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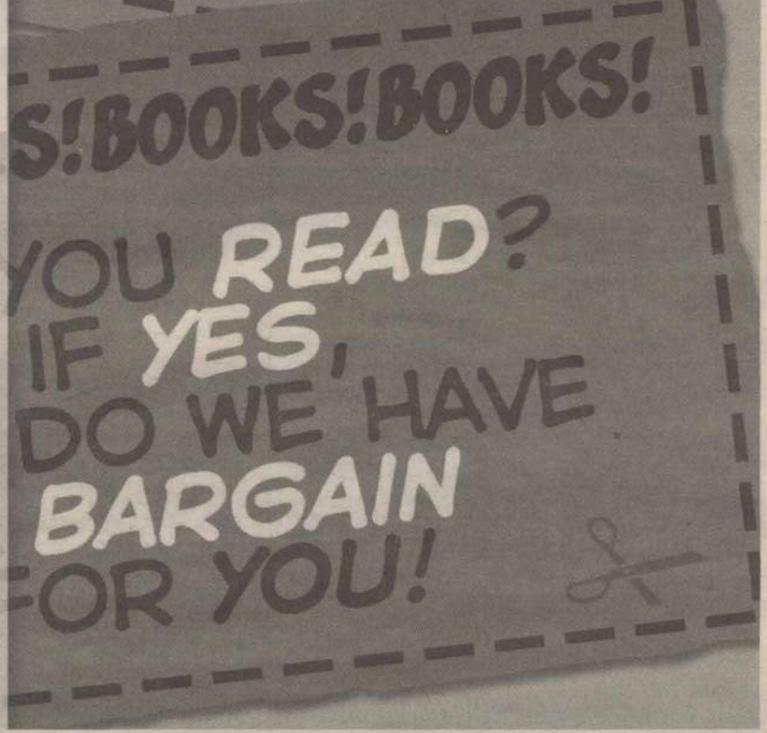
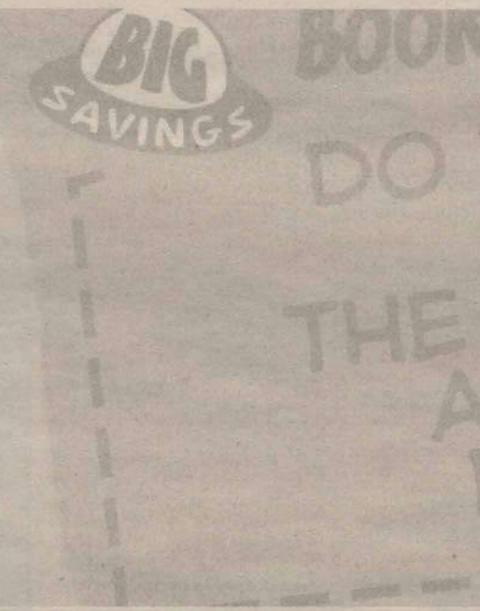
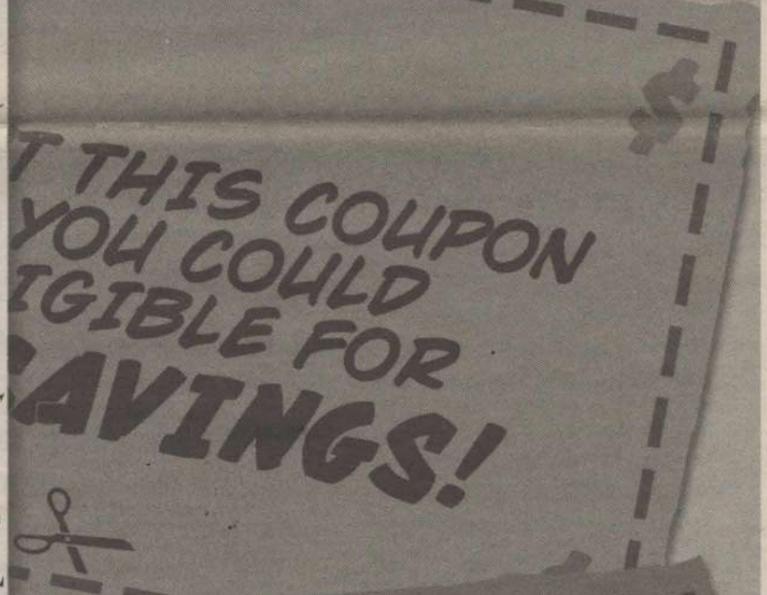
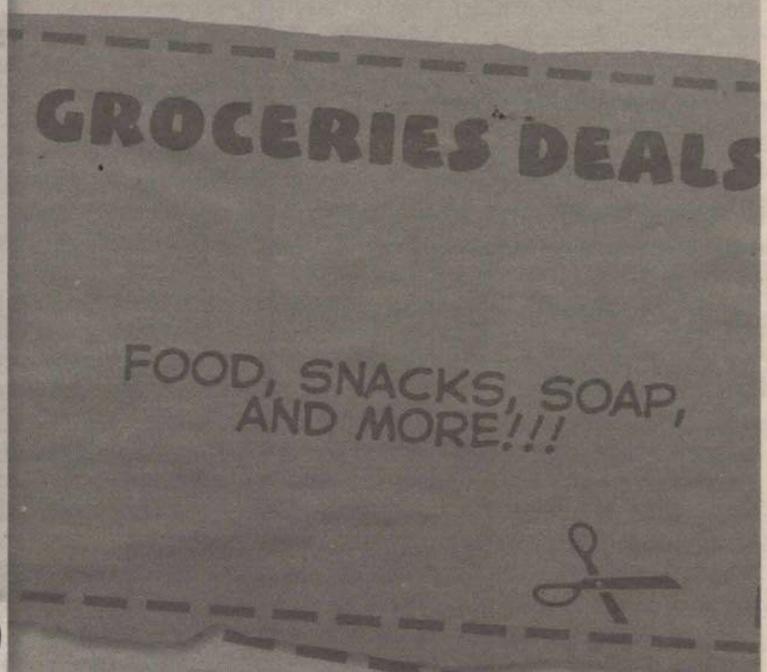
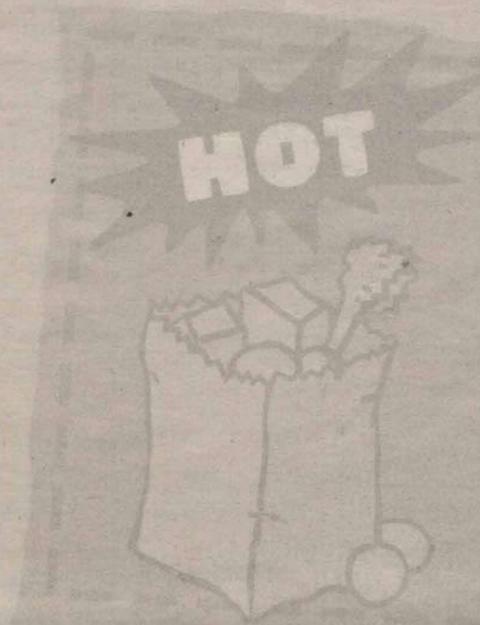
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# Current on Campus

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## EVENTS CALENDAR

compiled by Nichole Levens

### April 15

Don't forget to mail out your FAFSA by today. Contact Financial Aid for more information.

### 12 - 1p

Lindbloom Student Center: Glacier Room  
Admission is Free  
Discussion: Gay in America

This is the last event of diversity week and will be discussing what it's like to be gay in America. The event is put on by the Gay/Straight Alliance.

### April 18 12p

Monday Mix - JJ Heller

Free folk/pop concert in the Lindbloom Student Center MDA.

### April 19 9a - 1p

Lindbloom Student Center: Main dining room  
Admission is Free

Spring 2005 Transfer and Job Fair

Come on down to the Transfer and Job Fair for opportunities to obtain part/full time and summer/permanent jobs. Employers include Safeway, Verizon Wireless, Air Force Reserve and the King County Sheriff. Four year college representatives will also be in attendance.

### April 20

Lindbloom Student Center: Student Programs

Last day to turn in packets to apply and run for student body president and vice president for next year. Don't miss your opportunity to make a difference.

### April 22

Last day to receive a 40% refund on Spring quarter tuition.

Last day to withdraw from classes without affecting transcripts.

### April 25 12 - 1p

Lindbloom Student Center: Glacier Room  
Admission is Free

Inter-Club Council Meeting

Club information will be available. A representative from each club will be attending.

### April 29

Financial Aid

Many scholarships are due. For details contact financial aid

## Next Issue

**Opinion:** Sexual Orientation Discrimination and Social Security

**News:** Tech Center Delay & Pope Update

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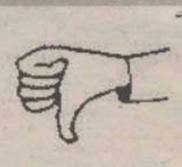
**Sports:** Sonics and Mariners Update

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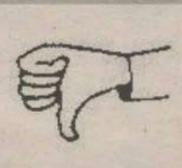
Thumbs up to strong midseason shows on TV right now. *Grey's Anatomy* & *The Office* have been a huge success

Thumbs down to it only being the second week of school. Why can't we hurry up and get out of here already?



Thumbs up to late snowfall in the mountains. It took a while, but it finally got here.

Thumbs down to the late ski season. The snow might have come, but too late for people to regain an interest.



Thumbs up to coffee helping us survive the early weeks of Spring Quarter.

Thumbs down to Spring Quarter having the lowest number of days off.



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# Current on Campus

## The Richards Wrap-Up

Tiffany Richards  
Student Government  
Correspondent

It was a session of approvals at the first Student Government meeting of Spring Quarter on April 7. First on the agenda was the most highly debated issue the Student Government faces every year, the 522 Student Activities Budget. The Budget passed in its entirety at \$850,000.

The reductions included Intercollegiate Athletics funding, which will be moved to Green River's General Fund sometime in the near future, and the Legislative fund in Student Government. The revenue gained from these rather large reductions were distributed as evenly as possible to the fitness lab, the jazz choir, the Drama department, the Ethnic Cultural Awareness Club, the Student Programs insurance fund, the LSC remodel reserve fund, and the child care scholarships. The Teachers of Tomorrow Club was also added to the list of student activities programs who received funding from the 522 Budget.

Bill Belden, the executive dean of student services, will now submit the 522 Budget as it currently reads to the Board of Trustees for consideration at the next regularly scheduled meeting for final approval. If you have questions or comments concern-

ing the 522 Budget.

A request for an extra \$725 toward the class officer elections from the Public Relations Committee, a body within Student Government who is responsible for informing the student body of the events planned by Student Government and organizing the upcoming Spring elections, was the next revenue bill that passed unanimously. The increased funding will be appropriately used to purchase more promotional items such as slap bracelets and candy, for the upcoming elections of next year's Student Government President and Vice-President.

The goal of the Public Relations Committee is to encourage more Green River students to become involved in the upcoming election, for more students to run for President and Vice-President, and to increase overall voter participation.

Another election change was made in Article VI, section 1 of the By-laws which specifies when the spring elections can be held within six weeks of the beginning of Spring Quarter from the original four week deadline.

Running start student Rubai Deep was sworn in as the newest member of Student Government and the By-laws Committee.

## Student Government Speaks

*ASGRCC Elections are just around the corner. Do you have what it takes to be a part of it?*

by Laura Leyde  
ASGRCC Vice President

Would you like to be an ASGRCC officer? These are part-time positions available on campus with flexible hours.

The ASGRCC President determines the general executive policy to be carried out during his/her administration. Legislation is either signed or vetoed by the President when passed by the ASGRCC Senate. This position represents the communication link between students and the administration. The President works with and gives monthly presentations to the Board of Trustees. He/she is also involved in the 522 budget process.

The ASGRCC Vice-President also helps determine and carry out executive policies. This position includes being the Chair of the Student Senate and appointing committees within the Senate. He/she is in charge of the administration of Student Government. He/she serves on the Technology Fee Committee and may be requested to serve on other committees as well.

Both the President and the Vice-President are required to participate in the CLEO Program, which includes working 40 hours per week

for the four weeks prior to the beginning of Fall Quarter and 17 hours weekly throughout the rest of the year. All of these hours are paid at a rate of \$8/hour.

To be elected, candidates must carry a cumulative 3.0 grade point average, be enrolled in and complete at least twelve credits per quarter, and have accumulated at least 45 college credits or have completed one year of IESL instruction from any accredited institution, as per Enrollment Services standards, prior to the start of Summer Quarter. Any questions on IESL equivalency can be answered by referencing the IESL Equivalency Document available in Student Programs.



above: students registering to vote for elections [archives.thedaily.washington.edu](http://archives.thedaily.washington.edu)

Applications President and Vice President are available in the Student Programs office.

Applications are due Thursday April 21. In addition to the opportunity to get involved at Green River, the positions are excellent job experience for any future career and would be a great addition to your resume.

Got questions? Contact Student Government at (253) 833-9111 Ext. 2410 or email [Laura at LLejde@greenriver.edu](mailto:LLejde@greenriver.edu). Apply today!

## STUDENT GOVERNMENT TIMELINE

*\*These events are for eligible candidates only*

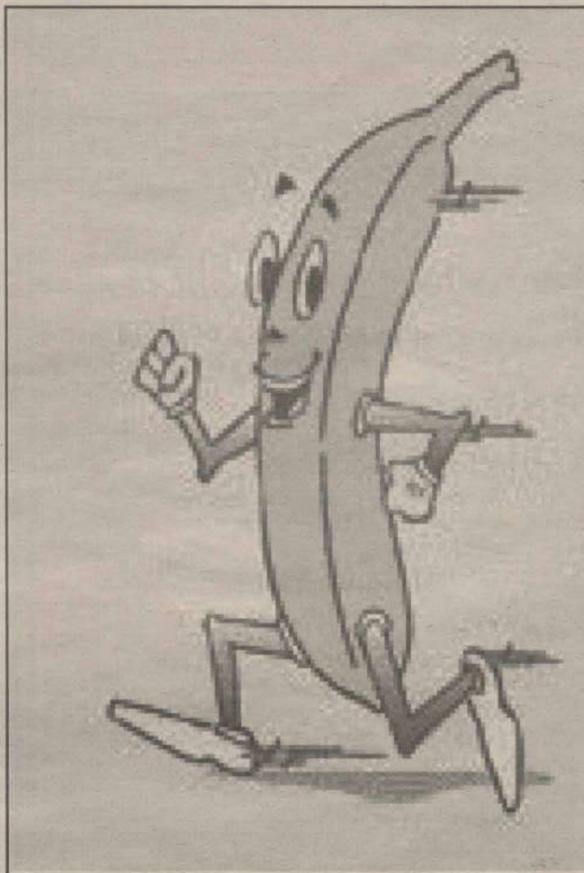
April 22 - 12 p.m.  
Review campaign rules

April 27 - 12 p.m.  
Commons or MDA  
Candidate speeches

April 25-May 6  
Candidates Campaign

May 9-12  
ELECTIONS

May 13 - 12 p.m.  
Ranier Room  
Elections Announcement



**Today, Trout McCodfish is, what else but a banana!**

**Running away from Barbara Vincent-Price, our winner from the "FIND TROUT!" contest. Barbara is currently attempting a coup to take over Trout's position as The Current's mascot!**

**Naturally, Trout is on the move to rally the faithful to his cause. Keep your eyes open!**

# Opinions & Editorials

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## Are Americans going cancer crazy?

*From cell-phones to sunlight, cancer paranoia has swept the nation*

by Jason Wells  
Staff writer

Beware: reading this sentence may cause cancer. Ok, not really, or at least no evidence has been found to support such a claim...yet. Such a statement does, however, illustrate the paranoia we as Americans have over cancer and various debilitating illnesses.

Everywhere you look there are warnings about cancer. Warnings are on everything ranging from the obvious like cigarettes and cell-phone radiation to the less obvious preservative chemicals in a cheap bag of chips.

Even the environment is being accused. Too much sunlight is a bad thing and causes skin cancer without proper protection. Too little sunlight has other detrimental effects on the body. However, the correct amount of sunlight needed varies from person to person.

These are just a few examples of the myriad of cancer-causing agents that surround us and feed our paranoia. Yet even if you avoid any number of the supposed carcinogens, you may still get cancer. You can be the

This is where DNA Direct comes in.

DNA Direct is an internet company playing off the fears of Americans to make a profit; i.e. they are like most major retail health companies in existence today. This particular company, however, takes the paranoia to a whole new level. They offer at-home genetic testing for predispositions to a variety of diseases, including breast cancer. Research is still being conducted in order to single out other genes influencing various forms of cancers.

So what's the big deal here? Well, for one there are no doctor visits required. DNA Direct employs their own staff of doctors and genetic counselors whom oversee the testing process without ever actually meeting a patient. The tests themselves are relatively painless, often requiring only a swab of the cheek, \$300, and a few weeks of wait. Further, the tests are not considered offi-



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end up in the hands of insurance companies.

That's a good thing right? It appears to be the case, at least on the surface. After all, if people have a genetic predisposition for a disease and are aware of it, they can then make the lifestyle changes needed to avoid it. The key word there though is "can." We as Americans can do a lot of things. We can all quit smoking, quit drinking, quit drugging, quit speeding, eat organic foods, exercise more, sleep more, engage in healthy relationships, save money, buy economy vehicles, walk more and drive less, well, you get the picture. There are so many things we know we can do to fix our lives and bodies, yet we refuse to do them, even in the face of indisputable scientific evidence, such as speeding on wet/icy roads while

not wearing a seat-belt has a high risk of death. People know that, yet they still do it anyway.

Here's how I see things going. The people who would make the lifestyle changes after finding out about the predisposition most likely already have because there are so many things that can cause cancer and illness that don't require genetic influences. Much of the changes that would be made to counter everyday carcinogens would also counter much of the influences that

trigger the predisposition on the genes. Then there are the people whom would go into a hypochondriac state, believing that since they are predisposed they must constantly be getting the cancer. This would lead to constant medical tests, paranoia, anxiety, depression, etc (all of course worse case scenarios) without any actual change in lifestyle that is permanent. Of course, a third group would always exist. These people would continue doing what they are doing because nothing bad can ever happen to them. Or if something bad does happen, it will be so far into the future that they can't possibly care. After all, life is too short as the saying goes.

I will illustrate further. How many studies are out there which

link smoking to lung cancer, asthma, emphysema, heart disease, cardiovascular disease, etc? Yet so many people start smoking anyway. I'm not talking about people who didn't know. The only way you couldn't know would be to have started back in the 1950's. Every single college student and middle aged adult knew they what they were starting when they picked up smoking. They may have chosen to ignore the information, but they were aware of it nonetheless.

How many other studies link unhealthy eating, including high fat, high starch, high cholesterol, and high sugar diets to obesity. And yet people continue to eat so much fast food (which is little more than various cocktails of the above ingredients anyway) every day that the conglomerates can admit to having unhealthy menus and still make billions in profits.

Those are just two huge examples in a vast pool of unhealthy habits many Americans have; habits which they are fully aware are unhealthy and yet continue to partake in. What makes DNA Direct think that by bringing awareness to every American's door for as little as \$300 dollars and a cheek swab is going to change anything? Honestly, I think they are going to prove as useful as anti-aging cream: a great way for paranoid consumers to take their money and put it into the pockets of corporations.

Besides, the cotton swabs may cause cancer.

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healthiest person in the world, but if you have a genetic predisposition for a particular cancer, you may still get it, no matter how hard you try to avoid it.

cial medical tests, and thus never end up on medical records. This means that genetic predisposition for breast cancer and cystic fibrosis (among others) will not

## Letter to the editor: Librarians speak out

Dear Sir,

This letter is in response to the article entitled "Sit down..... Shut up..... and Study" by Staff Writer Joshua Riel from the March 11th issue of The Current.

Although quiet in the Holman Library is rare and much appreciated, the real fact is that the students have no other place to go that has the same accommodations and resources for necessary research and group study. Because it is the only place on campus that offers the comfort of nice tables, readily available resources, and comfortable chairs the library offers the best atmosphere for study, either individually or in groups. There are specific group-study rooms meant to cut down on the noise by allowing groups to have a

separate place, but there are not enough for the number of groups that are formed for classes.

The students do not have enough space to feel free to talk and discuss their projects, research in a friendly environment, and socialize indoors. Therefore, the students are being forced to occupy the only space that fits all of these needs: the library. Since all of the students in the library tend to socialize, a lot of

noise is generated. This is understandable, but needs to be

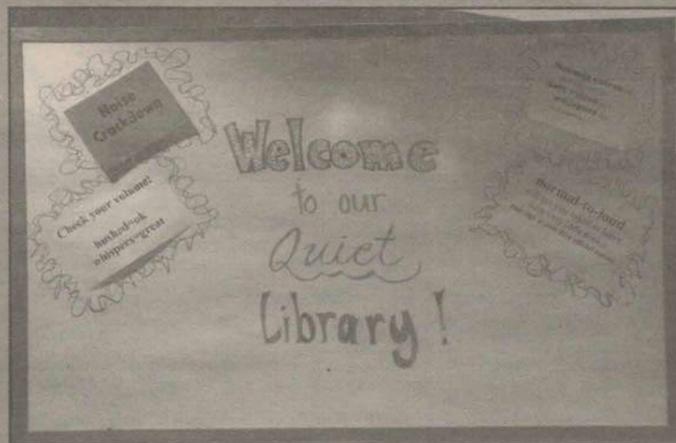


Photo taken by Randy Zweigle

somewhere else. The students who are attempting to get real work done are distracted by the excess noise.

There are only two places that

students can congregate: the LSC and the library. There are several problems with the LSC. First, there is not enough seating for the number of students who would need to use this area if the library were not an option. Second, the music from upstairs is far more distracting than the conversational noise of the library. Third, the LSC does not offer any of the resources offered and needed by students. Fourth, there is no wireless access in LSC making the library a much more viable and convenient option for those with laptop

computers. And fifth, it smells.

The library has already taken steps to provide a place of absolute silence for those who need silent study. This is much appreciated by those who require this area; however, trying to stamp out all noise in the rest of the library is unfair to other students. Until another adequate facility is provided for the students to socialize, use the computers, study in groups, and does not have a volume control the library will and should remain the campus hot spot. Therefore, the college should place a priority on building a new work/study center.

Sincerely,  
Help Center Student Tutors-  
Jeana Potter, Sam Sorensen,  
Jahnel Whitson, Sara Dunn,  
Elizabeth Ray

## Running Smart Student wins new computer in contest

**High school students sound off fitting into college scene**

by Emily Abel  
Staff writer

Currently, the state's running start program accommodates 10 percent of the state's juniors and seniors. Out of that 10 percent, Green River has over 1,000, more than any other Washington college, according to the SBCTC Data Warehouse.

They come from approximately 18 different school districts and a total of about 37 different schools, according to Jessica Gilmore, The running start director here on campus. But how are these students fitting in here at Green River and who are they choosing to hang out with?

Who the running start students hang out with varies from student to student. Megan Balza, a 17 year old from Kentridge says that she hangs out with a mix of other running start students and college students and does not "talk to many people back at the high school." At the same time, however, she is captain of Kentridge's water polo team.

Generally it was found that running start students have not

cut off all ties to their high schools. Many of them either still participate in high school activities, or choose to hang out with people from the high schools.

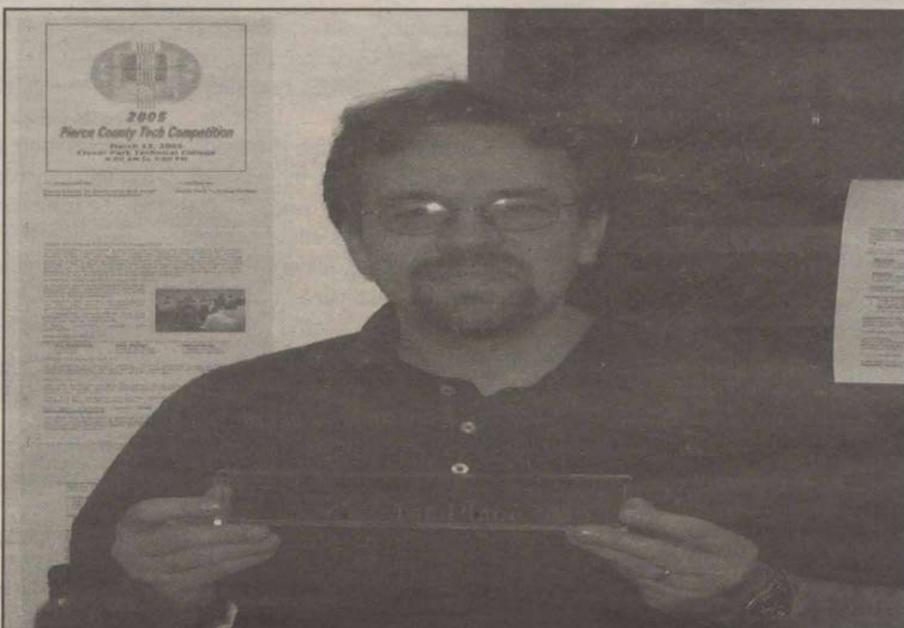
It seems to be widely accepted that high school is accompanied with many unwanted things such as drama and disrespect between students. According to Chris Pzzichemi, an 18 year old Running Start student from Kentwood High School, "Green River is a more laid back environment, not accompanied by all of the high school drama."

Jessica Gilmore has gotten the impression that most students feel that they fit in better here than in high school.

Eric Kirwan, a 17-year-old Kent Meridian running start student says "Everyone's a lot more friendly at Green River."

Dillon Puhl, also 17, from Enumclaw High School states that "No one seems to openly dislike me just because I'm still in high school."

In a recent Green River survey, Running Start students reported that they generally felt accepted by college students and faculty.



GRCC student Cal Ebey won the annual tech competition.

by Jake Westhoff  
Staff writer

Cal Ebey, a Green River student, took home top honors in the A+ hardware competition at the Pierce County 2005 Tech Competition.

The annual event is designed for high school, college and university students to compete in several areas, including web

design, networking and A+ hardware.

Another student in Green River's computer systems administration-network technology degree program, Art Davis, also competed in the A+ hardware area of the competition. The event was held March 12 at Clover Park Technical College in Lakewood.

"I'm really proud of these students," said Alan Carter, Green River's newest computer information technology instructor. "Cal was pretty excited when they announced that he'd won the competition, and even more excited when he found out he'd won a Dell laptop computer!"

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## Seven simple suggestions to saving serious money

*Books and tuition don't have to permanently empty your bank account*

By Denise Coville  
News editor

With the going rates of tuition, gas and double-shot lattes always on the upswing, it seems that college students have begun to expect outrageous expenses. But before taking out a second mortgage on your alarm clock, you should consider being creative with your funds.

**Tip #1: Take classes with friends**

Besides providing a ready study group and that much-needed incentive to get to your morning classes, taking courses with friends could save you money.

Get a few of your classroom chums to chip in to buy one textbook. Better yet - get everyone to spring for a used book online. You don't all need your own copy, as long as you're willing to share. Keep in mind that it is against copyright laws to photocopy pages of the textbook and pass them out around the group. Also keep in mind how many of your high-school teachers did it.

At the end of the quarter, you and yours will have saved some cash, and you will

have bonded together for a common goal - the pursuit of knowledge. Or at least the pursuit of a 2.0.

Then you can sell your used book back to The Paper Tree, and you can split a bag of Skittles with the generous sum they'll give you for it.

**Tip #2: Create a book-trading network**

At the end of the quarter, gather email addresses from people in your classes. You can then send a mass email to these people, listing books you have from that quarter, and books you'll need for the next quarter, and offer to trade/lend/borrow/buy/sell with people who have books you need or need books you have.

This is a very efficient way to save money buying books, and to help your friends save money buying theirs. It will also help you bypass the mess at The Paper Tree's book buy-back zoo, where they will refuse even your untouched math book because you threw away the little paper study guide that came with it.

It also serves as a good excuse to ask

that cute guy or girl for their contact info.

**Tip #3: Pass your classes**

Math 124 doesn't offer a frequent customer discount.

**Tip #4: Take the Metro**

Unless you, like this reporter, live in uncivilized territory untouched by public transportation, taking the bus may provide an inexpensive alternative to car payments, insurance and gas prices.

Busses provide cheap, easy and reliable transportation to and from just about anywhere in King County. The non-negotiable schedules may even give you the motivation to get ready on time.

**Tip #5: Live with your parents**

I know - it doesn't sound very glamorous. But then again, neither does living on uncooked macaroni noodles while scraping to pay rent.

If your parents hassle you about still living at home, simply remind them that you need to save your cash to finance your education - and the better your education now, the better the retirement home they get later.

**Tip #6: If you must move out, find some roommates**

A \$500 rent bill doesn't seem quite so intimidating when split three ways. Just think how much you'll save if you can get, oh, eight-or-so of your closest friends to share a two-bedroom. Just try not to get the fire department involved.

Carefully evaluate your potential roommates before signing a contract. Take their work history into consideration. If you choose to move out with somebody who has had eight jobs in six months, or with someone who was fired from The Pink Coconut, you may very well end up living on uncooked macaroni noodles while scraping to pay rent *anyway*.

And nothing ruins a friendship like forking over their share of the rent month after month.

**Tip #7: If all else fails, charge away and then file for bankruptcy**

After all, it will only stay on your credit report for 10 years.

## Skipping on the seatbelt can change lives

By Kirsten Esvelt  
Staff writer

Former Green River graduate Seth Esvelt, 24 years old, good-looking, friendly and ambitious, lies silent in a coma-like condition at a care center in Puyallup. He has been like this for almost two years, during which he has survived brain swelling, lung deterioration, multiple blood clots, lacerated lungs, pneumo-

nia, bronchitis, failed kidneys and several broken bones.

On August 16, 2003, Esvelt was en route to his apartment when he swerved to avoid a suddenly slow vehicle, overcorrected, and plunged down a hill, rolling his truck. Esvelt, who wasn't wearing a seatbelt, was thrown out of the truck and landed hard. This not only knocked him unconscious, but also tore up his body and caused severe brain damage.

Dr. Rogers, on staff at the emergency room Esvelt was taken to, commented, "I didn't think he would make it through the night. He's just hanging by a thread... by half a thread."

Teenagers often have a tendency to avoid seatbelts, thinking that belts look stupid, are uncomfortable and unnecessary. According to www.nhtsa.dot.gov, teens aged 16-20 have the highest fatality rate in vehicle crashes than any other age group. "One key reason for high traffic fatalities among teens is that teens have lower safety belt rates than adults." In 2001, 5,341 teens in the United States were killed in vehicle accidents. Two

thirds of those killed were not buckled up. At a website on hyperphysics, it's stated that the risk of accidents for young drivers is greater, 18 year olds having 400% more accidents than 40 year olds.

Data on seatbelt effectiveness was obtained by comparing severe accidents in which at least one person was killed. An effectiveness of 42% for drivers with seatbelts coming out alive was found, meaning that a 42% reduction in fatalities for drivers would occur if all wore seatbelts.

Teenagers need to realize that their choices affect other people. Esvelt's mother, Mary Esvelt, makes the 40 minute drive from Maple Valley almost every day to spend time with her son. "People have no idea what it's like to sit by someone you love hour after hour, month after month, looking into their eyes but getting almost no response. Kids think their choices affect only themselves, but it's not true. Even something as simple as Seth not buckling up changed our lives forever," she said.

Although Esvelt is off life support and breaths on his own, he is considered persistently vegetative. His family is making preparations to bring him home in June

and care for him themselves. "It's a 24/7 responsibility, but we think it's the lesser of the two difficulties," Craig Esvelt, father of Seth, said.

He also stated, "I saw the truck after the accident. Amazingly, it was barely smashed. If my son had been wearing a seatbelt he probably would have been ok, because he would have stayed in the truck and there is almost no damage to it."

Teenagers have a mindset of invincibility. Unconsciously, we think that nothing will happen to us, but it can. Be smart-buckle up.

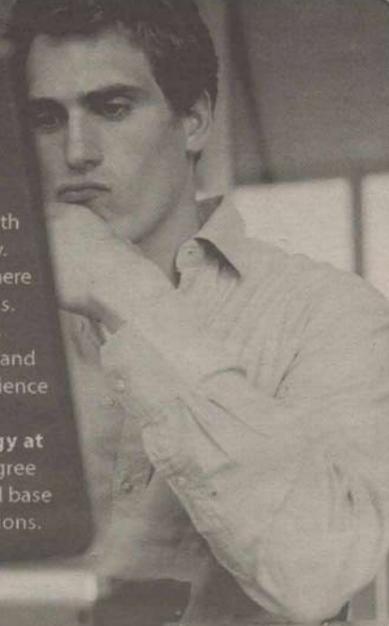


Above: Esvelt before the accident. Below: Esvelt pictured in the hospital, after the accident.



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## Former KGRG DJ lands job at LA's #1 radio station

by Tom Callis  
Staff writer

Most KGRG listeners were probably too young to remember an enthusiastic DJ by the name of Dave Styles. He worked the mic about ten years ago and has joined other KGRG alumni such as DJ No Name and Timberlake who host the Morning Alternative at The End to find successful careers at major radio stations. He has recently landed a job of a lifetime at Los Angeles's #1 radio station KIIS-FM.

Dave also spent the first part of his career in Pullman working at HOT 104 KHTR doing the 7-11pm shift. This may have been his first job working for a major station but it did not take him a

year before he moved on to a better gig at Portland's Z-100. He spent five years in Portland doing a 6-10pm show where he continued to polish his late night skills.

For those that knew him at a young age it does not come as a surprise that he ended up in radio. Speaking to a large number of people came naturally to Dave who was an inspiring DJ at age 12. Soon he became a mobile DJ



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entertaining people at parties. Dave of course later attended Green River Community College where he landed a spot at KGRG which helped launch his career.

Dave is now looking for his chance to move from radio to television. This should be a likely move in the near future since his on air charisma has not been taken for granted at KIIS. If you get a chance to listen to any

live broadcasts from special events or just an obscure place on KIIS, you are most likely hearing the voice of Dave Styles.

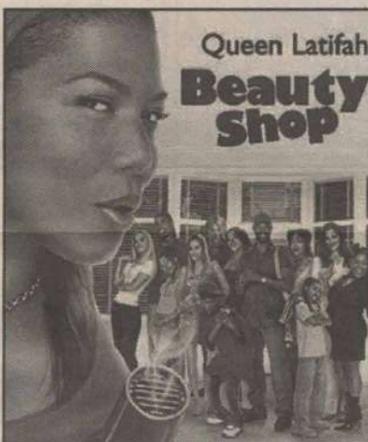
Thanks to the internet it is not necessary to travel to LA to listen to Dave's late night show. Anyone that is interested can visit [www.kiisfm.com](http://www.kiisfm.com) to listen in just before Ryan Seacrest from 1am-5am on the weekdays, 10am-3pm on Saturdays and from noon-4pm on Sundays. Remember to give him your requests, Dave is always happy to hear from people at Green River that remember him from his days at KGRG. To learn more about Dave visit his website [www.davestyles.com](http://www.davestyles.com) or email him at [davestyles@kiisfm.com](mailto:davestyles@kiisfm.com).

## Latifah opens a shop of disappointment

by Kelly Brown  
Staff writer

The movie *Beauty Shop* stars Queen Latifah as a strong-willed woman who opens up her own salon after working for an uptight hair stylist, played by Kevin Bacon. There are many familiar faces in this movie including Alicia Silverstone, Andie MacDowell and Mena Suvari. MacDowell and Suvari play former customers of Queen Latifah's old boss that follow her into her new shop. Other actors include Djimon Hounsou and Bryce Wilson. This movie is a spin-off of the *Barber Shop* movies. This wide variety of cast members helps make the movie more interesting.

*Beauty Shop* was a funny movie, yet not quite funny enough to go out of your way to see it in theaters. Each character brought a quality to the movie that made it more unique and funny. Queen Latifah was her usual sassy self, but with additional warmth to her character. She was really motivating in this movie and was hilarious as always. Alicia Silverstone's character was clueless as usual, yet she was still sweet and comedic. Suvari and MacDowell show a somewhat different



side of their normal characters, by showing a more stuck up attitude which helps shake up the movie. The men in this movie help tie things together and make it more interesting for the women.

Although these different actors made the movie somewhat entertaining, altogether it was more disappointing than anything else. The idea was good; however, the dialogue wasn't quite as interesting. The main topics of conversation were about racial differences and sex. The worst part about the dialogue was the accents that these actors tried to pull off. I've never heard so many bad accents in a single movie before. Listening to Alicia Silverstone try to use a southern accent was a joke. Just listening to her terrible accent was reason enough not to pay money to see this movie. Her character was even more annoying because she was so oblivious to the world around her. Kevin Bacon used an awful accent as well that was rather annoying, however his character was quite humorous which somewhat made up for it. Overall, I wouldn't recommend seeing this movie in the theater; however, it may be a good movie to rent.

## Hilarity ensues in the Second City

by Mitch McDonough  
Staff writer

Well after about the most hilarious two hours of my life I felt that the comedy which I had just seen had not been rivaled by anything I had seen in the last few years. The Second City comedy troupe is one thing in this world people should not miss. From hysterical songs about a graphic designer to hates customers to skits about awkward ATM patrons being attacked by very unimpressive ninjas, the whole thing is a riot.

The Second City tour has produced such great comics as John Belushi, Bill Murray, Mike Myers, and Tina Fey; and yet these six performers were nothing short of miraculous on stage. Their hilarious improve keeps you on your toes and reminds me of such random hilarity that I have only seen on "Whose Line Is It Anyway?" This group has been performing for 45 years now, making up material from current political events, job opportunities, increasing risk factors in today's society, and a lot to do with money. If they are in your neighborhood make sure you check out The Second City, and come prepared for the laugh of your life.



## New and upcoming movie release highlights

by Tyler Foster

### Frank Miller's Sin City (Now Playing)

If you haven't already seen director Robert Rodriguez's blood-soaked, hard-boiled cinematic adaptation of Frank Miller's noir comic book, then it's time to get in line. From the performances by top-liners Mickey Rourke, Clive Owen and Bruce Willis and Jaime King, Rosario Dawson and Jessica Alba, to the snappy dialogue and cinematography literally taken right from the comic books, *Sin City* is an instant classic. And that's before mentioning the supporting cast (Elijah Wood, Brittany Murphy, Josh Hartnett), or the masterful use of computers to bring the comic to life. Don't miss it.



1994. Directed without an ounce of sappiness and acted perfectly, *Hotel Rwanda* is a brilliantly made true-life story of triumph without any of the usual Hollywood sentimentality. The DVD features an audio commentary by the real Paul Rusesabagina and Don Cheadle, and a documentary on the making of the movie and the actual event. Highly recommended.

### The Amityville Horror (Theatrical - April 15th)

Ryan Reynolds, Melissa George and Philip Baker Hall revisit *The Amityville Horror*, from the true story which inspired the book by the same name. Moving into a house in Long Island where a hor-

rible murder took place only a year earlier, the Lutz family begins to experience the supernatural, and its determination to get them out. Directed by Andrew Douglas, this remake/adaptation looks primed to be the first good creepfest in a year where the other pickings have ranged from *Hide and Seek* to *Boogeyman*. Check it out when it arrives in theaters on April 15th.

### Hotel Rwanda (DVD - April 12th)

Haunting and powerful, Don Cheadle turns in an Academy Award-nominated performance as Paul Rusesabagina, who saved thousands of lives in war-torn Rwanda during a tribal conflict in

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## Green River baseball: a seasonal synopsis

by Darius Parker  
Staff writer

Sixteen games into the season, the Green River baseball team looks to be headed in the right direction. At 8-6-2, the Gators are currently second in their division; which would earn them a spot in the playoffs if they were to start today. For those of you thinking that second place isn't good enough, you may be surprised at how small the gap is between the Gator ball club and the league's elite.

The Gators went toe to toe with the Lower Columbia Red Devils (currently 3-0 in the division and 13-4 overall) on April 3; only to have the game end in a 3-3 tie due to rain.

Although Green River is in a good position to make the playoffs, it has been a bittersweet start to the season.

On one hand, you have a team second in their division, who at times look very impressive. They've proven that they can battle the best in the Lower Columbia game, and were victorious in the Treasure Valley tournament with an impressive 6-3 win over Lane College in the championship game.

On the other hand, they sometimes resemble a team that is struggling. The Gators have taken some crushing defeats this season, one of those at the hands of Basin College who is currently ranked 8th in a national poll (Basin dominated the Gators 0-7) and another from division rival Centralia (a 5-10 victory over the Gators).

Gator fans shouldn't be worried though.

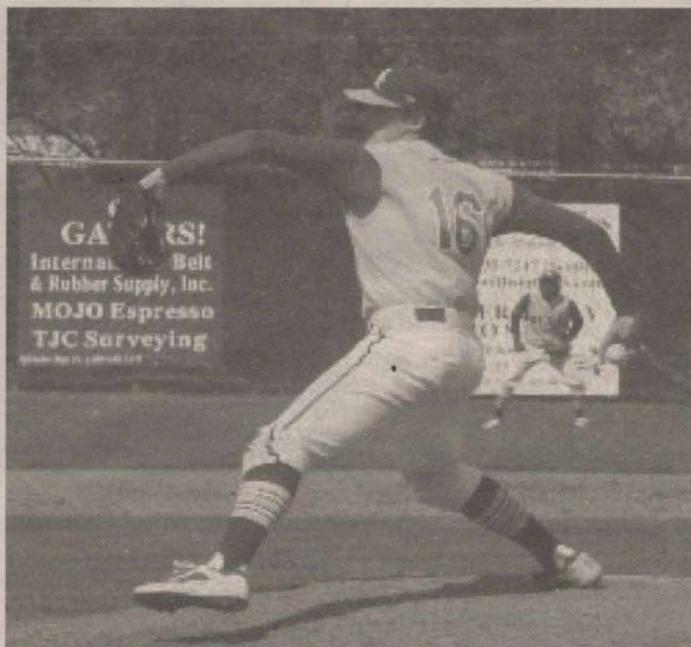
One factor to take into consideration is that the team has seen a steady improvement since Coach Matt Aker took the helm four seasons ago.

Last year the team earned 20 wins for the first time since 1999, just missing the playoffs. Fans should also keep in mind that the Gators have an abundance of talent this year. Sophomore (and team leader) Adam Balcom is having a phenomenal season. He has already signed a letter of intent to play for Western Kentucky, a NCAA division one school.

How good is Adam Balcom?

Balcom has a streak of 29 innings without an earned run this season.

Bob Kickner, Green River ath-



Star pitcher Adam Balcom (photo by Andy Gardner)

letic department head, hold the opinion that Balcom is the epitome of a student

athlete. When interviewed, Kickner explained that Balcom is not only an outstanding athlete but also on the

honor roll here at Green River.

However, Balcom isn't the only talented player returning for the

Gators. In fielders Kiki Castro and Kyle Ely were both all conference players last season and pitcher Jake Hover (who has a devastating fastball) has thrown him-

self into a spot on the Lander South Carolina team for next fall. Even though it is a long haul to the end of the season, the Gators' chances of making the playoffs appear to be very good when you look at their schedule.

The Gators are lined up to meet with Pierce College (who are currently 1-11) 3 times before the end of the season. They will also play three games against a struggling Gray's Harbor team (6-9).

There are a few "scary" looking teams on their schedule though.

The Gators will meet Lower Columbia 2 more times this season, which probably doesn't worry the Gator's too much considering the fact that they tied them earlier in the season.

The Gators will also play a game against Skagit Valley (who have a decent record of 11-6); and one game against Edmonds, who have an intimidating record of 14-3 right now.

So, even with some tough games ahead, everything seems to be on track for the Gator's. If Coach Matt Akers can in fact get his team to further their improvements this year, it may be likely for him to get the Gators over the hump and into the playoffs.

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-Darius Parker, staff writer

## With Coach Sauers Gone Green River Tennis Charges On...

by Eric Hanninen  
Staff writer

Just one year after the Gators women's tennis team took home the NWAACC championship there is plenty of reason for optimism coming into this season. However, there is also a little bit of uncertainty this year as this will be the first season the team has played since 1979 without the late Steve Sauers as head coach.

Sauers passed away last December from a stroke.

Earlier this year athletic director Bob Kickner announced Sauers replacement, former assis-

tant Kevin Kniestadt. Coach Kniestadt is expected to bring a winning spirit and high levels of energy to this young team.

The team includes sophomores Meagan Lind, Danielle Yellam, and Akane Kondo. They also have four newcomers, freshman Trichell Waldo, Michelle Dawson, Mary Layton and Janna Criss.

The team has started the year off hot after posting back-to-back victories to open the season. They haven't been truly tested yet after winning 7-2 against UW Club and dominating Tacoma 9-0

to open up league play.

Would you expect anything less than this from a tennis program that has brought home 35 combined (men's and women's) championships over the last 35 years?

Of course not, they are returning champs and are proven winners. The campus community should get behind them and show support in hopes of hanging yet another banner in our gym. For those of you that are truly ready to jump on the bandwagon sweeping through the campus, rest easy, there are plenty of

home games coming up.

The Gators are playing Saturday April 16 at 5:00pm.

Home games take place at the county renowned venue, Boeing Employee Tennis Club in Kent.

Make sure you make these matches because you can't catch any more action like this until they return for another home contest on April 29th.

For those of you who have never experienced the thrill of an ace, a forehand smash or the excitement of a backhand winner this reporter strongly suggests you watch a Gators tennis match.

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## Gator golf team looking good on the grass in 2005

by Jonny Angell  
Staff writer

The season had just gotten underway for these boys and girls of spring and it looks like it is going to be great.

Coach's Jim and Jennifer von Doehren are the leaders of the men and women golf teams. They are optimistic about their chances of their teams this year.

The team rosters are as follows for the 2005 season.

For the men's: Nick Cook (soph.), Eric Hammerstrom (soph.), Chris Barquist (fresh.), Tyson Hiffman (fresh.), Brian Newton (fresh.), and Dan Varelia (fresh.).

For the women, Tracy Vann (soph.), Angela Ferguson (fresh.), Katie Sonsteng-Hicks

(fresh.), Randi Skovmand (fresh.), and Kari Wik (fresh.).

There have been two events played so far for the teams. The first was the Olympic invitational in which the low scores were from Hammerstrom and Vann and Ferguson, for the boys and girls teams respectively. Following this event was the Tacoma Classic in which Hammersrom and Vann were the top performers again.

The women's team found success, as the champion in both of the events.

As Tracy Vann likes to say "What doesn't kill you, only makes you stronger." A little hard work to win these matches is good for the women's team.

The Men's team is on their way

to getting many wins this season as it has just begun.

A simple positive attitude has been taken on by some of the players. "Git r done," said Dan Varelia, a Green River freshmen and Gator golfer.

There is no telling how well these teams can do this year if they play to their potential. The possibilities are endless as they can reach the top if they play their best.

It is quite certain that these gator golfers would appreciate your support. Their next event is the Green River Invitational at Riverbend Golf Course and Meridian Valley Country Club. The event is at 12 p.m., April 17th and 18th. Go Gator Golf!

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