

Editorial staff and students speak out about things angering them on campus.

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## Election Returns Are In, Student Center Approved

*Snezhana Stadnik and Megan Borjesson are elected ASGRCC President and Vice President*



**Snezhana Stadnik**  
ASGRCC President  
2007-2008

**Bimla Thapa**  
Staff Reporter

By now the election results are old news, and everyone is aware who was elected student body president. For those who may not have been paying attention, the winner is Snezhana Stadnik, a running start student. But one important question remains: who really is Snezhana Stadnik?

Originally from Ukraine, Stadnik is the middle child in a family of five. She share a close bond with her sister, Zory Stadnik. At first glance Stadnik looks like a regular

teen, not much into her surroundings. But if you take the initiative to sit down and chat with her, you realize how deceiving looks can be. In reality, Stadnik is very amiable. She is highly sociable and spontaneous, while at the same time ambitious and "always ready for the future". This gives her a good rapport with her peers.

In her free time, Stadnik likes to play volleyball, and she used to play volleyball in high school. Aside from volleyball, Stadnik is also an active participant in her church, a place of worship where many Ukrainians frequent. "It is one place where I keep in touch with my heritage," she says. There she is a worship leader in charge of a group of girls, perhaps one place where her leadership skills have been enhanced. She also plays the piano at church and has been playing for years, even playing by ear.

However, Stadnik is probably most smitten by snowboarding, despite only starting a mere two years ago. "In winter, I snowboarded almost everyday! That's how much I love snowboarding," she exclaimed enthusiastically.

Once thing Stadnik believes not many people know about her is that she is someone who thinks a lot and analyzes everything she has to deal with. "I'm also someone who hides my emotions a lot, opening up only to my sister and best friend, Zory." Stadnik also prefers to keep to herself "if I feel like what I say might hurt someone," a very sensible thing to do.

### Goals and Aims of New ASGRCC President

As the new GRCC student body president, Snezhana Stadnik's main focus is to reach out to students using different and creative approaches, including the popular MySpace website. She plans to get students to join clubs by enhancing communication between representatives of each group. Through such involvement, Stadnik wants students to know that they are not being singled out in any sense; rather that they have a place in each club. "I want to let students know that their opinions are valued and that college doesn't necessarily mean listening to instructors and heading back with homework and assignments." In other words, Stadnik wants to lighten up our college experience and fill it with pleasant memories.

Stadnik also plans to add more volunteer projects to not only bring students together, but also help make the community a better place. "The community has done a lot for me, so now I want to give something back to the community as well to show my gratitude and appreciation." How exactly does she plan to give back to the community? "By adopting a road to clean and other community service which provides immediate aid to the less fortunate."

This is the attitude of our new student body president. She wants to show people that she "isn't just a cute girl. No. There's more to me than my petite frame." One thing is for sure, Stadnik did not run for ASGRCC student body president just to win, or for the title. For her "it's not people working for me, it is me working for the people to help make their Green River experience an experience to remember."

Stadnik believes she was made just the way she is. She claims that her self esteem was pretty low in high school despite being involved in student body government. "It was mainly a popularity contest in high school. I have now come to realize that I am who I am and if others have problems with it then they'll just have to deal with it."

Everyone has an area of comfort where we go when we need to unwind from our everyday hassles. Just like the rest of us, Stadnik has her personal comfort zone, Starbucks. She likes it for two reasons: because she works there, and because she likes the relaxing atmosphere of

Starbucks. Needless to say, she is an avid fan of coffee.

"My favorite coffee? Latin American," Stadnik laughs.

As you can see, Snezhana Stadnik is very down to earth. President or not, she is an extremely friendly person. So next time you see her around campus, don't be afraid to give her a smile, for she will definitely return a smile to you. Just don't be surprised if she comes up to talk to you!

Photo Courtesy of "Vote Snezhana" on MySpace



The new Student Center was approved overwhelmingly.

Photo courtesy of Chelsea Fletcher

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# Debate continues with diversity, political correctness

*The Current responds to Council Meeting*

**Cameron Neblitt**  
Satire Editor

In a recent meeting for the President's Commission on Diversity here at Green River, The Current took fire for its unabashed support of racism. Looking out upon a sea of Caucasian participants, lightly interspersed with what little ethnicity could be scrounged up amongst faculty and staff, The Current editor defended the paper's position. "Our mission is not to offend," he said, but added that he does "have a responsibility to make the community think."

The Current staff members present at the meeting, a racially homogenous group consisting of an Afro-Cuban-Caucasian-Asian monoculture, foolishly took to the defense of the embattled paper. Unfortunately, their every word was laced with racist overtones, leaving the audience unmoved by their message of hate. Once it was firmly established that the image of a Klansman was a topic of contention, Julian Martin, Entertainment Editor for The Current, asked if it would be acceptable to print such an image in any context. His warped vision of the world was sharply rebuked by the Black Student Union with the obvious response of "No."

The BSU also criticized the paper for its poor awareness of its audience. After conducting an informal survey, it presented its findings that too many students at Green River are uninformed about racial insensitivity. After finding that too many students were unaware of how obviously offensive the image is, they spent

hours explaining the appropriate viewpoint to students. It is regrettable that The Current is unaware that its readers are too unintelligent to make their own decisions about the image. An apology should be forthcoming once the BSU force-feeds the correct opinion to the paper.

Political correctness, the subject of the image in question, was briefly touched upon at the beginning of the meeting. Lampped by the commission over The Current's position that political correctness is farcical and gone too far, one commission member pressed that it has not gone far enough. After voicing obligatory support for freedom of the press, the commission continued its press for censorship of offensive terminology and imagery. Realizing that all usage of the "n-word" is unacceptable (we won't make that mistake again!) and images of offensive subjects such as Klansmen are also inappropriate in any context, the paper plans to provide a list of words that it will no longer print. "Irony" is expected to top the list.

Although in the end, the commission succeeded in its goal of patting itself on the back for a "commitment to diversity," the accomplishments of the evening were clear. The two groups at the crux of the matter, the Black Student Union and The Current, were more polarized than at the start. The commission promoted itself as an effective tool for supporting diversity – an overwhelming problem at a school with 36% students of color located in a city with only 17.2% people of color – and successfully rebuked the radical viewpoints of The Current staff.

*President's Commission responds*

Dear Editor,

Thank you for the opportunity to share our perspectives of the forum conducted during the last scheduled President's Commission on Diversity. There were definitely some tense moments at the forum; however, things needed to be said in order to gain understanding of the issue. People's positions were expressed and strong opinions aired in a venue that provided openness and safety for those who chose to participate. For some, it appeared uncomfortable as individuals struggled to not further offend. This reflects well to the courageous attempts by students and staff who spoke at the meeting.

In our opinion the forum did not result in Commission members patting themselves on the back; quite the contrary. The members listened and responded respectfully. The Commission felt that this was important enough to cancel its regular Commission meeting and tackle this issue head-on. Every

Commission member was in attendance including our College President and Vice President.

The work of the Commission is far from being done. We will remain committed to a culture of diversity that is reflective of the community we serve. We will provide open forums when necessary in an attempt to help students, faculty, and staff dialogue in an environment that is safe enough to discuss some of these tough issues. It is our hope that instead of pointing fingers and accusing others of being racist, we instead work to educate so that we learn from these experiences. And isn't that why students choose to attend college?

Sincerely,

Diana Holz  
Co-Chair – Faculty

Jorge Ramirez  
Co-Chair – Executive Dean of Student Services

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## Political Correctness At The Heart of Diversity Debate

**Thomas Chmura**  
Guest Reporter

Political correctness has struck once again! This time it was in response to this cartoon above. It came in the form of a bunch of overzealous group of kids waving the racist card at the newspaper.

This entire incident which was blown out of proportion, made me laugh hysterically because they only proved my point in my previous article about how political correctness has limited our right to free speech. The 1st amendment states that "Congress shall make no law abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press..." So what was their problem I wonder?

They didn't want us to write nigger, and then they said it was the sheer presence of "the word" that offended them and we shouldn't do it again. Well this group of passionate grammar-Nazis has quite the task in front of them as they would need to silence the school districts from restricting required reading books such as Tom Sawyer & Huckleberry Finn and other books that have mentioned that word as well as numerous rap songs. Now, these artists and authors never were persecuted like The Current was recently.

Granted Mark Twain is not

only dead but was in a time period where political correctness hadn't plagued the United States yet. So these rappers can't be persecuted for use of that word because it is freedom of speech and expression. Though however, there are a few things that are not covered in the freedom of speech such as defamation, content-based, "fighting words" or obscenity. None of which can be held against us because not only did Alex, an African-American, for those groups who use race to base your decisions to point the blame, write the cartoon but the even more hilarious item is this group that is upset is persecuting a team that is itself a multicultural group for friends.

For many of us, racial color is blind in our eyes yet it always seems to be present in those who do not want to forgive and cling onto it. Guess what, it is those very people who don't move on and call and yell RACISM! Every time something comes up, no matter how small, they are the ones to blame for keeping racism alive and strangling the very society they live in. People seem to believe that racism is strictly against African Americans. These group of people need to get over themselves. Throughout history, EVERY race has been discriminated against one way or another and to hold grudges and make one race pay for the other's mistreatment, will only continue racism and keep dragging it

along into the 21st century. I, for one, am tired of this and wish these groups of whistle blowers, grammar Nazis, and racist accusers drop the subject and find other means of attempting to "save society" from our horrible problem.

I have friends of nearly every race, sex and religion but I can guarantee you this same group who went after The Current for simply posting this article will come and once again accuse me of being a racist not because I am one, but because of what I am writing. What is shown in that article is not politically correct and that this group of individuals has

no argument other than the fact of further proving my point that political correctness is strangling this nation and its youth. They have no other means of telling me to stop it or saying that I am bad other than using defamation, which is against the freedom of speech, and calling The Current staff, the cartoonist, and myself all racist for what was meant to show that even though you twist the words of a subject, no matter how you put it, the true colors show through. So what is the point of choking the American public with this garbage of political correctness?

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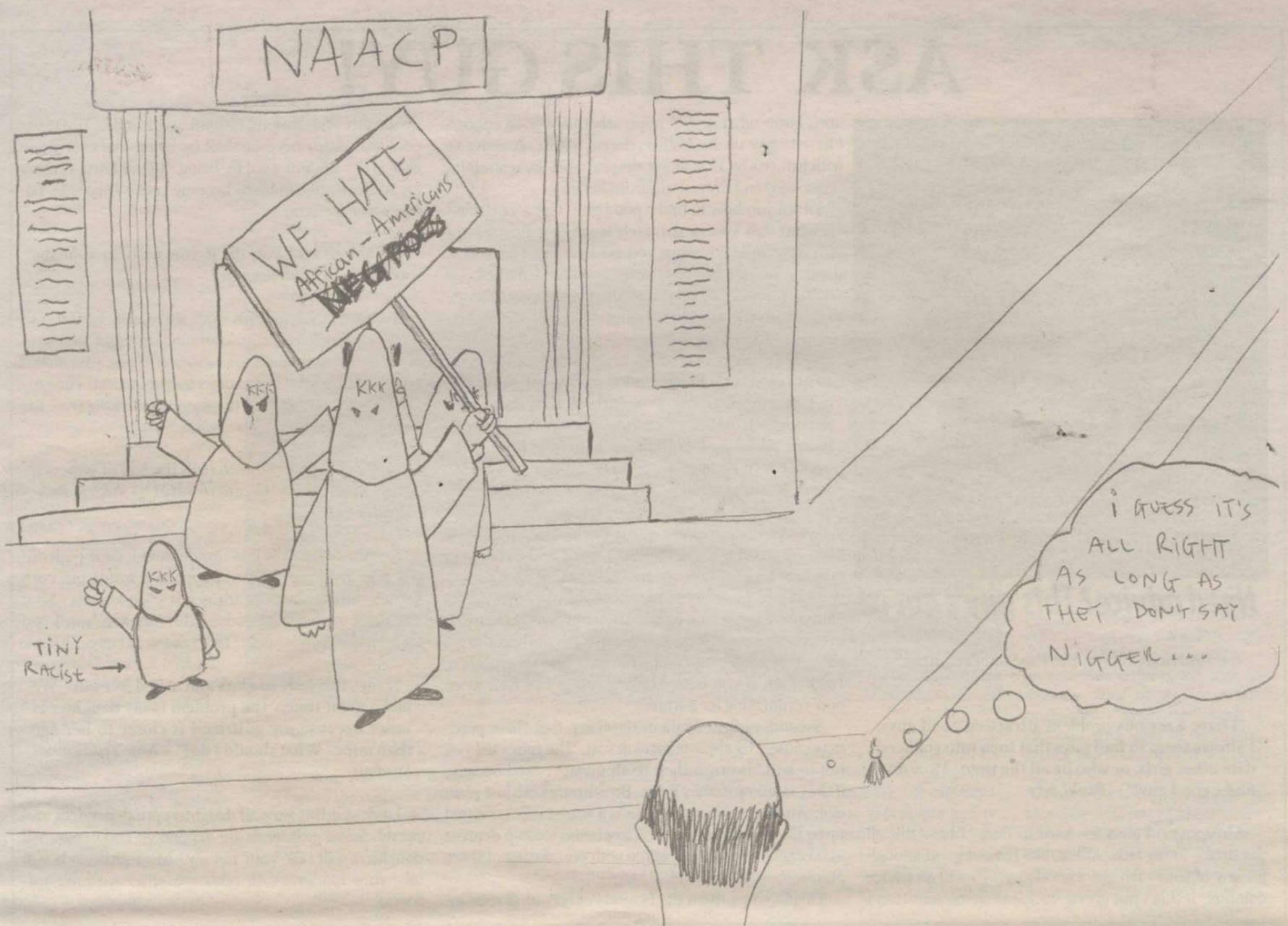
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## Abstinence Only Sex Education Misleads and Misuses Taxpayers

**Ryan Gaudinier**  
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The Government has been leading American children down a dangerous path of ignorance with biased programs aimed at keeping children sexually abstinent until marriage. These programs need to be disbanded and replaced with responsible, medically accurate and unbiased sexual education programs.

The programs are an inefficient excuse to teach and indoctrinate the public with the religious values of the Christian Right while using tax dollars to do it. It is not the Government's job to be forcing their own Christian morals down the rest of our throats. Abstinence only education is also incredibly dangerous because it takes the focus away from protection and safe sex and focuses on trying to stop kids from having sex entirely, an impossible and pointless goal.

Abstinence only programs put such a premium on abstinence that they fail to properly educate students about potentially life-changing and life saving information about proper birth control use, the need for STD tests, and information about where to obtain said birth control and be medically tested for diseases such as HIV and other STDs.

Well guess what; shockingly the programs don't even work. A congressional study was recently released that showed no difference in sexual activity between students who were enrolled in abstinence only education and those not enrolled in the program. 54 percent of students enrolled in these classes were abstinent in the next 12 months, while students who took other forms of sexual education were abstinent 55 percent of the time. In other words, students who were not in the abstinence classes were just a tad more likely to be abstinent.

Kids like having sex. And who can blame them? Exploring sexually and coming to terms with a sexual identity is all part of growing up, no matter what the Church might have to say about it.

A person's sexuality is a fundamental and important part of a person's character. So it's not surprising in the least that these programs are ineffective.

So not only are we as American taxpayers wasting \$187 million dollars a year on a corrupt and pointless educational system, we are wasting \$187 million

dollars a year on a corrupt and pointless educational system that doesn't even accomplish its stated mission. As a taxpayer, I can't help feeling used.

There are additional problems with abstinence only education. For a program to be legally defined as abstinence only it must; teach abstinence from sexual activity outside marriage as the expected standard for all school-age children, teach that a mutually faithful monogamous relationship in the context of

released last year showed that over 94 percent of all Americans engage in sexual activity before marriage. The other six percent make up a small minority, not a standard.

Also, the idea that a faithful monogamous relationship in the context of marriage is the expected standard of sexual activity is fading into the past. More and more adults are choosing to stay unmarried or are choosing alternative relationships and alternative sex lives. Also, this

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marriage is the expected standard of sexual activity, and teach that sexual activity outside of the context of marriage is likely to have harmful psychological and physical effects.

Of course, this is all pure horseshit. First, sexual abstinence is not the standard for all school-age children. A report

definition of marriage fails to incorporate an entire sector of the population, the gay and lesbian community, as it is still illegal for homosexual couples to get married in most states. It is not the GBLT community's fault that society so heavily discriminates against them and doesn't allow them to be incorporated into this

traditional ideal of marriage.

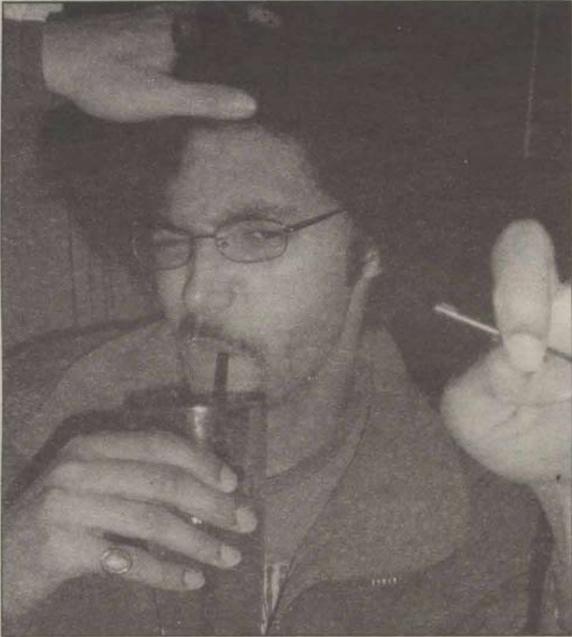
So abstinence only education is misguided, biased, incorrect and doesn't even work. What is our administration's response, well of course it is to spend more money on these programs. White house officials have determined that the lesson to be learned from the congressional study is that the abstinence message should be reinforced in the coming years, in other words, more money spent on the programs.

This kind of reasoning is the most backwards response possible to the situation. The government is unmoved by scientific data and reasoning, they are going to keep on demanding that everyone waits to have sex just like they did. They are going to keep on putting millions of dollars into these programs based on just the hope that maybe this program will keep just one Senator's daughter's vagina untouched.

And it's not like our Government doesn't have better ways to spend this money. Instead of a crusade against sexual activity, this money could be spent on giving our soldiers who are coming back from Iraq adequate medical and psychological treatment, homeless shelters, or community outreach programs.

Our government has much better things to worry about than horny teenagers.

# ASK THIS GUY!



**Need advice? This guy's got it!**

Advice Column By: The Staff Eccentric

**"I have a serious problem attracting good guys. I always seem to find guys that turn into stalkers, date other girls, or who lie all the time. How do I find a good guy?" – PinkLady**

Ah yes, good guys are hard to find. I hear this all the time. To my face. What, like I'm not good enough for any of you?! I'm not a good guy? I write an advice column! If that's not giving back and being sensitive, I

don't know what is! But nooo...that's not good enough. I have to give up alcoholism, deceit, mildly obsessive fanaticism, (it's NOT stalking, despite what the restraining order says) and my polyamorous beliefs.

I'll tell you how to find a good guy. Get a gay friend. He won't stalk you, he definitely won't date girls, and the only time he'll lie is when you ask him if you look fat in those jeans. He probably won't even lie then, he'll just say "Girl," shake his head, and then you'll know the answer. He'll probably go shopping with you too.

**"Dear This Guy,**

**I'm constantly being told to brush my teeth or use breathmints, but I don't think that these superficial elements of culture should be applied to me. How do I explain my beliefs of not using products to change my image? People just don't seem to understand." – TrendHater**

I never realized how much my dentist must have brushed off on me. All that time spent in the chair and now everyone looks to me for oral hygiene advice.

First off, I recommend discussing this upwind of whomever you're talking to. Sometimes little elements of your image get lodged in your teeth and produce a scent that people talking to you may find unappealing. Particularly if you have a strong image and have been non-conforming for a while.

Second, explain to them the harm that these products cause. Toothpaste can kill you. The tubes tell you not to let kids brush their teeth unsupervised because if they swallow it, they'll die. Breathmints are just plain evil. And remember, gingivitis is a scare tactic conjured up by the American Dental Association to keep dentists in business. If people disagree with you on any of these points, move downwind.

Finally, show them the benefits of retaining your in-

dividuality and bucking fashion and trends. The really cool kids didn't become cool by being like everybody else. They became cool by being different and waiting for someone like them to become cool. Then they become trendsetters.

**"What should you do if you wish to rule the world?" – Megalomaniac**

I've been studying this topic for years. In fact, I've written a book about it, outlining an eight-step program to world domination. (Step 1: Write a book and sell enough copies to finance your operation) For only \$29.95 you too can find the secrets to taking over the world.

**"How come you have to turn the bag of popcorn 'This Side Up' in the microwave?" – Instruction-Reader**

If your popcorn bag is upside down, your popcorn will pop inside out. Since popcorn is inside out corn kernels, inside out popcorn is just corn kernels. So if you don't turn your popcorn "This Side Up" you'll end up with just corn kernels. That's not very tasty.

**"I met this lady in class and asked her out. We had a great time. The problem is my daughter is upset because my girlfriend is closer to her age than mine. What should I do?" – Non-Traditional Student**

Look at it this way: all daughters are dependent and needy. Some girlfriends are dependent and needy. All daughters will take your money. Most girlfriends will take your money. Your odds are better with the girlfriend.

## Geeks Banned at Green River

Last week, the Associated Students of Green River Community College (ASGRCC) passed a resolution banning geeks and geek activity on campus. Opponents of the measure were expected to overwhelm the meeting, however no opposition was presented and the bill passed unanimously. Critics have attributed the lack of opposition to the surprise showing of Star Wars in the room across from the senate chamber.

"I was going to the senate meeting to complain, but then I heard the opening theme [to Star Wars.] I turned and saw that the movie was just beginning, so I sat down to watch. I didn't think there would be a problem because I was sure someone else would complain at the meeting," said Norbert Milhouse, 19, who prefers to go by the nickname "Yoda."

Unfortunately for Milhouse, the room showing the film became packed as all the other opponents to the resolution joined him. Lured by the surprise showing of the film, all the students opposed to the measure chose to watch the film rather than present their case to the student senate. None of them were aware of the danger facing them until the ASGRCC Chief Justice came in and enforced the new rule.

"She just came in and turned it off. Right as Obi-Wan was saving Luke from the Sandpeople. And then she had the nerve to kick us out. It was really uncool," recounted Milhouse, a self-proclaimed Star Wars fanboy.

"I have to enforce the rules," said Chelsea Fletcher, ASGRCC Chief Justice. "Once geeks were banned, that was it. Obviously we couldn't let them just sit around and watch Star Wars in the LSC. That's a blatant violation of the new code, which specifically bans Star Wars-related activity."

The new rule also bans Star Trek, Dungeons & Dragons, and Lord of the Rings. Anime was originally proposed for the ban, but after complaints lodged by several international students that section of the bill was removed in committee.



**These guys are no longer allowed on campus.**

In order to enforce the rule, Fletcher announced the formation of two groups empowered to break up and punish violators. The first group, the Resource for Repression of Dungeons and Dragons (R2D2), is specifically tasked with disbanding role-playing games and other group-oriented gatherings of geeks on campus.

R2D2 is assisted by the Coolness on Campus Community Policing Organiza-

tion (C3PO), which is tasked with punishing individual students for geeky behavior. Together they form the backbone of Fletcher's Design for Antisocial Reform and Teaching of Healthy Values About Developing Educational Relevance (DARTH-VADER) plan.

Many geeks have criticized Fletcher's DARTHVADER plan, but she stands firm in her convictions. "The AS-

GRCC has voted. It is only a small community that is complaining, and once they see into the shadows of my plan – the dark side, if you will – they will surely come around. It will be better for us all."

For now, geeks on campus have gone into hiding. "No more lightsaber battles in the commons," laments Milhouse. "Sadly, The Force is no longer with us."

# Community Panics as Campus Cults Rise

Freedom of religion is an important part of American life. The right is secured to Americans in the First Amendment, and is considered to be one of the most important assurances granted to the American people. However, some dangerous people masquerading under the pretense of religion have been coercing members of the campus community to dark and twisted activities. These new cults are threatening peace at Green River, as their leaders prepare to wage war against the school.

Calling themselves Novus Ordo Sciuri, they are aggressively recruiting members to fill the ranks of their anti-college army. The NOS has dispersed pamphlets around the school, denouncing the college and inciting inductees to "help overthrow the institution that has oppressed so many of our youths." Enticing converts with "free refreshments and live entertainment," many fall victim to the swift brainwashing session that occurs at every new recruit meeting.

The Current sent a reporter to investigate the meetings, but the reporter was barred from entering. After confronting the guard about being unfairly rejected, the bouncer replied: "It's Novus Ordo Sciuri. New Squirrel Order. No humans allowed." The well-trained guard also did not fall for the ploy of throwing food in the opposite direction.

The group is very secretive and the leaders are notoriously reclusive. Hiding amongst their extensive network of tree and brush safe houses, the leadership has so far eluded discovery. New converts are trained to react negatively to human approaches and repeatedly refused to comment on the organization or their beliefs.

Mr. X, a prominent squirrel community leader who retains anonymity to protect himself from reprisal, was the only source willing to comment on the organization. "They've fractured the community. Not long ago, everyone worshipped the Almighty Nut, and although people approached him differently everyone was

able to get along. Now this Holy Leader impostor has come along, and filled the youths with this violent propaganda. Now we've got squirrel-on-squirrel crime, and lost sight of the true goal."

When asked about the situation, campus security officials were dismissive. "First, you asked about squirrels and parking and we looked into it. Then you came in here blabbing about squirrel gangs. We looked into that too. Now, squirrel cults? Seriously?" John the Security Guy stated before promptly ejecting our reporters from his office.

Though the squirrel community remains divided over the issue, it is clear that changes will have to be made by the squirrels themselves. Religion is an important part of life in any society, but a twisted ideology can destroy an entire community. Hopefully the squirrels will be able to find a resolution to this crisis before the battle spills over to the campus as a whole.



At right: A photo of the Holy Leader of Novus Ordo Sciuri  
Courtesy of Sugar Bush Squirrel

## horoscopes



**Aries** - While you and your German roommate argue about the philosophy of Scientology, you will find a hidden treasure.



**Taurus** - In a weird turn of events, a small, awkwardly built gnome will appear with a childish manner.



**Gemini** - A Swedish immigrant will disapprove vociferously about your preferred use of hygiene products.



**Cancer** - Be concerned about potential health issues. A doctor's visit may uncover something.



**Leo** - You will find yourself suddenly overwhelmed by an epic battle occurring between the forces of good and evil.



**Virgo** - Be careful not to get so drunk that you become unaware of what's going on.



**Libra** - You will struggle to find a balance between what is going on inside and outside.



**Scorpio** - We're not even going to mention what you're going to do.



**Sagittarius** - You will discover yourself at the center of a mysterious conspiracy concerning midget attacks.



**Capricorn** - A grand alignment of cosmic forces will cause you great pain.



**Aquarius** - You will struggle to find the solution to your relationship troubles. You may need to try some soul-searching.



**Pisces** - Something fishy is going on and you will find yourself searching for the root of the problem.

Compiled by Jeff Price

## Random Panic Announcement!! Run While You Still Can!!

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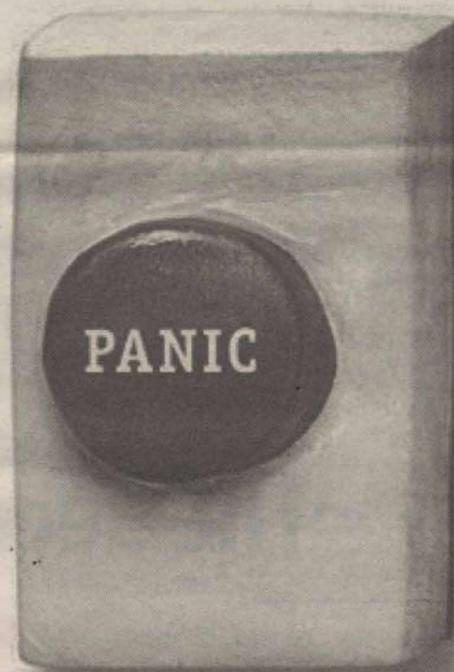
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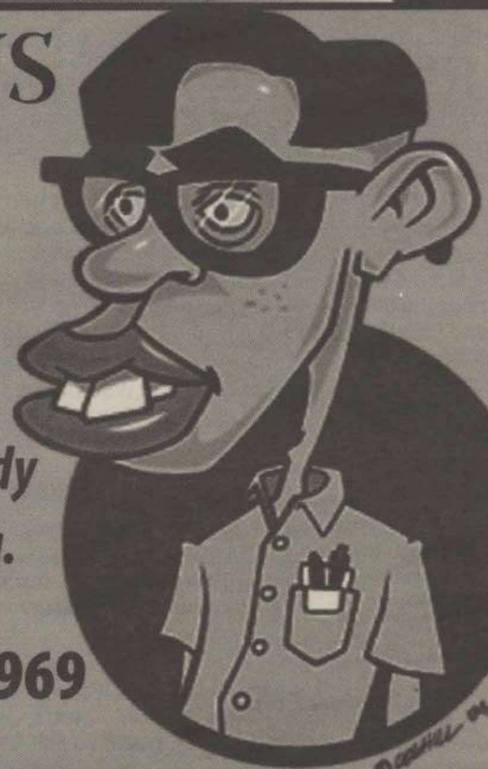
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# The New Wave of Cheating: iPods

By Kristin Hart  
Guest Reporter

A student sits in class and anticipates how hard the history test is going to be. The teacher says all cell phones need to be turned off and put away -- not thinking that the students have come up with another form of cheating.

As the teacher passes out the exams the student takes out her iPod and turns it to a

song called "The Revolutionary War" by School House Rock and starts to take the exam. The teacher returns to his desk and does not think anything of it.

Now teachers have had to step it up as students have come up with other ways to cheat -- such as using electronics like iPods. Students are now putting the answers to tests on the iPods along with voice-activated answers. Administrators have now targeted iPods as cheating devices. iPods have been getting so advanced in their size and technology it is no surprise that students have started to use them

to cheat in the classroom.

"Electronic cheating can be so discreetly done that no one besides the perpetrators knows it's happening," says Nola Wilson, vice principal at Auburn Riverside High School. "Therefore, it's hard to catch them."

Ryan Gontz, a second year student at Green River Community College, said cheating with iPods has not been a big deal in his classes.

"In all of my classes here at Green River I've never seen a student cheat on a test by using their iPods," says Gontz. "It has never been a big deal. Plus during our tests teachers are paying close attention to you, anyway."

But some local high school teachers are now prohibiting the use of iPods in the classroom during tests. Instead, the portable music players need to be stored in front of the classroom or in the lockers. Teachers have realized that the students have been using the iPods to get test answers that they have previously recorded. Casey Wilson, a former senior at Auburn Riverside, said that cheating with iPods was easy and quick to do.

"I never used the iPods in class to cheat but my friends always told me how easy it was," said Wilson. "They would hide them under their clothing and thread the earpiece up your sleeve. The teachers don't pay that close attention so it is easy to get away with." Students have been known to record the test answers on their

iPods the night before and then listen to them during the test. With the different programs out there students can download text into their iPods then read the answers right off the screen.

"All you have to do is wear a long-sleeve shirt, thread the line under your clothes then act like you are resting your head on your hand and you can hear the answers," said Ashley Miles, a junior at Auburn Riverside High School.

"My friends have recorded their own voices onto the iPod such as terms for a biology test then just played it back during a test," Miles says. "However, for those of us who do not cheat in the classroom we all have to pay the price. I would listen to music after a test to relax but since people have cheated we are all being punished." According to King 5 News, schools in the Seattle area have started to ban the uses of iPods during class, but they noted the problems even extends beyond the borders of the U.S. to Canada.

Students are always going to come up with ways to cheat in the classroom. First it was cell phones, students taking pictures of the test then sending them to their friends.

Now it has advanced to iPods and playing back test material. As long as technology advances there will always be students coming up with different ideas on how to use them as "study guides" in the classroom.

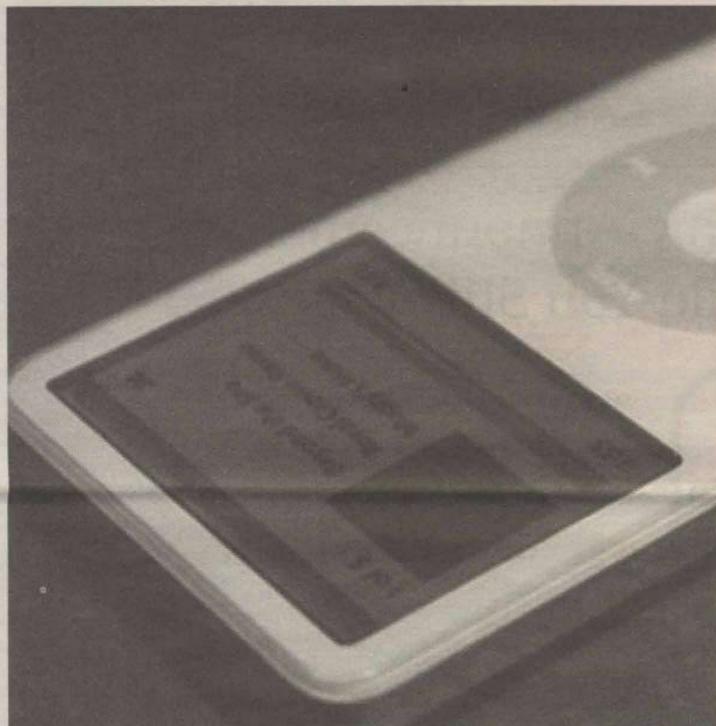


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## The Security Blotter

By Mariel Gothmann  
Staff Reporter

April 12 - A theft was reported. The victim explained that her wallet was removed from her purse most likely between 12:00-1:00. She was made aware that her wallet was missing at 3:15 when her husband called and informed her that money was being taken from their account.

April 16 - Theft was reported. A data projector was stolen from a pile of surplus equipment outside the media room door.

April 18 - During a mobile patrol of C & D parking lots, officers observed a car pass them in route to the G-lot. When the vehicle came to a stop they made contact. The vehicle was on their wheel lock list, and officers could smell marijuana. Students admitted to smoking

marijuana earlier that day before arriving to campus. The director of security informed both students that they were on a 5 day summary suspension.

A student was assaulted outside of the student housing. The victim was accosted by 4 males, 1 black, 1 white and 2 unknown. The victim dropped his groceries and fled towards housing. Unable to outdistance his pursuers the victim turned to fight but received blows to the right eye and knee. The victim was able to escape, taking refuge in his apartment. The victim did not wish to contact police or emergency medical services.

When an officer was attempting to clear a party at student housing, most students complied with request except 1 Asian male. While the RA was explaining to the resident why he could not have parties that late and loud, an intoxicated student kept trying to re-enter the residence after being told to go home and stay home. While the officer cleared all students from the K-parking lot the same Asian student came up to him and poked him in the chest and asked "what are you doing"? Officer told the student not to touch him and that if he does not go back to his friends that he was going to call the police. His friends took him inside and later the officer had to return when a call was made due to the student. Police were called and later the student apologized for his behavior.

A student reported that his vehicle had been hit while he was in class. There was damage to the passenger side of the rear bumper. It was dented and the paint was scratched off about a 12 inch area.

## Upcoming Events

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### Spring Fest Featuring

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### Memorial Day

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### Annual Culture Fair

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### Comedy of Errors

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### River Rafting

June 2  
10:30 am  
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### TRIO Year End Celebration

June 8  
11:30 am - 1:30 pm

### International Movie Night: "The Way Home"

June 8  
5:30 pm - 8:30

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### Study Day- No Classes

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### Last Day of Spring Quarter

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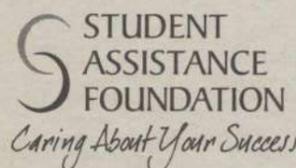
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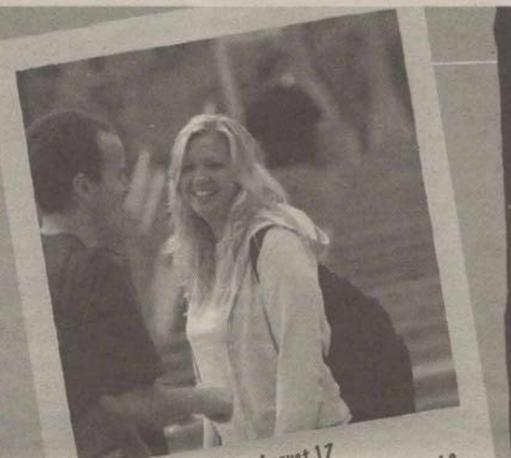
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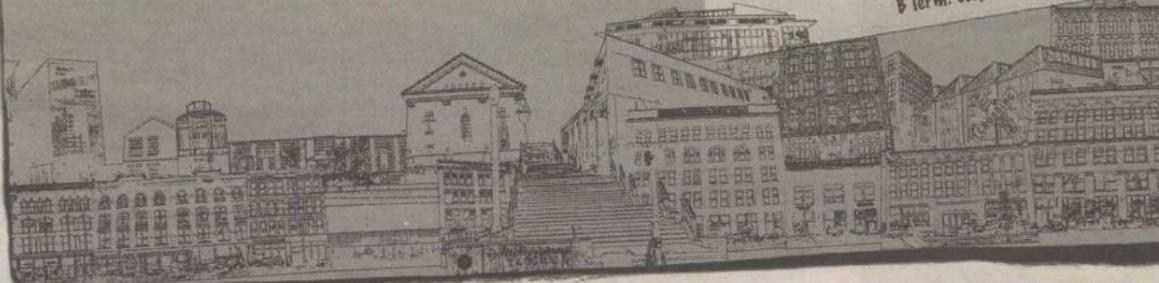
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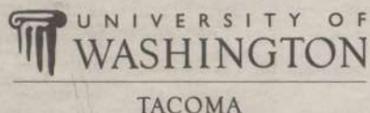
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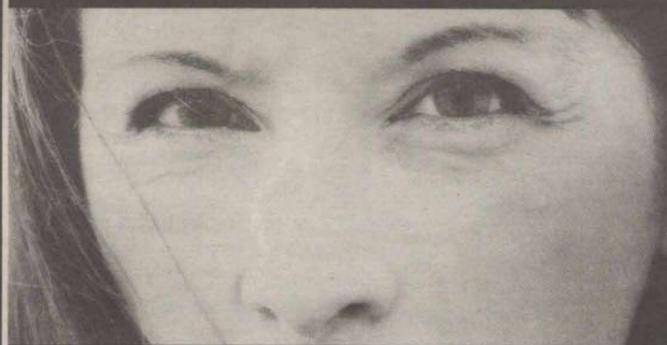
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*From The Son of Rambo to The Shadow of the Moon: there's something for everyone at the Seattle International Film Festival*

Ryan Gaudinier

The Seattle International Film Festival (SIFF) opened yesterday, May 21, with a 7 p.m. showing of "Son of Rambo" at McCaw Hall.

SIFF is the United States' largest film festival with a staggering 405 films. 48 of these films will

be world premieres when they open in Seattle.

SIFF. While nobody will be interested in all 405 features at SIFF, the sheer amount of film in as many genres guarantees every movie fan out there should be at least interested in something.

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For moviegoers out there who believe that film festivals are just too chocked full of boring self-involved independent movies created for upper class hipsters, check

out the Midnight Adrenaline set, a group of movies dedicated to nothing other than sex and violence. Fun.

McCaw Hall is set to be the main theater in this year's festival, a plus, considering SIFF has lacked a center stage in years past. There will be six main cinemas in all including showings at The Egyptian, The Harvard Exit, The Neptune, Pacific Place and Lincoln Square.

This year's festival is set to feature major Hollywood blockbusters as well as independent flicks, with major studios contributing movies such as "Knocked Up," "Surf's Up," "Arctic Tale," "Death at a Funeral," "Rescue Dawn" and "Superbad."

Also featured this year is another set of movies called Planet Cinema. A set of 16 films centered on the environment and climate change. These movies promise to be popular with the eco-friendly Seattleites.

Prices range from \$5 for bargain matinee features to \$200 for the opening night VIP package. More information about tickets can be found at [www.seattlefilm.org](http://www.seattlefilm.org) or by calling (206) 324-9996.

This year the festival has 227 narrative features, 61 documentaries and 117 short films. Variety is truly the 'name of the game' for the film festival. 60 different countries are represented in the festival. Germany is especially well represented with 15 different films.

Some of the feature films include "Goya's Ghost", about the life and artwork of Francisco Goya; "In the Shadow of the Moon", a documentary about the lives of the 12 men that from 1968-1972 walked upon the surface of the moon; "Madrigal", a love story set in a futuristic Havana; "Soldiers of Conscience", a documentary about US soldiers who have refused to kill; and the aforementioned "Son of Rambo", a story about two young boys who set out to create the next great action movie.

A look at just the feature films shows the variety in content at

*New villians, captivating characters, and spellbinding special effects will leave you wrapped up in Spider-Man 3*



Spider-Man, (Tobey Maguire), battles one of the film's many villian's: the tragic Sandman (Thomas Haden Church).

Gregory Washington  
Staff Reporter

Spider-Man 3 begins by picking up where it left off in the first sequel, college student Peter Parker finally reveals his alter ego of Spider-Man and confesses his love to friend and soul mate Mary Jane Watson (Kirsten Dunst).

Their companionship as a couple is very short-lived due to a series of events that arise in Peter's life. Harry Osborn (James Franco), best friend from high school soon becomes Peter's enemy, merely due to the death of his father the Green Goblin.

Out to avenge his fathers' death Harry attacks Peter, Spider Man, in his fathers Green Goblin ensemble in a high action fight that leaves Harry injured and with short-term memory loss.

Harry and Peter soon become best friends again, yet Peter still fears the time in which Harry's tortured past will return to him. Meanwhile MJ faces the disappointment of being fired from one

of the lead roles in a Broadway production and her new found jealousy of her star struck boyfriend Spider-Man becomes a topic of discussion in their fading relationship.

It wouldn't be comic book flick without the villains, and in this case there are three that Spider-Man faces in his quest to uphold justice in his hometown.

Flint Marko (Thomas Haden Church) an escaped convict, who wants nothing more than to be able to financially save his sick daughter's life, finds himself in a quick run in with the police which steers him into a fenced off molecular field, where testing would soon transform him into Sandman.

Topher Grace plays Eddie Brock, an aspiring photographer who pleads with chief editor of the Daily Bugle Jonah Jameson (J.K. Simmons) to give him a job after he lands photos of Spider Man at work. Brock soon becomes arch nemesis Venom, after Spider Man sheds his alien-like matter in the bell tower and also revealing his

identity to his newfound enemy.

If you all have been thinking that the plot seems to be quite complex, the answer is yes. Nevertheless, the over packed storyline seems to intertwine all of the major story lines, developing them while never losing sight of the overall story and the characters within.

The movie brings forth many mesmerizing special effects and action packed scenes that are sure to leave viewers on the edge of their seats. The only aspect of the movie that is left is that of Peter, Mary Jane, and Harry who are all, in this case, trying to find themselves and the roles they are meant to play in society.

Yet behind all of this high flying, action packed fighting of villains, there still lies the romance between MJ and Peter, which over three movies has grown into something beautiful and unfathomable, leaving the audience with the feeling of love and happiness as Peter and Mary Jane rekindle their love for each other looking off into the sunset.

GRCC hosts Hip-hop forum discussing the role of rap in the media and its affect on society

Ryan Gaudinier

Rap music and the hip-hop culture has been both the forefront of the civil rights movement, the fight for 'decency' in entertainment, and the culture war.

Common Market's RA Scion and the founder of Obese Productions, Meli Darby were at GRCC on Tuesday, May 8, 2007 to talk about hip-hop, the media, and the fight for social change. The panel was sponsored by Jennifer Whatham, teacher of the hip-hop fundamentals class here at GRCC.

Common Market is a Seattle based rap group signed to Mass Line Media, a locally ran rap label focusing on youth outreach and community building through the power of music. Popular Seattle acts, Blue Scholars and Gabriel

Teodros are also on the label.

Much of the discussion focused on the role hip-hop culture has played in society and the role it will continue to play. RA claims rap music has had a tremendous social impact.

"Rap music has had a greater effect on society than Martin Luther King Jr. or the entire civil rights movement," claimed RA. "There are rappers appearing on Oprah."

While many would cringe at the first quote and dismiss it as over the top, rap music's influence has crossed cultural boundaries and has influenced people from all socioeconomic backgrounds. Hip hop's reach has reached all continents and continues to grow.

Rappers with violent and misogynistic lyrics were a main point of contention in the forum.

The role of the rap music in the community was questioned by a member of the audience who asked RA what he thought of the lyrical content in more 'mainstream' rap music by artists such as 50 Cent and G-Unit.

RA replied by saying while he doesn't condone the use of such negative and potentially harmful lyrical content, there is potential value in the popularity of such artists. Everyone knows of 50 and everyone has listened to his music. People are forced to hear of the dangerous conditions of certain impoverished communities, and people in turn might be more apt to build community in order to turn these conditions around.

Another major area of discussion was the role of the media in the movement of social change. RA spoke of needing to build 'our

own media', which gives a positive world outlook and stresses the need for progressive attitudes and change.

He also stressed that the community around him does not have the necessary tools to fight the media corporations and that we can not waste efforts or resources throwing bricks at a tank (a metaphor for the major media corporations such as Viacom, Clear Channel and Fox.) Instead of wasting our efforts by throwing those bricks, we need to use those bricks to build something new entirely.

The forum also featured the two speakers telling anecdotal stories and explaining how they became involved in the hip-hop culture.

Darby admits she came into the culture by accident and out

of necessity. She began her career in hip-hop by protesting and speaking against the Teen Dance Ordinance in the 90s. The Dance Ordinance made it difficult for organizers in Seattle to hold legal events or concerts to an underage crowd. From there she met members of SHOW (Student Hip Hop Organization of Washington) and has been involved in rap music ever since.

RA has traveled all over the world and was enrolled in college in Kentucky before moving to the Northwest where his career has really shot off. In 2005 he combined with DJ Sabzi to start Common Market.

The forum touched on many different subjects and succeeded in it's mission in opening dialog at Green River about rap music, the media and societal change.

# 28 Weeks Later disappoints with confusing direction and laughable plot holes

**Julian Martin**  
Entertainment Editor

Spanish film director Juan Carlos Fresnadillo could have risen to the challenge of topping what may have been the best science fiction/horror movie of 2002. Instead, the sequel to Danny Boyle's "28 Days Later" narrowly misses being able to recreate all of the terrifyingly entertaining elements that made the first film so enjoyable.

Boyle's film told the tale of several survivors in an apocalyptic England 28 days after the majority of the country's population had become brutally infected by the "rage" virus; an infection ironically created to reduce violent tendencies, which overloads the a person's adrenaline, and causes the individual to be overcome by a homicidal and bloodthirsty rage. What made the movie stand out from being simply another laughable Romero knock-off was its ability to use all the seemingly unending amounts of gore of any typical zombie movie to create a film that effectively melded political commentary, suspenseful yet jarring action sequences, developed characters, and jaw-droppingly memorable scenes of a London left devoid of civilization.

"28 Weeks Later" begins with an all-too-brief prologue which



Robert Carlyle, as survivor Don Harris, narrowly escapes the infected in one of the film's opening scenes.

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takes place during the height of the infection, and opens with six survivors of the outbreak attempting to hide from the infected. The survivors' isolated world comes crashing down on them when the house is found and swarmed by seemingly hundreds of the infected. The group is attacked in an emotionally charged and heart-pounding scene that stands

above the rest of the movie. The prologue then follows the escape of Don Harris, played by Robert Carlyle; the lone survivor of the attack, who manages to escape only by leaving his wife, a decision which becomes a crucial plot point and haunts him throughout the film.

The film then jumps to an England six months in the fu-

ture, where we find that the last of the infected have died out from starvation, and the US military is attempting to repopulate and rebuild the country, starting in London's Isle of Dogs district. Harris is soon reunited with his two children who were outside the country during the outbreak. After nearly an hour of character development and background information, the

infection returns, causing the military to issue their solution, "Code Red"; the termination of everyone in the country, infected or otherwise. The last half an hour of the film follows a small group of survivors', including the Harris' children, and their attempt to not only escape the infected, but the devastation wrought from the military as well.

Unfortunately Fresnadillo frustratingly leaves the audience to guess as to which direction he wanted the film to take; either a smart horror film filled with character development, or a fun and campy zombie-like movie, full of nonsensical and laughable plot holes, and characters that die off moments before the viewer has a chance to feel connected to them. For some reason, both are seemingly attempted in the movie, creating a confusing combination.

The film is however, able to embody some of the ideas that made "28 Days Later" such a success, with several terrifying scenes and an attempt at political allegory.

Sadly, the use of two opposing ideas for a science/fiction/horror film, combined with an impractical ending that seemed brought about only to leave room for a sequel, leaves "28 Weeks Later" to seem at best, a mediocre copy.

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Top: a collection of student paintings featured in the gallery.

## Student Art Exhibit Featured in Smith Gallery

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The student art gallery is open in the Holman Library here at Green River Community College (GRCC.) The gallery features art pieces created by students on campus in various art classes on campus.

This gallery is one of the largest draws of the art gallery each year because it features students' work in a variety of pieces in all different styles of art. The exhibit is a tad more interesting than most because of the various forms of art and the personal connection to GRCC.

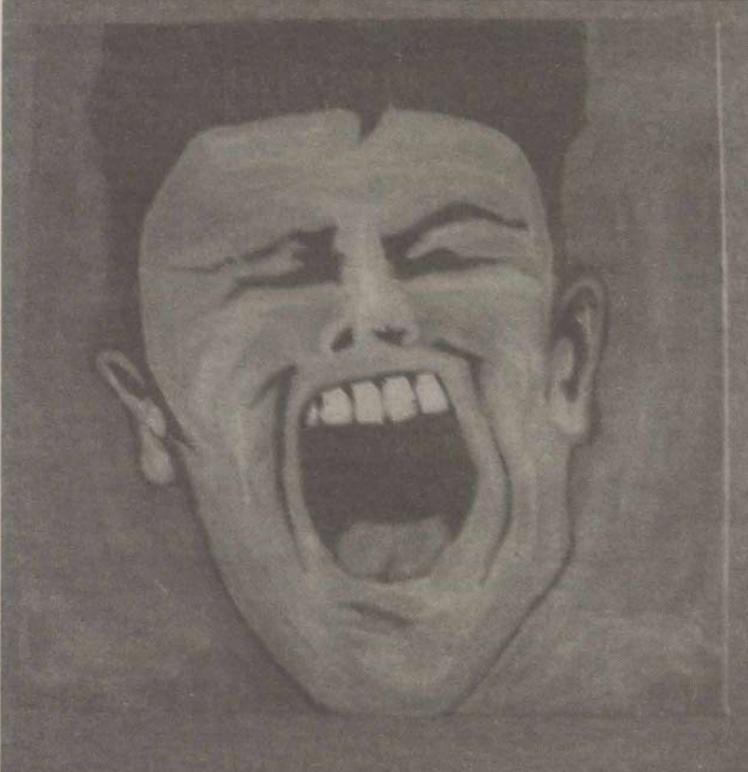
The gallery features paintings, photographs, sculptures, and creations that can only be referred to as modern art.

One more noticeable piece is a creation of a woman's bust called "Baby Machine." The piece and letter from the artist sends a feminine message to viewers.

Other impressive exhibits include a panel of artwork focusing on different faces and an evil looking sculpture made out of automotive relics such as road turtles and pedals.

But the most impressive artwork is the wide array of paintings. Paintings include cool images of things such as octopuses and people screaming. Overall, the paintings shine and stand out in an all around impressive exhibit.

The exhibit as a whole is a very impressive collection and while the pictures on this page are all very impressive, the exhibit deserves a look.

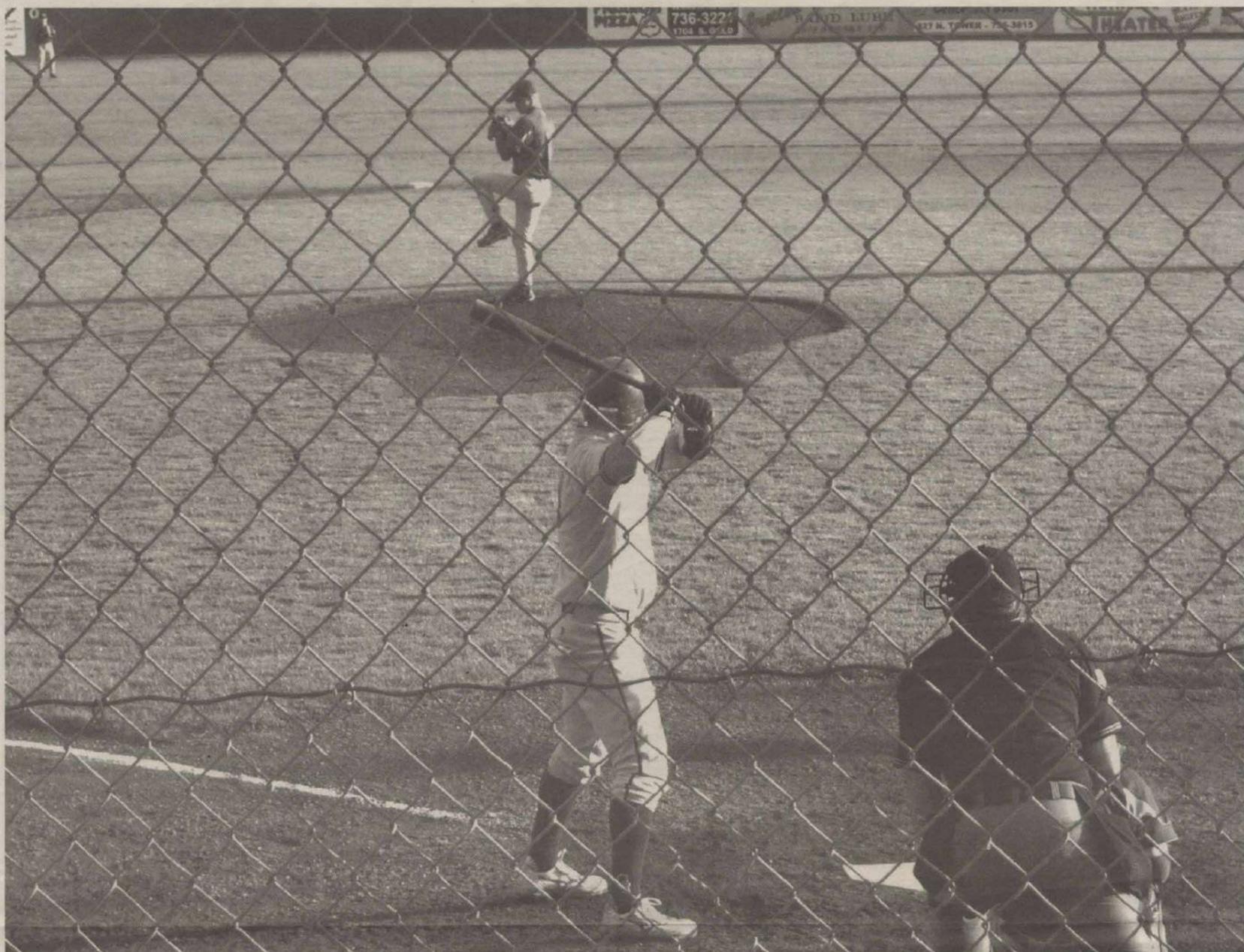


Left: One of the impressive modern art paintings in the exhibit.

Bottom Left: A piece in the gallery that is a combination combination of mediums.

Right: another example of one of the many extraordinary paintings featured in the exhibit.





## Softball Wraps Up Season

**Janae Fueston**  
Staff Reporter

Look out Green River community, the Gators have finally won their first game of the season. Not only was it their first win this season but their first win in the last two years.

Although the season has been passing the girl's fastpitch team rather fast they were hoping to break their losing streak and get their first win of the last two seasons, and they succeeded. With a record like that this year's team was always pushing forward to exceed the expectations. With their hard work and determination they did just what they set out to do, as they got their first win against Centralia with the final score ending at 11-3. Centralia managed to defeat the Gators earlier in the season 4-12, but this time around it was the lady Gators turn to even up the score.

What made the victory so sweet was how the Gators haven't tasted a victory since May 14, 2005. Though the victory was great for the Gators in wasn't so pleasant for Centralia's outfielder who mistakenly missed a line drive hit by Maiko Iwaki. A freak accidental play hit the outfielder square in the head, without their outfielder Centralia didn't have enough players to continue, which forced umpires to call the game in favor of the Gators.

Even though it ended in a rather sour note the fact of the matter is that the GRCC fastpitch team has finally broke their curse and succeed in one of their goals. That days game may have proved that for the lady Gators hard work and dedication pays off, and

ultimately pushes them much closer to accomplishing their goals. In this case they reached possibly the most important goal in putting their first win of the season on the board.

As far as the rest of the season is looking the Gators hoped that the win on Friday against Centralia, but ended up losing a tough matches by the scores of 7-8 and 7-11. The Gators finished off the season against South Puget Sound taking two more unfortunate losses, both with scores of 0-7.

Over the season it's safe to say that the Gators have progressed tremendously. Each individual player has come a long way and it has only made the team stronger. With a sport like fastpitch everyone's effort and strengths make a team. That also means that any player's weakness is the team's weaknesses, and there is no doubt that the players have faced their challenges and they have definitely struggled this season. Even so, through thick and thin they have managed to meet most of their goals this season.

Earlier this season when games had just started i spoke with Coach Gary Jones about the up-coming season, and what some of his goals were? "We hope to help each player improve their game, win some games and remain injury free throughout the season," said Gary Jones. After talking about their goals and how the season looked you get the vibe that these goals were important and something that the team was going to definitely strive for success this season, and they seem to have accomplished that in many aspects.

## Gator Baseball Clinches Home Field for Playoffs

**Bob Kickner**  
GRCC Athletic Director

A record setting season continued to get even better on Saturday after the Gators defeated Tacoma 6-5 in the tenth inning to wrap up the home field advantage for the NWAACC Playoff series this coming weekend at Lea Hill Park. Dan Regan's game winning RBI in the bottom of the tenth started the celebration. With a record of 29-13, the Gators have surpassed every GRCC team since 1976 in victories when that squad posted a 44-3 record.

Sophomore center fielder, Joash Brodin has made an assault on the record books for GRCC in 2007. He leads the team in virtually all hitting categories and maintains a .411 batting average. Brodin has already committed to continuing his academic and athletic career next year at NCAA Division I College of Charleston. Meanwhile New Mexico State bound Sophomores Bryan

Marquez (2B) and Colin Crouthamel (catcher) are also having excellent seasons and share the responsibility for the team success.

The playoff series will be a best of three competition between Green River and Tacoma starting on Saturday at 1:00 pm with two nine inning contests. If necessary, the two teams will meet again on Sunday at 1:00 as well. The series winner will advance to the NWAACC Championships May 24-27 in Longview, WA. Green River has not been represented in the top eight tournament since 1999 when Denny Oughton led the team to a seventh place finish.

Tickets are free, the Park opens at noon. Seating is limited, so bring your chairs and blankets and come out and watch an exciting weekend of College baseball.

# Tennis ends on high note

Kelly Brons  
Staff Reporter

The tennis teams have started off the season with a win under their belt. Neither team has won all of their matches, but that isn't the goal. The focus of the season is to get better each match and to get ready for the playoffs.

After a successful match against Skagit Valley, the men's team was hoping for another chance to take on their opponent. Unfortunately, the men were disappointed when their April 14 match against Shoreline was cancelled due to rain.

After a disappointing Saturday, the men headed to Idaho for a tournament the following day. There they took on the University of Idaho. The results? A great experience for the team although they ended up without a win in the tournament.

The Gators were exhausted after a long weekend, but found the strength to travel again the following week. That Friday, the men went on a trip to Pullman to participate in the Cougar Invitational. The results were not reported in time for press.

The lady Gators on the other hand, have not had as successful a season, but hope is not lost. The women started off with a loss to Bellevue on April 7, but three days later bounced back with a 5-4 win over Skagit Valley.

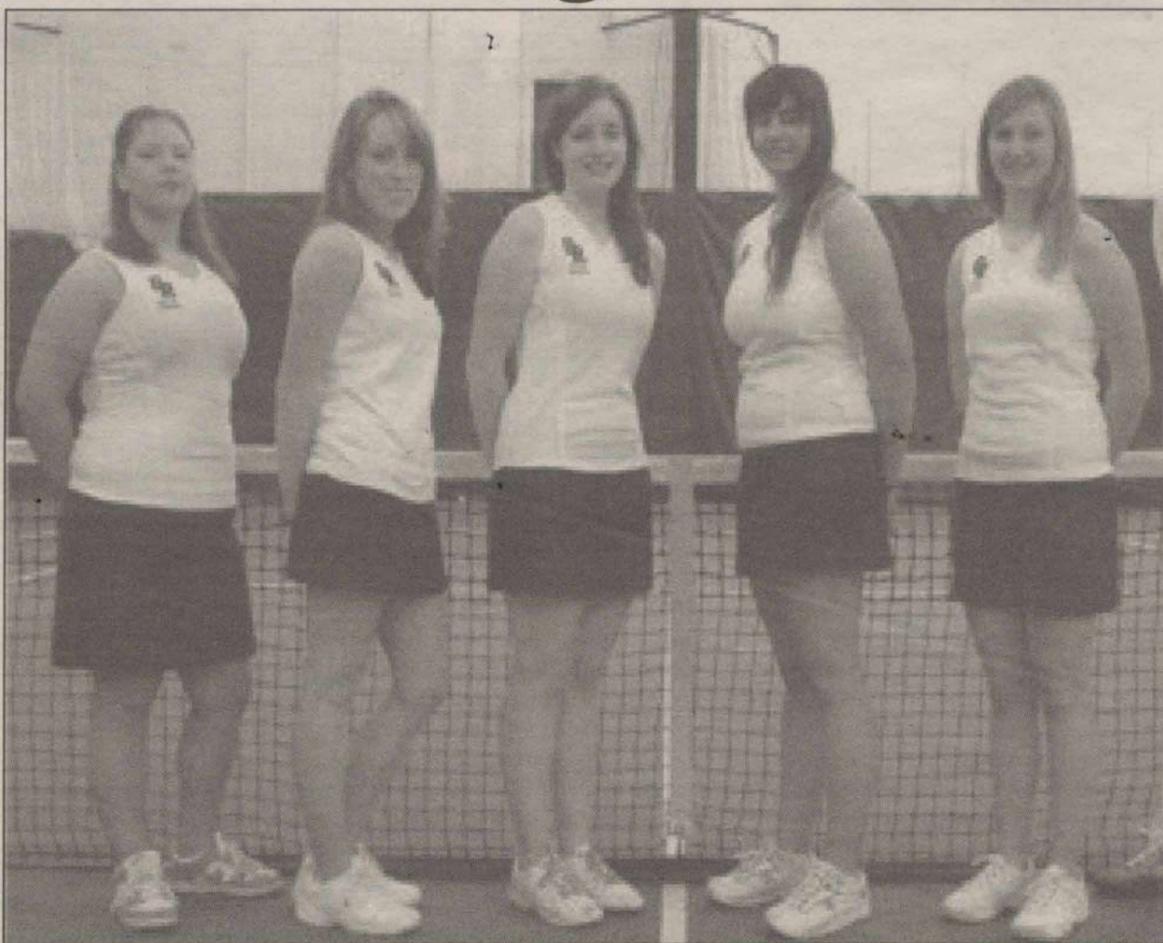
April 13, the lady Gators took on Spokane with high hopes af-

ter their win, but were disappointed with a 3-6 defeat. The women were then rained out along with the men the next day in Shoreline.

The women lost two more matches against Treasure Valley and Bellevue, but still have four more matches to bounce back before the NWAACC championships. The women are trying to keep a positive attitude with enough time to end the season on a high note.

The men have won their last three matches in a row against Spokane, Treasure Valley and Shoreline. They too only have a few matches left before the championships, in which they hope to add to their victories.

The men's team has high standards to live up to with the men bringing home 35 NWAACC Championships in 35 years. One of these 35 champions is Adam Blackner, a current player on the men's team. He is hoping to help lead the Gators to another successful season. The team hopes that their chemistry will not be affected by a new head coach, and so far it seems as



The Gator women's tennis team poses for a picture.

Photo courtesy of NWAACC.

if he is doing nothing more than helping the team to be successful. The men this year have the ability and potential to succeed and live up to the standards set before them.

Women's tennis went to Spokane, WA for the NWAACC championships this past weekend; however results have not yet been recorded. Men's tennis, however, finished the season in

Spokane this past weekend with an 8-1 victory, capping off what has been a spectacular season.

## Table Tennis at GRCC

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Did you know there is a table tennis club here at GRCC? After opening late last Fall, the table tennis club consists of over 40 students from around the world. Every Wednesday, members of the club gather at the Campus Corner Apartments community room from 11 to 1 pm to enjoy a game of table tennis. The club is one of the most active sports club here on campus. The equipment is provided by the school and members of the club are willing to teach students who are interested in the game for free.

"Actually there was a table tennis club back in the year 2000; sadly the club vanished slowly as the members transferred to other schools," said Julia, president and founder of the club. Julia, 19, an international student from Malaysia has been playing the game since she was young and still loves every bit of the game.

Asked how she feels to be part of the club, she replied "Personally, I feel that this is a great place for members to relax and bond with people from different countries. Most clubs probably have members that mostly come from one country. But in the Table Tennis Club, this universal sport attracts students from around the globe. By having members that share the same hobby, the regular meetings become really fun."

Julia and her committee members have been planning different activities for the club. One of the memorable events the club holds every quarter is the one-on-one competition which has increased student interest in the game. "The competition is very intense as the students participating are really good at the game" added Julia.

There are two different categories that students can participate in, beginners and advanced. Prabat Limbu, an international student from Nepal says that "different

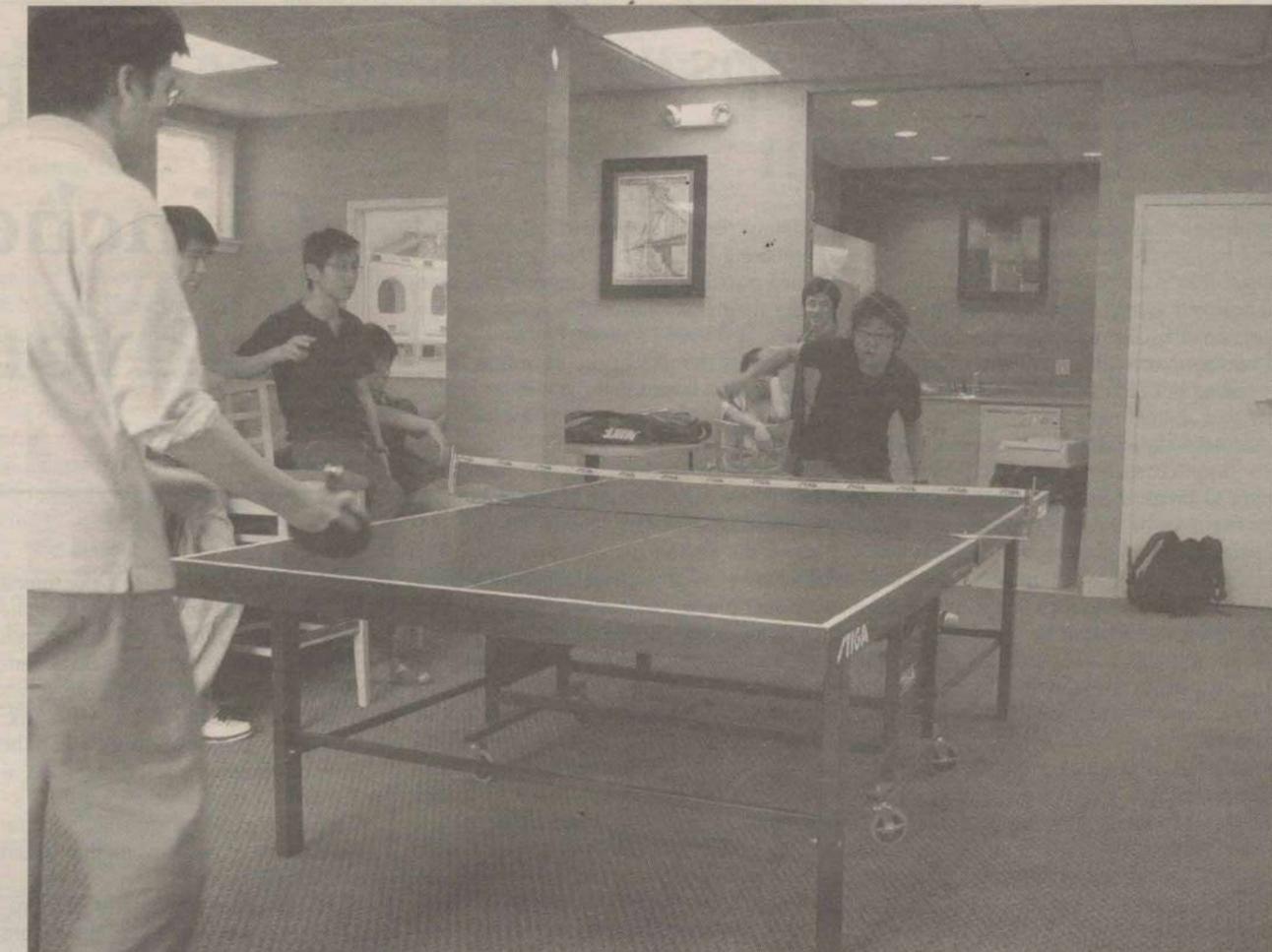


Table Tennis Club members in the middle of a game

styles of playing by each player have made the competition even more intense and enjoyable." He adds "I have learned different kinds of playing style as I compete with a new opponent."

The competition is still going in search of the best players who will compete in the final on May 25. The club has also organized a pizza party after the final as an added incentive for players and the specta-

tors who attend the final.

Table Tennis, affectionately called Ping Pong by dozens who are new to the game, is as simple as the name suggests. It is exactly like tennis albeit downsized to the length of a huge dinner table. Table tennis is also fast paced with action happening at a rate which even a seasoned tennis player might encounter problems with. Table tennis can be played anywhere on a flat sur-

face as long as there is a racquet and a ball. It is usually played as a leisure activity rather than a competitive sport, and judging by the turnout at every club meeting, GRCC has no shortage of students flocking to be part of the action.

If you are interested in joining the club, contact Julia at [tabletennis@greenriver.edu](mailto:tabletennis@greenriver.edu)