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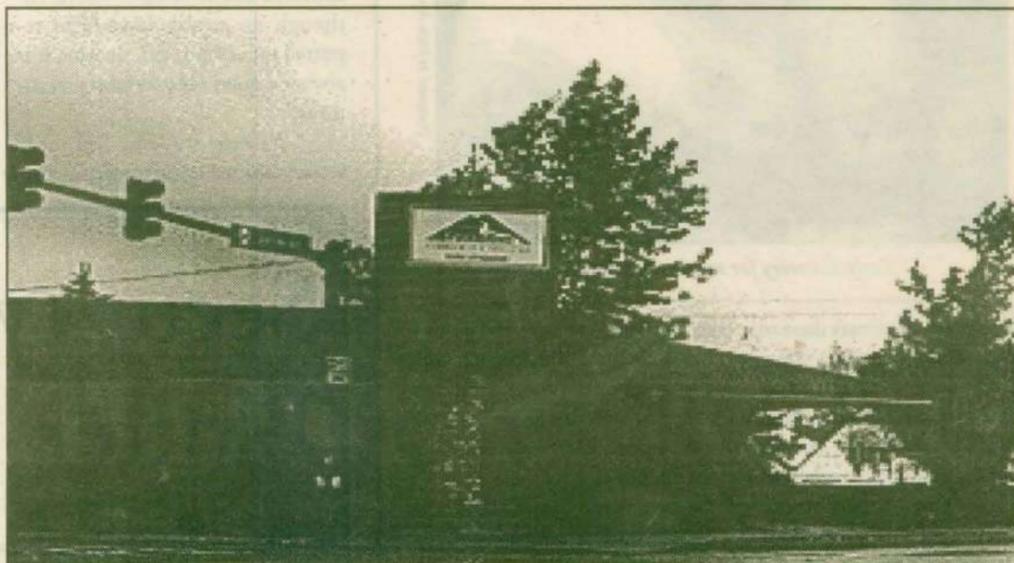
By Erica Torheim

Green River community College Center at Enumclaw, now in the second year of operation is offering new classes and several seminars for next quarter.

The GRCC Center at Enumclaw offers a wide variety of classes at a location convenient for students from surrounding communities like Bonnie Lake, Buckley and Sumner. When the center opened last fall, several goals were set. Now, in the second year of operation, the center is "well under way to meeting the goals", said Donna Hogerhuis, director of the Center at Enumclaw.

One goal was to reach as much of the community as possible. During the first year of operation, energy was put into establishing a foundation for the center. Now that the foundation is secure, the center hopes to expand class offerings and enrollment. "After being established for a while you can increase public access," said Hogerhuis. "you have time to look up and see what else can be done." The center is well under way to accomplishing the goal of community involvement, according to Hogerhuis, it will just take time because it is a constant project.

The main intent of the center at Enumclaw was to offer a variety of classes for students that were not being reached through the Auburn facilities. Hogerhuis says



Center at Enumclaw: Green River Community College's extension.

things are going well and the center is closer to reaching the goal as time goes on. Looking back over the last year the center has done better than expected added Hogerhuis.

The center attracts a wide selection of students ranging from running start students to older students returning to college. "I do see a lot of adults, the average age being somewhere from 24 to 28 years of age. The audience we reach is mostly people working during the day and taking classes at night. It's a different type of audience than the day audience," said Hogerhuis. "Although some classes are at capac-

ity with running start students, there is a wide range of students here at the center."

"The center at Enumclaw provides the one on one relationship with students. We really want people's input," says Hogerhuis. The one on one relationship with students paired with the convenient location has resulted with the center excelling at what it was designed to do, attract students that might not normally be able to attend.

The center's registration has gone up from 709 students fall quarter of last year to 779 this fall. Hogerhuis says it will be hard to approximate the enrollment numbers for the coming winter and spring quarters. This is partly due to the new classes being offered in addition to their already established courses, much of which consists of entry-level classes, basic education classes, college classes for high school students, computer training classes and non-credit community education classes.

The new classes to be offered during winter quarter include Introduction to Psychology, Introduction to Sociology and a music survey class. Classes to be added for spring quarter include Introduction to Art, History of Movies, Human Sexuality and Astronomy. With these new classes, Hogerhuis hopes that the enrollment numbers will rise. "It all depends on what is hot and what is not", said Hogerhuis.

The Center at Enumclaw has several lectures coming up during the winter quarter. will also A seminar called "Considering College", a special program for women thinking about pursuing college or job training, but whom are unsure about where to start. The seminar provides information on financial aid, support groups and daycare. The seminar will be given by the director of the Women's Center, Mary Richardson.

More information about The center at Enumclaw is available by calling 833-9111 ext. 3400.

Leavenworth Tradition



By Lynn Nevill

GRCC students are invited to join the Green River Community College's Outdoor Programs on Saturday, December 6, 1997 for the annual trip to Leavenworth.

A Bavarian theme town nestled in the beautiful Cascade Mountains. Leavenworth is a town that captures the essence of Christmas past and present. In full holiday dress and filled with anticipation for the coming of Christmas, this town waits for the rush of holiday tourists. There is a variety of activities to keep the little gingerbread boys and girls and their mommies and daddies busy including music from the bandstand, a snowman contest, sledding in the park and sleigh rides. Scrooge may be lurking in the shadows or under a snow drift, but it is highly unlikely that the spirit can be stolen from this over spirited town. Santa and the

Misses will be making their entrance a grand one, hoping to put a smile on the faces of the young at heart. The smell of roasted chestnuts fills the crisp December air. Togetherness is the true meaning of Christmas, so come and sing Silent Night, take a sleigh ride through the park, or just watch in awe at the lighting of this winter wonderland.

Join the tradition and be a part of the annual trip to Leavenworth's Tree Lighting Festival. The advice of Outdoor Programs is to dress warm. The trip includes a snack on Saturday morning and transportation to and from Leavenworth. The price is \$13 for GRCC students and \$18 for non students. Sign up in Student Programs. For reservations or for further information, contact Jenny Gustavsson in Student Programs at 833-9111 ext. 2400.

Car accidents on campus

By Karin Wallström

Since the beginning of the year there have been four reported car accidents on campus. And this quarter there have been two reported automobile break-ins as well.

According to Fred Creek, GRCC Director of Parking and Security, there are several precautions students can take to avoid damage to their cars. "There has never been a car broken into that has nothing visible in it," says Creek. So as a rule of thumb, never leave anything of value in your car that can be spotted through the car windows, he advises.

If damage does occur, prompt reporting is important adds Creek. If a student detects his or her car has been broken into or been damaged, he or she should report to the security office as soon as possible, he advises. It is the only way that the security office can confirm the

damage and file a report.

This report makes it easier to settle with the insurance company as well. There has been some problems in the past when students have not reported the damage the same day, but have come back a few days later, claiming the accident happened on campus, Creek explains.

To further ensure campus safety, there is a 10 mph speed limit on campus. Campus security officers routinely monitor on-campus drivers to catch speed offenders. A speeding ticket on campus can cost from \$20 up to \$100, depending on the actual speed.

The money collected from fines on campus, is placed in the Parking and Security budget. From this budget \$20,000 is divided between the Share A Ride program and the cash refund that is paid back when carpoolers who collect 32 carpool tickets.

Photo by Krista Morrison

Big Bertha gives birth

By Kristin Moore

What looks cute in pink or brown and has fuzz all over? The twelve little piglets that Mommy Bertha gave birth to on November 6.

These seven little boys and four little girls form a unique family system with Bertha at the lead. Anytime one of those pig-



Photograph by Krista Martinson

Early discovery for newborns...siblings.

lets squeal, momma's there to protect her baby. Her over 500 pound body serves as quite a safe guard for these little pigs. Bertha definitely wears the pants in this family, at any little snort or nudge those piglets fall into line. After all, not only is she quite a bit larger than they are, but she's also the one to keep them fed with her discretion as to when to supply the milk.

Most of the time these little babies try to nap, which is pretty hard when they are all on different sleeping schedules. With eleven brothers and sisters constantly walking all over them and trying to play with them, it's a wonder that they get any sleep at all.

Bertha is a two and a half year old pig that GRCC student Nathan Colom has raised since she was just a little piglet. She has gone to many fairs around the area and has made it to nationals twice.

Due to the huge demands on his time, now that he is in college, Colom is planning to sell all the little piglets and Bertha as well. Colom says he's pretty sad to have to sell them, but he plans to raise pigs again when he is older and owns his own home.

By Karin Wallström

This quarter at Green River Community College there are about 370 night classes. As the days get shorter, it is often dark when students are leaving class, prompting concerns about campus safety. Although no attacks have been reported on campus this quarter, it is always a good idea to take precautions.

To help students feel more secure campus security offer escorts

during the evening hours to and from the student's cars. Students can call ext. 3350 or ext. 2250 to arrange a security officer escort.

GRCC campus security is a 24 hour service; officers are always available to help students. From 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. there are five officers on duty. Between 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. there are four, and from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. there are two officers on duty. During the night from 11 p.m. to 7 a.m one officer is on duty. They

also receive back-up from 15 maintenance personnel.

Still, Fred Creek, Director of Parking and Security reminds students that security officers can not be in all the places at all times and students should always take safety precautions. Creek advises, "Never walk alone, be prepared, as in having your keys ready and know where you are going. Do not wait until night to find out, if you are new to the area."

Security Blotter



Compiled by Ingrid Polston

November 5

A campus vehicle pulling out of the maintenance compound hit a VW Jetta on the driver's side rear. The driver of the car did not see the Jetta when in pulled out in front of him. Damages to the Jetta are estimated at \$1,500. Damages to the campus vehicle are approximately \$500.

November 8

An apparently drunk man approached a security officer stating that he was lost. He said he had parked his car on campus but could not find it. The security officer called a taxi for the man. Later, campus security officers found the man's brown chevy camaro in the far end of G lot. There were several empty beer cans and an empty bottle of whiskey on the front floor board of the car. There was a strong smell of gasoline and the right front tire/rim had been destroyed. A damaged curb at the C lot entrance was found and a trail of skid marks. The yellow concrete island was damaged severely as well as the tire spikes at the exit to C lot.

November 14

A maintenance staff member reported that two sinks had been damaged in the upstairs men's restroom in LSC. One sink was partially pulled from the wall, and the other had a broken rim. A small amount of blood was found in another sink, and graffiti was found in the far stall stating "Graffiti cannot be stopped."

November 14

A student fell from a chair in the Glacier Room in the LSC building. The chair split along the seams and was completely destroyed. The student injured his left wrist, but refused medical treatment.

November 15

A window in the main door to the gym was broken from the inside. The main entrance to the gym had been unlocked, but the gym door was locked. Damages were estimated at \$350. On November 17 a student approached a security officer and admitted that he had broken the window and would pay for it. He had recieved 35 stitches in his right leg and small cuts to his left hand.

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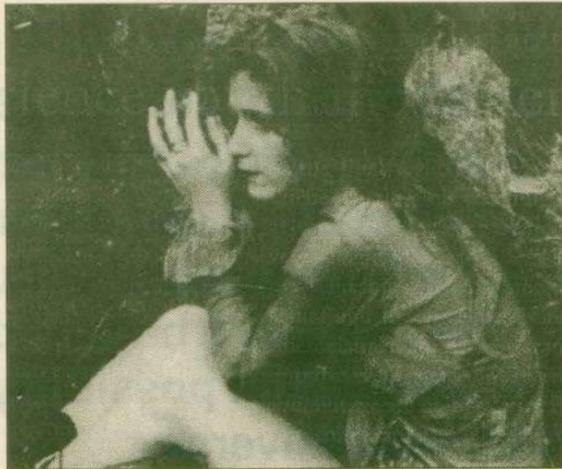
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Life after death of Lazy Susan



Kim Virant

By Matt Phelps

Nine months ago when the band Lazy Susan broke up, an era ended. But lead singer Kim Virant, guitarist Tim Dijulio, and bassist Scott Summers are back.

With the addition of former Crawl drummer Eric Fenner, and guitarist of 50 paces Martin Chandler, the five have formed a new and stronger band simply known as Kim Virant.

In the early 90s Seattle was over run with bands going alternative. But Lazy Susan never wavered and stayed true to their style. With a great southern rock sound Lazy Susan became an underground icon among Seattle bands with a very dedicated fan base.

The unmatched strength and vibrance of Virant's vocals accompanied by great guitar riffs and sweet solos gave Lazy Susan a very distinct rock'n sound. But the most noticeable difference between them and the average band to their fans, was their unbelievable live performances that have yet to be matched in a lot of their fans eyes.

Now Virant, with some help from some friends, is back. "We just want to get back to what we are good at" said Virant about the mood of the new band.

Although their sound has changed between the two bands "it still is just two guitars and two Fender amps" Dijulio said.

Some obvious similarities between the two bands are there. But there are also some obvious differences between the two bands. For one, back up vocals enrich the sound of Kim Virant from the sound of Lazy Susan. "We all have a voice in this band" said Dijulio about singing. This band is not dominated as much by the "big guitar" sound of Lazy Susan.

"I like songs I can sing to" said Virant, and in this band that is definitely not a problem for the listener.

The songs are more vocally oriented with Virant having more of a melodic dominance to this band. "I can't hide behind the big rock songs any more" Virant commented about her new assertion vocally from the previous band to this one.

"It was hard to leave Lazy Susan behind 'cause I grew up in that band, and we all learned a lot from Brian Kinney (former guitarist of Lazy Susan)" Virant said fondly in retrospect of Lazy Susan, "But we didn't want it (Lazy Susan) to over run its course".

Kim Virant, the singer, and the band has been helped out along the way by friends. Among which is fellow Seattle band Goodness. "Carrie (Akre of Goodness) helped me a lot because she had been through this before with the break up of Hammer box (Akre's first band)," Virant said about the period after Lazy Susan.

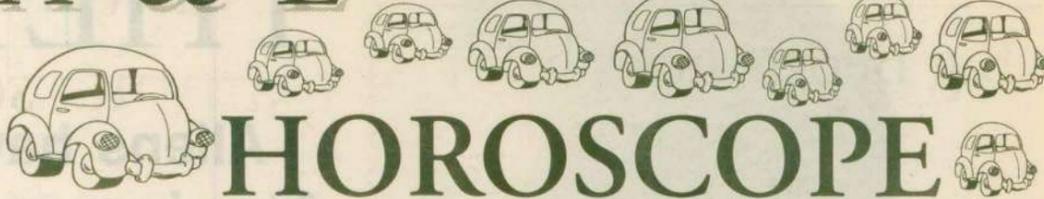
Along with playing some club dates with Goodness, Kim Virant is planning a New Year's Eve concert with Goodness, but the venue has not yet been announced.

Kim Virant has been together since January and has a five song tape available at their shows. But this band is about more than just selling tapes or CD's, "its all about enjoying what we are doing," said Dijulio.

Along with playing together, the band does a lot of extra curricular activity together. "The band that bowls together stays together," said Virant in respect to the closeness of Kim Virant.

In a Seattle scene dominated by synthetic Alternative bands with the "Seattle sound," Kim Virant brings back a great voice and great sound to club goers and music fans alike. It also gives Lazy Susan fans another chance to see some of the best of what the Seattle scene has had to offer in the last ten years.

A & E



DISCLAIMER: DON'T LISTEN TO VOLKSWAGEN; IN THE ROAD OF LIFE, THERE'S ALREADY TOO MANY CARS. SINCE I'VE FAILED TO MENTION MY NAME IN THE PAST, IT'S RYAN DUERME. THANKS A SMOOCHEE BOOCHEE FOR READING..

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

One-way street

Sagittarius is on a one-way street. The challenge: you're facing the wrong direction. After the sudden realization-you ask "what am I gonna do?" To be honest, I don't know either, the last time I did that, I just honked my horn, people stared, cars swerved, and I eventually got out. The lesson there, it's all right, everyone does it and the good thing is that hopefully you won't spend the rest of your life facing incoming traffic, and certain death.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)

Intersection

You're coming up on an intersection. The light has just turned green, you can take a right, a left or go straight. You're gonna have to make a decision (you know...life's full of those). Hopefully you know what direction you're heading, but if not—no worries. Whatever turn you make, you can always count on your self-confidence to find your way.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb 18)

Speed Limit 25

Don't be frustrated, don't get mad—speed limits aren't that bad. Do not go any faster or your life is just gonna pass you by, and you'll miss your turn. Slow down, and take it easy. Remember that cheezy cliché, "Life is not in the destination, but in the journey" or something along those lines. I know it's silly, but it's relevant, especially to you.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - Mar. 20)

U-turn

That's pretty self explanatory, you've been going the wrong way, sorry to tell you. I don't have much to say except, don't feel bad, I mean feel bad, but not too long. Try to get over it quickly, then move on. Good luck 007.

ARIES (Mar. 21 - Apr. 19)

Carpool Lane

It's not wise to travel alone these days. Having company helps. Roadtrips are always more fun with other people, but just make sure you pick the right travel mates. Advantages include, splitting gas cost, singing duets, travel games, and roadside assistant. But the coolest bonus is being able to travel on the wide-open carpool lane.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 - May 20)

Lane Ends

Don't you hate that. I mean, there you are driving, and all of a sudden you gotta change lanes. It's alright because sometimes it's not always good to have the freedom to move anywhere you want to, it's helpful to have some sign to help you out. So take this as a blessing rather than an inconvenience. Be careful when merging in, and don't wait until the last minute to do it; those people always add to the traffic, and confusion. I never let them in.

GEMINI (May 21 - Jun. 20)

Dead End

Are you the type who, on a dead end road will keep going until they reach it then turn around, or the type to turn around as soon as they see the sign? The reason, no reason. It's just a question you should ask yourself. It gives great insight on the person. Figure it out.

CANCER (Jun. 21 - Jul. 22)

Bumper to Bumper

Ahh, traffic. That's your life right now. Stuck in the middle of a 5:00 I-5 jam. What you gotta do is get out of your car and start walking, like that REM video, if you've ever seen it. If not, it's just a bunch of people getting out of their cars who just start walking, and that's what you need to do. It doesn't matter where you go, just get out, be spontaneous, and don't worry about your car, it's just an object, a material, it doesn't last. Nothing does.

LEO (Jul. 23 - Aug. 22)

NO U-turn

You've just finally gotten out on your own, started your new life—becoming independent. But you're having a little trouble adjusting. Don't turn back, like that guy in the Bible, if you look back, you'll turn into salt, so keep going. You've closed all the windows in your old house, turned on the gas, left a birthday candle burning, locked the door behind you, and walked off. Don't go back in. Just keep going, and feel that sudden blast of heat, then smile and take another step forward.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sep. 22)

Food & Gas Next Right

You've been traveling too long. It's time for a break, so take the next exit, and rest for a while. Eat, piss, make-love, smoke, whatever. Just take a five or an hour. You'll find out that as soon as you get on the road again, you're ready for it, well rested, and full. It's not wise to work too hard and not have a recess.

LIBRA (Sep. 23 - Oct. 22)

Desert highway

You need to be alone, in a convertible going 120 mph on a long stretch of highway. Feel free to take off your clothes, sing outloud, and drive with your toes. You just need to get away from it all, and everyone, needing to gather your thoughts, or just forget about everything for a while. Go for it, I recommend it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)

Detour

It's alright, no big deal because you'll eventually get to the same destination anyway. Your life might seem like it's taking a different course, and you're questioning where this is leading you, don't worry, you'll come out of it alright. Just listen to yourself, be true, have faith, and you'll find whatever it is you've been looking for.



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THEY ARE HERE,

Aliens have made a definite mark on American popular culture. The concept of life from other worlds has invaded our fashion, film, television and literature.

Are we alone? Who knows. Where this national "obsession" with extraterrestrials came from, or what long term effects it will have on our culture is unknown. If nothing else, we have begun to ask questions, and have opened up the possibility that we are *not* alone in this vast universe.

NON-FICTION

Here are some facts on the subject of Extra Terrestrials.

* NASA's SETI (Search for Extra Terrestrial Intelligence) program includes scientists that uses radio telescopes in search of extra-terrestrial signals.

*Area 51 is a military installation in the middle of the Nevada desert, and is off-limits to the public.

*Astronomers have discovered other solar systems in our galaxy.

*Evidence of life on the planet Mars has been found, and is being analyzed by scientist.

*There are procedures in certain government, and military manuals about what to do in an event of an alien encounter, or UFO crash.

*A crash did occur outside of Roswell, New Mexico on the summer of 1947, and the government

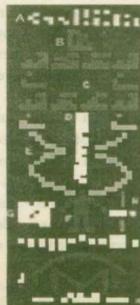
did (after news reported it to be a UFO, and after the military did their own "formal" investigation) deny the allegations of the crash being extra-terrestrial, claiming it instead to be a weather balloon.

*According to Books in Print, there are nearly as many books about UFOs (256) as there are about the Kennedys (266).

*Elvis is dead.

THE SIGNAL

In 1974, radio astronomers working on the Arecibo Observatory in Puerto Rico beamed this message towards a group of stars known as M13. If aliens can decode the message, it reveals basic knowledge about human beings. (A) numbers 1 to 10 in binary code; (B) atomic numbers of hydrogen, carbon, nitrogen, oxygen, and phosphorus; (C) chemical formulas for the



sugars and bases in nucleotides of DNA; (D) number of nucleotides in human DNA; (E) double helix of DNA; (F) human being; (G) size of the human population; (H) height of a human being; (I) solar system with Earth displaced toward the human; (J) Arecibo Telescope which sent the message; (K) diameter of the telescope.

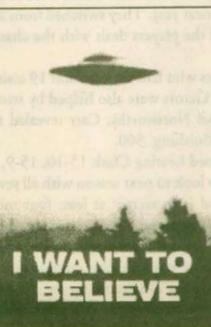
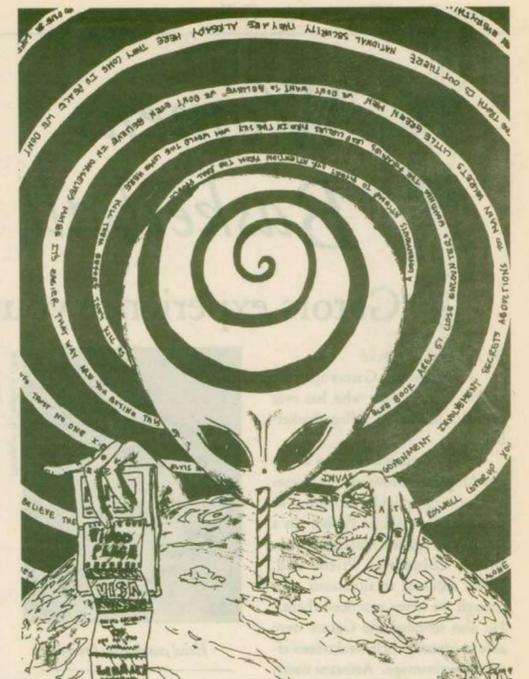
BUT NOT HERE ARE YOU AN ABDUCTEE?



Information compiled from internet site <http://www.umc.com/aliens.htm>

Many millions of people, it seems, have had encounters with alien beings. Some people are not ready to know if they exist, others feel a deep need to know if they are involved with the beings. Ten common ways to indicate if you have been an abductee...

1. Have had missing or lost time of any length, especially one hour or more.
2. Have seen balls of light or flashes of light in your home or other locations.
3. Have a strong sense of having a mission or important task to perform.
4. For women only: Have had false pregnancy or missing fetus. (pregnant, and then not)
5. Have awoken in another place than where you went to sleep, or don't remember ever going to sleep.
6. Have had electronics around you go haywire or oddly malfunction with no explanation (such as street lights going out as you walk under them, TV's and radios affected as you move close, etc.)
7. Have had sexual or relationship problems.
8. Have a difficult time trusting other people. Especially authority people.
9. Have the feeling that you are not supposed to talk about these things, or that you should not talk about them.
10. Have had, at any time, blood or an unusual stain on sheet or pillow, with no explanation of how it got there.



Percent who believe each of the following is true:

Intelligent beings from other planets have been in contact with human beings...22%

Intelligent beings from other planets have abducted human beings to observe or experiment on them...17%

Intelligent beings from other planets have been in contact with members of the U.S. government...13%

From a telephone poll of 1,024 Americans taken for TIME/CNN on June 4-5 by Yankelovich Partners Inc.

According to the TIME/Yankelovich poll, 34 percent of Americans believe intelligent beings from other planets have visited Earth; of those, 65 percent believe a UFO crash landed near Roswell, and 80 percent believe the U.S. government knows more about extraterrestrials than it chooses to let on.

Why are Americans obsessed? "Because America needs something to focus on other than our lives-that's unrealistic."

What would you do if aliens made contact? "I would sit and watch CNN." "Personally, I would sit and wait, see what happens."

Do you think that there are other beings in the universe? "We can't be the only one's here. We have to be stupid to think we're the only ones in the Universe." "My theory why they don't pick up someone important like the president, instead they pick a redneck. They don't want us to know they are here. We would never believe someone."

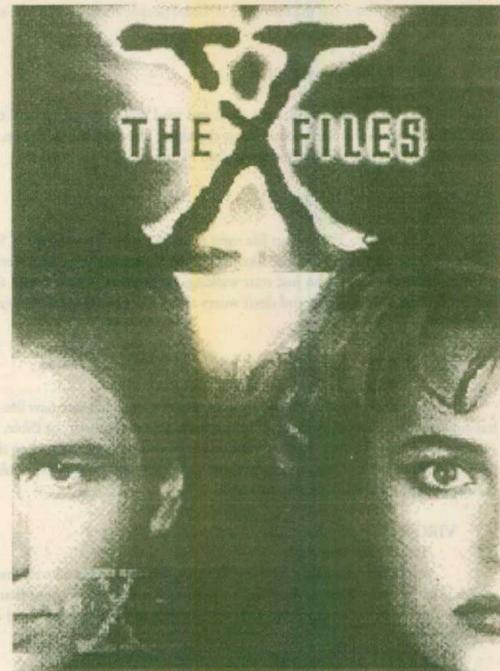
ALIENS INVADGE THE MEDIA

By Ingrid Polston

Our obsession with aliens is most prominently displayed in the mass media. Aliens are everywhere in television and movies. Why this obsession with aliens? The possibility that intelligent life exists on other planets is exciting. To find out that humans are not alone in the universe could change Earth's civilizations as it is known. The stories about aliens people read and see on television and film are so unbelievable that they seem to be a fairy tale. The possibility that these stories are true is becoming a reality, and people are fascinated by them and are eager to know more.

The media has fed the curiosity about life on other planets since Orson Welles staged his famous radio broadcast about alien invasion, "War of the Worlds" in 1938. The panic the broadcast caused both terrified and captivated the nation. The world wondered if such an alien invasion could really happen. Hundreds of movies featuring little green men in flying saucers have since hit the big screen. Some with not-so-little, not-so-green men. (See the side box for the top ten alien-related movies!)

Television has also featured many extraterrestrial characters. Perhaps the mother of all science fiction TV shows, *Star Trek* spawned a huge fan following, and its own subculture ("Trekkies"). That cold, logical, but still lovable alien Spock sparked millions of imaginations with those pointy ears.



The X-files team; David Duchovny, Gillian Anderson

Since then dozens of television series have focused on the existence of alien life forms. Three *Star Trek* spin-offs, *Next Generation*, *Deep Space Nine* and *Voyager* have all featured extraterrestrials as intelligent and emotional beings. Also

included among television shows that have alien characters are *Battlestar Galactica*, *Lost in Space*, *Earth 2*, *Babylon 5*, *Alien Nation*, *Out of This World*, *Alf*, *Mork and Mindy*, *The Visitor* and *Third Rock From the Sun*.

News magazine shows like *Sighting* have also become popular recently, telling real-life stories of apparent alien encounters.

These days, science fiction is no longer based on fiction, most is based on fact. Technology has allowed humans to learn more and more each day about the universe, and brings them closer to the truth. Recent science fiction reflects this new knowledge. Because what is shown on television and film is based on fact, it is easier to believe stories about aliens and that alien life does exist somewhere in the universe.

By far the most popular alien-related show of modern day is *The X-Files*. With millions of fans and a huge group of devout followers, the "X-Files", *The X-Files* focuses on alien life and visitation on Earth. The show suggests that these things are really happening, but are being covered up by a government conspiracy. Sometimes almost too real, the stories on *The X-Files* make some wonder at the possibility of alien existence, while others are already convinced and simply await the arrival of these other-worldly visitors to our planet.

Whatever category one fits into, be sure to check out these movies and shows. And remember, "the truth is out there...."

(LOOK FOR THE X-FILES MOTION PICTURE TO HIT THEATERS NEXT YEAR.)

FAVORITE ALIEN

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SHOULD WE MAKE CONTACT? YES...NO.

YES by Ingrid Polston
NO by Ryan Duerme

It's about time for a serious change on this planet. For centuries we've been here by ourselves, living what we believe to be an important existence, without any contact outside of this world. Yes, the human species has made some great discoveries and accomplishments, but its time to move on! Contact with extraterrestrials could be the greatest and most beneficial thing ever to happen on earth.

Humans have been on the earth for thousands of years. We've certainly made great progress over those years, too. We've gone from living in caves to four-bedroom, two-bath houses with gas heating and swimming pools. And of course there's the technology. Today's shiny red sports car has come a long way from the first stone wheel. It is part of our nature as human beings to strive for continuous improvement on old ideas. What better way to improve our civilization than to see what the rest of the universe has been up to? We humans consider ourselves to be a great race, and surely aliens believe they have a great civilization as well. By having contact with extraterrestrials we would be able to share ideas, lifestyles and technology — humans and aliens borrowing ideas from each other to improve each civilization.

Admittedly, our species can be pretty stupid at times. Our social and political problems are gigantic. We've shown in the past that we do not easily tolerate changes or people who are different. But alien contact would cause a huge shock to the human race. The huge changes that would indefinitely come about as a result of alien contact would force us to unite as a species. We would all have to learn to work together and get along in order to face the challenges of communicating with and hosting an alien species on Earth. I can't see anything bad about that.

Without a doubt, humans have conquered earth. It's time to branch out, to learn more about this vast universe in which the Earth is a mere speck. If there is life on other planets we should seek out contact with it.

So keep watching the skies, and when those little green men come zooming out of the clouds, be the first one on your block to roll out the welcome mat. That friendly gesture could be the start of a beautiful relationship.

Why would they come here? That is my one question. Human beings have demonstrated on quite a few occasions how we respond to new ideas, new people who are weird, queer, evil and alien. Famous places like Hiroshima, Salem, Dachau, Birmingham, Stonewall, and South Africa echo warning signs and foretell the future of anymore encounters. In contact, the fear is not the nature of aliens, but the fear of our nature.

If aliens have survived their technology without killing themselves and have traveled light years to reach Earth, surely they are smart enough to know that we are not ready to deal with their presence.

Here are three reasons why contact should not be made. Or if we have already made contact, then reasons for the government to hide it from us:

1. We are a violent species whose response to them can easily be seen by picking up our radio and television signals in space. They can see how we destroy our eco-systems, witness our government institutions and our forms of justice.

Aliens will observe how we treat our neighbors, our offspring, and the harm we do to ourselves. If they have a sense of humor, they will laugh at how stupid most of us are. They'll be on the floor cracking up at how we dealt with O.J. Simpson, how we pay millions to tobacco companies to give us cancer and kill ourselves, and how we justify our international sport of genocide using fictional literature, a manifest destiny and the right to protect our "moral" way of life.

2. The world population is currently around six billion people. The irony: the more people there are, the more detached we are from each other. It's becoming harder to relate to one another, and we start to fear those around us. My point is that if humans cannot relate to each other, how can we expect to relate with life forms that come from a completely different culture and a different level of gravitational pull?

3. We have entirely too much social, economic and environmental problems to deal with first. We have to keep our feet on the ground and deal with the everyday practical problems of our lives; curing AIDS, protecting the environment, educating our children, and fixing the judicial system.

Nothing good will come out of contact with an alien species, all that will come out is ourselves; clueless, dangerous and armed with our human limitation, narrow nature, and our non-hesitant itchy trigger fingers. Sorry Agent Mulder, the truth will have to wait.



Womens Basketball



Gators experience youth movement

By Douglas A. Cöcké

The Women Gators open the season with no one who has ever played a minute of college basketball.

The Gators even have a new coaching staff. However, the Gators are learning quickly according to first year Coach Eric Priebe. In a scrimmage against Malaspina from British Columbia, Priebe said, "(We) adjusted to situations even though we never practiced them." He also revealed the Gators were able to identify their weaknesses after the scrimmage. Assistant coach Brian Kaiser added, "We played well for our youth."

Priebe asserted he has been pleased with the team's enthusiasm and he stated the Gators are all strong people (mentally).

When the season starts, the Gators will have to overcome other challenges besides their youth. According to the coaching staff, the Gators will have to overcome a brand new coaching system, lack of height, and lack of depth. This has been a challenge to the coaching staff added Priebe. Priebe stated, "We have spent a lot of time working on how to get to know each other." He added this has cut into time usually spent on going over the



Head coach Eric Priebe

offense and defense.

Priebe said, "(My) goal is to be competitive in the league." He emphasized he is extremely excited about the upcoming season. He revealed the Gators will play an up-tempo game this year. Priebe came to Green River from New Orleans where he coached high school basketball. Also, he was an assistant coach at Concordia College in Seward, Neb., where they finished

in the final eight of the nation. Priebe describes his coaching style as very organized, persistent, and very straight forward.

Freshman guard Stephanie Imhof and freshman post Christy Allen claimed the Gators want to improve every game. "We have no size, but we are going to run them (the competition)," stated Imhoff. Both maintained the team strengths were their ability to be coached, versatility, and belief in what the coaches were teaching. "We want to be in the post season," explained Allen. Both expressed how fun and exciting the upcoming season will be.

The Gators are without wing Jody Sasse, who underwent reconstructive ankle surgery. The coaching staff did not know when she would return. The Gators home opener will be against Peninsula at 6:00pm on Wed., Dec. 3. Kaiser stated, "Lower Columbia, Centralia, Pierce, and Clark could be some of the tougher teams in the division."

Upcoming Games	Date	Location	Time
Peninsula	Dec. 3	GRCC	6:00pm
Portland	Dec. 6	GRCC	6:00pm
Skagit Valley	Dec. 10	Skagit Valley	6:00pm
Peninsula	Dec. 13	Peninsula	6:00pm
Skagit Valley Crossover Tourney	Dec. 18-20	Skagit Valley	TBA

1997-1998 Roster

Name	Pos.	Hometown
Shawna Persons	Wing	Auburn
Stephanie Imhof	Guard	Puyallup
Melissa O'Connel	Wing	Kent
Heather Payne	Guard	Puyallup
Jakeya French	Wing	Tacoma
LaDella Crumble	Post	Atlanta
Heidi Deford	Wing	Yelm
Christy Allen	Post	Rogers
Jody Sasse	Wing	Auburn
Jamie Smith	Post	Puyallup
Darina Haruo	Post	Guam

Womens Volleyball Spikers finish season strong



Kristen Sandberg goes for the spike against Tacoma

By Douglas A. Cöcké

The Gators defeated the Tacoma Titans 15-3, 15-8, and 15-9 on Nov. 7 at home.

Against Tacoma, the Gators dominated the Titans in all aspects of the match. Coach Carr said, "It was a good win." The Gators tried to put in a new offense in they hope to use for next year. They switched from a 5-1 offense to a 6-2 offense. Carr stated the players dealt with the change very well.

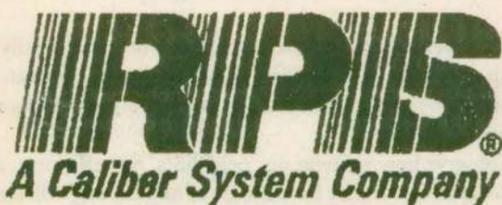
The Gators were led by Kala Lutes who had six kills, and 19 assists. Kristen Sandberg added five kills. The Gators were also helped by strong play from Danielle Dickinson and Noel Norsworthy. Carr revealed the Gators made their goal for the year by finishing .500.

On Nov. 12, the Gators just missed beating Clark 15-10, 15-9, 6-15, 10-15, and 12-15. The Gators now look to next season with all seven freshman returning. Carr said the goal is to recruit at least four more players for next year. Kristen Sandberg explained, "We are excited about next season because we will have experience and more players." She added the Gators will need to improve on their defense and communication.

The Gators finished the season with a 4-8 record in the Western Division. The Gators Heidi Deford was selected to the Western Division all-star second team. Sandberg led the Gators in hitting efficiency for the season. She had 110 kills out of 361 attempts for a 19 percent average. Sandberg also led the team in digs with a 3.42 average per game. Lutes led the Gators in assists with 361. She also led the team in aces with 18. Dickinson led the Gators in blocks with 1.14 average per game.

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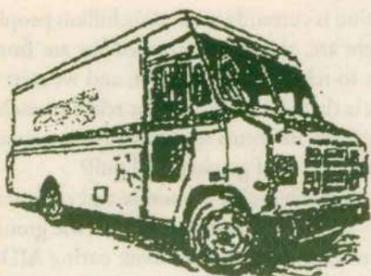


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Gators ready to turn it up a notch

By Douglas A. Cöcké

The Men's Basketball team is ready to attack the competition at full speed.

Third year coach Michael McGraw said, "Our team strengths will be our defense and our athleticism." He explained the Gators will be up-tempo and will move the ball around on offense. The early practices have produced a

team that has worked well together pointed out McGraw. The Gators' assistants will be Mychal Brown, Earl Guyton, and Tim White.

The Gators showed their up-tempo intensity in a recent scrimmage against Shoreline. The Dolphins, who finished in the NWAACC final four last year, were defeated by the Gators in all four quarters. McGraw stated, "We

played well together."

Also, the Gators played the University of Puget Sound in a scrimmage. According to McGraw, the Gators held their own against the bigger Loggers and forced many turnovers.

The Gators have only three returning players from last year's team and McGraw maintained it had been a challenge. He said the freshman mistakes were showing up in practice. However, he also pointed out that these mistakes take time to work out and things will get better. He revealed, "I am excited and looking forward to the start of the season."

The Gators have added many student-athletes to the team. They have three sophomores transfers from other schools. Also, they have a player out of the service/military. Freshman Derrick Baker emphasized, "We are small, but good." Another strength for the Gators will be their depth.

McGraw said the team is unselfish and they have at least eight guards. Also, McGraw asserted, "We have academically strong athletes."

McGraw, who serves as Green River's athletic director, specified the Gators will develop their offense out their defensive sets. "We will be a full-court team," added McGraw. The Gators will employ a man-to-man defense most of the time and execute a five-man passing game. McGraw stated the Gators will be exciting to watch because of their strategy.

Sophomore forward Lonyatta Alexander from Los Angeles warned, "We are going to contend for the Western Division title." However, he stressed they need to take it one game at a time. Freshman forward Mick Jacobsen said they will look at every game as one more team we have to beat. The Western Division appears to be wide open according to sophomore forward Ikaika Schilling. He said Centralia, Lower



Photograph by Douglas A. Cöcké

Derrick Baker practices his jumpshot for the upcoming season.

Columbia, and Clark should be tough. Also, Tacoma and Pierce will be tough based on tradition and strong recruiting.

The Gator men invite all of the student body to attend this year's games. The Gator gym can hold up to 2,200 people. Students

get in free with their identification cards. The Gators will have a cheerleader squad and the gym has excellent seats to watch the the games from. The Gator men will be home in action against Belluvue on Wed., Dec. 3 at 8:00pm.

1997-1998 Roster

Name	Position	Hometown
Josh Holland	Guard	Las Vegas, NV
Derrick Baker	Guard	Fairfield, CA
Craig Looney	Guard	Seattle
Derek Jones	Guard	Seattle
Melvin Steward	Forward	Seattle
Corey Mcdonald	Guard	Renton
Lonyatta Alexander	Forward	Los Angeles, CA
Ikaika Schilling	Forward	Federal Way
Mick Jacobsen	Forward	Snoqualmie
David Ratcliff	Center	Des Moines
Josh Carlson	Center	Federal Way
Dean Warns	Guard	Renton
Javon Green	Guard	Seattle

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