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ASGRCC President Ty Somerville with his fellow student government staff members.

An interview with the president

Conducted by: Elice Estrada

Elice Estrada: What got you interested in student government?

Ty Somerville: I didn't really think about it until the position came open, and I looked at it as an opportunity to help change some of the things that I saw here at Green River. So, when the opportunity came, I was encouraged by a couple of the people in student services. So, I thought, 'what a great opportunity to help be a part of change.' I believe that you can complain about change, but until you act, change will never happen. I felt like this is an action where I can help bring about some of the changes that I've heard about around campus, and some of the ones that I myself have felt were needed.

Estrada: Why do you feel that being active in student government is important?

Somerville: I think that being active in student government is important because it gives you a sense of power and purpose. Although we may not be the final executor of any decisions that are made, it always feels good to feel like you're being heard. Also, I think being a part of student government gives us the opportunity as student leaders to be heard. We are the voice of the students and that voice needs to be heard. So, I think it's important for students to be involved because we're really the ones who are affected by the decisions this school makes. It's important for us to be involved in our own process of education.

Estrada: What made you want to be the ASGRCC president?

Somerville: When I heard the position was open, I honestly was, at first, a ner-

vous wreck. I'm even more nervous now than I was when I heard about it. I've always taken the approach of leadership as something that you should take seriously, and the position of president is a very serious position. With my fundamental principles, I think that being the president really came from seeing the vacancy. I'm not good at seeing empty seats, and what I mean by that is I'm not good at just watching things happen knowing I can make a difference. That's what made me want to run for president: the vacancy was there, and knowing that I could make a difference in this community.

Estrada: What do you feel sets you apart from the other candidates?

Somerville: I think the voters saw my calm, controlled approach. A lot of the people I spoke with on the campaign trail asked me to persuade them, and I promised them that I could not do that; I could not persuade a person. I don't believe that's ethical to try to persuade a person to a choice. I just presented myself. Being authentic, and just being genuinely transparent. I don't know what the other candidates did, I only know what I did,

and I think those things kind of set me apart. Then, having the ability to kind of talk to and relate to people from all different walks of life. Whether that be socio-economic, cultural, ethnic, I have the unique ability to just relate, because I've been in situations where I've had to learn those traits.

Estrada: Do you think your age played a role in voters' choices?

Somerville: My life gave me a different perspective, and a lot of times, as the president of the student body, you don't need to be impulsive; you need to have perspective. Be passionate, without being emotional. So, for me, it was an easy task to talk to people about the issues we're faced with as students, and to put a perspective on it. We can put passion on anything, but not understanding the entire scope of what our decisions can be, or what our complaints are can kind of give us a jaded view of what the solution should be. So, while I was talking to people out here on the campus, I was really wanting them to understand my perspective. As students, we have to maintain a certain level of perspective of what the board of trustees decides, and what our

president decides, and what our student services decide. So, I think that age helped in a lot of those cases, and students were able to look at me, not as a parent, but more as a mentor.

Estrada: What are your duties as president?

Somerville: For a lack of better words, my duty is to be the voice of the student population here at Green River. Also, I report to the board of trustees on a monthly basis speaking to the issues that students are presenting, and proposing plans of action for those different scenarios and different issues. I work closely with the student senate committee. We have our senate meetings, we have our leadership meetings.

Estrada: When you are making choices as president, what are some things you have to consider before making your decision?

Somerville: The biggest thing you have to consider is the intention of the decision versus the impact of the decisions. There's a lot of great ideas, a lot of good ideas, a lot of better ideas, but implementing those ideas ... sometimes the best idea may not bring out the best outcome. So, we

have to look at how those ideas will affect the entire campus as opposed to how it affects us individually. We have to put our personal bias aside and think about what's good for the group. Although I may not feel comfortable with certain policy's personally, my personality should not get involved and will not get involved in the decision making process.

Estrada: Now that you are president, what are you most excited about?

Somerville: I'm most excited about meeting the people from different organizations, from different clubs. We have a lot of clubs and organizations on this campus and I'm really excited about meeting all of them. My goal is to meet each and every club president, each and every club committee, each and every organization president, from athletics to the science club to the technology club to the speakers of other languages. I just want people to know that we care, that the student government cares about the issues of all students, and not just a particular group. So, that's my most exciting adventure, to find out new things about people that I didn't know, and about different cultures that I've never heard of.

Chemistry club finds new roots

Through hands-on learning, Saskia Van Bergen proves science can be fun

By: Rachel Sant
Senior Staff Writer

The "Gummy Bear Sacrifice" Experiment: a white salt-like material is dropped into a test tube, and then heated over an open flame. Slowly, this salt melts into a cloudy, bubbling liquid. Now a gummy bear is dropped into it. What happens next? To put it simply: fire.

A loud hissing flame erupts from the melted salt, flashing throughout the tube and emitting white smoke from the top. It only lasts for a moment, before it sputters, fades out, and leaves only burnt remains.

Now, this isn't something that should be done at home; however, it is one of the fun experiments conducted by Green River's revamped Chemistry Club.

The Chemistry Club is a club of action. Rather than teaching chemistry through lecturing, this club



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Members of the Chemistry Club conducting the dry ice "boo" bubbles experiment.

takes a new angle through hands-on demonstrations. The goal is to get students directly involved in an experiment in order to understand what chemistry really has to offer.

It is not necessary to be in a chemistry class.

However, students in chemistry classes can certainly find it beneficial.

"I am taking a chemistry

class myself and I find it more helpful and enjoyable when I get to actually do lab type experiments," said Stephanie Tran, the club's vice president.

The club plans to take field trips throughout the year. This includes a trip to a lab in Bellevue to experiment with recreating food, and a trip to the Seattle Children's Hospital

to volunteer during cancer research week.

So, whether it's setting fire to gummy bears using chemicals or taking field trips, the Chemistry Club has plenty to do.

"Just come to Chemistry Club cause it can be fun," said Saskia Van Bergen, the club's advisor. "Science can be cool."

Man on the Street



What is your favorite thing about Halloween?

I've never celebrated Halloween before, but I really want to experience it. I think it would really be fun to dress up with my friends as wizards then go around campus and say to normal people, "Tsk, Muggles..."



Rex Ford

My favorite part about Halloween is dressing up. Costumes are a big part of Halloween I guess. I also like going to parties with all my friends.



Oscar Donis

My favorite part about Halloween is taking the kids around the neighborhood to go trick or treating and watching them get all excited.



Kristina Setchfield

Halloween is very interesting to me. In all honesty, I've seen a real ghost. I know it's kind of weird, but I like to see people dressing up as ghosts and compare them to the real one I saw.



Jason Pranoto

Every other week, The Current's editors crawl out of their cave to ask the campus random questions. Suggest a subject at:

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Concert Calendar

Oct.	
29	Robyn Hitchcock @ The Triple Door (Doors open at 7:30 p.m. all ages, \$25)
30	Revocation @ El Corazon (Doors open at 8 p.m. all ages, \$10-\$12)
31	Toadies/Helmet @ Crystal Ballroom (Doors open at 8 p.m. all ages, \$20)
Nov.	
1	David Wilcox @ The Triple Door (Doors open at 7:30 p.m. all ages, \$33-\$35)
	Continental Soldiers @ El Corazon (Doors open at 7:30 p.m. all ages, \$8)
	Saint Etienne @ Showbox at The Market (Doors open at 7 p.m. all ages \$24-\$25)
	Chali 2na @ The Crocodile (Doors open at 8 p.m. all ages, \$12)
2	Benny Benassi @ Showbox SODO (Doors open at 7 p.m. 18+, \$32-\$42)
3	Cat Power @ Showbox Sodo (Doors open at 8 p.m. all ages, \$30-\$35)
7	Wiz Khalifa @ WaMu Theater (Doors open at 7:30 p.m. all ages, \$40)
8	Stars @ Showbox at the Market (Doors open at 7:30 p.m. all ages, \$26-\$30)
	Late Night Alumni @ The Crocodile (Doors open at 8 p.m. all ages, \$15)
	Come back Kid @ The Vera Project (Doors open at 6:30 p.m. all ages, \$13)
9	Datsik @ Showbox Sodo (Doors open at 8 p.m. all ages, \$25-\$30)
	A Place To Bury Strangers @ El corazon (Doors open at 8 p.m. all ages, \$13)
10	The AP Tour Fall @ El Corazon (Doors open at 7 p.m. all ages, \$17)
28	Epica @ El Corazon (Doors open at 7:30 p.m. all ages, \$22-\$55)

MOVIE REVIEW

Things are looking "Sinister"

By: Michelle Spencer
Photography Editor



Sinister is a movie about a down-on-his-luck true-crime novelist named Ellison Oswald (Ethan Hawke) who is on the search for his next big story.

Along with his loving wife Tracy (Juliete Rylance), his son Trevor (Michael Hall D'Addario) and his daughter Ashley (Clare Foley), he moves into a house where a family was murdered months ago.

In the process of moving in, Oswald stumbles upon a box of tapes in the attic and starts to watch them, only to find a gruesome recording of the family's murder. He also finds several tapes of different family murders from all over the country that later prove to be related to the murder he's investigating at the time.

Unknown to Oswald, a dark terror awaits him from within the tapes. His passion for the fame he lost drives him to discoveries that put his family and himself in danger of an evil supernatural entity.

This movie is the fresh new horror story that was needed for this Halloween.

The cinematography and music used in the movie outdo the feel most horror movies. Without its refreshing, creepy music and well written plot, the movie would not have been nearly as scary as it was.

Most of the movie was shot in the house where the Oswalds lived, with most of the scenes taking place at night.

Nobody ever seems to turn on the lights in this movie.

Rule number one in this situation: Turn on the lights! Most of the scenes are dark and haunting. Ev-



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Bughul's "children" provide extra fright in the movie *Sinister*.

ery scene has its own "sinister" feel to it as suspense keeps building with each turn of events. This film has a lot of thrills and suspense, with just the right amount of gore to make you cringe and squirm in your seat.

The movie even has a dash of humor, with an awkward cop (James Ransone) who insists in helping the misfortunate writer on his quest to find the killer behind the terrifying murders. The humor helps

make the movie a little more fun and a little less horrifying.

By the end of this movie, viewers will be leaving the theatre not only with a good scare, but also with the horrific revelation of the movie's ending. *Sinister* is the perfect movie to see this Halloween.

Rated: R

Director: Scott Derrickson

Starring: Ethan Hawke, Juliet Rylance

The Current Picks

VIDEO GAME

Radiata Stories



By: Jeremy Siregar

When two well renowned game development companies work together, chances are things won't end well. But not so with tri-Ace and Square Enix!

In 2005, the duo released *Radiata Stories*. The game circulates around a young man named Jack Russell, whose goal is to become a knight like his father. His dream takes a sharp detour when his brigade is falsely charged with treason against the kingdom.

The intense battles and deep skill systems of tri-Ace are exposed in their entirety through *Radiata Stories*. Its warm and happy design welcomes any player who strives for adventure.

MOVIE

American Beauty



By: Michelle Spencer

Lester Bernham is a depressed man who is unhappy with being married to his materialistic wife, Carolyn.

His crisis began when he became infatuated with his daughter's friend, Angela. Meanwhile, his daughter Jane befriends their new neighbor Ricky Fitts, whose dark family involves his controlling Marine father, Frank.

This movie is a satire about the perfect suburban life. It discusses themes such as paternal love, sexuality and beauty. The film is a classic and has a great message about the beauty in our everyday lives.

BOOK

The Art of Fielding



By: Dylan Whitcher

At Westish College, baseball superstar Henry Skrimshander is destined for the big leagues, but when a routine throw goes surprisingly off course, his fate is changed forever.

First time novelist Chad Harbach does an outstanding job describing the personal struggles Skrimshander went through after a seemingly innocent error is made by the college's star baseball player.

The Art of Fielding takes the reader on a rollercoaster of emotion, with an ending that leaves you begging for more. *The Art of Fielding* is a great read for teenagers and adults and makes you think about what's really important.

MUSIC

Babel



By: Ellice Estrada

Mumford & Sons has done it again with their new album, *Babel*.

The smooth yet lively mix of modern day folk creates a vibration of freedom throughout the album.

The music expresses life and enthusiasm. Mumford is the ultimate driving, hanging-out, running, cleaning and dancing music.

When you put this album on, the urge to skip to the next song will disappear. Ultimately, you will be immersed and become lost in their wonderful and unique melody. This album can easily become the soundtrack to your life!

Macklemore's The Heist is a steal

Seattle local, Ben Haggerty, tops iTunes chart with new album

By: Meghan Collins
Staff Writer

Seattle native Macklemore may not be on your playlist, but whether you listen to rap music or not, his new album is not to be missed. Ben Haggerty (Macklemore), in collaboration with producer Ryan Lewis, released his first debut independent album *The Heist* on October 9, 2012.

Within hours of its release, the album reached number one on iTunes and stayed there for four days. By the end of the week, the album had skyrocketed and sold 78,000 copies.

Ben Haggerty's music career began in the year 2000, but his first full album, *The Language of My World*, was not produced until 2005. After battling with a difficult addiction to oxycontin, he released a second album, *The Unplanned Mixtape*, in fall of 2009. Following two years of sobriety, Haggerty made his best career move yet: pairing with DJ Ryan Lewis.

Macklemore's edgy, clear and concise songs are packed with emotion, intimate details, and current social issues. His album *The Heist* showcases Macklemore's storytelling abilities and his been there, done that attitude. The blend of Haggerty's fresh pop/rap

and Lewis' unique orchestrated production creates an artistic ensemble that is truly one of a kind.

The opening track, "Ten Thousand Hours", is based on Canadian journalist Malcolm Gladwell's theory that it takes ten thousand

ing, showcases his talent with instrumental pieces by using a lone piano and a multilayered ballad. Each artist is talented in his own right, but as a duo, they created something extraordinary that exceeds all expectations.



Macklemore rapping to a packed house in Toronto, Canada

hours of practice to reach the highest levels of success. Macklemore states on this track, "I'm so damn close that I can taste it...and a life lived for art is never a life wasted."

Lewis is just as astounding. He brought quality, originality, and innovative production. Lewis is a perfectionist that masterfully creates fresh artistic orchestration throughout the album. The track "Bom Bom," featuring The Teach-

The title *The Heist* is meant to be a message to the large label companies. Showing that they can successfully produce this album independently is like stealing money from the major label's pockets. This is showcased in his song "Jimmy Lovin" that swears off signing with a major label. Macklemore raps "I'd rather be a starving artist than succeed at getting [screwed]."

Another song worth

mentioning on this album is "Same Love", which was originally released in July, 2012. The song shows Macklemore's support for marriage equality and explains his personal relationship to this issue by addressing one of his family member's homosexuality. This is a very powerful movement that Macklemore artistically supports without being political.

Macklemore delves into his painful past of drugs, drinking, rehab and relapse with songs like "Neon Cathedral" featuring Allen Stone. He portrays addiction as a "thief in the night." This haunting song is accompanied by "Starting Over" featuring Ben Birdwell of Band of Horses, which expresses his pain over relapse and recovery.

What stands out the most about this album is that it doesn't sound like anything that anyone else is currently putting out. Each track is a new adventure with clever wording that makes skipping a single track impossible. There are even bonus tracks for those who splurge on the deluxe edition. This album is a home run for Macklemore and Ryan Lewis that can be enjoyed by anyone who likes good beats, smart lyrics, and the bragging rights to an amazing playlist.

Four must-have smartphone RTS games



The Gaming Guru Jeremy Siregar

We may never be able to play Age of Empires or Starcraft on our smartphones, but the next best thing may not be so bad.

Decent real-time strategy games for smartphones are surprisingly difficult to find. With the touchscreen technology revolutionizing gaming controls, RTS games are considerably much simpler to play than action games as fast reactions and reflexes are not the key component to RTS games.

RTS takes more strategy planning and is time consuming. On average, an RTS skirmish can last up to an hour or two. Who has time for that anymore? Thank goodness for smartphones! Smartphones allow players to momentarily put down their game during a busy hour and continue later.

For years RTS games have allowed players to command armies without having to attend military school. Here to carry on that tradition, smartphone apps allow players to command armies, literally, by a touch of their finger.

If you own any Apple or Android operated smartphone, the world of mobile RTS is within your grasp!

Game developing companies like Gameloft and Electronic Arts are some of the few who braved the sea of smartphone applications.

No game is ever perfect. When they are, they will simply be replaced by a better version or by a better game. Such is the case for smartphones' RTS games. Developers are endlessly improving or releasing new games. We dug long and hard to conjure the following list. Here are four smartphone RTS games that you must have!



1. Starfront: Collision

Gameloft may not be the most original game developer, but their work is impeccable. Gameloft's Starfront:Collision is the game to get if you want a mini Starcraft for \$6.99.



2. C&C Red Alert

Command and Conquer Red Alert is a testament to its franchise. Command armies from the Allies, Soviets or Empire of the Rising Sun.



3. Legendary Heroes

Legendary Heroes by Maya Games may look like League of Legends, but trust me; there are some original and unique features in the game.

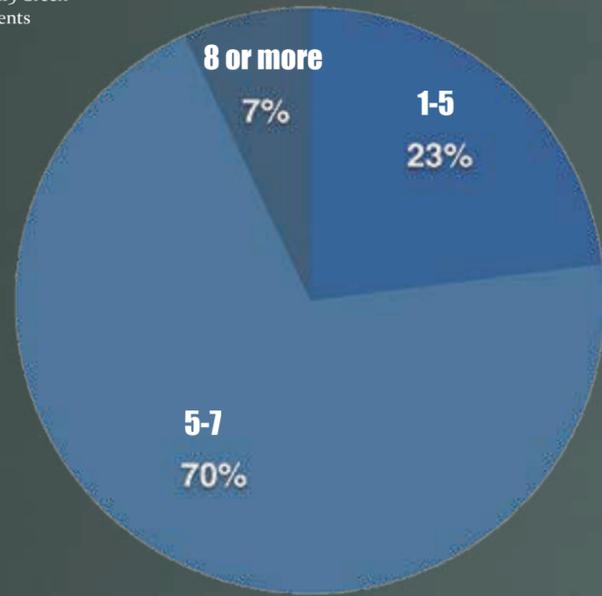


4. Hero Academy

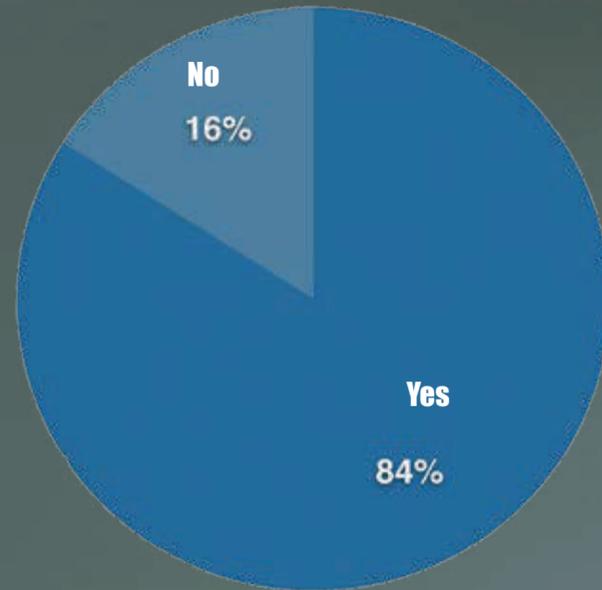
This turn based RTS is a must-have simply because of its multiplayer feature. You'll spend hours or even days trying to outsmart your opponent.



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On average, how many hours of sleep do you get a night?



Does your lack of sleep affect your school work?

By: Dylan Whitcher
Editor-in-Chief

While you are enjoying your last meal of the day, Talvinder Sidhu is going to bed. Three short hours later, he wakes up ready for the next day's challenges.

Sidhu, a full-time student at Green River and a full-time employee, works the graveyard shift from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m., then a mere two hours later goes to his first class at 7 a.m.

Despite Sidhu being a dedicated and hardworking student, he unexpectedly is finding that he may need more sleep than he is currently getting.

"I didn't think [lack of sleep] was going to affect me a lot, but it has been. Sometimes I can't wake up for my 7 a.m. class because I sleep a little extra after work."

Sidhu's busy schedule in-

cludes class from 7 a.m. until about 1 p.m., allowing him to go to bed right after school. However, like many college students, there is much to be done outside of the classroom.

"I go to the gym from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., after that I am really exhausted and then I still have to do my homework until 6 p.m.," Sidhu mentions. This gives him just three measly hours for rest. Then, another day starts.

Sadly, this is not unique: for some college students sleep deprivation is becoming an epidemic.

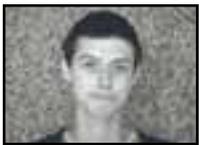
According to Franciscan Health System, a Sleep Disorder

Center located in Federal Way, Wash., the average adult needs eight hours of sleep. That number increases to 10 hours of sleep if your body is still growing.

The cause of sleep deprivation varies. It can be from a poor diet or excessive alcohol or caffeine intake, especially at night. Sleep deprivation can even be physical or psychological.

The Current polled 115 students, asking them *on average, how many hours of sleep do you get on a school night?* The results were astounding. 70 percent said they get 5-7 hours while 23 percent said 1-5. Only seven percent of the students get their required eight hours. The same group of students were asked if their lack of sleep affects their schoolwork. 84 percent voted yes it does, with a mere 16 percent saying no.

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EDITORIAL

Putting a stop to domestic violence

Domestic Violence Awareness Month may be ending, but the awareness doesn't need to stop

Editorial Board: Dylan Whitcher, Shane Lange, Ellice Estrada, Jeremy Siregar, Logan Sychtysz, Thomas Petersen, Michelle Spencer

In the United States of America, statistics show that one out of four women will be victims of domestic violence within their lifetime. For men, it is one out of thirty-three.

In our country, domestic violence happens all too often. What many don't realize is that the repercussions of domestic violence are not isolated to those involved. It can affect generations of those who have witnessed it and, aside from the human toll, can cost a lot of money.

According to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, there are 16,800 homicides and \$2.2 million in medically treated injuries due to intimate partner violence annually. With all aspects considered, costs \$37 billion total.

As we come to the end of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, we need not end the awareness of what many people experience every day.

Despite the shocking number of people that report they have experienced violence from their partner, an equally shocking number of people have never come forward. The NCADV estimates that only

one fourth of all disputes are reported.

"The majority of victims who did not report [domestic violence] thought the police would not or could not do anything for them." (NVAW Survey, July 2000)

Clearly, we as a society must invest in more effective prevention methods and more strict and full-bodied intervention programs.

Many people fear that alerting someone of their issue will not help them. If you want to help victims on a personal level, you can stand next to and support those that do come forward to tell their story. For those who have yet to report their abusive situation, the prospect of doing so may seem more beneficial.

To contribute to a larger scale initiative, you can support the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act.

In 1994, President Bill Clinton signed the VAWA. The act provides \$1.6 billion toward investigation and prosecution of violent crimes against women.

As of now, the act is up for reauthorization. Procedural measures have

hindered the reconciliation of the act and, because of debates within congress, it is unclear when the bill will reach the president's desk.

The American Civil Liberties Union stated in a letter to the Senate Judiciary Committee, "VAWA is one of the most effective pieces of legislation enacted to end domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. It has dramatically improved the law enforcement response to violence against women and has provided critical services necessary to support women in their struggle to overcome abusive situations."

College students aged 18 to 24 experience the highest rate of intimate partner violence. As college students, we need to have our voice heard to show how important an issue this is. Today's students will be the future's leaders and they will be responsible for the next.

Putting as much attention, time, and effort into this issue as we do to things like breast cancer could potentially keep domestic violent tendencies from being passed down to the next generation and save lives.

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Dylan's Letter

A message from the EIC

**The Chief**
Dylan Whitcher

Rule number one in journalism ... scratch that ... rule number one in life: anything that can go wrong, will go wrong.

If I've learned anything in this past month of being Editor-in-Chief, I'd have to say that Murphy's Law is definitely near the top of the list. And this "fact" was ever so evident Saturday Oct. 20, when three staff members and myself attended the Society of Professional Journalists conference held at the University of Washington.

The SPJ conference is a great way for student newspapers like The Current to network and meet with other student newspapers. It's an annual event, with guest speakers and great workshops that can only enhance yourself as a journalist and your student newspaper.

The conference was set to begin at 9 a.m. so we figured we should meet at the GRCC campus at 7:30 in order to leave and get journalistic necessities (coffee).

Just remember, Murphy's Law.

Shane Lange, The Current's ad-manager, had to take a bus in order to get to campus. As the responsible student that he is, he checked the schedule for the next morning's bus, which was scheduled to leave at 7:09 a.m., giving him ample time to get to campus in order for us to leave at 7:30.

But of course, Murphy's Law made the bus leave five minutes early, resulting in Lange missing his bus. We had to pick him up at his home in Kent. We figured that we would still

be okay and would definitely arrive at UW with plenty of time to spare. I should have known that Murphy would have different plans.

We took two cars; I picked up Lange at his house, with two staff writers following behind me. Picking up Lange was easy. So, we finally got coffee and everything was going smoothly.

After getting the necessities, we were finally ready to go to UW. Five minutes later, my phone rang.

It was the car that was supposedly following me, they were stuck at a light and could no longer see my car. After yet another delay of about five minutes, we should still be okay if we hurried.

Being the technological dependent person that I am, I relied on my so called "smart phone" to get me to my destination. (They really need to change the name of those dumb phones.)

We were on the freeway, ready to board the 520 bridge that would take us straight to campus. However, Murphy's Law was yet again in effect: the bridge was under maintenance for the weekend. My dumb phone didn't realize this and kept trying to redirect me onto 520.

After what must have been a half hour, we finally found an effective alternate route.

Certainly guaranteeing that we would be late. Finally, we arrived at UW around 9:30. After sneaking into our first session a tad tardy, we were ready to take as much out of the conference that we could.

This experience taught me many lessons that I can apply not only to this newspaper, but also to everyday life. You can never be over-prepared for anything.

But the most important thing: always account for Murphy and his damn law.



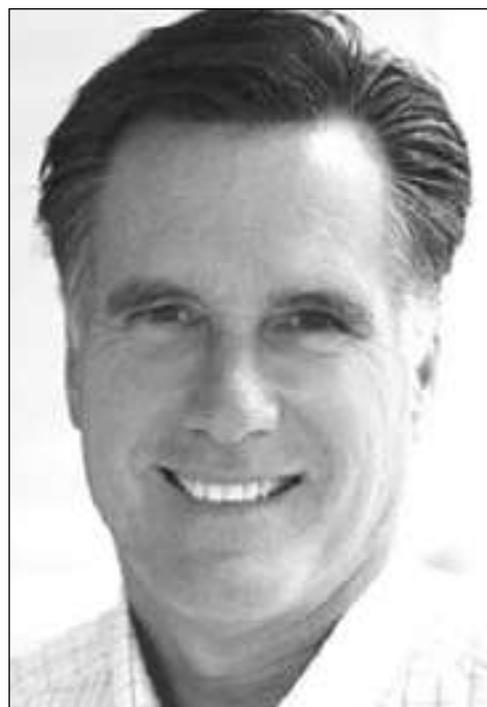
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"Change will not come if we wait for some other person, or if we wait for some other time. We are the change we seek."

Barack Obama

Name: Barack Hussein Obama II
Date of Birth: August 4, 1961
Education: Harvard Law School (J.D.)
Political Party: Democratic



"I stand ready to lead us down a different path, where we are lifted up by our desire to succeed, not dragged down by a resentment of success."

Mitt Romney

Name: Willard Mitt Romney
Date of Birth: March 12, 1947
Education: Harvard Law School (J.D.)
Political Party: Republican

By: Shane Lange
Managing Editor

At face value, President Barack Obama is very appealing to the younger and more current generation. At 51, Obama takes rank as one of the youngest US presidents in history.

Once the surface is broken, our collective view of the president becomes more controversial and polarized. He is on the track of overhauling our health care system and has voiced his support for the legalization of same-sex marriage on the cusp of a civil rights movement.

The ideologies of Obama are very forward thinking and have long term effects. In his support for equality and choice, it's as if he is an extension of the late Martin Luther King Jr.

He is a revolutionary.

For too long we have been bound by suppressive, outdated statutes, greedy healthcare dispensaries, and a failing economy. With many of Obama's policies that are intact and with those to come, the United States can take a turn for the best.

Many of Obama's policies have been geared toward benefiting the lower and middle class, providing lower taxes and making a certain percentile of low-income families exempt from general health care fees.

On March 23, 2010, Obama signed the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. This allows many people, who would otherwise be unable to afford medical insurance, to do so. This change in accessibility comes with a fair and more efficient program.

Starting at the beginning of next year, insurers will be unable to discriminate against those of a certain

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gender or with a pre-existing condition because of "Obamacare".

Students in particular should take note of Obama's policies, for he has invested a lot into relieving students of some of their tuition expenses. Pell grants have been expanded to millions of students and will be expanded to millions more due to the Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act signed by Obama in 2009.

Troops have been moved out of Iraq, Osama Bin Laden is no longer a threat, and Don't Ask - Don't Tell has been ended. In many aspects, our nation is evol-

ing and moving forward.

Obama has opened many opportunities for US citizens and those who reside here. His investment on green jobs and alternative energy is an accelerated push into what people thought would be the distant future.

Many people are having a difficult time seeing the impact of what Obama is doing, but what they must realize is that all great things take time.

"We did not come to fear the future. We came here to shape it," said Obama in a speech during a joint session of Congress in 2009.

Come Election Day, I will be casting my vote for Barack Obama because I thrive for the change that can come of what he has done for us.

He has humbly admitted that he isn't perfect, but who of us is? We must understand that, despite having made mistakes, he is making a mark in history that will later be known as the turning point for America.

As the nation recovers under Obama's guidance, the potential of our country seems endless.

He has set out to not only maintain our way of life, but to improve it, revolutionize it, and to make the United States of America into the country that it has the potential to be.

By: Logan Sychtysz
Op-Ed Editor

With the 2012 elections upon us, the older generations proclaim Republican Mitt Romney to be the strongest and candidate for the presidency.

To the people, Romney presents a future filled not with poverty and economic struggle, but with prosperity and stability for all age groups. It is no secret that America needs an economic change. The economy has not improved to the standards that were once promised to the people.

Acknowledging the great economic struggle that is in motion, Romney presents a set of strong plans that he feels would begin to turn the economy upward.

At age 65, the former governor of Massachusetts, and the CEO of Bain and Company, has been around long enough to understand the damage that the economy is having on our nation.

Unemployment has long plagued our nation and in current times it is still a big issue that needs resolving. Romney suggests a solution where the nation makes American businesses competitive in the global economy and that these businesses open their markets abroad.

The foreseeable outcome? Americans will actually be able to get jobs and

businesses will thrive in such a way that will halt the economic regression and start to turn it around.

From reducing taxes, to cutting the federal spending, to aiding the reduction of national debt, Romney is there. He fights for the economic turnover that will let our nation rise once more.

Of course there are the issues that have hooked the nation's attention such as

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the approval of same-sex marriage and the legalization of medical marijuana. Romney does not support these issues since Romney appears to be a man of the past and of tradition.

In my personal opinion it is disconcerting knowing that our nation is focusing so much on such minor details like marijuana and same-sex marriage when the economy and other crucial issues are sitting right before us being put on the side lines.

Last I checked, marijuana never saved a nation from debt or unemployment and no matter who you are or

who you are married to, you still have to live in the same economy and under the same taxes and rules we all live under.

Outside of our internal issues, Romney voices his concerns over foreign affairs. Oil, for instance, needs to start coming from America instead of being relied upon by the countries overseas.

A big question everyone has been asking: will our troops overseas ever come home? In the election of 2008, Obama promised that our troops would all be home within the length of his term as president.

Four years have come and gone, and still we read in the papers today of the foreign struggles overseas as our troops wait to come home.

Romney doesn't promise that the soldiers must wait four more years. Instead, with accordance and cooperation of the U.S. generals, he states that he wants our soldiers brought home as soon as possible.

I believe that when all opponents are fairly evaluated, Romney is the best choice for our nation.

Not one man has all the answers to life's problems and Romney is not pretending that he does, yet his confidence and determination will allow him to take on any challenge that arises in our time.

Green River used in scam

Craigslist users across the nation swindled by con-artist

By: Benjamin Biernacki
Staff Writer

Green River's international wire account number was used by a third party to scam users of Craigslist.

The scammer purchased items on the site using Green River's name and the account number. Sellers received fraudulent checks for amounts above the asking price, and then were asked to send back the difference while being instructed to keep \$100 for fulfilling the buyer's request.

The scheme unraveled when sellers attempted to cash the checks and the checks bounced.

"[The international wire account] is only a one way account. You can only wire money in; you can't take money out," said Vickie Sheehan, executive director of college relations here at Green River.

Once sellers discovered the checks were fraudulent, they began to call the college with complaints. On Thursday, Oct. 11, Green River received approximately 30 calls from victims of the scam.

The scammers have targeted individuals across the nation, but there are currently no reported victims in Washington State. However, with the number of complaints now over 40, it is unclear just how far reaching the scam really is.

The Auburn Police were notified, and an investigation is ongoing. The scammer used FedEx envelopes allegedly stolen from a company in Illinois, effectively erasing any paper trail. Tracking down the scammer is proving difficult.

"It's like finding a needle in a haystack," said Sheehan. "The difficulty for [the Auburn Police] is that it's a

jurisdictional issue... they're pretty sure it's not originating from Auburn."

According to Sheehan, other colleges have been used by scammers in the same way in the past. This means that the scope of the scam might be considerably larger, and certainly stands as a warning to anyone using Craigslist: If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

Sheehan also notes that Green River has strict purchasing guidelines and does not do business on sites like Craigslist.

Green River is taking what measures it can to help those affected, having set up a voicemail box at extension #2257 for anyone with information concerning the scam. The college is compiling any and all information received for use once the case is brought to court.

IT bachelor's program in sight

Green River hopes to provide a Bachelor's in Advanced Science

By: Christin Peter
Staff Writer

Green River's Information Technology department has started the process of creating a bachelor's program to offer to students.

The lengthy and rigorous process for approval is currently in the investigative stage. The IT faculty is currently conducting student surveys to determine interest in such a program. Several IT programs are considering taking the route towards state approval and the mountain of paperwork is just beginning.

"It feels like writing a master's thesis," said IT instructor Alan Carter.

The IT department already offers six degrees and one certificate, but the addition of a bachelor's program would allow graduates to go further in their educa-

tion without transferring to a more expensive four year institution.

The associate's degrees currently offered provide the basic skills needed to function in the workplace, but the industry is constantly changing.

"Employers are looking for that well-rounded person," says Carter.

Up until 2007, bachelor's programs were only offered at four year institutions. Now, the Washington State government allows Bachelor of Advanced Science degrees to be attained at the community college level.

Since the government funds these schools, the applicant must be able to persuade the state that the extra funding for the additional facilities would be a wise use of state resources and that a similar program isn't already offered at another community college

in the area.

"It's all those little things you have to look at," Carter informs.

If the program is implemented, after completing an associate's degree, a student would take two additional years of studying to gain a bachelor's degree. The requirement for this advanced degree is 180 credits.

"We're looking into the possibility and starting to fill out some of the paperwork required," Carter explains. "It's a long process."

Although the work has just begun and the approval process is a long one, the IT department is optimistic in their endeavor.

The approval of such programs would definitely be an asset to the school and provide even more options to those continuing their education here at Green River Community College.

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Volleyball

Diversity thrives within Green River volleyball

Six Pacific Islanders make an impression that lasts on the Green River women's volleyball team

By: Febby Mulia
Senior Staff Writer

The Lady Gators volleyball team arrived at the season with an almost entirely new team, made up of six Samoan players and six American players.

The team had a mere three sophomores by the end of last season and head coach Kyle Densley was eager to build a team with a little bit of Island flavor.

"Because of my background through the years, whatever it is in my personality, I've become beloved of the Islanders and they like the way that I coach and they like the way that I implement family," said coach Densley regarding his newly diverse team. "Family's what's most important

to them and so the team concept bolts really well," he added.

When coach Densley started his coaching career at Green River seven years ago, his team was undefeated in conference play.

"Having nine freshmen, just like 10 freshmen seven years ago it's kind of like the cycle has returned exactly to the year we won," said Densley. "And the team is not by any means segregated at all, they have made this [team] a true family."

For the five Samoan players this concept of family is not unusual. In fact, three of them are cousins and the other two are cousins as well.

Gwen Leituala, the only Samoan player from the 2011 season, has already

had experience working with several Islanders who joined the team this year. She had been coaching three of the cousins since they were 13 or 14 years old, and she's both surprised and excited to have them playing on the same squad.

"This is just a whole new experience for me which I love because I've never got to play with a bunch of, you know like a full whole team of six Samoan girls," said Leituala, ecstatic about the new team.

The brand new 2012 team implements a sense of family, not only on the court but off the court as well. This newly constructed family ignites the team dynamics and how to play with each other on the court.

"It's nothing but laughs



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Three of the Samoan volleyball players strutting their stuff before practice.

and we have a lot of stories to tell, we go to McDonald's a lot, we're very close off the court," Leituala mentioned. "I'm just happy that I get to play with a bunch of crazy,

fun-loving girls."

This family we call our volleyball team is definitely something that Green River has never encountered before and they'll give an edge

to the Lady Gators this volleyball season. "It's a good mix and it's equal ... so that just makes our team even more special-" Leituala says with a smile on her face.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Lady Gators set to take off

New freshman are poised to turn squad into competitive winner

By: Thomas Petersen
Sports Editor

Fifteen multi-talented girls, 11 skillful new players and five starting positions to fill; head coach for the girls' basketball team, Tim Riles, has his work cut out for him.

With basketball season just around the corner, the Green River girls' team is primed and ready for a fast-paced year to begin. Coach Riles has been blessed with four returning sophomores, but is still unsure of how to attack his starting lineup.

"Right now I can't really say because we have so many girls that are so close skill wise," began Riles. "But the freshmen are really pushing those four sophomores and so right now only time will tell."

Despite his uncertainty, Riles mentions several outstanding players that will no doubt have a last-

ing effect on the season to come. Keryn Knight, coming back as a sophomore, was the third leading scorer last season, putting her in a good position as far as experience and leadership goes.

In order for the Lady Gators to have a successful season, freshmen Carley Kitzman, Kelli Bryan, and Puja Taya, will need to come up huge, and to Riles, there is no doubt in his mind that they will do just that.

"All these players want to win. This group of freshmen is one of the most competitive groups I've ever been around," Riles said with a grin.

Riles also projects Taya will be a defensive headache for upcoming opponents this season. Taya is an extremely fast and gifted defensive player from Kentlake High School, who should definitely be on

every other teams radar.

Flowing nicely with coach Riles' group of multi-talented girls is his plan to rotate in and out different player, depending matchups in order to see who works best together. Riles has a master plan that incorporates quickly pulling in and out players, guaranteeing that they will always be fresh and ready to go.

"I don't see myself going through this season with one starting five," said Riles. "I think it's going to be really fluid."

But finding a group of girls that mesh nicely, would still be ideal.

Along with a smooth rotation of players, Riles also wants to play fast, pushing the ball up the court as much as possible.

Needless to say this team is excited, "They're working on their mental toughness, but physically I think we've got a pretty gifted group."

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

New players, new season

New faces among the men's basketball team show promise

By: Jonathan Sigrist
Staff Writer

With stellar recruiting from out-of-state and big plans for this year, the 2012 Gators Basketball Team is poised to make the playoffs.

Practice has begun for the upcoming 2012-2013 Men's Basketball season, and the team is already shaping up nicely. After a missed opportunity to enter the tournament last year, the team is hungry and poised to make a run at the Western Division Championship and a place in the NWAACC Tournament.

Tim Malroy is beginning his ninth season as head coach of the team, and has led them to multiple winning seasons and one tournament appearance. With a couple of key veterans and an influx of new talent, Malroy is optimistic about his team's chances this year.

Four players are returning from last year's squad including sophomore Kevin

McCrossin. From Fife High School, McCrossin is a former SPSL All-League and All State honorable mention in basketball, and someone coach Malroy is counting as an offensive leader.

"Kevin is just a lights out shooter, he can catch it and fling it from anywhere," said Malroy. "He's a guy that really helps us stretch the defense and other teams have to pay attention to him."

Bringing in brand new talent from all over the country, Malroy has Kendel Brown, a freshman recruited from high school in Anchorage, Alaska, and four students from schools in Chicago, Nate Jones, Kortney Darby, Chris Daily, and Johnny Roland.

Malroy spoke highly of Brown, his Alaskan recruit, "He's 6 foot 4 and a multi-talented scorer, he can shoot and get to the rim. Just very mature offensively, he's not going to have much trouble transitioning to the college

game." On defense, Malroy mentioned several key players whose tenacity has become "infectious" to the rest of the team. "The four kids I have from Chicago bring a different type of intensity to the court than most kids we've had here. They play with some hunger and I like that."

Although Malroy is taxed with replacing leading scorers from last season, he's confident that his guys can and will make it up in other areas. Mixing up his game with aggressive Chi-Town defenders and McCrossin ready to shoot, the Gators are fired up.

Malroy is ready to kick it off and start the season, and was quick to encourage people to fill the stands at the home games. "We love having fans there," said Malroy. "I think you'd have fun coming out to the game and watching how hard these kids play and represent the school."

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