of the student body. Also, the ASGRCC will be given an opportunity to vote for one or more of the candi-

dates at the time of the faculty vote the week of June 5.

Nominees will be judged on their primary work assignments including classroom instruction, counseling, guidance, library and media. Other criteria to be considered include involvement in campus committees and activities, as well as professional development in their field of expertise, and the sharing of that expertise with other faculty, administrators and staff.

A panel comprised of one administrator, four faculty members, one member of the Board of Trustees, a member of the classified staff, one member of the Foundation Board of Directors and the ASGRCC President will narrow the field of nominees between two and five candidates.

Up to five recipients will be chosen, and the winners will be announced at commencement on June 16. Each recipient will receive an award of \$1,500.

More information about The Distinguished Faculty Award may be obtained by contacting Eric Savage at extension 337 in Student Programs.

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# Computer technology draws Holman Library nearer the twenty-first century with Internet

**Maridee O'Day**  
Staff Reporter

Among the latest additions to Green River Community College's Holman Library is the Internet, a super-computer network that allows its users access to enormous quantities of information through the utilization of phone lines.

Six of the library's computers are equipped for the use of internet, and that number should increase in the near future. According to Jim Grossman, director of the library, this has been an exciting and necessary step since the Internet is fast becoming more common and necessary for communication in business, education, research, and even in homes around the world.

The Internet can connect all computers and data bases, allowing communication and transmission of data between users through different channels.

For example, from the Green River Community College Library it is now possible to access and even print out information from the Library of Congress in Washington, DC., or even the University of Spain. Students can also receive up-to-the-minute stock market reports, or watch the sunset as viewed from a satellite.

The Internet may seem intimidating at first, but can easily be overcome with just a little experimenting. When the computer is started up, the box for Internet should be checked. The

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# "Today's Rock" needs money for tomorrow's programs

**Tony Tost**  
Assistant A&E Director

KGRG, the campus radio station of Green River Community College which plays "today's rock," is running its annual Spring Fund Drive. The listener-supported station relies on donations from its loyal audience to stay afloat in the turbulent waters of FM radio.

Everything from basic daily operations to the recent upgrade in power from 100 watts to 250 watts and the shift from mono to stereo sound is made possible from listener donations.

Although the station receives between \$11,000 to \$13,000 a year from the school and additional money from underwriting by local businesses, it is not enough to keep KGRG competitive with other stations, like corporate powerhouse KNDD, who sell 30-second advertisements to supplement their hefty budgets.

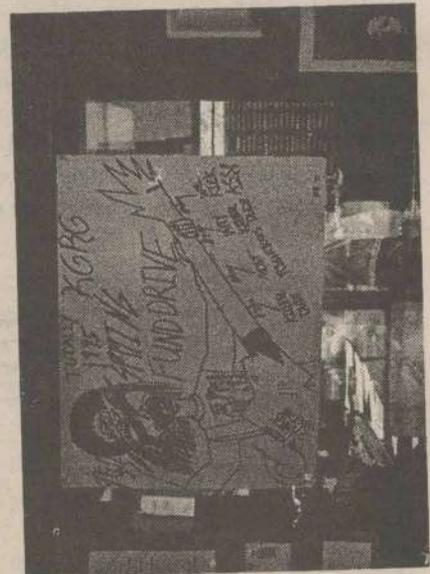
"This is the last year we will be simulcast on 91.7 FM, the Bates College

frequency," lamented Kim Bateman, assistant program director for the station. In other words, this is the last year KGRG will be reaching as wide of an audience as it has the last few years.

The station is banking on a big response from its listeners, who voted the station the "Best NW College Radio Station" in *Pandemonium*, a monthly music magazine.

KGRG will also be putting on a benefit show in the Lindbloom Student Center on Friday, April 28. The all-ages show starts at 7 p.m.. Among the performances scheduled will be pop maestros the Posies, Presidents of the United States of America, Diamond Fist Werney, Sage, Swelter and Gene Pool Lifeguard.

Tickets are \$10, and if you bring a canned food donation, tickets are \$9 (a buck and a half per rockin' band). KGRG has earned a reputation for sponsoring killer shows. Recent benefit show performers include Mudhoney, the Fast-



**This poster is sideways**

backs, Sunny Day Real Estate and Sister Psychic.

Anyone interested in donating to the station can contact a DJ at 833-5004. Pledges are accepted in increments of \$15, \$30, \$60 and \$89.90. Such worthy gifts as t-shirts, newsletter subscriptions and coffee mugs are available at different pledge levels for those interested.

## Solem House undergoes renovations

**Alisa Schwabauer**  
*Executive Editor*

Additional office and conference spaces for Green River Community College will become available with the acquisition and renovation of the Solem House, formerly a private residence, located directly across the street from the main college entrance.

Renovations on the Solem House, which was named after the previous owners, began earlier this month and is scheduled to be completed within 90 days, according to Tom Weisweaver, director of facilities at GRCC.

"The three back bedrooms will be used for office space and then the existing dining room, the living room, and the garage will be made into a conference area. I think there is going to be a sliding door so we can split up some of the conferences into either two or three conference rooms so that we can have multiple functions going on at the same time," said Weisweaver.

One of the offices will house Fred

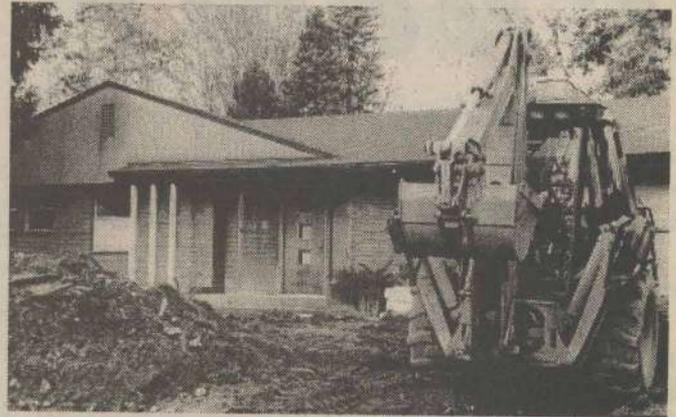
Martin, volunteer coordinator for GRCC. A second office will go to Patti Thomas, inter-urban center for the arts coordinator.

"This will free up room for more office space for faculty which we are short on,"

Weisweaver stated.

The Solem house, which was acquired one and one half years ago, was purchased with the intention of improving the entrance into GRCC. The renovation cost will be about \$253,000, according to Weisweaver.

"Our long-term view of this property is that it is strategically related to the entrance. One of the things that we are very aware of is that if you are brand



Located across the street from GRCC, the Solem House has a big tractor in front of it that moves stuff around like dirt

new to the campus you get lost very, very easily. We have had many master plans to improve the campus with architects, and the acquisition of that property became part of that long-term vision," said Weisweaver.

The conference rooms will be available to any student or faculty member, as well as for community and administrative purposes, by contacting the Scheduling office at ext. 329.

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screen will go to the main menu, which has seven options:

1) TELNET — Allows access to any other computer or database using the system, if the address is known. E-Mail can also be sent using Telnet, but an E-Mail account through Seattle FreeNet is required. More information is available from the library staff.

2) FTP (File Transfer Protocol) — Allows downloading of information files from other computers to disk or hard drive.

3) Same as #2.

4) GOPHER — This is the easiest way to access the Internet. It lists selec-

tions and menus, allowing access in minutes to any subject of interest.

5) WEATHER — Up-to-date information from the nearest airport.

6) UNIVERSITY OF INDIANA WEATHER MACHINE — Detailed weather with graphics for the United States and other countries.

7) IRC (Internet Relay Chat) — Lists channels of different subjects, with opportunities to watch or take part in conversations.

The library is looking for volunteers to help inexperienced users. Anyone interested may contact Jim Grossman. Continuing Education classes are also offered to help familiarize users with the various processes.

Possible plans for further expansion may include twenty-one computers to replace or supplement the six older model computers now available. These will be mosaic- or icon-based and would make access even simpler with graphics to identify the main databases for students.

"The Internet is *the* indispensable tool for information research, resources, and world wide student and faculty interaction," says Jim Grossman. He feels that within a year it will become the dominant source of research for the average student. He also foresees a future at GRCC which includes such prospects as assignments using E-Mail, contacting foreign students and teachers, and even an ability to get a degree from home using Internet access.

# Enemy of the people

(*cary williams*)

If you can recall the release of the movie "The Program," you may also be aware of the accompanying incident involving two boys who, after seeing it in the movie, laid beside a busy road to show their bravery.

Well, when you lay beside a busy road, you get run over.

So did they. This sums up the entire point of natural selection. Admittedly, Darwin's idea of the survival of the fittest (both physically and mentally fit), doesn't play such a huge role in society. But it could, and the two boys who got run over are great examples of that.

Cruel as it may sound, I believe the more common sentiment upon hearing that story was sadness with more than a little amusement mixed in. After all, what in hell must a person be thinking to lay down while heavy, fast-moving vehicles race by? Answer: there is no traceable amount of thinking going on.

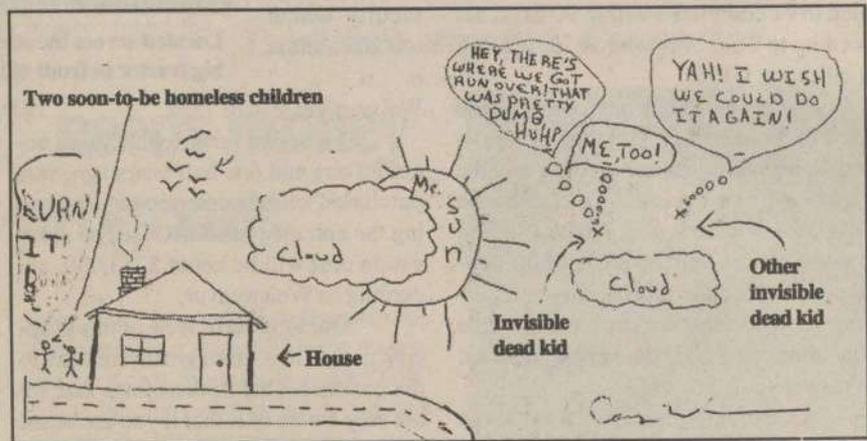
There is no arguing with something like a car. Whether or not it should be killing you, if you stand out in front of it, it will. End of debate.

As a result of the aforementioned incident, the producers removed the scene where the football players laid roadside, presumably under the demand of angry parents (or former parents).

My take on the entire event is one that may be unpopular, but it is nonetheless superior. If more movies displayed similar behavior as is contained in "The Program," a natural sort of weeding-out process would thin the population and benefit the rest of us. At the same time, I fear that the whole population might suddenly disappear.

"Beavis and Butt-head" burned down a cartoon house, so some kid somewhere burned down a real

house. President Clinton insisted that Beavis and Butt-head not use lighters on the cartoon. Two cartoon characters can't use lighters. Neat. Maybe a reversal would be appropriate. Unusual as it may sound, maybe people in cartoons can burn down all the cartoon houses they like, and maybe real people should refrain



from burning real houses.

Especially out of stupidity.

The only real problem comes when the cartoon characters start to light real houses on fire. Then we're in trouble.

But until then, we can leave the cartoon characters alone. They're only cartoons, and for the rest of those who can't distinguish reality from fantasy, go and watch the original version of "The Program."

Anyone who burns down their house because of a cartoon doesn't deserve to live in a house. And anyone who lays in the middle of the road will get hit. It's like a natural scientific law in a way.

Neither case is a cause for grief. Maybe we should go after Darwin.

## Letters...

The Current calls out some heavy hitters to endorse new Spring Quarter editorial staff

DEAR Editor,

I Think The Current is the  
goodest Newspaper In The hole  
world. I Just wanted you to  
no that.

Thanks,  
OTTO PRICE  
*Otto Price*

P.S. The Radio Station KGRE is  
really good to. PLEASE Put  
This in THE CURRENT Newspaper.

PSS.

Do you Guys NEED more  
righters, because I did it in  
HIGH-SCHOOL.

How can you argue with that?  
-Cary Williams, Assistant Editor



## Smokers: You have a friend

This commentary is for all the pink-lunged weenies on the Green River Community College campus that can't pull their heads out of their asses long enough to lighten up (or light up, as the case may be). I am a smoker. I have been smoking anywhere from a pack a day to two-and-a-half packs a day for approximately five years.

In this relatively short period of time I have been put down, lectured, insulted and abused because of my habit. I understand the rights of the non-smoker and all the dangers of second-hand smoke. I even understand that my habit can be a considerable pain in the derriere to other people. However, I do not understand what it is that separates me from the average individual. Last time I checked, the constitution included everyone - even the sinful smoker.

I count myself as one of many considerate smokers. I take great care in guarding others from my smoking. I don't blow smoke in people's faces, I sit in the smoking section, I put my butts in the ash tray, and I don't force others to smoke with me. Therefore, I have come to the same conclusion any reasonable individual would; I have a God-given, legal right to smoke, and if I choose to do so, in spite of the ramifications, I should be able to do so without the entire non-smoking student body climbing up my back. I have enough to deal with as it is. Clue? That's one of the reasons why I smoke!

The concept that many non-smokers refuse to grasp is that in spite of heavy sin-taxes, non-smoking sections, limited ash trays and personal strife from crappy people, many of the "sinners" continue to puff away. Fortunately, this is perfectly within our rights. They are my lungs, my body and my money. Therefore, I will continue on in my unhealthy manner, fighting for the right to light up a cancer stick when I choose. I will continue to pollute my body (*it is my right*), whether the bleeding hearts give me their consent or not.

- Stephanie Booker  
staff writer

# See you at the polls

**Brian Lumsden**  
**Staff Reporter**

The Associated Students of Green River Community College will hold elections for next year's student government officers April 25 and 26.

Campaigning, which began on April 11, runs in a similar manner to our nation's government in that students become involved in legislative, constitutional, and budgetary decisions that will affect student programs.

The positions which are up for polling include president, vice-president, and senators.

Candidates for president, vice-president and sophomore senators must be enrolled in at least ten credit hours, with 45 credit hours accumulated prior to their term in office.

Candidates for freshman senators must be currently enrolled in at least ten credit hours, and candidates for senator-at-large must be enrolled in at least

3 credit hours per quarter.

Among the duties assigned to the president will be the task of appointing committees and boards, conducting clear communication between the student body and administration and signing or vetoing all legislation passed by the student senate.

The vice-president will retain the position of chairperson to the student senate. He or she will be responsible for appointing committees within the senate and ensuring that all legislation is acknowledged by the president.

Five freshman senators will be elected, as well as five sophomore senators. Two of the five senators from each class will be elected president and vice-president. Senate duties include approving and reviewing general policy concerning activities of the ASGRCC, making recommendations to the president and vice-president and to ratify all appointments to ASGRCC standing committees or boards.

Five senators-at-large will be chosen, who will also hold voting power in the student senate.

Polling will take place April 25-26, between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m., and from 6 to 9 p.m. in the Lindbloom Student Center. The winners will be announced after 9 p.m. on the 26.

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# Vote for The Student Caucus

Sample Ballot

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President:	Rob Cason
Vice-President:	Gary Goodale
Senator at Large:	Corey Andrews
Sophomore Senator:	Cliff Broussard
<i>Student Government that works for you!</i>	

Cut it out and take it with you when you vote!

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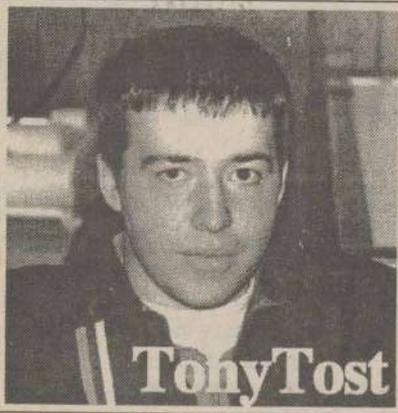
**WHEN:** April 27

**WHERE:** Lindbloom Student Center  
(main dining area)

**TIME:** 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Learn what employment opportunities are  
available to you!





The new quarter is upon us and spring is in the air — a great opportunity for some new Top Ten lists. Unfortunately, this may be my last quarter here on the lush green campus of Green River Community College. As a result, I can basically insult anybody I want because I won't be here long enough for them to get back at me. So with that thought in mind, here are my offerings to you, to help you get through your day.

# Consider This...

## TOP TEN THINGS THAT WON'T BE OVERHEARD IN THE LINDBLOOM STUDENT CENTER ANY TIME SOON

10. "I just can't resist a man wearing a cowboy hat and a Billy Ray Cyrus t-shirt."
9. "Of course I can name the starting five on the Gators' basketball team."
8. "I read *The Current* front to back; I just couldn't put it down."
7. "Oh boy! They're playing that Garth Brooks song on the jukebox again!"
6. "Mmmmmmm . . . this burrito is tender AND delicious."
5. "Damn it, this is the third time KGRG has played a Candlebox song this hour."
4. "That cashier woman pinched my butt again when I bought my lunch"
3. "Leave me alone, I'm getting vertical with Dew."
2. "Why yes, I am getting a quality education for a lifetime."
1. "No way! Get your own Green River sweatshirt! This one is taken!"

## TOP TEN CLUES THAT YOUR INSTRUCTOR IS INSANE

10. Tuesdays are "No Pants Days"
9. Sideburns the size of drumsticks - and she has a mustache too!
8. He always talks about packing meat at Safeway
7. He or she prefers to be referred to as MC Instructor instead of Mr. or Mrs. Instructor
6. Instead of apples, longtime students bring the instructor the heads of dead squirrels
5. On first day of class he or she says "Find a seat, lap or face to sit on"
4. He has a Batman cup.
3. They always read *The Current*
2. They have the words "CRIMINALLY INSANE" tattooed across their forehead.
1. **Their full name sort of sounds like penguin, sanguine or stanguinn.**

## TOP TEN REASONS WHY THE GANG ON SCOOBY DOO WERE ON DRUGS

10. Just take a look at Shaggy
9. Scrappy's growth was severely stunted
8. Scooby Snacks were actually marijuana cookies
7. Fred's scarf was lined with pills
6. They had to be high to hang out with Velma
5. Scooby and Shaggy were always shaking
4. Each episode is just an extended acid trip
3. Scooby and Shaggy always had the munchies
2. They never opened up the windows in the Mystery Machine
1. The dogs talk

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# Spring to Puyallup!!

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*New attractions expected to draw large crowds to the 1995 Puyallup Spring Fair this weekend*

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**Kasey Ramsey**  
Staff Reporter

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The sixth annual Puyallup Spring Fair will be held Thursday, April 20 through Sunday, April 23, at the Puyallup Fairgrounds.

This event attracted nearly 100,000 people last year, and is hoped to surpass that number this time around with the help of two new events, one of which is an Internet show sponsored by local companies such as Microsoft.

There will also be a sports card show and sale hosted by Sawdust Sports Syndicate. The show is geared toward serious sports collectors, and

Baseball Hall of Fame members will be present to sign autographs.

Along with these two new events will be the usual fair activities that attracted such large crowds to last year's Spring Fair. These activities include many different animal shows as well as displays of small exotic pets.

In all, there will be more than 300 exhibitors, selling everything from crafts to hot tubs. Delicious foods, wines, and micro breweries will be featured in the Northwest Taste and Travel Show.

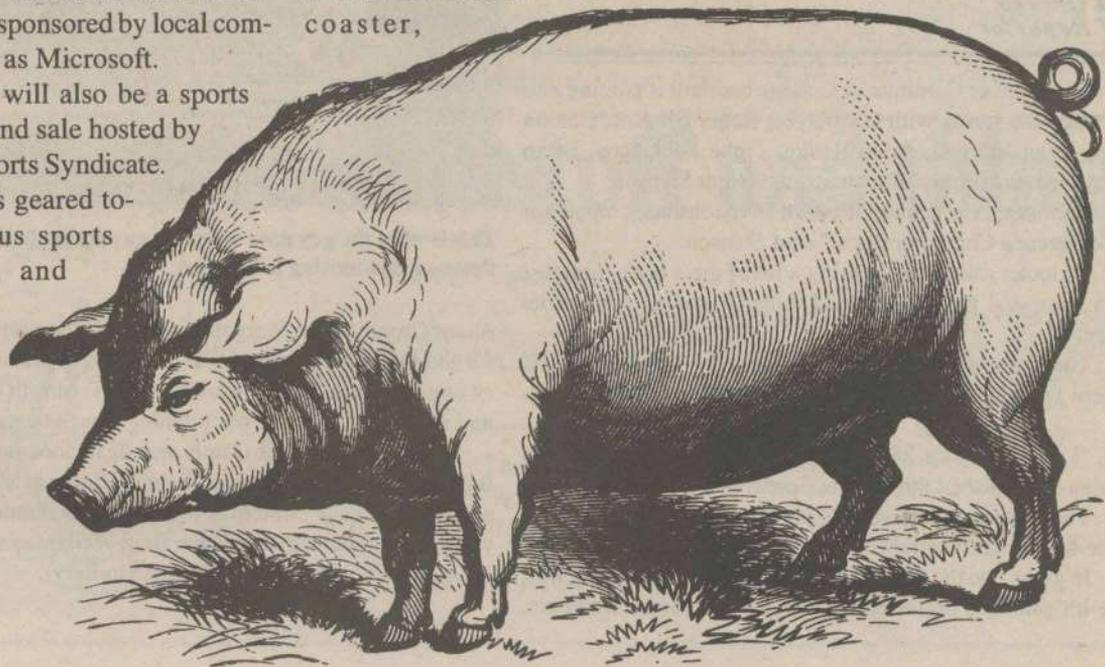
For the carnival ride lover, there will be the excitement of the area's oldest roller coaster,

and free entertainment will be held on stages throughout the fairground, including community bands on Saturday, and nightly Karaoke.

The Puyallup Spring Fair is open from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 20-22; and from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 23.

Admission is \$5 for general admittance, \$3 for children 6 to 12 years of age, and free for those six and under. Discount coupons will be available in the Lindbloom Student Center at Green River Community College April 20 through the 23.

Parking in Fair lots is free.





# Men's tennis team expects victory

**Carrie Billing**  
**Staff Reporter**

Green River Community College Tennis Coach Steve Sauers is excited about this season and the prospect of the men's team winning the Northwest Athletic Association for Community Colleges Conference Championship. A win this year would make an unprecedented four consecutive victories in as many years.

Sauers is also looking forward to working with his new assistant coach Ryan Tuininga, who has played on the

team for the last two years.

The team won their first match of the season Tuesday, April 4, against Bellevue (8-1). On Friday, April 7, rainy weather resulted in a cancellation with Lewis and Clark. On Saturday, April 8, they defeated Pacific University (9-0).

"Brian Jenson is our best player. He is the defending state champion," said Sauers.

Returning from last season are Jensen and Pete Tuininga, who won singles' and doubles' titles in the conference tournament last season. Also return-

ing is sophomore Chris Morrison, a member of the 1993 NWAACC championship team; Todd Lash from North Thurston High School; Brian Kreider, Travis Throm and Sean Hergert from Port Orchard High; Jeff Lombard from Mount Rainer High; Steven Thomas and Tuong Lee from Kent Meridian, and Hishashi Sadoyama from Hyodo, Japan.

The team practices from 1-3:30 Monday through Friday at the Boeing Tennis Club on West Valley Highway in Kent.

# Gator baseball players predict winning future

**Julia Greene**  
**Staff Reporter**

Green River Community College baseball is coming into full swing this spring with key players Roger Bledsoe, Damon Minor, Ryan Morgan, Brian Radke, Tighe Dickinson, Brian Hinchy, James "Jimmy" Bowman, and Brent Stenson.

"We expect to win the Western Division and compete for the Conference Championships," said Stenson.

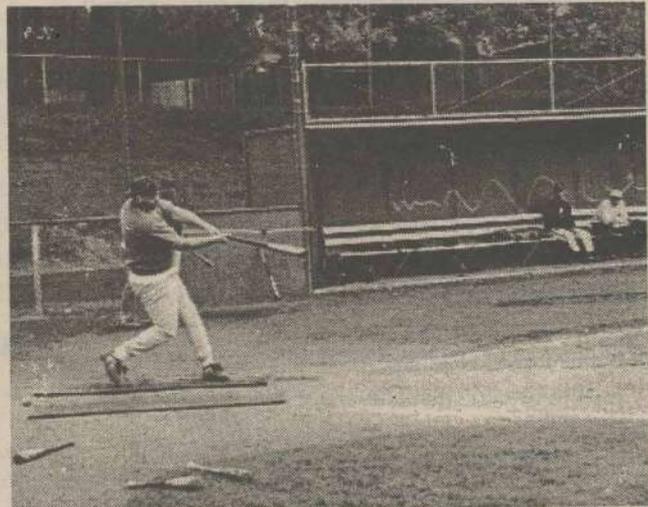
"It looks solid and we bring a lot of guys back from last year's team and we expect good things," said Coach Daniel Spencer.

The Gator's overall record is 8-4 and 2-0 in NWAACC Western Division league play. Last season the team went 30-11.

"Last season we had a good year and won the Western Division and finished third in the Conference," stated Spencer.

The Gators opened league play on April 9 at home in a double-header vs. Centralia.

In game one the Gators combined good hitting along with a one-hit pitching performance courtesy of James Bowman.



**This is what the guy does when the guy on the front cover throws a fast-moving ball at him**

Shane Cronin, Ryan Morgan and Mark Ohlsen all hit home runs for the Gators en route to a 9-1 victory. Spencer stated, "We swung the bat well and we hit three home runs in the first game, and in the second game our pitching was outstanding."

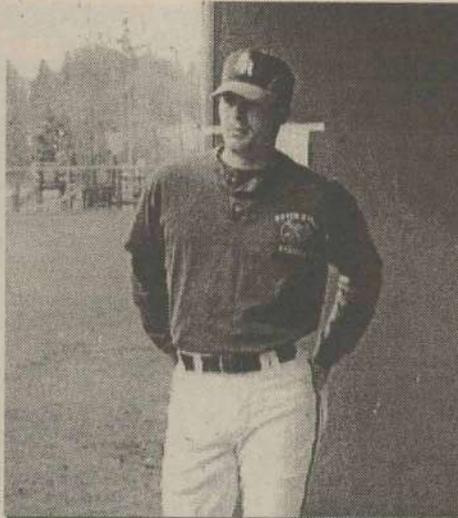
Game two had the Gators once again looking to their pitching staff and strong defense. Tighe Dickinson, Mike Schneider and Brian Hinchy combined to pitch a 1-0 shutout. All of this was done without regular catcher Brad Well (season-ending wrist injury) and Shaun Liechty (busted capillary).

# Bowman hits the big-time

**Andy Poehlman**  
Staff Reporter

"Size ten and a half," replied Gators pitching ace James Bowman when asked the size of his baseball cleats. The left-handed sophomore hurler will be lacing up those same cleats for Texas Tech next year. In the early signing period, James signed a letter of intent to play for the Red Raiders, currently ranked 7 in the national Associated Press poll [REDACTED]

Bowman, who was drafted in the 37th round by Toronto out of high school, was recruited by the University of Washington, Gonzaga and Washington State, as well as Texas Tech. He chose Tech because it was the "best school" and former teammate Dion Ruecker who plays there gave it a ringing endorsement. Encouragement from Raider graduate and Green River Community College Coach Daniel Spencer also helped pave the path to Lubbock for Bowman (which previously had been



**James Bowman, a GRCC student, will play for Texas Tech next season**

totally and completely unpaved).

Coming off a one-hitter, Bowman has proven himself as the Gator's number one starter. On a team like this, such an achievement is truly remarkable. Bowman, whose favorite pitcher is Atlanta Braves [REDACTED] Tom Glavine, has

a rare three-pitch arsenal and has the size (6'1, 190 lbs.) to deliver the goods. The three dimensions to his game are a mid-80's (mph) fastball, a curve and a change-up, all which add up to make him a stiff proposition for opposing hitters. He has several cows.

While he says he's "really excited" about his opportunity to play for one of the nations top NCAA programs, Bowman remains intensely focused on the current GRCC Baseball team's season. As we go to press Bowman has an outstanding 3-0 win-loss record, and a solid 3.21 ERA. Bowman echoed the sentiments of coach Daniel Spencer when he screamed "We have a chance to win it all this year!"

Everyone on or around this team carries a very positive outlook on the season, sighting strong defense and good pitching as the method (man) behind their madness. And while Bowman is maybe only a year away from going on to play professional baseball, he is having all the fun in the world right now on a NWAACC team he loves to play with.

## Gator bits and stuff and things



### Women's Tennis update:

Mon, April 10 vs. Shoreline-rained out.  
Wed, April 12 vs. Western Wa-rained out.  
Fri, April 14 vs. Columbia basin-7-2,  
Gators.

### -Men's Tennis update:

Tue, April 11 vs. Shoreline-9-0, Gators.  
Fri, April 14 vs. Western Washington- 9-0, Gators.  
Mon, April 17 vs. Columbia Basin-9-0,  
Gators.

### Men's and Women's Golf update:

*Green River Invitational*- men first place, shot 591. Women third place, shot 605.  
*Tacoma City Championship*-men first place, shot 297. Women first place, shot 317 against very stiff competition.  
*Willamette Invitational*-men first place, shot 605. Women second place, shot 582.  
*St. Martins*-men first place, shot 609.

# Heavy Dean, the saga

Since the first organized baseball game was played back in June of 1846 between the Knickerbocker Baseball Club and the New York Nine, baseball has been the one constant in American culture, except smelt fishing. The question at hand is that since baseball's longest strike ever is finally over, will it be able to once again capture the imagination and passion of the millions of Americans it scoffed at?

While it is true that baseball has seen its way through many tough times and made it out alive, during the depression many clubs installed lights and started playing night games so that the working man (those lucky enough to be working) could make it out to the games.

When the world war started, many stars found themselves donning a different uniform and playing for keeps, baby!. However, these circumstances were not under the control of players or owners. The strike, on the other hand, represents a different side of sports, which has been around since the beginning but just recently has taken over all aspects of the game: money. The challenge that now lies ahead of Major League Baseball is most likely the toughest.

MLB has been losing or has lost the majority of American youth out there today. In recent polls of really cool kids, baseball came in behind both basketball and football, not exactly outstanding for the sport which is supposed to be our national pasttime, and was the love of these youngster's parents. Their parents, parents, parents, parents, pants, parents and, quite possibly, some of those whose parents were, too. Though.

The reasons for the loss of athletic supporters is due to many different circumstances: the invention of Nintendo; the loss of empty lots in the inner-city which were once used as baseball fields; MLB doing a bad job of marketing themselves; the inability to stalk people; and unlike basketball and football, the inability to follow a baseball player through the college ranks and into the majors. To boot is the fact that good

baseball players are normally drafted out of high school and then lost in the immense jungle of sub-par players called the minor leagues. All of these come in a distant second to line-dancing, which is at the root (or, as the case may be, boot) of all America's problems.

There were many different responses to the strike, which ended the most exciting baseball season in recent history, and left America without a World Series for the first time in

baseball's professional existence. Many people didn't know what to think; some were angered and some were disappointed. Others felt somewhat used and dismayed. When asked, famous rap star (and I do mean star) "The Notorious B.I.G." aka Biggie Smalls said, "It's something new, something different, something to represent. It's all good. I'm with dat!." Famed Mercer Island Head Basketball Coach Ed Pepple simply stated, "It sucks! Hey boys, the next round's on me. Whoa! I've got dibs on the mechanical bull."

The point I've been trying to get at in a very roundabout way is that now that the strike is over, the players and owners are in a position they are not quite used to: at the fans mercy. Without fans, there would be no MLB. It is high time that we as fans let our fury be known, and make it clear that we are not going to be so easily wooed back to the game. My proposition is that we demand stuff. I'm not sure just what, but I'm thinking of something along the line of ponies. If the fans could pull together and go on strike, the players and owners would have to take notice. MLB could actually be brought back down to earth.

Unfortunately, one thing we Americans aren't that good at is uniting for a cause. High-priced players will once again "play ball," and the fans will once again fill the stands. After all, what else is there to do over the summer? Fish? (as in Abe Vigoda)?



**Foreground: Dean Disharoon**  
**Background: Chickenhawk Bill**

## The genius of Quentin Tarantino

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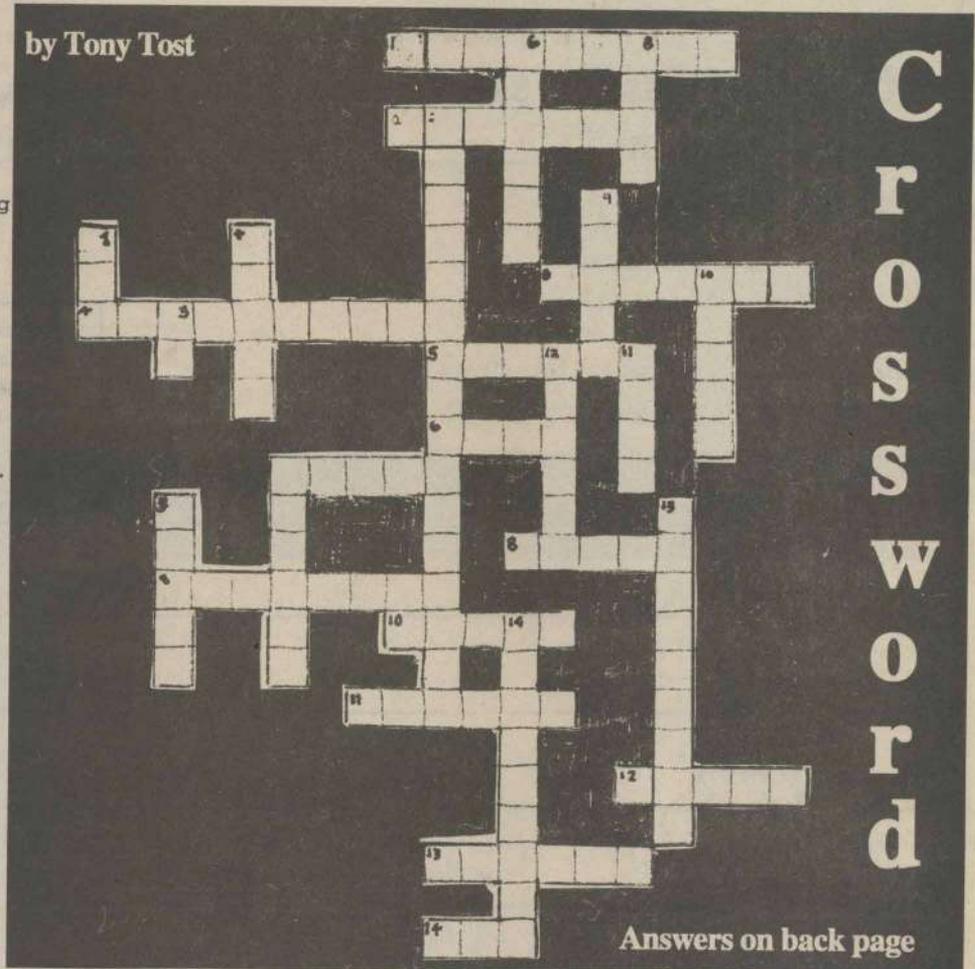
1. Clarence and Alabama made out to his song Chantilly Lace in *True Romance*.
2. Like a Virgin is about a guy who's digging tunnels like Charles \_\_\_\_\_ in the *Great Escape*.
3. What Vincent Vega's hand-towel looked like after he washed his hands.
4. Tarantino produced this Roger Avary-directed bank-heist film.
5. He had small, but memorable, parts in *True Romance* and *Pulp Fiction*.
6. Opposite of Vincent Vega's body type.
7. What Alabama tastes like.
8. Character on *Ren and Stimpy* show - \_\_\_\_\_ Mudskipper.
9. Psycho, ear-slicing character in *Reservoir Dogs*.
10. Chuck \_\_\_\_\_, he sang the song that John Travolta and Uma Thurman twisted to.
11. First name of Mr. Orange.
12. Tarantino's character in *Reservoir Dogs* Mr. \_\_\_\_\_.

13. A foot massage is not the same as sticking a tongue in the holiest of \_\_\_\_\_.
14. Body cavity where Butch's dad kept his watch.

### DOWN

1. Initials of film that Tarantino wrote story for \_\_\_\_\_ TV show that Oliver Stone directed.
2. A quarter pounder with cheese in France.
3. Butch lost his privileges in this city.
4. Jack Rabbit \_\_\_\_\_

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Answers on back page

5. Tarantino's character in *Pulp Fiction*.
6. An explosive situation, the third story in *Pulp Fiction*.
7. What people lay their heads on at night.
8. He doesn't tip, Mr. \_\_\_\_\_.
9. Zed's chopper.
10. Fox Force 5's only episode was this, a \_\_\_\_\_.
11. Last name of tortured cop in *Reservoir Dogs*.
12. Jules is going to wander the earth like Kane in \_\_\_\_\_.
13. Michael Madsen turned down the Vincent Vega part in *Pulp Fiction* to star in this western with Kevin Costner.
14. Butch bought a box of these, non-filters.

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Down- 1. NBK, 2. Royale with cheese, 3. LA, 4. Slim's, 5. Jimmy, 6. Bonnie, 7. Pillow (dub), 8. Pink, 9. Grace, 10. Pilot, 11. Nash, 12. Kung Fu, 13. Wyatt Earp (dumb move), 14. Red Apples  
Across- 1. Big Bopper, 2. Bronson, 3. Maxipad, 4. Killing Zoe, 5. Walken, 6. Thin, 7. Peach, 8. Muddy, 9. Mr. Blonde, 10. Berry, 11. Freddy, 12. Brown, 13. Hollies, 14. Ass