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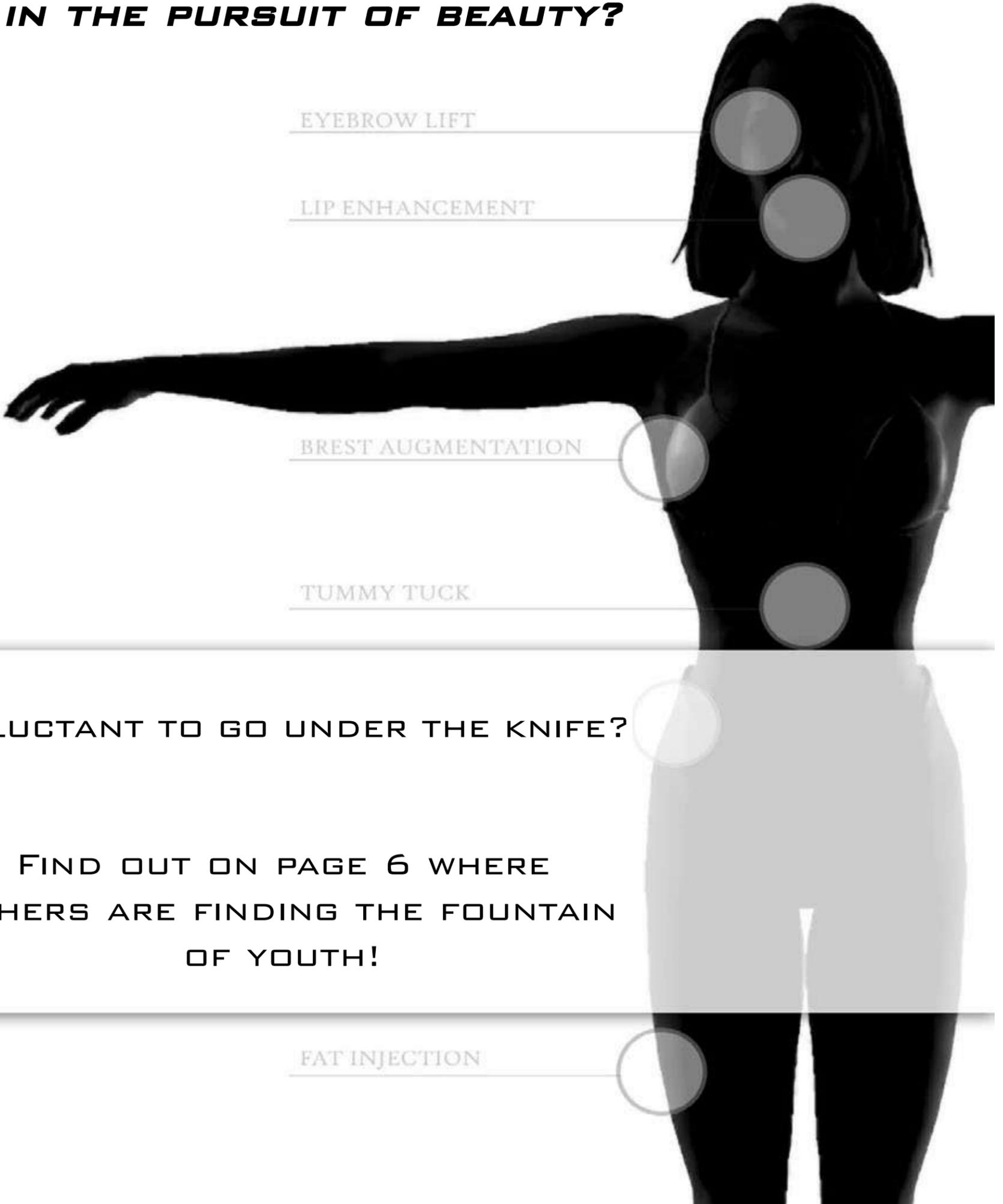
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# Current on Campus

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## EVENTS CALENDAR

compiled by Melanie Wittman

### February 26

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Snow Tubing

\$15 students / \$20 non-students

7:30 pm - 10 pm

My Soul Is A Witness

\$5 students / \$10 non-students

### February 28 - March 4

Intramural Dodgeball Tournament

### March 5

11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Laser Tag

\$4 students / \$6 non-students

### March 7 - March 11

Intramural Basketball Tournament

### March 9

7:30 p.m.

Rendezvous Choir Concert  
PA Building

### March 11

8 p.m.

Theatre Extempore presents:  
"The Man of La Mancha"

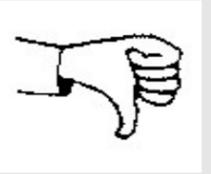
\$8 general / \$6 senior citizens  
PA Building

## THUMBS UP & THUMBS DOWN



Thumbs up to Green River's own Rendezvous Chamber Singers and their hard work in preparing for the upcoming March 9 concert!

Thumbs down to the foreign language department for failing to offer the first level courses during the spring. Gracias...NOT!



Thumbs up to finding our dongle...whatever that is!

Thumbs down to the flu, colds, allergies, illnesses, disease, famine, injustice, squirrels, traffic, poverty, natural disasters. MORE TO COME :)



Thumbs up to positive response we've received in regards to the new "Current on Campus" page. Thanks for your support!

Thumbs down to Auburn Police for cracking down on speeding college students outside of campus. Why don't they ever go after that guy with the broken tail-light?



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**must accompany all submissions.**

## Student Government Speaks

### Proposed By-Laws and Amendments

The following are proposed By-Laws or amendments to the ASGRCC By-Laws. They will be discussed and voted upon by the ASGRCC Senate at the March 3rd meeting at 12 pm in the Rainier Room.

#### Section 2 - Obtaining Recognition

1. To receive ASGRCC Recognition, a club must:

a) Show 10 or more active students.

b) All organizations/ clubs will be permitted the authority to impose a GPA standard on its official members, subject to the approval of the Senate. Ex-officio club members shall be excluded from the GPA requirement.

c) Submit a club constitution to the Clubs & Organizations Coordinator to be submitted to the ASGRCC Judicial Board for review, during which a representative of the club, or the Clubs and Organizations Coordinator must be present.

d) On approval of the Judicial Board, the Constitution must be ratified by the ASGRCC Senate, where normal voting procedure shall be followed.

e) Upon ratification by the Senate, a club representative must meet with the Clubs and Organizations Coordinator to obtain a request for funding form and discuss funding needs and activities for the upcoming year. The executive committee for the club must meet with the Senate Secretary to review fiscal spending procedures and the advisor to the club must meet with the Director of Student Life to review the advisors responsibilities.

## The Richards Wrap-Up

by Tiffany Richards

*Student Government Correspondent*

Student government approved the By-Laws changes to Article II, Section 2, line 3 at the Feb 10 opened meeting. This particular line item is the basic attendance policy for a members of student government. It was the goal of the By-Laws Committee, which is a body of members within student government who are responsible for reviewing and further developing all the governing rules of this organization, was to clarify the unclear policy that is already written in the document.

The current law states that "... an officer [student government member] is allowed no more than three unexcused absences, within a quarter, from both workshops and meetings. Two excused absences are the equivalent of one absence. Violating this law shall result in immediate probation [a condition that is imposed as punishment by the Judicial Committee]. Further unexcused absences within that quarter shall result in expulsion [removal from office]."

The revised policy by the By-Laws Committee reads as follows, "Officers are allowed 2 unexcused absences, 3 excused absences, and 4 parties for all workshops and meetings. Once an officer has 2 unexcused absences, the officer is placed on probation [a condition that is imposed as punishment by the Judicial Committee]; further unexcused absences will result in expulsion [removal from office]. In the event of an emergency, additional absences should be requested to be excused at the discretion of the student government President, Vice-President, and Chief Justice." These changes were passed and will take effect this coming Spring Quarter.

The Phi Theta Kappa honors club constitution, which was up for renewal for the first time in several years, was passed by the members of student government as well.

At the Feb 17 meeting one week

later, Director of Public Information John Ramsey and Director of Research and Planning Fia Elisson presented a working revised copy of the college's institutional goals, which are revised every three years along with the mission statement, to student government.

The same copy of the five goals that cover the different services of Green River Community College in the greater Auburn area have already been reviewed by the Board of Trustees, a handful of community members, CLEO student leadership organization. Both Ramsey and Elisson took suggestions to clarify these goals as well as explained the meaning behind them. For more information on both the institutional goals and mission statement changes, contact John Ramsey at [jramsey@greenriver.edu](mailto:jramsey@greenriver.edu).

Student government member Rebecca Joseph went over the basic rules of motion for proposed measures of official Parliamentary Procedure for business and government meetings, in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.

Volunteers for a new Ad Hoc Committee, which is a one-time committee that is formed to complete a specific task, to go through a new round of applicants for an opened student government position. All those interested in a position must turn in their applications no later than 5pm on Feb 25 in the Student Programs office on the second floor of the LSC. Student government President and Vice-President applications will soon be available since the current officers, Ashely French and Laura Leyde, will be graduating after Spring Quarter.

*Note to readers: In my last column, I wrote that student government approved \$15,000 for a new computer for Patty Saint when the members actually approved \$1,500. I'm sorry for the error and take full responsibility for any misunderstanding concerning it.*

## Student Success Updates

by Mark Mitsui

*Asst. Dean of Student Services*

I once saw a sticker in an office window that read, "Be careful or this job could happen to you!" Wouldn't it be great if there was some way of finding the career that was just right for you? Well, read on. This week's article by GRCC Career Specialist Kaye Gates is about finding your career direction.

### "It's a Major Decision"

Workshops Help Students Find Their Focus by Kaye Gates

*GRCC Career Specialist*

Do you sometimes wish you had a clear idea of where you are going in school? Are you undecided in your course of study? Do you find yourself saying "I don't have a clue" when people ask what career interests you? Could you use some help choosing your "major" for transferring to a 4-year university?

Most students come to college to make a better future for themselves and their loved ones. But sometimes after you take the first step and get started with classes, it isn't easy to figure out where it will really lead you.

Help is here, right at Green River! "It's a Major Decision" Workshop is designed with you in mind. In just two hours, you will take a brief interest assessment, learn about the career clusters and themes, connect your interests to possible majors, and learn about the GRCC degrees that fit with 4-year colleges.

*What is a "major"?*

A major is a defined undergraduate field of study at a 4-year institution. Some examples of majors are: Business Administration, Economics, History, Forestry, Engineering, Geology English Literature, Spanish, Human Services, Psychology, Art. Your major determines the general direction and courses you take to prepare for your career or further study in grad school.

"We try to help students link their interests with a degree program and future career possibilities. Often students know generally what they like and don't like, but they need more information about how to focus on their options and make a plan", comments Mari

Ragland, new Director of the Career and Employment Services Center, located on the second floor of Lindbloom Center. "In the workshop, we guide students through a process of learning about majors and careers that may fit them. There are great websites that are easy to use in order to learn about majors and potential careers. A student can also come in for more individual help from our Career Specialists. Some students may discover that they fit in one of our Professional/Technical training programs instead of getting a transfer degree."

Education Planners Jon Arnhold and Allison Warner, along with Career Specialist Kaye Gates and Running Start Director Jessica Gilmore, lead the workshops, which are offered 3 times each quarter, during Fall, Winter and Spring. "It is important for you to connect with what you are studying", Jon told students recently, "to see how it fits with something you enjoy doing or feel passionate about. Having worked with many hundreds of students over the years here at GRCC, I have seen over and over how it helps them to stay in school when they have a vision of where it is taking them." Jessica adds: "Students are often required to declare a major in the application process or within their first quarter of attendance at a university. The universities desire students who are prepared to begin classes in their major as soon as they transfer. This is possible with careful planning at the community college. For example, students who want to get a 4-yr Business degree should consider our Associate of Business (AB). It allows students to complete their business prerequisites here and supports a more seamless transfer to a university."

*Students find workshop informative*

In the words of a few students after attending the workshop: "It was very informative and entertaining ...I also thought the handouts were great." "I was able to see where I was and where I need to be. It makes me wish that I would have known all of this sooner." The next "It's a Major Decision" Workshop is scheduled for March 31 from 3-5 pm in HL 147. Open to all students and we also welcome parents.

## Trout Says...

do you have any story ideas you'd like to see published in The Current? Would you like to submit your artwork, writing, or simply some interesting pieces you think our readers would enjoy? If so, send your ideas to:

[thecurrent@greenriver.edu](mailto:thecurrent@greenriver.edu)



*Trout McCodfish, the shape-shifting mascot for The Current, has now adopted the guise of a giraffe and has a new proposal for our readers. Throughout the next two weeks, Trout will be making the campus rounds and should you "spot" him, you could be featured in an upcoming issue! Keep your head held high and your eyes open...Trout is on the move!*

# Opinions & Editorials

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## Prejudice, and its negative effect on society

by Zahir Osman  
Guest writer

What does "prejudice" mean? It is defined in the dictionary as a "preconceived judgment or opinion." But this simple definition neglects the word's psychological power. The word affects different people in different ways. For one who has never been the target of prejudice, there may be no deep moment of reflection and thought, no sinking feeling in the stomach upon hearing the word. But for those who have felt the weight of prejudice, the word can have a profound effect. It is easy to find people who have faced prejudice in their lives. They seem to be haunted by a ghost. Their walk has no spring and their faces are shrouded in fear and anger. These are the people who have been limited, riddled with feelings of inadequacy and constantly stalked by the ghost with a visage that "squints when it looks, and lies when it talks" (French author Laure Junot, 1784-1838).

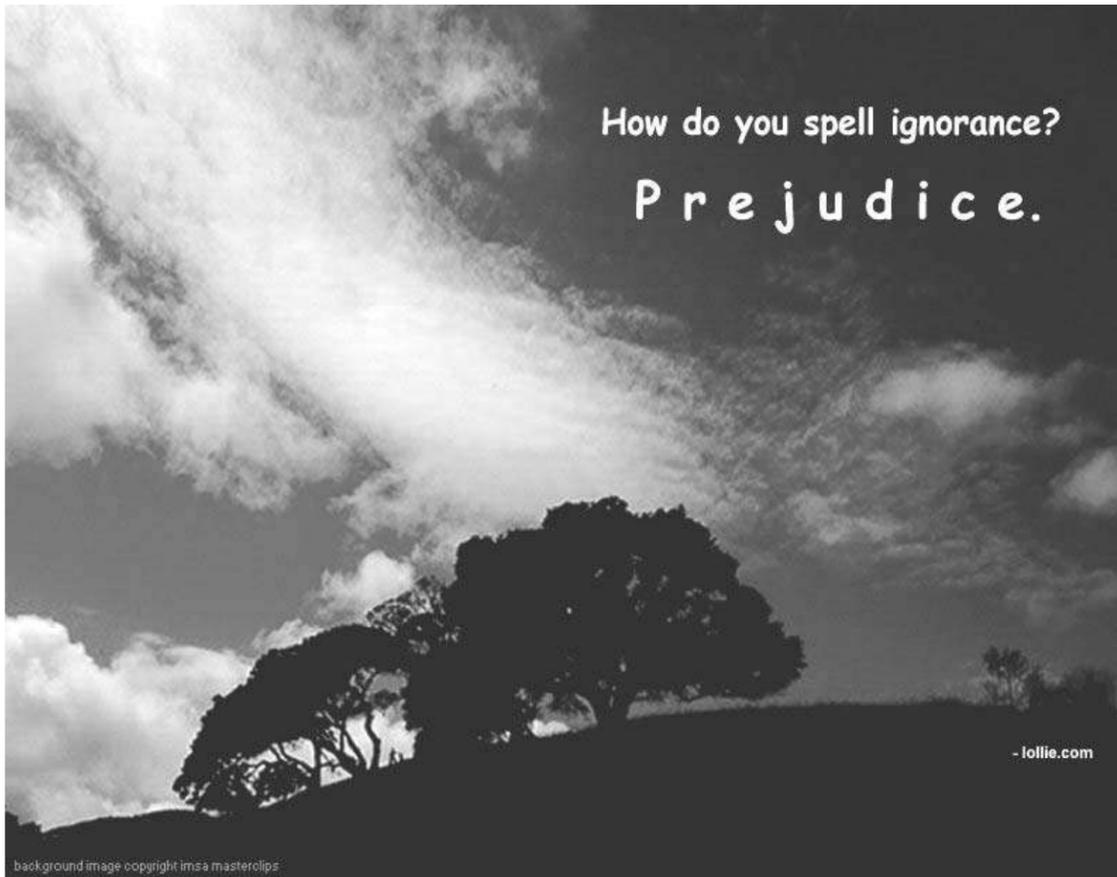
It is important to understand that prejudice has and will always be around, as this ghost cannot be fully exorcised from the human spirit. From the Bible's stories that deal with prejudice to today's newspapers, prejudice is on the prowl, on the streets and in our neighborhoods. This tireless traveler searches out people with weak character, or those with a low self-esteem, as its companions. People who have lost their stature in society, as well as those who do not understand that all humans are equal, fall easy prey to prejudice. Prejudices can be based on gender, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, physical disabilities, nationality, religion, income and education, and even hair color—anything that marks another as different from oneself. There are innumerable places for prejudice to find a home, but it is ultimately up to us whether we should open our doors to it and let it creep into our lives.

Studies have shown that human beings are biologically inclined to form prejudices. We wake up every morning to walk into a world with too many variables. There are many faces and a wide range of issues that we think may threaten our way of life. To deal with these "threats," the human brain sub-consciously categorizes everything (including people) around us, and it is these categorizations that allow us to develop a prejudice for or against one or more categories. As unavoidable as this process

*"The greatest friend of truth is Time, her greatest enemy is Prejudice, and her constant companion is Humility."*

*-Charles Caleb Colton.*

*(English sportsman and writer, 1780-1832)*



may seem, it is also important to note that most prejudices are learned. In a room full of children, no one child has a prejudice against another; they all seem content to share the time to play. When, then, does the process of "learning" how to form prejudices begin? It starts at the moment we begin analyzing the events that are taking place around us.

There are three antidotes to the disease of prejudice: knowledge, character, and truth. The world is filled with information, more so now than ever in history, so the human brain is in a constant state of categorization and analysis. If we have been taught how to interpret the information, then we are equipped with the knowledge that can dismiss a negative prejudice forming within our minds. It is when we misinterpret, consciously or sub-consciously, the information that surrounds us, that we are prone to developing prejudices. As we have little control of our sub-conscious mind, it comes down to a conscious decision about whether we allow a prejudice to form or not. Beliefs become prejudice when the individual lets their belief negatively influence their perception of themselves or others.

Human history has shown that we are prone to making mistakes when our will is weak. What strengthens one's will is character, who we really are when in a room by ourselves or that which

determines our responses when we're faced with adversity. Historical figures that were judged to have good character all had one thing in common. They were all seekers of the truth. Ralph Waldo Emerson wrote that "Truth" is "the summit of being" and that "justice is the application of (the Truth) to affairs" (Emerson, 1844). If the summit of one's very existence is Truth, then prejudice, which is not based on the truth, must be deemed as that which keeps us from reaching the summit of our very existence.

There have been many tragedies that have resulted from prejudice. When the flickering flame of prejudice is fanned and fed with the fuels of ignorance,

*'Tis true, my form is something odd, but blaming me is blaming God.*

*Could I create myself anew, I would not fail in pleasing you.*

*If I could reach from pole to pole, or grasp the ocean with a span,*

*I would be measured by the soul. The mind's the standard of the man.*

picture courtesy of www.lollie.com  
lack of character and falsehood, the resulting consuming fire is hatred. In *The Brothers Karamazov* (1881), the Great Russian novelist Fyodor Dostoevsky speaks of men who became "artistically cruel" when fueled by hatred. Such "artistic" cruelty was evident on September 11th, 2001, when hatred came in the form of aircraft aimed at the World Trade Center towers in New York and the Pentagon in Washington, DC. In the weeks that followed, opportunities for prejudice to capture weakened wills abounded, in the West as well as the in the Muslim world.

One historical figure who understood how prejudice can be converted to passionate hatred was Adolph Hitler. Hitler's own hatred created prejudices in others who were searching for a scapegoat to explain their economic misery, prejudices that took the lives of millions. The Jews suffered unspeakable horrors when faced with the "artistically cruel" Hitler. But were the German people unable to consciously decide whether the image Hitler portrayed of Jews was justified? How was their knowledge, character, and truth compromised and conquered by a madman genius? History shows a society that needed to believe it was "the Superior race," that turned its back on knowledge, character, and truth to find a scapegoat to explain the decline in social and economic

stature that came about with the Great Depression following the "roaring twenties." And it allowed the deadly character combination of ego and low self-esteem to turn formerly strong beliefs and values into prejudices.

Will we ever learn from our past mistakes? Can we ever learn that prejudice leads only to hatred, and that no good can ever come of hatred? Winston Churchill once said that "All men make mistakes, but only wise men learn from their mistakes." Today, conditions similar to those that preceded World War II exist in many parts of the world. Eastern and Western Ukrainians have formed prejudices against each other, bringing their country to the brink of civil war. In the Sudan, Arabic Janjaweed militias are leading a campaign (that began with prejudice) of ethnic cleansing against Sudanese of African descent, and this has led to genocide. In Israel, children as young as two are forming prejudices against Palestinians and vice versa. In Africa, men and women with AIDS are crying out for help, but their cries are not being heard. Is it prejudice that deafens our ears to these cries? In a multi-cultural, globalized world, where geographic, economic, societal and cultural boundaries between people are fading, we are all obliged to make the conscious decision to keep prejudices out of our lives.

On a personal level, I have come face to face with Prejudice many times throughout my life. This stems from the fact that I have always lived as a foreigner in a foreign land; from being born to 2nd generation Indian immigrants who moved to Africa to work on the railroads, to my life now as an Immigrant in America. How do I deal with prejudice? I once read a book about the life of Joseph Merrick ('the elephant man') who suffered from Proteus Syndrome, a disease that morphed his body into a gruesome shape and caused him to experience horrible prejudices throughout his life. His autobiography ends with these powerful yet beautiful words which I have memorized and often recite to myself when faced with prejudice:

If the greatest enemy of Truth is Prejudice, then prejudice must be conquered. We may never reach a day when all Prejudices have been eliminated, but we can look forward to a day when, by looking back, we can feel that at a crucial time in our history, we had the character and strength to limit its progress.

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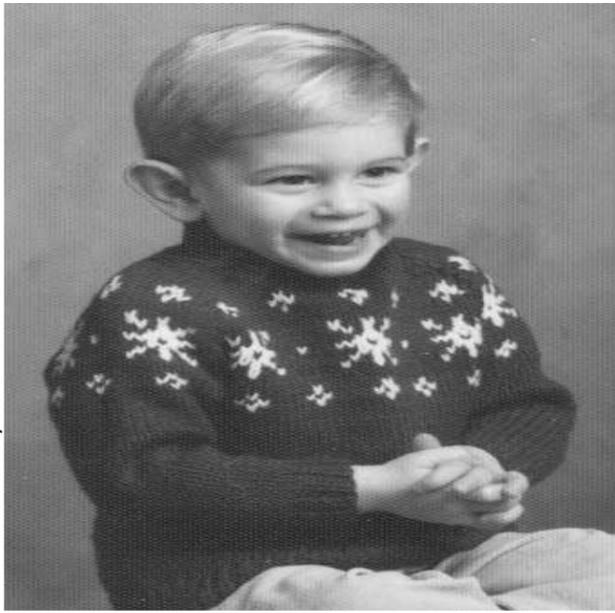
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## Think twice before stereotyping teenage moms

by Jeanne Dinehart  
Managing editor

The stereotype is that teenage moms do a terrible job. That's the problem with stereotypes; it attempts to limit people. Once a label has been slapped on, it seems as if there is no going back. I attended Green River in '85 and some days I toted along my squirmy two year-old - I was 20 then. That means I was the girl in my senior year of high school that people whispered about. According to the stereotype we were supposed to have become a burden on society. The 'baby,' should have stolen some cars and had a serious crack addiction by now and I should have been out hookin' on First Ave.

Unfortunately for those that love stereotypes, that never happened. My son, who graduated from high school with honors, is 21 now and we have been attending Green River together this past year. Not together as in we hang out together at school but sometimes we do discuss our



pictures courtesy of Jeanne Dinehart

"My 'baby,' Jeffrey, was an awesome surprise then and still is now."  
-Jeanne Dinehart

work at home. I'm not recommending becoming a teen parent by any means unless you would like to live life the hard way. Having been there and done that though, here are some thoughts for the single moms here on campus: You are doing a good job and it's all going to turn out fine.

Ignore those that say it can't be done because you are getting it done. You did not ruin your life and you did not ruin your child's life. Even when you do a great job, there will still be some that will try to minimize your accomplishments by claiming you are the exception. Or by saying you just happened to have a, "good

baby," or that the cow jumps over the moon or whatever nonsense people can think up. You know what it takes every day, day in and day out and we both know that most of those making the comments would wet their Pampers if they had to do what you do. Oh and by the way, never, ever listen to the people

that say you should have kept the "man," that was beating you up and selling your furniture for drugs. Ha, ha - NO.

As for my, "baby," he's going into the Coast Guard in a few months and I've been continuing on with school that was interrupted by twenty-something years of life. I feel a little strange being, "my age," in a school of students younger than my son but then I felt strange when I was your age with a two-year old also. This however, is the order in which things happened and there are a lot of situations that don't fit neatly onto a label no matter how hard people try to make them fit. Worst of all, stereotypes require that the stereotyped individual work twice as hard to be considered half as good. Or in some cases, the labels give people power and respect they don't deserve. Either way, if the effort is made, a stereotype can, will and has been dismantled and what's left is the truth.

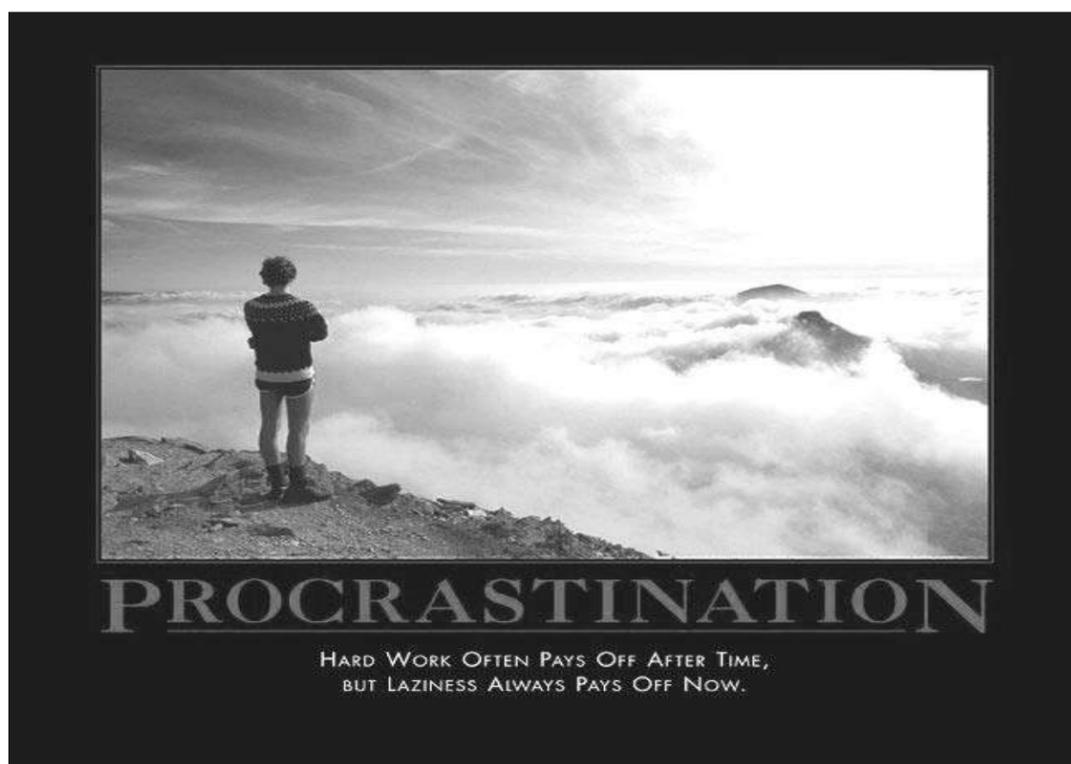
## I'll do it later.....The procrastination epidemic

by Joshua Riel  
Staff writer

It's that time in the quarter again. Everyone is finishing up the last leg of the quarter. Tensions are high because of the impending finals and the stress of making the grade. Also with finals naturally come the last minute projects. You know the ones I'm talking about. The ones you got at the beginning of the quarter and you said, "I'll do it later."

That's how it all starts at the college level, you've become the boss of yourself there is no one around to tell you have to do something anymore because now it's your choice. At first it seems to be a harmless idea but what was once "I'll do it tomorrow" has now become "I'll do it next week." Soon the week turned into a month and the month into several months, and now it's the night before the project is due.

So big deal it's only the night before, you have plenty of time or do you? You find yourself cramming as many facts and thoughts you have from your fading memory about the subject onto the screen. You continue to type for what seems like an eter-



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nity at the keyboard. You begin to feel the urge of sleep coming over you but quickly snap out of it and begin working once again. All of a sudden you glance up at the clock and it reads an ungodly hour. You think to yourself, "I've written all I know and it's still not enough" and then you sigh with grief, but just when you're

about to give up your college survival skills kick in and you soon have 14pt font and you've double the size of your margins to cover the rest of the distance. With your goals having been met in length, you congratulate yourself for doing what would've taken you months to complete, in only a few hours (and the crowd

goes wild...you stand and take a bow).

However procrastination is a spreading disease among college students even worse than the flu. The extent of procrastination does not simply end with you because you have infected all of your friends. It continues when you meet up with your friends an

hour before class to tell them about all the stress you endured to finish your project. When suddenly it hits one of your buddies, he's in the exact same class as you and hasn't done a thing.

First there is a golden silence, due to him being left speechless and the shock that begins to show on his face. Next, this horrific look is followed by the echoing of several four-letter words throughout the hall as the gravity of the situation sets in. Then after a system meltdown, his brain reboots and reason begins to engage. He makes for a mad dash to the nearest computer. Typing and fabricating with godlike speed he finishes in record time with your moral support.

For with projects in hand, you both proudly stride through the door and turn them in. Procrastination is not something that a college student merely does but it's a way of life. Just remember if it wasn't for the last minute nothing would get done (Special thanks to "Emceeness" for his recount of procrastination).

# Opinions & Editorials

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## Anti-aging procedures are only skin deep *Plastic surgery has given new meaning to the old adage 'beauty is pain'*

by Jason Wells  
Staff writer

The fountain of youth is on the tip of a needle. At least some people seem to believe so. Not-so-new methods of 'natural' age defying have become increasingly popular. Middle-age Americans are shirking the scalpel in favor of deep-tissue massage and tiny needles to retain their youthful appearance.

That's right, acupuncturists in the Seattle area are using their techniques to eliminate fine lines and wrinkles. Massage therapists are kneading the age right out of peoples faces.

The question of course arises: do these techniques really work? Can naturopathic medicine function on the same level as plastic surgery? The answer is, well, people are unsure. Much as the actual benefits of holistic medicine in contrast to scientific medicine are unclear, so are those with the holistic approach to staying young, or at least looking young.

The biggest opponents are plastic surgeons themselves (who else?) who claim the face is just swelling up due to the abuse from the needles and massage, giving it a fuller, younger appearance. The techniques do need to be reapplied every

month to few months to retain benefits, so they may not be entirely off-base.

The better question to ask then is, why are people turning to naturalistic ways to stay looking young (an interesting idea, since the natural way to age is to actually age)? After all, this isn't the first area in our lives where we have pursued natural means instead of conventional remedies. Herbal supplements, natural-grown foods, teas, and various topical products directly farmed from plants are all things people have started to use to cure various ailments, including age.

People seem to think age is an ailment that must be cured. If we look at all the age-defying products out on the market, all the programs to stay looking young, and the surgeries available to restore youthful appearances, it is a hard fact to ignore.

However, Americans are starting to shirk conventional means, such as surgery and chemical-ridden facial products, in favor of natural products and holistic age-reversal techniques.

The fear we have developed about conventional methods may be just; after all, there are many examples of botched sur-

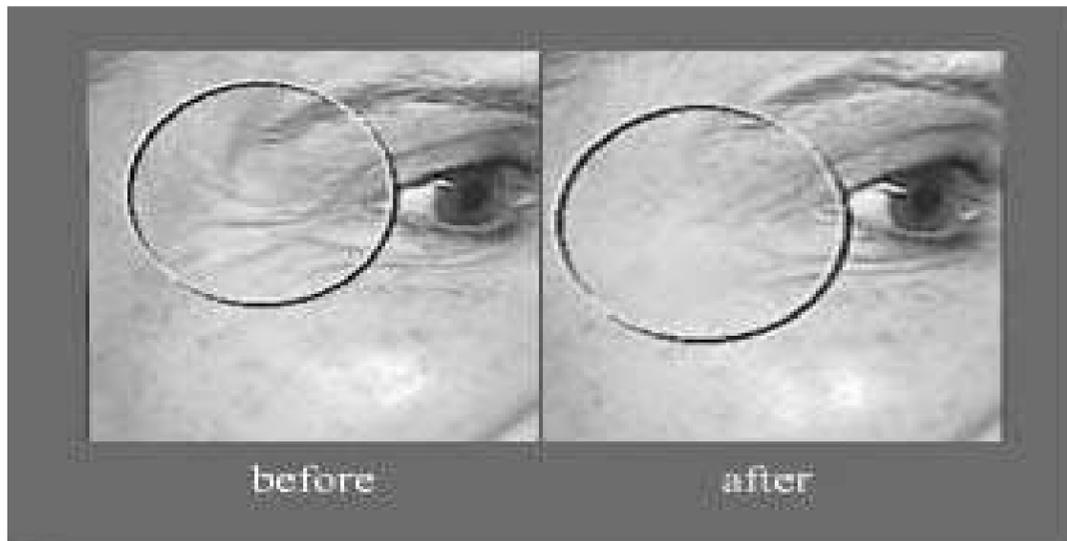
geries and many chemicals in various products we really don't want to think about. Naturalistic means are appealing because it is difficult to see harm in something not synthetic, and chances are there is little actual harm in using acupuncture and massage to reverse age signs, other than a smaller bank account.

Realistically people need to just take better care of themselves throughout life. Instead of spending money on the new fad in pursuit of beauty (and holistic medicine is the new fad), they need to eat better and exercise more, not to mention get more

sleep per night. Studies have shown that those three completely natural things lead to a healthier body, graceful aging and a longer life. There is no need to sit on a table once a month and have various needles shoved into your epidermis, nor a need to have the skin pulled tight on your face and botox injections.

Unfortunately, such studies do little for those who are actually making use of the new methods of retaining youth (or plastic surgery for that matter), since they are already past the prime where good physical care leads to a younger appearance later on.

Does that justify them spending countless dollars to stay looking young when we all know they are middle-aged or up anyway? Well, its their money and they can do as they wish. Personally, I think people should stop worrying so much about what people think they look like and start loving who they are. That and listen to studies which say taking care of your body at a young age leads to a better body at a later age. If you're young, do that. If you're not young, learn to love who you are instead of constantly trying to impress everyone around you.



## Has the word *love* lost its meaning?

### *We shouldn't expect our partners to be perfect at all times...it won't happen*

by Renada Arens  
Staff writer

In mid-February, there is a four letter word which is emblazoned on helium balloons, candy hearts, and jewelry. It's familiar to all of us, but few know its definition. The word is, of course, love. Love is one of the most misused words in the English language. In most relationships today, the statement "I love you" should be translated "You make me happy." Romance is all about how you feel, and what you can get from the other person. Love is reduced to the expectation that someone else will bring you happiness. You love them because they bring you pleasure, which is exactly why you love hot dogs or The Matrix. This kind of love will eventually destroy both the relationship and the people in it. Why? Because no human being will ever make you completely happy. Such unrealistic expectations will inevitably lead



to disappointment. How would you react if someone approached you and said "Ok, I expect you to always adapt to my every mood, say exactly what I want to hear, make me

feel good about myself, and oh yeah, look perfect every time I see you." You'd say "No way!" Yet, that's what so many people expect from a relationship. Many more couples would survive if they didn't have such

expectations of each other. Of course, they don't put them into words - but they're there. Everyone wants the perfect relationship that makes them feel attractive, loved, admired, secure, and...happy. What they don't realize is that the perfect relationship does not exist, because the perfect human being does not exist. Guys, do you think you'd be content if your girlfriend was J.Lo or a swimsuit model? Girls, you'd kill for Orlando Bloom, wouldn't you? Check out the tabloid covers next time you're at the grocery store. Gorgeous celebrity couples are breaking up all over the place. People think someone with a better body or nicer manners is the solution to their problems with love. Because they think love is always supposed to feel good, they go looking for something that doesn't exist. So what happens the next time your signifi-



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Not even celebrities look perfect every day

cant other lets you down? It's going to happen eventually. Will you throw in the towel and go looking for something better? Or can you learn to accept and love someone despite their imperfec-

tions? Can you ask "What can I give?" instead of "What can I get?" Until "love" means more to you than the thrill of romance, you will never have the kind of relationship you were made for. Because eventually your Prince Charming won't be. Because one day you will see the knockout blonde without her makeup. Because true love isn't about you.



## Students save money with online book sales

### *Selling your old books online could be a better deal than selling them back to The Paper Tree*

by Melanie Wittman  
Senior reporter

In a little under a month, GRCC will finish the 2005 Winter Quarter. Registration has opened up and many Green River students are just putting the finishing touches on their schedules right now. While many of us are preparing to sell back our textbooks to The Paper Tree Bookstore, where many bought them from, some students are opting for a different approach. Instead of selling back a used book to the bookstore and then buying new ones, many students are putting and purchasing their textbooks online.

With the popularity of buyer-seller websites like amazon.com and eBay, it has become easier to buy and sell used books off the Internet. This is a growing trend across the nation because you get a better selling and buying price for your textbooks online.

The Paper Tree only buys back your books for a small percentage of what you paid for at the beginning of the quarter. You make more money selling them directly to other students across the country by eliminating the middleman.

While websites that offer this service charge a commission fee for each item sold, it is only about 10 percent of what the

book sold for. Meaning if you sell a book for \$50 you get \$45 plus the buyer pays for shipping.

To test the deals online I took a textbook from my JOURN 201 class and compared prices from our bookstore to that on amazon.com and half.com (a subsidiary of eBay). My book, Media of Mass Communication, is currently being sold for \$73 at The Paper Tree but for as low as \$47 on both Amazon and half.com. That's almost a 40 percent difference.

So why are students still flock-



ing to the bookstore to get pennies for their expensive books? Because they don't know the other options they have.

Some savvy students have posted their items on message boards throughout campus. But many students don't look at these fliers, and some of the obscure

books are not as easily found as books that are needed for core classes such as English 110.

If students start buying and selling online then their books will reach students across the country who are in need of the same materials.

If you decided to start buying and selling online, however, there are a few things you should be cautious of.

First and foremost, always get the ISBN number of the book you want to purchase. It's the only for sure way to tell you're getting the right edition. Even if you get the right ISBN number, be wary, many sellers will try to sell old editions through the new editions ISBN number.

Make sure that you read the user comments and check the condition of the book. Also make sure and check the customer satisfaction of the seller. If the seller has a lot of negative reviews you might want to hesitate, even if that means paying a few dollars extra.

Also as a buyer, it is important that you be a good sport and leave your feedback on the seller you have purchased your items from so that other buyers know what to expect, especially if it was a negative experience.

## Conference for future teachers set for May 21

by Jamie Sylvester  
Guest writer

Aspiring educators will gather at the upcoming Future Teachers Conference that is being organized by the Teachers of Tomorrow club at Green River Community College. The sixth annual conference will take place on May 21, on the college campus in Auburn. The conference has seminars and advice from current instructors to future educators.

"The time for the conference was originally set to be 8 a.m.-3 p.m., but we are now thinking from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.," said Rick Baca, treasurer of the Teachers of Tomorrow club, during an interview.

A \$25 registration fee includes breakfast and lunch, three educational sessions and the keynote speaker. It also includes a goodie bag consisting of an event T-shirt and other useful items. You don't have to be a student at Green River to attend.

"...We've had people all over the state come," said Baca. "Last year there were over 200 people and we are expecting more than that this year."

The program will include an introduction by GRCC President Rich Rutkowski, three informational sessions and the keynote speaker.

Brett Carroll, a geology and physics lab technician at Green River, will be speaking on science. A mathematics instructor at

Green River, Jackie Gorman, will likely be addressing elementary mathematics.

Another topic is culture and diversity in the classroom, but has an unconfirmed speaker.

There will also be a question and answer formatted teacher's panel consisting of first- and second-year teachers where students can ask any questions they have about teaching and the transfer process.

For 2005's conference, Richard Glaubman will be the keynote speaker. Living in the Seattle area, Glaubman is an elementary school teacher and is co-author of the book "Life Is So Good" with George Dawson.

According to the George Dawson Literacy Awareness Campaign, Dawson is a black Texan who learned to read at the age of 98.

Like any other event, the Future Teachers Conference does have a theme.

Heather Dougherty, vice-president of the Teachers of Tomorrow club, said that the officers went through much deliberation when picking the theme. The officers wanted a theme that illustrated the many processes students go through to become effective teachers; this led the officers to choose the theme of 'On the Right Track,' said Dougherty.

For more information about the Future Teachers Conference or the Teachers of Tomorrow club, go to [www.projectteach.org](http://www.projectteach.org).

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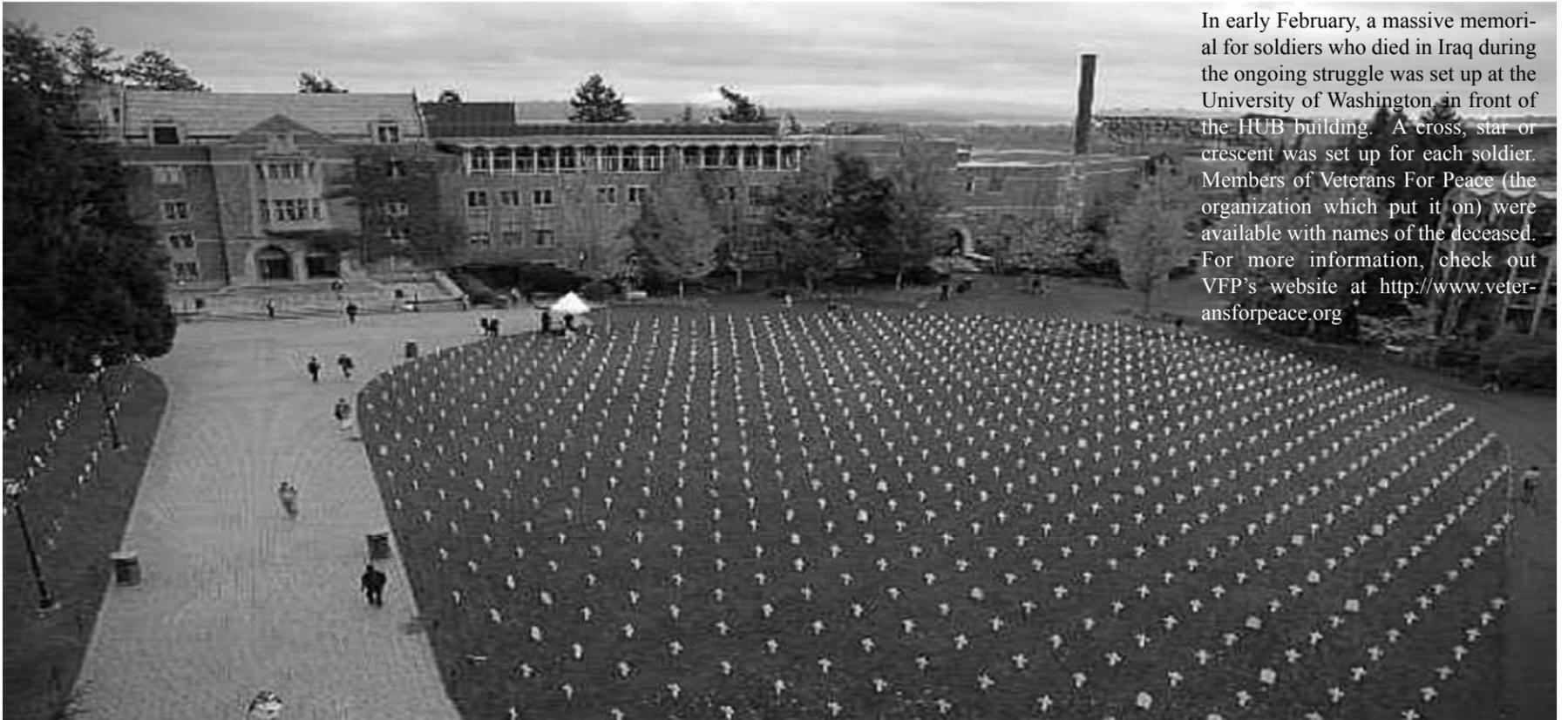
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## Memorial for fallen soldiers set up at UW



In early February, a massive memorial for soldiers who died in Iraq during the ongoing struggle was set up at the University of Washington, in front of the HUB building. A cross, star or crescent was set up for each soldier. Members of Veterans For Peace (the organization which put it on) were available with names of the deceased. For more information, check out VFP's website at <http://www.veteransforpeace.org>

## Ski, snowboarding season a little weak at Snoqualmie

Nate Miller  
Staff writer

Each season is a source of memory from times that have come and gone. We can't relive those memories however we can recreate them, or can we?

Winter has a distinct smell of cold air and carries the feeling of wind on summer's tan skin. For some the icy season is a time of hibernation; while, others conjure memories of road trips to the Summit at Snoqualmie pass; where a warm coffee, best friends and a bag of chili cheese Fritos are your only companions. The memories of fresh powder exploding underneath a freshly waxed board as you navigate the slick, complex terrain of Snoqualmie's ski resort could be one memory that won't be recreated this winter.

If you haven't been watching the weather lately you might have an excuse for not knowing that this has been one of the largest snow droughts Snoqualmie pass has ever seen and has the potential to be one of the shortest seasons. The current snow level is only at 22% of the

average. This isn't the first time Snoqualmie has had to shut its doors, as 1976-1977 and 1980-1981 also saw record low snowfall. In 1989 there was barely any snow until it dumped 14ft. in two weeks. This won't be happening now, though, as that was in January and we're already in late February.

Even though the weather reports are calling for a late winter season and the Groundhog says we've still got six more weeks of winter many pass holders are getting pessimistic.

"We will assess the quality and quantity of the skiing available and then let pass-holders know what we can do with credits or discounts off of future pass purchases" says Dan Brewster Snoqualmie's general manager.

If you did buy a season pass you can use it at North star-at-Tahoe and Sierra at Tahoe any day during the rest of the season. Unfortunately most people would probably drive to Steven's Pass before Lake Tahoe. Maybe, this wouldn't be that bad of news if this was California who has a popular season of surfing during

the summer. However in Washington many are just a little timid of the freezing waters of our beaches; which makes snowboarding and skiing our biggest extreme sports and Snoqualmie our Huntington Beach.

Snoqualmie isn't the only one that's been feeling the drought; Mt. Baker, Stevens Pass, and

Crystle Pass have all just barely been able to stay open during the season.

Although, these resorts maybe too far of a drive for a lot of college students especially when Snoqualmie is practically on the front steps of Green River Community College.

"This sucks, I just bought all

new gear and a lift pass, but I'll barely get to use them" said C.J. Cooper a GRCC student.

So other then crossing your fingers and hoping for snow there isn't much else we can do. If anything this season has been a humbling reminder of Mother Nature's power.

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# Arts & Entertainment

## UFOs, ghosts and Bigfoot are lurking in Seattle

by Nadine Bedford  
Staff writer

The Seattle Museum of Mysteries brings together UFO history, Bigfoot sightings, ghosts, Northwest Mysteries and an oxygen bar. Located at the end of all the shops and boutiques on Broadway lies a small, well-hidden museum. You can find it easier by looking for the large purple gnome just outside the door. Once inside, you feel as though you've just entered someone's home office. The museum itself is very tiny, about the size of a living room. The room is lined with bookshelves filled with pictures and objects relating to mysteries in the Northwest. There are photos of Seattle's first female mayor next to pictures of ghost sightings. Books and pictures of crop circles share a case with plaster footprints of the famed Bigfoot. There is also a small section dedicated to the life and times of Seattle's once famous movie star Frances Farmer who unfortunately was locked up in an



insane asylum for the latter part of her life. Along with these showcases are a small library and an oxygen bar where a machine compressor dispenses 90% oxygen in a variety of scents. The oxygen bar is reported to help headaches, hangovers and allergies.

This unique little museum also offers events, which take place every Friday, and Saturday night. The first Saturday of every month features different topics presented by AGHOST, Amateur Ghost Hunters Of Seattle-Tacoma, such as Cemetery Symbolism and Iconography, "Psychic Games: How Psychic Are You?" and on October 30th, a séance. If ghosts aren't your thing, you can check out discussions on Bigfoot, Northwest UFO sightings, "Weird Science" and "The Mysteries of Kurt Cobain." For a \$3 entrance fee and amazing hours, this place is open all day until 9p.m. during the week and midnight on Friday and Saturday; it's a place you should visit at least once. For a complete calendar of events, go to [www.seattlchatclub.org](http://www.seattlchatclub.org). But that's not all.

Right across the hall from the Seattle Museum of Mysteries is the Movie and Entertainment Museum. This too is a small museum, but it features around 200 items including autographed pictures, movie wardrobes and other entertainment trinkets. Wardrobe items included pajama tops worn by Macaulay Culkin and Elijah Wood in "The Good Son," a ski mask worn by Emilio Estevez and various clothing worn by Shirley McLain among other things. A large portion of the museum is dedicated to "The Wizard of Oz" and to a few of its leading munchkins. The entire collection belongs to the museum's director Lindsey Cunningham who let on that in reality he owns almost 5,000 pieces but only 200 would fit in the museum.

At the time I visited the museum there was a special tribute to "Men In Black." After talking to Lindsey for a while, I found out that his twin brother is Lowell Cunningham, the creator of the "Men In Black" comic book. Besides having the rights to the comic bought by Columbia Pictures to create the movies, the comic also inspired the hit series "The X-Files." For just \$3 to get in, you can see some clothes worn in the movies by celebrities, view the vast array of movie props and meet some interesting people. If you don't have anything to do on a Friday night, come check out these odd museums. They are definitely unique to the quirkiness that is Broadway.

### Entertainment Release Calendar

#### Movies

2/25

Cursed

Man of the House

3/4

Be Cool

The Jacket

3/11

Hostage

Robots



#### Music

3/1

Angel of Retribution - Judas Priest

Rebirth - Jennifer Lopez

3/8

The Massacre - 50 Cent

Mafia - Black Label Society / Zakk Wyld

#### DVDs

3/1

Bambi: Special Edition

The Brady Bunch: Complete First Season

Exorcist: The Beginning

Flight of the Phoenix

The Spongebob Squarepants Movie

3/8

Ladder 49

The Mole: The Complete First Season

The Ring: Collector's Set

#### Video Games

2/25

Tekken 5 (PS2)

3/1

Devil May Cry 3: Dante's Awakening (PS2)

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3/8

TimeSplitters: Future Perfect (GC, Xbox)

DOOM 3 (Xbox)



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## Fox and the gang return to the Gamecube for a full-on assault

by Brian Vines  
A&E editor

Nintendo's original *Star Fox* was well known for its utilization of polygonal graphics to create a unique three-dimensional shooting experience on the Super NES. While, by today's standards, the game looks incredibly primitive, it was quite an achievement back in the 16 bit era. The game played similar to classic shooters like *R-Type* and *Xenious* whereas you would fly your ship (or "Arwing" as it's called in *Star Fox* terminology) down a forced path and blast down as many enemy bogies as possible.

Since then, Nintendo has produced a couple of sequels including *Star Fox 64*, which kept the original's gameplay and updated its look to take advantage of newer technology, as well as the black sheep of the series, *Star Fox Adventures*, which abandoned the flying aspects almost entirely in favor of *Zelda*-esque adventure gameplay. Unfortunately, the adventure-oriented departure didn't sit well with many fans who complained that *Adventures* wasn't loyal to the franchise's roots.

### video game review

Fast-forward to the present and Nintendo has come out with yet another installment entitled *Star Fox Assault*. This game, like the ones before it, revolves around a few brave animals (Fox McCloud, Falco Lombardi, Slippy

Toad, and Krystal) who set out on a mission to protect the galaxy from invading evil. This time, however, the game puts sole emphasis on action -- both in the skies and on the ground.



*Assault's* gameplay is split between three different parts: ground combat (both on-foot and in the Landmaster tank),

open-flight dogfighting, and classic-style "rail" shooting. The most enjoyable of these is the straightforward Arwing stages. The opening level, for instance, takes place amidst a fleet of large ships

where Fox and the gang must break through several lines of enemy space fighters before continuing down to the forested surface of the planet below. These stages really bring back a nostalgic feeling that fans of the original *Star Fox* games are sure to enjoy.

Unfortunately, the rest of the *Assault's* stages aren't nearly as impressive. Ground combat can grow fairly monotonous, since these levels tend to follow the same 'run around, destroy key targets, and take out any enemies in your way' routine. Dogfighting can be a nice diversion, as some missions require you to complete objectives on the ground but occasionally take to the skies and shoot down airborne enemies.

While *Assault's* levels are well-varied, the problem is that there just aren't enough of them. Completing the game's ten missions doesn't take longer than a few hours,

and without multiple paths or hidden bosses, the replay value is pretty much limited to collecting medals (for high scores in the campaign missions) and a decent split-screen multiplayer mode.

From a technical standpoint, *Assault* is visually stunning. Whether you're fighting in a war-torn city or an asteroid belt in the depths of space, there are always spiffy explosions and other graphical touches to keep the eyes satisfied.

One other complaint I would have is the dialogue. While the plot is merely mediocre, some of the voice acting (particularly that of Slippy and a couple of the auxiliary characters) is so whiny that it's almost unbearable. Luckily, most television controllers have mute buttons.

At the very least, *Assault* is a good step towards getting the *Star Fox* series back on track. Some missions are better than others and the game itself doesn't take long to finish but overall, it's enjoyable enough to at least warrant a rental from Gamecube owners.

**Ratings:**  
Graphics: 8.5  
Sound: 4.5  
Creativity: 8.0  
Gameplay: 7.0  
Replay: 5.5

**Overall**  
**6.5**  
out of 10

### Game specifications:

Publisher / Developer: Nintendo  
Genre: Action / Shooting  
Console: Gamecube  
ESRB: Teen (13+)

## Belltown restaurant adopts the exotic tastes of Moroccan grub

by Heather Sawyer  
Staff writer

Marrakesh Moroccan restaurant offers a taste of North Africa in the heart of Belltown. The restaurant is located at 2334 2nd Avenue in Seattle. It is advised to make reservations; even with reservations, especially a group, there is usually a fifteen to twenty minute wait.

### restaurant review

Upon arrival one will notice the building the restaurant is located in has no windows. As you enter the restaurant you will be greeted formally by a special greeter. The restaurant is dimly lit by candle chandeliers that are the only light source. There are oriental rugs draped on the ceiling, the walls and all over the floors. The tables sit low to the ground with gold inlay designs. The chairs are pillows with the same colorful designs.

The meal starts off with ritual hand washing over a silver catcher. As is common in Africa, Marrakesh serves a five course meal. The first round of food is a lentil soup with a touch of cinnamon. At this time I realized there was no silverware. Everything is eaten with the hands or sipped from a bowl. They next serve a carrot and garbanzo bean salad with cucumbers and onions with a lemon and olive oil dressing. This is eaten by dipping



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bread into the salad. The third serving is bisteeya royale. Bisteeya royale is phyllo dough stuffed with chicken almonds and veggies, fried and sprinkled with powdered sugar and cinnamon. This is very much like a dessert food. The fourth serving is the main dish. If it is one to three people dining you may choose almost anything on the menu. If there is four or more people you are served the royale feast which consists of seven items from the menu. I suggest a group of one to

three people. You have a better chance of ordering something you want to eat. Chicken with lemons and olives, apricot sesame chicken, and m'rrouzia (roasted lamb with onions and raisins in a honey sauce) are some of the menu choices. I suggest the apricot sesame chicken. It is suited for the American pallet.

After finishing the main course, the waiter who is dressed in traditional clothing comes and washes your hands with a rosemary and rose water solution to take the odor away from your hands. Dessert is served with mint tea (mint and honey syrup) and fresh fruit with yogurt and honey. The entire meal is spread out over a period of two to three hours. The food is filling and relatively cheap. A meal is \$20 to \$30.

I suggest making reservations on a Friday or

Saturday around 7pm. At 8pm a belly dancing performance takes place in the isle way of the restaurant.

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## Gator women bounce in a win



by Nate Ells Miller  
Staff writer

It was early in the afternoon on Saturday, February 19 and Tacoma was waiting and conditioning for their face-off against our Green River women. Even though most came knowing that neither team was going to advance farther than the regular season, there was still a strong sensation in the air.

It could have been two things: either pride for a team that has battled against strong competitors all year, who have faced the hardships of losing but have returned consistently to fight, or maybe it was a feeling of confidence that no matter what, both of these teams had no reason to hold back.

For both Green River and TCC

there was no tomorrow. They had no reason to save their energy which set the table for a power house of a match up.

It wasn't just the many supporters that came out to encourage their teams that felt this confidence, it was also shared by the referees who knew it was going to be a long game.

The game began with a intensity coming out of these two teams that was redeeming for every loss during their seasons. On defense Green River had to deal with pressure in the back court early

in the first half. It was clear that both teams planned to wear out the other's energy. The T-birds gave a heroic effort but as it was



2004-2005 Gator women's basketball team

clear from the score by the end of the first half, the Gators weren't going to give in.

With the score 27-37 in Green River's favor, Amanda Foster wasn't going to give TCC a chance to come back as she

ripped away the ball on defense to set the Gators up for two points from Jubilee Cristel. The Gators would remain up by ten points until the combination efforts of Stephanie Robinson and Rachael Seeger put Tacoma back in the

game. It seemed neither team was willing to allow the other to score on them, so as freshmen

Erin Moore battled through the defenders, it seemed amazing when she achieved a shot for two. Tacoma tried to answer the Gator's call but was stopped by their overwhelming defense. Along with Apayo Moore and Renee Kilgore who got some help from Katie Nybo with a great assist, the Gator's were able to extend their lead to 40-53 before the game was over.

This will be the second time this season that Tacoma has lost to Green River. However, neither team should feel bad about their performance on Saturday. For two teams that had nothing to lose and starving for a win, it was anything but a give me for The Gator women who played with their hearts once again this season.

## Gator men hang on to the end

by Dan Jeremiah  
Staff writer

In life there are only three guarantees; death, taxes, and that all good things must come to an end. Unfortunately the same applies for our mens' basketball season. With a present record of nine wins and fourteen losses, things are beginning to look grim with only a week and a half of the season left.

The Gators sustained a 64-80 loss to Pierce Community College last Wednesday that sealed their fate. The regular season record would not be strong enough to make it to the post season and into the

Therefore the young team this year will be a veteran crew for next season. As a first year coach at Green River, Tim Malroy has done a splendid job of circling the wagons, doing some damage control and then putting together a very strong and entertaining team. Coach Malroy also was an assistant coach at Western Washington University under head coach Brad Jackson. Malroy is a gifted coach, whom I believe can help to really get our program turned around and into a real contender in the NWAACC.

With the hearts of Champions, our men's team has battled through a



2004-2005 Gator men's basketball team

Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges (NWAACC) tournament. It has been a rough road that has been plagued by injury and eligibility issues, yet our mens' team has continued to push on, not losing sight of the goal to have a great season. Their dedication and hard work has not wavered even as the end has come into sight.

The question at this point comes down to what is to be done now. "We want to finish this year strong, then regroup, rebuild and restart for next season," Freshman John Franklin said. The Gators are primarily a young squad, with six of the eleven players being freshman.

very tough season, riddled with an assortment of challenges. Yet they still keep a positive attitude as they come out every game night with a look to kill in their eyes. They are indeed an athletic and electrifying team that are worth the time to come by and check up on. Unfortunately they only have one game left and that is tomorrow night at 7 pm at home against Grays Harbor. If you have a chance to come out and support your fellow Gators, you will not be disappointed in the performance you will receive. Admission is free, so come on out, and start a Saturday night off right.



### SPORTS CALENDAR....

- Men's and women's NWAACC Tournament - March 3-6
- First men's baseball game - Fri March 4 in Wenatchee at 3:00
- Women's fastpitch CC Preseason Tournament March 19-20 in Pasco
- Men's and women's golf - April 17-18 Green River Invitational Riverbend GC and Meridian Valley CC - Noon
- Men's Tennis - April 9 Bellingham
- Women's Tennis - April 5 Tacoma 2:00

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## Last hope for the NHL season just died

by Nathaniel Dillow  
staff writer

As the devoted fans of hockey were praying for the miracle that there would be a partial season, the commissioner of the National Hockey League (NHL) announced that the remainder of what would be the 2004-05 season will be cancelled. Disagreements between players and owners about a salary cap could not be worked out in time to save the remaining half of the season.

During a press conference held on Wednesday, February 16, Commissioner Gary Bettman announced, "When I stood

before you in September, I said NHL teams would not play again until our economic problems had been solved. As I stand before you today, it is my sad duty to announce that



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The fans say it all

because that solution has not yet been attained, it no longer is practical to conduct even an abbreviated season.

Accordingly, I have no choice but to announce the formal cancellation of play for 2004-05."

It was no surprise, the rich hockey players are complaining about not making enough money. While the owners want a salary cap in order to even the playing field by making the teams' spending on players equal. The players are fighting against this because this would make them make the same amount of money, or in some cases lose money.

All along, the players union said that they would never agree to a salary cap. But after the NHL decided to only include the players cost in the salary cap, eliminate the league revenues, the players union decided to accept the salary cap. This last minute effort to end the lockout

was not enough to end the disagreement between the players and owners. The agreement on a salary cap was too little too late because there was still no compromise on how much the salary cap should be. The NHL offered each team \$42.5 million for a salary cap, but this came up \$6.5 million short of the players' likings.

"I was expecting to hear that there wasn't a season for the past six weeks," explained a player of the New York Rangers when talking to reporters. "I hope the people in these negotiations realize they're not that far apart. Let's not blame one or the other. The blame is collective, and let's get working on a new day."

Yeah, "...not that far apart." In the five months of the

lockout, absolutely no breakthroughs occurred until just days before the season was announced to be cancelled. Hopefully with all the time that the players and owners now have because there is no more hope for a season, a compromise can hopefully happen so we can get the game of hockey back for the 2005-06 season.



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There's still the kid's teams and they play for the love of the game.

## NBA All Stars ready to shine on in 2005

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In 1984 the NBA All-Star game took place in Denver, Colorado. The East beat the West 154-145 in overtime.



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Magic Johnson, Larry Bird, Julius Erving, Isiah Thomas, Clyde Drexler and the other legendary players shined bright. The NBA All-Star team has

come back to Denver for twenty-one years. However, the 2005 All-Star team is slightly different from the last couple of years.

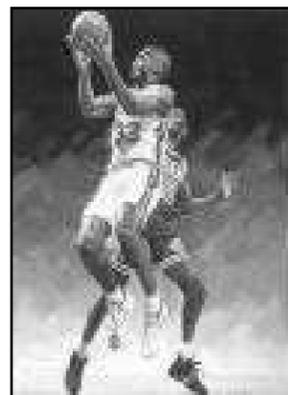
For instance, Tracy McGrady, who played in the East for his whole career, has been elected to the West for the first time. Shaquille O'Neal has moved to Miami during the last off season and will play in the All-Star's as a member of the East. O'Neal and Yao Ming, who is one of the starters in the West, took the new NBA All-Star voting record which

Michael Jordan previously held. However, the most emotional news is that Grant Hill will play the first All-Star game since

2000. Hill was the first rookie ever to lead any players in fan voting and also won the Rookie-of-the-Year award; and Jason Kidd was also awarded the same year. His average was around 20 points, 7 rebounds and 7 assists through out his seven year career in the Detroit Pistons.

So Hill was obviously one of the best players in the NBA since he moved to Orlando. He became a Free-Agent after 1999-00 season and chose the Orlando Magic team. But this decision changed his brilliant basketball career because it caused Hill to only play four games in his first year in the Orlando team due to a season ending ankle surgery. Also he was limited to just fourteen games in the second year and

twenty-nine games in the third year. Hill previously played more than seventy games when he was with the Pistons. In the 2003-04 season he did not even



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have an opportunity to play a game because he had undergone four surgeries through out the

first four years in Orlando. Most people thought that Grant Hill was over. However, He's back on the court without injuries, in good health and showing his outstanding abilities. He scored a season high thirty nine points in the last game before the All-Star game. This All-Star game coming up is the first chance that Yao Ming and Shaquille O'Neal will have to play at the same time. O'Neal was traded to Miami which is in the East division. So he will also play the opposite side of former teammate Kobe Bryant. In addition, many players are going to play a first All-Star game such as LeBron James, Dwyane Wade and Amaré Stoudemire. Check out the NBA All-Star game March 20.

## Check out how much sports trivia you know

1. Which of the following players won a high school championship NCAA Championship and an NBA Championship within a four-year period?
2. Who was the last amateur men's tennis player to win the U. S. Open?
3. What World Hockey Association team did Bobby Hull join in 1992?
4. In what year did the PGA Championship change from match play

- to stroke play?
5. Who was the Founder of NASCAR?
6. Who won the NBA's first Sixth Man Award?
7. Which of the following NHL coaches was with one team for 20 consecutive seasons?
8. Who scored 76 goals in his rookie NHL season?
9. Who was the first golfer to win more than \$1 million in a year in official earnings?

10. Who was the first NBA scoring champion to become a head coach in the League?



- 11.) Who is the new manager of the Mariners?

- 12.) What athletes have been on the covers of Sports Illustrated, Newsweek and Time in the same week?

### ANSWERS:

- 1.) Magic Johnson
- 2.) Arthur Ashe
- 3.) Winnipeg
- 4.) 1958
- 5.) Bill France
- 6.) Bobby Jones
- 7.) Jack Adams
- 8.) Teemu Selanne
- 9.) Curtis Strange

- 10.) George Mikan
- 11.) Mike Hargrove
- 12.) These athletes have been on the covers of Time, Newsweek, and Sports Illustrated in the same week: Joe Namath, Reggie Jackson, Secretariat, the 1980 U.S. Ice Hockey team, Mary Lou Retton, O.J. Simpson and the 1999 Women's World Cup Soccerteam.

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