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## Brain teaser

Test your intelligence on this science quiz:

### QUESTIONS:

1. Name the closest star to Earth.
2. The name of the galaxy our solar system is traveling in is called \_\_\_\_?
3. The most prevalent gas in Earth's atmosphere is: a) nitrogen b) oxygen c) hydrogen.
4. The sun burns a) oxygen into hydrogen b) hydrogen into helium c) nitrogen into nitrous oxide.
5. A piece of dirt burns a streak across the sky and eventually buries itself in the arctic ice. This is called a) meteor b) meteorite c) alien space ship.
6. We share what percentage of DNA with chimpanzees a) 79.9% b) 89.9% or c) 99.9%?
7. Where was the sun born?
8. What percentage of steam is water?
9. What doesn't belong: ultra-violet light, x-ray, visible light, ultra-light, infra-red light?

Answers can be found on page 16

## Outdoor equipment rentals through ODP

By Tim Medan  
Reporter

The Green River Community College has outdoor equipment available to rent to students. Students can rent: tents, external frame packs, day packs, rucksacks, sleeping bags, backpack stoves, Coleman stoves, coolers, volleyball sets and cross-country ski equipment.

The cost to rent this equipment ranges from \$2 for sleeping bags to \$5 for tents for one-day rentals. They are also available to rent on weekends and on a daily basis. When renting equipment from Outdoor Programs, a deposit must be made. Deposits range from \$10 for a cookset all the way up to \$100 for a tent.

If students wish to rent equipment from the ODP they may do so

by contacting ODP located in the Lindbloom Student Center, in Student Programs or they may call 833-9111, ext. 2423.

Students must fill out a form for the equipment and make a deposit.

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# Student is remembered by campus radio station

By Amanda Kleinert  
Ad manager and reporter

Matthew Chafe, 19, a Green River Community College student, was killed on Highway 18 on Halloween. His car was crushed by the rear wheels of a semi-truck when he crossed the center lane.

A woman who was driving behind Chafe said he suddenly swerved across the road into on-coming traffic. She said he had not been driving erratically or speeding.

"Everyone can speculate forever, but no one will ever know what really happened," said state the trooper who was first on the scene. "There could have been multiple reasons, but the bottom line is that it was a true accident."

Chafe was a radio student at GRCC who spent much of his time involved with radio station KGRG.

He first enrolled in classes at GRCC summer quarter, and became fairly well known to the station's staff through the next few months.

"Matt was a very humorous guy," said one KGRG student. "He was always coming out of nowhere with impersonations and impressions of characters like Igor. In a way he reminded me of Puck from 'The Real World,' but he didn't have the same bad attitude."

Chafe did production work and developed his on-air personality while here at GRCC.

"Matt wanted to get his AA degree towards radio broadcasting at Green River and see how far it would take him in the radio world," said Mary Knowles, Chafe's mother. "He was putting all his energy towards radio, because that's what he wanted to do."

"I'm glad he found his niche, his passion in life and had a chance to do some of it."



*Matt Chafe at prom 1995.*

*Photo provided by Chafe's mother.*

Chafe moved to Bellevue with his mother in 1992 and attended Newport High School. There he was involved in many drama productions and enjoyed putting on costumes for the plays.

Matt continued to love costumes. In fact, he won this year's Halloween costume contest at the Factoria Mall Target store where he worked.

From the time he was small, his family thought he would have a career in acting, rather than broadcasting.

Before Chafe came to GRCC to study radio, he had already been involved with other radio stations.

After graduating from Newport High School in Bellevue, Chafe began

an internship at 107.7 FM The End in Bellevue. A few months later, he moved in with his father, Del Chafe Jr., who lives in Maple Valley, and began a second internship at 99.9 FM KISW.

"I'd like to tell people what a great guy Matt was," said his mother. "But most people who knew him already knew that. He was always cheerful, positive, always happy. He would never let anybody who he saw was sad stay that way."

The family asks anyone who has thoughts, photos, memories or tapes to send them (or a copy of them) to Matt's Memory, 14338 Somerset Blvd. S.E., Bellevue, WA 98006.

# Unlocking the mysteries of archeoastronomy

By Erica Torheim  
Reporter

*Aztecs based their whole society on astronomy. The Aztecs believed that in order to have another year, they had to repay the gods with pain. So they would give the gods a sacrifice. The ritual started at a certain time of year, based on astronomical signs. First, all the lights except one were extinguished. The only light left was in Tenochtitlan, the capitol. The capitol was located in the center of a lake.*

*One Aztec would light a torch from the capitol's fire and carry it down the road. The carrier would then go to a hill named Chautapec. Waiting on the hill would be a priest and a chosen sacrifice.*

*While the sacrifice was still alive, the priest would disembowel him. The heart would still be beating when it was thrown away. Sticks were then placed in the body cavity and a fire would be lit on the sticks. If the sticks ignited, the Aztecs had another year. If the sticks did not light, the world would come to an end.*

"Many civilizations revolved around astronomy," said Dennis Reagan, archeoastronomy instructor. "Wars, battles, sacrifices and many other things were based on astronomy."

Reagan said he hopes to show in his class that people who were literate such as the Mayans and Egyptians wrote about what they did. The information gained by studying these people can be compared with illiterate civilizations and allow us to make educated guesses about what they did, he said.

Reagan pointed out that some rituals and other practices of ancient peoples can be misunderstood. We

may not understand why they were performed, causing us to perceive them as cruel.

"I want people to understand what has been written about these



Dennis Reagan holding an Egyptian Narmer Palette, a sample of early writing. Photo By Fred Dimanno

civilizations has been by people who can not read what they wrote," said Reagan.

These misunderstandings can be cleared up with help from Reagan's Archeoastronomy 201 class.

The archeoastronomy class studies the civilizations that were centered around astronomy. The class looks at the Inca, Aztec and Mayan civilizations in particular. The class also studies ancient Egypt,

Mesopotamia, Stonehenge and the New World. The class studies other things that center around astronomy such as buildings and structures.

"The purpose of the course is to look at the astronomical science of ancient civilizations," said Reagan.

The archeoastronomy class is only offered at two places west of the Mississippi. One is here at Green River Community College, and the other in Austin, Texas.

Reagan has an interest in archeoastronomy and has traveled to many places to look at different ancient civilizations. He takes pictures and collects other information from these excursions to take back to the classroom.

"I have been to many places," said Reagan. "I like to show aspects of different societies by showing slides of things like museums, I like to bring personal experience into it."

Reagan has had no trouble filling the class. It is only offered twice a year, evenings fall quarter and days spring quarter. The class is a combination of science and history, it also deals a little bit with anthropology. The class also looks into how people react to science and delves into art and language.

The class may be appealing to a variety of students. Reagan said there is a cross section of students who take the class. Students may be extremely interested in ancient science or history and be only marginally interested in language. Students also may take the class if they are considering a major in the history of science.

# Scholarships for abroad

By **Stephanie Jacobson**  
Editor

More and more students are taking an interest in studying abroad. But many do not know that there are scholarships to help pay for the expenses of what could be a tremendous experience.

There are many clubs and organizations that offer scholarships to students wanting to undergo an education "on the road."

The American Institute for Foreign Studies offers a \$1,000 scholarship ev-

ery year for study abroad programs and \$500 every year for summer programs. Applicants must be enrolled as undergraduates and have at least a 3.0 GPA. Deadlines vary, so for additional information call 1-800-727-2437.

The School for International Training offers scholarships from \$500-\$2,500. Scholarships are given on the basis of grades, individual credentials, and financial needs.

The Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarships offers three scholarships. The dollar amounts for these

scholarships vary but most likely they are enough to cover most if not all of one's study-abroad expenses. For more information call: 1-847-866-3000.

The Explorers Club Youth Activity Fund offers science-based grants up to \$1,000. Students may help on archeology digs and other events. For more information call 212-628-8383.

For more information on available monies contact an advisor or scholarship service agencies.

## Winter Depression. . .

### Are you suffering from Seasonal Affective Disorder?

By **Fred Dimaano**  
Photo and graphics editor

Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) is a condition that affects an individual's behavior due to the lack of sunlight through the fall and winter seasons.

Individuals who suffer from SAD exhibit mood changes and become depressed as the days get shorter. They tend to want to sleep longer, yet still feel tired.

Another symptom is a decrease in attendance at social activities.

A craving for foods which contain carbohydrates is also common. This leads to weight gain. This is a symptom especially of SAD, people with other types of depression would lose their appetites.

An individual who is suffering from SAD experiences an appetite increase, said Ted Broussard, a certified mental health counselor at Green River

Community College.

"A key definition (about SAD) is that it is related to seasons," Broussard said. "It happens in the fall and in the winter."

SAD affects individuals in northern regions, due to the lack of sunlight during the fall and winter.

The effects of SAD begin to show around September and the symptoms can last until January or February, which are the worst months.

"People (that) live in the Northwest say 'Oh yeah that's me'," Broussard said, "every winter I get depressed."

People in other regions are generally not affected by SAD.

"Not everybody has SAD just because they live in a place that doesn't get a lot of light," Broussard pointed out.

A theory about the cause of SAD has to do with a hormone called melatonin. Melatonin is created by the pi-

neal gland, that is located underneath the brain. The hormone makes people sleep.

The amount of light regulates how much melatonin is produced. The more light a person is exposed to, the less

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# Sex is cool, but put a raincoat on "it"

By Neal Callsen  
Reporter

Sex and sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) are part of life, especially in the 90s. Since people are more sexually aware than ever, many have developed their own ideas about sex and one of the more common ways to protect themselves from STDs: the condom.

Seventeen-year-old Jay Lee said, "I like it. I like it a lot."

On the subject of condoms, Lee admitted, "I hardly ever use them, maybe once a month or one out of 10 sessions of intercourse, or when I think she's dirty."

A Green River Community College student said, "I like it, it's good, it's a wonderful thing. It's an expression of emotions."

"I think that oral sex is important in a relationship, it gives you the pleasure before the real thing. Sex is like art: you have to know different styles to express different emotions."

When the subject of condoms came up, she said, "I think that everybody should use them for safety. I don't use them because I'm in a monogamous relationship. I can't have kids because I got my tubes tied."

Marie Delacruz, a student at Highline Community College, said, "I think that sex is a sacred thing, it shouldn't be a public issue."

When asked about condoms, Delacruz said, "I think that everybody should use them, especially in today's society, because you don't know what you might get. I also think that parents should buy condoms for their kids and also



bring up the issue of sex and STDs."

In regards to sex, GRCC student Thi Nguyen said, "I don't like it."

When asked about condoms, Nguyen said, "I think they're great, but they don't feel very nice. They feel fake."

Joe Johnson's opinion on sex is simple:

"I think it's out there," he said.

"I think condoms are cool," Johnson continued. "They're definitely necessary, one of the easiest ways to protect a couple, also one

of the most accessible."

The Seattle Department of Public Health published fliers stating that there's only one way to avoid getting an STD, which is not to have sex or share needles.

According to the fliers, you can reduce your chances of contracting an STD by having sex with only one person who only has had sex with you.

Also, look at your partner's genitals, if you see an unusual sore, lump or discharge, do not have sex until he or she is treated or cured.

It is not always possible to see symptoms of an STD, so use a condom and have regular check-ups.

There are a few things that you should do if you are infected. See your health care provider, family planning/STD clinic or health department as soon as possible. Diagnosis will be made by physical exam, lab tests and discussion of symptoms.

You should stop having sex until the problem is treated. You should also talk to your partner as soon as possible.

If you find symptoms of an STD or are diagnosed with one, talking to your partner is very important, because you never know if you have passed it on. Without treatment, STDs may get worse.

## “What are you doing for Thanksgiving?”

By Terry Clapp  
Editor

Photos by Fred Dimaano



**Randy Rusness**  
“I’m going to my folks’ house and eatin’, watching football — Cowboys and Lions.”



**Jamie Horr**  
“I’m going to a friends house in Aberdeen. On the way home I’ll go to my mom’s house in Olympia.”



**Peter Zelenkov**  
“I’m going to work all day. Spend the rest of the day at my parents eating food and drinking and enjoying the festivities.”



**Jordan Shay**  
“For Thanksgiving my family is going to my Aunt Susie’s house so we can engage in heated arguments and so we can fight over who makes the best turkey. Anyone all-purpose can go there.”



**Jim Grossman**  
“I’ll be writing my thesis on telecommunications infrastructure and standards for desktop teleconferencing. I’m postponing all celebrations until I finish that.”



**Jung Yong-Tak**  
“I’m going to do nothing because I’m from another country — South Korea. Last month we had the same kind of tradition there like Thanksgiving here.”



**Steven Vance**  
“I’m going skiing wherever there’s the best snow — probably Idaho — with my family.”



**Keith Bailey**  
“I’m going to my girlfriend’s family reunion for Thanksgiving in Aberdeen.”

## Alcoholics Anonymous for GRCC students

By John Carlile  
Special to The Current

If sobriety is what you are looking for, help is available at Green River Community College. The Green River Chapter of Alcoholics Anonymous meets here on campus every Monday, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. in room SG-62.

"The meetings are open to all, the meetings are meant to promote sobriety and demonstrate how to maintain staying sober," said a member of Alcoholics Anonymous who wished not to be identified.

The meetings do not push religion, nor do they attempt to convert anyone to a different belief than what they already have.

"Each person has their own belief as to their spirituality, it is whatever works for the individual," the member said.

The meetings count toward court requirements, and they last one hour instead of the normal one and a half hours at other A.A. meetings.

Alcoholics Anonymous says that having a sponsor is very important. The sponsees should contact their sponsors during the week to update their status. This builds the sponsees' confidence in being able to admit they have a problem.

The crisis telephone number is (206) 591-9221, which is an off-campus number and is available on a 24-hour basis. When people call, A.A. goes

through the Twelve-Step Program with them, or they will contact a support group closer to the person calling. Either way, contacts will be made for those who call.



Photo by Fred Dimaano

If the meeting time is not convenient, or you would like to chair a meeting, please contact Ted Broussard in Student Counseling or at ext. 2460.

"I am not involved as a counselor at the A.A. meeting," said Broussard. "It is a self-help group, (though) I coordinate a place and time for the meetings."

The meetings are centered on the following Twelve-Step Program:

1. Admit we were powerless over alcohol — that our lives have become unmanageable.

2. Believe that a power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.

3. Make a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understand Him.

4. Perform a moral inventory of ourselves.

5. Admit to God, to ourselves and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.

6. Prepare to have God remove all these defects of character.

7. Ask Him to remove our short-comings.

8. List all people we have harmed, and become willing to make amends with them.

9. Direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when doing so would injure them or others.

10. Continue to take personal inventory, and when we are wrong, promptly admit it.

11. Seek through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God, as we understand Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.

12. Carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs, having had a spiritual awakening.

For information on all meetings held here on campus, call Broussard in Student Counseling, at ext. 2460, or Julie French in Health Services, at ext. 2430.

The following is a list of other Help Lines that are available off-campus.

ALCOHOL / drug helpline: (800) 562-1240

TEEN LINE: 722-4222

# GRCC's sister radio station debuts in Enumclaw

By Terry Clapp  
Editor

A newly purchased Green River Community College radio station will soon be energizing the air-waves — in Enumclaw.

The Green River Foundation Board has loaned the GRCC radio program \$55,000 to buy the new station, according to Dr. Clark Townsend, assistant president of The Green River Foundation.

The purchase price of the station is \$40,000. For that, GRCC will get a radio tower, transmitter, small building, just under 5 acres of land and the license to operate the station.

The GRCC foundation is also loaning money to pay \$7,500 in broker fees and \$7,500 in legal fees.

The GRCC radio program department will invest another \$10,000 to \$15,000 in equipment necessary for going on the air.

KGRG -- the existing GRCC radio station -- is owned by the college board of trustees. The new station KENU's license will be held by the GRCC Foundation Board.

Once the contract was signed on Nov. 8, the GRCC radio program had 45 days to go on the air in order to keep the license from reverting back to the FCC.

By Feb. 9, equipment

needs to be in place, the transmitter needs to be transmitting and a format must be implemented.

A KENU advising board -- made up of Seattle-area radio professionals - has been meeting every two weeks since last July to consider how to oper-

ate the station. The next advisory board meeting on Nov. 19 will advise the GRCC radio program department regarding what format to use.

Formats the GRCC radio program department are considering are country, oldies, all news, simulcast KGRG or a

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# Find a place where everybody knows your name

By Carolyn Miller  
Special to The Current

Green River Community College is a commuter college with a service area stretching from Renton south to Auburn and from the Cascade foothills of Enumclaw west to the Federal Way city limits. Sixty percent of the students come from Kent, Auburn and Renton, and the rest from outlying areas from Seattle to Puyallup.

With the many different types of music available in these areas, people have many options for a night on the town.

On a cool, sunny Friday afternoon GRCC students socialized and wrapped up another week. What's to do this weekend? Music? Melissa, from Seattle, says the jazz scene there is "way cool." Check out The Backstage, which offers a terrific on-going selection of

live music. Tickets begin at \$8 and up depending on the performance. Call 781-2895 for more information.

Dimitriou's Jazz Alley is the Seattle classic jazz spot. Student ticket prices are only \$5. Call 441-9729 for the line-up.

Jazz in Kent? Yes, at the Jazz Cafe Saturdays 8-11:30 p.m. and the Ristorante Auguri with James Briggs on piano 6:30-10 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays isn't to be missed.

Lois from Puyallup wants Western sounds and some boot-scootin. She reports that the best bet is at Dakota's Restaurant in Kent, which has country-western music and dancing 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday nights.

If you need some dance lessons, Lois recommends you practice at McCabe's American Music Cafe in Tacoma. Country-western dancing and dance lessons are available nightly at

7:45 p.m.

The Swiss in Tacoma consistently delivers super blues, rock and roll, fine food and a good selection of drinks.

The "open mike" concept is big with Caleb from Tacoma. He says "open mike" on Tuesdays at the Antique Sandwich Shop in Tacoma is excellent. If you want a smoke-free and alcohol-free atmosphere try the "open mike" in Kent at the Country Caboose Cafe and Expresso Depot.

Rob from Auburn says you don't have to go anywhere or spend a dime! Turn on KGRG, Green River Community College's own alternative rock station, and rock away the night!

The Puget Sound area is full of music. For other ideas, check the Friday entertainment sections of the area newspapers or ask a friend. Prices range from free to budget-busters and there truly is something for everyone.

## Winter Depression *Continued from page 5*

melatonin is produced.

"SAD is now believed to affect as many as 35 million Americans," according to researchers Clay Hawthorne and Martin Stillion.

Women are three to four times more likely to be affected by SAD than men. Right now there's no answer to why women are affected by SAD more.

Here are the criteria to determine whether you are suffering from SAD:

- One major depressive episode
  - Being depressed during two consecutive fall and winter seasons
  - No depression during spring and summer
  - No other psychiatric disorder
- The common symptoms of

SAD are:

- Depression
- Increased desire for sleep
- Increased appetite for carbohydrate foods
- Gaining weight
- Loss of libido
- Anti-social

There are several treatments for SAD. The most common and safe treatment for SAD is phototherapy. Phototherapy treatment involves exposure to artificial light.

The Vancouver Hospital and Health Sciences Center's Mood Disorders Clinic in British Columbia suggests that SAD sufferers can spend as little as 30 minutes per day in front of an artificial light. The light source has to be at least 2500 lux

(lux is the measurement of brightness). The brighter the light the quicker the results.

A much easier way to get light is just spending some time outdoors during the day. At home, simply open up the curtains to let in more light. At work, ask your employer if you could work near a window or go outside during a break.

If you think you are suffering from SAD, consult your doctor. If you have symptoms of SAD you can contact NOSAD at:

National Organization for Seasonal Affective Disorder  
(NOSAD)  
P.O. Box 40133  
Washington, DC 20016

## Celebration lost, just another day

By Leanna Dafoe  
Reporter

Nov. 28, the glorious day of Thanksgiving. What are you doing to honor this day? Are you staying home? Traveling? Eating turkey? Or just having a microwave meal?

Has it changed for you over the years? It seems that for the majority of students, Thanksgiving has become less and less festive each year. Other people are still celebrating it, but not like they used to.

Some people are going to sit home alone, work or have a small celebration with just a few friends or family.

This is true for Green River Community College student Lenny Swanson.

"I'm having some family and friends over," he said.

Other GRCC students have their own plans.

"I'll probably be working," said Dean Disharoon. "Thanksgiving has continually digressed over the years from an inane festive occasion to total and utter crap."

One student is going to be very stuffed by the end of the night.

"We used to have more people celebrate with us" said Angie Hodgkins. "This year I'm going to my mom's to eat, and then off to my dad's."

Student Jen Peters is going to have a traditional Thanksgiving.

"I'm going to be with all my family," she said. "We go for the whole shebang!"

Peters also said with a gleam in her eye. "I love yams with marshmallows."

Thanksgiving is always on the fourth Thursday of the month. Many people have been given the credit for naming Thanksgiving.

The first national recognition of this holiday was by George Washington in 1789 after he was elected to office. It became a national holiday on Oct. 3, 1863 under President Lincoln.

Thanksgiving has changed over the years. In earlier years, children would dress up in the clothes of their elders, cover their faces with masks and parade through the streets while blowing tin horns.

They would collect money from people passing on the streets, or run door to door with baskets asking for fruits and vegetables to

help them celebrate the day.

Thanksgiving was also a religious day. Religious services were held in the churches, and after services families gathered around the table for a huge dinner. The main dish was roasted turkey with pumpkin pie for desert.

The religious aspect is still a part of modern-day Thanksgiving, but it has also become a leisurely holiday.

So get into the spirit and celebrate Thanksgiving.

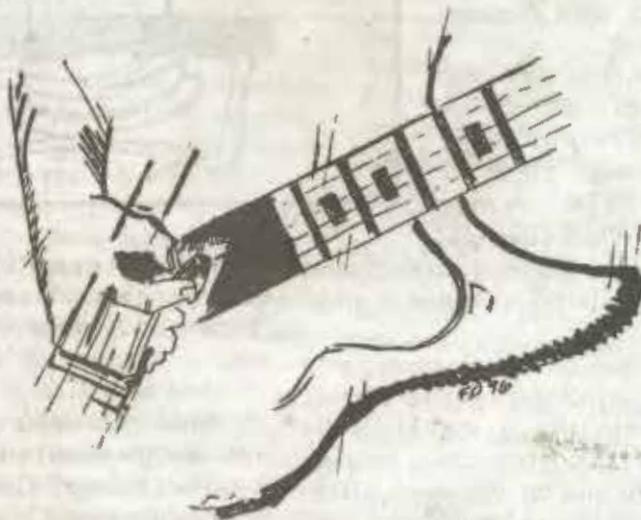
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## Chlamydia is not a flower

By Stephanie Jacobson  
Editor

Hand holding, kissing, other displays of affection. What does it all lead to? SEX.

Sex is a hard word for some to swallow. Sex can bring many emotions, rewards and consequences.

You are probably thinking..., "Oh no. Not one of those lecture-type articles preaching to us that we should abstain from sex."

**WRONG.**

If you choose to abstain, then abstain. If you choose to have sex...have sex. Just make sure that you know if you choose to have sex that you are also choosing to perhaps be exposed to many emotions, rewards and consequences.

In this day and age, sex is rather free. But it is also rather dangerous. There are many STDs (sexually transmitted diseases) out there roaming around, and there is always a chance of pregnancy.

Some of the diseases you could get through sexual contact are hepatitis A, hepatitis B, chlamydia, gonorrhea, herpes, syphilis and the infamous AIDS. They all cause a lot of discomfort, and AIDS is eventually fatal.

This is something I think we all know. If this is true, why do people continue to be stupid and carefree when it comes to protecting themselves and having some control? There are a lot of ways people could protect themselves.

protect against the spread of disease.

Having tests done before you start a physical relationship might not be a bad idea either. While many people think that partners know each other for awhile before sex, reality is a lot of people do not.

A lot of people think it is OK to have "one-night stands." Your life...your choice.

A couple can protect themselves from pregnancy by what is commonly known as "the pill." Other methods used are diaphragms, spermicides and, according to the Food & Drug Administration, female condoms are on the market.

One of the biggest problems is that people don't really keep it real. A lot of people do not take responsibility. They say one thing and do another.

So next time you want to get your freak on with the hottie across the room, just know what's out there and know what you can do to protect yourself

and your partner.

The consequences can be dangerous, unhealthy, embarrassing and not to mention costly. Do what needs to be done to be in control.

In this issue, The Current has provided a condom in every copy. This is not to necessarily encourage sex, but to provide you with protection.



The most important is a condom. A condom is said by some "to take away the true feeling of sex."

Deal with it.

Would you rather deal with a little less pleasure or a baby crying all night long? Get the ribbed for pleasure kind if it bothers you that bad. Condoms also help pro-

## GRCC basketball underway

By Rebecca Elliot  
Special to The Current

Dribble...dribble...dribble.

Either someone's ice cream cone is melting or that's a clue that the basketball season is upon us.

Since it's too cold outside for an ice cream cone to do anything but freeze, it must mean that it's the time of year for dunking, dribbling and dodging. That's right, in-your-face basketball is currently underway at Green River Community College.

The men's pre-season is winding up now and, with just a few scrimmage games left, this is a team that's looking forward to its regular season opener in Yakima on Nov. 22.

"We're excited," said Michael McGraw, athletic director and head coach of the GRCC men's basketball team. "There is a high quality of athletes on the team this year. Really nice kids who are working hard."

It takes more than just good players to make up the team, though. It also takes good coaches. As GRCC's athletic director, it's McGraw's responsi-

bility to not only recruit players but also to hire the coaches. McGraw feels that he has assembled a "strong group of young athletes" this year.

"They're very dedicated," said McGraw. "They all relate well with both the players and parents, which is important when we're recruiting players."

Last year's team was made up of mostly walk-ons, and this year the majority of the team was hand-picked by the coaches here at Green River. This fact gives Coach McGraw reason to be optimistic about the team.

"This is a talent-laden team," said McGraw. "I see a championship in their future."

McGraw is not the only person who feels this way.



Athletic director and coach  
Michael McGraw  
Photo By Fred Dimaano

"This should be the best team Coach McGraw has had," said Chris Robinson, a potential starting guard on this year's team. "We're expecting a

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## Radio station at Enumclaw... *Continued from page 9*

combination of these. Tom Evans Krause, general manager of GRCC's radio program department, is considering initially airing a news format and may opt to spend an additional \$150 per month for an Associated Press contract — a national news radio program.

According to Krause, the final decision must be made by Nov. 22 so equipment and the Associated Press service can be ordered.

"John Ramsey (GRCC's public information officer) and I will make the final decision," said Krause.

"We must be on by Feb. 9, but we hope to be on by the first of the year," said Krause.

Krause surveyed Enumclaw/Buckley area residents over the past two weeks to find out what format listeners in that area prefer. Considering limited equipment to start with, Krause is leaning towards syndicated news with intermittent local news.

"We are competing with KMPS, KIRO, KBSG and KUBE," said Krause. "Serving the community is one of our principle goals."

It is also a priority for the college to find ways to tie the new station into existing and new course work to expand educational opportunities for students, according to Krause.

"It is our goal to have as much stu-

dent involvement as possible, to grow into the new station," said Krause. "Once we take possession, it's our understanding there is the potential to raise the wattage substantially, and we intend to pursue that goal."

The new radio station will have 500 watts on an AM band by day, and 26 watts by night. KENU's frequency will be 1330 kHz. The station will be most effective in a 20- to 25-mile radius in the beginning.

"This is the only station licensed to Enumclaw," said Krause.

The mission statement for KGRG and KENU is to serve the community, to offer educational opportunities and to promote GRCC, said Krause.

# GRCC men's soccer places second

By Karly Bell  
Reporter

This soccer season the men's team has done extremely well. Right now, they are currently in second place in the NWAACC. That's out of 18 community college teams from Washington and Oregon. They are practicing long and hard for the finals this year. It was 1987 when the Green River Gators won the championship nine years ago. Now, in 1996, they plan to win it all again.

Coach Dan Keene and assistants Bill Jeg and Tim Aguilar have lead the team to several outstanding victories this year. The men took on Tacoma and played hard for a 2-0 win.

There are 20 members on the team, which allows the tired players to be relieved (unlike the women's soccer team where they have to play the whole game through). Most of the men are freshmen, but there are four returning sophomores this year.

An interesting thing about this team is its diversity. Three of the men are from

Boras, Sweden, and one is from Uralsk, Russia. Soccer to them is like football is to Americans.

Three of our own Gators last year were also on the NWAACC Men's Soccer All-Star Team, Southern Division. Lacki Troukis, forward, Keiichi Yamamoto, midfielder, and Devin Procter, defender. Of them, Troukis is the only one still playing for Green River.

The men's soccer team could use your support at the upcoming final play-offs. They have a big chance to win it all, don't you want to be there to see it?

## Basketball... *Continued from page 13*

lot from ourselves and each other, I think we'll make the playoffs."

Another potential starting guard on the team, Corey McDonald, agrees with Robinson's assessment of the players.

"We get along real well as a team," said McDonald. "I definitely see us going to the playoffs."

Both Robinson and McDonald have been playing basketball since they were smaller than the ball, so they feel that they are able to recognize a quality team when they see one. They also agree that the high school teams they played on aren't even in the same realm as this year's team at Green River.

The most noticeable differences for Robinson and McDonald are the level of play and the strict requirements for maintaining eligibility.

"It's a more intense game in college," said McDonald. "Definitely on a higher level than in high school."

Another major difference for these two players is the coaching in high school compared to the style of Coach McGraw. They agree that it's more difficult under McGraw, but Robinson and McDonald both say they are pleased to be playing for him.

"Coach McGraw is more demanding," said McDonald. "I expected the experience of playing college ball to be harder than high school, and it is, but that's a good thing, I'm glad I'm here."

Robinson added, "I really like it here, it's very well-disciplined. Coach has a great sense of understanding for the team and he's very knowledgeable about the game and about coaching."

Robinson and McDonald aren't the only two players who are getting enjoyment out of playing for Green River.

Jason Brown, starting guard and captain of the team, says quite simply, "I like it!"

Brown says that he not only enjoys playing at Green River but, also playing for Coach McGraw.

"He's hard-nosed, expects nothing but 100 percent," Brown points out.

"There's no slacking on this team, and I like that a lot."

Brown, like Robinson and McDonald, has his own expectations for the team.

"This is a team with a lot of potential," said Brown. "I expect we'll have a lot of close games. And, yeah," he said with a smile, "I think we'll make the playoffs. We're very dedicated."

Dedication alone won't keep you on this team, though. It also takes a lot of hard work. Robinson, McDonald, Brown and every other member of the team not only need to practice their dunks and dribbles daily, they need to keep their grades up to retain their eligibility.

The league requires a 2.0 GPA to qualify for the team. But GRCC has stricter requirements for the players.

"We want to maintain higher standards at Green River," explained Coach McGraw. "We expect a 2.5 GPA or better from our players."

If after the first quarter of a player's freshman year his GPA is below 2.5 when grades are posted, he ends up in study hall. Not just for a day or even a week, but every

day of the week until grades are posted again and his GPA meets the required mark.

Coach McGraw is happy to report that at this time there aren't any players on his team who are enjoying an hour a day in study hall.

"I'm proud of this team," said McGraw. "They're working hard to be the best. I would encourage everyone to come see this talented group of young players."

This "talented group of young players" and Coach McGraw obviously have mutual feelings of respect for each other. While the members of this team are in the process of earning their respect from Coach McGraw, he already has earned his players' respect with years of hard work.

McGraw, who's played basketball most of his life, has been coaching for 16 years. He hasn't always coached basketball, either.

Before coming to Green River, McGraw coached for the semi-pro Buffalos, a Sacramento football team and also for his alma mater, Cordova High School's football team.

In addition to football and basketball, he coaches golf and track. McGraw studied to be a coach at three different schools, two in California and one in Oregon. McGraw has been athletic director at Green River for four years, and he's coached the men's basketball team for two of those years.

Coach McGraw plans to stay on at Green River and keep working towards a championship.

If you'd like to see Coach McGraw and the men's basketball team on their road to the championship playoffs, the first stop at home is Dec. 7. Tip-off is in the gym here at GRCC. GO GATORS!!!

# Astrological Forecast

Warning: these horoscopes were not written by a professional.

**Aries (March 21-April 19)** You could experience a craving for music in the next couple of weeks - indulge it. Whether you make the music with someone or by yourself, it will be beautiful. Using a condom can protect you from STDs.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)** Stop being so stubborn and lighten up a bit! Stubbornness may not be a virtue in the next couple weeks. You're riding on a carousel, your life is going nowhere with your present efforts. Get off the merry-go-round and try new tactics. Don't forget to practice safe sex.

**Gemini (May 21-June 20)** Don't sweat the small stuff, but the big stuff is worth worrying about! Update yourself on any legal matters you may find yourself involved in - the information may come in handy. Know where to get a condom - just in case.

**Cancer (June 21-July 22)** Explore the stars this month. It will provide relaxation and possibly answers to your troubles. Analyze situations carefully and by the book, especially if they involve pets. Keep yourself updated on STD and pregnancy protection methods.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)** Although your life is very full, you keep it well organized. Travel plans are in the near future. Small tokens of affection will gain you a lot of ground. Check out the condom section at the local pharmacy.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** All your efforts will soon be rewarded. Keep up the good work! Education and learning are your main focus, be sure to plan your future. Condoms are an important part of safe sex.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** The planet Venus is watching you — love is in your path. Watch out for those moody Cancer natives. Start to save your money for a rainy day, since this is Seattle there will be plenty of those. Know your safe sex options.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** Party hard, but party smart. So far, dealing with networks has been a pain in the you-know-what, but things are looking up. Re-evaluate your goals, and update them if necessary. Condoms are highly recommended for safe sex.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** A successful friend is glad for your support. All your efforts at school pay off. Don't rely on friends to set up a date, you may not be satis-

fied with their choice. If you are sexually active, it's good to keep a condom handy.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Eat lots of chocolate to calm those hormones. A romantic spark is in your life: take things slow. Beautification rituals soothe and calm when times of stress appear. Use a condom to prevent STDs.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** Your life has taken a turn for the better; do everything you can to keep it that way, but don't

forget your friends. Romance is up to you, the other party(s) are willing, but are you? Condoms can prevent STDs, AIDS and pregnancy.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)** Examine your life critically, what do you see? Excellent chance of making a new friend in the near future. Treat your parents with respect, it will be personally rewarding. Ask your partner which kind of condom he/she prefers.

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## Security blotter

By Tim Medan  
Reporter

On Nov. 4 at approximately 11:55 p.m., an auto accident was reported near the Solem parking lot, which caused \$1000 damage to a fire hydrant. A witness reported hearing tires squeal, followed by a loud crash. The truck involved in the accident was found in the Solem parking lot, and the fire hydrant was broken off. Security notified King County police and fire departments.

On Nov. 5 at approximately 11:15 a.m., a theft report was filed with Green River Community College Security. A Blue GT Aggressor Mountain Bike was stolen. A combination lock and chain were also stolen.

On Nov. 7 at approximately 12:23 p.m., Security received a report of a possible heart attack at the SMT building. The victim was experiencing nausea, abdominal and chest pains. The victim was transported to Auburn General Hospital at approximately 1:06 p.m.

## Brain teaser answers

- ANSWERS:
1. The Sun
  2. The Milky Way Galaxy
  3. Nitrogen
  4. b) hydrogen into helium
  5. b) meteorite — a piece of dust that burns up and never lands is called a meteor. If it were an alien space ship, the government would confiscate it and deny everything, of course.
  6. c) 99.9%
  7. The sun was born in a gaseous cloud in Orion's Belt.
  8. 100%
  9. Ultra-light doesn't belong because it's a fixed-wing airplane made with fabric and that has a very small engine — everything else belongs in the electromagnetic spectrum.

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## Phi Theta Kappa lends a hand

**Erica Torheim**  
Reporter

Members of Alpha Chi Beta (the Green River Community College chapter of Phi Theta Kappa) have been busy with several activities. The goal of the activities was to raise money for a trip to the annual International Convention. The Phi Theta Kappa convention will be held in April in Dallas, Texas. At the cost of \$1,000 per member, Alpha Chi Beta hopes to send six people.

On Oct. 20, Alpha Chi Beta held a car wash and raised \$650. Also during the month of October, club members picked up 34 bags of trash, not including trash that was too big to fit into bags, as part of an adopt a highway program. Six members participated, Eric Coronado, Jerry Aleraham, Julie

Brannan, Dana Denton, Sherri Williams and David Williams.

The fundraising is not over however, Alpha Chi Beta has several more activities planned. On Dec. 7 the club will be hosting a Christmas Bazaar. They will be selling wreaths and other holiday decorations and gifts in the Lindbloom Student Center.

One of Alpha Chi Beta's biggest events is AIDS week. AIDS week runs from December, 1 to Dec. 6. Festivities of AIDS week include the AIDS Memorial Quilt, a souvenir and food booth, a flag display and the AIDS awareness wall. All the attractions will be held in the Lindbloom Student Center.

There are several guest speakers scheduled during AIDS week. On Dec. 2, Felipe Primera, master of ceremonies, will kick off the week-long event.

It will start at 11 a.m. on the main stage in the Lindbloom Student Center. Also scheduled for Monday is Greg Bennick, a fire eater. Bennick's act goes from 12 to 1 p.m. on the main stage of LSC.

On Dec. 4, students are welcome to the Baker room from 12 to 1 p.m. to listen to the other side of AIDS. A grandmother of seven shares the impact that AIDS had on her. Also on Wednesday from 11 to 1 p.m. on the main stage of the LSC will be The South Sound Clowns. There will be balloons and other fun activities.

On Dec. 5, there will be a documentary about the making of the AIDS Memorial Quilt. It will be held from 12 to 1 p.m. in the Baker Room in the LSC. Alpha Chi Beta invites everyone to come and show their support.

## VICA on the move

**Cindy Williams**  
Autobody Technician

The Vocational Industrial Club of America — VICA — held its annual "Lights On For Safety" program on Oct. 5 in Puyallup. Approximately 160 automobiles were inspected and repaired.

Auto-body instructor Mark Millbauer and auto-tech instructor Karl Hoffman were available for advice. Director Pete Hunt, representing the Auto Service Club of America, was also available. The inspections and parts were free of charge. The parts were donated by The NAPA Corp.

In the Oct. 10 club elections, Trevor Stimson was elected president. Mike Harris is the new vice president, Briana Aho is secretary, Don Devine is treasurer, and James Douglas is parliamentarian. Representatives are Mikio Hoguchi and Larry Richmond. Cindy Williams is reporter.

Statewide VICA elections were held on Oct. 26 in Wenatchee. Results are pending.

Automotive Service Excellence — ASE — testing is being held again at GRCC on Nov. 7, 12 and 14, and is being organized by VICA. The quarterly VICA potluck will be held on Dec. 5 at 12:00 noon at the Trades/Industry building. Contact VICA members for more information.

### This is a public service announcement

The Performance Circle presents ENCHANTMENT OF BEAUTY AND THE BEAST by Vera Morris with music and lyrics by Bill Francoeur.

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