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Gators lose women's basketball coach

By Don Eckhoff
Sports Editor

Green River Community College has now lost both of their basketball coaches. The latest to announce resignation was women's coach Mike Willis.

Willis has been the coach of the women's program for the past 12 years. During that time the Gators won two Northwest Athletic Association of Community College championships. Along with the two titles, the Gators finished second once, third three times, fourth once, and fifth once in NWAACC tournament action.

In all actuality Willis is closing a 17 year career here

at Green River. 12 were spent as the women's coach, three years as the men's assistant coach, and two years as a student-athlete for the Gator men's basketball team. In closing, Willis stated, "It's time to do something different."

"I grew up at Green River. I love it dearly, but after all these years, I feel I should move on," commented Willis.

This last season the Gators were 20-7. The team ended their season on a 85-70 loss to Pierce in the NWAACC regional tournament. Willis said his final year was memorable because the Gators returned to

the post-season tournament after being 9-18 during the 1990-91 campaign, that was the first losing record for the teams since 1982.

Athletic Director Harry Beggs said Willis, "will be incredibly tough to replace. The success of the women's basketball program over the years can be traced directly

to him. His extra effort in fund-raising, working with the student-athletes, and helping them maintain their eligibility will be missed tremendously."

Willis would like to thank Green River officials and others, around the campus, "who made my job easier," including, "all the kids and parents who made my time here at

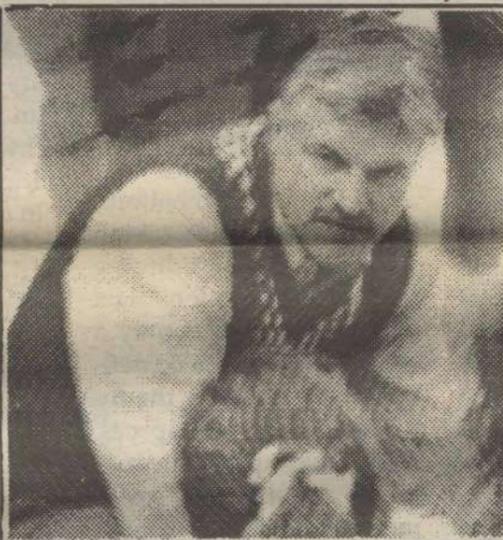
Green River so wonderful." Their is a possibility that Assistant Coach Gary Nichols may be announced as the interim coach for the women's basketball program.

For the Green River men's basketball team, Matt Thacker has been announced as the official Head Coach for the Gators.

Thacker was the assistant coach under Bob Ross, who has just retired.

"I'm excited by the opportunity Green River has given me. We have some good student-athletes coming back next year. I'm very optimistic," stated Thacker.

Thacker plans to make man-to-man defense the Gators' trademark.



Women's head coach Mike Willis moves on. Photo by Don Eckhoff

Scrabble club tries to take form on campus

By Linee Pogorelc
GRCC Student

Bob Sluys, the technical coordinator for the music company at Green River Community College and the instructor for performance workshop classes, is attempting to unite Scrabble players on campus.

Sluys exclaimed, "it's not what people think... it's not old fogies studying crossword puzzles."

Sluys genuinely thinks everybody should get involved in the game of Scrabble because one can actually learn words while enjoying the interaction and competition with other players.

In contrast to card games, Scrabble isn't based on purely luck, Sluys said.

Although he admits that players do have to blindly grab tiles out of the bag, he believes skill must be incorporated in "properly managing" one's rack, applying knowledge, and sometimes utilizing bluffing techniques.

One strategy widely used is "anagramming." An anagram is a word or phrase formed from another by transposing the letters. For example, a player may have the letters R, A, I, G, N, E, and T on his rack. With these seven letters he may form the words ingrate, granite, or tearing, which ever best fits onto the board. Confessing that he anagrams every sign he sees. Sluys says this strategy has become a "really bad habit."

According to Sluys, there are two theoretical players—the novice, who engages in the game purely for the sake of fun, and the professional, who views the game as a cut-throat competition.

Universally, a novice that scores more than 200 points is "pretty good", 300 is "getting up there", and 400 or more was definitely attained by a professional, says Sluys.

Even in an attempt to assemble a competitive group, Sluys shared that Scrabble "is an addiction in a way."

So far the campus response has not been strong, but he says there only needs to be 10 members to officially create the club. Those interested may contact Sluys at 833-9111 ext. 276.

Student leaders go to lobby in Olympia

By Jillian Boucek
Editor in Chief

Members of Green River's Student Government were able to voice their concerns about tuition increases and overall cuts to higher education during an annual trip to Olympia.

During a tour of the Legislative Building. Students witnessed the beginnings of a session in the House of Representatives and later entered into the middle of a session on the Senate floor.

The group was able to meet with their legislators

and discuss issues for nearly a half-an-hour in the Hospitality Room.

After listening to trivial tid-bits about the Capitol, the group was taken over to the Temple of Justice. In the Temple GRCC students conducted a mock trial. Eight justices and four attorneys were selected for the "Supreme Court."

Before heading back to the college, the students were treated to a dinner complements of the Student Government Executive Budget.



Grant Bonham, Don Eckhoff, and Will Wilker do mock trial

American society watches as future goes up their noses

By Young Yee
Staff writer

One of the number one problems in American society today is drug abuse. More specifically, the use of cocaine.

According to Time magazine, America consumes almost 85 percent, about 340 tons, of the world wide cocaine supply.

In the '60s and '70s those who used drugs were mainly into marijuana and hallucinogens, today the drug population is heavily

into crack and cocaine. The drug dealers want to sell cocaine laced with other chemicals instead of 100 percent pure cocaine. Those buying the drugs are looking for a quicker, cheaper high and are unaware of the foreign chemicals present in the drugs they are doing.

Cocaine is becoming one of the most popular and sought after drugs in our fast pace society. It gives the user a false sense of energy and makes them believe they can handle anything.

Selling cocaine also offers a large amount of money in a short amount of time. And this amazingly quick profit appeals to crime organizations like the Mafia.

If the public doesn't put more energy into solving the drug problem, our society will be ruined before too long.



More spaces available to students who "carpool it"

By Jillian Boucek
Editor in Chief

Student Senate has instituted a new carpool program that will make a trial run beginning the first of April and continuing through the end of that month.

The school recognizes a carpool as two or more people in a vehicle.

There will only be 20 designated spaces available, so it will be on a first come first serve basis. 10 of the spaces will be in parking lot "G" by the LSC building, and the other 10 will be in parking lot "A" by the Holman Li-

brary.

Carpool spaces will be treated like handicap spaces as far as security goes. The parking booth attendant will issue passes to the first 20 carpools (10 on each side) and that pass allows them to park in the designated space for that day only. Cars without passes will be in violation of campus parking regulations and will be ticketed.

The new spaces will provide closer parking for those who choose to carpool. This is "not to punish those who don't (carpool) but to encourage those who do," says Bruce Hix, one of the coor-

dinators of the carpool trial run.

Carpooling, he mentions, benefits everyone by saving gas, time, and reducing traffic and pollution. Hix stresses that this is only a trial run. There are no definite plans made for the future of the carpool spaces. Hix would appreciate any ideas, questions or comments students may have on the subject. Address them to the Carpool Committee or to Bruce Hix himself.

Once again, this is not a punishment for those who drive to school alone, but an effort to free up some parking.

Puget Sound college students go on fourth London Quarter this year

By Graham Titchener
Associate Editor

This year's London Spring Quarter will be the fourth one that has been organized. The London Quarter was started by a consortium of colleges along the Puget Sound area and arranged by AIFS (American Institute for Foreign Study). Fourteen college students from Green River will be going, making up a group of around thirty to forty students which is usually the desired amount along with faculty members.

The course lasts for ten weeks and consists of a four day class study and a one day class tour of London and

other parts of Southern England every Friday. The subjects that will be studied are British Life and Culture which is required, and two other subjects that are chosen by Faculty from the colleges involved that meet and decide which should be studied and which faculty will be going. This year Wayne Luckmann will be going, last year Dr. Ed Fohn went with the students. There are options for living accommodation varying from homestay's at \$2,940 to apartment and studio living at \$3,295 with various traveling expenses that vary. \$1500 is the recommended

minimum amount of money that should be taking.

Included in the package will be a number of tickets for students to go and see West End shows and other sightseeing attractions. The quarter is a college quarter so students will receive credit as the payment for credit is included. The London quarter will continue next year with recruiting to be held some time in the fall. Last year the group stayed in Kensington, this year they are going to Bloomsbury. According to Dean of Instruction Donn Adams, this is a great opportunity that no one should miss.

Workers help in recycling on the campus grounds

By Angi Knauer
Staff Writer

While walking from class to class on the Green River campus one may happen upon a group of very dedicated individuals who are hard at work. They can be spotted pulling around large containers of paper or loading a truck full of aluminum and cardboard and doing their part in taking care of the environment.

Green River Community College has made an agreement with Rainier State School to allow five clients to do some recycling on campus. The crew works Monday through Friday, 9:30 to 1:30 or two. In a weeks time they make pick-ups in sixty different areas on campus. The clients are Gary Wolfe, Gary Heisen, Tim Danielson, Kathy Schwartz, and Stephen Carter.

In charge of the program is Gina Stacey, an adult training specialist for Rainier School. The program, which was first established in February of 1991, has specific goals in mind. One is to educate students and staff on the benefits of recycling. They also hope to expand recy-

New method of voting for Washington residents

By Linée Pogorelc
Staff Writer

Washington residents have a new method of registering to vote - "Motor Voter". Under the new system, eligible citizens may register to vote at the same time they apply for or renew their driver's license.

Motor Voter registration is available at any of the State Department of Licensing's 62 Driver License Examining stations in Washington. To become a registered voter, an applicant must be a U.S. citizen, a resident of the state of Washington, and 18 years old by the time of the next election. If using the Motor Voter system, the applicant will be asked to sign a document and then will immediately be officially qualified to vote.

The new convenient registration process was put into action in hope of boost-

ing efforts around the campus until as much waste material as possible is recycled. This is also an excellent opportunity for citizens with disabilities who reside at Rainier School. This will allow them to improve socially while developing the skills to work in the community.

Through February of 1991 to February of 1992 crew recycled 38.5 tons of newspaper and cardboard, 2 tons of white paper, 1 ton of computer paper, and 860 pounds of aluminum. They hope to include plastics in their pick-ups in the near future.

"I want to thank the 1992 student government for donating the various recycling containers throughout the grounds." Stacey would also like to extend her thanks to "the student body, teachers, and maintenance for their ongoing efforts to make sure those items that are recyclable make it in to the containers we pick up once a week if not more."

The program operates out of L.C. 201 and Stacey welcomes any questions and comments. Also if any one would like to schedule a pick-up they may stop by and request it.

ing voter activity. The program was designed to effectively reach busy people who prefer not to "hassle" with the traditional way of registering and those hard to contact citizens who move into and around the state. It is believed that during the next four years, Motor Voter will add an 18 percent increase over the current voter levels.

The Motor Voter program will operate in conjunction with the state's existing voter registration system. Under that system, voter registrars are available in most public schools and libraries, fire stations, and several city, county, and state offices.

For information on voter registration, call the Information Hotline at 1 (800) 448-4881. Information hours are 9AM to 4PM, Monday through Friday.

Families learn to prevent poisoning in the home

By Dawna Bird
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Five to ten million people are poisoned every year by things in their own home. Most of the small children who gotten poisoned could have been prevented by taking a few extra steps to make the home a safer haven for children.

7 p.m.

It was dinner time at the Thomas household. Pam was in the kitchen preparing dinner as her husband Todd sat the dining room table.

7:02 p.m.

Brooke, their seven-year-old daughter, and Cameron, their four-year-old son, barreled down the stairs. "I think Nicholas has taken mummy's pills!" Brooke said frantically. "We found the pill container and one of these pills," Cameron added.

Todd raced up the stairs to retrieve the three-year-old boy as Pam gathered the bottles of prescription medicine that had been in the pill container. Grabbing the bottles and accessing her sons condition, Pam called the Poison Control Center in Seattle. Todd and the

children went upstairs to see if they could find any of the missing pills.

7:04 p.m.

The Poison Control Operator asked what problem the caller was reporting. Pam explained the medications that her son had taken and that she had not witnessed him taking the pills, but she had found one of the pills half chewed.

The operator fed the information into the computer and discovered that the pills the boy had taken were a potentially deadly combination. Immediate action was needed.

"Do not give him anything," the operator advised. "Hang up and call 911. Your son needs to get to a hospital as soon as possible."

7:07 p.m.

Pam hung up the phone and dialed 911. The operator connected her with the rescue unit. They sent out a team of medics. Pam comforted Nicholas, who was starting to get sleepy by the time the ambulance arrived.

7:16 p.m.

Within minutes the child was on his way to the hospital.

7:35 p.m.

The nurses whisked Nicholas off to a room. Once there, a nurse started an I.V. and the doctor ordered a charcoal treatment. Hours later Nicholas was all right.

For the Thomases, this was a successful rescue. Other families aren't so lucky.

More than three to five million people are poisoned annually by prescription or over the counter drugs. About the same number of people are poisoned by household goods, such as detergent, insect repellents, and other chemicals, as well as tainted foods and alcohols.

Many poisonings are avoidable by taking a few precautionary measures. Start by keeping all medications up in a high cabinet, out of the reach of children. Remember, child-proof seals only work a small percentage of the time. If a bottle is left with a child long enough, the curious child will figure out how to open the cap. Place a safety lock on the cabinet as well as any cabinet with cleaning supplies or chemicals in them.

Purses and briefcases with medications in them, can be potentially hazardous in the

hands of a child. These items are generally left within the reach of children at the end of a busy day. The dinner hour is one of the most common times for accidental poisonings. By taking a little extra effort at this time to put purses and briefcases in a safe place, these poisonings can be reduced.

A student's back pack, with Tylenol inside, and Grandma's suit case, while she is visiting, with heart medication in it, can also be tempting for a child. Out of the reach is the order of the day for these items, too.

A car's glove box can be full of fun things for children to get into but if drugs can be found in the box, this is a hazard as well. The best bet is to keep the glove box locked at all times.

It is important to teach children, at an early age, that if they take any pills that aren't for them that they can become very sick. Some parents have found success by teaching their children if they find any pills to either bring them to an adult or flush them down the toilet. It is better to be out a few pills than some of the other alternatives.

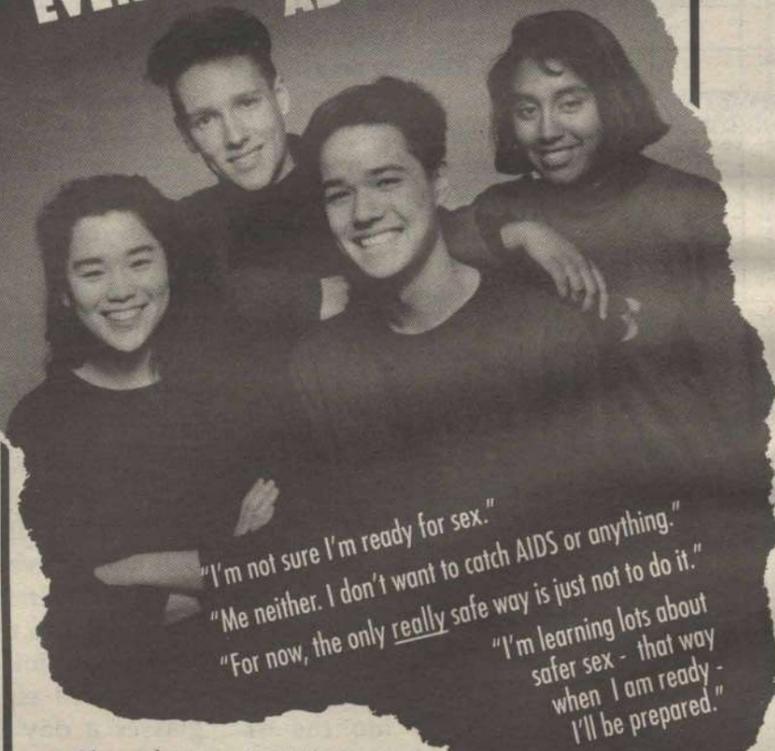
It is also valuable to use Mr. Yuck stickers on any household cleaners and teach children that anything with that type of sticker on it is bad for them and what is inside could hurt them.

It is bad advise to let a child play with old cleaner bottles or pill containers. This is sending a child mixed signals as to the purpose of the container and its contents. A young child may not be able to determine the difference between water and ammonia until it is too late.

In case of emergency, always have the doctor's phone number, the number for the Poison Control Center, and 911 for emergency response by the phone. In the Puget Sound area the Poison Control number is 526-2121. Remember, every second counts when it comes to saving the life of an accidentally poisoned child. By taking the time now to exercise a few safety precautions, experiences like the Thomas' will be few and far between.

P.S. If all else fails put the children in a safe place, up high, and keep the drugs within reach.

EVERYBODY'S TALKING ABOUT SEX.



"I'm not sure I'm ready for sex."
"Me neither. I don't want to catch AIDS or anything."
"For now, the only really safe way is just not to do it."
"I'm learning lots about safer sex - that way when I am ready - I'll be prepared."

The only sure ways to protect yourself from AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases are not to have sex and not to share needles if you do drugs. If you are having sex, use a latex condom every time. Learn all you can about protecting yourself.

Don't just talk about sex. Get the facts. For more information call the Northwest AIDS Foundation at 329-6963 Ext. 241. TDD# 323-2685.

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Dance Theater of India, exhibit is shown at GRCC

By Kathi Cho
Staff Writer

Photographs representing various aspects of cultural colonization as seen through classical dance theater in post-colonial India are exhibited in the glass cases on the second floor of LSC building. The exhibition consists of 37 photographs, but only about six of them are shown here in GRCC.

The pictures are taken in Orissa, a state in central eastern India. Orissa has a rich cultural heritage, especially in performing. However, the history of the performing arts, nurtured by both Hinduism and Buddhism, was marred by the onslaught of British Victorian morality and the Muslim conquests for four centuries. Consequently, the Orissa dance, and even the itinerant village theater, known as the 'jarta', died out. During the post-colo-

nial era, in the late 1940's, 50's and 60's, the oral tradition of dance and theater had to be reconstructed from the archaeological and iconographical evidence, living remains, and remembered oral tradition. The photographs are of various ancient temples, caves, carvings, engravings, and of the reconstructed dance teams and team members.

The exhibition was organized by Ratna Roy and David Capers and is sponsored by the Washington Commission for the Humanities. The show is touring the Pacific Northwest under the auspices of Exhibit Touring Services, a traveling exhibition service and a program in the College of Fine arts at Eastern Washington University.

The photographs were mostly taken by David J. Capers in 1985-86, and Ratna Roy is a professor at the Evergreen State College.

Spring means shedding winter pounds; do it healthy

By Marni Van Siclen
Staff writer

Winter's over and it's time to shed the bulky layers of clothes that kept us warm and hid the results of five months of winter laziness.

With constant reminders that spring and summer are just around the corner, men and women frantically strive to resemble Sports Illustrated swim suit models or Soloflex men in a few weeks time and end up with disappointing results.

"It takes about four months for any kind of results if you want to be healthy about it," stated a GRCC student who has been an avid weight lifter for nearly a year and is just now starting to see some results.

Any new exercise or diet

programs should be first discussed with a doctor. If people spend their time trying fad diets and exercising without proper knowledge, then they usually do more harm to their bodies than good.

According to metabolic and nutrition researchers at the University of Georgia nearly 25 percent of Americans are obese. Here are a few tips from Cosmopolitan magazine that may help exercisers get on the right track.

1) Turn off the TV! In a study of 4,771 adults, researchers found that adults who watch three hours of TV a day have a two and a half times greater chance of being obese than those who watch little or no TV.

2) Drink lots of water.

Your brain is seventy-five percent water and dehydration quickly interferes with the brain's efficiency. Always have water with food, after eating salty foods, or drinking coffee. When exercising, drink more than to just quench the thirst, and avoid fruit juices after exercising.

3) The more people present when eating, with the more a person tends to eat. Researchers say that when people go from eating alone to eating with one other person, the amount of food consumed increases 50 percent.

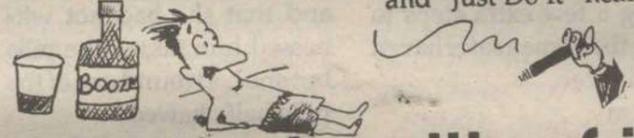
4) Keep a daily journal of all the foods you eat throughout the day. Include the day and time, what you ate, calories, fat, and how you were feeling

at that moment. People in the Freedom from Fat program in Portland, Oregon found that the dieters that kept a journal five days a week lost twice as much weight as those who didn't.

There are so many ways of exercising that everyone

can put fun and diversity in their routine. Try walking around the track at school, jogging, roller-blading in scenic areas, swimming, racquetball, tennis in the park, aerobics, riding a bike to school or work.

Eat healthy, be healthy, and "Just Do It" healthy.



For the health of it: How not to meet the many faces of premature aging

By Ann Darling
Director of Health Services

Sun warming your face and body are sure signs that spring is on the way. But wait, what does all that sunshine do to your face? You know all those ads that tell you how to take care of age spots and wrinkles... they aren't being straight with you. You can't prevent wrinkles and age spots, but you can control the factors that accelerate them. Consider the information below.

TANNING - either under the sun or a sunlamp can dramatically accelerate skin aging. Even an occasional exposure to either will show up earlier than necessary - as wrinkles! Tanning also increases your chances of skin cancer. Wear moisturizer (men and women) containing sunblock daily. SPF 15 is the maximum you need to buy - anything beyond that will not increase your protection.

SMOKING - clinical studies have shown that the more you smoke, the sooner your skin will crease and that smokers in their 40s can have facial wrinkles of non-smokers in their 50s! Just check out those tiny creases around the mouths of smokers which indent further as they suck their weeds! Need help to quit smoking? Stop by Health Services LC 227.

ALCOHOL - has a dehydrating action, and regular use of alcohol may induce premature wrinkling and dry skin. Heavy drinking can cause circulatory problems which deprives the

skin of its nourishing blood supply. Moderate your alcohol intake and make sure you drink lots of water.

WEIGHT SWINGS - yo-yo weight gains and losses can cause excessive wrinkling. After all, there is just so much stretch in your skin. A ten pound gain in weight stretches your skin and the more often you gain and lose weight the less likely your skin is to return to its original condition.

STRESS - no matter what you do to your face, it is eventually going to show your expression lines - it's simply a part of your uniqueness. However excessive, frowning and squinting from tension can lead to deep furrows in your face. Try to stop, step back and take a deep breath and allow your face to relax along with your whole body.

What else can you do to save your face? These apply for both males and females. Apart from a daily sunblock-containing moisturizer, there is lots you can do. Males should be aware that after-shave is alcohol based and therefore drying to the skin, so use it sparingly. Drink lots of water - eight to 10 eight ounce glasses a day is recommended. Get plenty of rest. Work in good light. Get moving! Movement, in the form of aerobic exercise, draws nourishing blood to the face and boosts the production of collagen, a protein that aids in the maintenance of skin elasticity. Your skin will survive in better condition if you give it the attention it deserves.

Weekly Crossword

"BUY" THE BOOK

By Gerry Frey

ACROSS

- 1 Invade
- 5 Pilot
- 10 Jim Corbett for one
- 14 Opposed
- 15 Sam's favorite waitress
- 16 _____ friendly
- 17 Artists buy
- 19 ".....", not as I do"
- 20 Vermicelli
- 21 Traffic violators
- 23 Assocs.
- 26 City in N.E. Italy
- 27 Division of a play
- 30 French _____: Hair style
- 32 Lessen
- 36 Businessmen buy
- 38 Found in the soap aisle
- 39 _____ facto
- 40 "..... your own business!"
- 42 Home of the Hawks (Peter)
- 43 Boy Scout groups
- 45 Rouses again
- 47 Basins
- 48 Stephen Vincent _____
- 49 Detail: Abbrev.
- 50 Book _____
- 52 Broadway signs
- 54 Undermine
- 58 Mother-of-pearl
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- 63 Waldens, eg
- 66 Ceramic square
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- 69 Big house ?
- 70 Robin's houses
- 71 Picnic guests

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- 8 Married secretly
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- 11 Latin "to be"
- 12 Close
- 13 Rugby scores
- 18 Dieters concern
- 22 And others
- 24 Raunchy
- 25 Rice wine
- 27 Mine openings
- 28 Island off Italy
- 29 Iron Mike
- 31 French river
- 33 Equipped
- 34 Metric ton
- 35 Live
- 37 Students buy
- 38 Kowtow
- 41 Olympic "A's" ?
- 44 H.S. Juniors exam
- 46 Make amends
- 48 Go away !
- 51 Vaccine founder
- 53 Mexican hot sauce
- 54 Concordes
- 55 Landed
- 56 Indonesian island
- 57 Long periods of time
- 59 Scottish tribe
- 60 Lease
- 61 Poets words
- 64 Siberian person
- 65 AARP members

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- 1 File
- 2 Singer Paul
- 3 Followers
- 4 More of the same

Old state laws rejuvenated by enforcement

One out of every 60 children born this year will die in a traffic accident.

More than 56,000 children were injured, some permanently, in traffic accidents in 1989 alone. Had car seats been used properly, nearly 500 deaths and 45,000 serious injuries could have been prevented.

In 1984 the state of Washington issued a law requiring children, up to the age of five-years-old, to be correctly restrained in a safety approved car seat when in a moving motor vehicle.

The child restraint law is a primary enforcement. If a police officer sees a car with unrestrained children he is able to pull the vehicle over for that reason alone. The minimum fine for a child not being in a car seat is \$47.

Car crashes are the number one cause of death and injury to children over the age of one. Even with the number of car seats used, 80 percent of them are used incorrectly or are significantly damaged to the point where they do the child more harm than good.

The kinds of car seats to avoid are seats that have been manufactured before 1981, seats that have been marked for destruction on the national highway Traffic Safety Administration list, seats that have been involved in significant car accidents before, seats with obvious damage, and seats with missing parts.

Some hospitals and county health departments provide car seat loans and low-cost rental programs.

Infant seats are to be used only with children ranging from birth to 20 pounds. The infant seat is placed in the front seat facing toward the rear of the vehicle.

Convertible seats are for children ranging from birth to 40 pounds. The convertible seat is placed in the front seat facing the rear of the vehicle until the child is able to sit up on its own. When the child is strong enough to support itself the seat is then turned to face the front of the vehicle.

Booster seats are used after the child grows out of the convertible car seat until the child is at least five years old.

After the booster seat is outgrown, the child must wear the safety belt provided in the vehicle.

In 1986 Washington passed a law requiring all occupants of a moving motor vehicle to wear a safety belt.

Since 1986 more than 3,400 people have survived car wrecks by wearing their safety belts.

If every front seat passenger had worn a seat belt in 1989, nearly 15,500 deaths and several hundred thousand serious injuries could have been prevented.

The seat belt law has a secondary enforcement rate. This means an officer can't pull a driver over for the sole reason of not wearing a seat belt. However, if the driver happens to be pulled over, say for speeding, he is charged an additional fee of \$47 for everyone, including himself, under the age of 16 that is not wearing a seat belt. Passengers over the age of 16 are fined individually.

To insure the maximum protection from a seat belt it must be worn correctly.

Lap belts should be worn snug and low across the hips. Lap belts worn too high could result in irreparable internal damage.

Shoulder harness must be snug, leaving no more than two fingers worth of room between belt and body.

Newer cars come equipped with air bags; however, the air bags are ineffective unless used with a seat belt.

The number of fatalities in 1991, resulting from car crashes, was 682; the lowest it's been since 1963. This low number is attributed to increased seat belt use, law enforcement, a decrease in drunk driving cases, the DWI task force, state roadway improvements, improved medical and emergency services, safety features on newer cars and educational efforts.

The national goal for 1992 is 70 percent seat belt use. Last year seat belt use increased 69.1 percent, which is higher than the national average; 51 percent.

Mortality has no age limits. It is important to insure the future of tomorrow by protecting the lives of today.



Book buy back time approaches

Book buy backs will be March 18, 19 and 20. The policy states that students receive 60 percent of the new book price if the book store is going to use the book next quarter and the bookstore needs the book.

If the bookstore doesn't need the book then students have the option of keeping the book, selling it to another student or selling it to a used book company.



Winter finals schedule

All classes will meet during the week of final examinations as scheduled below. Weather or not an instructor administers a final examination is decided by the instructor in accordance with division policy. **MARCH 17 HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS A STUDY DAY.**

Wednesday, March 18

- 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.-----all 9 a.m. classes
- 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.-----all 1 p.m. classes
- 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.-----all 4 p.m. classes
- 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. -----available test time for conflicts*

Thursday, March 19

- 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.-----all 9 a.m. classes
- 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.-----all 2 p.m. classes
- 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.-----Tuesday and Thursday classes that do not fit regular schedule time. Available test time for classes with conflicts. *

Friday, March 20

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Budget cuts force last year for track and field

By Nicole Grace
Staff Writer

This will be the last season for Gator track and field along with Cross country.

The college is going from 13 sports to nine because of budget cuts. "The overall athletic program has been suffering due to the lack of resources. We had to take a long hard look at ways to survive. There wasn't enough money to be spread amongst 13 sports. After looking at the problem, the consensus was to drop the college down to nine sports," stated Athletic Director Harry Beggs.

There are many reasons for cutting men's and

women's track and field along with the men's and women's cross country programs. There has been a struggle within the program for several years to find a good coach who will stick around.

The teams are on their fourth coach in as little as six years. Lack of participation from student athletes is also evident.

According to Beggs, a good Track and Field team needs 20-25 participants, and they haven't had a full team in the men's or women's program for quite some time. They've had less than 10

participants for the past three or four years in a row now.

In order to score in a cross country meet, there needs to be at least five members on each squad, and they haven't had that in awhile. Only ten to twelve community college's in the state participate in the programs that Green River is now cutting.

Even though the teams are low in numbers this season, GRCC will fulfill their commitment to the players and the coach until the end of June. The college will still honor freshmen scholarships in track and field and

in Cross Country, if the athletes choose to stay at Green River.

However, the college strongly encourages the athletes to transfer to a different college that still offers such programs for its students.

Track and Field Coach Larry Seferovich had no comment when asked about the cut in those four sports. Seferovich also coached the Gator Cross Country teams.

In the meantime, Track and Field is doing well. They had their fourth outdoor meet on Saturday, March 7. Kate DuBoise broke a school record in the triple jump by jumping 35' 8 3/4" at the

University of Washington.

DuBoise also jumped 16'9" in the long jump and qualified for conference with her 100 meter hurdles at 16:5, which was her personal best.

Peter Dubolt long jumped 20'2", while Tim Meines ran the 800 meter run in 4:18. Marc Devina shot put 40 feet and threw the discus 121 feet.

Shawn Rohweder, a graduate from White River, will compete in his first meet of the season on Saturday. Last year in high school, Rohweder placed third in state.

Gator softball goes for another winning season

By Wendy New
Photo Editor

Green River Community College softball season has gotten off to a slow start this year. The first game of the season was cancelled.

This year's team is made up mostly of freshmen, however, the team has two returning women from last season. The team captain, Stacy Hunter, is from Puyallup. Hunter plays in the outfield. The second sophomore is first

base person Alicia Carroll, who is from Castle Rock.

Freshmen for this year's team include Dani Allen from Auburn, who plays the positions of catcher and second base. Lisa Ehlke plays both first base and pitcher. Teresa Stevenson, plays either in the outfield or the infield. Ehlke and Stevenson are both from Federal Way.

This year the Gators will play nearly 40 games, 16

of which will be league games. During Spring Break the team will travel to Yakima for their first tournament of the season.

Green River has finished second in the past two years. The team is hoping to be in that same ball park this year as well, even though they have a young squad.

"The team is very inexperienced with twelve freshmen and only two sophomores, most of the players

haven't played together before, because they're from different high schools from around the state," commented Head Coach Rick Noren of the Gators.

Noren continued to say that the team has goals to learn to work with one another, by getting to know each other better, improve as individual players, and learn to work hard as a team.

The next game for the Gators will be this Saturday

over in Wenatchee. There Green River will play three games. The first will be against Highline Community College, then Wenatchee Community College, then Green River will finish by playing Whitman College.

Baseball team bags first win in the early going

By Angi Knauer
Staff writer

The Green River Community College baseball team won their first league game last Saturday, defeating Spokane Falls Community College 7-6.

The Gators were able to bring in four runs in the top of the ninth inning to beat SFCC. Two of the runs were the result of a single hit by sophomore Jeff Wagner of the Gators.

Pitching for Green River during the first four innings was freshman J.R. Yackley. Freshmen Mike Brusseau, who finished out the last five for the Gators was credited with the win.

This is the first year Dan Spencer has coached at Green River. Spencer is a Vancouver, Washington native. He played third base for Texas Technical University. Spencer's coaching experience comes from one year of being an assistant coach at Tacoma Community College. For five years Spencer coached for Ryder

Construction, for a senior Babe Ruth team of 16 to 18 year-olds.

Spencer says the team has some strong hitters such as; Jared Manley, Clint Gould, Jeff Wagner, Pat Swapp, and Jeff Range just to name a few.

Freshmen pitchers J.R. Yackley and Mike Brusseau are also stand-outs for Green River. The Gators will play a total of 40 games during this season.

Spencer has high expectations for the team this year. Spencer hopes to, "win the league and play well in the play-offs."

This weekend Green River will travel to Ontario, Canada to participate in the Treasure Valley Community College Tournament.

The Gators will play Treasure Valley at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Ricks College at 1 p.m. Thursday, Snow College at 1 p.m. Friday, and College of Southern Idaho at 1 p.m. Saturday.

The next home game will be April 6th at 3 p.m. against Bellevue Community College.

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Green River sonnet

By Debbie Wetta
GRCC student

For my fellow students:

This is a poem that my daughter found in an 1874 collection of William Cullen Bryant. It is amazing how accurately Bryant describes our own campus, especially in the last part of the poem.

Green River
by William Cullen Bryant

When breezes are soft and skies are fair,
I steal an hour from study and care,
And hie me away to a woodland scene,
Where wanders the stream with waters of green,
As if the bright fringe of herbs on its brink
Had given their stain to the wave they drink;
And they, whose meadows it murmurs through,
Haved named the stream from its own fair hue.
Yet pure its waters—its shallows are bright
With coloured pebbles and sparkles of light,
And clear the depths where its eddies play,
And dimples deepen and whirl away,
And the plane-tree's speckled arms o'ershoot
The swifter current that mines its root,
Through whose shifting leaves, as you walk the hill,
The quivering glimmer of sun and rill
With a sudden flash of the eye is thrown,
Like the ray that streams from a diamond-stone.
Oh, loveliest there the spring days come,
With blossoms, and birds, and wild bees' hum;
The flowers of summer are fairest there,
And freshest the breath of the summer air;
And sweetest the golden autumn day
In silence and sunshine glides away.
Yet fair as thou art, thou shunnest to glide.
Beautiful stream! by the village side;
But windest away from the haunts of men,
To quiet valley and shaded glen;
And forrest, and meadow, and slope of hill,
Around thee, are lonely, lovely and still.
Lonely—save when, by thy rippling tides,
From thicket to thicket the angler glides;
Or simpler comes, with basket and book,
For herb of power on they banks to look;
Or haply, some idle dreamer, like me,
To wander, and muse, and gaze on thee.
Still—save the chirp of the birds that feed
On the river cherry and seedy reed,
And thy own wild music gushing out
With mellow murmur or fairy shout,
From dawn to the blush of another day,
Like a traveler singing along his way.
That fairy music I never hear,
Nor gaze at those waters so green and clear,
And mark them winding away from sight,
Darkened with shade or flashing with light,
While o'er them the vine to its thicket clings,
And the zephyr stoops to freshen his wings,
But I wish that fate had left me free
To wander these quiet haunts with thee,
Till the eating cares of earth should depart,
And the peace of the scene pass into my heart
And I envy the stream, as it glides along,
Through its beautiful banks in a trance of song.
Though forced to drudge for the dregs of men,
And scrawl strange words with the barbarous pen,
And mingle among the jostling crowd,
Where the sons of strife are subtle and loud—
I often come to this quiet place,
To breathe the airs that ruffle thy face,
And gaze upon thee in silent dream,
For in thy lonely and lovely stream
An image of that calm life appears
That won my heart in my greener years.

Times should inform sooner, not later, if they had any allegations

By Don Eckhoff
Sports Editor

I feel appalled to even be associated in any way, shape, or form with the journalism community.

The *Seattle Times* article exploiting United States Senator Brock Adams was horrifying. The *Times* tells the readers about ethics at one point, and in another they are saying that they have had information coming in, off and on, over the past three-and-a-half years.

If this was the case it was the duty in my mind, that *The Times* should have reported this then. However, they were now able to have the three-and-a-

half years to make up a really juicy story for the readers to salivate over.

Those readers were taken on a journalistic joy ride. If *The Times* had something to say, they should have printed it—SOONER. Why did it take eight allegations? The media three years earlier had a field day with Kari Tupper. If *The Times* found more women to speak out about this matter two years ago, why didn't they tell everyone then? But, NO, they had to wait until they had EIGHT allegations.

Hardly a coincidence that Sen. Adams happened to be in town that weekend. Sen. Adams

also had Senate Minority Leader George Mitchell in town to support his re-election bid. Sen. Adams also had several campaign commercials which were very successful speaking about the hard work that Adams had done in D.C. for Washington states' environment along with womens' issues. Issues such as family medical leave, health care, right to choose and civil rights for all.

I personally will not believe anonymous allegations even if it were a hundred people. If there's no name for the source then it's not worthy of publication. Period.

Let's define the "benefits" of rape

By Angi Knauer
Staff writer

In the last couple of years the media has been filled with incident after incident of sexual harassment and rape. Along with this much-needed attention on a serious problem in America has come a slue of hostile attitudes from certain individuals, much like that of Dennis Luetke, a fellow staff writer for the *Current*.

In the last issue of the paper Luetke wrote an article titled "Women Cry Rape For \$\$\$". Luetke claims that Desera Washington lied about the entire situation of Mike Tyson raping her. According to the knowledgeable Luetke, Washington was strictly out for her own personal gain and was only looking to vent her inner frustrations on someone along with making a quick buck. Get real, Luetke!

Perhaps he heard something the rest of us didn't? Or maybe he was there when the incident occurred? I think not. Luetke's ignorant presumptions probably stem from the fact that a woman is making a man pay for being a complete asshole.

One would expect

to hear arguments for both sides of the issues but too many individuals, a majority of which are male, are automatically siding with the men. These individuals do not bother to listen to the entire story. They assume because a woman is making the allegations and because money is involved it is a farce and she is just looking to ruin someone else's life while adding a little to her bank account.

People need to be aware of what women risk when they come forward and charge a man with such a serious crime. They risk their reputations. Being raped or sexually assaulted is often blamed on the woman, as Luetke implied. Her character is picked apart and the woman who was once highly respected may find herself being viewed in a new light.

A woman also risks her future, career-wise. A certain stigma may follow her leaving prospective employers to question if she will cause problem in the work place.

Relationships may also become hard for a victim to handle. Men may fear involvement and the woman herself may worry

that once again she will be put in the same horrible position of having no say over what happens to her emotionally and physically.

I am fed up of hearing it is a woman's fault she is raped or harassed or that she, in some way, encouraged it. This is the most insensitive thing a person can say. Her actions, her attire, her attitude are put under scrutiny. Her every move is analyzed and whenever something suggestive can be read into it, it will be. I think it is time for a little support.

Women are finally taking a stand against the abuse they were once discouraged to bring up and make public. And it's about time. Until certain men start thinking with the head on their shoulders instead of the other one these incidents are going to continue to plague the evening news and the morning paper. As long as they do I hope these women, along with putting the guilty men behind bars, will continue to take them for all their worth. Anyway Luetke, wouldn't you rather have a woman take all your cash and not your penis. There is a lot of talk about castration lately.

Skid Row and Pantera rock-on

By Jennifer Milks
Staff writer

The heavy metal sensation, Skid Row, rocked the Seattle Center Arena Sunday, March 1. The thrash band, Pantera, opened the show around 7:30 PM. This band warmed up the crowd and approximately an hour and a half later the crowd was ready for Skid Row to rock!

The band opened with "Skid Row" and the Arena immediately exploded into an uproar. Sebastian Bach, Skid Row's lead singer, was perfect all night. His voice did not crack at any time throughout the concert. After the first song, Sebastian greeted the crowd enthusiastically. He commented how much they loved to play in Seattle because it was such a 'hip' town right now. He referred to all the well-known rock and roll bands that hail from Seattle: Queensrÿche, Nirvana, Soundgarden, etc.

After finishing the first set of songs, the mem-

bers of the band left the stage while the drummer played his drum solo. During his solo three women clad only in robes appeared on stage and started to dance for him. The women opened their robes and gave the drummer quite a show. Why were they doing this? Mar. 1 was the drummer's birthday and this was the band's gift to him.

The concert continued with one of Skid Row's most well known songs off their *Slave to the Grind* album, "Get the F— out!" The whole crowd went wild.

Skid Row's special effects included fireworks, explosions, and lights. They played many other songs such as "Eighteen and life to go", "Youth gone wild", and an acoustic version of "I remember you".

Skid Row's entire concert was flawless. The band played perfectly and the whole crowd had a great time. This is one band that is definitely worth seeing live. Skid Row is great live because they appear to have fun while performing and they have fun with the crowd.

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