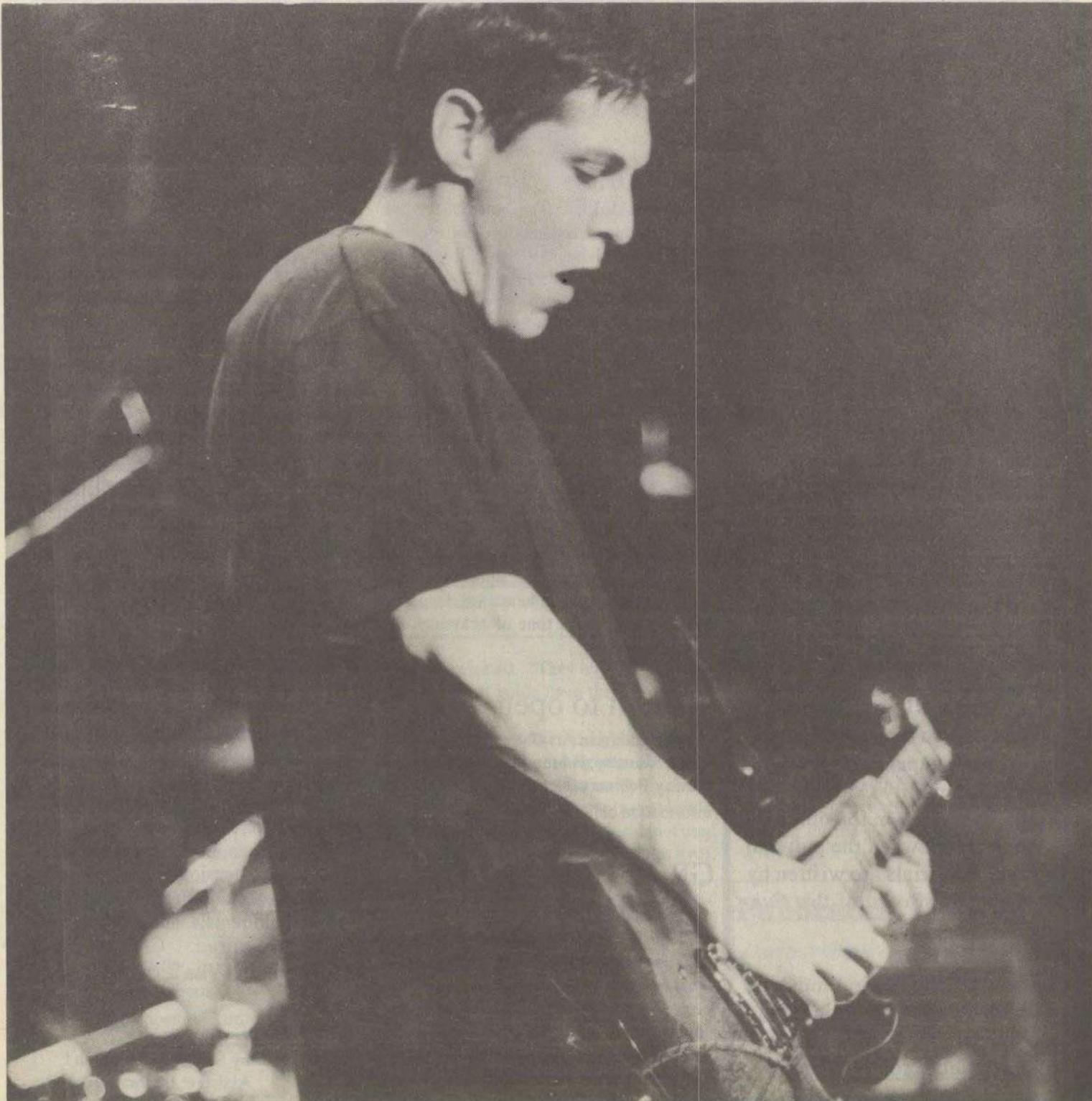




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Employment
Decreases in 1995

According to the Employment Security Department unemployment dropped 6.1 percent in Washington State in the month of December, 1995. But, Disaster Unemployment Assistance is greatly needed due to bad winter storms last year and can be obtained at the Local Job Service Center. Unemployed persons who live in Chelan, Cowlitz, Clallam, Clark, Grays Harbor, Island, Jefferson, King, Kittitas, Lewis, Mason, Pacific, Skagit, Snohomish, Thurson, Wahkiakum, Whatcom and Yakima counties and who lost their jobs directly from flooding and/or windstorms may be eligible.

Delta Offers Extra Credit

Delta Air Lines is offering its Student Select Savings Certificates to college students who call 1-800-9DELTA0 between January 4- March 4, 1996. The "Extra Credit" fares are valid for travel January 15-March 31, 1996, with holiday blackout dates in effect on February 16, 18, 25 and March 3. Tickets are nonrefundable and must be purchased at least seven days before departure. Requests are limited to one per student.

A student may use the certificate to travel at Delta's "Extra Credit" fares and take up to two friend at the same fare. Fares are \$138, \$198, and \$318 roundtrip, depending on length of travel by zone. Each student must provide the college name, intended major, address and student identification number and produce a valid student Identification at the time of ticketing and travel.

Exhibit to open

Freighthouse Art Gallery: "Entrances" opens Saturday, February 10 from 10-7 and Sunday February 11 from 12-5. For more information call 206-383-9765.

GRCC hosts transfer day

Green River Community College will host College Transfer Day on February 8, from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm. Representatives from local four-year colleges and universities will be present to answer questions about admissions, courses offered, and transferring procedures.

Admission representatives from the fol-

lowing schools will be in the Main Dining Room of the Lindbloom Student Center on Transfer Day:

Central Washington University
Eastern Washington University
Western Washington University
Washington State University
Pacific Lutheran University
Seattle Pacific University
University of Puget Sound
City University
Seattle University
University of Washington-Main Branch and Tacoma Branch
Evergreen State College
Northwest College
Cogswell College-North
Lutheran Bible Institute
US Army ROTC

More information is available by calling Paul Mueller at ext. 548.

ODP Proves to be Fun

BY JASON SHERRILL

STAFF REPORTER

Want to have fun this winter and not pay too much? Outdoor Programs may be just what you need!

The Outdoor Programs office is located at LC 211 in the Student Programs office in the Lindbloom Student Center. Currently, there are five adventures left for Winter Quarter 1996. These adventures are: cross-country skiing at a local ski area, Mountain Oriented First Aid class (MOFA), Crystal Mountain Ski & Board Trip, Snow Cave Adventure at Paradise, and ice skating at a nearby rink. In addition to the upcoming adventures, equipment is available to be rented for a day, weekend, or week.

More information is available about the different adventures by contacting Jeff Hoeben, Outdoor Programs coordinator, at extension 337, or voice mail #1564. Reservations require full payment to hold rentals, and a damage deposit is required. Checks, cash, Mastercard, and Visa accepted.

-by Stephanie Jacobson
Assistant Editor

Hypnotist comes to GRCC

BY JASON SHERRILL

STAFF REPORTER

How easy is it for you to follow directions? Hypnosis shows that it might be easier than you think.

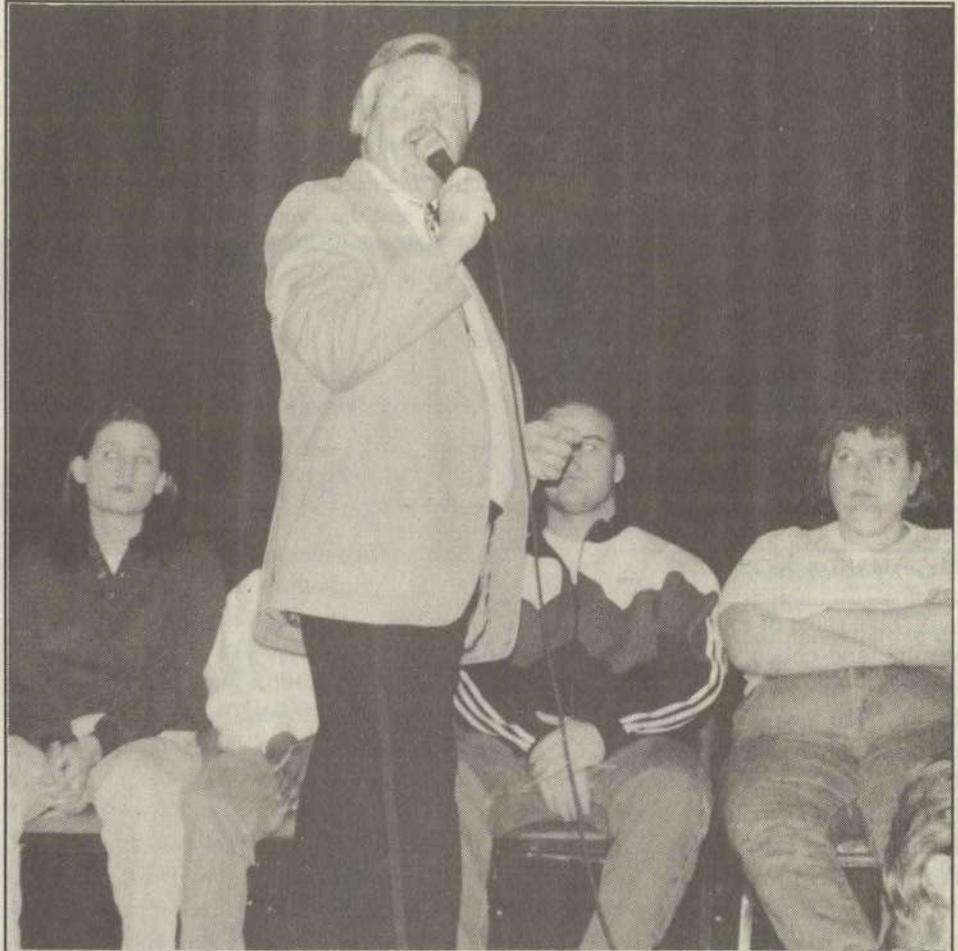
During Monday's Mix on January 22, 1996, hypnotist Jerry Harris visited Green River Community College. For an hour, Mr. Harris hypnotized twelve volunteers in front of a large crowd in the Lindbloom Student Center. Hypnosis is the act of inducing a sleep-like state in which the subject readily accepts the hypnotist's suggestions.

During Mr. Harris' presentation, the volunteers unknowingly acted out various hypnotic suggestions. These hypnotic suggestions range from bad body odor to volunteers standing up and saying irrelevant lines on hypnotic cue. Lines like: "Kiss me you fool, I've been vaccinated!" and "Life is like a box of chocolates" were a few of the audience's favorites.

Hypnosis is, however, not magic, but a science. "Building a rapport with your subject is the most important part of hypnosis", said Harris. Without rapport or familiarity, a person can't relax. If your subject can't relax, then a hypnotist won't be able to hypnotize.

The hypnotist starts with soothing, relaxing music to help calm the people being hypnotized. Next, the people being hypnotized focus all their attention on the hypnotist. Then, he has the people relax by closing their eyes and let the tension and stress drain out of their bodies. Finally, he talks people down through the conscious mind to a very relaxed subconscious mind, where the hypnotists gives hypnotic suggestions.

"It's not me who hypnotizes people,"



Hypnotist Jerry Harris performs his "crazy" antics on stage during a recent Mondays Mix. *photo by jason sherrill*

Harris explained. "They hypnotized themselves. I just guide them through the process."

Harris attended the Hypnosis Training Institute in Los Angeles. There he learned from Gill Boyne, who Harris claims is "the best hypnotic educator in the world."

Hypnosis is a psychological tool used to help overcome problems in peoples lives,

such as weight loss, smoking, stress, passing exams, and improving study habits. Harris has several cassette tapes for sale that help eliminate these and more problems. More information is available by calling Jerry Harris at (360) 893-5745. For a complete listing of cassette tapes available, write : 21523 Orting-Kapowsin Hwy., Graham, WA 98338.

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Due to computer problems, the Current has come out later than planned. We apologize for any inconveniences and thank you for your patience.

The Gators are coming, The Gators are coming

GRCC students head to London

BY SAM LEVESQUE

STAFF REPORTER

Ever wanted to learn why the British insist on driving on the wrong side of the road?

This spring, Green River Community College students might just answer this perplexing question while living and studying in Bloomsbury, London.

Spring Quarter in London is a 15-credit, nine-week program offered through the Continuing Education office. This popular program is in its seventh year and is still going strong.

Students will attend classes at the University of London Union, while living

in nearby home-stay facilities or more expensive private housing. The program offers credits in History, Modern Government, English, and Mathematics, not to mention the opportunity to have a warm pint of biters in an English pub, or to cruise the club circuit.

The program also offers social activities and excursions such as trips to the theater, and the ever-popular soccer matches (wear pads and a helmet!!!!). An optional tour of Amsterdam, Brussels, and Paris is also available.

The trip's organizer, Cindy Card, said that the program is a lot of fun. "It's a very successful program. All the students come

back saying that it was the best experience they ever had," Card said.

When asked about the purpose of the trip, Card said, "I think a lot of it is just to have the experience of studying abroad. Many students have never left the state before, and it's an eye-opener."

The trip costs approximately \$6,510.00, including airfare, tuition, home-stay housing, and personal expenses. Private housing and the trip to mainland Europe cost an additional \$435.00 and \$645.00, respectively.

More information is available by calling Cindy Card at extension 231. Ballyhoo and all that rubbish, what?

The Best Cup Of Java Around

BY AMANDA KLIENHART

SPORTS EDITOR

"Five shots of espresso with hazelnut, vanilla, and chocolate flavoring was the strongest drink I've ever made," said Karrie Smith, who works at Espresso-Self, the espresso stand in the Lindbloom Student Center lobby. The stand uses 15-20 gallons of milk and 500 shots of espresso per day. Espresso is actually special roasted coffee beans. A shot (one ounce) of espresso has about as much caffeine as a regular cup of coffee.

Smith is working two jobs while taking a break from attending Central Washington University. Laurie Clapp, a mother of one, also works at the stand. Evelyn Diggs and Sherry Smith, who work in the cafeteria, take over for lunch breaks. Last quarter, Kelly Lovall-Jones, a student at Green River Community College (GRCC), worked at the stand until she obtained her AA degree.

The espresso cart is part of a chain owned by Food Management Corporation (FMC). Seattle's Best Coffee is used for the espresso, and FMC hopes to provide gourmet drip coffee from Seattle's Best Coffee in the future. The pastries and cookies available at the stand are made in the cafeteria here at GRCC, but the biscotti comes from a company in Seattle.

"The best parts about working here are the interesting people and the tips," said

Smith. "Females usually tip more often, but about a third of the guys tip, but in greater amounts. The girls usually buy more flavor, while the guys like more caffeine."

One of the most popular drinks sold at espresso carts are lattes, which are made with one shot of espresso and steamed milk, with a dollop of foamed milk on top. Another favorite is a mocha, which is a shot of espresso with steamed chocolate milk and foam. A latte with half strawberry, half banana flavoring and whipped cream (a banana split latte) is the most out-of-the-ordinary drink

Smith has made. She enjoys making white-chocolate flavored drinks because the smell is one of her favorites. Last quarter, FMC wanted

to establish an espresso cart in the Science, Math, and Technology (SMT) building, which Lovall-Jones would have operated, but plans fell through when the Fire Marshall declared there was not enough room in the lobby.

"Espresso-Self recycles all milk jugs and flavor bottles. The coffee grinds are thrown away, but if anyone wants them for compost, they can have them," Smith said.

The stand is open Monday through Thursday from 7 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. and on Fridays from 7 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.



KGRG Benefit Show Packs House

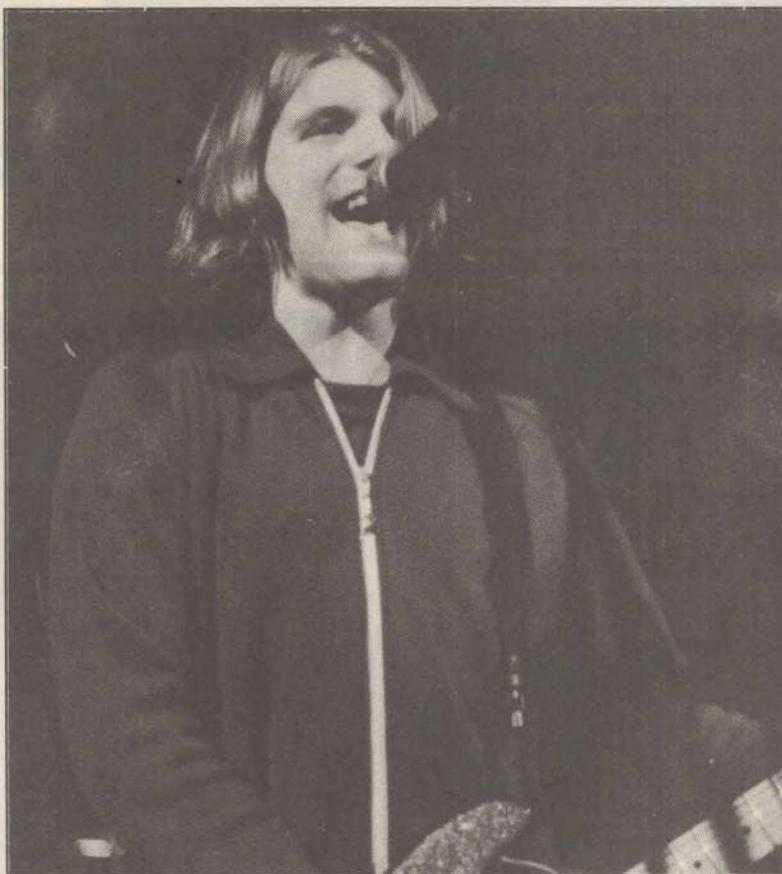
BY TRAVIS COX

STAFF REPORTER

KGRG has once again tested the occupational limits of the Lindbloom Student Center. A whopping 1200 people viewed the show (not all at one time of course, because that would be over the maximum capacity). The crowds started gathering at 5:30 PM, braving the fierce cold to witness the impending show. Along with the usual concessions and concert merchandise, they also had a "register to vote" counter where members of Student Programs registered people to vote. At 6:30 PM the freezing fans who were lined up around the student center were let in, and soon after the concert started. The first band on the list was MxPx, who started the concert off with amazing energy and had the crowd moving in a hysterical frenzy. The punk rock trio had the crowd singing right along with the band and as soon as the band started in with their "song punk rock show" the crowd moved to new heights of hysteria. After a brief pause the group performed an astounding version of the band Kiss song Rock And Roll All Night. The band finally wound down and left the crowd yelling (and the people in the front gasping) for more.

After a brief pause and some fresh air The band Skiploader took to the stage. The group all though new to the music scene had the fans so overworked that the barricade started to move to the wrong spot, and had the KGRG staff

band who was full of surprises played a little bit of One Of Us by Joan Osbourn, then continued on with there hit Famous, and then decided to play a tiny bit of Peaches by the Presidents. The show was chalked full of excitement that had the crowd tearing at the wall and having to be cooled off. The band invited family to come on stage and dance while playing segments of Santa Monica by Everclear, Good by Better Than Ezra and Teen Spirit by Nirvana. Among all the covers they also played some of there own stuff including there recent holiday song Skateboard. By the end of the set the audience were all tired out but managed to save some energy for the headliner Thirty Ought Six. Although the Portland band had some technical difficulty they managed to keep the crowd awake long enough to play there set. The heavier sound of the band



KGRG packed the house at their most recent benefit concert.
by travis cox

running around trying to keep the wall from toppling down. Skiploader definitely had the crowd (which wasn't to hard) moving and a grooving to the music, and every one was disappointed when the band regrettably left the stage. But it wasn't a total loss, for in the wake of the disappointment came Super Deluxe. The Kent band who just got signed to a major label managed to make a very large price cut to play at the benefit. The

managed to end the show with the same intensity that it started with. Over all the concert raised roughly \$9,000 for the student radio station and was said to be one of the smoothest concerts ever done by KGRG. The smashing success of the concert has left the management and staff of KGRG in a state of euphoria and well looking forward to the next show.

New Library Used For More Than Research

BY TERRY CLAPP

STAFF REPORTER

The new Holman Library, currently under construction and targeted for completion by January 2, 1997, will be more than a place for students to do research. Students will not only have electronic access to research information using a CD-ROM full text data base, but will be able to use one of the computer labs for typing their research paper, according to James Grossman, Director of Learning Resources at Green River Community College (GRCC).

Using Microsoft Word applications for data processing on one of the 72 new computers, or at one of the 100 study carrels that will be equipped with a port for a lap-top computer, students will be using the

first open, dedicated computer lab on campus.

If a student has a question for the instructor about an upcoming test or needs clarification on class notes, that student will be able to get answers using the new structured Internet library home page system planned for the second floor of the library, said Grossman.

If the student finds all this new technology intimidating, Grossman has recruited a "help staff" for assistance while students learn how to use this new equipment. This is the most important area the new technology fee is for, because without more professional librarian and information management staff, the CD-ROM full text data base, Microsoft applications, and the structured

Internet library home page system won't be effective for the students.

Grossman is hoping to extend the new library hours to include four hours on Saturday afternoon, and six hours Sunday afternoon and early evening.

Currently, plans for the first floor of the new library include a check-out desk, five computer classrooms, one large electronics classroom, one small electronics preview room, a video center, and a Help Center.

Plans for the top floor include a reference desk, 100 study carrels equipped with ports for laptop computers, along with 72 computers for student use. An information and bibliography lab will be included.



"You've got to know when to hold them, know when to fold them. Know when to walk away, know when to run. Although rumors were abundant, Kenny Rogers was never actually seen at the recent Casino Night.

photo by aaron entrekin

Bad Weather Doesn't Stop Casino Night

BY AARON ENTREKIN

STAFF REPORTER

The students who dared to venture out in the snow to attend the Student Programs annual Casino Night were able to enjoy a fun-filled evening at no expense.

On Friday, Jan. 19, students gathered

in the Green River Community College cafeteria from 9-12p.m. for free gambling, bingo, and a pool tournament. "All students were issued fake money to gamble with, and at the end of the night there was an auction," said Heather Dukes, a special events coordinator.

The games consisted of black jack, poker, craps, bingo, roulette, and 4-5-6. Students were allowed to purchase prizes such as alarm clocks, hairdryers, and sheets with the "money" they won gambling.

The prizes were purchased at Fred Meyer by Student Programs.

Big Bugs Invade Pacific Science Center

BY TERRY CLAPP

STAFF REPORTER

If you attend the Big Big Bugs exhibit at the Pacific Science Center between Jan. 26 and May 5, you may learn:

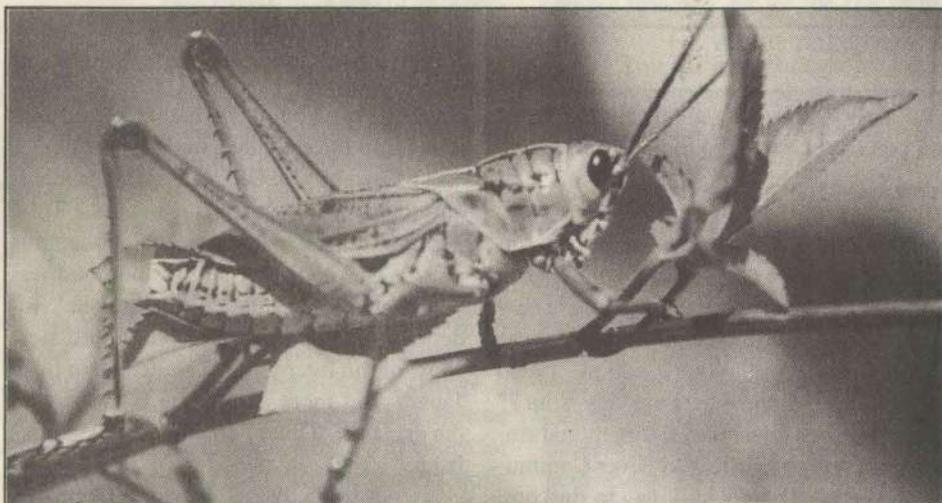
-that the breakfast cereal you ate today was probably flavored with arthropods.

-that the clothes you wear or the lipstick you put on may be made of insect secretions,

-that the color of the cherry on your sundae came from ground-up bugs, and many more gross, but intriguing facts about entomology - the branch of zoology that deals with insects - that could make your skin crawl.

For example, one part of the exhibit displays moving mouth parts of a mosquito's sucking tube, enlarged to 600X actual size, piercing a realistic mock-up of human flesh.

Another part of the exhibit attempts to tantalize your appetite with displays of Witjuti grub - four inch long goat moth larvae - on a shish-ka-bob, a meal-worm omelet, and chocolate "chirpie chip" cookies



A locust, world renown for destroying the harvests, is pictured above. This one has escaped and is reported winged and "upset"

photo by Clapp ent.

made with dry-roasted crickets.

Upstairs of the exhibit you will find a Live Bug Zoo, complete with wriggling Giant Millipedes, huge Hissing Cockroaches, and Tobacco Hornworms that are a beautiful shade of blue - for a hornworm.

Throughout the exhibit, you will be met by mammoth robotic insects displayed in equally large versions of their natural habitat, including a locust, a praying mantis, and a swallowtail caterpillar.

Eating Disorders Don't Discriminate

Screening to take place on campus

BY DEAN DISHARON

EDITOR IN CHIEF

Green River Community College is taking part in hosting the first-ever National Eating Disorders Screening Program (NEDSP). The screening, which is a free event, will take place on Wednesday, February 7 between 2:00 and 4:00 p.m. in the Glacier Room of the Lindbloom Student Center.

NEDSP is a new part of Eating Disorders Awareness Week, which runs, February 5-11. Its objective, is to inform students on the dangers of eating

disorders, which include: heart problems, osteoporosis, and reproductive problems. Eating disorders can affect anyone, both male and female. "It occurs mostly in women, but, men have eating disorders also," said Health Services Coordinator, Julie French.

Students who attend will hear an educational presentation on eating disorders by Dr. Ellen Cash, fill out a screening questionnaire, and meet one-on-one with a health care professional. Those who show symptoms will then be encouraged to make an appointment for

a full evaluation.

Participants in NEDSP, need not worry about confidentiality as the screening is completely anonymous. "An eating disorder is a secret kept way inside. It's a real personal issue, a part of their self-esteem. No one will no any names or anything like that." French said.

Diversity Abounds at Green River

BY ALEX KUSTYUKOV

REPORTER

Every day you walk through campus and you see people who look different than you and speak in foreign languages. You just look over them and continue to walk. Sometimes you turn around and try to understand what they are talking about. But you understand nothing. Everything is new for you. You have never before heard these kinds of languages. Your question, "Who are those people and where are they from?" Others also ask how many international students are studying at Green River Community College. There was a way to find out:

visit the International Programs office. A nice administrative assistant, Lisa Loveland, gave a helping hand and gathered information about International students at GRCC.

Currently, at GRCC there are students enrolled from 28 foreign countries. Total population of the International students is 269. (The pie chart shows the countries which are represented by International students.) These very interesting statistics: Most of the International students are from Japan. But more interesting is the part of the diagram "Other" including 23 students from:

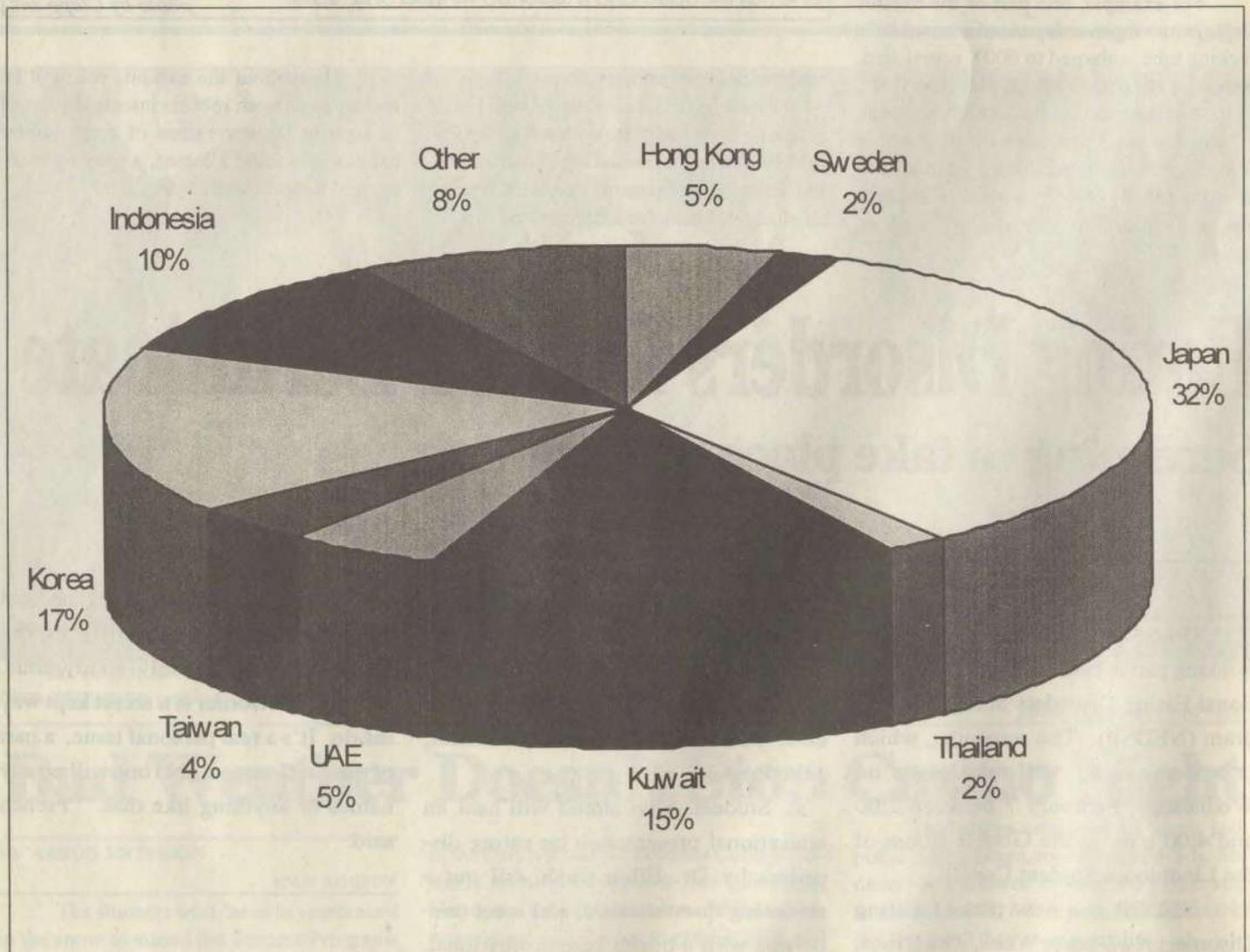
Australia, Brazil, Ecuador, Germany,

Jordan, Malaysia, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Qatar, Singapore and Zambia have only one representative.

But there are two representatives from:

Canada, China, India, Russia, Saudi Arabia and Vietnam.

You can see that at GRCC people from all around the world are among us as International students. It seems that many country's representatives world-wide have found a place here and are always welcome at Green River Community College.



Survey Says? Day Students Not Involved

BY AMANDA KLIENHART
SPORTS EDITOR

Wednesday, January 10, a student survey was distributed by two Associated Students of Green River Community College (ASGRCC) Senators regarding Parking and Security issues.

The survey asked students not only what they expected of the Parking and Security staff and if they met these expectations, but asked for solutions to problems students saw. All of the surveys supplied to night students were filled out, most of them showing a positive response voicing their opinions.

"Last quarter I was pregnant, and I had to walk all the way from the farthest parking lot to the SMT building in the dark," said one busy student who took time out to complete the survey.

English, with the help of Dana Denton, Judicial Board member, and Thy Pham, Student Senator, organized a questioning and survey session for day students in the Glacier Room. Available for questioning were: Gene Crawford, Security Director, Tom Trindle, in charge of campus lighting,

Dan Keene, in charge of transportation, Bruce Compton, Dean of Student Programs, and Diane Anderson, Coordinator for Student Activities.

Although these people showed up, only a few day students did.

"Day student response was horrible," said English, "Only two surveys were returned."

Direct student response is important in an issue like this, because the student body government must have valid arguments to suggest a change.

Last week, English and Denton compiled and organized the opinions for review by Joe O'Brien, Student Body President, who will add his own solutions and pass them on to the Board of Directors. Finally, they will be reviewed by the College President, Richard Rutkowski.

English, who is also the Student Transportation Representative, organized the Energy Conservation Week events last quarter such as free lattes for riding the bus and \$5 Metro passes.

This quarter when students carpool, each person in the car receives a slip from the parking booth. Eighteen slips are redeemable for \$18, the price of a parking pass, and students

receive free parking for the rest of the quarter.

"You can also park closer to the buildings when you carpool, because of the designated carpool parking," English pointed out.

English, Denton, and Pham spent about 15 hours organizing the survey. English, who plans to run for Student Body President in Spring Quarter, said that an activity similar to this is presented about every two weeks. Day student sessions will be located in the Glacier Room, upstairs in the Lindbloom Student Center. Night sessions will be held in the lower lobby of the LSC. Scheduled activities are as follows:

February 8 College Transfer Day-Learn about the colleges offering evening degree programs.

February 14 Safer Sex Information- What does it take to keep you safe against STD's in the 90's?

March 6 Clubs Fair- Find out which clubs are on campus and how to get involved.

Students Spend Spring Quarter in Thailand

BY SAM LEVESQUE
STAFF REPORTER

This Spring Break, Southern Oregon State College is offering a student trip to a land of balmy breezes, palm trees, spicy food, and a language consisting only of single syllables.

No, its not Louisiana, it's Thailand.

The cost for the twelve-day get away ranges from \$1,000—\$1,200 de-

pending on hotel and lodging arrangements.

The trip will emphasize free-time and flexibility, and includes most of the premier vacation sites in Thailand, including six days on the world-renowned resort island of Phuket, four days in Bangkok, as well as a trip to the infamous bridge made famous in the film "The Bridge on the River Kwai." Also included is a day-trip by boat to

Pang-Nga Bay, the setting for the '60's Bond film "Man With the Golden Gun".

Additional information is available by contacting Sean Parlaman at (541) 552-6655, or by e-mail at PARL4850@tao.sosc.osshe.edu.

Access to the Internet is Going to Cost You

GRCC and other colleges testify in Olympia in hopes to establish a mandatory tech fee

BY TERRY CLAPP

STAFF REPORTER

Members of the Associated Students of Green River Community College (ASGRCC) stated the needs of students for a mandatory technology fee and a student committee to govern the spending of the fee money. These needs were expressed to a Senate Committee in Olympia on January 16, and in a letter to Rich Rutkowski, President of Green River Community College.

Shawn English, Senator at Large, and Dani Chang, Student Body Vice-President, both of ASGRCC, testified before the Senate Committee for the need to implement a quarterly \$20 to \$25 technology fee to help pay for improved technology at Green River Community College (GRCC).

Other colleges that testified to the Senate Committee are: Western Washington

University, Eastern Washington University, and the University of Washington.

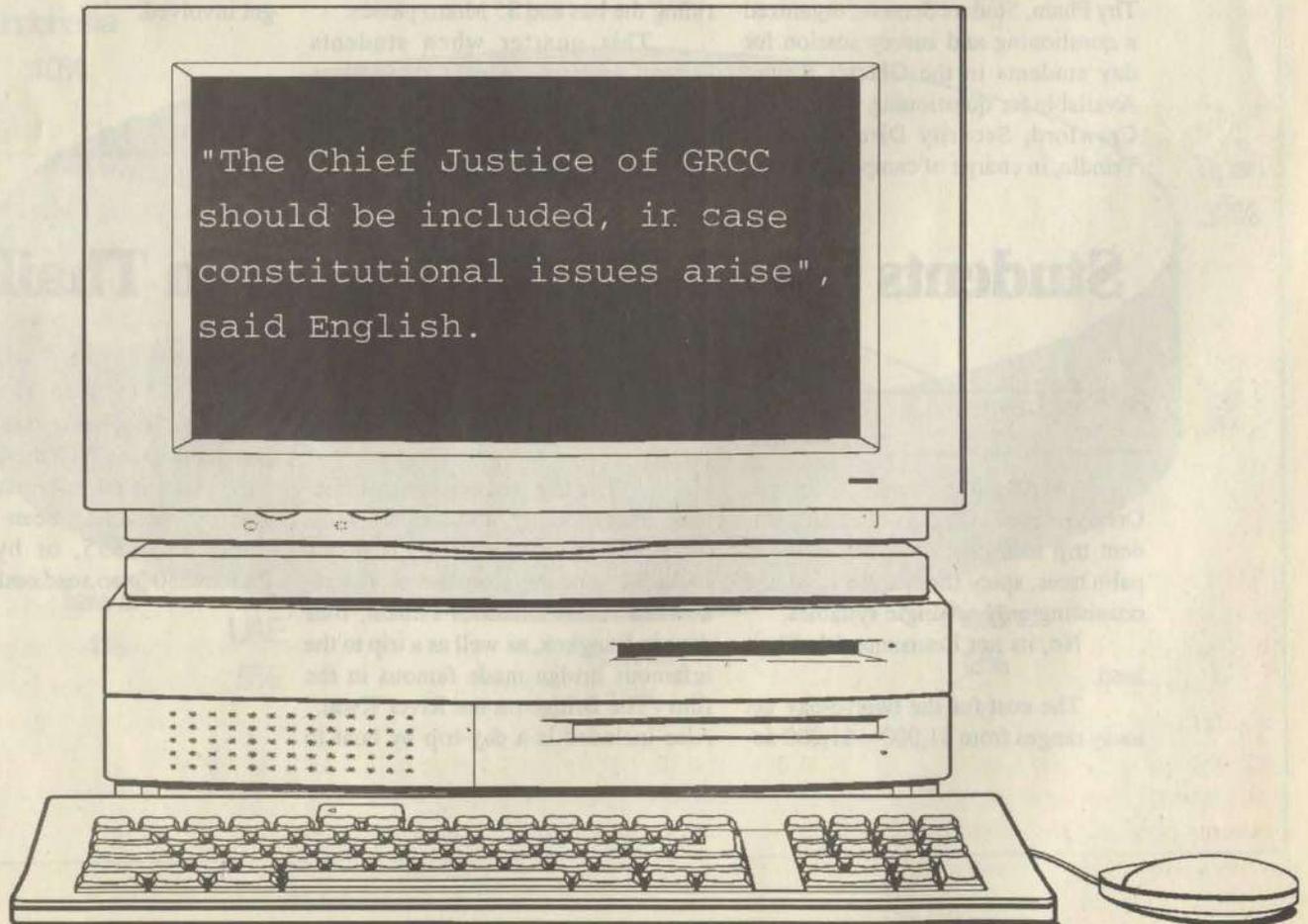
"All recommended a mandatory technology fee," said Chang. The University of Washington has already voted to implement a \$40 mandatory technology fee. "Although we don't like to see the cost of our education increase, we understand that we, the students, need to help contribute to the technology that will prepare us for four-year universities and the job market," the ASGRCC said in their letter to Rutkowski.

The ASGRCC feels strongly that "the students should have a majority of the say in the committee that governs the spending of the funds. The student committee should consist of one or two volunteer students, a faculty member who has knowledge of what needs to be purchased, the ASGRCC Vice-President, and ASGRCC Senators. "The

Chief Justice of GRCC should be included in case constitutional issues arise," said English.

A poll taken of students revealed that about 67% of students were willing to pay \$10 for Microsoft applications such as Word for typing term papers, and CD-ROM for reference materials, said English. About 53% were willing to pay an additional \$10 for access to the Internet. "That's how we arrived at the \$20 to \$25 amount," said English.

According to English, a mandatory fee is better than a voluntary fee, like the one just passed by the Green River Community College Board of Trustees Jan. 18, because a mandatory fee will be paid for in whole by financial aid. However, if the fee is voluntary, it isn't covered by financial aid, and only those students with enough money can afford it, said English.



Waterfront proves to be a place of diversity

BY ANDY REMTER

STAFF REPORTER

The Seattle Waterfront is a place where the complexities of the urban world come to an abrupt edge of the Puget Sound. During the summer, the Seattle Waterfront is wall to wall with people. The Pike Street Market empties tourists onto the various piers, where they visit the Seattle Aquarium and the Omnidome. There are also vendors on the streets, selling hot dogs, ices, and cheap little trinkets. Shady persons are everywhere, causing some people to place their wallets where curious fingers are a little less likely to tread.

The cold air brings a clean smell to the Waterfront, replacing the stench of rotten seaweed. The winds bring a promise of more cold days to come. Places near the water seem colder due to the sea breeze.

The vendors are gone now, along with the tourists and shady people. No hot dog stands, guys selling t-shirts for \$5, or bible men pawing off cheap copies of the New Testament. The shops are still there, though, their keepers able to help the occasional customer who happens to come in out of the cold. Every shop on the Waterfront contains at least one section where they sell polished stones, Native American art, and inexpensive Seattle souvenirs.

Eateries on the piers remain the same. Ivar's always draws the lunch-time crowd: people in business suits waiting in line for a bowl of chowder or fish and chips. The Crabpot remains a favorite place among Seattlelites. Steamers is always the place for a quick bite and is among the cleanest places to eat on the Waterfront. Red Robin offers the best view of Puget Sound.

Transients always inhabit the Waterfront, yet not in so many numbers. The cold pushes most of them into the missions of Seattle. The stubborn ones remain, clad in their grimey military uniforms, holding signs telling the public their tragedy and politely asking for donations. Without the bicycle police patrolling, they can stay wherever they please without hinderance. One sat next to a statue near a fire station, holding his sign.

His boonie hat is pulled well below his eyes and his head is bowed down for shelter. People walk past him and try their best to ignore him.

In the absence of tourists, the Seattle Waterfront can actually be enjoyed. It is well worth the time to spend the afternoon there now, before the crowds come again.

OSHA Issues New Safety Standards

BY ANDY REMTER

STAFF REPORTER

All is not well within the confines of Marty's for Hair, a salon in Federal Way. Among the latest products used on their customer's hair there are the safety warnings that come with them. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) paid the salon a visit a few weeks ago to inform them about new safety standards.

To bring the store up to modern safety standards the salon had to keep a copy of every chemical used in the salon. Along with all the ingredients posted, OSHA safety stickers now litter the cabinets and are plastered on the bottles of shampoo

and all the dyes. OSHA wanted the customers to know what type of chemicals the beauticians are working with. Shampoo and hair dyes are labeled as eye-irritants, and hair dyes are labeled "fatal if swallowed". Marty's hair dresser Patty Wolf grumbled about the new standards.

"It's overkill," Wolf said. "There were already warning labels on most of the products I use, but OSHA wanted them to be more visible."

On top of that, the state is raising the fee for a beautician's license, a permit required to work in a salon. A beautician will have to pay \$270 now if he or she wants to charge for a haircut. Every person working in a salon will now have to carry sepa-

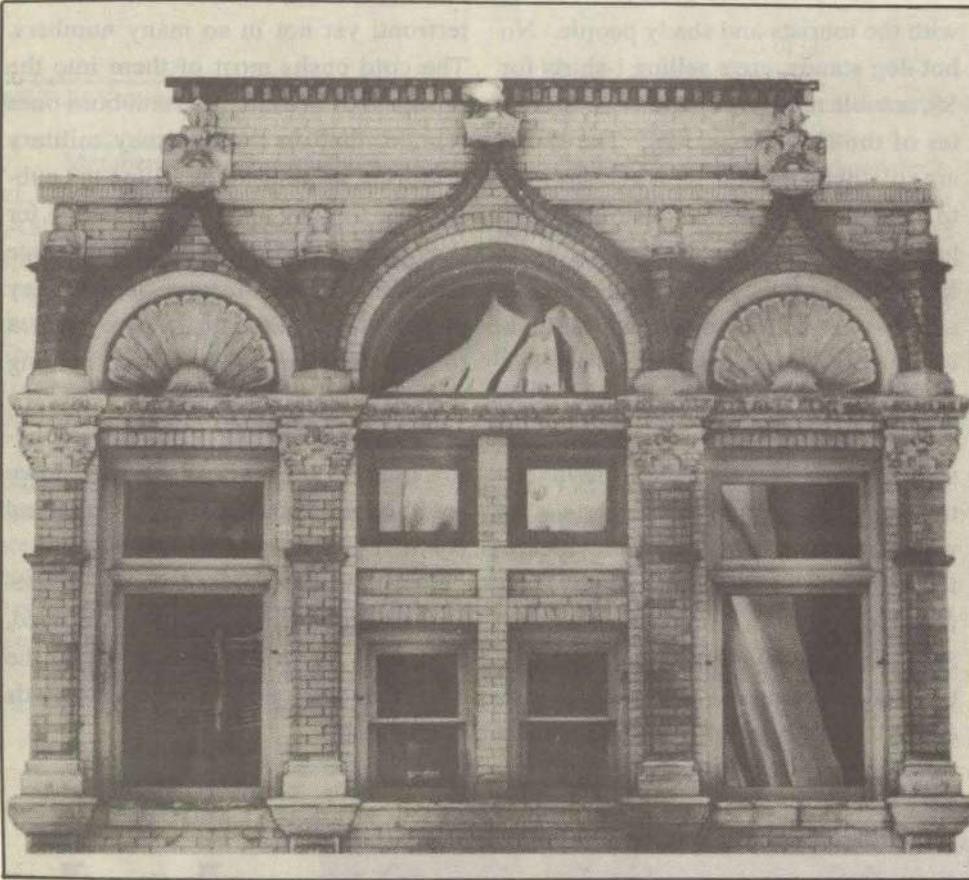
rate personal injury insurance. There is also a new license for beauticians who do hair removal.

"I now have to get an estaticians license to do waxing," said Wolf.

"That's \$75, and I only make maybe \$50 on waxing yearly, so I probably won't bother with it anymore."

If a hair dresser rents out a booth, he or she is also obliged to pay fees. All hair dressers who rents their booths will now have to get a booth runner's license, and booth insurance. The total a beautician will have to pay this year in order to remain a beautician will be a little over \$600 dollars. Previous licensing and insurance may have only been \$200.

Local Artist Featured at Holman Library



BY HEATHER WALLACE AND LEIGHA
CONNER

STAFF REPORTERS

The Helen S. Smith Gallery, located just inside the Holman Library, featured local photographer Betty Sapp Ragan last month.

From January 2 to January 26, Ms. Ragan's black and white series was shown. "This series has cultural overtones," said Ms. Ragan.

Ragan has been involved in photography for 20 years. She is currently a Professor of Photography and Printmaking at the University of Puget Sound.

Ragan's artwork was selected by a committee comprised of the Green River Community College Art Department. Heading this committee was Dr. Bernie Bleha, Chair of the Art Department.

Dr. Bleha and the committee chose Ragan out of a pool of 250 applicants. She was judged on the basis of 5 slides and a resume. Dr. Bleha said that her quality of work was excellent. "It was apparent that she was professional, not just a weekend photographer. Her credentials are top-notch." Ragan is a graduate of Auburn University.

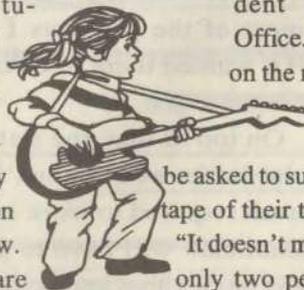
BSU to Sponsor Talent Show

BY AARON ENTREKIN

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Students who sing, dance, perform stand-up comedy, or even "pull a rabbit out of a hat" are encouraged to enter the talent show that will be hosted by the Black Student Union (BSU) on Valentine's Day. The BSU is celebrating Black History Week, which is February 12-16, with a series of student-related activities. One such activity is a talent show that takes place February 14, from 12-1 p.m. The talent show will be held on the main stage in the Lindbloom Student Center.

Students looking to show off a little talent are encouraged to participate in the non-profit gathering, and may sign up in the Student Program Office. Depending on the number of entries, students may be asked to submit an audition for review. If there are only two people who show up and there is a guy pulling a rabbit out of a hat for an hour. It'll be fun,"



said Girtha Reed, coordinator of the Multicultural Services. This is, however, a talent show and not a talent contest, so there will be no entry fees and no reward for the best entertainer.

"This is the first year that the BSU sponsored a talent show, but it will be good," Reed said. Green River Community College has hosted talent shows in the past, but BSU has never been the sponsor. If the talent show is as successful as predicted, it may become an annual event, according to Reed.

More information is available by calling Student Programs at ext. 337

She Said / He Said . . .

by God's gift to men & every woman's dream

She said:

"Hey baby, you could go a lot farther he if you use all of your assets!" This line and others like it, are usually to imply that your mind does more for him then he will ever allow your mind to.

The male audacity that females were placed on this earth for the sheer benefit of their amusement, is way beyond my comprehension. There is no rules, written or assumed, that we should have to take it. In fact, there are laws that prohibit it.

Guys, if you feel the need to reach out and grab, fondle, or verbally assault one of us, do us the favor and cut out the middle man, slap your own face.

I am not against complements.

Please understand, however, lines like "Hey honey, where did you get those ta tas." Do not make any impression on us except, you're a moron.

Hopefully, there will come a day when we are treated like people instead of last night's left overs. Then there will come a day when water cooler conversation will not consist of the blonde up

stairs sleeping her way up the corporate ladder. (Her Harvard doctorate had little or nothing to do with it.)

I am not sure where men get off, coming up with their shirt unbuttoned to expose their chest toupee', and talking to your breasts. (like they are any more attracted to him then you are.)

And in closing, gentlemen, and I use that term very loosely, the next time you are about to say something stupid, and it will happen. (Repeatedly).

think about the fact that some day, somewhere, there is a child (who is growing in to one of you) that will be saying the same thing to your daughter.

* Remember talk minus action equals zero.

He said:

Lately it seems that you can't say, act or joke about anything anymore or some feminist will slap a lawsuit on you.

Sexual harassment, is in short, a word for a women with no sense of humor. Feminist mentality has sexual assault and sexual harassment confused. It's getting to where you can't even compliment someone any-

more. If you say "Gosh, Jane, you look nice today." BANG, you're in a court being sued for sexual harassment.

I'm not saying it's okay to grab or grope a girl in the office, but please, why can't we at least make a joke or a sexual comment without being made into a macho pig.

Sex is part of daily life, and you can't read, watch TV or have a conversation; without sex coming up. So if we're mature enough to see a commercial with beautiful women or men in skimpy outfits, how come we're not able to make a comment in a workplace?

Thanks to a few cows, that have probably secluded themselves all of their lives, and don't understand thing one about sex. They have decided things on TV. and in daily life can't be mentioned in the office.

Thank You very much ladies, now the tension is rigid, no one can talk any more.

So give up. Lighten up. Get a sense of humor, and stop taking everything so seriously.

I Am What I Am, and That's All That I Am

I am exactly who everyone thinks I am. The image one gives off to the world, even if it is untrue to oneself, is at least part of the original personality. We go through phases in life trying to find ourselves, scrambling desperately for that *right* place in the world for us. More often than not, the way is painful and long, and most people never finish the journey. It is akin to the birth process; sweaty, bloody and sometimes frightening. Some never make it past labor and die or expel the child. It is important to remember that although it is long, frightening, and for some, dangerous, at the end of the labor comes the birth of some-

thing so perfect, so beautiful that it takes your breath away. We are all human and must go through this if we are to do more than merely exist and die in obscurity. To die in the journey is not to fail. To willingly never take that first step is to have never lived.

This sacred gift, life, is taken for granted by so many of us who worry obsessively about money or other such trivialities. You have control over your life and your actions, assert that control. I do not condone those who will not take responsibility for their actions (and we all do this at some time or another) because although it is difficult not to be weak, it is more satisfying to be strong and independent.

Have courage. Things do get better. Life is a series of ups and downs and in-betweens; it is up to each individual how to deal with them. Live your life to the fullest. We all have to go through soul-searching to know what is right for us. I believe that we must have compassion for all humanity and develop a sense of sisterhood with all who live. Think of the consequences of your actions. Maybe the next time someone cuts you off on the freeway, instead of honking and giving them the finger, you should just mutter to yourself and remember that you have done the same thing. And maybe karma will take care of it

By- Melissa Mullen



Alternative to What?

Carrin Hargraves

It is 1996...

A whole new year to sink to all new lows! Of course there are the resolutions, you know those goals that you set for yourself while you're pounding MGD's surrounded by a proverbially purple haze; the promises to yourself that you break within the first ten days of January, or in my case, the first ten minutes. It is the same year after year, you will stop smoking at New Years, you are going to finish your six-year degree at Green River, you are going to find a "real" job, the kind where you don't have to greet every new client with "Thank you for choosing South Auburn Taco Bell, would you like to try our new BLT burrito today?" and you are going to stop drinking Milwaukee's Best just because it is on sale at the 7-11 that is walking distance from whichever friend's house you're invading this weekend.

Of course the big resolutions take place right around midnight when your boyfriend is at his ex-girlfriends house "just saying hello to her parents," and when you suddenly realize that wearing jeans and a t-shirt would have more comfortable attire, now that the black velvet dress you are currently wearing is drenched in pink champagne. And you really don't want to be wearing those great suede heels that you can hardly walk in after half a dozen trips to the bar to talk to the bartender who strangely resembles Val Kilmer after seven or eight rum and cokes.

At 1:45 Val announces last call, and you really can't pass that up now can you? He says "it's on the house," and you exchange cute little smiles, and right before you are going to se-

ductively hand him your phone number, you realize that you are in a bar and you are letting yourself be hit on by a slimy bartender - morals aside, just at that moment he turns around to get a New Year's kiss from his sweetheart...Brett.

Now, hoping you still have a sober ride home, you realize you have to be at work in the morning because not every man in America watches football as an offering to the gods, and, odd as it seems at the moment, not everyone realized it was the biggest party night of the year. You arrive home with enough time to take a nap and a really hot shower, drink half a gallon of water so you won't spend the entire day in the restroom, and realize all of your work clothes are clean, but they should probably be put into the dryer before you wear them.

On top of all this, you realize that your best friend kisses better than any man you ever dated, and your day goes downhill from there. It all ends in a good way however, because you get home from a nine and a half hour day at work, you still can't eat any solid foods, and you are now looking forward to waking up at 5:30 the next morning so you can find a parking spot on campus and going to your 10 a.m. class.

So, I welcome you all back to another exciting quarter at GRCC, cheers and Happy New Year!



Spotlight Shines on Basketball Athletes

BY AMANDA KLIENHART

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At 5'10", Rory Lawson is the starting Point Guard for the Green River Community College (GRCC) Men's Basketball team. Back-up Point Guard is 5'9" David Haynie, along with 6' Benny Dalton.

Lawson came to GRCC after one year at the University of Maryland, where he red-shirted for their team. Red-shirting means a player practices with the team and attends classes at the school, but is still eligible to play on the team for the normal amount of time (two or four years) after red-shirting.

The former Men's Basketball coach, Matt Thacker, had spoken to Lawson about playing for GRCC before he went to Maryland, so when Lawson came back to the Puget Sound area, he decided to play at GRCC.

Haynie was attending community college in Arizona when he decided to come back to Washington, where most of his family is. He came to Green River as a walk-on, which means he that he tried out and made the team.

Dalton, who is originally from

Australia, came to play for GRCC through a basketball camp in Washington that helped players locate colleges. Dalton was notified of the camp when scouts from Washington came to Australia. Dalton has wanted to be a professional ball player since age 13, and he claims that America is the best place to learn. "American basketball

must call the plays during the game and bring the ball down the court, two very commanding roles.

This year, the team is operating under a new coach, Michael McGraw.

Lawson, Haynie and Dalton all agree that McGraw is one of the best coaches they have played for.

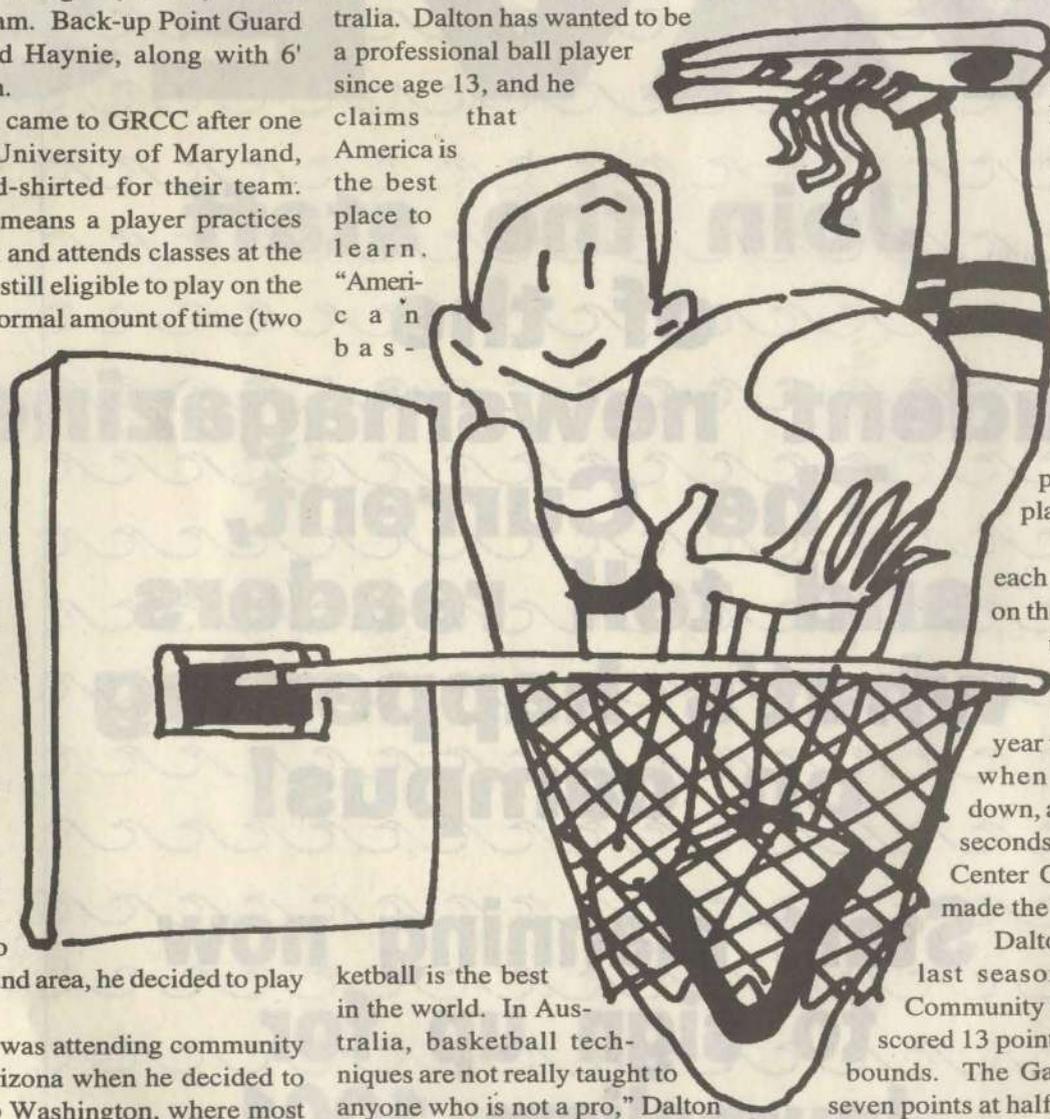
"He is very mature because he knows how to make decisions, and includes all players in each play. He doesn't rely on one player for certain plays," said Haynie.

The Point Guards each have their opinions on their own "moment in the spotlight."

Lawson said that his best play this year was at Skagit Valley when the Gators were down, and there were seven seconds left. He passed to Center Chris DeCastro who made the winning shot.

Dalton's best game was last season against Tacoma Community College, in which he scored 13 points and got several rebounds. The Gators were down by seven points at half time and came back to win by six points.

Haynie's best moment play was scoring 15 points against Highline Community college.



ketball is the best in the world. In Australia, basketball techniques are not really taught to anyone who is not a pro," Dalton said.

Each of these Point Guards has tremendous dedication, a necessary quality for the position. The Point Guard

Upcoming Basketball Games . . .

- Wednesday, February 7 GRCC vs. Pierce at Tacoma
- Saturday, February 10 GRCC vs. Lower Columbia at GRCC
- Wednesday, February 14 GRCC vs. South Puget Sound at GRCC
- Saturday, February 17 GRCC vs. Centralia at Centralia

All the women's games are at 6p.m. and all men's games are at 8p.m.

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