

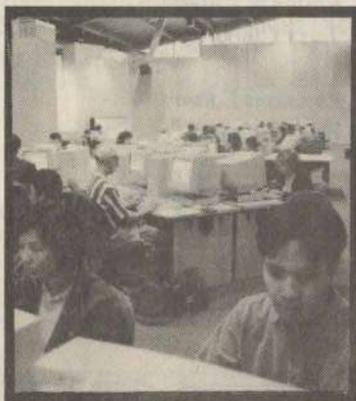
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Connect with international students

By Terry Clapp
Editor in Chief

Even without the much-lauded new library with its World Wide Web connections, the world is a smaller place when you attend Green River Community College.

Look around. Have you noticed how many international students attend GRCC? They are everywhere – 360 in all.

Try eavesdropping on the conver-

sation at the next table when you have lunch today and try to figure out the language spoken. Is it Japanese? Arabic? Spanish? Korean? GRCC is truly cosmopolitan.

Electronic connections over the Web are OK, but when was the last time you connected internationally in person? International students are here to experience America, but who says we Americans can't benefit from friendships with International students?

Ask questions about their coun-

tries, cultures or families. Don't be shy, start with the weather, if you must. In the process, you may come to understand world views different from those of Americans, and after all, isn't this one of the goals of higher education?

This issue of *The Current* is centered on international students. After reading this paper, we hope the next time you cross paths with an international student, you will be inspired to introduce yourself, and maybe make a new friend.

Phi Theta Kappa happenings

By Holly Blanchard
Staff Reporter

Phi Theta Kappa is planning several events for late February and March.

Denise Brewer, an unofficial advisor for Phi Theta Kappa, said members of the honors society will be spending time with members from other schools.

On Feb. 28, Phi Theta Kappa members will attend a play at the Evergreen Playhouse in Centralia.

President Julie Brannan said that the group will attend the play

with members from different community colleges.

Applications for Phi Theta Kappa membership are due March 7.

The induction ceremony will be March 17 in the main dining area in the Lindbloom Student Center. The ceremony will start at 7:00 p.m.

In April 24-26, the Phi Theta Kappa International Convention will be held in Dallas.

Brewer said the organization may be holding more fund-raisers for the convention.

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The *Current* accepts articles and opinions up to 350 words on any topic. We reserve the right to edit articles and letters to the editor for style, grammar, punctuation, spelling, length and libel.

Letters must be typed and signed with a phone number for verification purposes.

Please send all materials to: *The Current*, mail stop SP or stop in at our office in the Lindbloom Student Center.

Would you care for some murder with your dinner?

A murder mystery dinner and interactive play will be held in the Lindbloom Student Center on Feb. 28.

"Murder in the Heir" is sponsored by GRCC Student Programs Special Events.

It is designed to allow amateur sleuths to gather clues and challenge their wits. Prizes will be awarded to the winners.

Dinner starts at 6:30 p.m. sharp, followed by the reading of the will and the start of the mystery plot. Tickets are \$8 for students and \$10 for non-students.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call Student Programs at ext. 2400.

Blood drive a success

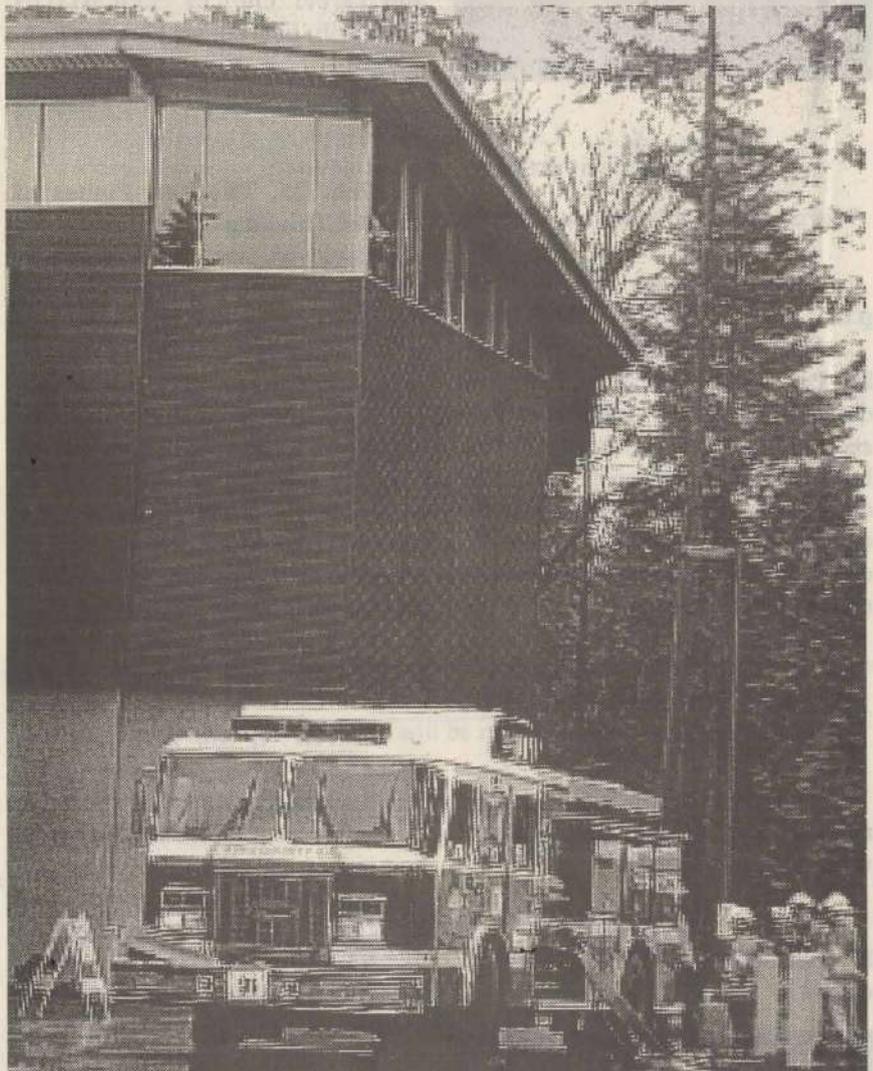
By John Carlile
Staff Reporter

The blood drive Feb. 11 at Green River Community College was a great success.

"The turn-out for this quarter's blood drive was tremendous," said Julie French in Health Services. This time 94 people gave blood, which was about 14 more than in the drive held last quarter, said French.

The blood drive is handled by the Puget Sound Blood Center. For those of you who could not donate here during the blood drive and would still like to donate, you can go to one of the Puget Sound Blood Centers listed in the telephone directory.

Where there's fire...



By Fred Dimaano
Assistant Editor

Photo by Fred Dimaano

The new Holman Library was evacuated Feb. 13, after smoke filled the gallery near the entrance.

"I was in the library waiting to get into the computer class and noticed smoke around the gallery and lights," said Johnette Hopper, a student at Green River Community College.

Smoke from welding torches being used in the remodeling of the Rutkowski Learning Center adjacent

to the library was sucked through a tunnel that connected both buildings.

The smoke filled the Helen Smith Gallery located to the right side of the main entrance of the library. Library employees notified campus Security. Security decided to trigger the fire alarm to clear the building and to alert the local fire department.

An hour later students were allowed back into the library. The Helen Smith Gallery will be closed until further notice.

Calendar

HEALTH SERVICES PROGRAMS EVENTS FOR THE WINTER QUARTER 1997

March

March National Nutrition Month

Tuesday, March 4, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

National College Anxiety Screening Day This is a screening program during which students learn about anxiety disorders, view a video, obtain free literature about anxiety disorders and other mental illness. They will have the opportunity to complete an anxiety disorders questionnaire and have results reviewed by a clinician.

March 17, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Free Massages

Baker Room

Relax and enjoy a free 10-minute massage, a gift to you for all your hard work during the quarter.

For more information: Call Julie French, Health Services Coordinator, ext. 2430.

CALENDAR PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS

Personal Development Workshops
Tuesdays, noon - 1 p.m.

Feb. 18, Career Resources for the 21st Century

GRCC's Educational Planning and Career Center has recently expanded and reorganized to better serve students' needs for career planning and development. One specific change is the addition of an Internet link to a wide array of career and academic resources.

Please join us to learn about GRCC's Center and the resources and services available to you for successful academic and career choices. **LOCATION CHANGE:** Educational Planning Center, LSC-277.

Presenters: Educational Planning Staff.

Feb. 25, The Ten Forms of Twisted Thinking

Have you ever noticed that your mood is often closely related to your thoughts or self-talk? By recognizing which thoughts set us up to feel depressed, anxious or guilty, we can learn new ways to change the way we think, the way we behave and the way we feel. This workshop will introduce you to the ten most common errors in thinking that directly relate to mood and help you learn how to change them to more helpful thoughts.

Presenter: Ted Broussard, M.A., GRCC Counselor.

March 4, "So What Do You Want To Be When You Grow Up?"

Before you answer that, you might want to attend this workshop to find out how interest and values assessments can help you identify your strengths and skills and learn some helpful strategies and tips on researching occupations, networking, decision-making and personal marketing.

Presenter: John House, Educational Planner.

ON-GOING GROUPS

12-Step Recovery Meetings

Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous and Debtors Anonymous meetings are on campus for GRCC and community. Anyone interested in leading a 12-step group or being a part of one is encouraged to contact the Counseling Services office, LSC-231, or call ext. 2460.

Sexual Minorities Support Group

A twice-monthly support group for bisexual, gay, lesbian, questioning and transgendered students at GRCC. Call Counseling Services at ext. 4292 for more information.

Women in Transition

A weekly group for women returning to school to provide support for the challenge of being back in class and juggling work, family and school. Consider joining this savvy group of women who understand what you are experiencing and who can offer you friendship and community. Sponsored by Counseling Services and the Women's Center. Call ext. 2460 for more information or to sign up. Facilitated by Marie Sundberg, M.A., GRCC Counselor.

STUDENT PROGRAMS ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

February

Feb. 18

• Asian Student Meeting

Feb. 19

• Men and Women's basketball vs.

Grays Harbor

• Senate meeting

Feb. 20

• Artists and Speakers series: Bernie

Siegel

• Senate Meeting

Feb. 21

• Student Programs dance

Feb. 22

• Men and Women's Basketball vs.

Pierce

• Saturday Activity: Ice Hockey

Feb. 24-28 Black Student Union

Week

• Mainstage Monday

• Judicial Board Meeting

Feb. 25

• Asian Student Meeting

Feb. 26

• Senate Meeting

Calendar

Feb. 27

- Senate Meeting

Feb. 28

- Popcorn and Movie Night
- Murder Mystery Dinner

March

Nutrition Month

Mar. 1

- Outdoor Programs Snow Shoe Hike

- Saturday Activity

Mar. 3

- Judicial Board Meeting

Mar. 4

- Asian Students Meeting

- ICC Meeting

- National College Anxiety Screening

Day

Mar. 5

- Senate Meeting

Mar. 6

- Senate Meeting

Mar. 7

- KGRG Concert

Mar. 8

- Saturday Activity

Mar. 10-14 Alcohol Awareness

Week

Mar. 10

- Mainstage Monday Bouncy Boxing

- Judicial Board Meeting

Mar. 11

- Asian Student Meeting

Mar. 12

- Senate Meeting

- PTK Inductions

Mar. 13

- Senate Meeting

Mar. 15

- Outdoor Programs Ice

Skate Trip

- Saturday Activity

Mar. 17

- Free Massages

Mar. 18

- Study Day/No classes

Mar. 19-21 Finals

Mar. 21

- Last Day of instruction

A reminder that finals are Mar. 19-21

Tuesday, Mar. 18

No classes

Study Day

Wednesday, Mar. 19

8 a.m. - 10 a.m. All 9 a.m. classes

11 a.m. - 1 p.m. All 1 p.m. classes

2 p.m. - 4 p.m. All 4 p.m. classes

4 p.m. - 6 p.m. Available test time for classes with conflicts*

Thursday, Mar. 20

8 a.m. - 10 a.m. All 10 a.m. classes

11 a.m. - 1 p.m. All 2 p.m. classes

2 p.m. - 4 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday classes that do not fit regular schedule time. Available test time for classes with conflicts*

Friday, Mar. 21

8 a.m. - 10 a.m. All 8 a.m. classes

11 a.m. - 1 p.m. All 11 a.m. classes

2 p.m. - 4 p.m. All 3 p.m. classes

4 p.m. - 6 p.m. Available test time for classes with conflicts*

*Exceptions to this schedule require arrangements with the appropriate Dean of Instruction.

Come Join Black Awareness Week

All events start at noon, and will be in the Lindbloom Student Center.

- Feb. 25-Three members of the theater group Local Access will perform a section of "I Dream a World," which is based on the book of the same title.
- Feb. 26-The Kent Junior High Jazz Band will perform.
- Feb. 27-Writer Carolyn Vaughan-Young will host a workshop about getting in to college.
- Feb. 28- The Faces of America singing group will perform.

This is a public announcement from Student Programs in reference to open hearings for the 522 Budget Development Process.

Open hearings are scheduled for:

***Wed., Feb. 26**

1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

***Wed., March 5**

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

These meetings will be held in the Rainier Room, Lindbloom Student Center.

State audit reveals credit card misuse

Spurs Senator to investigate International Programs recruitment



By Leigh Sullivan
Staff Reporter

A state audit criticizing international recruiters at Green River Community College for misusing state credit cards has prompted State Senator Pam Roach, R-Auburn, to question credit card usage and whether state dollars should be used for overseas recruiting trips.

Roach told the South County Journal that she will seek a state review of community colleges' recruiting trips abroad, even though the recruitment of international students helps to pay for teachers and classrooms.

The South County Journal reported Feb. 13 that a state auditor said GRCC recruiters misused state

credit cards to buy alcohol, gifts, meals and promotional materials.

"I had no idea this practice of recruiting overseas was going on," said Roach. "Washington state colleges should serve Washington residents first. I'm opposed to overseas recruiting.

"We have enough people trying to get into these schools. And it takes a student at least a year longer to complete a degree. It's hard enough to get into a math or an English course right now because the

courses are closed due to overcrowding."

However, John Ramsey, director of public information for GRCC, pointed out that Roach was inaccurate when stating that state dollars are used for overseas recruiting trips. And overcrowding is not the case for GRCC, Ramsey added. Enrollment is down slightly from this time last year.

"State dollars are not used — the money is self-generated from International Programs," said Ramsey. "International Programs does not operate on state appropriated funds."

He added, "The credit cards were used incorrectly, not the money. The money was fully reimbursed."

Ramsey said the college has rules and regulations concerning use of state credit cards, and steps have already been taken by the business office to tighten control.

"Now everyone knows what can and what can't be done when using a state credit card," he said.

"This was an honest mistake."

Of 8,000 students, GRCC has 360 international students — about 4 percent of the total student body. Nearly one-third of those international students, 97 this quarter, are enrolled in International English as a Second Language courses, and are

not competing for standard courses, said Erica Prager, planning analyst for GRCC.

International Programs is not only self-supporting, it contributes to the general fund at GRCC.

"There is about a 30 percent return on our investment," said Ramsey. International Programs paid \$667,570 into the general fund this year.

Tuition for a full-time student at GRCC costs \$467 per quarter. Multiply this times three quarters, and a student will pay \$1,401 over a typical year. The state gives GRCC \$2,518 for each full-time student for a total payment to GRCC of \$3,919.

International students, however, pay three times more than resident students. Over a typical year, a full-time international student pays \$5,511 for tuition. This means that, while the state does not reimburse for international students, the school gets \$1,592 more for every international student attending GRCC than it does for resident students.

"The funding from International Programs helps to open up sections of classes," said Ramsey. "International Programs puts money back into the general fund which pays for teachers, classes and general operating expenses for the college."

Editorial

GRCC is a community college. . . the world is our community



By Rebecca Elliott
Ad Manager

State Senator Pam Roach's comments about foreign student recruiting practices at Green River Community College are not only inaccurate, but also insensitive.

In response to an audit report that faulted the college for allowing recruiters to charge unauthorized items on the credit cards, Roach said she will seek a state review for both credit card usage and the practice of using state dollars for overseas recruiting trips.

State dollars, however, are not used for this purpose.

According to GRCC's Public Information Officer John Ramsey, the tuition and fees are self-generated by International Programs. Two million dollars per year is appropriated for recruiting trips, salaries and benefits.

In addition to using its own money, not state dollars, International Programs puts any unused money into the GRCC general fund. This year alone, the program put \$667,570 into the general fund, which pays for teachers, classes and general operating expenses.

Roach also said it's time to look closely at recruiting drives.

"I'm opposed to it," Roach said. "This is a community college. We have enough people trying to get into these schools. And it takes a student at least a year longer to complete a degree" due to overcrowding.

This is just not true. Overcrowding is not a problem at GRCC, in fact, enrollment has dropped. Last year at this time there were 8,294 students enrolled, as opposed to 7,927 students currently enrolled.

And what does Roach mean when she says that this is a "community college"?

Does she mean that anyone not living in the community should not be allowed to en-

roll at GRCC? If that's the case, enrollment would be drastically reduced.

Roach's comments lead us to believe that she is discriminating against foreign students.

When asked for a response to our concerns, Roach said she felt that the needs of Washington residents should be served first.

So, should students from other countries and other states only go to a school in their communities?

Is this 1897 or 1997?

We feel that ignorant attitudes, like Roach's, are detrimental to our world. And, that people, like Roach, need to be more open-minded in their views of the world as we approach the 21st century.

So to you, Senator Roach, we say yes, GRCC is a community college...and the world is our community.

We also feel that the South County Journal, while reporting the facts in a page-one story on Feb. 13, failed to report ALL the facts.

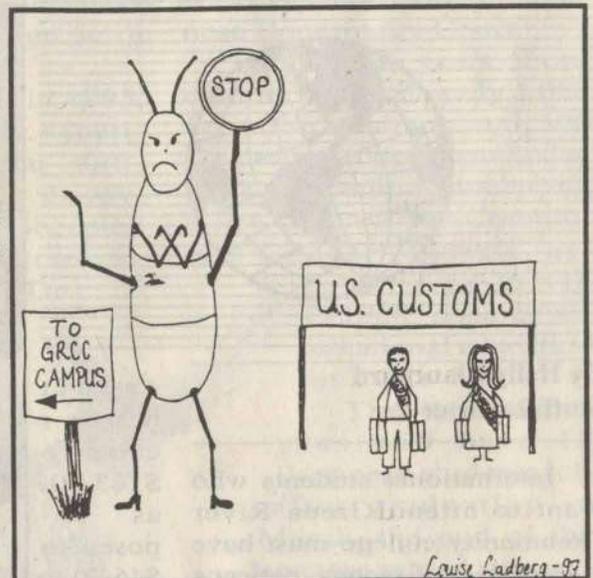
In its attempt to report the credit card misuse by International Programs, the South County Journal made it seem that the recruiters were flying all over the world and partying the whole time.

We'd like to tell you "the rest of the story."

The South County Journal reported that the credit cards were used to buy alcohol, gifts, meals and promotional materials.

Well, alcohol was purchased. On two separate occasions, in the amount of \$22.50. (What a party that must have been.)

We're pretty sure that meals were purchased, too. The nerve of those recruiters —



Hi, we're international students, may we study here? Please?

wanting to eat!

As for the gifts and promotional materials, where are the facts? Not in the South County Journal. Its story led off by stating that there was credit card misuse when these things were bought. That's true, but by failing to substantiate the claim, the story lured readers in by making it sound as if credit card abuse was happening. That's not the case at all.

Mistakes were made, and nobody is denying that, but the mistakes were just that...mistakes.

College Spokesman John Ramsey has assured us that there was no abuse, only misuse.

"This was an honest mistake made by honest people," Ramsey said.

We have a lot of respect for our school and for the international student body, and we don't appreciate it when an established paper, like the South County Journal, or a politician, like Senator Roach, attempts to give us a bad name.

We have a name, a good name. It's Green River Community College and we're PROUD of it.

A rocky road to the Northwest



By Holly Blanchard
Staff Reporter

International students who want to attend Green River Community college must have a great deal of money, patience and a willingness to wade through the necessary paperwork. However, they feel it's worth the trouble.

Andrey Latin, a student from Russia, said his time at GRCC is "a pretty interesting experience."

"It's a good environment, with good people," said Latin.

Rika Mudo, from Japan, said, "The teachers are nice to international students."

Geraldo Senouillet was attending another school when he decided to transfer. "I heard it was a good school from Americans I met in Brazil," he said.

Paying so much more than a resident student did not seem to bother Senouillet.

"The state shouldn't have to subsidize me," he said.

For winter quarter 1997, international and non-resident students paid \$1,837 for a full quarter (10 to 18 credit hours), more than three times the \$467 paid by resident students. For part-time students, the tab for each

credit hour came to \$183.70, as opposed to \$46.70.

According to the 1996-

1998 catalog, International students must also pay a non-refundable application fee of \$50 and a \$100 tuition deposit. If they can't arrange for accommodations, they pay \$75 for GRCC to do a housing search.

Donn Adams, vice president of instruction, explained that state residents pay taxes to support public colleges. Residents pay only a small portion of the actual cost of a college education; the state picks up the rest.

Non-residents, said Adams, whether they are from Oregon or Europe, must pick up the full tab, since they don't pay taxes here.

After the school receives the application and fees, GRCC sends an I-20 form, which is needed for the consulate interviews. It takes one or two weeks to receive the I-20, according to Internet sources.

Each international student

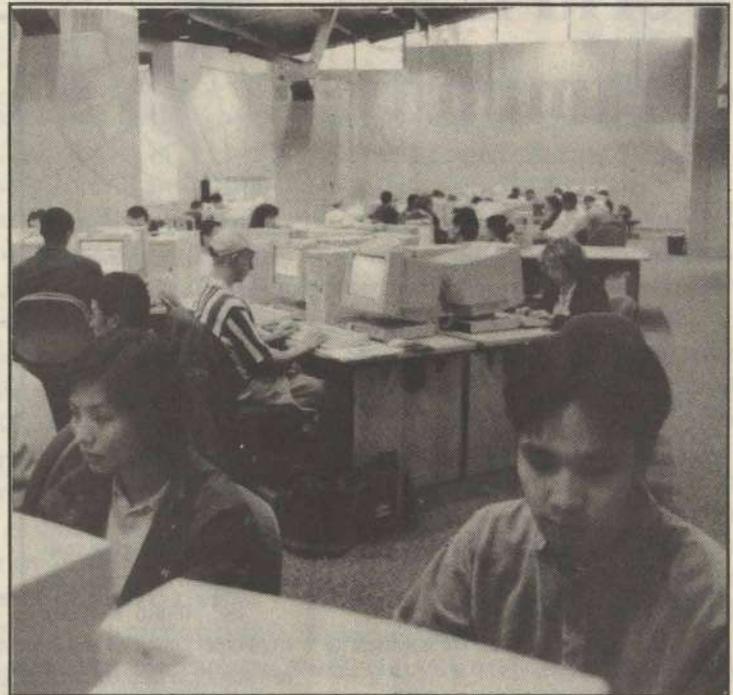


Photo by Patrick Seiver

must also take the Test of English as a Foreign Language, which gauges his or her English proficiency.

International students must collect their I-20 forms, financial statements, school transcripts and TOEFL scores before their interviews.

Internet sources say that some countries have long waiting lists for visa interviews. Visas may be denied.

The students choose GRCC for different reasons.

Mudo's uncle has friends living in Washington state; she said this contributed to her decision to attend GRCC.

"I like the smaller classes," she said.

Latin said he heard that the Northwest was a good place to live.

Latin also said, "My friends are studying here."

Edmonds C.C. closes Kobe branch campus

By Terry Clapp
Editor in Chief

Kickbacks, scandal and a slow Japanese economy contributed to the closing of the Edmonds Community College branch campus in Japan.

The ECC branch campus in Kobe, Japan — a \$100 million-dollar project that opened in 1990 — will close March 15 due to low enrollment and financial difficulties that include bribes and kickbacks taken by the former president of ECC, Thomas Nielson.

According to Carol Berg-Christiansen, ECC spokeswoman, the scandal did not help enrollment at the branch campus, and an economic downturn in the Japanese economy affected enrollment.

In the first year, the branch campus enrolled 450 Japanese and 50 American students. By 1993, when financial scandals hit the Japanese press, enrollment dropped off dramatically. At no point did enrollment even reach half of the 1,500 to 2,000 students the campus was designed to accommodate.

"Currently, we have no new students ready to admit in April," said Jack Oharah, president of ECC.

The financial troubles began in 1993, when the Tokyo campus closed only months after opening in 1993 amid

allegations that its Japanese operator disappeared with students' tuition.

Two years later, in 1995, the branch campus experienced more financial difficulties when it was discovered that Nielson accepted nine payments totaling \$54,592 between December 1988 and January 1993 from a Japanese developer.

Because of continuing financial trouble, ECC reorganized and moved its branch campus

in June of 1996 to the rented office space on Rokko Island in Kobe Harbor where classes are currently held, according to Oharah.

In December 1996 Nielson was sentenced to serve two years in federal prison for taking bribes and kickbacks, and was ordered to pay \$131,000 to the Internal Revenue Service.

In February, a U.S. District Court Judge ruled that Nielson will have to pay back the money he took from the Japanese developer, who went bankrupt. ECC is also

seeking \$800,000 in Japanese Bankruptcy Court.

In the seven years of operation, approximately 1,000 Japanese students and 500 American students studied at the Kobe campus, including a few Green River Community College students, according to David Cordell, dean of international education for ECC.

The Kobe campus will have 18 Japanese students left after graduation in March, the end of the Japanese school year, according to Oharah.

"The remaining students will be encouraged to transfer to the Lynnwood campus, with financial assistance from (Jun) Maeda (the Japanese partner), so their promised American education can be delivered," said Oharah in a February letter to Kobe faculty and administrators.

ECC is not the only college to leave Japan. Green River Community College closed its branch campus in Kanuma, about 70 miles north of Tokyo, in 1990. GRCC also reported financial difficulties, low enrollment and opposition to having GRCC open a branch campus.

"We felt there was no follow through with our Japanese partners," said John Ramsey, director of public information.



News

World



News

Compiled By Rebecca Elliott Ad Manager

In acknowledgment of Green River Community College's international student body, *The Current* is starting a new column with news from around the world compiled from Internet sources.

It is our goal to provide news from every country of each international student. If you have a request for news from a particular country, please call us at ext. 2375, or come visit us at the *Current* office located on the second floor of the Lindbloom Student Center.

AROUND THE WORLD

In the news...

Iraq Denies Malevolent Motives

Denying accusations that it is moving troops to the **Kuwaiti** frontier, **Iraq** said that there have been no troop movements beyond those normally in training exercises.

A U.S. official said Iraqi forces have maintained an intense training pace recently, presumably to educate new commanders put in place after a recent purge.

Deadly Earthquakes Strike Middle East

Two earthquakes struck several villages in northeastern **Iran** Feb. 4, killing at least 38 people and injuring more than 90, Iranian television reported. A magnitude 5.4 quake hit the villages of **Quchan**, **Esfarayen**, **Shirvan**, **Sabzevar** and **Neyshabur**. Forty minutes later, a magnitude 6.1 quake hit the same area.

Persian Gulf War Allies Bring Suit Against Iraq

Kuwait and its allies, including the United States, have filed a multibillion-dollar claim against **Iraq**. The claim alleges

Iraqi troops discharged millions of barrels of oil into the Persian Gulf in January 1991 and ignited more than 700 oil wells in Kuwait, UN diplomats said.

Israeli Premier Visits Vatican

Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu told journalists Jan. 31 that he was "extremely determined and confident in continuing with the Middle Eastern peace process."

Netanyahu was in Rome this week for his first visit to Italy since his election in May. The visit included an appointment with Pope John Paul II at the Vatican, where he invited the church leader to visit the Holy Land.

He also met with Italian Foreign Minister Lamberto Dini.

Dini said Netanyahu had been far more confident about the peace process than when they met in Jerusalem a few months ago, probably due to the "continual improvement of Israel's relations with the Palestine government."

While in Rome, Netanyahu invited John Paul II to visit the Holy Land for the jubilee in the year 2000.

The Pope only answered, "God bless Israel," and gave no possible date for his visit, which is dependent on the peace process in the Middle East.

This journey has been the 76-year-old Pope's dream for years, and it would be the first since Paul VI went there in 1964. The Pope had planned a visit in 1994, before then-president Yitzhak Rabin was murdered by a terrorist.

Netanyahu and the Pope discussed the danger presented to the Middle East peace process by the Islamic fundamentalists, with the Pope condemning all violence.

Kikuchi Takes Large Korean Order

Two **South Korean** companies, Car Tech and Samsung, have placed large or-

ders for special equipment, including molds and tools, from Kikuchi Metal Stamping. The combined orders are worth close to 2 billion yen. Delivery will come by March. The order will assist Sansui in its move to begin producing cars with Nissan technology. Car Tech, which will supply press parts to Sansui, has ordered welding lines worth more than 700 million yen. Car Tech and Kikuchi own a joint venture auto parts maker and marketer in Korea, which will begin operations this spring to supply press parts to Sansui. Sansui's order includes molds and welding tools worth more than 1.2 billion yen.

Yahoo and AltaVista Come To Asia

Pushed by an increasing number of users from the **Asia-Pacific region**, the two power-house World Wide Web search engines have arrived in Asia. In separate announcements, both Yahoo and AltaVista said they are establishing Asia mirror sites.

Yahoo, <http://www.yahoo.com>, the popular Internet index, has already spawned a regional version in **Japan**, called Yahoo Japan, at <http://www.yahoo.co.jp>. But anyone accessing the English language version has to negotiate clogged trans-Pacific Internet links. To solve this problem, the company says it will soon open a mirror site in **Singapore**.

AltaVista, <http://www.altavista.digital.com>, a large index of Internet content run by Digital Equipment Corp., has looked slightly north and chosen to place its Asian site in Malaysia. The company was attracted by the Multimedia Super Corridor, a newly established high-technology zone boasting very high speed Internet bandwidth, near **Kuala Lumpur**.

The two companies said the new service will go live this month and will eventually include local content, including an index of Asian Web sites, regional and local news, and business news.

Student Profile: Nawaf Al-Salem

By Fred Dimaano
Assistant Editor

Nawaf Al-Salem, a 20-year-old Green River Community College student, left Kuwait to come to America to study industrial engineering.

Al-Salem never thought of coming to America until his uncle suggested it.

"I like the fact that I am in an altogether different culture experiencing a different way of life," said Al-Salem, who arrived here a year and a half ago.

Without family or friends, the first year in the United States was difficult for Al-Salem. In his first year, he had to master a new language,

learn about a different culture and learn to take care of himself.

"You can only eat McDonald's for so long," said Al-Salem.

Al-Salem said that America has a carefree culture and that the daily life is too fast. He said that we try to do a lot in one day.

In Kuwait, the family relationship is very strong and is considered very important. Al-Salem said that family is the most important aspect of one's life.

"Family comes first, because without it there is no flavor in life," said Al-Salem. "It is the main spice in life."

Al-Salem said he misses his family and friends. His parents, six brothers and one sister moved to Saudi Arabia.

Al-Salem said that schooling in Kuwait is more difficult than in the United States. People in Kuwait feel that having a degree is essential.

Al-Salem thinks

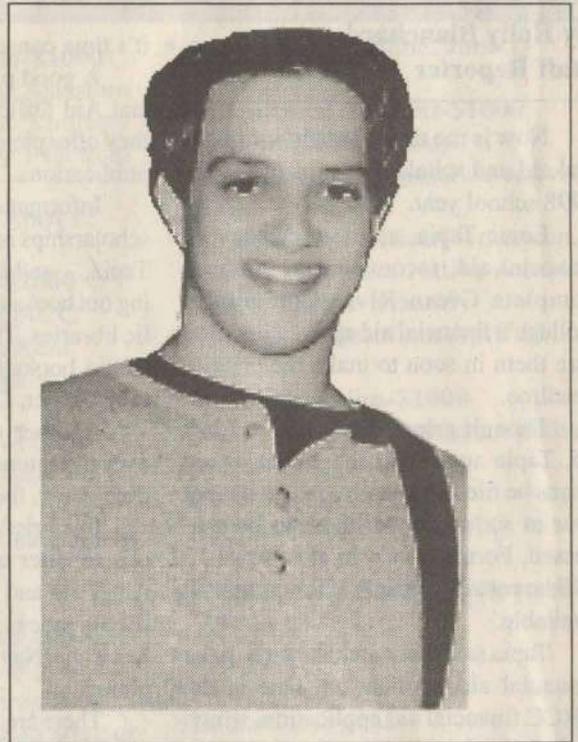


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that the GRCC engineering and math departments are great compared to other colleges. He believes his teachers are the reason to why the classes are great.

After satisfying his transfer requirements, Al-Salem plans to move on to the University of Washington to get an industrial engineering degree.

When Al-Salem isn't studying, he enjoys such hobbies as reading, watching movies, skiing and spending time with his friends. If there was one thing he would miss if he had to leave the United States, Al-Salem said it would be junk food.



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Don't miss scholarship deadlines

By Holly Blanchard
Staff Reporter

Now is the time to apply for financial aid and scholarships for the 1997-1998 school year.

Lonie Tapia, assistant director of financial aid, recommended students complete Green River Community College's financial aid applications and turn them in soon to make the priority deadline.

Though priority deadline is April 15, Tapia suggested the financial aid forms be filed by March 3, since it takes four to six weeks for them to be processed. Forms turned in after April 15 will be considered only if funds are still available.

Tapia said there are two parts to the financial aid application. One is the GRCC financial aid application, which includes a checklist.

Inside this application form is the free application for federal student aid. This must be mailed to the processor.

Tapia described the difference between financial aid and scholarships.

Financial aid comes from federal funds and include Pell Grants. To qualify, a GRCC student must be enrolled in a one-year certificate or two-year program, said Tapia.

Scholarships come from organizations, like churches or corporations. Tapia said GRCC also offers its own scholarships through the Green River Foundation.

Between now and the end of May is the best time to seek scholarships, said Tapia.

There are different ways for students to find scholarship information. They all take time.

"It takes a lot of hard research, and

it's time consuming," said Tapia.

A good place to start is the Financial Aid Office in LC-231. Tapia said they offer plenty of free information and publications.

Information about financial aid and scholarships is updated continually, said Tapia, and she recommended checking out books about scholarships in public libraries. There are also some scholarship books in the Educational Planning Center, LC-277.

Another way to search for aid is over the Internet. It is not necessarily a time-saver, though.

In a brief search over the Internet, this reporter used two search engines: AltaVista and Yahoo. It doesn't matter if you access the engines through Netscape Navigator or Microsoft Explorer.

There are almost too many choices. Yahoo was a little easier to use, because there are categories to choose from. Click on "Education," then type "scholarships" in the search box, and several links will be listed.

In the AltaVista search box, type "scholarships," and it will match you with about 100,000 bits of information. It might help narrow the number down by searching for a specific school or major.

Students should use the free resources and avoid search services, Tapia said.

"We try to steer students (away) from paying large fees," she said. Tapia has seen some services charge more than \$200.

The Financial Aid Office is open Monday and Tuesday, 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.; Wednesday and Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Scholarship scams

By Holly Blanchard
Staff Reporter

A letter from the Attorney General's Office of Washington warned students seeking scholarships to look out for scams.

Matt Heinz, a public affairs officer for the Attorney General's Office, wrote, "Scam artists realize that rising tuition costs and tougher federal student loan qualifications put scholarships in high demand. They realize that these market situations make scamming potential scholarship recipients much easier."

The Federal Trade Commission has issued an alert warning students to beware of the following phrases when checking scholarship search services:

"The scholarship is guaranteed or your money back." Nobody can guarantee getting a scholarship for anybody. Any refund offered is likely to come with strings attached.

"You can't get this information anywhere else." There are places to find free information about scholarships, like a public library or school.

"May I have your credit card number or bank account number to hold this scholarship?" Never give this information over the phone. Some companies may use this to debit the account without permission.

"We'll do all the work." Applicants must apply themselves.

"The scholarship will cost some money." Scholarships should not cost anything.

"You have been selected by a foundation to receive a scholarship." Check the foundation out to see if it is legitimate.

Legal search services will help find scholarships, but don't make any guarantees or promises. Avoid anything that seems too easy.

If you have a complaint about a scholarship scam, call the Washington State Attorney General's Office at 1-800-551-4636, or send e-mail to protect@atg.wa.gov.

Scholarships are now available at GRCC

The following Green River Foundation Scholarships are due in spring:

Aero Control-\$1000

- * Enrolled in GRCC's Electronics program
- * Cumulative GPA of 2.5 or better
- * Application deadline: April 1

Amway Corporation-\$1500

- * Academic transfer to business program or business program at GRCC
- * Need based
- * Minimum 3.0 GPA
- * Application deadline: April 15

Auburn Rotary-\$950

- * Graduate of Auburn Senior High School, Auburn Off-Campus High School or Auburn Adventist Academy, or Auburn School District resident graduating from a private high school out of district
- * Need based
- * Returning student at GRCC
- * Application Deadline: May 1

Carpentry-\$1500

- * GRCC Carpentry program
- * Entering student at GRCC
- * Minimum cumulative 2.8 GPA
- * Application deadline: May 15

Jeffrey D. Gype Memorial Professional Entertainment Scholarship-\$1000

- * Enroll in Green River's Professional Entertainment Training Program
- * Merit
- * Musical ability
- * Application deadline: May 15

Ellen Hudson Memorial-\$1000

- * Occupational Therapy Assistant program or Physical Therapy Assistant program or Practical Nursing program
- * Application deadline: April 15

Jeld-Wen Foundation-\$2000

- * Entering freshman at GRCC
- * Student must reside in Kent
- * Graduate of a Kent high school
- * Need based
- * 2.5 or better cumulative GPA
- * Application deadline: May 1

William F. Kennelly Leadership \$1000

- * Merit
- * Completed two quarters at GRCC
- * Demonstrate leadership potential in college's student programs
- * Nominated by a program advisor at GRCC
- * Application deadline: April 1

Melvin and Roma Lindbloom-\$1000

- * Single parent
- * Dependent children in the home
- * Need based
- * Preferably over 30 years of age
- * Application deadline: May 1

Mohawk Northern Plastics-\$1500

- * Need based
- * Any program at GRCC
- * Application deadline: May 1

Terry Moore Memorial-\$1000

- * Financial need
- * Business program
- * Leadership/Activities
- * Academics

* Application deadline: June 1

Multicultural Student-\$1000

- * Academics/Leadership
- * Extra-curricular and civic activities
- * 1/4 minimum African American, Asian, Hispanic, Native American or Pacific Islander
- * Application deadline: April 15

Poe Construction-\$1000

- * Single parent with children in the home
- * Need based
- * Application Deadline: May 15

Aaron B. and Ruth A. Powers-\$1000

- * Any program
- * Need based
- * Educational goals
- * Motivation to achieve degree
- * Application deadline: April 15

Jim Shaughenssy-\$1000

- * Mature student with work or military experience
- * Need based
- * Application deadline: May 1

Nixie Van Selus-\$1000

- * Single parent
- * Dependent children in the home
- * Need based
- * Any area of study at Green River
- * Application deadline: June 1

Dan Helen Zgolinski-\$1000

- * Need based
- * Motivation to continue education
- * Mature student
- * Single parent
- * Dependent children in the home
- * Application deadline: May 15

GRCC Staff Profile: J.B. Cole

By Louise Ladberg
Staff Reporter

For two and a half years, J.B. Cole has worked as an advisor in International Programs at Green River Community College.

Cole advises students on what classes to take and provides them with information in their fields of interest.

His responsibilities for the students from South America and Europe affects his world view.

"My job gives me fresh perspectives and makes me feel not so old," said the 27-year-old Cole with a laugh.

Cole helps out with visa problems and keeps track of the immigration and naturalization status of the students. He corresponds with the Immigration and Naturalization Services.

Cole evaluates transcripts and transfer credits, especially for the European students.

He is also responsible for keeping information on the International Program's Web page up-to-date.

Cole also goes out of his way to help international students get established.

"I stayed three days in his apartment, before he found me another place to stay," said Jaques Sanzone from Brazil.

Working for International Programs means a lot of traveling. Cole goes abroad about twice a year and he tries to time his trips to coincide with student exhibitions and fairs

where he buys booth space to make contacts and to make GRCC and the United States visible.

Cole also tries to go to the local U.S. consulates and embassies to meet visa officials. He tries to distinguish

ties in the cities he visits to meet with the person in charge of sending students overseas and to see what their needs are.

Cole also talks to travel agents and other agents who connect students with foreign schools to see if GRCC can be a part of what they offer to the students. Many times the agents only have connections with schools in California, Cole said.

Another important task for Cole is to meet with students who are planning to go GRCC, and their parents, to answer questions they might have. Parents tend to ask very different questions than those asked by the students, said Cole, such as what will the students eat, what should they wear and how will they get around.

Cole's last trip was in September and October when he went to Brazil and Argentina. He stayed for a little over two weeks.

"Anymore than that, it becomes really difficult, it's hard on the body," Cole said of traveling.

It's not always the students he meets and talks to that finally come here. Sometimes the people he talks to are not able to get funds or a visa.

Cole said he goes mostly for the purpose of making GRCC known and to give his contacts a face to associate with the school.

Before GRCC, Cole worked in the Czech Republic as a legal secretary for a multinational law firm and he worked on the radio station, Voice of America.

He has a college degree in advertising and marketing from the University of Colorado. He was born and raised in Boulder, Colo.

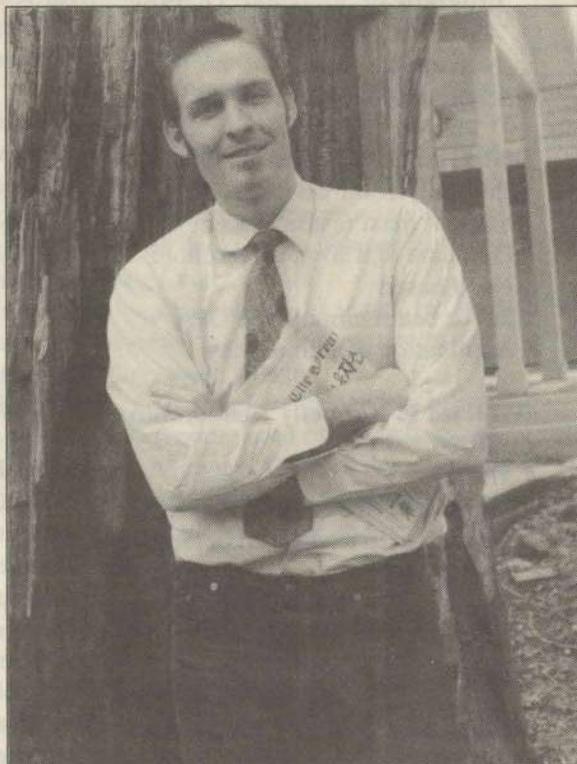


Photo by Louise Ladberg

himself and GRCC to help the consulates and embassies decide when to grant a visa and when not to.

Cole also visits advising centers, which are almost like libraries, where anybody can go and look up information on schools in the United States. Sometimes advising centers have Internet access or microfilm. At the Berlin advising center you can even watch videotapes.

Cole drops off catalogues at these advising centers.

He also makes a point to check with the local schools and universi-

Highway to useless information

By Fred Dimaano
Assistant Editor

The information highway, searching the Web, provides useful information for our daily lives... or does it?

With the new Information Commons in the Holman Library, surfing the Net is a breeze. I can e-mail a friend faster than the U.S. Postal Service could deliver a letter. I'm able to research reports or articles for my classes. But lately, what I've observed in the Informations Commons bugs me!

While doing research, I've noticed that a woman next to me had brought up a Web page dedicated to ER doctor George Clooney.

What bothers me is what happens next. She began to print a picture of Clooney. One picture, two pictures ... until she printed a stack of pictures of Mr. ER that was an inch thick.

I couldn't believe this was happening! For what seemed to be an hour,

this woman and a confederate printed a stack of George Clooney and Antonio Banderas pictures. I couldn't believe it -- all that paper wasted on bad actors. A package of 500 sheets of printing paper costs about \$5 to \$6.

They used up \$4 worth of printing paper on their Dr. ER. Think about it, that was two individuals that one night. There could have been more people before or after them who performed this pathetic act. Paper cost money folks!

It might not seem much, but multiply that by how many times people print out all the pictures of their favorite stars, well that's coming out of the students' pockets.

A week earlier, two guys sat in the Information Commons. One of them was in his 40s and the other in his 20s. Guess what? They weren't there to find out how to get to Clarksville, more like Porno Avenue.

They were "studying" the female

anatomy. Come on guys, go to your local magazine store, buy a Playboy and lock yourself in your closet!

Students at Green River Community College are paying for this? Is this useful information? Is this education for a lifetime? I don't think so.

I'm not writing this to say let's put a ban on what people are looking at on the Web. If that's what they want to look at, fine. But they better have paid for it. I don't want the money going in to the Information Commons to be wasted on useless information.

If the public is allowed access to the Internet in Holman Library, they should be charged a reasonable rate for the usage. There should also be a fee for printing. I also think that people should consider when it's an appropriate time to view certain materials and to be reasonable about what and how much they print.

Classified Ads

•Classified Ads are available to students and staff of Green River Community College for a fee of 50 cents for the first ad, \$ 1.00 for additional ads. A fee of \$5.00 per ad will be charged to businesses or private individuals.

•All payments must be received at the time an ad is submitted.

•Each ad must be 50 words or less, and submitted to the Current office in the Lindbloom Student Center at GRCC.

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Bad Flowers review

By John Carlile
Staff Reporter

Bad Flowers is a local band from the Seattle area, and in my opinion they have the potential to break into a major recording group that Seattle is famous for.

One of the most noticeable characteristics of this group is the crystal clear lyrics. The noise level was not 2 gazillion decibels, so you could actually hear the words. The mix and the acoustics at both The Detour in Renton and the Rainbow in Seattle were superb. The audiences at both places really enjoyed the performances.

The performance they gave at the Detour on Feb. 1, was great. I was excited to see them perform again a week later; I am not totally convinced by only one concert. The second performance was even better than the first.

They were able to play an hour longer at the second show, and they played a lot of new material including songs that are on their current CD.

The style of music that they play is unique, and yet one can hear a mix of Pink Floyd, Heart, Stevie Nicks and others.

Even though Bad Flowers presents themselves professionally both on stage and off, one can sense a bond between the members — one that isn't phony, but really caring about each other.

I listened to Bad Flowers' CD before going to the show, and I was very excited to have the chance to meet this group.

The whole band was very open to my stupid questions. But most of all, they were real people, unlike many entertainers who have an ego problem.

BAD FLOWERS



Photo supplied by Bad Flowers

Bad Flowers; no grunge here

By John Carlile
Staff Reporter

Seattle is known in the music world for the local talent that has originated there. Bad Flowers, the latest group to come out of Seattle, lives up to the standards of every band that came before.

"We're not grunge, verging on alternative, but we're more mainstream," said lead vocalist Valerie Dillon. "We like to toy with Gypsy Psycho Rock." Dillon also plays rhythm guitar.

All members of the band have been in other bands, said Rob Rigoni, who plays lead guitar. "I wrote my first song at 12 years old. All members write and sometimes we write as a unit."

Dillon has written many of the band's lyrics. She said that the group is spontaneous and that they have matched music to the lyrics in 20 minutes. When the group is writing music they feed on mood and emotion, Rigoni said. It is almost like magic the way things flow together.

Bad Flowers reaches a diverse crowd, said Dillon. They have a listening audience that includes people with varied lifestyles ranging in age from 15 to 55 years old.

This is what diversity is to Dillon: "It is to be able to write a ballad and a hard throbbing rocker, and everything in between."

The group has a CD called "A Collection of Bad Flower Arrangements" that was released in October 1996.

The CD is currently being distributed in Washington, Oregon, Ohio, Alaska and Pennsylvania, Dillon said. It can be found locally at all Blockbuster Music stores, all Silver Platter stores and Tower Records in the University District.

The band is getting air play in Alaska, Ohio and Pennsylvania.

Bad Flowers was started by Rigoni and Dillon in July 1995, and has had the same members since then.

Along with Dillon and Rigoni, the band includes Sid Anschell playing bass, Steve Thomas on drums, and Raymond Hayden behind the keyboard.

The band hopes that they soon will be heard on the radio in more than three states.

"Right now we are doing gigs monthly," said Dillon. "But doing a gig you are only reaching a couple hundred people per show, but with air play you can reach many more."

Bad Flowers got their name with a little help from Dillon's offspring.

When her son was 3 years old they were living in a place that had a large backyard. "I kept saying that I wished all those dandelions were out of the yard," said Dillon. Her son would refer to them as bad flowers.

Dillon wrote lyrics that matched what her son was talking about. A few years later, the group Bad Flowers was born.

Campus Profile: Robert Coleman

By Jen Sandoval
Staff Reporter

As students and staff arrive at the Green River Community College campus every morning, Robert Coleman smiles and waves.

Coleman, who mans the parking booth at the entrance to the campus, is a retired military man and former prison guard who moved here a little over a year ago with his wife from North Carolina.

When asked why he waves at everyone as they drive by, he says, "While sitting on my porch back in N.C., it was customary to wave whenever a car drove by."

Coleman has been working for Burn's Security, which handles campus security, for a year now. He says he enjoys his job because, "I

like meeting and dealing with people."

He feels he's not in that booth to just collect a buck, he's there to make people smile.

While in his booth, he pointed out a note he has on the wall that serves as a reminder to him. It says to not have a bad day and to not forget to make someone else's day.

Coleman says he also tries to match a person's face with his or her car, so that if he sees someone different messing with the car, he has a better chance to protect it.

If you're feeling unhappy or you just need a lift in spirits, take the time to stop at the ticket booth and say "Hi!" Coleman, a genuinely sweet man, is guaranteed to brighten your day.

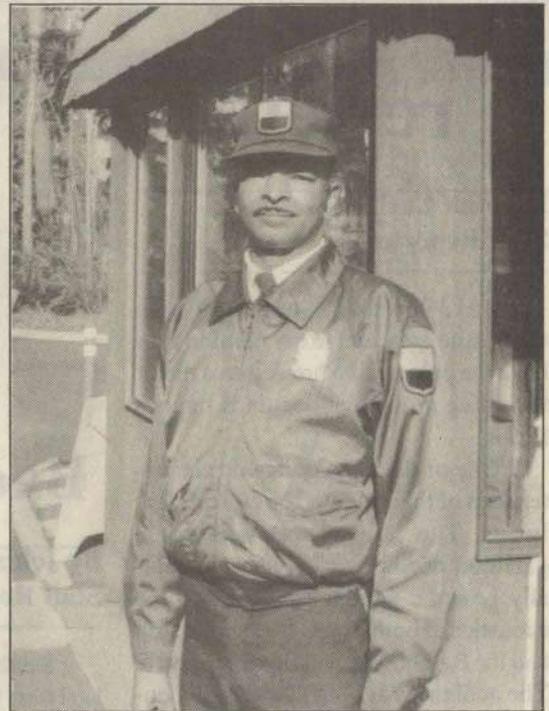


Photo by Patrick Seiver

Security Blotter

By Jen Sandoval
Staff Reporter

Jan. 28: At about 4:10 p.m., a student was caught in the G lot duplicating parking passes. The student had been copying daily passes and changing the dates on them in order to park for free. The student was directed to pay off past tickets and warned not to repeat the offense.

Jan 29: At 9:06 a.m., a student was backing out of his parking space in the G lot, when he hit another vehicle, damaging both automobiles. Both parties exchanged insurance information and were instructed on where to pick up a

King County accident report. A report was filed with Security.

Jan 30: Between 5 and 6 p.m., a woman reported that her purse had been stolen from the women's locker room in the P.E. Building. The woman had left her purse in an unsecured locker with several other items of clothing. The supervisor at the P.E. Building was notified to check the area for the purse.

Jan 31: At 9:30 a.m., the print shop notified Security that a woman's purse had been found in a dumpster outside the printing office. The purse was brought to the Security office.

Feb. 1: At 2:00 a.m., a security

officer observed that the chain used to secure the K lot had been broken so that he could not secure the parking lot. An incident report was filed and left for the supervisor.

Feb. 7: At 2:30 a.m., while doing a routine patrol of parking lot G, an officer observed an individual sleeping in his car. After knocking on the window and getting no response, a Slim-Jim was used to open the door. The officer still received no response after gaining access. The King County Police Department was called. Security was informed that the man has psychological problems and the individual was referred to the Department of Mental Health.

Financial Shrinkage at bookstore

By Terry Clapp
Editor in Chief

Cashiers report pilfering at the Green River Community College bookstore, The Paper Tree, is common, but no one knows how much is lost.

"Each quarter people will be detected stealing from the bookstore and this is reflected in the financial report," said Bruce Compton, dean of student programs at GRCC. "I don't know how much that is."

"I don't know the actual (dollar amount of) shrinkage for the store," said Gary Jones, book manager for The Pa-

per Tree. "We've caught more students than employees. One of the hardest parts is proving it."

"Upstairs an item or two walks away a couple of times a week," said Mike Naputi, a cashier with the bookstore from September 1994 to September 1996. "This happens a lot more often upstairs (in the Lindbloom Student Center) because they are by themselves and management isn't watching."

"One girl got fired because she was taking Snapple, food and candy out of the rec-desk area upstairs," said Naputi. "She was on a work-study program. Gary fired her. Other cashiers were

afraid they would get blamed because she was taking quite a bit, so they reported her to Gary."

A cashier who asked that her name not be used said she saw a cashier handing out gum for free to students and other cashiers — 10 packs — in the few minutes it took her to walk around the register. "If I saw it, Gary had to see it, too," said the cashier.

"Free water was typical," said the cashier. "I tried to pay for water several times at the rec-center desk upstairs and was waived off by the cashier behind the counter."

Tea for two, please. . .

Spend spring quarter in London

By Jessica Molnar
Staff Reporter

Once a year, Green River Community College students have the opportunity to study abroad in London.

Cindy Card, administrative assistant to the dean of instruction, said this nine-week program during spring quarter allows students to earn 15 GRCC credits while using London as a classroom to go see the parliament, plays, museums and Stone Henge.

While there, students are required to take a class called "British Life and Culture," but may choose two more classes such as English 110, English literature, poetry or environmental science.

GRCC sends instructors over to teach all classes except for "British Life and Culture." This keeps students' fees down be-

cause they don't have to pay the extra costs of being an out-of-country resident.

Feb. 1, was the deadline for submitting the application for the trip. However, Card said that she could probably take students until the end of the month, as long as they are prepared to pay at the time they submit the paperwork.

Total costs for the program can run anywhere from \$6,000 to \$8,000 depending on where you plan to live, and students can either do a home stay or share a flat with other students. Students are required to pay for their own meals and bring spending money. If they plan on dining out every night or exploring Europe on the weekends it will cost more.

This GRCC program is part of the American Institute of Foreign Study, which means students from other schools will also be going. The AIFS usually enrolls 30 to 40 people. This year

eight GRCC students are going to London from April 4 to June 13.

Students are allowed to go off on their own during the weekends to see Europe, and many do, Card said.

Students enrolled in this program also have the option of leaving a week in advance and touring Europe. For an additional fee they can visit Amsterdam, Brussels and Paris.

Administrators are looking for the following requirements in students who wish to go:

- * academic students with at least a 2.5 grade point average
- * returning students (although new students can go)
- * a good attitude.

Card said that in all of her seven years of working on this program, she has never had a student return from London who said it wasn't worth it.

Kiss of death for closing experimental college?

By Jessica Molnar
Staff Reporter

The University of Washington's 29-year-old Experimental College, which is run by students and offers a variety of low-cost courses, has been temporarily closed, according to a recent story in the Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

The school offers classes in everything from beer-making to belly-dancing to socially responsible spending.

The Board of Control, a governing body for the associated students, voted to shut-down the school for spring and summer

quarters, due to computer and organizational problems that in the past two years have cost the school \$71,000.

Some people are worried that if the Experimental College re-opens at all that it will be much different than it is now.

"Closing it down for two terms is going to kill it," said Vicki Koeplin, a belly dancing instructor who has taught at the college for 20 years. "Once you close it down it's out of the public eye."

During fall quarter Koeplin had about 50 students. Enrollment dropped to 15 in winter quarter, according to a story run

in last weeks Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

A special review committee has been set up to look at fees, how the student-staffed office is organized, how the college works with instructors and students, and how many people outside of UW students they should serve.

Right now 80 percent of the people enrolled aren't UW students.

"Classes that aren't for our benefit, I don't think we should be offering," said John Linder, president of the Associated Students. "I think that classes that don't have students taking them we should be subsidizing."

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Sports

By Rebecca Elliott
Ad Manager

Shawn Kemp, Detlef Schrempf, and Gary Payton aren't the only all star players in Washington. There are many right here at Green River Community College and you can see them play their last two games of the year.

On Feb. 19, the men's and women's basketball ball teams will both be in Aberdeen to play the Grays Har-

bor teams. If you get car sick and/or can't travel that far, you're in luck.

Both teams are at home for their final games of the season on Sat. Feb. 22. The women tip-off at 6 p.m. and the men at 8 p.m.

Don't despair, sports fans, you won't be suffering athletic withdrawal anytime soon. Softball and golf are starting in March. We'll let you know when and where you can root for GRCC's Gators.

Around the world with stars



By Leigh Sullivan and Robin Banks

WARNING: These horoscopes were not written by a professional. A professional what, I don't know, but, you've been warned.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) Pack your kimono, boys, you're going to Japan. Saturn is in your house this month, OK, it's in your bathtub, and it may leave rings. Fill the tub with Koi as a preventative measure.

Aries (March 21-April 19) Your stars are out this month, so why not follow your lifelong dream of going to Hollywood and finding Elvis, meeting Pee Wee Herman, and becoming the next Mouseketeer? M-I-C (see you on A Current Affair) K-E-Y (Why? Because you need help) M-O-U-S-E.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) This is a crash-and-burn-month for you, my friend. Hang out in Turkey eating shish-ke-bob and drinking apple tea until it blows over.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) Your sign says you're schizophrenic. You just think, "No I'm not...yes I am...no, I'm not...yes I am..." Until you're sure, pack your bags and move to a remote spot in Siberia.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) Crack your crustaceans, girls, it's hot-drawn butter time! So go down under and find an Australian to share your crabs with this month.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) In the jungle, the mighty jungle, your lion sleeps alone tonight. That's what you get for eating mere cats for lunch. Causes very bad breath! Take an African Safari to find a new lioness.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Your sun is dominant this month, so get out the Coppertone and head for Rio. (Bikinis not allowed.) Put your modesty aside, ladies, and find a real man. You'll never have a better opportunity to see EVERYTHING one has to offer.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Your moon, sun and stars are confused this month. So get liberated, open up and let yourself go ... to a THERAPIST! You've been sharing a little too much with the general public lately. Perhaps communing in Tibet would be helpful.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Your Gemini friend wants to apologize to you and Taurus for being less than friendly. Gemini re-

alizes that he's a complete dope and cares about both of you. He wants your friendship and love again.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Are you a man or a horse? Do you prefer oats to, oh, say pizza? Now is the time to decide. Plan a trip to Arabia and run wild for a while. You never know, you just might like it.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) The moon is in your cusp, so go ahead and befriend that cute Swedish goat herder. He meant well when he shaved the mountain goat to spin yarn for you.

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KGRG students attend GAVIN awards

By John Carlile
Staff Reporter

The Green River Community College radio station, KGRG, is competing in New Orleans this week for the College Radio Station of the Year. GRCC was nominated by GAVIN, a national trade magazine of the radio and record industry.

The award is for the "College Non-Commercial Radio Station of the Year," said Tom Evans Krause, general manager of the station.

"We were very gratified to have the station and the program recognized," said Krause.

Six college radio stations

were picked in the United States; all but GRCC are four-year colleges. GRCC, a two-year college will compete against large universities such as the University of California and the University of Tennessee.

GAVIN has very stringent criteria to be accepted into the publication. KGRG was accepted a year ago into the college radio section.

The nomination votes came from subscribers to GAVIN, industry professionals and schools. The final vote will be taken in mid-February and the award will be presented in New Orleans.

The results will be announced on Saturday, Feb. 15.

Correction

By Terry Clapp
Editor in Chief

The Feb. 3, issue of The Current reported in an editorial that one of its reporters was sexually harassed by a student while covering a story about a student that was recently killed. The editor in no way intended to associate that story with the Security department which was mentioned earlier in the editorial.

We apologize for any confusion this may have caused.

Hear ye! Hear ye! Read all about it!

How would you like to learn and write about issues and events at Green River Community College and earn two humanities credits for your efforts (not to mention the admiration of your friends and family)?

Take a journalism newspaper lab course and satisfy the humanities distribution requirements for an AA degree. Sign up for item #4119, Journ 100.1, instructor Sather.

The class meets Monday, Wednesday and Friday in the Lindbloom Student Center at 1 p.m.

The mission of The Current is to objectively report issues and events that affect students, faculty and staff at GRCC, offer a valuable learning experience and supply a forum in which the voice of the college may be heard.

Classifieds

For sale:

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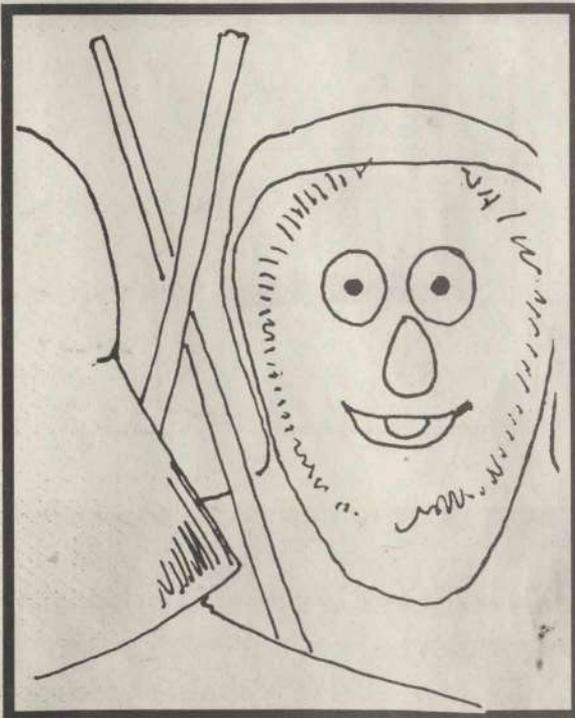
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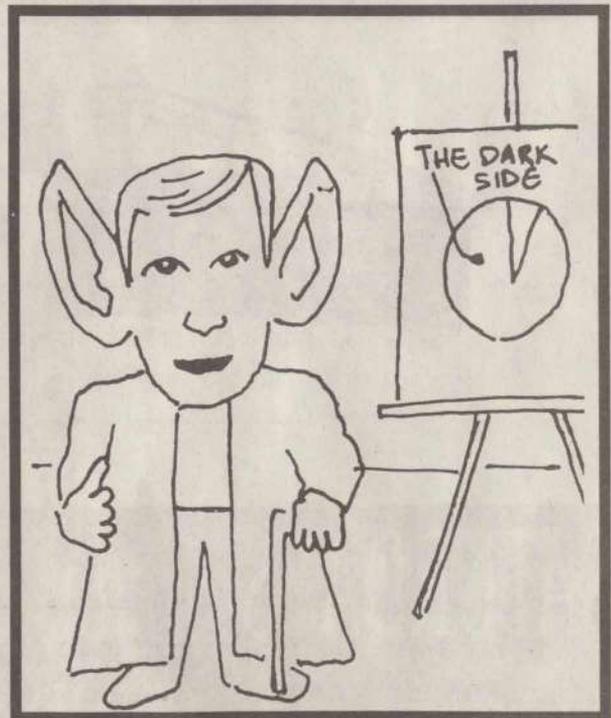
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Elmo as Obi Wan Kenobi



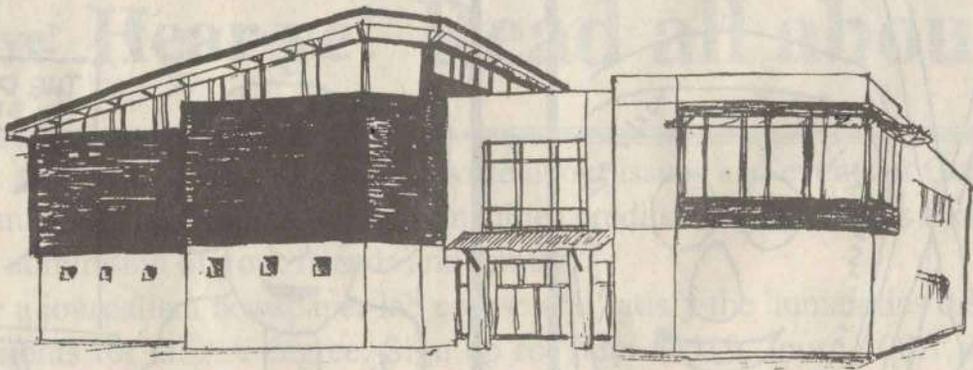
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