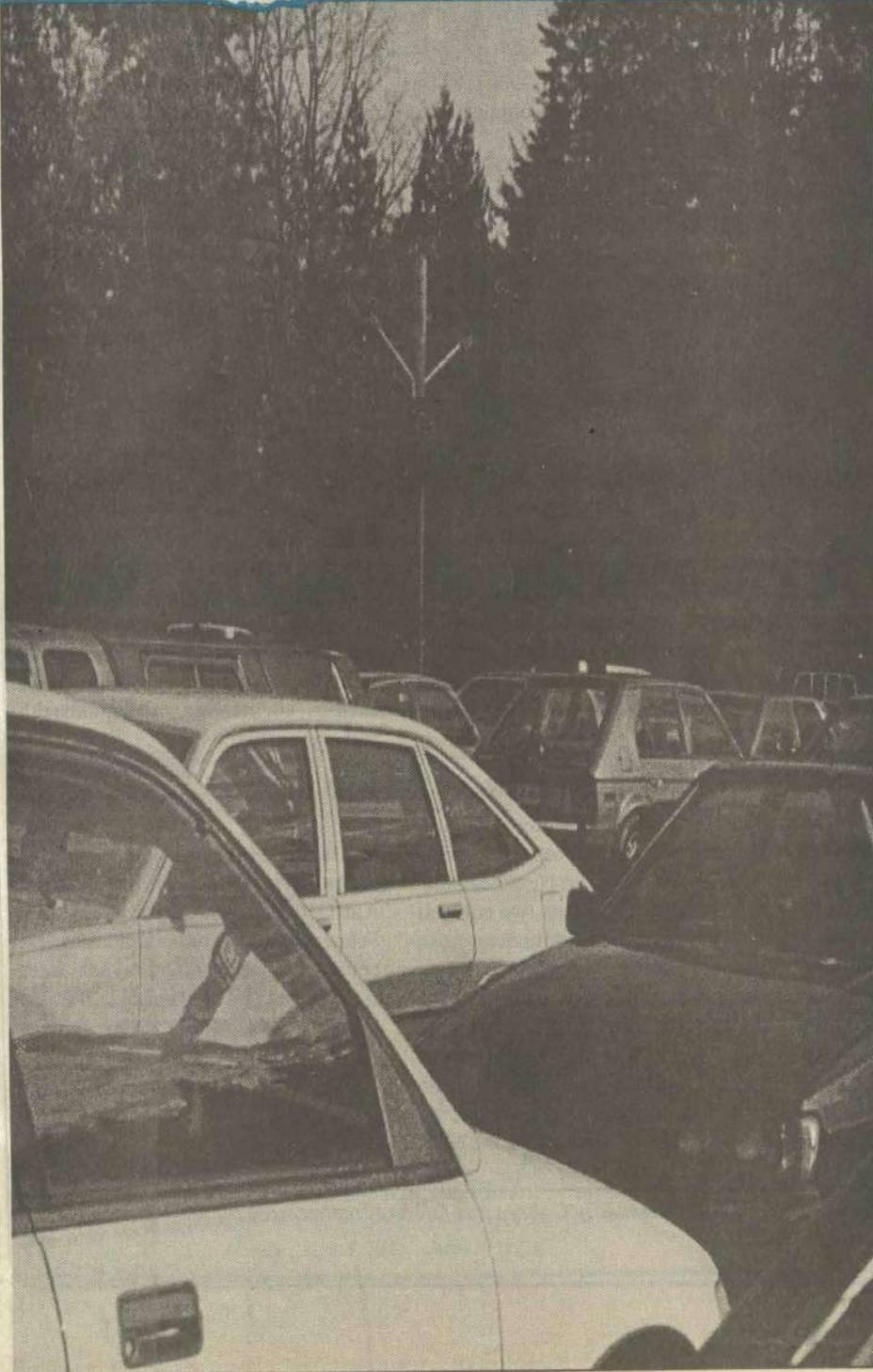




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PTA Requests New Signs and Student Cooperation

Andy Poehlman

figurehead

The Parent Teacher Association (PTA) of nearby Lea Hill Elementary School is trying to muster support for erecting "Children Present" signs to warn drivers as they drive past that children may be in the area. The school area, located on 124th, has survived with regulation posted signs since the school's construction, but some recent "near misses" has brought this concern to the forefront.

"The problem is not with cars speeding," said Cindy Morton, prominent member of the PTA. "It's more of

a situation where cars are going the regular speed limit, but not slowing near the school, and the volume of cars has increased in recent years."

Initially, the PTA tried to reconcile the situation with the aid of the Auburn City Council, who is responsible for crosswalks, signs, and totem poles for Indian Heritage Schools. That attempt fell short after it was made apparent that the PTA was responsible for any "additional" signs or reader boards. However, each time the request was made, the Council would deliver a new totem pole, each one resembling a more stupid design, as if the Council was

mocking the requests.

A reader board or ultimately, flashing lights, would reinforce the law, which states that the speed limit is 20 mph around a school when children were present. As it is now, signs do exist for approaching drivers, but as the PTA believes, this is not causing drivers to slow down. Also, the crosswalks are not properly painted and are fading.

The PTA would like immediate action, but until something more can be done, they would encourage Green River students who travel 124th to take note of the school and it's warning signs.

NSEP offers scholarships abroad

Dean Disharron

assistant editor

The National Security Education Program (NSEP) is offering scholarship opportunities to Undergraduate freshmen, and sophomores to Study Abroad during the 1996 summer, or for fall '96 and spring '97 in an effort to internationalize educational resumes.

Study Abroad enables Americans to be oh so saucy while gaining valuable international experience. Many people are finding out today's job market is not exactly a stroll through the park, nor is it a day at the beach, or even a day crusin around Renton in your pickup truck disguised as Yoda for that matter. Almost all job market activities

have been internationalized, and in this post-Cold War world, it is essential to have the skills necessary to be competitive and thrive in today's global arena. That's where NSEP comes in.

NSEP Provides eligible applicants the chance to study in regions outside of Western Europe, Louisville, Canada, Australia and New Zealand.

During the first two competitions, more than 600 American-freshmen, sophomore, junior and senior undergraduate students received scholarships for study in 60 countries, including: Japan, Russia, Ghana, Chili, Sequim, South Africa, China and Poland. Scholarships are available to students in all fields of study, but the NSEP

especially encourages applicants in the sciences, education, welding, mathematics, engineering, medicine/health, and computer science.

This is a merit-based competition and NSEP awards are available to a maximum of \$8,000 per semester or \$16,000 per academic year. Applications are available in the Financial Aid Office. Application deadline is February 1, 1996, but students are encouraged to turn them in ASAP. Interested parties may also contact: National Security Education Program toll free at (800) 618-NSEP

cover: *Abundant enrollment at Green River Community College this fall has created more parking hassles than usual.*

photo by Heather Wallace

International Dinner to highlight diversity

Sarah Ricker

staff reporter

Tuesday, Nov. 14, Green River Community College will host an International Dinner in the Lindbloom Student Center at 6 p.m. The purpose of this function will be to support and promote relationships in a worldwide community within GRCC's geographic areas.

There will be incredible ethnic entertainment as traditional ethnic foods from a variety of cultures is simultaneously served. Program highlights include: booth displays of different countries, music, a guest speaker, a flag ceremony, international entertainment, a cultural video, and, of course, vari-

ous ethnic foods.

Other goals for this gathering are to involve citizens who are promoting international commerce, cooperation, and communication. It is also an event to celebrate some of the currently existing programs in local areas who are increasing mutual understanding of different countries. Overall, the dinner will provide an excellent opportunity to enjoy diversity within our own community.

Some of the menu items that will be served are chips and Pico De Gillo, beer, wine, champagne, hors d'oeuvre, pita, squaw, 9 grain, and sour dough bread. Three main dishes, Japanese, Mid Eastern, and Italian, will be accom-

panied by complimentary foods to complete this fantastic meal.

A \$40 donation will cover a scholarship donation, the social, dinner, and programs, or you may choose to omit the \$20 donation which benefits the scholarship fund. A third package is offered to students for the dinner and entertainment only for \$8.

Funds raised from this banquet will be utilized to promote international exchanges for the area, sister cities, and their partners. Funds will be allocated by an advisory committee consisting of staff administrators, community members, and a college student.

More information is available calling 833-9111, extension 337.

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Halloween haunts GRCC



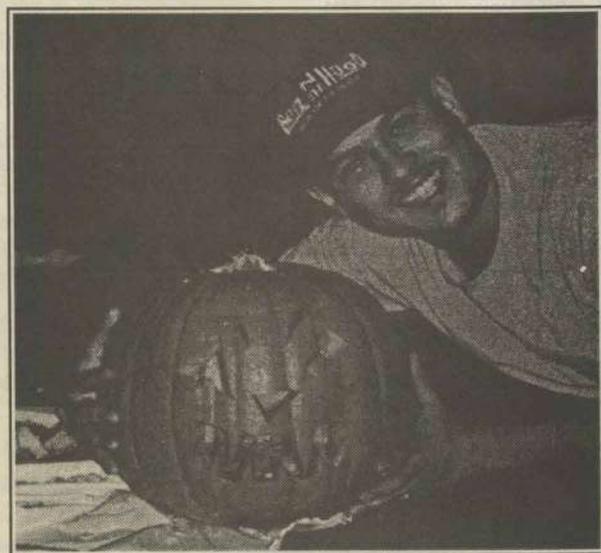
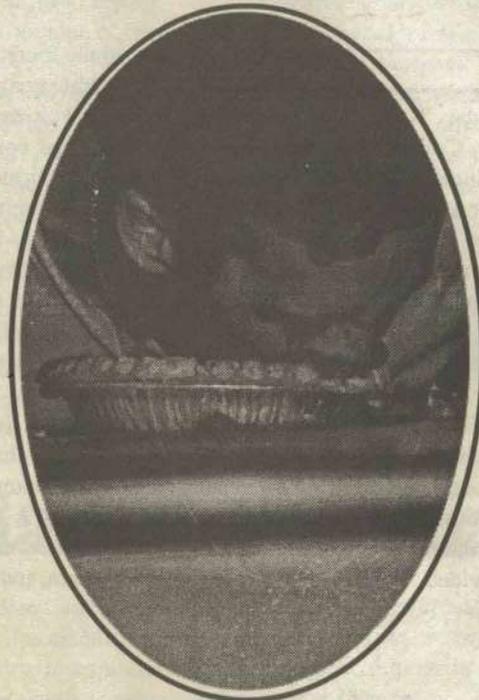
A Halloween Dance was held in the Lindbloom Center on October 28. Approximately 120 people showed up, making the main room of the LSC look as bare as a cornfield after a bad winter in Iowa. Admission was canned goods, to be donated to the Auburn Food Bank, and around 250 cans were collected.

One of the highlights of the evening was when a table decoration, a jack-o-lantern made from a paper bag, caught on fire. A fog machine and balloons helped make a festive atmosphere, although the lack of any food or drink was disappointing. A costume contest was held, and the winners were:

1. A spider
2. An old man with a cane
3. A hippie
4. The Phantom of the Opera
5. A lady in a Scarlett O'Hara dress

My personal favorites were the guy who came as Jim Carrey in *The Mask*, and the couple who came as guy cheerleader/lady football-player. Although the turn-out was a little disappointing, it was fun. Besides, it was for a good cause.

- Emily Briar



Photos by Heather Wallace

Marv Nelson to write text book

GRCC Physics instructor receives grant from National Science Foundation

Emily Briar

staff reporter

Marv Nelson, physics instructor at Green River for 28 years, is working on a text to help students with their understanding of physics. Along with two colleagues from the American Association of Physics Teachers, Nelson received a grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF) to write 10 modules for physics classrooms. These hands-on learning guides are aimed at technology students, and are college-transferable.

Nelson and his colleagues will write six of the ten modules this summer, and finish the other four next summer. When completed, they will field test it by trying it in different classroom settings. With the feedback they receive from testing, they will rewrite some of it, and plan to have it ready for publication on CD Rom, disks, and hard copies (booklets). This summer, Nelson will work on electricity and magnetism modules, and is currently trying out ideas in his Physics 202 class.

"The National Science Foundation is interested in improving instruction in math and science for technol-

ogy students, as well as science-minded people," Nelson said. Nelson first became interested in physics while attending Western Washington University. "I had a good physics teacher who challenged me to think rather than to memorize the book. I'd never taken physics before."

Holding a Masters degree in physics from Colorado State University, Nelson is also the recipient of the Distinguished Service Citation from the AAPT, one of three recipients this year.

During his sabbatical last year (paid leave for educational purposes), Nelson re-wrote one module. He is also working on a Steering Committee through the AAPT on another NSF grant to improve physics education in two-year schools.

"The modules will help students understand ideas of physics," Nelson said. "I saw the importance of understanding ideas when I was in school. I was determined to find out what my students understood. When I asked them specific questions, they didn't really understand every idea. That caused me to look critically at the classroom."

Nelson and his colleagues are working with a \$430,000 grant, although most of that money will go toward the research in this project, and for producing the CD ROMs. The modules may be published as soon as summer of 1997.

"Our mission is teaching," Nelson stated. "We can make a difference in the quality of teaching. We need to think more critically, and have an eye on improving what happens in the classroom."





Goodall speaks to full house

Emily Briar

staff reporter

World renowned scientist Jane Goodall, recognized for her study of chimpanzees in the jungles in Africa, spoke to a sold-out crowd of 1,500 on November 1. The traffic jam this created delayed the talk for over 40 minutes, but Goodall kept a sense of humor about it.

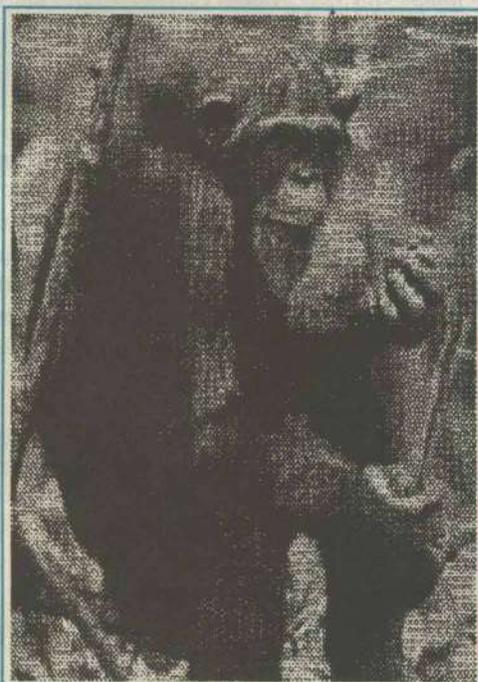
"I'm sorry you've been waiting for so long. Some of you have been sitting on hard benches for a while. When I first went to Africa, I spent two years sitting on hard rocks waiting for a glimpse of a chimp."

Her first lesson in patience came at the age of four. Goodall's job on her family farm was to gather the eggs from the hen-house. Goodall wondered where there was a hole big enough for an egg to come out of the hen. She climbed into the hen-house to find out, but scared the hen away. Goodall sat in a pile of hay for quite some time, waiting for the hen to come back. Her mother became worried, and called the local police. As they searched, a straw-covered Goodall emerged.

"My mother was not angry," she recalls. "Instead, she took me into the kitchen and listened to a four-year-old explain how a hen lays an egg."

By the age of 9, Goodall was en-

tranced with books. She recalls reading *Tarzan* and falling in love with him. "I'd have been a much better mate for him (than the other Jane)," she joked. By now, she dreamed about going to Africa. Her mother told her, "If you



really want it, never give up. You'll find a way."

Goodall jumped at the chance to stay with a school friend at her parent's home in Kenya. Here she met Louis Leakey, who would eventually fund Goodall's research. He soon offered her

a job at the Coryndon Memorial Museum, where he was curator. One day, viewing the museum's animal exhibits with Goodall, he was impressed with her knowledge of animals. When the Leakey family took Goodall along on a trip into the Serengeti plains to search for human fossils, Goodall's love for animals blossomed. Leakey, an anthropologist, had been looking for someone to study animals in Tanzania, and, with Goodall, he found the right person. After a year of searching, he found funding for an uneducated Goodall. "I'd never been to college. I'd never been brainwashed."

Goodall started her work in the Gobi National Park, located in Nairobi, in 1960. Over the course of 35 years, Goodall and her research team studied many chimp families, and they made many important discoveries. Some significant findings include: chimps feel emotions much like humans, including anger, grief, and joy; chimps live in a male dominated society; and that they make and use tools. Chimps are our closest living relatives, and through Goodall's slide show, that relationship became apparent.

She talked of the travesties she encountered, such as the live animal market where chimps were sold to

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slaughter houses, poachers, and savagery.

She related one savage act where a mother chimp was shot to take her cute baby. One chimp died within three weeks of losing his mother to polio. She frowned upon using animals for circus entertainment, saying that, "this is not the way they were meant to live." She denounced Michael Jackson not only for keeping chimps as pets, but because as a public figure, he acts as a role model for animal treatment. Goodall recalled that when she was doing her research in Africa, there were over one million chimps in 25 nations around the world. Today, there are only 250,000 chimps in 21 countries, with significant populations in only five. Her

heart-felt plea to stop the killing of all wild animals brought tears to many eyes.

Goodall ended by asking, "Is there hope for the future? Many people would say there is no hope. I believe

Chimps have given me so much. What I have learned from them has shaped my understanding of human behavior, of our place in nature."

- jane goodall

there *is* hope, for two reasons. One, because I have great faith in what humans are capable of, and two, because of young people in all countries. Their future is in jeopardy, and their minds

are flexible. They can change the world." Goodall is the founder of "Roots and Shoots," a program in Tanzania for young people. They use the motto, "Every single one of us can make a difference." They believe the key to change lies in caring about three things: the environment, animals, and each other. The Jane Goodall Institute was founded

in 1977, and it houses more than 150 chimps.

Dr. Goodall summed it up her brochure, "Chimpanzees have given me so much. The long hours spent with them in the forest have enriched my life beyond measure.

What I have learned from them has shaped my understanding of human behavior, of our place in nature."



ALTERNATIVE TO WHAT?

Carrin Hargraves

As the weather outside becomes bleak and winter-like, thoughts turn to warm cozy evenings cuddling near the fireplace watching a favorite old movie with your best friend or loved one... but eventually the cat or dog must go outside to relieve itself or wander to the kitchen for some chow and a drink of water, and you are left alone watching commercials.

Since the day that the opposite sex was no longer "icky," men and women have led an endless struggle to find their soulmates. There were the stages, of course; The junior high school boyfriend/girlfriend, who you ate lunch with and went to cheesy "make-out" parties with, the high school "I am 'seeing' someone" stage, where you went to formal dances and spent all the money you didn't have to spend on clothes you'd wear one time and "incentives" for your older brother to buy cheap wine and even cheaper beer, the "serious" high school relationship where, if you were caught talking to a member of the opposite sex, besides your significant other, you were "cheating," and there was a big fight involved and, coincidentally, a big make-up session. From there on out everything is pretty much the same; you date people, trying to find someone who won't make you sick for the rest of your life, you end up dating for a few months, and then you move on.

Of course there are always the relationships that don't really fit into any specific categories such as the "I really drank too much last night. What was your name?", the "we are not dating... but we are much more than friends," and the "switched prom date" relationship where you and your best friend switch dates after the dance and the one you end up with is every woman's dream. He spends the next two months talking about everything that never came close to happening that night and doesn't speak to you for two years, then out of the blue, starts talking to you again like nothing ever happened. — Er... Uhh, so I've heard.

There is also the relationship where you fully trust the other person, you spend hours on the phone talking about anything and everything, you make excuses about what time he gets off work so he can come over at 2 in the morning, you listen to the same music, read the same books, give each other stupid little things -and believe me it was little- and even though the sex was pretty bad, the pillow fights before hand were quite fun. But, you were never dating, and, in fact, you had a strictly platonic relationship.

Personally, my favorite part of the whole man/woman relationship is, of course, the fact that men and women cannot be friends; if the man finds the woman attractive, the sex thing al-

ways gets in the way. And then there are the lines. Being female, I can only say that I do not say the same things to the men whom I go out with, I can't say that they haven't heard the same things from other women, but I can say that I do not rehearse what I am going to say before hand. Point in case: do men really think that the same cheesy lines are going to work time and time again? Maybe they should think twice about the women they're handing these lines to.

Women do not always expect to be swept off their feet. Every once in a while wouldn't hurt, but for the most part, women like honest, sincere, employed men who, preferably, bathe regularly.

I wonder, how many times have women heard "You're so cuddly, I could stay like this all night long"? Sure, and 10 minutes later he's ripping her clothes off with his teeth. Or, "You are so different than any of the other girls I have gone out with." Why? Because I don't giggle and say "uh-huh" after the first beer, or because I can go inside a bar to drink a beer?

Then, there's another personal favorite, "You mean too much to me, I don't want to ruin what we have." Hmm... you probably should have thought of that before you slept with my best friend and your ex-girlfriend in the same weekend.

When "cheesy" turns into distasteful, it's time to kick the creep out for good. Although we as women end up taking the jerks back for no apparent reason, there is a line that must be drawn. When someone says to you "If you are only going to kiss me, you may as well not even bother," you turn around and you make sure he remembers why he will never say that to you again.

All things considered, there is much to be said for a good relationship. Really, they do exist; you just have to find them. Relationships will vary a great deal depending on the individuals involved and what they are looking for. Not every relationship has to be romantically inclined either, and it is always good to set down a solid friendship before something more, if anything, develops. Despite popular belief, men and women *can* be friends.

And even if the sex does end up getting in the way, it could be worse.



Laced legs, jellied wrists, and blue eyelids. . .

Radio and television are announcing how past generations are making big comebacks. With the masses of marijuana that's being inhaled these days and the hundreds of bead-wearing, long-haired, perma-stoned looking youths of today, you'd think it's the sixties that we're seeing comeback. Or perhaps the seventies are making the strongest comeback with John Travolta's big new blockbusters? Au contraire, mes amies! As Robert Palmer once said, "we might as well face it". . .we're addicted to the eighties.

On any given day, my eyes spot fellow peers sporting, acid-washed jeans and jackets, L.A. Gear high tops, jean skirts, and the almost forgotten, halter tops. Just when I was beginning to think that the days of jelly bracelets and leg warmers were over, they've become the new trend. But it's not only the eye catching florescent clothes that are coming back, it's also the horrific music. Notable musicians, such as Paula Abdul, Cindy Lauper, and Boy George have all recently been guests on

talk shows, gabbing about their new comeback albums and how their struggles in the eighties made them so much stronger. Well, in my opinion, Paula Abdul should've stayed a cheerleader, Cindy Lauper should've become Tammy Faye Baker's make-up consultant, and Boy George should've retired from the music biz long ago and settled down in San Francisco. Because of unfortunate power outages that eighties icons experience everyday while they get dressed (the only explanation for their horrid taste), Americans mimic their fashions, and my eyes are the ones suffering.

The Big 80's, a VH-1 show, airs multiple grievous videos, mostly from one-hit wonders that debuted during the eighties, and many radio stations have changed their sounds to play music from the last ten to twenty years. I admit tuning into these new, hip programs once in a while, but only to track those eighties stars that have changed their persona to the more effeminate tune. George Michael, Prince, and the distressing

Michael Jackson, are among those stars who were popular in the eighties who are now rubbing noses with those of the same sex.

Perhaps the nineties is just an era of the last generations melting together, or perhaps we've lost our originality. Whichever the case, I think that Brandy, Babyface and Boys II Men with their sly, sexual suggestions and distinct pop appearance are overly swank compared to a Smooth Criminal, Darling Nikki, and a Father Figure (a.k.a. Michael Jackson, Prince, and George Michael). Dreadfully, as long as these eighties stars are still throwing out songs there will still be fans catching what they throw and their sounds will be played for years to come. I recommend, however, these stars rummage through Jackie Onassis' estate sale for some fashion spruce ups before they alter the next generations' wardrobe!

-Keri Morgan

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GRCC helps student to embark on bright future

Keri Morgan

staff reporter

Linnai Longe Redington is currently a student at Green River Community College, and has recently used her skills and knowledge to purchase and remodel her own business. She gives credit to the staff at GRCC for teaching her the skills that she gained and put to work.

Redington started her education in cosmetology, then transferred to Highline Community College. After a fifteen year hiatus, she has almost finished her AA degree and is the owner of a new business. Just five credits shy from graduating, Redington has managed to keep a G.P.A. of 3.5 or above and will soon be graduating with hon-

ors. She notes that math classes, and design and art programs have led to her success. She specifically thanks Bernie Bleha, the chairman of the Fine Arts Division, for her successful lifestyle and teaching her the skills that she needed for remodeling her business. She suggests that anyone who is looking to start a business take computer classes to get ready for the business world.

When she began attending GRCC, she wasn't exactly sure what it was she was seeking; she either wanted to get out of cosmetology or start her own business. She chose to start her own business and remodel an old hair salon by herself, while going to school. Paying for classes while remodeling her own business was very difficult, but

Redington worked extremely hard to manage it all. She decided to take a more broad-based selection of classes to further her knowledge in all areas rather than limiting herself to business classes. Redington's self-confidence has increased with her continuing education, and she has become an inspiration for students who think that their dreams are out of reach. This thirty-something mother, general contractor, and cosmetologist has done it all, and she thanks the teachers at GRCC for her success.

Hair Elegance, Redington's business, is located by the Muckleshoot Indian Reservation in the QFC parking lot. The address is 2904 Auburn Way So. Auburn, WA 98092.



THEN AND NOW...

Have you seen this child?

This face doesn't belong on a milk carton!

You probably won't recognize the person in this picture. However, in an effort to allow students to get to know individuals on campus, I thought it would be interesting to give background information on mystery guests who make our college experience easier and more fun.

*Born: September 13, 1956 in Portland, Oregon
Parents: father, Pile Buck with Pile drivers Union;
mother, switch board operator for the Police Department
Siblings: 3 brothers, 2 sisters*



Gideon passes on Word of God

Jill Clifford

copy editor

Nine hundred New Testament Bibles were handed out to daytime and evening students and staff on GRCC Bible Day, October 24. Representatives of The Gideons were on campus to distribute 3x4.5" books of the New Testament. The volumes also contain the Old Testament books of Psalms and Proverbs.

"Gee, thanks," said one young woman, "I've never had a Bible before." Most students seemed happy, many eager, to receive them. A few declined, but most because they said they had already received one. Two were found later, abandoned on chairs in the Lindbloom Student Center.

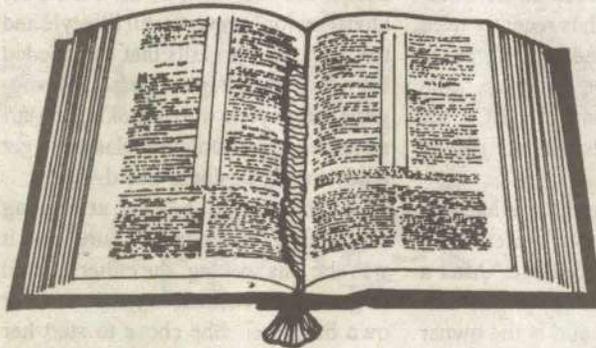
The Gideons, an international Christian organization has been coming to GRCC yearly since fall of 1965, the first year the campus was open. One Gideon representative, who has been returning for 16 years, declined to give

his name, saying, "Oh, we're all the same, all doing God's work; no need for names. We get the Word of God out and we believe the world needs this so badly."

Founded in 1899, The Gideons has distributed over 400 million Bibles or Testaments worldwide through handouts and by placing them in hotel rooms. The organization is funded by donations and endowments. Their name comes

from the Old Testament Book of Judges, chapters 6-8, where God sent Gideon out from camp to defeat the Midianites and bring the people back to God.

There are three "Gideon camps" locally, including Auburn,



Sea-tac and Kent, with 18 to 60 members each. From them, The Gideons visit every college, high school, and junior high that allows their volunteers on campus.

"We want to thank the college for having us come," said the representative. "We believe Lord Jesus Christ saved us and we want to pass the Word along."

Peterson wins trip to Disneyland

Jung Won Sul

staff reporter

Liz Peterson, secretary for the Humanities Social Science building, had a great time at Disneyland at no expense. As she was listening to KPLZ (star 101.5) on the radio on the morning of September 21st, they announced a free trip to Disneyland for two, to anyone who could answer their quiz. The question was "What city held the 1962 World's Fair?" Peterson called the radio station with the answer "Seattle," and won the Disneyland trip!

Although Peterson said she called on contests previously about three

times, it was the first time she won something. She had never been Disneyland before, so she was very excited. "It was like a birthday big surprise," she said, as September 22nd was her birthday.

Peterson and her husband traveled to Disneyland with other contest winners. KPLZ supplied air fare, hotel, and meals for 100 contest winners in all. They enjoyed the all expense paid trip for one night, two days, September 28 to 29, staying at the Main Gate Travelodge. After closing for their normal day, Disneyland reopened the gate from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. for only the con-

test winners. The contestants enjoyed a large buffet, offered by KPLZ, and attractions including Indiana Jones, Hunted Mansion, Splash Mountain, Jungle River, and Pirates of the Caribbean.

"My favorite attraction was the Indiana Jones ride. It was very exciting." Being the mother of a five year old and a twelve year old, Peterson said, "I want to go back with my children, but not until my youngest grows about another foot so he can go on all the rides."

A good time was had by all.

Migraines: More than headaches, a way of life...

Tim Carter

staff reporter

With the stress of homework, studying for exams, and holding down a job, many college students are prime candidates to experience a migraine.

Migraine is a condition that causes intense, debilitating pain. Millions of sufferers put their lives "on hold" and retreat to bed, not dealing with anyone or anything until an attack passes. These attacks can last from four to 72 hours. There are multiple symptoms that characterize a migraine including severe, recurrent pain, usually on one side of the head. Nausea, vomiting, and sensitivity to light and sound often accompany the headache.

"The pain is often aggravated by routine movement or physical exertion," said Dr. Glen Solomon, department head of Section of Headache at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation. "Frequently, the sufferer has to lie in a dark, quiet room until the attack passes—a coping mechanism that is not often a practical alternative in a busy lifestyle."

Many scientists believe that migraine is caused by a sequence of events that cause blood vessels in the brain to tighten, then relax, resulting in the throbbing pain of a migraine. Although there is no cure for migraine, much has been learned to manage the condition including effective treatment programs.

"The first step is to see a physician for a proper diagnosis and treatment program," Dr. Solomon said. "The patient plays an important role in treatment," adding that learning to recognize and control the signs and "trigger" factors, which are different in each sufferer, is essential.

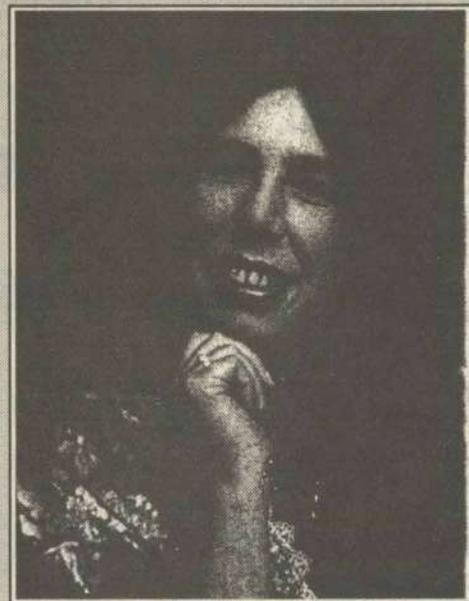
Different triggers include: irregular or insufficient sleep; skipping meals, consuming foods or beverages with caffeine, alcohol, MSG or nitrates; emotional changes, including fatigue, depression, anxiety, anticipation or stress; environmental changes in atmospheric pressure or temperature as well as cigarette smoke, bright lights and loud noises—even music; and motion from riding bikes or in cars, eye-

strain, irregular workouts or even a lack of exercise.

"Migraines commonly occur when there is a let-down after stress, on weekends, vacations and holidays," said Solomon. He also adds that, just as migraines can be triggered by stress, they also add stress to a person's life, thereby creating a vicious cycle of pain for migraine sufferers.

Migraine is a difficult condition to diagnose, treat, and live with, because it affects people differently, with symptoms and triggers varying by individual. However, relief from migraine pain is possible. Early diagnosis and treatment will help lessen the impact

MYSTERY GUEST

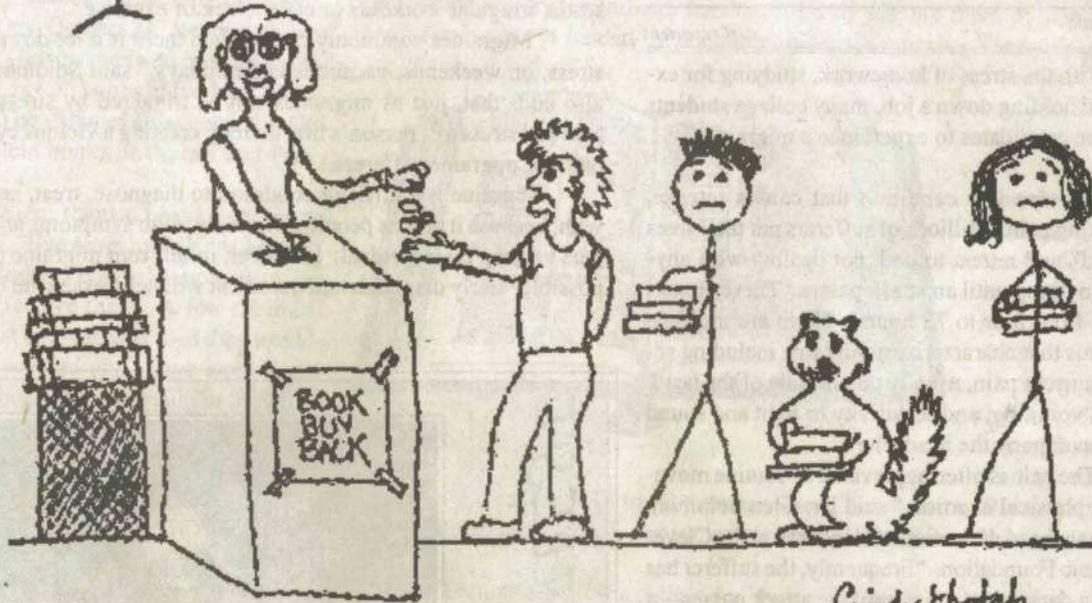


Our mystery guest is Anna Jackson. Anna is a program assistant with the Financial Aid Office where she has been employed for 5 years. A single mother of 2 children, Anna makes her home in Auburn. She says the best part of her job is "being able to participate in aiding students to improve their quality of life."

- Patty MacDonald

Pirate Davey's FUNNY section

PIRATE DAVEY LOVES THIS ONE

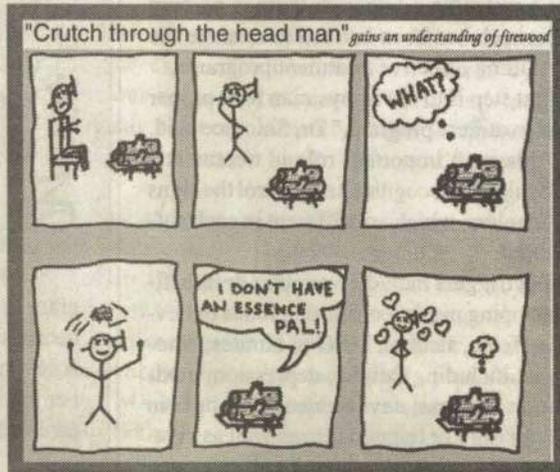


Cindy Katch

PIRATE DAVEY RULES WITH AN



Yo, Check these funnies



By the by, if you're wondering, "Why Pirate Davey?" well I'm here to answer this question. The Current, Green River, water, pirates... get it? Well anyway, everything in this section either has no bearing on reality or is just simply intended to be humorous. There is nothing in this section that should be taken seriously or interpreted as true in any way shape or form.



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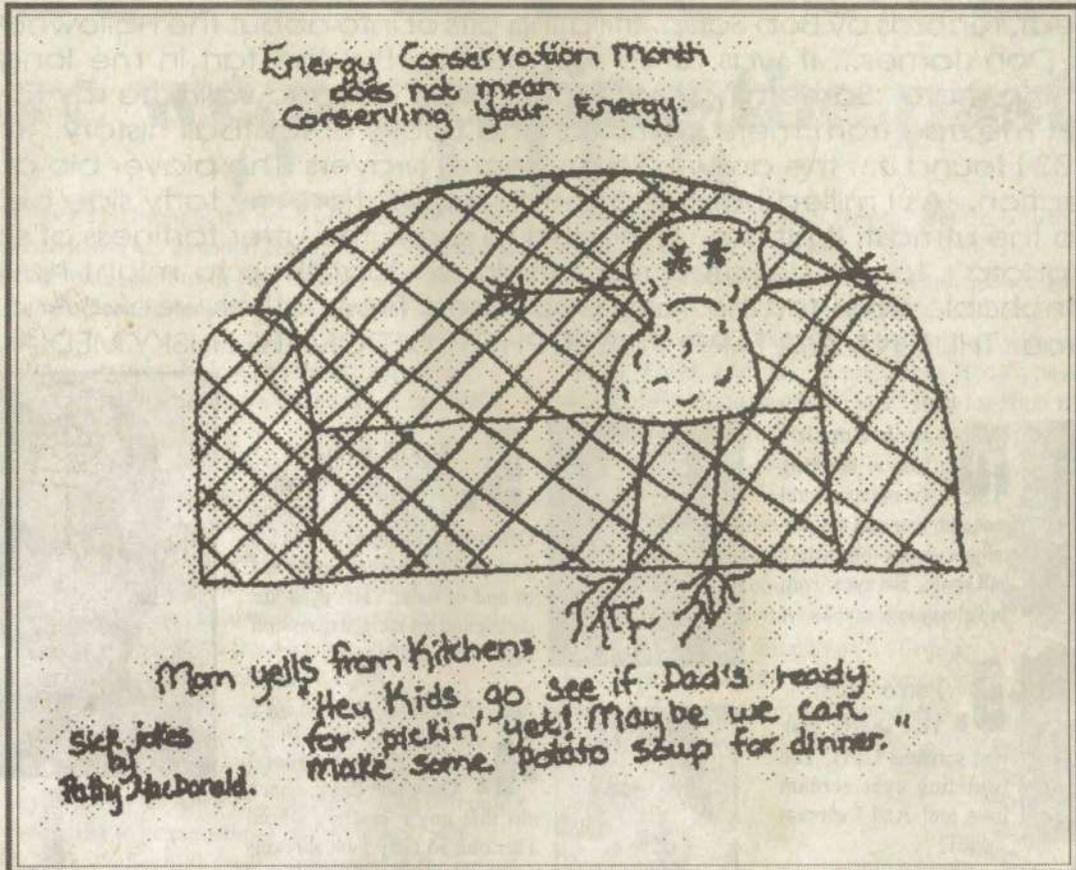


THAR SHE BLOWS... PATTY MACDONALD
AND HER SICK JOSES... YAR

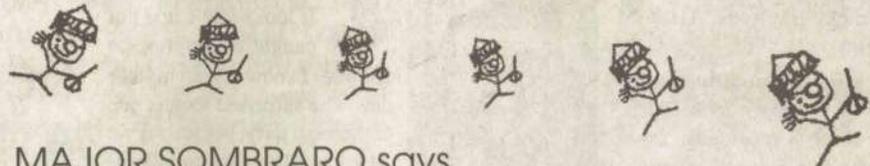
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MAJOR SOMBRARO says
The agent of the man of the month is...

EVERYONE WHO WORKS AT THE VEHICLE
REGISTRATION DEPT. IN KENT, CAUSE THEY
DISSED MY MAN DEAN DISHAROO

ANDY POEHLMAN... SUPERTART

In my never ending endeavor to have the world handed to me on a platter, I called the University of Washington Football offices to see if I could score a media guide for the 1995 season. Needless to say (because, of course I am the ultimate free stuff getter) I scored said media guide. Upon arrival, I studied this media guide intensely, noting facts and records alike. Taking them all in to my ever expanding consciousness at an alarming rate. Facts about Bob Schloredt, records by Bob Sapp, titillating bits of info about the hallowed Dawg Father Don James... it was all so wonderful. But the tart in me longed for something more. Something that would bring out and validate my tarty side and set me free from mere numbers and tidbits of football history. Then on page 33 I found it... the answer to my secret prayers: The player bio and picture section. As I milled happily through this section, my tarty side being fulfilled to the utmost, it hit me. I needed to share the utter tartiness of some of these photo's to my devoted readership, so that they to might have their unquenchable thirst for the tarty appeased for another week. And now I bring you.. THE TEN MOST TARTY PLAYER PHOTOS FROM THE HUSKY MEDIA GUIDE!



10. Josh Smith - Josh is sporting the out of control monolith hair and the not-really-ready-for-this-picture half smile. His eyes, hair, and glossy look say: Tarty!



5. Ryan Bradley - Frumpiness abounds for this bald-headed Offensive Lineman. Bradley's bottom lip deserves an award in and of itself. His eyes are caring and his facial expression says "I'm intelligent!"



9. Petro Kesi - This snarly look just screams Grrr! The brooding eyes scream love me! And I scream TART!



4. Greg Quesada - The "Conquistador." Only one thing, check out this guy's 'stache', whoa! This ohh so tarty look screams "put me in a suit of armor, and let me conquer! Get me a Polish dog, I love the Huskies!"



8. Aaron Dalan - Hi, Aaron how's it goin'! That's a nice grin you're sporting. Your eyes and crew-cut pierce my soul. Dare I say tarty?



3. Chris Lang - Yow!! It looks like Chris got caught by surprise on this one. I know at least his hair did. The surprised look is one of the most tarty, because as we all know "The element of surprise" is very important.



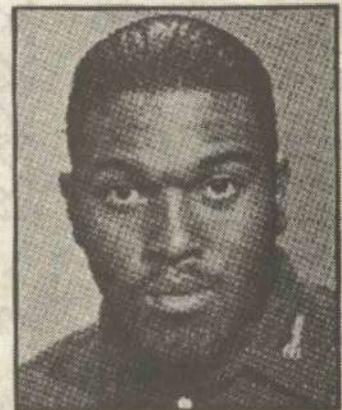
7. Lynn Johnson - Lynn's look says, "I mean business. I am in no way a clown, brought here for your amusement. I want to show off my ears."



2. Jerome Pathon - THIS LOOK RULZ! Pathon is a sleek and athletic receiver with steady hands and an even steadier eyebrow! But BEWARE, this raised eyebrow look may HYPNOTIZE!



6. Opu Seminavage - Opu is Hawaiian for "Stomach," but his look says frumpy. And as my uncle used to say "Frumpy means tarty!"



1.
SEKOU WIGGS -

NEED I SAY ANYTHING BUT TARTY!

Okay, then I will. Sekou, pronounced Soo-Key, has the monster whip that leaves me begging for more of his saucy looks. He has brute strength, a starting job as a sophomore, a strange work ethic AND a perm! Sekou RULZ! Sekou RULZ!

Generation flashback: Are we repeating the past?

October 21st brought the news of another death in the rock music world. Shannon Hoon, 28, was found dead on Blind Melon's tour bus in New Orleans of an apparent accidental overdose. Autopsy results were not available at press time.

Another death in the last five years. Have rock musicians of the 1990s become a flashback of the 1960s music tragedies?

The Seattle/Northwest music scene alone has contributed several gifted musicians to the number of deaths in this decade: Andrew Wood, lead singer of Mother Love Bone, Stefanie Sargeant of 7 Year Bitch, Kristen Pfaff, bassist for Hole, and Kurt Cobain of Nirvana. And on August 23rd of this year, we mourned the death of Dwayne Goettel from Skinny Puppy. Suicide and drug overdoses were the causes of death.

Several prominent musicians are in trouble or having trouble with the law because of drug consumption. Al Jourgensen of Ministry, Scott Weiland from Stone Temple Pilots, Layne Staley of Alice In Chains, have all had public exposure relating to possession or use of "illegal substances." A few other high profile artists are in the bed of addiction. Some are in drug rehab clinics. Who else will be lost in the next couple of years?

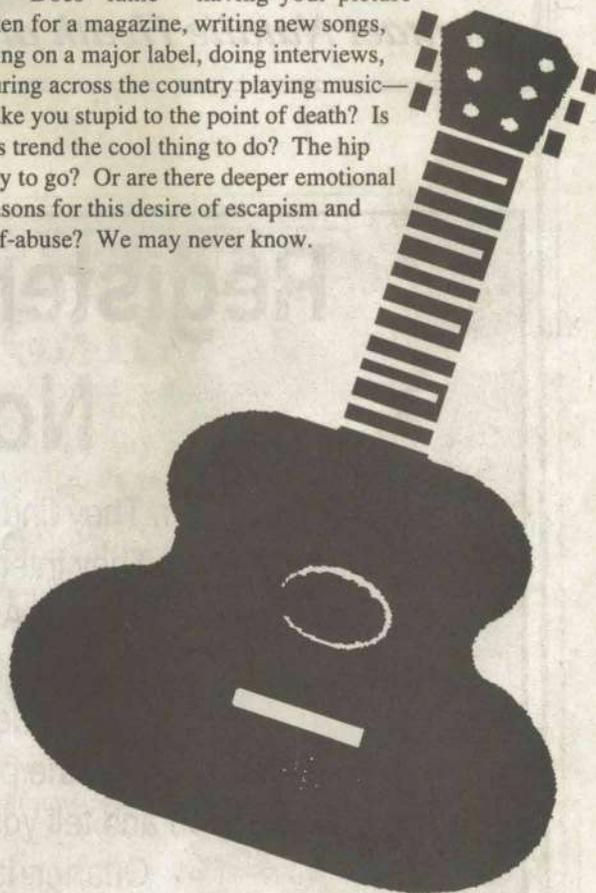
The early deaths of Jim Morrison, Janis Joplin, Jimi Hendrix, and others have not deterred many from living the excess lifestyle. Drugs handcuffed with rock and roll. The whipping boy in this lifestyle is the cliché of "Let's see how high we can get, how far can we go, how much can we take, escape from our pain, our reality mentality." No moderation in consumption. Just destruction. History does repeat itself, like a bad acid trip.

As a member of the music community, this elimination of life affects with an acute sense of loss. Another special soul with a talent for the act of creation, the desire for expression is gone. Death has silenced their unique voice. They were doing what they loved: Making music. The future of possibilities their lives contained will never

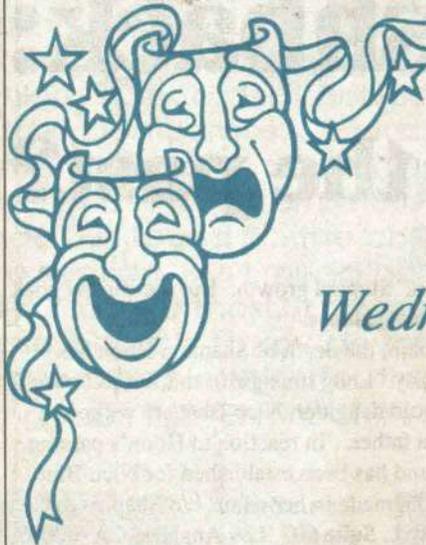
come to fruition. Stunted growth. But the sorrow goes deeper than a musical loss.

Like Cobain, the death of Shannon Hoon has shattered a family. Long time girlfriend, Lisa Crouse, and six-month old daughter, Nico Blue are without a love, a friend, a father. In reaction to Hoon's passing, an education fund has been established for Nico Blue. Donations can be made in her name, c/o Shapiro & Co., 9229 Sunset Blvd., Suite 607, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Does "fame"—having your picture taken for a magazine, writing new songs, being on a major label, doing interviews, touring across the country playing music—make you stupid to the point of death? Is this trend the cool thing to do? The hip way to go? Or are there deeper emotional reasons for this desire of escapism and self-abuse? We may never know.



-Tim Carter



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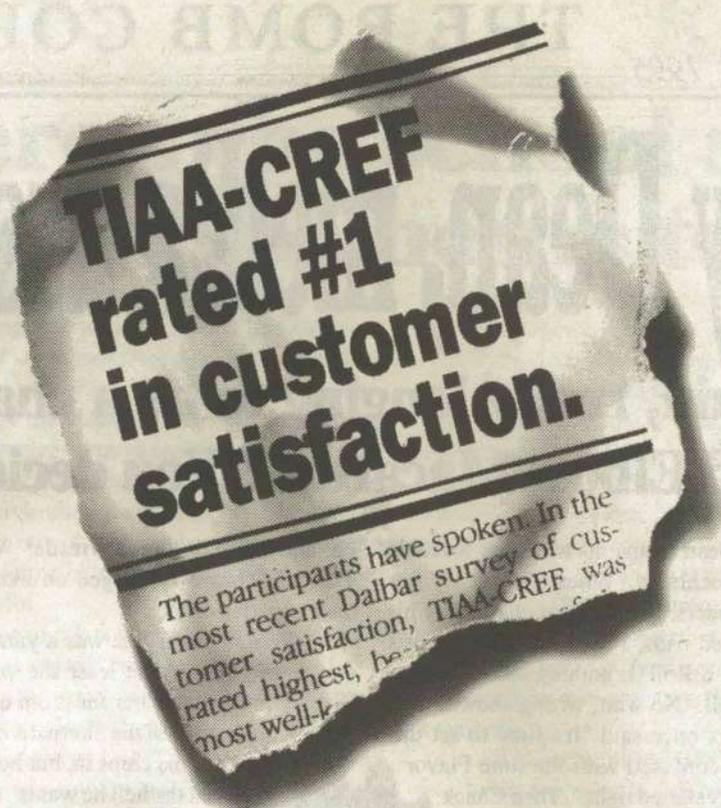
Register Journalists, Not Guns

Journalists are cooler. They find things out. They tell people what's going on. They get things done. They interview, write, shoot photos, design pages, and do other cool things like that. And they do it right on the Green River Community College campus, when they register for Journalism 1001, news lab.

(That's the student newspaper, *The Current*.)

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Heavy Dean, media assassin

Kurt Cobain, really longing to be a champion of Burlap and Elbow Macaroni? You decide.

This Issue Heavy Dean teams up with that loveable yet fearless tart, r-Andy Poehlman. When last we left our crime fighting caped crusaders, Batman was chained by his nads to a giant ibex-stunted nads, whilst boy wonder was handcuffing drugs to Rock-n-Roll (Is nothing sacred?). Easily paving their path to hell. No wait, wrong show... anyway. As the Beastie Boys once said "It's time to set the record strait!" Not to be confused with the time Flavor Flav said "Let's get this party started right." Then Chuck D said "Right on!" Anyway. The wind of change blows through Klaus Mein's remaining hair so coldly. It makes me shiver, it sucks. We don't really understand why it makes people upset that people die. I can see if it's like, your moms or something, but, or if you like really like this one dude/dudette, but, or, like if it's just some dude, you know, it's like, who really, like even, like really freakin' cares, you know? I know I don't. Which brings us to our tarty topic for this here "Bomb Columb." We named it that because it's like the bomb, and like, that one guy with the cool hair "Puff-Daddy." It's like he RULZ! We thought we would like tell you about some dudes, and dudettes that died and then our reasons for why or why not that it didn't matter, or whatever.

As a member of the stunted growth community. My mom once said "If it's too old, your too loud." Then she explained that the reason my dad wasn't home was cuz he was working late, but I had to wonder, why does he never work late when he comes home sober. But what good is a man if he's not drunk? Thank you.

First off, Andy Wood: Face facts, his band sukd. It's better that it happened than if it didn't. Cuz as much as Pearl Jam totally blows the monkey, I would much rather have that goof-wad Vedder act like an idiot in front of the masses, than that Wood moron act like he was cool and portray his "Rock Star" image to all the impressionable kiddies.

Stefanie Sgt.: Any relative of Sgt. Slaughter's has to

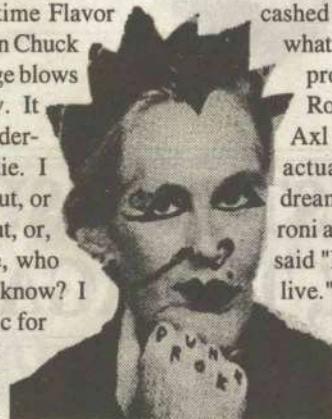
go, and she didn't even wrestle! What was up with that? The band, however, forged on like good troopers without their superior officer.

Kristen Pfaff: She was a yutz for being in Hole anyway. And anyway, at least she wasn't around for Seattle Weekly to nominate her for prom queen post-mortem.

Kurt Cobain of the alternative-rock band Nirvana: He cashed his chips in, but he's a big boy so he can do what the hell he wants. Did you know that NME proclaimed that Nirvana was "the Guns-n-Roses it's okay to like!" Now, would Kurt be Axl or Matt Sorum. Anyway I heard that Kurt actually ended his life because of shattered dreams. Dreams of becoming the "Elbow Macaroni and Burlap Tapestry King of Hoquiam." He said "If I can't become king of that, I don't wanna live." I mean, I don't know if he actually said that, but, um, like, I have a friend that knows this chick that like sort of knows his widow, Courtney Love and she said that that's what the suicide note said... so I guess at that point you pretty much have to kill yourself.

Layne Staley: I mean, he didn't kill himself or die or anything - so why worry? He's out of his moms house now so I think he can make his own decisions. He looks a lot like Billy Joe Hobert though, but he's not as cool. His band never won the national championship either.

Shannon Hoon: Band sukd, he sukd. Why mourn idiots? Send me (Dean) money. (r-Andy Sez) He needs it. Shannon's daughter's sob story is not quite enough to bring us to tears, but we do appreciate the help the children sentiment and on that note we have a suggestion: If you want to donate money to needy kids don't donate it to some moron-boy rock star's kid, go to yer freakin' Boys or Girls club and help them feed kids. They, unlike poor Nico Blue, don't get royalties from Blind Melon albums. Then again, it seems in that case she won't be getting that much anyway. Oh well.



Where's the school spirit? Support the home teams!

Isn't school supposed to be a place where everyone has a right to belong? A school functions on unity and togetherness. Support is a key function to getting things done. If all that existed was individuality, how would anything work? Don't get me wrong—I think individualism is a good thing most of the time. I think people should do and be what they want, but I also think others should support them. People should want to see the others, who are in a sense representing them, be successful or be there to pick them up when they aren't so successful.

What I am trying to ask is why, at a school with over 10,000 students, are the crowds for sports games so slim? I know that a majority of the population likes sports. So what's the deal? This is college. Even though it is only a community college, don't we have any pride? Do we not care about being a gator? Those of you who are thinking that being a gator is lame, why are you choosing to be one? You are here and most likely you want to be here, so why not enjoy it at another level and take in a soccer game or volleyball match? Do you know what it is like to supposed to be representing and playing your heart out for your school, when you took up in the stands or out on the sidelines and see nothing but a

few family members?

I do, it happens every game.

GRCC women's soccer team has control of the ball. They weave in and out of their opponents, and strike the ball low into a corner for the goal and the win... Most of you were probably expecting me to say the crowd went wild, but it didn't. It may have, if one existed. I don't think the absence of a crowd can hurt a game, but I do think that sometimes having a cheering section helps a game. GRCC is a community. In a community, things tend to run smoothly when everyone works together to support one another. When a person knows that their performance is a projection both of themselves and of others, they feel more inclined to give it their all.

All of us that attend GRCC have that one thing in common to bind us together. Would it hurt anything to support your fellow gators and show them you care just a little? Not only would you be helping the team out by cheering them on and showing your support, but it can be fun and exciting for you too.

Though a true athlete will never say die, if they feel like no one cares but them, they might say rest.

Outdoor Programs launches skydiving adventure

Sarah Ricker

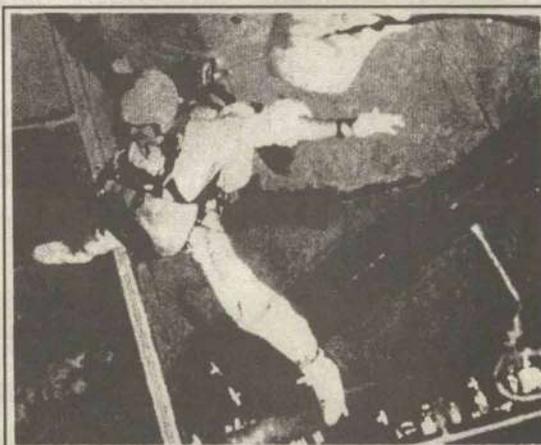
staff reporter

I was talking to my friend one day, and so she says to me, 'Hey, are you gonna go skydiving with ODP? You really should; it'll be loads of fun.'

And I thought to myself, 'Hey, I'm a wild and crazy gal, why not?' That's where my trouble began.

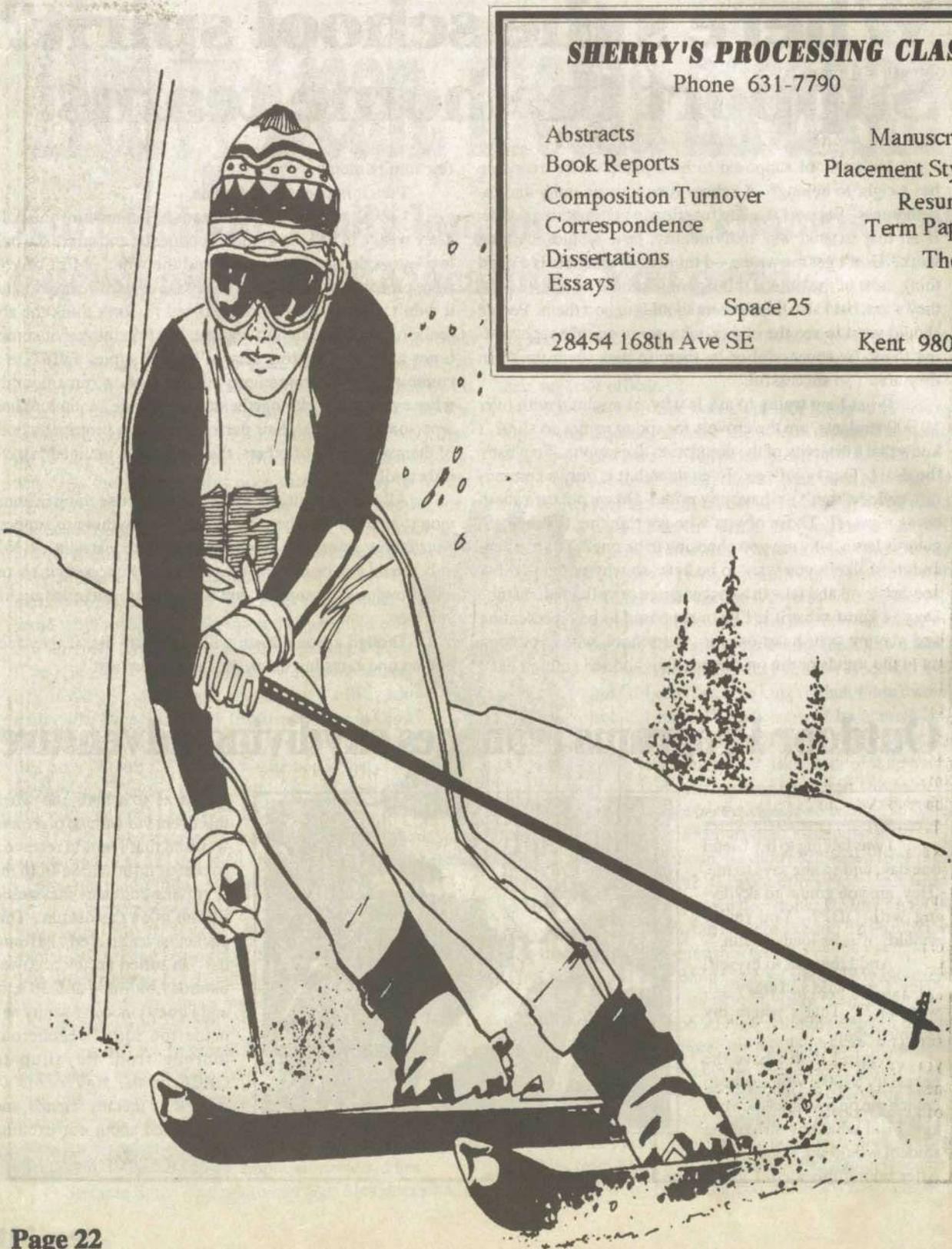
While I didn't have the necessary \$100 it would take to launch me on my fantastic voyage, I did what any struggling student would do, I charged it.

After taking this step, I looked for further guidance. I in-



quired as to where and when this event would take place and was told that I would receive a packet of information from the skydiving company that would fill me in on the details. This packet never arrived. November 9th rolled around, it was Saturday morning at 6:30 a.m. and I questioned my sanity as I made the long, treacherous journey from Puyallup to GRCC for the *SIXTH DAY IN A ROW*. I met my friends, and we chatted about our exciting

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day ahead. Then a clipboard came around and we signed our lives away, for the first of many times that day.

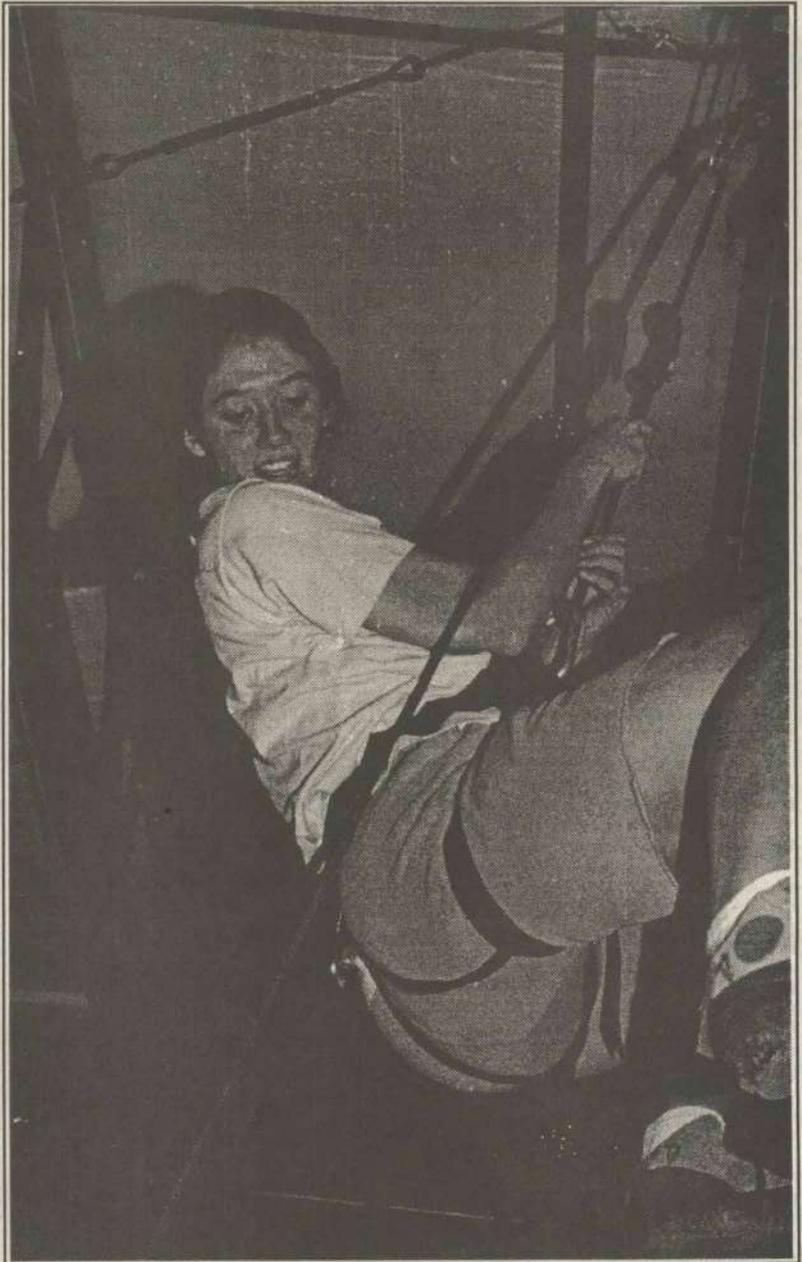
After waiting around for about forty-five minutes for everyone to show up, we were off to who knew where. Finally, the mystery was revealed, we had a nother hour and a half of driving to do since the skydiving joint was all the way in Shelton.

To make a long story short, we were trained how to skydive for about six hours, I had to sit suspended in a harness as my legs went numb and I cried out in pain. The instructor was mean to me 'cause I'm an idiot and I didn't respond quick enough during the drills for "his highness". The dare-I-say meal we were served consisted of charred hot dogs and potato chips which proceeded to revisit me throughout the remainder of the day (sucks to be a vegetarian on a day like this).

After becoming trained skydivers (except for me 'cause the mean instructor informed me I would have to do more drills) we were told the weather was too bad to go up, so we had to go home.

So I thought I was pretty hardcore and spontaneous. Instead, I found I was pretty uncoordinated, care much about losing my life, hate being embarrassed in front of many, and absolutely detest hotdogs.

The moral of the story is, make sure you bring a packed lunch when you go on field trips, 'cause you never know if you'll be the recipient of a BBQ meal.



Rockclimbing, offered through GRCC's Outdoor Programs, gave students a unique opportunity to seek adventure and new horizons.

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