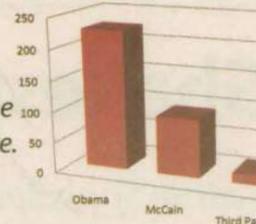


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Today's Rock turns 20

KGRG-FM, Green River Community College's student-run radio station celebrates a milestone anniversary next month under its current format.

Casey Greer
 Staff Writer

As KGRG-FM exits its angsty teen years, officially entering its 20's, and while the school's radio program is planning a celebration of the anniversary, it is impossible to do so without reflecting on the past.

Walking into the KGRG studios, it is all but impossible to ignore the station's glorious history. Upon entering, there is a large print on the wall of a photograph taken in 1989, from when Nirvana played in the Lindbloom Student Center.

Green River's Director of Public Information, John Ramsey, was the station's general manager at the time the concert took place.

"[The concert] goes down in history as setting us apart from everyone else," said Ramsey.

Ramsey, a former student of GRCC's radio program, also oversaw the station's transformation from a station which played what we think of today as "classic rock" to a station with a format unique to itself among college stations across the country.

"It's nice to know that something you had a part in helping to create has withstood the test of time. When we started the 'modern rock' format, there weren't a lot of college stations doing it - none in the northwest - and virtually no commercial stations had taken the plunge," said Ramsey.

Though Ramsey would move on a few years later, giving way to Toby Ten Eyk, who would be the station's interim general manager, Ramsey's recollection of the landmark Nirvana concert is still clear.

"I think we paid Nirvana 500 dollars - they came up from Aberdeen for the night and were part of a three-band show and the most difficult band to work with out of that group. I almost didn't pay them because they violated their contract - Kurt Cobain was drinking whiskey on stage. However, they needed the money to get back home," said Ramsey. "The crowd was pretty rabid that night. It was a wild night with a huge crowd; but we survived, the Lindbloom Student Center is still standing, and that show definitely put us on the map."

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Shakespeare day a big success on campus

Seattle Shakespeare Co. highlights the evening with their version of "Romeo and Juliet"

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Green River hosted "Shakespeare day" last October 14th in the Performance arts center with speakers, clips from Shakespeare films as well as discussion and student performances all preceded a performance by the Seattle Shakespeare Co. of Romeo and Juliet.

Festivities kicked off at 10 a.m. when Mark Chamberlain, a local actor, entertaining a packed house of students speaking of, among many things, comparing Romeo and Juliet to teenagers and kids of today.

He also touched on biographic facts of Shakespeare's life as an actor and play write, as well as inspiring many young actors in the crowd with tips on how to get the most out of the text and the power that Shakespeare and his work has over society today.

One of his major points of his lecture was that Shakespeare's plays were meant to be performed.

That actors and directors decide the ultimate interpretation of the text and preached to the audience, comprised of many student actors, how to get the most from Shakespeare's texts.

As well as the differences one gets when Shakespeare is performed on stage, where dialogue and speech set most of the scenery and background in Shakespeare's work, compared to Shakespeare on film, where many lines can be cut due to the fact there are visuals that tell the viewers what the situations are.

Students that stuck around after the lecture were able to watch Chamberlain coach four groups of student thespians that performed a scene from Romeo and Juliet where father Capulet forces Juliet to marry the county Paris, as well as watch the Seattle Shakespeare Co. get ready for their performance.

Others enjoyed a clip from the Franco Zeffirelli production of Romeo and Juliet while observing how Shakespeare is



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different and in some ways enhanced when it's on film compared to a stage production, including factors such as visuals, scenery, cut dialogue, being more realistic, and the ability of the actor to use their tone of voice, compared to a stage production where an actor would have to raise their voice for the entire audience to hear them.

However, the day was made when the Seattle Shakespeare Co., comprised of five actors that tour the area performing at High Schools and Middle schools mainly, performed Romeo and Juliet in it's entirety in only ninety minutes.

Their performance was a fast paced production where the actors were constantly

changing costumes to accommodate the fact that each actor played at least two roles.

Many lines were cut as well as even a few characters where formed into one, such as Lady Capulet being cut with Father Capulet taking most of her important lines.

The most enjoyable part of the performance was the group performed it in a way that the audience could relate and understand to what was going on as well as a heavy dose of well placed humor but still sticking to the story.

"I thought it was amazing. I thought it was ecstatic," said Mike McClimans, a thespian himself at Green River who participated

in the earlier student performances of the Father Capulet scene. "I was impressed with how fast they did it. It's something I'd love to do."

Overall, the first ever Shakespeare day event at Green River went very well, with great student participation.

Jennifer Whetham, an English faculty member at Green River and one of the main organizers of the event was pleased with the way everything came together and the support from the students.

"I thought we had a great turnout," she said. "I was really happy it all came together so well."

WSU rewards transfer students with 3.5 GPA

Students with excellent grades will face less complicated application process

Christin Helt
Staff Writer

Washington State University (WSU) in Pullman Washington has decided to reward students who earn a 3.5 GPA or higher automatic admission starting at once.

It's called the Assured Admission Program, designed to relieve the stress of waiting for an acceptance letter. Competition among colleges to have the best and brightest students is another factor in the motives for this program, but the benefits of it go both ways.

WSU applicants who meet the criteria for the latest admission requirements will feel more welcomed on campus, and the administrators will be happy with the average GPA of their undergraduates.

For those in the top ten percent of their graduating class the only thing to lose sleep over is the amount of tuition they

will owe. Furthermore, scores on the SAT's, the ACT's, or other standardized tests are less imperative compared to report cards. This new program at WSU is sure to make any hard working student a little less apprehensive while searching for the right college.

Although some Universities in the state ask that students grade point average is at least 3.0 or higher like Central Washington University and the University of Washington, students with that grade are not guaranteed admission.

At DeVry University in Seattle they require a 2.0 at minimum or have taken enough classes at an approved post-secondary school beforehand. For those who plan on going to a University after community college it's important to know the admission requirements for the different schools in the area.

Each establishment has a website that

students can review with all of the information needed when considering a continuation of their education.

When colleges are looking over students' transcripts and applications, a few of the things they look at is students' grade point average, high school or General Education Degree completion, test scores, and sometimes extracurricular activities.

It's best to get all the ducks in a row before spending \$25-\$100 on the application process.

Having an A average in all classes on graduation day at Green River Community College might mean it's time to move on to bigger and better colleges, all the while trying not to break the bank.

From room and board, to books and transportation costs it's easy to watch the student loans pile up.

While admission is guaranteed at Washington State University the tuition is a whopping \$6,720 on average for

10-18 credits every term. A student who plans on living on campus might expect an average of \$21, 242 every term they are enrolled.

At the University of Washington students can get away with a little less by paying a total of \$5,460 for tuition alone.

Central Washington University saves students a couple thousand at \$4,842 per quarter. If money is tight and paying tuition seems like an impossible feat, it's never too early to start applying for scholarships.

Setting goals and working hard to achieve them will usually end in success and self gratification, when it comes to college admission these accomplishments could mean a surefire way to continue your quest for schooling.

Students have complained about the complicated application process for years. With the Assured Admission Program at WSU, this process becomes less traumatic or nerve-wrecking and could quite possibly make selecting a university quick and uncomplicated.

Puget Sound Blood Center to host blood donating event

Quarterly blood drive a chance for students to donate

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Puget Sound Blood Center will be at Green River Community College for its quarterly blood drive on November 19.

Students who wish to donate blood must be 18 years old or get permission from a parent or guardian if younger. Furthermore, students must be in healthy condition and have a weight of at least 110 lbs. All students are encouraged to participate.

Many students may wonder why they should give blood. They might ask themselves if it's really going to benefit others. According to Julie French, health services coordinator here at GRCC, "one donation saves three lives."

In America, blood is needed every 2 seconds. Everyday there's a need for 39,000 units of blood.

Donated blood not only helps victims of accidents, but cancer, blood and immune systems diseases, surgery, heart and blood vessel disease, organ or bone marrow transplantation and other sick patients as well.

"We have a really giving community at Green River and we have had 97 people donate blood." Said French. There's no need for people to be worried about the effects of giving blood and what it will do to their bodies.

Giving blood is 100 percent safe. To ensure the safety of the donors, avoid giving blood if you have Anemia, high/low blood pressure, body piercings that are recent, cold or flu, hepatitis, HIV/AIDS, infection, international travel, organ/tissue transplant, or are pregnant. Giving blood is 100 percent safe.

People who will be planning on giving blood on Nov. 19 can prepare their bodies by eating a healthy meal and drinking fluids at least 4 hours prior to donating.

There will be refreshments given during the process.

"Why do people do it?" French asked herself, "I think it's a simple way to give to the community, plus it's a great way to get a free cookie and juice!"

The process of actually collecting the blood takes roughly 10 minutes. The

rest of the hour is for a health history, physical examination of blood, pulse, and temperature. About 1 pint of blood will be collected from a person. Blood may be donated every 56 days.

Donors are asked to make sure they are feeling well before they leave, if they are not feeling well, it's vital that they let an attendant know.

French is asking for a student's volunteers to help promote the event. Students may contact French in the Lindbloom Center (LC) building on the second floor.

Blood drive will take place in the LC, Glacier room from 8-5:00pm.

"There's no need for people to be worried about the effects of giving blood and what it will do to their bodies."

New sculpture by Gary Bates installed on campus

"Rain Scale" a piece on the rain scale in Auburn

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Staff Writer

Construction is almost complete on GRCC's newest and largest outdoor sculpture overarching the pond outside the Tech Center. Accomplished Sculptor Gary Bates who designed and built the artwork himself calls it the Rain Scale. "It is an expression of how much rain the Seattle area gets. Water is the starter of this piece and gravity is the motor," said Bates in an interview on YouTube.

It may not be apparent yet, but the sculpture is made to move when Auburn receives rain. The 18 ft diameter ring at the top is built to collect rainwater. After filling up with precisely 2 and 5/8 gallons of water, it will tilt to dump it out and cause a rocking motion that should continue for some time.

As it stands, the Rain Scale may look complete, but Bates still has some fine tuning to do before it will become fully functional. There are eight screws on each side of the arch between two plates at the top. Bates says he needs to adjust the screws to the correct point for the rocking ring at the top to tilt and continue to move correctly.

"It looks so simple, but it is very complex," said Bates. In addition to minute adjustments, he will install a pump on the bridge crossing over the pond for days

devoid of rain. The pump will shoot water 20 inches above the top of the ring, creating the collection of water needed to initiate its rocking motion.

Bates began the project with a much smaller model of the Rain Scale to test its design. He took into account that the water cannot leave the ring too fast or too slow or else it would not tilt correctly and the same goes for the actual Rain Scale.

His calculations and measurements were correct upon its first test, and the model worked. After filling it with two cups of water, it would tilt and rock for an average of about 43-53 minutes. For exactly how long the actual sculpture will rock though is not yet certain because wind and other factors of its location will play into the equation too.

Dean of Instruction Capital Projects Sam Ball, put together a committee of people who chose to build the sculpture. "We liked the idea of something that's kinetic, that has movement to it," said Ball. That drew them to Bates, who had successfully created a number of such sculptures in his career, but nothing quite like this.

He had experience creating wind-driven pieces and that was his original idea, but since Auburn does not have a lot of wind, he came up with the idea for a rain-driven piece, and the committee liked the new pitch. So although unique to his other pieces, Bates said it bears the same purpose, "show nature in a new way."

KGRG's 20th Anniversary of 'Today's Rock'

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Continuing through the studio, one is encountered by KGRG-1 "The Alternative Past." Messy shelves littered with bumper stickers, concert flyers, and various other give an unaware passerby perhaps the greatest representation of college radio walking through the short hall to KGRG-1, and to those aware of KGRG, a brief moment of nostalgia.

There is a door which separates KGRG-1 and KGRG-FM, the college's FM stations. Standing in this doorway puts a person on the proverbial border between past and present in several facets of the station's history as well as the evolution of modern radio.

KGRG-1, the spawn of KGRG-FM, is in the infancy of its development despite the fact that it plays music often listened to by the parents of KGRG-FM's target listener's parents in their youth. "The Alternative Past" recently celebrated its first anniversary of the format.

Also, KGRG-1 is completely automated, which is a rising trend in an increasingly frugal industry, relying on a computer program, rather than a live disc jockey to connect with the listeners.

Students and staff record liners which are inputted into the program, a practice called "voice tracking."

After passing through the portal from past to present, oddly, one is encountered with perhaps commercial radio's equivalent to a carbureted engine, living, breathing humans.

Standing in the station's lobby, it is as though one has entered an alternate universe compared to the regimented college setting they are used to.

The perimeter of the lobby has two couches, where staff members can often be found having conversations which test the boundaries of obscenity.

Two computers sit to the west side of the lobby, computers which have possibly viewed every YouTube video which have also straddled the boarder of decency.

Two doors lead to the station's production and news studio, but a third door leads the place where many a KGRG alumni, from famous to completely anonymous, has sat for the past 20 years playing "Today's Rock," KGRG's control room.

Though the room, a small studio with

a window overlooking the courtyard in front of the LSC, has walls covered in sound insulating carpeting, the room's true wallpaper is music.

Shelves and shelves of CD's, a rack of 8-track tapes, two large speakers, and a computer which controls the station's schedule containing thousands of songs surround a disk jockey sitting at the control board.

It is from this room where "Today's Rock" rock is blasted out to the Auburn valley.

For 20 years students have learned the ropes of radio playing music that would otherwise go unplayed in a commercial setting. KGRG has had major influence in the rise of several local bands.

From Nirvana to Nerf Herder, MXPX to Mad Caddies, Mudhoney, Presidents of the United States of America, Mother Love Bone, Modest Mouse and several other bands

have received some of their first radio spins on KGRG.

Tom Krause, the General Manager of KGRG took over the station in 1994, and after nearly 15 years of experience with the students of KGRG, Krause has noticed notable changes among the students, but even more parallels.

"There has been a lot of evolution, but a lot has stayed the same," said Krause. Krause explained that the station has always carried an attitude of rebellion and counter-culture, but the main thing that has stayed the same is "an overriding love for music."

KGRG Program Director, Britney Murray, who is 19 years old and younger than the station has a slightly altered take.

"KGRG is like a kid who went through their rebellious stage in its teens and is mellowing out as it matures," said Murray.

It is only right that the station put together a concert to celebrate its 20th, and that is exactly what KGRG has in the works.

The names of the bands involved are top secret, but it will be held Nov. 7. Weeks away from the concert, KGRG's management staff is already excited for the event.

"If the school doesn't burn down it will be a success," said John Swanke, KGRG music director.

The concert promises to celebrate KGRG's illustrious history. "It will be a cornucopia of KGRG's past and present," said Mark Burkhart, head of training.

Dear Green River Students,

My name is Victoria Choe and I am the Clubs and Organizations Coordinator at Green River Community College. I am writing in hopes of finding sponsors for the "Giving from Heart" event.

The weather is becoming colder and it is harder to see sun throughout the day, but knowing that the holiday season is around the corner, it warms up our hearts.

The holiday season is a time where warm greetings and gifts are exchanged between loved ones. Parents/guardians get to see big and bright smiles on their children's faces and hear the laughter as the children receive their presents.

However, in such a beautiful and a warm family holiday, some parents/guardians do not get a chance to see the bright smiles on their children's faces due to financial constraints.

This winter, spend a warm family holi-

day not just with your loved ones, but with the whole Green River community by sponsoring a family and helping to make children's holiday wishes come true!

Please stop by the Student Programs office in LC building room 204 to donate for "Giving from the Heart!"

- Victoria Choe



Giving
is good for the heart.

Presidential debate winner: It's debatable

Jean-Pierre Garcia and Michael Espinosa duke it out over the winner of the presidential debates

Commentary by
Jean-Pierre Garcia

Domestic Policy was discussed on the third and final presidential debate on Oct. 15. With Joe the Plummer on his way to political fame, this was an excellent opportunity for John McCain to be aggressive and show how his policies shape up back home. Education, Health Care, Economic plans, and Taxes were among the primary topics under review. This is how things stacked up.

Education was a major point in the debate that affects everyone in campus' nationwide, their children, now and in the near future.

Both senators were vying for more funds for early childhood education and providing parents with options to send their kids to the schools that they need. Charter schools were mentioned to improve competition and reward good teachers.

Programs to recruit desperately needed teachers include: Teach for America and Troops to Teachers. These programs can also reduce the unemployment rate for retired soldiers.

For the college student, McCain guns for student loans, having a feasible repayment schedule and a full student loan system for in state tuition.

No Child Left Behind was brought up as an attempt for the nation to address public education through a series of unfunded mandates. The concept was noble but it has caused a whole set of new problems in addition to not solving the one it was intended for. This policy is said to be under the list of programs needing reform.

Barack Obama said something that didn't suit me. While his verbiage was eloquent and very flattering it bothered me. He said that college students weren't a special interests group.

I hate to say it but college students are a special interest group. We do not reflect a separate class, a specific party, or the majority of the nation. We are group who aim to affect public policy.

Community Colleges were brought up during the Energy and Trade portion of the debate. McCain advocated worker retraining for displaced workers. This is something that colleges already do and those who go to the Workforce office can attest to its benefits and dire need in the current economic state.

Increasing funds for these programs can only help more people in a tough situation.

To address the current economic crisis McCain has added tax breaks for seniors, capital gains and write offs for stock losses. He plans to allocate 300 billion in funds from the rescue bill and buy up 11 million mortgages to keep those homeowners who are on the brink of losing their homes in their homes.

McCain referred to Senator Clinton, and action taken to reverse the Great Depression in support of this plan to increase home value. He also plans to take on companies that support subprime mortgages.

Obama however, intends to raise taxes on a foundation of the economy...small businesses. The middle class uses and is a part of the small business industry. By raising taxes on small business owners, a class that is smaller in number to the middle class and make less revenue to large corporations, will be financially crushed.

While it may be fair to tax those who can afford it, can small businesses foot the bill? Can two percent pay taxes to support 98 percent? Will our small businesses which are also doing their part in driving the economy, providing goods and jobs survive a tax increase when so many people are struggling?

People wonder why so many people are losing jobs as companies are outsourcing. Having the second highest tax rate on business in the world might affect those decisions. If those taxes are increased what would happen to the corporations we still have?

Raising taxes on small businesses feels like we are punishing those who make a little bit of success. McCain doesn't want to raise taxes. No one does but how else will Obama fund the tax cuts for the middle class?

McCain includes a pay freeze across the board to stop excessive spending reducing further debt and is willing to decrease defense spending in his plan. Some specific programs he plans to cut are the marketing assistance, ethanol subsidies, and eliminating a tariff on sugar cane based ethanol from Brazil.

Both sides offer spending to benefit the US both in the short run and long run. Obama has mentioned several times of investment. Ultimately investment is not a bad thing. However, can we afford to invest in all of his projects? A college student barely surviving on ramen noodles cannot make investments right off the bat. With this economic crisis it looks doubtful that we have the money to spend. We can't take all of his projects on at once.

Commentary by
Michael Espinosa

In such a historic presidential election, the debates between McCain and Obama did not live up to all of our expectations.

In the beginning, before any of the debates even started, John McCain decided he had to postpone his campaign, cancelling an appearance on The Late Show with David Letterman to "rush" to Washington to solve the economic crisis.

Disregarding the interview he did with Katie Couric in the same timeslot and night as his cancelled Late Show appearance.

After the "postponement" of his campaign, McCain put forward the idea of postponing the debate as well. This concept wasn't received by the public very well.

Surprisingly, the first debate happened without any postponement. Yet, neither candidate seemed to act like there was an economic crisis happening.

To quote Paul Begala, a Democratic Strategist, "I was astonished - it seemed like the economic debate, it could have been frozen in time from two or three months ago. McCain yapping about earmarks, and Obama yapping about his programs to cut taxes." Begala is a former advisor for President Bill Clinton.

In the second debate, they chose to have a "town hall" setting, where people in the audience would ask the candidates their questions. John McCain has been fighting to get his opponent, Barack Obama, to do something like this over the campaign trail. So, one would assume that he must shine in this setting, and would undoubtedly think that he would pull away with the debate.

Sadly, this was not the case. The debate, all 93.5 minutes of it, was the same jabs that we've all heard before. "[Obama's] tax increases increase taxes!" McCain exclaimed. This was one of the many attacks McCain put on Obama throughout the night, with Obama spending much of his time defending himself from these attacks.

McCain also tried to talk himself up, "I've reached across the aisle..." when regarding his past voting record, citing Joe Lieberman as an example. Most people who are politically aware would barely consider Lieberman "across the aisle" anymore.

Out of the countless irrelevant anecdotes that both candidates gave to support their stances, Obama had one that was touching. When asked about healthcare, Obama told the story of his mother, who died of cancer, fighting her insurance company over coving her hospital bills. The insurance companies claiming that there was a chance of it being a preexisting condition. Obama went on to call this a "fundamentally flawed system".

Then the night came to the moment that defined the entire political atmosphere: the debate had concluded, and McCain and Obama went to congratulate each other and awkwardly waved to the crowd.

The third presidential debate, on Oct. 15, was moderated by Bob Schieffer of CBS news.

Like the majority of the other debates, this one was filled with random attacks from McCain and Obama spending a lot of time defending himself.

One thing that made any intellectual mind twitch was the mentioning of the Bill Ayers issue for, literally, the millionth time. Not only was there no reasoning for it, there was no real conclusion to it. Like many of the issues, they both just made accusations of each other and fought for more airtime.

Of the many annoying terms used to represent us, the American people, John McCain introduced "Joe the Plumber" at the last debate. "Joe the Plumber" is just another cheap way for politicians to try to appeal to the Middle class. More classless tactics to gain more votes, you betcha. Sadly, both candidates jumped at the opportunity to use this eponym, to use it over twenty times.

Schieffer did his best to keep order, and a few times, it actually worked. One man, however, cannot stop the egos of two mainstream politicians.

Surprisingly, McCain and Obama both claimed to be running "clean" campaigns. This would be true, if they were both completely unaware of both of their campaign's commercials where "I approve this message" appears at the end of each one.

A CBS poll of undecided Independents immediately following the debate showed that 53 percent thought Obama won. 24 percent said it was a tie, with 22 percent favoring McCain.

If a winner must be declared, Obama would have to be it. He was able to carry himself in a more professional manner. When McCain would send around his nonsensical attacks to Obama, Barack mostly smiled and waited until McCain finished the attack before he made his rebuttal. He thoroughly struck back against these attacks, and even took a swipe at Fox News and their conservative reputation.

McCain, on the other hand, would just break into Obama's rebuttals to snicker, breathe heavily, or even try to retort. He stuttered through many of his words, and tried to go around some of the questions he was asked. Not to mention his multiple uses of Autism, a learning disorder, to try to appeal. Even when autism had little to do with the topics he was on, and were merely used for political gain.

Non-partisan news sources help guide citizens past propaganda warring media

Age difference between couples growing

Alex Hoggard
Staff Writer

Election time tends to confuse people. Voters get so lost in the media's haze of propaganda and misconstrued information about candidates that they often no longer know who or what to believe.

Did Barack Obama take the oath of office for the U.S. Senate on the Koran? Did he serve on a board with a radical terrorist from the 1960s?

Well, the answer to both questions is a resounding no. One is just a pure lie and the other is a lengthy stretch of the truth, but many still believe these rumors along

with a number of others about either of the two leading candidates.

The truth is that it's hard to find the real truth. At one point or another during this election season both of the above rumors were widely published as hard news and many McCain supporters still present them as true. Both campaigns are guilty of this type of sabotage. That is just the nasty nature of election season.

Untruths and bias are everywhere. They are in debates, speeches, newspaper columns, radio talk shows, TV news, blogs, magazines, websites and the list can go on and on. This can be awfully confusing and damaging to anyone, especially undecided voters, who can be easily swayed one way or another by a single piece of information about a candidate. Just hope that that information is correct.

There is hope though for those who want to navigate through the propaganda to find the real truth. Luckily, there are several sources that work to separate fact from falsity surrounding the candidates.

One is politifact.com. This nonpartisan website's mission is to, "help voters separate fact from falsehood in the 2008 presidential campaign." The St. Petersburg Times of Florida and Congressional Quarterly of Washington, D.C. run the site. Journalists and researchers from each of the two news sources work to check the facts claimed in debates, speeches, TV ads, interviews and any other source of campaign information.

Campaign claims and attacks are constantly investigated and results are updated daily on the website to ensure accurate analysis. It is built around the

"Truth-O-Meter," a scale used to rate the truth behind candidates' particular claims and attacks. It has six rankings: "True, Mostly True, Half True, Barely True, False and Pants on Fire." The last on the list represents the most farfetched of lies.

The site includes detailed explanations of the facts and analysis behind their rankings. It offers a history of the candidates' record of truth and lie-telling. Also, it features a tool called the "Flip-O-Meter." This judges whether a candidate has changed his or stance on an issue and the degree to which it has changed.

Another credible source is factcheck.org. It is a likewise nonpartisan group working to achieve the same goal as politifact.com. The project is officially known as the Annenberg Political Fact Check, and it is run by the Annenberg Public Policy

GRCC Surveyed

548 students weigh in on the upcoming presidential election, results show an unexpected trend among age groups

Justin Runquist
Staff Writer

GRCC students presented an overwhelming preference for Senator Obama over Senator McCain in a presidential election survey conducted on campus last week.

548 students were surveyed in total. The results showed that about one-third of the student body either cannot or will not vote for various reasons.

"I'm not old enough, which sucks," said fifteen-year old Jessika Schmit, "because I really want to vote in this historic election."

Of the two-thirds who will cast a vote, 60 percent are voting for Obama, and only 25 percent are voting for McCain.

10.8 percent are still undecided, and 4.2 percent are going to vote for a third party candidate.

Many of the students who cannot vote still have a preference though and would vote if they were permitted to do so in this election.

"I'm seventeen years old, and my eighteenth birthday is Dec. 16. If I could, I would vote Obama," said Matt Zyskowski.

So, if they could vote, the numbers would look slightly different. Voting for Obama would drop to about 56 percent, and McCain would win over about 26 percent of the votes.

Those voting for a third party candidate would stay about the same, and undecided voters would increase to 13 percent.

More students are voting for Obama than McCain for a number of reasons. The most common one seems to be change.

"We haven't had luck with republicans. McCain will be no different. We need change," said Dan Austin.

Most students also like the candidate for how he plans to attack big the big issues.

"I'm voting for Obama because I agree with his economic policies and views on health coverage completely," said Chris Allman.

Some feel that Obama relates better to them than McCain does.

"He is young enough to be able to relate to the younger voters," said Heather O'Brian.

Lately, Obama has gained a significant amount of support in the polls while McCain has lost support.

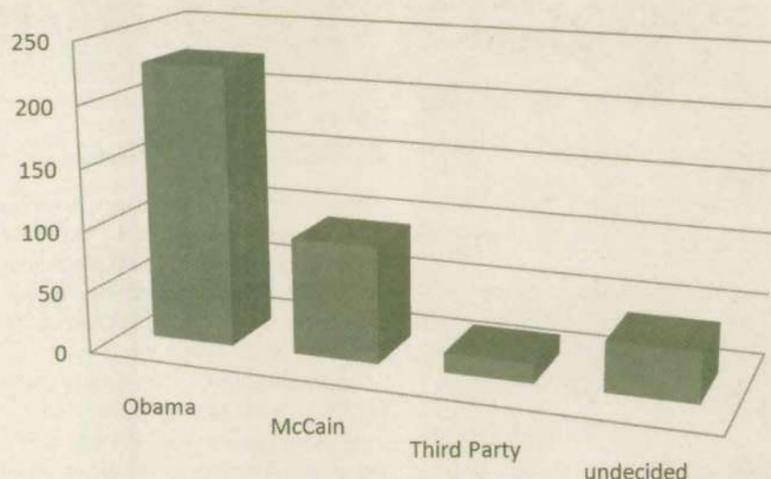
Many attribute this to the heightened frequency of negative campaigning McCain has been conducting in the past few weeks.

That is usually a successful tactic, but this time around it appears to be turning voters away from McCain and toward Obama.

"He's strong on his campaign, hasn't spent the past few weeks attacking his opponent," said Miranda Down about Obama.

Despite the fact that many have been turned off by the negative campaigning, a substantial amount of voters still strongly support McCain for many reasons.

It seems the majority cites experience as perhaps his greatest quality.



"I think that since McCain is older he has more experience and will hopefully make wise choices when it comes to our country," said Hayley Scott.

Some like him for his military experience.

"Senator McCain has both the military leadership and strong will to be a world leader. For the U.S. to remain strong, in this global community, we need someone with the conviction of his beliefs to stand strong," said Lindell Bruce.

In addition, he has also held onto some of his conservative base pretty well.

"I'm a conservative dedicated to decreasing the size of the federal government, and Senator McCain is closest to that plan," said Barron Tanay.

Clearly, Obama holds a landslide lead at GRCC. He remains ahead across most of the country as well, but other polls show that the race is still much tighter than it is here.

Surprisingly though, Obama's appeal to younger voters doesn't seem to apply at Green River.

Obama's support dwindled as voters and supporters got younger.

The 72 year old McCain's support grew as voters got younger, though he remained significantly behind Obama even among students who cannot legally vote.

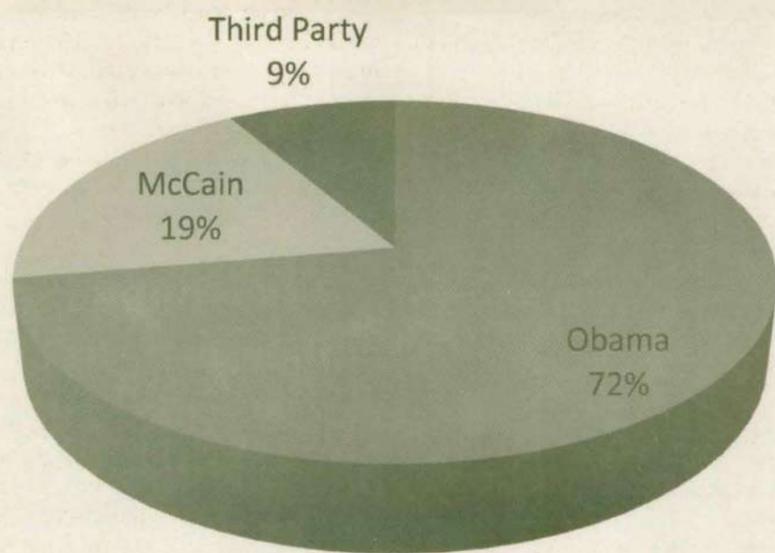
It is unclear on the GRCC campus whether or not McCain's selection of Sarah Palin as his running mate has had an effect on voters, as Palin's name was mentioned in both positive and negative lights.

A New York Times poll conducted Oct. 10-13 has Obama ahead by 14 percent. The Los Angeles Times and Bloomberg L.P. indicate a nine percent Obama lead over McCain. CNN took an average of several polls and came out with a six percent lead for Obama.

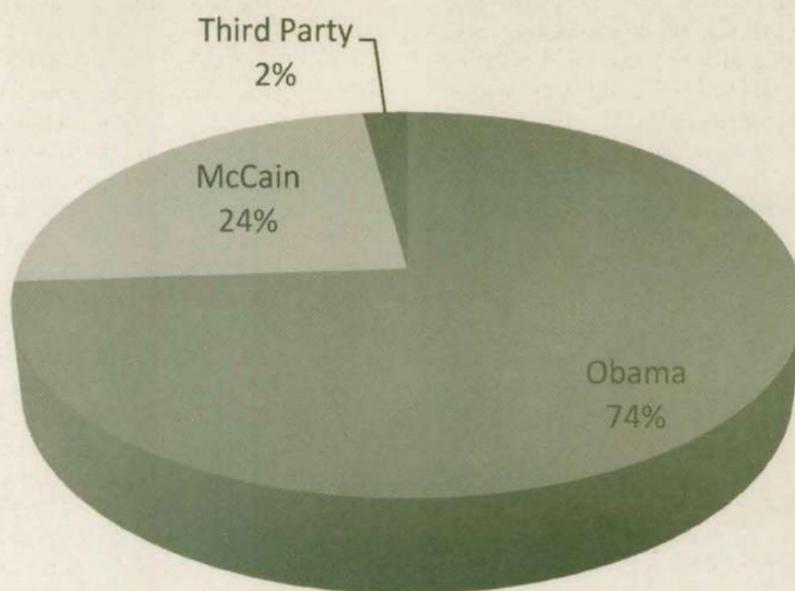
Although the exact percentages of his lead are not consistent, the observable trend that he is ahead remains steady.

With less than two weeks left until the election, Obama's lead is sure and strong, but the game can still change at any moment.

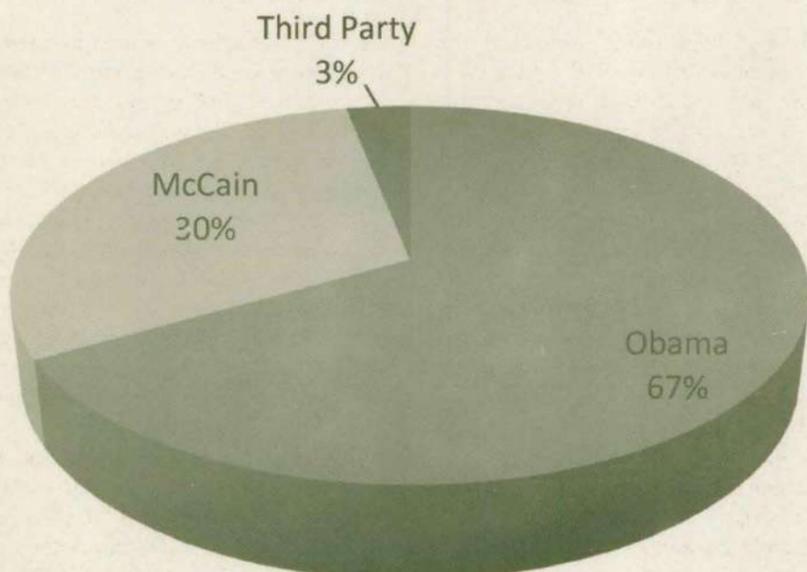
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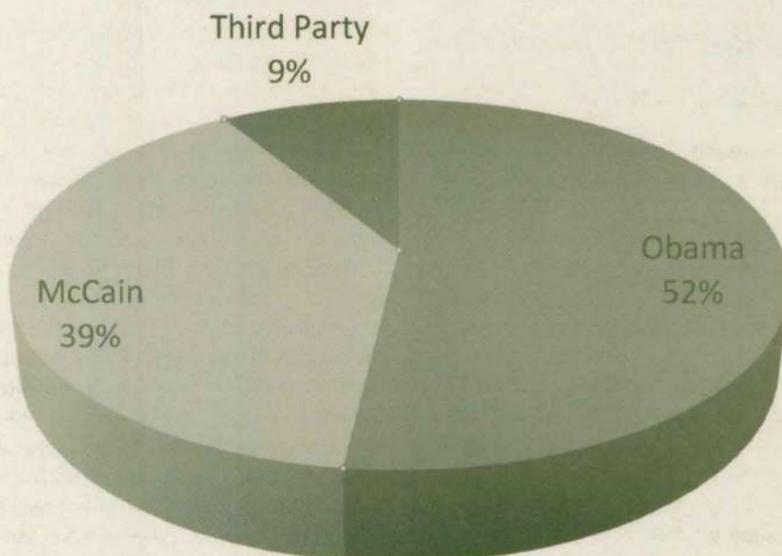
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Decided voters ages 18-20



Decided students under 18



Trick or Treat: Where to go, what to do, and what to wear on Halloween

Jennifer Horn-Fessler
Staff Writer

It's that time of year again... when it's fun to be scared, fashionable to dress like a psycho, and easy to get some free candy. It's not difficult to understand why so many people have fond memories of their childhood Halloweens past.

But Halloween does not have to be a holiday just for kids to enjoy. There are many local events made for adults and kids and some that are even for adults exclusively. We have dug around and listed some here. So finish your homework and then go and have some good, old fashioned Halloween fun!

Maris Farms
24713 Summer Buckley Hwy,
Buckley, WA 98321
www.marisfarms.com

An area favorite! There is so much to do! Complete with animals, a daytime corn maze, a scary night corn maze (recommended for 12 and older), pig races, monster truck rides, pumpkin patch, hayrides, cow train rides, bounce house, face painting, climbing wall, pony rides, food, and more.

View website for hours, pricing, and details.



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V2Farm
20613 SE 436th St,
Enumclaw, WA, 98022
206-353-6695
www.v2farm.com

An amazing farm with a rich history and a ton of things to do. There's a corn maze, farm animals, an indoor straw maze, an "old western town" where you can mine for gold, and many other exciting, family-friendly activities.

And for the older crowd there is the "House of Terror" on Friday and Saturday nights. Call or check website for more details.

Pumpkin Prowl
Oct. 24, 25, and 26th
5-8 pm
Woodland Park Zoo
601 N 59th St
Seattle, WA 98103
206-684-4800

Tickets on sale at all Bartell Drugs locations and at the zoo \$9 adults \$7 children 17 and under Free for children 2 and under Purchase discount tickets exclusively at any Bartells and save \$2! "Bring the family to Woodland Park Zoo's Pumpkin Prowl. Featuring treats for your little goblins, carved pumpkins, live entertainment and more!"

FRIGHTFEST
Oct. 4 - Nov. 1
Every weekend starting at 5 pm
Wild Waves Theme Park
36201 Enchanted Parkway S
Federal Way, WA 98003
253-661-8000
\$19.99 per ticket or \$14.99 per ticket with the purchase of at least 12 tickets in a single transaction kids under two years old get in free
Featuring: The Scream Factory, Trail of Terror, Side Show Bennie's Carnival of Wonders, Booville, Dance Party in the Wave Pool, and rides in the dark!

Market Ghost Tours
Pike Place Market
1501 Pike Pl
Seattle, WA 98101
(206) 622-6198
www.seattleghost.com
\$15 per person
March - October,
Thurs.-Sun. at 6 pm &
Fri. - Sun. at 6 pm and 8 m
Tours every night
Halloween week at 6pm.
"Pub Crawl" on Halloween night 9 pm.
Tours meet at the Gum Wall in Post Alley, right next to the Market Theater



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"A Mystery Thriller Worth Dying For... Presented by The Auburn Regional Theatre"
Oct 17, 18, 24, 25, 31 & Nov 1
8 pm
Auburn Ave Theater, 10 Auburn Ave., Auburn, WA 98002
Tickets are \$10-12

"Join us for Deane and Balderston's Dracula, based on Bram Stoker's famous novel, a chilling tale of darkness and possession playing in October just in time for Halloween, at the Auburn Avenue Theater. Half price tickets to anyone dressed in full costume on October 31st. For more information please call 253-929-6680 or Auburn Regional Theatre"



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The Fright Factory in Buckley
400 A Street, Buckley, WA 98321
Oct. 24, 25: 7-11 pm
26, 28, 29, 30: 7-9:30 pm
Halloween 7-11 pm
\$8.00 general admission (Save \$1.00 by bringing a canned food donation)

Enumclaw Parks and Recreation Annual Halloween Carnival
Saturday, October 25, 2008
6-8 pm
Enumclaw Expo Center Hall
45224 284th Ave SE
Enumclaw, WA 98022
360-615-5631
Ages 12 and under free!
Featuring a great pumpkin egg hunt. Kids are divided into age groups to search for Halloween eggs filled with goodies. Bring your flashlight!

Trick or Treat so Others May Eat!
October 31, 2008
5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Auburn SuperMall
1101 SuperMall Way
Auburn WA 98001
253-833-9500
www.supermall.com
"Join SuperMall for a safe and fun Trick or Treat event this Halloween and help us fight hunger. Bring a non-perishable food item to Guest Services and receive a free Halloween trick or treat bag filled with goodies from the SuperMall. All food donations will benefit the Auburn Food Bank. Select SuperMall stores will be passing out candy and other fun items for all trick or treaters. Perfect for kids ages 12 and under. Please note that persons over 12 may not wear full face masks inside the mall."

October 24, 25, 26 5:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Tickets on Sale October 6th!
PUMPKIN PROWL
at Woodland Park Zoo
PreschFD by Bartell Drugs

Halloween: The one day a year a girl can dress like a slut?

Commentary by
Kelcie Fingarson

Everyone loves the last day of October. It's a time to gather with close friends and family members and enjoy the festivities. What's not to love? All the candy you can eat and the freedom to express your individuality by dressing up in the costume of your choice.

Walk into the ever popular Spencer Gifts... The store is known for its raunchy birthday presents, hilarious cards and vast variety of Halloween décor and costumes. Halloween is a holiday filled with fright, tricks and treats.

Not too long ago, costumes were mainly for children and the majority were at least a bit on the scary side.

Ghosts and small witches roamed the streets accompanied by their parents, asking neighbors to fill their bags with sweet goodies.

Now when you go into trendy shops, (Spencer's and Hot Topic to name a few) around the month of October, you will be surrounded mainly by costumes for late teens and young women.

The selves that used to be filled with frightening favorites are now obsolete. Now the walls are stocked with football players, bunnies, and even Strawberry Shortcake.

But, wait a minute! I'm not talking about a sweaty, dirt covered football player with shoulder pads. I'm talking about a version for women, women who aren't afraid of showing a bit of skin. The football uniform is a white teeny dress that is without a doubt sexy.

I'm sure when I mentioned the bunny costume the first thing that came to mind was adorable and furry, right? Hmm...not so much. Ladies, you are going to be a bit chilly if you pick this one.

The only thing that make this a costume and not just a shorter than short dress, is the ears.

Strawberry Shortcake used to be a cute, ultra sweet cartoon character. But, now she's turned into something not so innocent.

What has Halloween turned into? Is it still a family friendly holiday for the kids,

of is it an excuse for girls to dress up in revealing outfits and flaunt their bodies?

It's almost a contest these days. Who has the sexiest threads and gets the most attention at the party.

Girls, from the ages of pre-teens to late twenties, get glamed up for the evening. Long eyelashes, red lips, lacy thigh highs, and six inch stripper heels are a few must needed accessories for the night.

Any other night, the girls walking the streets half naked would be called sluts, but on Halloween it's the dress code that is expected of young women.

We aren't the only ones to blame. It's almost as though ladies are given no other options.

When I was browsing through Spencer Gifts last week, it was extremely apparent that there was not one option for the more modest young woman. We even see the expectations for girls in hit movies.

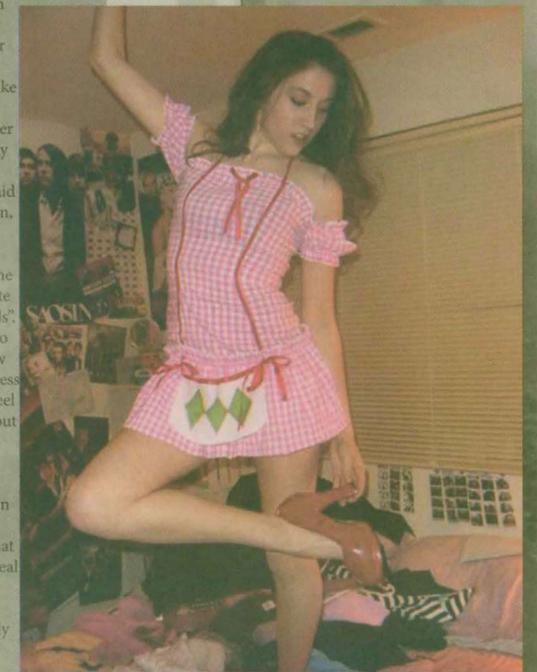
"Halloween is the one night a year when girls can dress like a total slut and no other girls can say anything about it" said Cady Heron, played by Lindsay Lohan in the teen favorite "Mean Girls."

Girls who don't follow the sexy dress code will feel like a fish out of water.

It's not impossible to find a fun or scary costume that doesn't reveal all your assets; you must simply dig a little deeper.

A holiday that was once filled with ghouls, broomsticks, haunted houses, and pumpkin patches seems to be over powered with sexy attire. Is this what we have to look forward to in the years to come? I miss the old traditions of All-Hallows Eve.

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Pro sports steroid use sets bad example for lower level athletes

The affect of steroids reaches far beyond professional sports, even at GRCC athletes are affected by steroid use

Andrew Hone
Staff writer

Steroid use, more commonly known as of late as "doping", is a very critical issue when thinking about some of the most popular athletes who are already successful in the sports world.

Big names such as Barry Bonds, Sammy Sosa, and even Tour de France bicyclist Lance Armstrong have all been accused at one point in their career for using steroids, but why?

Is it because of the massive amount of success they have in the sports world, is it because the media is trying to look for just the bad in these entertainers, or is it because these people are truly doing steroids?

Most likely, it is to stop them from negatively affecting younger players, like those at GRCC.

The Green River Gators baseball team is far from unsuccessful. A team who a few years ago finished 3rd place in the NWAACC Championships would likely have a considerable amount of talent on the playing field.

When thinking of the sport of baseball, all that really comes to mind as of late is steroids, such as who is using them and how these athletes are getting them.

The point is these athletes are disgracing their names and careers by cheating at what is known as "America's pastime."

"At the community college level, steroids aren't really a concern," said Bob Kickner, Green River's AD who also has experience as an assistant at Saint Mary's University. "The guys using these substances are the ones out playing Division I sports. I'm not sure why they do it but they do."

Steroid use has not been a big issue in the lower college level, because it simply hasn't become something people are aware of.

"Media is sensationalizing bad apples," said Kickner, who also believes it will take an extreme effort for college officials to be made aware of this issue. "Illegal performance enhancing techniques, such as utilizing steroids to increase strength and mass, are ruining the soul of competition. It's selfish, dishonorable, unhealthy and dangerous. Student athletes who consider this strategy to gain an advantage have bigger psychological problems than the physical limitations they are trying to improve."

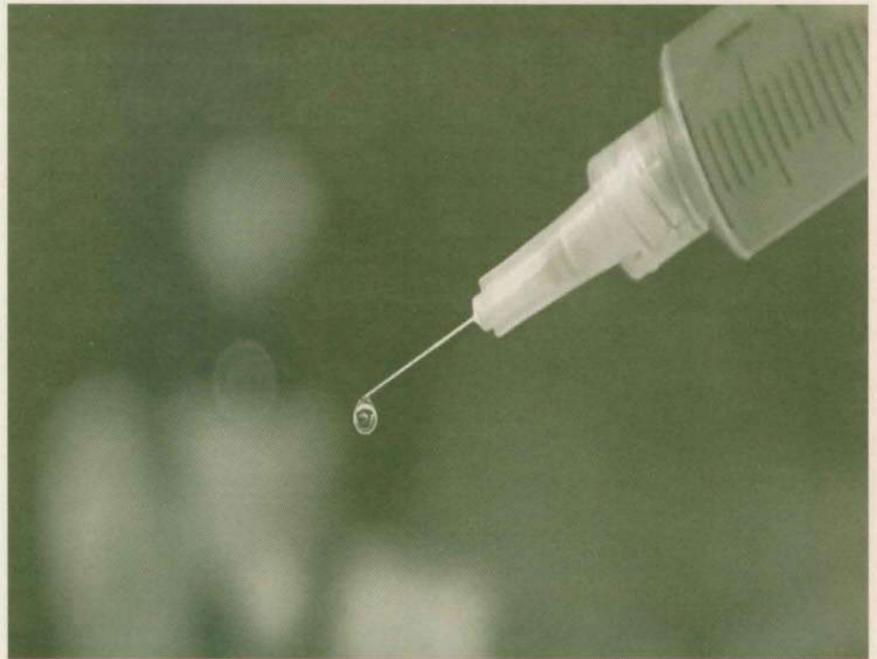
"Do they have it in Division-1? Yeah. They even have it in Division-2 in the post season," said Green River baseball coach Matt Acker, who doubts testing will ever take place at the Community College level. "Would it be nice if we had it? Sure. But will we ever have it? Probably not."

As a coach at Saint Martins University, six of Coach Acker's players were chosen at random for drug testing prior to the post season. Acker even admitted to knowing of numerous guys in the league taking steroids and with no drug testing taking place.

He also agrees with the actions officials are taking trying to stop steroid use at the higher playing levels of the game of baseball.

"The key to eradicating it is start now. We really have to hammer it into the youth," he said. "The Side effects, they're aware of. It's the long term effects they won't be prepared for."

The players themselves know more than anyone about how pros are affecting them



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when regarding to steroids use.

"When college athletes see pro guys using steroids, college athletes assume the only way to become a pro is to use steroids," said Kyle Baskett, who plays Center field for the Gators.

Nathan O'Bryan, a pitcher for the team said, "I believe that Pro athletes have a huge influence on College athletes. If pro athletes are taking steroids all it does is set the bar higher. College athletes will get the mentality that the only way to exceed your peak is with steroids. So Pro athletes influence a lot."

Mark Howell, Infielder for the Gators said, "How pro athletes and steroid use affect college athletes? Personally I don't let it affect me anymore. When I was a kid and I heard about pro athletes for example Mark McGwire had been taking steroids it was a disappointment. Now I am older and honestly the use of a pro athlete taking steroids has no impact what so ever on my

life. Because that just means there is one less person for me to get by, and to move up in the baseball world."

Although the coaches and staff at GRCC are concerned about the health and safety of their athletes, the junior college level just

isn't competitive enough for steroids to be a major concern.

With this in mind, young athletes hopefully have the morals and are in the right

state of mind enough to realize that just because these substances are making you better as an athlete doesn't mean they're making you a better person.

Its things like these that the athletes of our generation need to realize, so "America's past time" doesn't turn into a disgraced game.

"The key to eradicating it is start now. We really have to hammer it into the youth" - Green river baseball coach Matt Acker

"Personally I don't let it affect me anymore...a pro athlete taking steroids has no impact...on my life" - Mark Howell, Green River baseball player

The Mariners are home in October, but fans can still root

With options abound, perhaps some Mariners fans are overlooking a champ



Commentary by Casey Greer

As baseball's postseason reaches its climax, its completely natural, baseball fans, to have latched your fanhood to a specific team still involved in the postseason. Mariners fans, unfortunately, haven't been able to root for their hometown team in October of 2001, but the 2008 postseason offered Mariners fans a lot of valid choices.

The Phillies have Jamie Moyer, a storied, long-time Mariner who was the subject of Mariners fans dismay a couple years ago, when some fans were outraged that the Mariners chose to capitalize on Moyer's trade value as opposed to allowing the crafty lefty to finish his career in Seattle.

The Cubs are managed by the greatest manager in Mariner history, Lou Piniella. Piniella led the Mariners to their first playoff appearance in 1995, only three years

after being hired, and took the Mariners to the ALCS three times.

The Red Sox are have a history littered with former Mariners, but the biggest draw for a Mariners fan is Jon Lester. Lester graduated from Bellarmine prep, and despite his youth has already had an eventful, inspirational baseball career. Lester is a cancer survivor, and spent parts of 2006 and 2007 recovering from Lymphoma. Lester pitched a no-hitter in 2008, and pitched well in the ALDS.

However, not one of those teams should have topped the list of Mariners postseason fanhood.

Mariners fans should be rooting for, and still rooting for the Tampa Bay Rays.

The Rays are a team full of young promising prospects, a team that has essentially willed their way into the World Series after over a decade of historical futility, and have proven every critic and doubter wrong to this point. However, none of those reasons represent why the Rays should be the Mariners fan's ideal pick as a team to root for.

In fact, the reason Mariners fans should

root for the Rays has absolutely nothing to do with who they are, but rather, who they are not.

For about a half decade in the early 90s, the Mariners were forecast by baseball experts to be headed to Tampa.

The 1995 season was marked by several important victories on the way to the team's first postseason berth, but perhaps the greatest victory came before the season began.

In early March, an ownership group in St. Petersburg was awarded one of Major League Baseball's two expansion teams which would debut in 1998.

Those teams were the Arizona Diamondbacks and the Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

Prior to the 2008 season, the Rays dropped the "Devil" from their name.

Perhaps by divine intervention, the team is now in the World Series.

Though it is hard for a true fan of the Mariners to switch their loyalties, I'll be doing it unapologetically.

After a summer which saw Seattle lose the Sonics, perhaps in retrospect I'd have been as much a New Orleans Hornets fan as I am a Rays fan today, had of course, the Hornets beat the now-Thunder in the race to Oklahoma City.

Gator Update Womens Soccer

Date	Opponent	Result
10/08	@Olympic	T 2-2
10/11	@Whatcum	L 0-2
10/15	Bellevue	L 0-1
10/18	@Skagit Valley	T 1-1

Women's Volleyball Green River crossover

Date	Opponent	Result
10/17	Treasure Valley	W
10/17	Mount Hood	W
10/17	Edmonds	L
10/18	Olympic	W
10/18	Tacoma	L

Golf Wildhorse fall fury

Mens
Team finish - 9th. 3-7
Top performer - Brady White - 146

Womens
Team finish - 1st. 10-0
Top performer - Jenna Rochelle 162

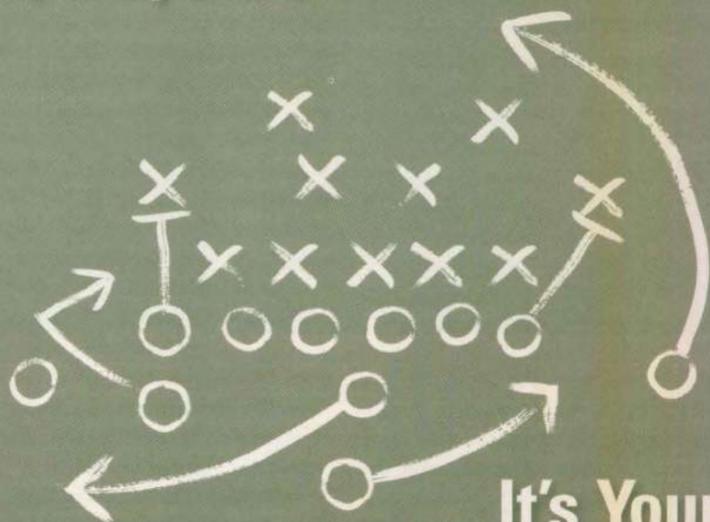
Cross Country PLU Invitational

Team finish - 8th - 222
Top performers
Jacob Calvin - 38 - Mens
Brandon Brewer - 40 - Mens
Courtney Ronning - 70th - Womens

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New initiative re-defines suicide



Commentary by
Katie Barr

The new initiative, I-1000, will make physicians party to suicide, violating the Hippocratic Oath and can undermine patient/physician trust. The Hippocratic Oath is a promise that physicians make the practice medicine ethically. I-1000 is to make assisted suicide legal in the state of Washington. It allows terminally ill patients with six months or less to live to receive a prescription for death. This initiative is similar to the Oregon Death with Dignity Act, which has been in place for over ten years. Throughout these ten years, less than fifty people chose assisted suicide, but, the Death with Dignity Act still changed healthcare and the state health plan. Since 1995, when the Death with Dignity Act was passed, similar assisted suicide proposals have been made in twenty-one states and not one was passed. These initiatives were created to improve the care for all dying patients.

There are many safeguards on I-1000, to ensure patient safety. One of the safeguards is that the patient must tell the doctor in two different ways, two verbal and one written requests, both independently witnessed by someone who is not family and not employed by the health care facility. Another safeguard is that two physicians must verify the mental competence of the patient. The patient must also be at least 18 years old and have 6 months or less to live.

If I-1000 is passed, physicians will have to forge death certificates of patients who choose assisted suicide. On the death certificate, drugs are not listed as cause of death. The physician must list another condition, not the cause of the patient's death. Another safeguard on the initiative is that only the patient can administer the drugs. I-1000 requires that the term, "suicide," is not used.

The patient who chooses I-1000 does not have to tell their family of their decision. The patient can go through with the assisted suicide, and the family could never know the truth of how their loved one died.

I-1000 does not adequately protect minorities, seniors, the underinsured,

people suffering from depression and mental illnesses, or people with low incomes. People that are diagnosed with life-limiting illnesses often become depressed. This depression is usually only temporary and treatable. I-1000 does not require assessment or treatment for depression. If passed, insurance companies are likely to become reluctant to cover expensive end-of-life treatment but become more willing to cover the cost of assisted suicide. In Oregon, the state health plan will pay for assisted suicide, but doesn't pay for some chemotherapy. That is also likely to happen in Washington, if I-1000 is passed.

Assisted suicide is opposed by the American Medical Association and state medical associations in 49 states (WSMA press release, July 2, 2008). The Washington State Medical Association, made up of 9,000 members "strongly opposes" I-1000 (WSMA Brochure, "I-1000 is not the answer")

I disagree completely with I-1000. I disagree because when a person is told that they are going to die in a short amount of time, of course they are going to get depressed. That depression is treatable. The patient should be as comfortable as possible up until the very moment they die. The fact that doctors would have to forge death certificates is completely ridiculous. I want to be able to trust my doctor. I know I wouldn't be able to do that if I knew at one point he has lied on a death certificate. I don't think anybody should be able to decide if they die or not. People have proved doctors wrong before by living longer than the doctor thought they would. If a family member of mine was dying, I would want to spend as much time with them as possible until they died. Whether their choice of dying is assisted or not, it is still suicide and it is still wrong. It's completely unethical for doctors to be able to help their patients kill themselves. If passed, Washington state health care will dwindle. In my eyes, there is no way possible that I-1000 will do anything good for our state or the health care in Washington. I am voting no on I-1000. I believe that I-1000 will only harm our state and the health care in Washington.

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Fall Fashion

Staying stylish in the autumn months never been so affordable or eco-friendly

Lindsay Gordon
Staff Writer

Fall fashion this season is filled with oversized knit sweaters, suede boots, complex plaids, and blindingly bright fluorescent colors.

Few of us, however, will be donning any of these extreme looks. Instead, what you can do is incorporate a milder version into your existing wardrobe.

Mixing old and new makes being fashionable much more affordable. Also, in your attempt to be stylish, don't forget one of the biggest trends of all: being environmentally conscience.

When asked if she was concerned with being environmentally friendly, Mary Becerra Nunez, an 18 year old Green River student working on getting a degree in International Relations, replied with a yes, saying that she wears organic cotton when possible.

She also said that if she could splurge on any one trendy item, it would be a pair of faux suede boots, perhaps even pointy toed with some fringe.

Nunez' unique scarf is fashion forward and a great buy. They are typically sold for around \$15 or less.

Ga hye, a 22 year old international student from Korea, agreed. When asked if she is concerned with being environmentally friendly she said yes, but wasn't quite sure how to live that belief out.

To stay trendy she wore a plaid printed jacket, but paired it with a pleated skirt and heels to continue her own style.

Incorporating trends is a great way to keep your personal style on the cutting edge. For example Mirela Isic, a 23 year old Mechanical Engineering major, paired her favorite jeans and some classic flats with a current trend; long outerwear.

Longer outerwear mimics some of the more avant-garde looks shown on the runway, such as a body swallowing knit sweater.

Being eco-friendly is a large part of Pacific Northwest living and culture. It is also a growing trend in celebrity and fashion circles (Natalie Portman has her own vegan shoe designs online at www.TeCasan.com).

If you want to be environmentally friendly, try to wear organic and sustainable fabrics. Other shopping options include taking advantage of lightly-worn clothing thrift stores and vintage boutiques. Buying vintage clothing is an easy way to maintain a chic look, while staying in the style loop.

So, when strolling about campus this fall, don't be surprised if you catch a glimpse of the 80's when spying a fluorescent colored jacket, or maybe even see the 70's in a hippie-esque knit or woven sweater. A blast from the past is always imminent, so remember: fashion repeats itself.



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(Above)*

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