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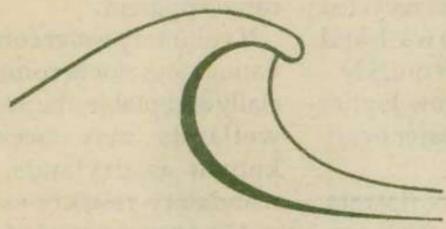
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## DECA competes at nationals

by Ed Eaton  
Current Advisor

Four Green River students qualified for the finals and three won national awards at the national Delta Epsilon Chi (DECA) conference in Anaheim, Calif. May 5-10.

Jodi Brown, Brent Thompson, and John Holman were the national winners.

Brown finished in the top ten in Human Resource Management. Thomas and

Holman were in the top eight with an advertising campaign.

Jennifer Kay was a finalist in the top 15 in Food Marketing Management.

Christopher Cho was in the top seven in comprehensive test and the top ten in basic social skills in Full Service Restaurant Management but did not make the finals.

Eric Frost competed in Management Decision Making Merchandising but did place in the finals.

## Sociology instructor of eleven years resigns

by Abraham Bredstrand  
Associate Editor

Ted McNeilsmith, a sociology instructor here at Green River Community College, has submitted his resignation which will become effective at the end of June, 1992. He has accepted a position as sociology instructor at Adams State College in Alamosa, Colorado.

This decision came as a result of the imposition of the agency shop provisions or RCW 28B.52.045.

McNeilsmith believes that the idea of an agency shop is harmful to freedom of association in general, and to academic freedom in particular. He also said that what the negotiated Agreement calls a representation fee, he takes to be extortion.

McNeilsmith also added that the hardest part, by far, of leaving is "leaving wonderful colleagues, including most of the faculty, staff, administrators, and students (they are our col-

leagues too) I have come to know, love, and respect here."

"It has been my privilege and honor to have been allowed to teach here. I am truly indebted for all I have gained, personally and professionally, at GRCC. I leave with my heart filled with equal parts of sorrow for the present, of gratitude for the past (eleven years worth), and of excitement about the future at Adams State College," added McNeilsmith.

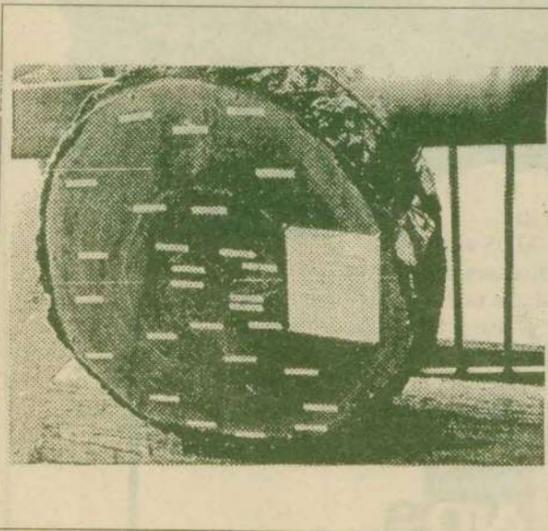
## Forestry student gets dates

By Ezra Bredstrand  
Associate Editor

The piece of tree in front of the Lindbloom Student Center is the project of Forestry student, Amy Batnick. Batnick made a time line out of the Douglas fir tree which was taken from parking lot C in 1985. The tree was taken from the lot because it would have become a safety hazard.

The time line highlights significant happenings throughout history by dating the rings that appear in the grain of the wood.

The tree is estimated to be 125 years old at the cross section (42 inches across). Given the aging process of the tree, Batnick states that the tree probably germinated in 1855.



The time line tree located outside LSC  
Photo by Jason Robertson

## Paper Tree auction is May 26

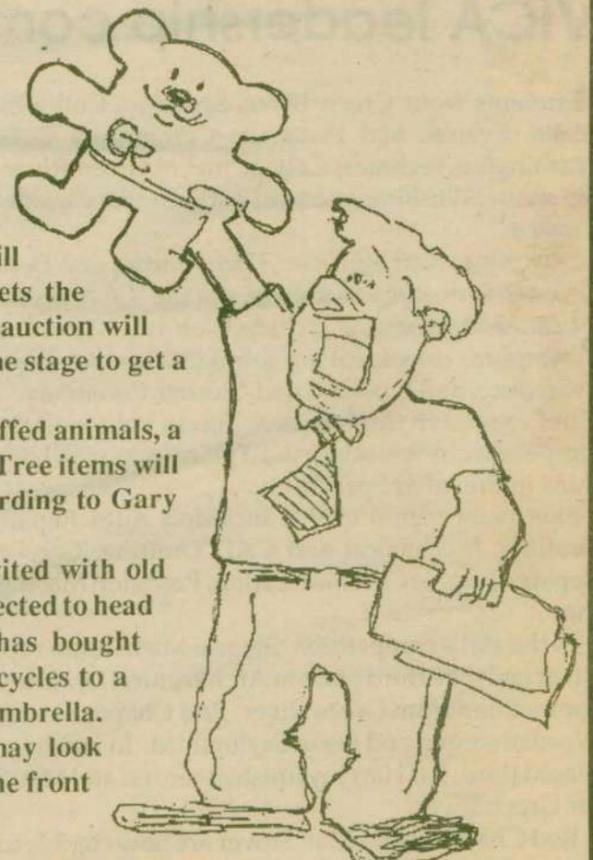
The fourth annual Paper Tree auction this spring will be a noon Tuesday, May 26, in the main dining room of the Lindbloom Student Center.

Jesse Jones auctioneers will be on hand to decide who gets the bargains. Participants in the auction will register at a desk in front of the stage to get a number to bid with.

Clothing, back packs, stuffed animals, a cooler and a variety of Paper Tree items will be on the auction block, according to Gary Jones, store manager.

The entire campus is invited with old faithfuls like Bernie Bleha expected to head the list. Bleha in the past has bought everything from miniature bicycles to a green and gold Green River umbrella.

Those who come early may look over the the merchandise on the front the stage.



## Water shortage in the Evergreen state? No Way!

By Michelle Shuler  
Current staff reporter

Remember the winter of '90-'91? Tremendous snow storms paralyzed the city, hundreds of commuters were trapped in their cars for hours, and some children, unable to get home, spent the night in their schools. The days to follow brought little relief as businesses and schools closed, and people stayed home. The winter of '91-'92 was the same. NOT! Not even close! No snow or ice, not even many cold days.

In fact, the Puget Sound area just experienced the warmest and driest winter in the last 90 years. For those who fight the traffic every day, it was a nice change to avoid the winter frustrations of unsafe road conditions. Probably the only ones who missed the snow were children hoping for school cancellations, and those who were "Dreaming of a White Christmas!"

That is the good news! The bad news is that the snowfall was lighter than usual in the local mountains also. The mountain resorts can testify to this, along with the disappointed skiers.

Marianne Picha, speaking on behalf of the Seattle Water Department, is reported to have said, "There's an inch of snow in the watersheds when there normally is 81 inches."

She continued to say that

the rainfall has helped, but will not make up for a snow shortage of 80 inches. The driest months of June through September will suffer if water is not conserved now.

Monday, May 11, was tentatively set for the beginning of mandatory restrictions on the use of water. The last time a water shortage affected the Seattle area was in 1987. At that time Water Department staffers, locally known as "water cops," were sent out to issue warnings to those who violated the restrictions.

Picha said this time offenders may be fined from \$25 to \$75 for misusing water.

The goal of officials is to keep water consumption at 135 million gallons a day, which is about 20 million gallons below normal consumption for this time of year, Picha said.

One week before the dreaded "R" day, Seattle Mayor Norm Rice made an announcement banning the mandatory water restrictions, but urged citizens to self-monitor their water use.

Conservation is not a new

idea. The water departments have been bombarding the public with water saving hints and devices for years. Water saved is money saved. Sewer and water costs go down with less use. Even if on well water the electric costs of the pumping operation and reduced amounts of waste water to septic tanks is important. If the amount of hot water is reduced there is a double savings of water and heating fuel or electricity. Everyone is a winner when conservation is used.

The average American uses 60 gallons of water in the home each day. This doesn't include outdoor uses such as washing cars or watering

lawns. Most of this use goes to washing clothes, bathing, and flushing the toilet. All of these uses are controllable. Here are some water-saving tips:

\* Wash cars at a car wash where the water is recycled or use a bucket to wash and a hose to rinse off quickly.

\* Let grass grow higher than usual and water every 3 or 4 days.

\* Water shrubs, flowers, and vegetables with a watering can.

\* Use a broom to sweep driveways and sidewalks instead of hosing them off with water.

\* Wash clothes and dishes only with a full load in the machine.

\* Take quick showers instead of baths.

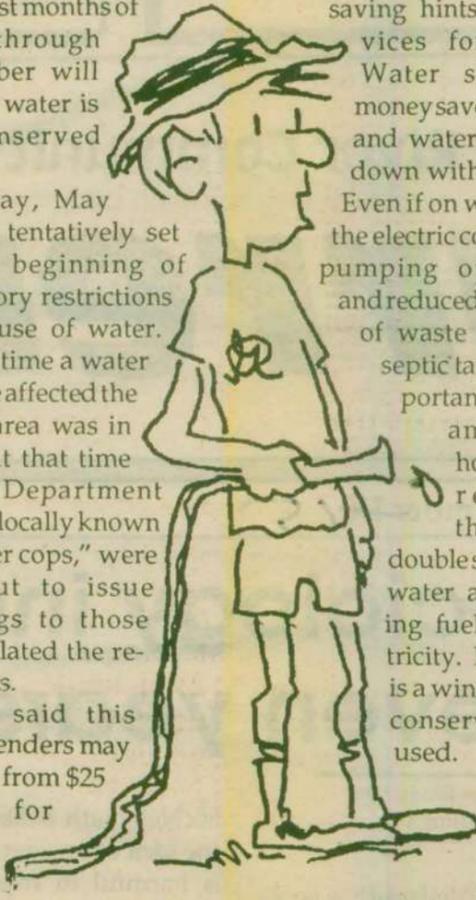
\* Try to flush the toilet less—each flush uses 3 1/2 to 7 gallons of water.

\* Turn water off while brushing teeth or shaving. This saves 2 to 3 gallons a minute.

During the month of July many utilities will distribute 400,000 conservation kits

which contain flow-reducing shower heads, kitchen-sink aerators and toilet flow restrictors. Although the timing is excellent, this program was planned before the impending drought became apparent.

If voluntary water conservation does not become socially acceptable, the Seattle wetlands may become known as drylands. If mandatory restrictions are put in place, instead of watering the lawns, Puget Sounders may resort to painting them with green paint. This may sound ridiculous, but it has become a thriving business in the drought-stricken areas of Southern California. Even though the snow pack is low, there is sure to be an occasional summer rainstorm. Trying to sweep green paint off the driveways and sidewalks may be rather difficult, not to mention messy. Maybe saving water now will save a lot of trouble later. After all, the Southwestern motif is still in vogue, isn't it?



## Green River hosts state VICA leadership contests

Students from Green River, Spokane, Columbia Basin, Walla Walla, Everett, and Peninsula Community Colleges and Lake Washington Technical College met at Green River April 24-25 for the annual Washington State Post Secondary Leadership and Skills Contest.

Dick King, Karl Hoffman, Glen Martin, and Dennis Blansett, all Green River faculty members, ran the VICA event.

Leadership contests included Job Interview, Prepared Speech, Extemporaneous Speaking, Job Skill Demonstration, Club Business Procedure, and Opening and Closing Ceremony.

In Leadership Competition, Teresa Peto took third place in Extemporaneous Speaking, third place in Job Skill demo, and tied for third in Prepared Speech.

Skill competition events included Auto Repair, Architectural Drafting, Mechanical and CAD Drafting, Carpentry, Electronic Repair, Graphic Communication, Precision Machining, and Welding.

In the skills competition, Sherrie Michaelson represented Green River and took third place in Architectural Drafting. The carpentry competition from Green River, Rod Chapman took first place, Joe Worden second and Jason Taylor third. In welding, Stacey Stewart placed third, Jeff Hart Joy finished second and Matt Stover took first for Green River.

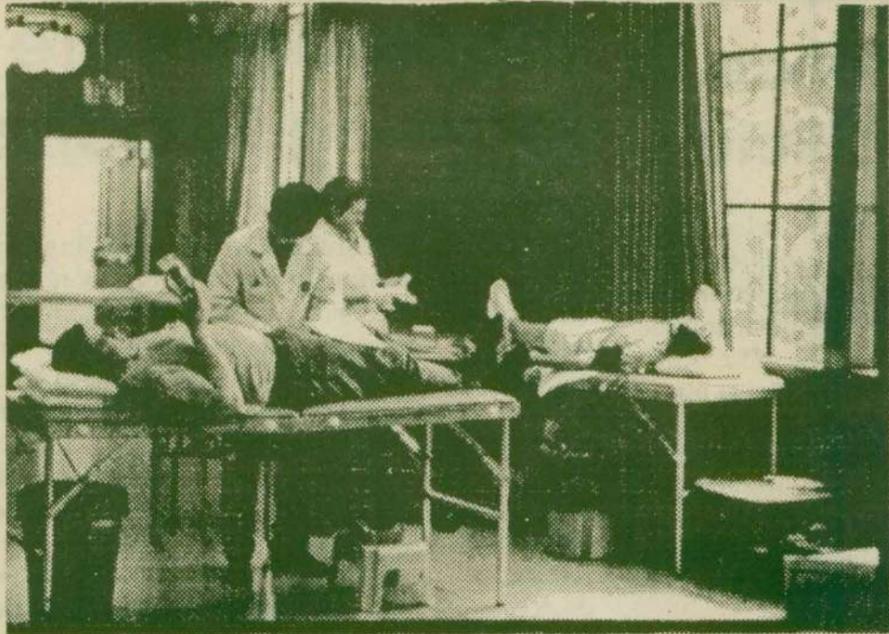
Rod Chapman and Matt Stover are now eligible to compete in the national VICA Skill Olympics in Louisville, Kent., June 22-26, representing Washington state in carpentry and welding.

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Students give blood at annual health fair May 7.

Photo by Wendy New

## student calendar

Friday-May 15  
Moonlight Cruise  
International Pro-  
grams Lunch  
Saturday-May 16  
Volleyball Tourna-  
ment, 9AM-9PM,  
Gym  
May 18-22  
Multi Cultural Week  
Monday-May 18  
Womens BB, 7PM-  
9PM, Gym  
Multi Cultural Event,  
12PM-1PM, Stage  
Commencement  
Meeting, 10:30AM-  
12PM, Ranier Room  
Tuesday-May 19  
Tuesday Forum,  
12PM-1PM, SS8  
Volleyball Open  
Gym, 7PM-9PM,  
Gym  
Job Hunter Work  
Shop, 11:30-1PM,  
Ranier Room  
Childcare Meeting,  
2PM-3PM, Baker  
Room  
Wednesday-May 20  
TIAA Seminar,  
11AM-2PM,

Olympus Room  
Motivational Semi-  
nar, 3PM-6PM, Gla-  
cier Room  
Safety Seminar,  
10:30AM-2:30PM,  
Ranier Room  
Native American  
Meeting, 11:30AM-  
1PM, Baker Room  
Thursday-May 21  
Multi Cultural Enter-  
tainment, 12PM-  
1PM, Stage  
Mens BB, 7PM-9PM,  
Gym  
Health Services  
Seminar, 1PM,  
3DDR's  
Monday-May 25  
Memorial Day/Cam-  
pus Closed  
Women's BB, 7PM-  
9PM  
May 26-27  
Jewelry Sale, 8AM-  
5PM  
Tuesday-May 26  
Volleyball Open  
Gym, 7PM-9PM,  
Gym  
Bookstore Auction,  
12PM-1PM, Stage  
Job Hunter Work  
Shop, 11:30AM-  
1PM, Ranier Room  
Wednesday-May 27  
Student Government  
Award Banquet Eve,  
Glacier Room  
Thursday-May 28  
Mens BB, 7PM-9PM,  
Gym  
Friday-May 29  
MACBETH, 8PM-  
11PM, PA8  
Mayfest, Day,  
Kennely Commons  
Phi Theta Kappa,  
12:05-1PM, SS8  
Saturday-May 30  
MACBETH, 2PM/  
8PM-11PM  
Sunday-May 31  
MACBETH, 2PM/  
8PM-11PM

## Gypsy Moths have no chance now !

By Jason Robertson  
Staff Photographer

The last couple of weeks helicopters could be seen swooping around like flies, spraying their white venom in Pierce and King County. They were USDA helicopters spraying a chemical called Bacillus thuringiensis on everything in their path.

Bacillus thuringiensis (B.t.) is a bacterium that attacks the digestive system of moths and butterflies during the caterpillar stage. The species hopefully af-

ected is the Asian Gypsy moth that threatens to eradicate our forests.

B.T. has been used since the 1950's for gypsy moth control and is said to be safe. But it is possible it also affects the human digestive system as evidence by the Department of Agriculture's warning to minimize exposure, especially immuno-compromised individuals i.e. AIDS and leukemia patients. With that warning came these guidelines:

1. If possible, remain indoors for approximately 30 minutes following the spray application.

2. Wait until the dew and moisture have dried on grass, trees, and shrubs before allowing children to play outside.

3. If spray gets on your skin, wash with soap and water. If the material should get into your eyes, rinse with water.

If there are any questions about health risks, contact the state Health Department at (206) 753-5965

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## Voters receive another chance to limit the terms of elected officials

By Paul Jensen  
GRCC Student

Washington State voters turned down the term limitation measure that was proposed on the 1991 ballot, but term limit supporters are back in '92, trying again to limit the number of terms this state's elected officials may serve.

Last November Initiative 553, which called for limitations on the number of terms for the elected officials of the State of Washington, found the support of 46 percent of the Washington voters. Opponents called it a sound defeat, but supporters called it a narrow margin. The 1992 election year finds the initiative's supporters back with a new revised version of the initiative.

The new version, Initiative 573, has several major changes that supporters feel will make up the difference at the ballot box this time around. One very significant change is that in this version of the initiative, officials currently in office would be "grandfathered in." That means the time in office served by them before November 1992 would not be counted toward their

limitations.

There are other significant changes in this version of the initiative as well. Initiative 573 is called a "ballot access" measure, which means that rather than limit the number of terms an elected official may serve it would limit an incumbent's access to having his or her name put on the ballot. For example, a United States senator after serving two terms would not be allowed to have his name appear on the ballot, but would still be able to run for that office on a write-in basis.

One more difference is that candidates would be allowed to have his or her name appear on the ballot again after a six year hiatus from public office.

Should the initiative pass, it would not go into effect for national officials until nine other states have passed similar measures, which is another major change from the earlier initiative. For state officials, however, the initiative would go into effect immediately.

At this time the only other state having passed a similar measure on the federal

level is Colorado. On the state level similar initiatives have been passed in Colorado, Oklahoma, and California. The 1992 general election will see at least 11 other states voting on federal level limitation measures, and possibly as many as 16. 1994 already has three states working toward term limitation initiatives for their ballots.

The limits that would be imposed if Initiative 573 passes are as follows: governor and lieutenant governor—two four year terms; state and U.S. representatives—three two year terms; U.S. senators—two six year terms; state senators—two four year terms.

Tacoma is the home of the LIMIT (Limitation Initiative Mandating Incumbent Terms) headquarters. Gene Morain, treasurer of last year's initiative, works in the Tacoma headquarters. According to Morain there are a number of advantages that would ensue from passing Initiative 573.

One benefit would be an increased "talent pool" from which to select public Term limits

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## ESL Students are learning to adjust

By Takanari Tsuchiya  
Staff Writer

It is difficult for a foreign student to study in an American students. Sometimes, English might be more of a barrier than racial discrimination. If foreign students do not understand several key words necessary for daily conversation, they will not keep up with their academic classes, because academic classes use a lot of special words which can not be heard in daily conversation.

ESL (English as a second language) teachers have to help the foreign students to study English so that they don't have trouble in academic classes.

How do they teach English for foreign students with their devices? At first, teachers tell the students the ESL's schedule, which are what they should do or what the purpose of the chapter is, etc.

They also use a lot of visual images. For instance, gestures, facial expressions, using hands or pictures (graphs, maps, etc.), and acting out the situation to make sure that the students are understanding what the teacher is saying. When the students hear the difficult vocabulary, they will be at a loss. At the time, they use repetition to rephrase the conversation. At the reading class, the teacher will recommend magazines or newspapers to learn special words.

As a part of the class, a student will explain to the other students different grammar techniques. This has two advantages, one being that if a student can understand the grammar he or she has a chance to show it and the second being that the teacher will know whether or not the student understands what has been taught.

There is much effort to teach English to the foreign students. Then what do the teachers hope for the foreign students? They hope that the students have self-confidence which means that they believe in themselves. In addition, they can succeed in their academic classes and make the best of their experiences in ESL.

## Cinco de Mayo: Not just another reason to drink Tequila and beer. OLE!!

Many people celebrate Cinco de Mayo with out really knowing what they are celebrating.

During the civil war, the Mexican government of Benito Juarez suspended payment on foreign debts. The French, British and Spanish troops occupied Veracruz on December 17, 1861. Spain withdrew the next spring. But Louis Napoleon III was determined to establish a Mexican government under French Hegemony. On May 5, 1862, Napoleon attacked Puebla with a French army of 7,500 men. The French army was defeated by the Mexican army commanded by General Ignacio Zaragoza. The French casualties were 400, and Mexican casualties totaled 215 including the dead and wounded.



## International students seek support and acceptance from American students

By Yasuko Watanabe  
Staff Writer

Almost all international students have some problems in their lives and they need the help of American students. International students always think about how they should get along with American students and still keep up with their classes. They believe that friendships are necessary for existence in the world and they want to be able to talk with the American students.

Some international students feel that it is hard to express their feelings and communicate with American students smoothly. It's hard to catch slang, particular expressions and words that aren't taught in English classes in foreign countries.

American life and school are very interesting for international students. At

GRCC they are studying for their majors and for their future plans. After graduation, some international students return to their countries, and some remain in America. They choose to join the work force, but sometimes it is hard for international students to find jobs.

Home sickness and culture shock are two of the major obstacles an international student has to overcome. They sometimes call home to speak to their parents or their friends because they miss them. However, homesickness and culture shock are tests for them.

Some international students think American students are set in their opinions and the spirit of independence. Also they think a lot of their own personalities. The good points of American students are that they are respectable, therefore international students

want to earn merits in America.

It is important to understand culture, customs, and the backgrounds of each country in order to get along with one another; however, are American students interested in foreign countries' culture and do they try to understand international students?

Compared with students in their countries, international students recognize the good aspects of American students and the virtue of this country, that is why they are trying to learn the language and the culture.

The difference of language and culture is a definite barrier for international students, but they choose to go to Americas because they like it. International students want to be able to talk with American students and they want the American students to understand them.



## Beautiful Dreamer remember thy dream

By Marie Sundburg  
GRCC Counselor

Dreams may plague or mystify, frighten or delight us with their nightly parades through our minds. When understood, they can illuminate past or current dilemmas in our lives, helping us to make positive choices and confront problems in healthy ways.

Though many people are curious about dreams, a frequent complaint is that they do not dream, or cannot remember their dreams. Everyone does dream, however some individuals may need to teach themselves to remember their dreams.

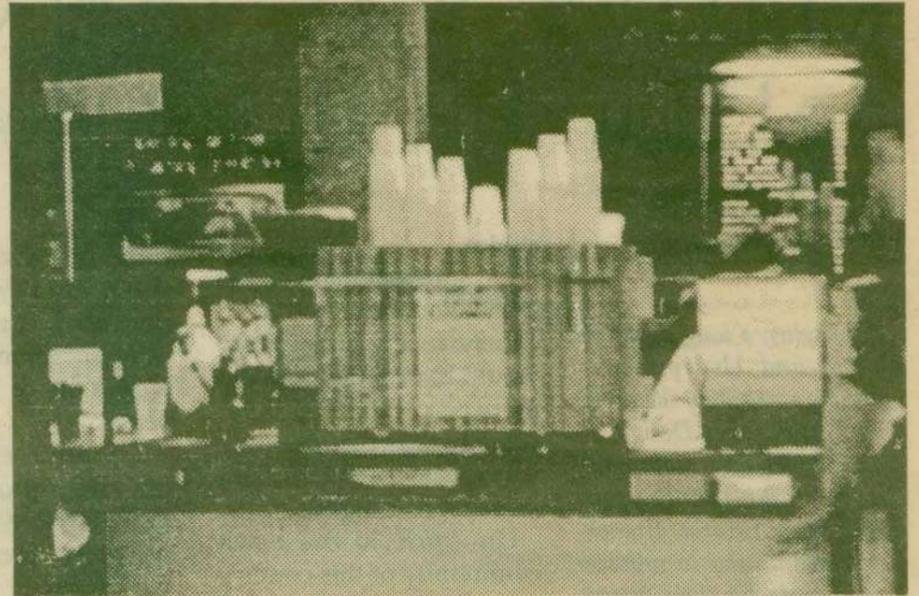
Here are some helpful hints to remember dreams. Keep a pen and paper, or a tape-recorder by your bed at night and record your dreams as soon as possible after you wake up. Give yourself suggestions at night that you will remember your dreams in the morning. Since you enter a period of dream sleep every one and a half hours, try to wake up after six or seven and a half hours (or nine hours!) of sleep. When you first wake up (without a jarring alarm if possible), lie still and mentally review your dream. Immediately write it down or record it with as

much attention to the details (events, content, colors, and feeling tone) as possible.

Dreams may represent in symbol form, some current emotional issue or conflict. This is why dreams may seem bizarre or nonsensical. An analogy might be that our waking thoughts are like prose, while our dreams are more like poetry, a shorthand of images and symbols that convey meaning. Drawing parallels between the symbols, events and feelings in our dream with events in our daily life can help us understand the meaning of our dreams and perceive our true beliefs and feelings about our waking life.

To learn more about remembering and understanding your dreams, you may find one of several books helpful:

Dream Power and Dream Game by Ann Faraday, Creative Dreaming and Pathway to Ecstasy by Patricia Garfield, and The Jungian-Senno Dreamwork Manual, by Strehon Kaplan Williams.



One of the most popular spots on campus is the Espresso Bar.

## Caffeine: it's all in the way you roast your bean

By Sally Hammarstrom  
GRCC student

A single shot espresso drink contains 50 percent less caffeine than a regular size cup of coffee because of the type of bean used and the length of time the espresso beans are roasted compared to commercial style beans, according to Starbucks' senior roaster Tom Walters.

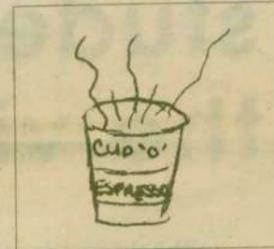
Most Green River Community College students who want a jolt of caffeine to keep them going through the day head for the espresso bar in the Lindbloom Student Center, where the line for espresso to drinks between breaks commonly totals 8 to 10 people, and the cost of a drink averages \$1.50. In actuality a more effective dose of "java juice" would come from a cup of regular drip coffee that goes for 65 cents in the college cafeteria.

The two types of coffee bean are robusta and arabica. The canned commercial brand coffees that are used in restaurants, offices and most homes contain a blend of mostly robusta beans. The robusta beans are grown at

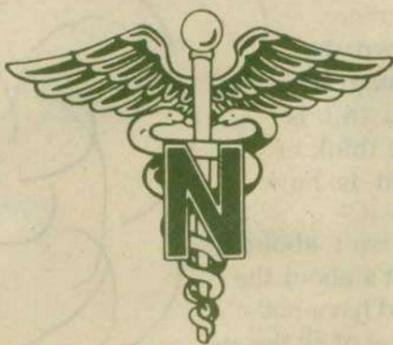
a lower elevation than the arabica and contain 2 to 2.5 percent caffeine. Specialty coffee companies that sell espresso beans such as Starbucks, Seattle's Best Coffee and Millstone use only the arabica beans which contain only 1 percent caffeine.

In addition to the bean itself, the length of roasting time contributes to the caffeine content. Contrary to what most people believe, the darker the coffee bean, the smaller the amount of caffeine contained in it. As the beans roast the caffeine element starts to cook away.

The commercial brand companies roast their beans for only 7 to 9 minutes, while espresso and other quality beans carried by specialty coffee suppliers are roasted anywhere from 11 to 15 minutes according to the desired taste. Beans that roast for a longer period such as espresso and French Roast have a very dark color but contain a smaller amount of caffeine.



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officials, because a greater number of qualified people would be encouraged to run if they did not have to run against an entrenched incumbent. Morain also feels that the control wielded by special interest groups over politicians would be severely weakened by the constant rotation of the people holding offices.

Another of the benefits Morain mentions is that limitations would also help politicians to avoid becoming stagnant from too much time in one office. The benefit of the write-in candidacy, he says, is that if the state gets someone in office who the voters really like they can still vote to keep that person in office.

Among the opposing views is

the argument that the state may hurt itself when powerful members of the Senate or House of Representatives, such as Tom Foley, will have limited access to the ballot.

Another of the arguments is that senators and congressmen from states with limits will be at a disadvantage when up against more experienced lawmakers from states without limitations on terms.

Initiative 573 is still seeking signatures to place it on the November ballot. There are 150,001 signatures required to get the initiative on the fall ballot. All petitions are due in the Secretary of State's office by July 3. Those interested in supporting the initiative may contact the LIMIT office in Tacoma at 759-1212.

# Centerspread

## Rioting was the only option in the city of angels

By Ezra Bredstrand  
Staff Writer

*"But when a long Train of Abuses and Usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object, convinces a Design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their Right, it is their Duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security."*

-Declaration of Independence-

Even the forefathers of our country knew what had to be done and did it. When you're being oppressed and held back by the powers that be, then you must fight to achieve equality. While fighting may not be the most desirable of choices it is possible that it is the only

choice.

I'm sure that many of the men who fought for the independence of our country would have rather found a more peaceful route. But it was obvious that the only way to achieve equality and justice was to fight.

On April 30 the black community of this country was faced with the same problem. The verdict in the trial of the Los Angeles policemen who beat Rodney King was the last straw. Black have to live with discrimination and injustice only a daily basis and with the media coverage of this case it was impossible to brush this one aside.

I've heard many people say that they can understand the anger of the black

community (which, unless you're black, would be impossible), but felt that peaceful demonstrations would have been much better.

If there were peaceful demonstrations do you think anyone would have paid any attention? The media would cover it for maybe a day and that would be it. No one would notice. The unfortunate truth is that the violence is what made people sit up and take notice of this gross injustice.

Do you think that President Bush would even be considering setting up a federal grand jury to hear this case were it not for the violence? The rioting put the pressure on President

Bush to get off his tush and do something.

It's a shame that something as horrible as the Los Angeles Riots has to happen to make people open their eyes to discrimination and social inequality.

The black community may be criticized for their actions but they may have done the only thing that they could do.

In 1964 Malcolm X said something that summed up the black communities struggle for inequality and it still holds true today. *"We are not fighting for integration, nor are we fighting for separation. We are fighting for recognition as human beings. We are fighting for... human rights."*

# can we all get along? |||

## Rodney King 1992

By Jillian Boucek  
Editor-in-Chief

Cases of police brutality have been around since professional police departments were developed in the late 19th century. Since then they have been a "periodic source of public indignation and concern" as written in *Police Riots* by Rodney Stark. The corruption and violence that has disfigured the reputation and marred public trust in the police department has been going on for decades and reform has been slow.

It was evident that police departments had not yet reached their professional peak when they began to respond to campus unrest and the peace movement in the late 60s early 70s. However, even with the alarmingly high numbers of citizens being unnecessarily and viciously beaten by officers, the media kept the outlook on police violence as isolated incidents and the work of a "few unsuitable policemen." When relaying the news to citizens not involved in the peace movement phrases such as "police riot" and "police revolt" were left unspoken.

There are two main theories that attempt to justify attacks on citizens by police. The "rotten apple" theory suggests that police misbehavior is the cause of a handful of misguided officers. The effect of the rotten apple theory is to offer scapegoats to public indignation and to avoid basic questions about the organization and the character of police institutions. The "fascist pig" theory suggests that most police officers are defective. The basic gist of the theory states that the law enforcement field often attracts sadistic and authoritarian personalities. The only real difference between the two theories is the amount of people in the "blame" pool. Neither theory has been proven nor justified by any kind of substantial research.

In the line of duty an officer is under some obvious restraints and pressures. The law, which the officer is supposedly upholding, and public approval,

## Rioting accomplished nothing of value

by Kirsten Odegard  
GRCC student

Attention certainly came to the streets of Los Angeles, but for the wrong reason. The media wasted no time reporting the verdict; not a single individual who listened to the radio or watched TV that day is likely to have missed it. Violence was not necessary to get the word out.

Rodney King pleaded for people not to act violently in his name. It is no more logical for one of us to attack a stranger in the name of Rodney King than it is for a Middle-Eastern terrorist to blow up an airplane in the name of Allah, or an IRA member to detonate a car bomb in the middle of a

busy London street.

It does not advance African-Americans (or anyone else who joined the rioting) or the problems they still face for some to drag people from their cars and beat them, or set fires, or loot businesses in their own communities. It only proves they can behave as badly as the four policemen did.

How can we expect these men to be convicted of such atrocities if we are willing to commit them ourselves and call them fair? Do we not also deserve punishment? Does being a victim grant us the right to victimize others?

With all the videotape of

the riots it is clear that many WILL be charged and convicted. Jails will become more overcrowded, courts more overtaxed, all because blind rage--the same weapon used by the four police officers--took control. The same thing that causes child abuse caused the rioting. There is no difference.

Anger is perfectly justified; most of us are enraged by this verdict. But we do not venture into the streets to cause destruction. Creating more problems is an insane way to solve others. It takes our time and energy away from the real, ongoing obstacles to equal rights, the problems that

will continue to exist and perhaps to grow if we insist on giving ammunition to those who would preach racist ideals, who would say, "See? They are animals. Why should they be treated as human beings?"

The Declaration of Independence states that "it is their Right, it is their Duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security." I suspect that most people who joined the rioting did not have these words in mind, or were even aware of them, when they created chaos in Los Angeles and elsewhere. The end does not justify the means.

## GRCC students voice their opinion about the violence in Los Angeles

By Wendy New and  
Jason Robertson  
Photographers

In the past two weeks people have been disturbed about the Rodney King trial and the verdict that the jury came up with. After the verdict was announced to the public there was a lot of violence all over the country, but mostly in California where the Rodney King incident took place. The news of the trial and rioting was heard all over the world and there was protesting in other countries too--not just in the States.

Now that the rioting is over, no one really wants to talk about what happened; they are afraid they will be called racists. The Current went out to the students on campus and took a survey of how people felt about what has happened. We asked two simple questions. Those questions were: *"What do you think of the Rodney King decision?"* and *"What is your opinion of the rioting that took place as a result?"*

Here are the responses we were given from a few students. The names are being

withheld for the sake of the students.

"The jury must have seen something we didn't see, something that wasn't re-

**"I think it made its point in the first couple of hours, but other than that, it was carried on far too long."**

leased through the media."

"Let's face it, Rodney King was not a nice man, he's a criminal, he has some raps against him. But you would think 12 men would figure out a better way to detain him, to hold him down and cuff him, than to beat him."

"The police were on trial, they were the defendants, not Rodney King. They exercised their rights, which I wouldn't want to give up either, by having a change in venue and a favorable jury. If I were in any position accused of a crime, I would want the same benefits. So I don't blame them for doing that, though I

think the jus wrong."

"What really upset me about the riots was that there was no one in charge. If there had been a few speakers for the people,

loud enough to control, it would have been changed from a massive

rampage into something constructive."

"History is repeating itself. There's going to be a revolution."

"Protests--the marching, I don't see anything wrong with that. But the rioting I think was just an excuse for violence."

"I think it's great! If I was down in L.A. I'd be rioting too!"

"Of course it's wrong but maybe the violence is not only because of Rodney King; there are some other deep roots for the violence, i.e. social injustice, poverty, nothing to do, no money to go eat, nothing!"

"The verdict is wrong, absolutely--and the killing is wrong, absolutely--but the destruction is understandable. I think they should have burned the courthouse as a statement, not harm anyone."

"I think the verdict, what it did was emphasize the epitome of what their situation was. It was like a rude awakening, the dream state some of them were in and then there was no denying it anymore. You're worthless human beings and this is what we think of you, that is how they took it."

"This isn't about racism, it's about the haves and have-not's."

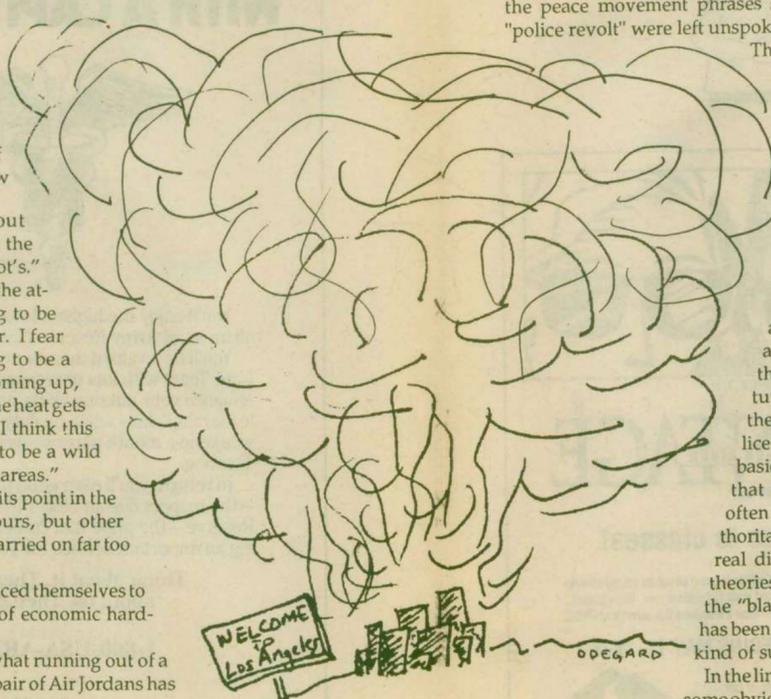
"Because of all the attention, it is going to be seen as the answer. I fear that there is going to be a lot more of this coming up, especially when the heat gets on this summer. I think this summer is going to be a wild one for the urban areas."

"I think it made its point in the first couple of hours, but other than that, it was carried on far too long."

"They've sentenced themselves to another 25 years of economic hardship."

"I don't know what running out of a shoe store with a pair of Air Jordans has to do with Rodney King."

"I think it's good that people started giving stuff back, turning things in."



# To pay or not to pay:

*that is the clinical question*

## Non-profit organizations offer women information and choices

By Paul Jensen  
GRCC Student

Bombings, protests, and court battles often put abortion in the forefront of the news, but rarely mentioned are the services that are available that are available for women who find themselves confused and pregnant.

With all prejudices aside, weather anti-abortion or pro-abortion, one undisputable victim of the controversy is the woman who finds herself with an unplanned or unwanted pregnancy. Social pressures from all sides strive to force her into compliance with one political viewpoint or another. All that she is really interested in though, is an answer to her problem.

Seldom spotlighted in the media are the organizations behind the scenes that are trying to help these women. One such organization is the Crisis Pregnancy Center.

The Crisis Pregnancy Center is a non-profit organization that is privately funded and affiliated with the Christian Action Council. It currently has three centers in Bellevue, Renton and Federal Way. The center has about 360 women receiving help each month. President of C.P.C., Beth Chase, feels that there are many more who could benefit from their services if they knew they were available. Chase said that while they do not do abortions or refer clients to doctors that do, they try to make it clear to the women that the cen-

ter is there to support them, even if they choose that option. According to Chase, the intention of C.P.C. is to inform the women fully on all options, including adoption.

With the exception of one director for each of the three centers, all of the workers are volunteers. According to Donna White, director of the Federal Way center, the Federal Way center has about 25 volunteers, while in the greater King County area there are around 300. All the volunteers in the centers go through a 21-hour training course with monthly update classes to help keep them informed.

Some of the services provided by the centers are pregnancy tests, abortion and options counselling,

physician referral, maternity clothes, baby clothes and child birth training classes. Housing can also be provided by the centers through state licensed foster care homes. The centers also help to find suitable adoptive families for the children should the mother choose that option.

White also stressed that they try to tailor the help provided to meet the needs of each individual case and that they try not to be limited by a simple list of services available. Chase emphasized strongly that all of these services are free, and that C.P.C. does not profit in any way from its clients.

Chase said anyone in need of the services of these centers were welcome on a

walk-in basis, or people may call the center nearest them. They are listed in the phone book under the name Crisis Pregnancy Center. Chase also mentioned that they would be opening more centers in the near future in the Seattle and north end.

Anyone wishing to help out with donations or by volunteering, Chase said, would be welcome. With 360 women going through their centers each month they are always in need of more help. Some of the greatest needs are in the areas of baby clothing, diapers, car seats and baby furniture. The centers are also sponsoring a walk-a-thon on May 16. Those interested in helping may also contact the center nearest them.

## There is help for those who want it at Planned Parenthood

By Paul Jensen  
GRCC Student

With sexual activity increasing in today's society the need for sexual education and practical help in sexual areas is increasing as well.

One organization providing the help in sexual areas for young people is Planned Parenthood. They offer help in three basic areas—education, counseling and clinical services.

Planned Parenthood has a number of different types of educational services available. Planned Parenthood offers a sex information telephone line that anyone may call to speak to someone knowledgeable about sexual matters. Planned Parenthood also has speakers that are available to speak to groups. Another of the educational services is the family education program that helps parents to discuss sexual topics with their children. Thus keeping the parents involved in their children's sexual lives. Another of the educational services is a video rental library with more than 25 titles on a variety of topics. They also have a bookstore filled with

books on various sex related topics.

Counseling services are provided in a number of areas. One area is birth control. Young couples or individuals may speak with a counselor about the wide array of possibilities in birth control to help them decide which, if any, is the right one in their situation. Young people may also get counseling on coping with new found sexuality and how to deal with relations with the opposite sex. One of the most crucial decisions in a young woman's life can be the decision on what to do about unplanned pregnancy. Young women who find themselves in this situation can be counseled on what options they have available to them.

Planned Parenthood's clinical services are perhaps what they are most noted for. Birth control exams and prescriptions are available as well as pregnancy tests and exams, abortions, annual gynecological check-ups and treatment for urinary tract infections. Another crucial clinical service is the treatment and testing for sexually transmitted

diseases. HIV testing is also available and for men; testicular self-exam instruction is provided.

Planned Parenthood does charge for the services it provides; however, there is a sliding scale available that takes into consideration a client's income and ability to pay. Public Assistance Medical Coupons are accepted at Planned Parenthood.

According to Teri Tomatic, Planned Parenthood's South King County Community educator, all of the records are kept confidential. Without a signed release form the client, their records are not released. The only exceptions to this are in cases where they are required by law to release the information such as in cases involving sexual abuse of a minor or where a subpoena requires the information to be released.

Planned Parenthood has two offices in the South King County area, one in Kent and one in Federal Way. Those interested in their services may call the Planned Parenthood office nearest them.



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# Letter to the Editor: Students should know what they are voting for

Dear Editor,

I want to say "shame" to a majority of the student body. Shame to those who voted for someone who stuck a flyer in their hand! Shame to those who voted for friends, just because they're friends! And shame to those who voted to get a pencil! A huge "THANK YOU" to those who chose the best candidate—no matter who you voted for. If you didn't vote, skip to the crossword puzzle where you belong.

I don't feel that you have been properly introduced to the person in whom you've placed

so much confidence. Though he said nothing about the Current staff throwing accuracy and fairness (along with their reputation) down the toilet as they blatantly campaigned for Don Eckhoff, your president elect was quick to threaten to take formal complaints to the Judicial Board about his opponent's campaign when he was doubtful that the election would go his way. Since the election results have been announced the Judicial Board has not heard equity, but personal gain at all cost. Also, your new top student official's campaign manager confirmed that he was promised

the top appointive position in student government as a reward for his efforts. This "promised" position is not available as it is already filled and if it were interested could forget it now that Mr. Eckhoff is at the helm.

Your new president will be responsible for taking your ideas and concerns to the administration for action. You must trust him to represent your views, not his personal goals. He will directly influence money, your money. Do his past actions foretell a bright future? You voted him in, I hope you are sure!

The most disturbing part of the election process was the total lack

of professionalism in our biweekly gossip collection (the Current). I am surprised that a former member of the Judicial Board is writing such uninformed, inaccurate articles—even if it has been eight years since he was Chief Justice. One would hope that after all that time a person would learn to research his stories before going into print. It is confusing to some and amusing to others that Ray Carter was allowed to blatantly campaign for his candidate instead of doing his job. Were scouts on campus from the National Enquirer that week? It would be nice if the students could learn about real issues

and find out how to get involved with them rather than finding out who made Ray Carter's dog house this week!

One final bit of information that may be of interest to you: Ray Carter has quit his position on the Current (as reported by a semi-reliable source). If this new information is true, he made a good decision, but that does raise a few doubts. Was he on the Current staff as a hidden campaign assistant? Will he be back in another eight years? Hopefully we're through with him and we won't need the agony of having the answers to these questions.

Alex Retter

## Lets's not be BUSHwacked for four more years

by Kirsten Odegard  
GRCC Student

The Bush Administration has once again exhibited the appalling depth of its ability to delude itself.

The recent claim that decades-old, long gone "liberal policies" are to blame for the nationwide rioting of last week is utterly ridiculous. It clearly shows that those in the White House know (if they know nothing else, which seems to be the case) they haven't got a leg to stand on regarding their OWN accomplishments—because those accomplishments are nil.

Perhaps it is natural for a desperate man to turn a tragic situation into a hunt for scapegoats, but the time for laying blame is over. It's embarrassing to see that Mr. Bush is so self-centered; every time this country endures something such as this, his first (and inevitably, only) aim is to make

himself look good.

Finger-pointing and a reckless spate of vetoes (indeed, four YEARS of vetoes) seem to be George Bush's formula for a successful reelection. He claims to have ended the Cold War himself (nonsense; the communist system and the economic pitfalls thereof did itself in) and to have restored democracy to a tiny, enormously wealthy monarchy (which has never known real democracy, particularly since the end of the Gulf War).

Furthermore, the lack of willingness of many people to question what George Bush HAS done shows that we are likely to have this cranky, do-nothing, indecisive, and downright dishonest President foisted upon us for another four long and painful years of vetoes and finger-pointing.

This man doesn't care about the common citi-

zen. He doesn't care about the natural world. He doesn't care about civil rights, equal rights, or human rights. He said himself that he will "do whatever it

takes" to get reelected.

George Bush made fools of us once. Let's not be made fools of again. We need a president who respects the people who elect him--

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threaten of actually hurt yourself to scare your parents into saying, "I'm sorry," or "I love you,"?

\_\_\_14. Do you believe no one could possibly understand how you feel?

\_\_\_15. Do you have money problems because of someone else's drinking?

\_\_\_16. Are meal-times frequently delayed because of the drinker?

\_\_\_17. Have you considered calling the police because of drinking behavior?

\_\_\_18. Have you refused dates out of fear or anxiety?

\_\_\_19. Do you think

\_\_\_9. Do you think the drinker's behavior is caused by you, other members of your family, friends, or rotten breaks in life?

\_\_\_10. Do you make threats such as, "If you don't stop drinking, fighting, etc., I'll run away."?

\_\_\_11. Do you make promises about behavior such as, "I'll get better school marks, go to church, or keep my room clean," in exchange for a promise that the drinking and fighting stop?

\_\_\_12. Do you feel that if your mom or dad loved you she or he would stop drinking?

\_\_\_13. Do you ever

not an opportunistic politician with a personal agenda incompatible with the needs of the country. We must demand more than this.

that if the drinker stopped drinking, your other problems would be solved?

\_\_\_20. Do you ever treat people (teachers, schoolmates, teammates, etc.) unjustly because you are angry at someone else for drinking too much?

If you have checked any of these questions, Alateen/Al-Anon may help you. Alateen is for teenagers and Al-Anon is for other family members who live with or have lived with someone with a drinking problem. For further information and a schedule of local meetings, you can call (206) 625-0000.

## Animals deserve a little respect

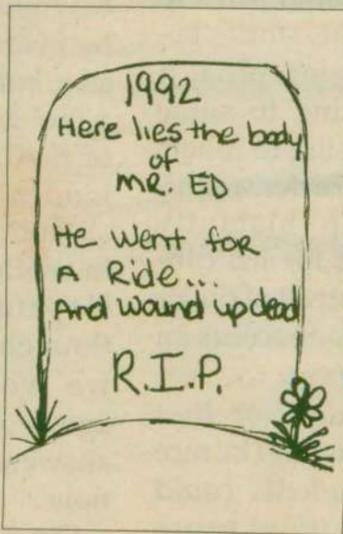
by Wendy New  
Staff Writer

I have never seen people be so inhuman in my life before the last month and a half. There is the incident near Seattle where the three teens tied a donkey, Pasado, to a tree and beat him to death; the situation in Canada where someone broke in to a zoo and beat six flamingos to death, and now on our own campus there are departments arguing about who's responsibility

it is to remove the remains of a dead horse, or if they should remove the remains at all.

I feel that the people who beat the defenseless flamingos and the donkey, Pasado, to death should have the criminal punishment as that of a person who has beaten a child. Animals such as these are defenseless and look to people to take care of them, feed them, and give them love. An animal's life is just as valuable as that of a person. The animals you see in a zoo are there to cherish, for us to learn to understand their habits, and to see their beauty.

In the case of the horse on our campus, in the last issue of the "Current" it said, "the school officials decided that the safest option would be to camouflage the carcass and close the trail." This does not seem to be the safest option to



me for many reasons. The remains of this horse could or will attract animals out of the wooded

area on campus and these animals won't just eat the remains but could attack the students too; the stream could become contaminated, and it will cause a terrible smell. If the remains were that of a person they would do everything they could to find out who it was and to give them a proper burial. Why not do the same for this horse? After all, it was someone's beloved pet and friend and deserves to be buried—not left for some wild animal's dinner. What if that was your beloved pet lying down in that ravine dead, or even you??? Would you not want your pet buried???

by Michelle Schuler  
Staff Writer

All through school you have been taught about the effects and consequences of alcohol abuse. You have been read to and lectured to about why and how to "just say no." All right! Enough is enough, or is it? Maybe you get the drift, but do you have a friend or family member who just doesn't seem to get it? Do you find yourself counting how many drinks another person has? Do you try to persuade someone to not have another drink? Do you worry about someone's driving after they have been drinking? Do you think that you are, in some way, responsible for someone else's drinking?

If you are among the fortunate people who have never felt the anguish and pain of watching someone you care about continue to drink, it may be hard to understand the way people react to this situation. You may be surprised to learn how many people have spent much of their lives consumed with someone else's drinking. These well-meaning people can become so involved with saving another person from harming themselves that they actually fail to take care of their own needs. They spend countless hours trying to keep a drinker from drinking. Eventually many of these people think that they must have, in some way, caused their loved one to drink.

If any of these situations or feelings sound familiar to you, don't feel that you are alone.

In fact, you are joined by about 28 million people who have grown up in families with alcohol abuse. If you come from a family with alcohol related problems, then you have the company of approximately 12-15 percent of all the college in your classes. You and several of your classmates have the common bond of being caught between a disease and a person that you care for.

Alcoholism is referred to as family disease. The drinker is not the only one who suffers from the disease of alcoholism. All of the family members suffer from the effects of this devastating illness. While the alcoholic drinks, the family members worry, endure financial difficulties, make excuses for the drinkers actions, and are very often the victims of physical abuse.

As the surviving member of a family with a history of alcohol abuse, your personality traits are altered as a direct result from this type of childhood. The following are similarities which have been linked to children who have an alcoholic parent:

- \* a 50 percent chance of being an alcoholic if one parent is alcoholic
- \* a 90 percent chance of being an alcoholic if both parents are alcoholic
- \* a very likely chance of developing other patterns of compulsive behaviors such as drug abuse, overeating, and anger disorders
- \* a higher possibility of attempting or committing suicide

\* a 50 percent higher chance of marrying an alcoholic

The "Good News" is that you have the ability to break the link of this self-destructive chain. Just as the alcoholic can get help through A.A., there are self-help groups for the relatives of people with drinking problems. These groups are called Alateen/Al-Anon and have meetings in the Auburn area several times each week.

Now the big question, "Is Alateen/Al-Anon an answer for you?" These groups are for people whose lives have been affected by someone else's drinking. The following twenty questions may help you decide.

- \_\_\_ 1. Do you have a parent, close friend, or relative whose drinking upsets you?
- \_\_\_ 2. Do you cover up your real feelings by pretending you don't care?
- \_\_\_ 3. Does it seem as though every holiday is spoiled because of drinking?
- \_\_\_ 4. Do you tell lies to cover up for someone else's drinking or what's happening in your home?
- \_\_\_ 5. Do you stay out of the house as much as possible because you hate it there?
- \_\_\_ 6. Are you afraid to upset someone for the fear it will set off a drinking bout?
- \_\_\_ 7. Do you feel nobody really loves you or cares what happens to you?
- \_\_\_ 8. Are you afraid or embarrassed to bring your friends home?

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# Dare to ride wet and wild, white water waves

Dawna Bird  
Business Manager

Looking for wet and wild rides? Try white water rafting. The Wenatchee River is the most traveled river in Washington State as well as the biggest water.

It has some long rapids and quick waves for the veteran river runner and is safe enough for the novice as well. The Wenatchee is best in the spring when the snow melt is at its highest. The higher the water level the rougher the rapids.

**\*River classes**

White water rivers are rated class I (flat water) through Class VI (unrunnable). Classes II and III are best for the first time rafter. The IV and V classes are best left to the more experienced rider. The same river will have a higher rating in the spring when the water is at its peak and a lower rate in the summer when the water levels are lower.

**\*Outfitters**

Rafting companies (outfitters) will give many options when it comes to tour packages. Some packages offer all of the luxuries; someone to carry all the gear, someone to pitch the tents and a chef to cook a gourmet dinner and wine. Other packages will allow the rafter to pitch his own tent and the food is merely average. The big difference is price.

When choosing an outfitter ask how long the company has been in business and how long the guides have been with the company. Also make sure the guides are trained in advanced river rescue techniques. One of the best boats to choose is a Zodiac-type, a sturdy, synthetic inflatable craft that is self bailing.

**\*Rafting Safety**

Rafting safety is mostly common sense. Do as the raft guide says and keep a life jacket on at all times. Remember rapids are tuff to stay afloat in even for a strong swimmer.

Don't try to walk in the rapids. Many times there is a strong under current or slippery rocks that would make it easy to have an unfortunate and abrupt ending to what is otherwise an exciting trip.

**\*Don't Drink and Raft**

Although the summer time, sunshine and a beer can be a good combination, it is a dangerous mixture when the rapids of a strong and mighty river are added. A clear head is a must when rafting.

White water rafting can be a natural high. It can be a safe and exciting activity when attempted responsibly.

## Rafting tips for a safer trip

Dawna Bird  
Business Manager

To ensure a safe rafting adventure here are a few tips:

\*Don't bring valuable possessions or anything that can't be wet. Water-proof cameras are fine.

\*Bring along a jug of water and snacks.

\*To avoid sunburn, don't forget the sunscreen. Sunglasses are also advisable. Remember to keep all glasses on a strap just in case the raft should tip.

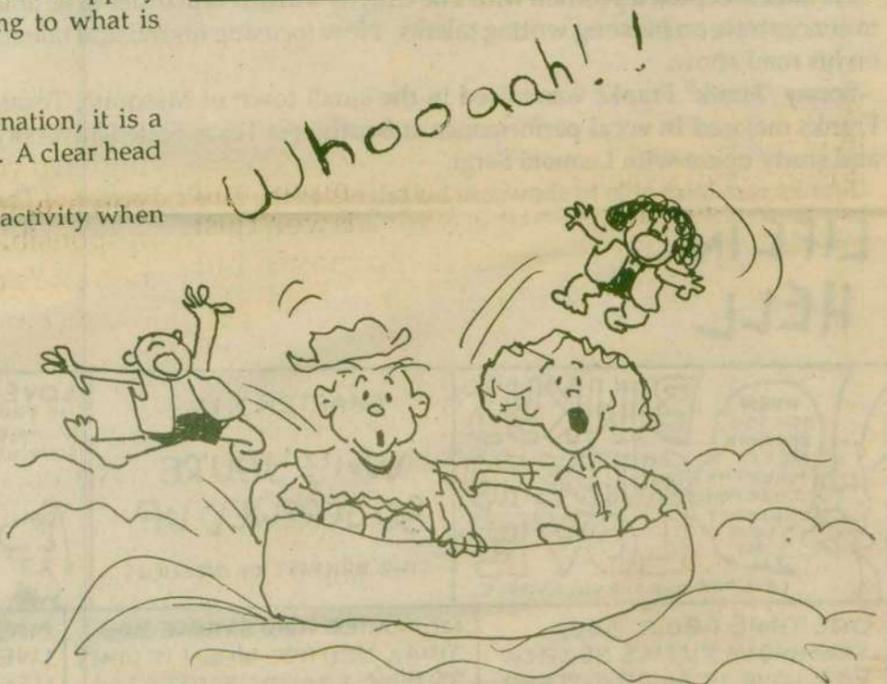
\*Avoid wearing cotton clothing. Once cotton gets wet it gets cold and heavy. Wet suits are the best bet for a comfortable ride.

\*Keep in mind the river is from snow melt and is only 45 degrees, a wool sweater and a rain jacket or wind-breaker are necessary if warmth is a concern.

\*Bring a change of clothes to put on when the trip is over.

\*Keep a life jacket on during the entire trip, even if there is a break in the rapids.

\*To get the most fun out of the trip bring a well rested body and a good attitude. With this and a little common sense the worst injury that should occur is sore muscles and a sunburn.



## Shoot the rapid on the Wenatchee River

Dawna Bird  
Business Manager

Green River Community College students have the opportunity to shoot the rapids on the Wenatchee River on Saturday, May 30.

The trip will cost \$48 per person. This includes transportation, rafting, and lunch on the river. A few spaces are still available. To make a reservation, contact Student Programs at ext. 337. Payment for the trip. Wet suits are available, by reservation, for a \$15 rental fee. A change of clothes, a sweater, sunglasses and a windbreaker or rain jacket are also among the recommended attire.

The Wenatchee River is rated a 3 for white water rafting. This is a safe river for the novice as well as some long rapids for the more experienced rafter. The Wenatchee is the biggest white water river in the state and also the most popular according to North Cascade River Expedition (the outfitter for this trip).

The group will be leaving Green River at 11 a.m. and return around 10 p.m. The trip on the river will be approximately four hours long.

It is at the request of the North Cascade River Expedition that there is no drinking before or during the trip. The outfitter would like to make sure that this is a safe trip for everyone.

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## Macbeth in Army fatigues?

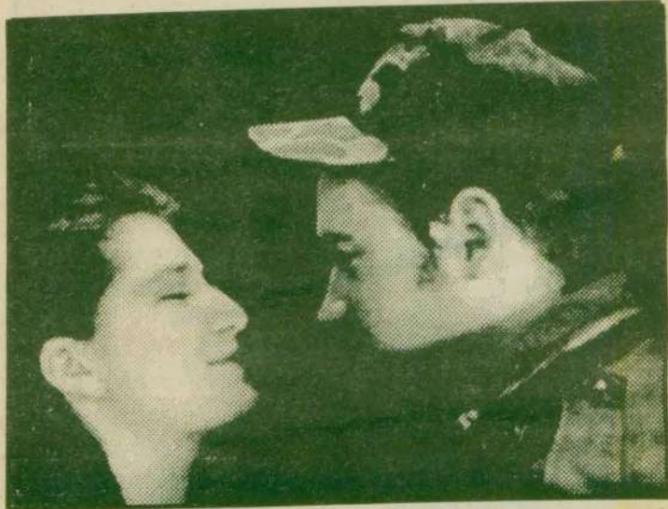


Photo by Jason Robertson

The cast of "Macbeth" rehearse the Green River production.

Dawna Bird  
Business manager

Green River Community College will be opening Macbeth on May 29 in the Performing Arts building. This Macbeth will be set in the 20th Century. Macbeth will be sporting army fatigues and pistols of the traditional armor and swords. Macbeth will be played by Nathan French during the first week and by Kasey Frix the second week. Lady Macbeth will be played by Tina Manary the first week and by Jacqueline Clemens the second. The play opens on May 29 at 8 p.m. and will also be performed on May 30 and 31, June 3, 6, and 7.

## Pearl Jam in concert

Dawna Bird  
Business Manager

The Seattle based band Pearl Jam will be playing a free concert at GasWorks Park in Seattle at noon on Saturday May 23. Pearl Jam got its start in Seattle a year ago and is on of the hottest up and coming new bands. They are well known for their alternative rock music. Their album "Ten" is in the 20's on the charts.

## Buck and Hank: Let the message play on

Dawna Bird  
Business Manager

Buck and Hank, a kid's participation band are playing at the Lindbloom Student Center on May 29 at 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Paul "Buck" Stierle was born in L.a and lived in Seattle. His early success came in forming a band called JINX. His group hailed as one of Southern California's up and coming bands. They played with the likes of the Stray Cats and Van Halen.

He later accepted a position with The Christy Minstrels in order to be able to concentrate on his song writing talents. Now focusing his musical talents on his road show.

Sonny "Hank" Franks was raised in the small town of Mesquite, Texas. Franks majored in vocal performance at Southwest Texas State University and study opera with Leonora Sergi.

Franks was later able to showcase his talents as the music director of The

Christy Minstrels.

Franks is skilled at the guitar, mandolin, and banjo along with his versatile vocal qualities has enabled him to take his show on the road.

Buck and Hank will be performing their unique sing-a-long songs and music at many elementary and Jr. high schools. They present messages of our environment, personal safety, drug and alcohol awareness as well as many other themes. Admission to this concert is free and refreshments will be served.

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**WHY YOU'RE SO SCREWED UP**  
THE BRIEFEST OF OVERVIEWS

**LOVE SECRET #15** ONE OF THE JOYS OF TRUE LOVE IS GAZING INTO YOUR BELOVED'S EYES AND DISCOVERING NEW SOURCES OF BEAUTY AND DELIGHT.

WHEN YOU SAY YOU HATE ME IT MAKES ME THINK MAYBE YOU DON'T LOVE ME.

ONE THING ABOUT YOUR SEEMINGLY FUTILE SEARCH FOR LOVE IS GUARANTEED: COMPLETE AND UTTER DREAD.

NO MATTER HOW STABLE YOU THINK YOU ARE, WHEN IT COMES TO YOUR FRANTIC SEARCH FOR A LOVER, THE FACT IS THAT DEEP DOWN INSIDE YOU'RE A QUIVERING FOOL.

MAYBE YOU'RE SOMEONE WHO LIVES A CREATIVE AND PRODUCTIVE LIFE, PRETENDING YOU AREN'T BOTHERED THAT YOU'RE A LOVELESS MUTANT.

NO, IT DOESN'T BUG YOU A BIT THAT YOU'RE ALL ALONE IN THE BIG CITY EATING TASTELESS DINNER SALADS WITH ROCK-HARD CHERRY TOMATOES.

NO, YOU'RE NOT SEETHING AT ALL THAT YOU'RE SURROUNDED BY HAPPY, SIMPERING COUPLES.

THEY THINK THEY'RE SUCH HOT STUFF WITH THEIR GIGGLING AND NUZZLING AND RICHLY VARIED, REGULAR SEX.

LOVE IS AGONY BECAUSE YOU KNOW YOU'RE GOING TO SCREW IT UP COMPLETELY AND END UP ALONE AGAIN, REJECTED AND HUMILIATED.

BUT MAYBE YOU CAN HARNESS YOUR SEETHING RAGE AND SPLITTING HEADACHES AND EMBITTERED LONELINESS AND THROBBING SEXUAL FRUSTRATION INTO SOMETHING SWEET AND POSITIVE.

IF YOU DON'T SUCCEED AT FIRST, FAIL AGAIN.

WHAS THAT WOMAN IN THE CAFETERIA SMILING AT ME OR SNARLING AT ME?

WHY DIDN'T SHE RESPOND WHEN I COMPLIMENTED HER HAIRNET?

WHY DID SHE SHORT-CHANGE ME?

WAS THAT WOMAN IN THE CAFETERIA SMILING AT ME OR SNARLING AT ME?

WHY DID SHE LAOUE THE GUY BEHIND ME EXTRA CLAM CHOWDER TOO?

WHY DID I SMACK MY LIPS AND QUIP "YUM-- CORNSTARCH"?

WHAT DID SHE MEAN WHEN SHE SAID "HAVE A NICE DAY"?

WHY DID SHE LAOUE THE GUY BEHIND ME EXTRA CLAM CHOWDER TOO?

I MUST HAVE THAT BEWITCHING LITTLE TEMPTRESS.

UH, COULD YOU-- WOULD YOU-- COULD I-- ER-- HAVE SOME MORE TARTAR SAUCE?

SURE. THAT'LL BE 35¢.

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