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Relay for life: GRCC cancer walk team

By Patsy Shelafae

Green River Community College is participating in its eighth year of the South King County "Relay For Life" Cancer Walk. This year GRCC has four teams walking for 24 hours starting May 15 on the Auburn Riverside High School track.

Last year, GRCC had over 60 people participating and they raised \$6,272. This placed GRCC in second place for fundraising in South King County. South King County placed seventh in the nation with a total of \$91,000.

The "Relay For Life" is sponsored yearly by the American Cancer Society. The relay began in 1985 in Tacoma when a volunteer raised money running on a local track for 24 hours. The volunteer, Dr. Gordon Klatt, ran a total of 81 miles and raised \$27,000 for the American Cancer Society. Dr. Klatt's determination and strong dedication has turned his single run into a national event.

The relay raises money for local divisions of the American Cancer Society. The money helps in local cancer research, education of young and old, and patient services. All the money raised helps support the programs and services offered by the society.

The group helps in educating students about tobacco, cancer prevention, and early detection of cancer.

The money also funds research to find the causes of cancer and possible cures.

"Relay For Life" increases awareness of cancer. From this awareness, people learn to protect themselves from cancer with healthy lifestyle choices and how to detect early signs of cancer.

Not only do people help the American Cancer Society, they also learn what the services, missions, and goals of the group are. It's an opportunity for people to have fun while raising money for a worthy cause.

Nadyne Meteyer, who works in Human Resources, is a survivor of cancer. GRCC asked her to join the team 8 years ago and she has been doing it ever since. Nadyne says she does this relay "because my mom had cancer and then I had cancer. My husband also had it."

Karen Moore, a co-worker of Nadyne's, stated, "She's been a lot of inspiration to team members."

Nadyne explained that the first lap of the relay is for all the survivors of cancer to walk. Afterwards, anyone can be on the



Last year's GRCC cancer walk team

track. The relay takes a total of 24 hours and runs from 6 pm on May 15 to 6 pm on May 16. However, one member of the team must be on the track the entire time.

At the relay is a candlelight memorial ceremony. Each candle placed along the track represents a person who has died from cancer. Each candle is placed in a decorated bag and lit at dusk. The

candles continue to burn until morning.

Green River lights 22 candles to show how many staff members have been victims of cancer. "Every year at Green River they add about two or three people," said Nadyne.

GRCC also does fundraising prior to the event. This year there was a raffle for students to enter that ended on

May 7. There was also a car wash held on May 7. All the money goes to the relay as well.

Each team member has the chance to participate in contests, enjoy entertainment, fun, and camaraderie. All the members on the GRCC team are very dedicated and hope that students will come down to support them as they walk.

Understanding what GRCC's IESL program is: Part one of a two part series

By Marilyn Wilson

Most students at GRCC have heard of English as a Second Language (ESL) and Intensive English as a Second Language (IESL). But many are not aware that the two are entirely different programs. Some people are not even aware of their existence. Some GRCC students even thought that the 'I' in IESL stood for 'International' instead of 'Intensive.' (This is not to berrate anyone who didn't know the difference or who didn't care, this is just to inform you.)

Do not confuse IESL with

ESL. IESL is an intensive college preparation course in academic English, designed for International students success in American colleges and Universities. While ESL is more of a life curriculum program. They offer classes to United States residents, immigrants, and refugees teaching them survival skills.

Students in the IESL program pay out of state tuition for this program. Before beginning one of the five levels of instruction, students must take the IESL Placement Exam. The three parts to the exam are standardized

grammar/reading test (the Michigan Test), an oral interview, and an essay.

Students who score 85 or higher on the Michigan Test or who score 500 on the TOEFL may take academic classes. Those who fall below those scores are required to successfully complete GRCC's 5 level IESL classes before beginning academic classes.

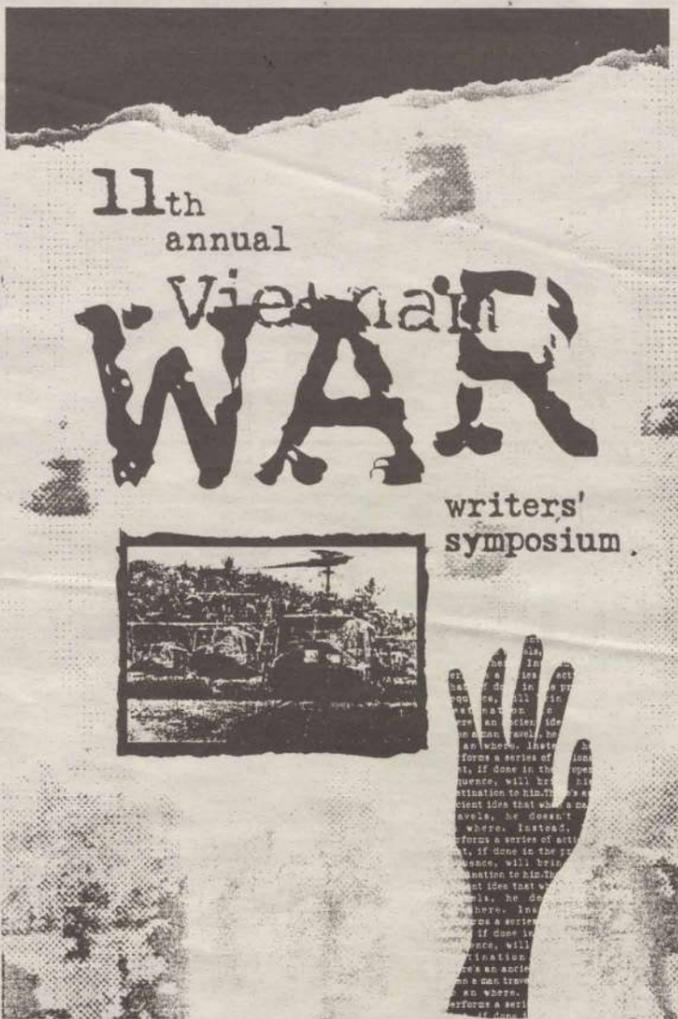
Green River's IESL program offers students five level classes from 12 - 5pm daily. The classes are listening/speaking (oral), grammar, writing, reading, and TOEFL Preparation. During

summer quarter, two special IESL classes will be offered. Session I is June 22 - July 17, 1998 and Session II is July 20 - August 14, 1998. Trips and activities will be offered each week for interaction between students and the community. "Every quarter, except for summer, the International students do a multicultural event in the community, like visiting elementary schools and sharing with the young students about their culture and lives back home," says Debbie Van Hoy, Program Assistant of IESL. "It's good for the community, creating

a cultural awareness that some may never have opportunity to experience and it's good for the student trying to learn English and more about the American culture."

Students in the IESL program come from a wide range of countries. The cultural diversity on our own Green River campus is amazing. These students come from Kuwait, United Arab Emirates (UAE), Qatar, Oman, Korea, Azerbaijan, Brazil, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Japan, Purkmenistan, Vietnam, *Continued on page 4*

Vietnam War Writers' Symposium to be held



Vietnam War Writers' Symposium

By Marilyn Wilson

Student Programs, along with the Social Science Division and the Holman Library, have funded the 11th annual Vietnam War Writers' Symposium. The event is to take place on Friday, May 15, 1998. It will begin at 6 pm in the Glacier Room of the Lindbloom Student Center for a reception and book signing sponsored by Vietnam Veterans of America-South King County. At 7 pm in room SS-8, Robert and Patience Mason, both writers will present their presentation. Everything is free and open to the public. The Masons were married in 1963, and had a son named Jack and one grandchild. From 1964 to 1968, Robert served in the United States Army as a helicopter pilot and was in the First Cavalry Division in Vietnam. The Masons will talk about how the Vietnam War affected their lives and about their writing.

Based on his experiences during the Vietnam War, Robert wrote the 1983 New York Times best-seller, *Chickenhawk*. He has

published three other books, including a novel that was made into a feature film. Patience has focused her research and written a book on the aftermath of war. Her experience in dealing with her husband's Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), led her to write *Recovering from the War: A Woman's Guide to Helping Your Vietnam Vet, Your Family, and Yourself*.

Patience has become an internationally renowned expert on PTSD. Her internationally recognized research has focused on PTSD and its intergenerational effects.

Interview with Robert and Patience Mason

Q: What was your life together like before the war?

Patience: "We only had a whole month living together as man and wife before Bob went to first Basic Training. Then while he was in Flight School we lived together but Bob was up at 5 am and home late everynight so it really didn't feel like we had a life together."

Q: Patience, did you notice a change in Robert when he returned back from the Vietnam War?

Patience: "He couldn't sleep nights, he was really skinny when he left, but he came back a whole lot thinner. When he came back, he would throw cigarette butts on the ground, in the house! He couldn't forget he no longer was living in a tent. I just laughed at him, I thought it was funny. I was trying hard not to be like my mother, a perfectionist, so I just laughed a lot off, a lot of things which he did. Since Bob was a Flight Pilot, he told a lot of funny stories about Vietnam and what happened over there, trying to cover up, but gradually he was less happy."

Q: Robert, how do you think that you had changed, since returning back from the Vietnam War?

Robert: "When I and others like me came back from Vietnam we thought everybody else had changed. When we were over in Vietnam we thought people were interested in what we did, thought they cared. It was a real disappointment to come back home, thinking we were heroes, only to realize we were only a small part of their lives. Especially because the pervious year had been a whole big part of my universe. Couldn't believe nobody could give a damn! My whole world had changed. I came back during an airline strike, couldn't get a flight out back home. Ended up taking a bus home. Got home and was greeted by the pouring rain, no welcome home, no hello, no parade, no flags, waving in the air not even a private to greet and welcome at least the 200 men that had returned home. Nothing. People walked by us like nothing had happened. After a while, they were spitting on the soldiers."

Q: Patience, how did the war change you?

Patience: "After Bob left for Vietnam, I started research and once I knew and realized what Post Traumatic Stress Disorder was, I knew my father had it. He got it from World War II and how he dealt with it was through workaholism and alcoholism. Like my father, a lot of veterans had dealt with PTSD in similar ways, by obtaining addictions and

frontal lobotomies. A lot of the veterans that came back from the wars, ended up homeless too because they did not know how to adjust themselves back into society. Life will never be as it once was for these men. Their lives, the survivors of previous wars, and the lives of those of wars to come would be forever scarred by these violent actions. One PTSD Disorder is emotional numbness a disorder which my son Jack suffers. Individuals who are numb to trauma, are more than likely to obtain addictions to maintain numbness. In other families, neither my husbands nor my family, physical violence occurred within the family. This type of PTSD was also seen in other family members like battered women, abused children, and rape victims for example. It's really important to me that people see PTSD as an important problem within society not just veterans."

Q: What gave you the strength to last while Robert was gone?

Patience: "Actually I think I was pretty crazy. I read compulsively, books to assist me with my research and newspapers to keep me informed of the latest happenings in Vietnam. I also watched a lot of TV. At the crack of dawn I was up and so was the TV. I think I coped very well under the circumstances I watched every bit of news there was. All I had was my son Jack, he was just a baby then. All I had was Jack and a cat while Bob was in Vietnam."

Q: Robert, how did your beliefs and values change?

Robert: "My belief in government. Those of us who went to Vietnam went because we had idealistic reasons. Many volunteered to go to Vietnam. I did not believe in the war when I went. I thought people should be able to choose and decide what type of government they wanted. We had no choice though, if drafted, to not go would be breaking the law. We were over in Vietnam fighting because of what the government wanted. While we were fighting we didn't know we didn't have the support of the people, of our country. But while I was over there I kept thinking the fighting didn't make any sense. It was a setup, a crock! A set up for

which, sure enough when we returned, we would take the wrap for. Do you realize more than a million people died in Vietnam, and for what? It dashed any illusions a returning veteran had coming back home about the American Dream and Apple Pie! Veterans became very cynical."

Patience: "I went from being a loyal Republican to being left wing. A woman Santha Rau wrote a book about a trip to Japan through Asia. They went through Thailand where the Vietnam government was in exile. When people would ask me where Bob was? I'd tell them in Vietnam. It always upset when they asked me where Vietnam was."

"Robert and Patience have an important story to tell. And like all good stories, as has been and continues to be the custom is indigenous societies, the purpose is to heal-heal ourselves, to heal our families, to heal our nations, and ultimately, to heal all of the civilizations.

Dr. Bruce Solheim, Symposium director along with David Willson had this offer "I think this would be an important event for the students to go to because they feel the effects of the war, but don't have direct reference point to the war."

So by attending something like this they can understand the experience their parents went through whether or not their parents were vets or not it will still help them bridge the gap. War creates a culture of violence reflected in the media. How many kids have seen people murdered on television before they reach the age of 18? A lot of the gang related talk in reference to guns like "capping" or "popping" are terms used in Vietnam. War has affected their parents, affected the government and how we trust them.

"I was a post war veteran helicopter pilot and feel a special connection with Bob," Solheim adds "My brother's also a survivor of war expected to recover?"

War perpetuates itself, kind of a like something frozen inside of you, you are forever changed by the continuous cycle of trauma and war. For mor info. on the Writers Symposium contact Dr. Bruce Solheim at (253) 931-5924 or David Willson at (253) 833-9111 ext 4408.

Security Blotter April 26-May 11

April 26

Someone observed three male juveniles on bicycles without helmets on in the "G" lot. The juveniles were stopped and told not to ride their bikes without helmets. At this point in time the three boys were recognized as having no trespass on them in our files. The three juveniles were then taken to the administration building, and someone was called in for consultation. King County Police was then notified, and when they arrived, transported the

boys home.

April 27

Brian Kaiser found some clothes and a wallet on the floor of the men's locker room in the gym.

April 27

Someone had a walkman and a camera taken from his locker located in the men's locker room in the gym. Security did talk with someone about keys for the gym locks.

April 29

Someone reported to security that her dual cassette am/fm portable radio was missing. The time of this occurring is unknown, but she does believe it to be sometime around 9:50am and 10:30am. The room (RLC 106) was at this time left uncured.

May 6

On May 6 at approximately 12:45pm a security officer observed a student in the campus

cafeteria with a sandwich in his hand looking at the salad bar for a long time (5 minutes), during this time he kept looking at the security officer. The security officer departed the cafeteria and waited for him outside. The security officer observed him pass by the cashier and not pay for the sandwich he had earlier. Security approached him and asked him what had happened with the sandwich, he stated "I put it back, I'm not going to pay \$1.70 for a sandwich." Security then let him go, but followed him to the bench outside the LSC. The first security then met a second security officer

and briefed him on what had taken place. The second officer then posted himself so he could observe the student. The first officer departed the area and the student removed the sandwich from under his shirt and the second security officer saw it. So the second officer called the first officer back and they both approached the student whom at first lied saying he did not have the sandwich, then he produced it after the first officer told him the second officer observed him remove the sandwich from under his shirt.

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GRCC's IESL program *continued from front page*



The lighter side of the IESL faculty at GRCC

Turkey, Thailand, Saudi Arabia, Colombia, Honduras, Indonesia and even United States citizens.

There are ten IESL instructors employed at Green River. Four out of the ten instructors are annually contracted, and soon it will be five. This week we will introduce four of them, and the Program Assistant, Regional Director, and Coordinator of the IESL Program.

1) Ross Jennings
Regional Director
China/Korea/Taiwan

Coordinator - Intensive ESL Program International Programs.

Ross Jennings received his masters at the University of Washington in Stanford for Middle Eastern studies. For the past 13 years he has lived in the Middle Eastern countries of Saudi Arabia, Morocco, Lebanon, and Iran. He is the Green River advisor for students from China, Korea, Taiwan, and Hong Kong. His internet website says, "I'll be your 'uncle' while you are here."

2) Debbie Van Hoy

Program Assistant

Debbie Van Hoy graduated from GRCC with an associates degree in psychology. She did some banking and then returned to Green River where she is currently employed as Program Assistant. Van Hoy laughs as she says, "I'll be quick, I've lived here forever!"

3) Gary Peitsch
Instructor

Gary Peitsch is an annual contracted instructor for IESL. He received his bachelor's degree

from the University of Michigan and went on to receive his masters in teaching from Eastern Michigan University. He has studied for one semester in Mexico and lived in Japan for three years. He joins the other four teachers by instructing oral, grammar, writing, and reading classes.

4) Debbie Baxter
Instructor

Debbie Baxter received her BA in liberal arts while studying at California State in Fullerton. She received her masters in teaching adult education at Seattle University. She has spent one and a half years in Japan and six months in Brazil. In 1996, the International Exchange Funding from GRCC sent her to Mexico for three weeks. During that time she was involved in building houses for the Habitat Organization. Baxter proudly boasted that they built "two houses in three weeks!" When not at her desk in IVA 102, she is instructing her students in oral, grammar, writing, or reading.

5) Richard Alishio
Instructor

Richard Alishio received his BA in english literature from Indiana University. He then went on to receive his masters in writing and communication from Antioch University. He also lived in Japan for two years where he taught English. On a daily basis, he can be found teaching oral, TOEFL, writing, and reading English to his students.

6) Patti Braimes

Instructor

Patti Braimes received her BA in English and her masters in education at Western Washington University. Braimes has taught in Spain and studied in Mexico. At Green River, you are most likely to find her teaching IESL students from noon to 5 pm. She teaches oral, TOEFL, writing, and reading.

The IESL program was designed with International students in mind. People know English is not the easiest language to learn, just ask any International student. They'll tell you that the other languages were nothing to learn compared to the English language. IESL students have one advantage over other American students. That advantage is that they are constantly practicing their English skills while students here just go to class and that's it.

Debbie Van Hoy said, "We are always looking for American students to help our students with English. There is the opportunity here for one culture to learn because they wish to prepare themselves for academic classes, or to take their knowledge back home to work or to teach others what they have learned here in America. It also opens the doors for the American students to learn about another culture. It's an exchange where both sides go through a learning experience and become educated."

Student Government quarterly overview for spring '98

By Akio Segawa

Once a week during the lunch hour Green River Student Government holds both a Senate meeting and a Judicial board meeting to discuss various topics, which effect both the campus and the students. However there are many students who have no idea what Student Government does for them now and what it has done for them in the past.

Back in January of '98 Student Government was responsible for a contract with Pepsi Cola, which is bringing in \$100,000 for the campus. The contract put new vending machines all around the school. These new vending machines develop funds for many campus changes such as tuition funding, scholarship funding, vending kits, and even free Pepsi products.

Recently this April the Judicial Board held its first ever public service, the Gator Garage Sale. This Garage Sale featured free admission, 60 plus vendors, raffle prizes, an open cafeteria and even an area for children to play and view their favorite Disney movies.

This month the Student Government is working on new policies to assess the smoking situation. Last weeks senate meeting, which was called to order at 12:08, began with a presenta-

tion on the new proposed smoking policies. This issue has raised many questions about what to do with smokers on campus. Because of the fact that the smoking areas are not really defined, plus there is no real way to enforce the general smoking rules, a need for smoking policies are obvious. The proposed

smoking policies would involve a kind of three strikes your out type of punishment. The first offense would be just a simple warning, the second offense would be a \$10 fine, and the third offense would go as far as taking disciplinary actions against the student. Disciplinary actions being suspension to even expulsion.

Another part to these policies would be defining smoking areas. Many problems arise because in places there are ash receptacles in nonsmoking areas.

The Student Government

wants all students to get involved, after all, Student Government is the voice of the students. For more information on how to get involved, contact Student Government at EXT 2400.

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GED Scholarships to be held in Susie Long's honor

By Ingyu Kim

In June 1997, Susie Long passed away but she left a legacy behind for her beloved GED (General Education of Development) students. Susie's family and friends have dedicated two Susie Long Memorial Scholarships to those students. Each scholarship will be worth \$1,000.

Students may apply for the scholarships by June 15th. In order to apply for the scholarships, students must meet certain requirements. The requirements are that the applicants must be former participants in the GRCC GED program and be willing to

stay at GRCC. They also must have completed at least three quarters here and be currently enrolled in post-GED studies or be incoming freshman.

This is the only time that these scholarships will be available. "It's a great opportunity for our students. This is the way her family wanted to do it. This is the way she is remembered in our minds - in our hearts," said Carol Franklin, Adult Basic Education Instructor.

Long has been at GRCC since 1978. She started out here as an instructional aid. After a few years, she became a part-time

instructor for the GED program.

JoAnn was referred to as Susie by her colleagues and students. The story behind the name comes from her close knit family. When her family brought her home, they introduced her to her 4 year old cousin. The cousin then told the family that she didn't look like a JoAnn but a Susie. So from then on, everyone called her Susie.

"There is a growing number of GED graduates staying on at GRCC to complete academic and vocational programs. We would like to encourage any students who meet the criteria to consider

applying for the scholarships. Susie would be pleased," said Carol Franklin.

The money for the scholarships were gifts from friends and family. Last June, her family and friends felt that these scholarships would be a very fitting memorial to Long. The scholarships would even help the people she cared so much for.

"JoAnn (Susie) Long was an instructor in our GED program for at least 15 years. She was

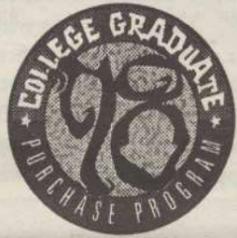


"Susie" Long, former GRCC teacher

dedicated to her students. We lost her about a year ago, she spent several years fighting cancer. Susie was a wonderful teacher and she is offering a wonderful opportunity to students," said Carol Franklin.

For further information about the Susie Long Memorial Scholarships, contact Mary Edington in the GRCC Financial Aid Office at ext. 2440.

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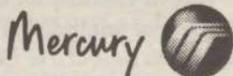
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"The Whole Bolivian Army!!!!!!!"



"The Whole Bolivian Army" is on a rampage with their newest release "Spinner"

"The Whole Bolivian Army" as it is known now has only been together for a year, but they're turning heads with their new release "Spinner".

With an EP and a full length album behind them the band has chosen to take a hard



Dave Warburton

road to distribute their new CD by creating their own label "Gargantuan Records".

Matt and Mary Beth Kite

make up 50 percent of the band.

Along with being a stellar duo on stage, the two are also married.

"We were set up on a date and we didn't really like each other that way. We were both coming out of relationships and we got set up one night by a girlfriend of mine. Matt just started talking about this band that he was trying to get together. I was like, I don't know if I want to go out with this guy but I would like to try out. He let me, and about four months later we were dating and a year later we were married," said Mary Beth, lead vocalist.

"We just decided to refinance the house and to take control of our own destiny," said Mary Beth, "Our last album turned out to be a collection of songs. We are hoping this album

would be more like a body of work."

The band will be playing live on air on KGRG's Local Motion show on May 17.

Local Motion host Eric Ronnebeck said, "We like to support local bands and with their



Mary Beth Kite

new album out they have been playing a lot locally. We thought it would be great for our listeners."

"Any time you go into the studio there are just some things you can't reproduce. We feel really good about our live show. We played on KISW live a while back with just Mary Beth, and an acoustic guitar. It was great. All you really need is a melody," said Matt.

The new album is very emotionally driven and hits very close to home according to Mary Beth and Matt, lead guitarist.

"When we were first married we went through a lot and



Jay Perry

unique.

Behind Mary Beth's seductively operatic vocals and emotionally driven lyrics the band takes great control over the listener's ear.

"Everybody reacts differently to us. Seattle Weekly said we are just straight on rock but we really didn't agree with that," said Mary Beth.

"It just depends on what you had for breakfast this morning," said Matt, "We are just a female fronted indie rock band."

The band draws their influences from "The Sundays" to "Throwing Muses". Their biggest influence though is "U2".

"They are so inspirational to me, to this day. For me no one has ever matched their passion," said Mary Beth.

"There is a lot of good music coming out right now but nothing matches the 'War' album," said Matt.

The band has opened for such local bands as "Harvey Danger" and the nationally known "April Whine" at the Fire House in Ballard.

"There were like 300 people there all in their 30's, We were scared shitless but it was lots of fun," said Matt about the show with "April Whine".

The band has a lot of shows lined up for this summer including a club tour up and down the west coast, The Fremont Fair, The Bite of Seattle and Wilma Fest.



Matt Kite

we joked and called ourselves the death couple or the doom and gloom couple," commented Mary Beth.

"There are songs about cancer 'cause my mom died of cancer a few years ago. That was really intense 'cause I had to watch her die. It's a life changing sort of thing," said Matt.

"This album was therapy. The next album will be decidedly more cheery," said Mary Beth.

"We have been playing seriously for about two years. We had been through four drummer till three years ago when Dave (Warburton) joined. We also had a previous bass player but it was just a creative clash from the beginning. When you are unified it goes a long way," said Matt.

The band after six years has finally found a great lineup to go along with a sound that is very

Current predictions for Seinfeld's last episode

As the final season of Seinfeld comes to a close there's only one question left to ask...

What's going to happen on the Season Finale; the last ever episode of Seinfeld?

The Current staff got together to give their predictions

Matt:

"Newman and Elaine are going to be married because they will find out that Elaine is pregnant with Newman's love child. We'll find out that Kramer and George's dad are having an affair. We'll find out that Jerry and Banya are forming a comedy team but it's actually a plot for Jerry to kill him. George is actually going to win out in the end, he is moving to Connecticut with his new wife...Claudia Schiffer. The Soup Nazi will come back and will be revealed as Jerry's long lost

cousin. NO SOUP FOR YOU!!!"

Lisa:

"I predict that the show will be about absolutely nothing in the traditional Seinfeld style, and will leave the viewers thinking 'that's it?' disappointed because it's the last episode and it didn't accomplish what they hoped it would, whatever that might be...what I hope however, is that the show will be hilariously funny as usual and will bring the Seinfeld reign to an end with the best show they've ever made."

"(Butt) Grid"

It'll just end like a normal episode which will be really depressing because we know that they never get anywhere in life.

Akio:

"I think 100 million people will be nicely disappointed."

Marilyn:

"Kramer calls his psychic friend and wins the lottery. Elaine becomes pregnant by George who kills the soup Nazi guy out of 'soup Nazi rage.' Jerry comes out of the closet and admits he's gay! Elaine joins a convent and becomes a nun after giving the baby up for adoption."

Collette:

"Can someone say orgy? I can see it now, Kramer nude!"

Ben:

"Kramer will marry Jerry and George will kill Steinbrenner, hopefully!"

Tune in Thursday for the final episode of Seinfeld, and pick up next week's issue of *The Current* for a review to see whose predictions were accurate.



Review: He Got Game

By Dennis Tellefson and sports editor John Kelly

"He Got Game" The title lends itself to many meanings. It could mean one who has skills in getting females or it could be construed as a man with great athletic prowess.

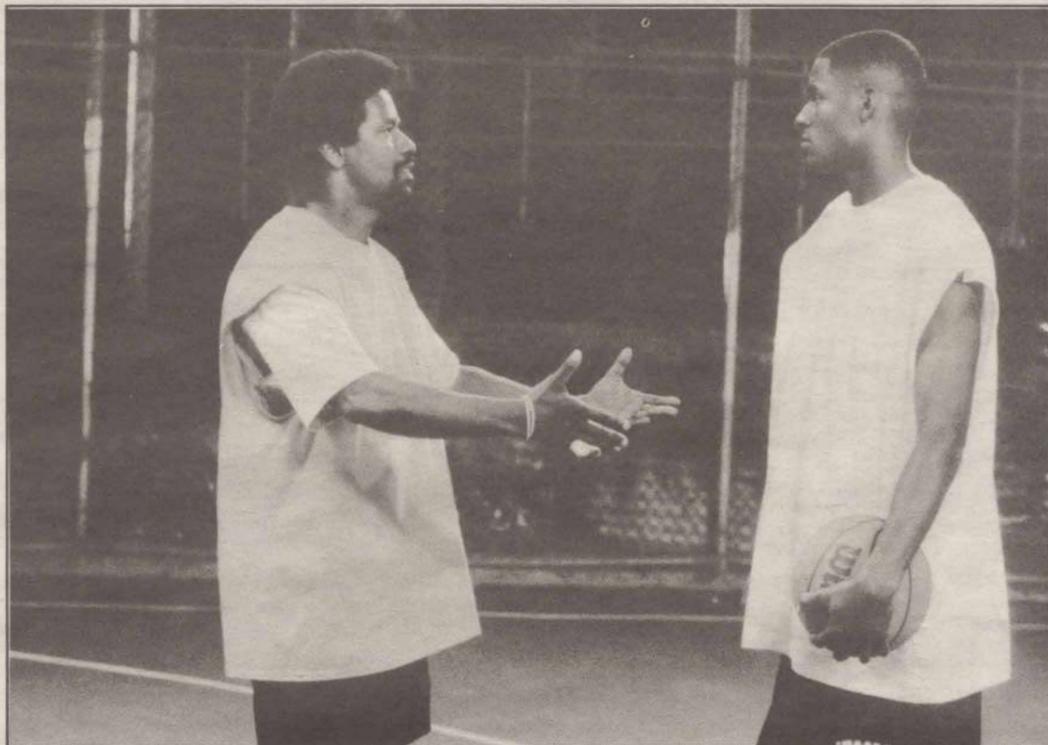
I think most who venture to see this film, are educated enough to know that this is a story about a blue chip high school basketball star, who is feeling the pressure of choosing the right college to play for next year in the fall. More than that, this is a tale of the conflict between a father, who made a mistake in his life, and his son that won't forgive him. Sorry if you were going to see this film just for it's fast paced basketball action, you'll be sorely disappointed.

Jesus Shuttlesworth, who is played by Ray Allen the star forward of the Milwaukee Bucks in his first major motion picture role, is the number one player in the country and is tormented daily by the question of where he's going to play next year. Everyone from his coach, to his girlfriend, to his uncle, are bombarding him with the question about his future. Jesus is just trying to stay alive, take care of his sister, graduate high school and secure a full ride scholarship to a college of his

choice.

Enter Jake Shuttlesworth, (Denzel Washington), Jesus's father who has served six years of a fifteen year sentence for the accidental killing of his wife, Martha. Jake is presented with a proposition. To receive less time in the joint he must persuade his son to sign a letter of intent to the state senator's alma mater, Big State. Jake accepts the challenge and is set free for a week. Once out he contacts his daughter, Mary, and tries to rebuild bridges that were burned years ago. It is quite evident that Jake's priorities while he's out are first to seek reconciliation from his son, Jesus, and then try to get him to sign with Big State. Jesus is very definite in his feelings and tells Jake that he doesn't want him in his life and that he is not his father. The fact of the matter is that Jake is the only one who truly loves and cares about Jesus, besides Mary.

Jake learns shortly after returning to his family that everyone is hanging on Jesus' coat tails to get some of the loot. Lala Bonilla, (Rosario Dawson), Jesus' girlfriend has ulterior motives in convincing Jesus to meet with an agent and sign a lucrative NBA contract. Jesus is very confused with all this because he likes to play everything by the book, and



Denzel Washington and Ray Allen in the newest film from Spike Lee "He Got Game".

doesn't want to endanger his chances of playing college basketball. At a campus visit of one of Jesus' "Top Ten" schools, he realizes how different college life is from his life back in Coney Island. This is also where he notices that Lala isn't as important to him as he once thought.

For those of you courageous enough to sit in the theatre and watch this two and a half hour movie, you will be deeply moved. This film will touch the hearts of all those who give this film the time.

Spike Lee (Director), portrays this movie in a way that the audience can appreciate. He shows more than just the aspect of the talent of Jesus, but Lee portrays the real-life aspect of Jesus' life as well. He shows the hatred that has raged in this young man's life from the time his father pushed him to the point where he didn't want to play anymore, to the end when Jesus realizes the

love that this man has for him.

It takes a special kind of film maker to portray the life that so many young people face, the hatred and the love, the good times with the bad. Lee has hit every mark in making this film. He brought this story to the hearts and souls of those who were truly in tune with this film. It struck a chord in those who gave this movie a chance to enter their hearts.

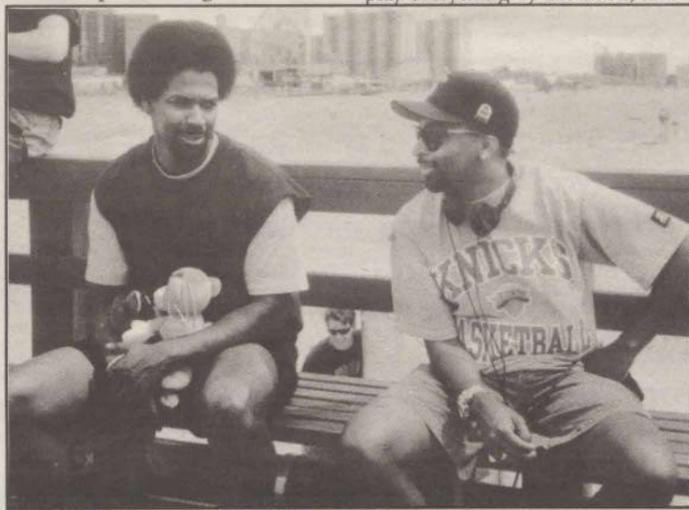
When entering the theatre to view this fantastic tale, you will probably come in looking forward to watching a great basketball film, some flashy hoops action, and a story of a father and his angry son. But upon exiting the movie your ideas will have changed because not only did you see a wonderful basketball story, but a true to life tale as well.

This movie will have you looking at yourself, from your losses, to your hatred, to the life you live, in a whole new light.

Although Jake never got to be with his son and daughter like he had hoped, he shared more in that week spent with his son, than in the young man's whole life. He made Jesus realize the meaning of loyalty, love and honor. Jesus was an upstanding man who had a great sense of responsibility and morals, previously to his father's return, so when his brief reunion with his father was over, his understanding of what it takes to be a great man was that much better.

Jesus realizes that long after his fans are gone and his friends are history, he will still have his father. Jake will always be true to him.

If all who watch this film are able to look beyond the mesmerizing moves on the court and look into the deeper meaning that Lee has created, then this movie has done it's job, and you won't be complaining about the 2 1/2 hours it took out of your life.



Review: Dave Matthews band, "Before these crowded streets"



By Collette Engebretson

The new Dave Matthews Band release "Before These Crowded Streets" came out on April 28. It took me a week to discover that the CD had come out in stores. You can imagine my surprise as a huge fan that I missed the big day.

Being a gigantic fan of the band, I had to run out and purchase the CD. The first big

single off this CD is "Don't Drink The Water." This one song leaves the listener with a wanting for more. Of course the Dave Matthews Band delivers for their listeners. The CD lives up to their big hits that the band has had, such as "Crash," "Ants Marching," "Two Step," and "Satellite."

"Don't Drink The Water" is definitely a hit in my book. Being the repetition freak that I am known for, the song was on constantly at my home. My roommate has now decided that he needed to ban Dave Matthews from our home. Of course, he's not there every second of the day though and what he doesn't know won't hurt him.

The song "Don't Drink The Water" is an insight into the

United States history of Native Americans being forced off their lands by the Westerners. The song contains a lot of powerful lyrics. The lyrics that stayed in my mind the longest were,

"Away Away
You have been banished
Your land is gone
And given me
And here I will spread my wings....

All I can say to you my new neighbor

Is you must move or I will bury you."

This is not the only great song that they have on this album. "The Last Stop" is another powerful song that has a great musical background provided by Carter Beauford, Boyd Tinsley,

Stefan Lessard, and Leroi Moore.

A song that comes off as ironically funny is "Crush." This song reminded me of another song of theirs. I realized that the song could be the sister to "Crash." "Crush" tells the story of a man and his desire to be with this girl. Of course, everything the girl does causes the boy pain. This shows how people deal with crazy relationships.

If I continue talking about the CD, I would run out of space. But believe me, the rest of the CD is great. Their music continues in the undescrivable tradition of the Dave Matthews Band. This great collection of music makes a person want to get up and dance, I recommend people to add this Dave Matthews Band CD to their

music collection.

The songs on the "Before These Crowded Streets" CD are:

Pantala Naga Pampa
Rapunzel
The Last Stop
Don't Drink The Water
Stay (Wasting Time)
Halloween
The Stone
Crush
The Dreaming Tree
Pig
Spoon

The unusual world of GRCC Horoscopes

Disclaimer: The usual *psyhic* for this column may have predicted the future for her readers but couldn't predict her own future. She ran into some problems with the justice system about some *psyhic* misinterpretations she had on a case. Of course, we don't know all the details of it.

So *The Current* had to look for someone new to replace her and it was a difficult search. Many people claimed to have degrees or knowledge on the subject and we found that there were many frauds in the world.

Just about when we had given up hope on finding a new *psyhic*, we discovered a secret society. In this secret society, they had the knowledge, the know how, and the ability to predict future outcomes. The editors had a long discussion and decided to trust this society with the horoscopes.

So, this week's horoscopes were brought to you by The Sacritic Order of the Maliciously Misplaced Hemlock.

Please remember that we looked for a new *psyhic* and they may not be as accurate as before. Please don't take these horoscopes to heart. They were meant to be fun and entertaining. Enjoy!!



Taurus
(April 20-May 20)

This week you will truly live up to your namesake. You will be bull-headed, bullyish, and full of it. Avoid delicate situations that require social savvy.

Your lucky day this week will be Sunday. Don't speak harshly to people that day and an unexpected visit will occur.



Gemini
(May 21-June 20)

Duality is your friend. Duality is your foe. Be one with your duality and prosper.

This may be tougher than it seems.

This may be easier than it seems.

Your lucky day this week will be on Thursday. This will be a very long and frustrating day for you. But good things come to those who wait.



Cancer
(June 21-July 22)

Crabs live between the rich world of the sea and the parched world of the land and air. Yet amidst these drastic changes, they prosper. Take a lesson from these critters.

Your lucky day this week will be on Friday. This day will bring much excitement and happiness. Enjoy yourself for one day and have fun with friends.



Leo
(July 23-August 22)

Although you may envision yourself as a knight in armor, everyone else thinks you are a dolt. Keep your eyes off friends of the opposite sex. And avoid the wrath of silly Sagittarians.

Your lucky day is on Monday. On this day, you will have a great opportunity, open up and you won't let it pass by.



Virgo
(Aug.23-Sept. 22)

You know what you want and where you are going. However, nobody else does. Make an effort to display your motives to the world and be willing to take

help if it comes.

Your lucky day will be on Saturday. You'll meet an interesting person on the internet who will make you smile.



Libra
(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

You are a stranger in a strange land, considering the road ahead versus the road you've traveled. Take your time, consider your options, and then step off the beaten path.

Your lucky day is today. You will find that a short-term goal of yours can be reached.



Scorpio
(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Your outer shell will prove no help against the slings and arrows of the week to come. Watch your friends, your back, and your pockets. You don't know who or what will be awaiting you around the next corner.

Your lucky day will be on Thursday. This will be the only day that many people will be nice to you and mean it. So relax a little on this day.



Sagittarius
(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

What started as you sticking your foot in your mouth will turn



into a fertile opportunity. Just keep your mouth shut, your ears to the ground, and your eyes wide open. Wonder awaits you.

Your lucky day will be on Tuesday. You will have a friend ask you an important question that day. You need to reply with kindness because you can never tell what will happen.



Capricorn
(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Chupacabra, translated means "gout sucker", for you this week it means "someone to avoid." It may be a friend or a co-worker. Whoever it is, take what they say with a grain of salt and make sure you sit ACROSS from them at tea.

Your lucky day this week is Saturday. You will have a chance to be by yourself and reflect on life. Take this opportunity to talk to a really close friend.



Pisces
(Feb. 19-March 20)

You have been sharing too much of your personal life with those around you. It's time to be a recluse and slide into your own world for a while. It might do you some good.

Your lucky day will not occur this week. Be careful what you say because you will say something you don't mean. And this will cause many problems for you.



Aquarius
(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

"You worry too much, you make yourself sad. You can't change fate, but don't feel so bad." Simple song lyrics which say a lot. Understand the moral of this

story- "In a million years, it won't matter."

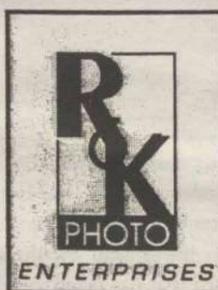
Your lucky day this week is on Friday. Someone you don't care much for will try to talk to you. So, you need to be around close friends and that person will get the idea to leave you alone.



Aries
(March 21-April 19)

You're charging into love like a rapid stallion in an acid flashback. Slow down. It may be a good time to consider retreating to either take time to regroup or consider a new battle altogether.

Your lucky day this week is on Monday. It's the start of a new week and this will be the right time to apologize and fix your broken relationship.



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Advice Column: Dear Matilda

Having problems with that "special someone?" Need some friendly advice or an opinion from a self-proclaimed love and sex expert? Dear Matilda can help!

Send Matilda any questions to askmatilda@hotmail.com, or drop them off in *The Current's* mailbox in the Student Programs office in an envelope marked "Ask Matilda." Please do not include any names.

All questions will be responded to through email by Matilda, but not all questions will make it into *The Current*.

Dear Matilda is a relationship advice column featuring *The Current's* own love and relationship "expert" Matilda Philipooses. This advice is by no means professional, and should be followed at the reader's own risk.



Dear Matilda,
My girlfriend and I have recently been having some problems. She left town for a short period of time and in that time I came to the realization that I love her. But I really don't want to spend the rest of my life with her. We've been together now for eight months and I do care for her very much. But at the same time she drives me crazy. I also have a few things that I want to do before I settle down with someone. I've tried talking to her about what I want to do and everything seems to be okay for a couple days. You see, when I attempt to study or get some sort of private time, she finds something that we have to do together. And if I don't do it, I get the "you never pay attention to me" speech.

The other thing that I have a real problem with is the double standard that there seems to be on me. When there is a problem that is her fault, I really try to understand and make her feel better. While in return when I screw up, she lectures me about how awful I am and rides me about it for days on end. At this time, I'm very frustrated and not sure that I want to be involved with her anymore. I'm currently living with her and her parents, and have considered moving out. Should I move out, break up with her or what?

Sincerely, Going Crazy

Dear Going Crazy,
So, life's unfair to you right now. You seem to have quite a number of problems. The first problem would be living space. You need to find your own place

right away. Ask your friends and see if they need roommates or if they want to move out too. Then check out apartments in the paper or the free magazines. As soon as you get a new place, you don't have to worry about upsetting her and her family and being kicked out.

Once you solve your housing problem, deal with her. If you try before you get a new place, she may make your life really miserable and even kick you out into the streets.

Okay, sit her down and tell her how you feel and how her attitude bothers you. Then if the situation gets better, then that's for the good. But if it goes bad, at least you have time away from her. You'll have your own place to think and be by yourself.

If the situation gets worse,



tell her that the relationship isn't something you want to get into and that you feel you need to break up. You can assure her that you will be there for her and even if that means being just friends.

Try to tell her all this in person and not on the telephone, it'll only make matters worse. Afterwards, just be there for her and if she can't understand, move on. There are too many people out there and too many things to do in this world to waste time around people who don't respect others and their feelings. So, it's time for you to move on.

Good luck.
Sincerely, Matilda

Dear Matilda
I don't know if I am going to the right place for help or advice but here it goes. Recently my best friend has been losing himself and his identity because of his girlfriend. He does every little thing she tells him to do.

He breaks dates with me to go out with her on the spur of the moment when we have had plans for awhile.

We used to be best friends and inseparable, but now he is not even himself anymore. He doesn't dress the same as he used to or even act the same.

The saddest part is that we talk about it and he knows he is doing it but doesn't want to change because he is scared if he stands up to her she will dump him. The thing that makes this even harder is that she is my sister and I know how she chews up guys and then spits them out.

I love my sister but she is beautiful, and she knows it and uses it every chance she gets. She has the biggest ego and doesn't give a damn who she hurts as long as she gets what she wants.

I have tried to talk to her and she tells me "you are just jealous because he loves me more than you."

She also claims that she loves him and therefore she isn't

my sister but I hate her actions and reactions to this and it is tearing me apart.

What can I do?
Sincerely, Brotherly hate

Dear Brotherly hate,
I can see your problem. Okay this is what you do. Stay best friends with him and don't let what your sister is trying to do get in front of that friendship.

You really need to sit down and have a long talk with your best friend. Do whatever you need to, but get him to talk to you. You need to tell him how you feel and what your sister has said and done. Then tell him that you can still be friends. He may be your best friend but you can't make him change unless he wants to. So try to tell him but don't force him because he may go to her first.

If he is as miserable and scared to be himself as you say, then he needs to rethink what kind of relationship he wants with your sister. He may even realize that there is no relationship. For a relationship to work, both people need to be themselves and enjoy each other and their habits. The relationship for him is not good and won't work for very long because he is trying to be something that he's not and he's unhappy. And if she is continually bossing him around, then he is nothing more than a toy. He needs to stand up for himself and if she doesn't like it then, he needs to find someone new. There are plenty of girls out in the world and one of them is for him. So, help him understand this.

Talk to your sister again after talking to him. Tell her once more how you feel about her dating your best friend. She may not care or say that you have no say in her life, but remember who's important here - your best friend.

Your best friend may realize that your sister is not right for him and leave, so stand near him. If he doesn't leave her and doesn't spend time with you, then find other friends to hang out with. One day he'll realize what he's missing.

Sincerely, Matilda

Dear Matilda
I recently met this girl who I really like. But there is a catch to this, we met on-line and we only really emailed a few times. We have been spending the last few months talking on the phone, but I don't mean just five minutes every few days I am talking four to five hours a day. And yes there is another slight snag I really like this

girl and she turns me on OVER THE PHONE. We have had phone sex numerous times and as far as I can see we would really be good together. We both know what each other looks like because we have sent pictures to each other.

But I keep on refusing to meet because I am going to be moving in two months and I don't want to get something started if I can't finish it. She is great and maybe even the person I have



been looking for but I don't know what to do.

Sincerely, Cyber Sexy

Dear Cyber Sexy,
You may be afraid to start something that you can't finish, but it's too late. You have talked to her and you do have phone sex, so there is something going on. You really have started something and even if you meet, what could happen? One situation could be that you find that you want to be friends with her or vice versa. Another thing that could happen is that you find she is the one for you. You could even discover that she is someone who isn't right for you at all. So all you can do is meet her in person and find out.

So you're moving in a couple months, you can always do something while you have the chance. Remember that if you don't do something when you have the chance, you may wonder what would have happened for the rest of your life. So take the next two months and get to know her personally.

Sincerely, Matilda

Karl holds success of team in his hands

Editorial by John Kelly

Think about this, it's one year from now, the Sonics are entering the playoffs. They basically have the same team, but wait, who's that running the team, it doesn't look like our George Karl, no you're right it's not him, the Sonics fired him last year.

What's the deal, we have one of the best coaches in the NBA, Karl undoubtedly is up on the same pedestal as Jerry Sloan, Pat Riley and Phil Jackson. So what's going on.

The guy has led this team to an amazing mark the last six seasons.

Has he not.

So what is it that Wally Walker and Barry (penny-pincher) Ackerly want from this guy.

Karl gives the Sonics a chance to win the title every single season that he puts a team on the floor, and that's not a joke.

Oh, well. Maybe it's time to rebuild, get some youth in here, and make a strong run at the title.

But I'm telling you that without our man Karl there to lead this team we won't have a shot at winning, the team will falter and it will be all our management's fault.

What's everyone's beef, sure it's well known that Karl's teams don't fair well in game two's and that our history of taking series all the way down to the final game probably has gotten everyone on edge. Isn't that playoff basketball, excitement, fun the thrill of not knowing what to expect next.

I know what we all can expect, the Sonics to make a valid run at a championship and the team to be led by Coach Karl.

So maybe management knows best and it really is time to change course and bring in a new coach, but you can expect an outpour of emotion from the players and the fans.

This would be on top of the classic Seattle sports team screw ups. This would top the list.

What does Karl's resume look like. He's won three division titles in six seasons, he's led his team to the Western Conference Championships twice, losing once to Phoenix in seven games and beating the Jazz in seven to move into the Finals against the Bulls.

Then again who usually remembers the good stuff.

Surely not Walker.

I mean you're right, this guy did have a 2-0 series lead and then lost to the lolely Denver Nuggets.

But cut him some slack, if you're looking for him to bring you some miraculous victories then you should give him more than a few seasons, it takes time to build a dynasty.

If the Sonics can keep Karl around for a few more seasons and replace some of the veteran players with new young talent then you can expect the team to become another Chicago Bulls.

Sounds Great.

Now the ball gets thrown in managements corner, we get to see what Walker and Ackerly think about bringing home the title.

Gators easily handle Skagit Valley



Spencer Allen at it again

By Ben Levenhagen
sports reporter

Can you say blowout? The Gators pounded out eleven runs last Wednesday to beat Skagit Valley handily 11-1.

You would think by looking at the ten run victory that offense was the key to the win. But there was more to it than just hitting. The Gators had a dominating performance on the mound from

starting pitcher Chris Zorich. He was almost untouchable. He threw seven innings of shutout ball to get the win. Zorich's teammate Scott Fowler talked about the performance from Zorich saying, "Zorich dominated today, he pitched well."

The next key to the stomping of Skagit was defense. The Gators were coming off a rough defensive weekend that

contributed to a couple of losses.

On Wednesday the Gators were nearly flawless in the field. Second baseman Jason Durham made an incredible diving stop in the hole and came up to throw the runner out. Jake Willis made a great running catch in the gap in right center. Even Zorich played good defense off the mound.

Right fielder Willis said, "We played solid defense."

First baseman Todd Dow talked about the importance of their play in the field, "The D finally stepped up, we rebounded defensively from last weekend."

When you score eleven runs obviously you hit the ball. The Gators didn't just hit the ball, they tore the cover off it. After a Durham triple, Willis started the march around the bases in the first. He blasted a two run bomb over the center field wall and the hit parade was on.

In the bottom of the second Fowler went yard for two more runs. Spencer Allen added an RBI single.

In the bottom of the fourth Willis added his second two run homer of the game. Willis, a

lefthanded hitter, went the other way off the top of the wall and over in left center. Willis talked about his power jokingly, "I got no juice, I have to hit my home runs off the top of the wall."

In the fifth Dow added a solo shot for the fourth homer of the game for the Gators.

Willis wasn't done hitting just because the game was at hand in the eighth inning. He hit a moon shot to center, but was robbed by the center fielder. His would have been three home run game was turned into two home runs and an RBI sacrifice fly. He couldn't help but laugh as he rounded second. He saw the center fielder bring his glove back over the wall with the ball in it. Willis said, "It's ok we played an all around good game."

Now that the Gators have found the right formula for victory they hope to use it at the NWAACC Championships in Yakima May 21-25.

If the team can put together both their pitching and their hitting in the tournament they will be a force to contend with.



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GRCC Tennis team ends Cardinals reign

Sophomore Brad Foster leads the Gators with a victory over previously unbeaten Randy Veitch

By Editor John Kelly and Dennis Tellefson

Adding fuel to the fire of a championship team is not usually a wise decision, this thought must have been missed by the Shoreline coach.

"Good luck against Skagit Valley," stated Shoreline Head Tennis Coach Larry Luke "Your going to need it."

This statement ignited the fire that led the GRCC mens tennis team to a 5-4 victory over Skagit Valley at the Cardinal's nest in Mount Vernon. The statement was the spark that got the team on track and motivated the men to overcome the impossible and end the Cardinals reign.

The statement made by Luke had an effect on sophomore Brad Foster. Foster wrote the statement down on paper and hung it above his ceiling.

"I wrote it down so I could see it," stated Foster "I look at it everyday."

Foster played a huge role in the victory against the Cardinals, Foster knocked off Randy Veitch in three sets 4-6, 7-5, 6-1. Veitch

had been undefeated for the previous two seasons. Dan Cruz and Charles Brezina also added to the team effort winning their respective matches. The Gators also got the best of the Cardinals on the doubles court. Once again it was Foster, Cruz, and Brezina leading the charge with a little help from Kris Kattula as they took two of the three doubles matches.

The GRCC Mens Tennis Team is now 12-3 overall and tied for first in the Western Conference, while the women are 10-5 overall with a conference record of 4-2.

One would begin to think that the pressure of GRCC Tennis Team tradition would start to get to these fellas. GRCC Tennis has won the Men's and Women's State championship six years in a row, captured twenty six titles out of thirty eight tries and owns eighty one percent of the banners hanging from the rafters in the gymnasium.

Leading this group of talented athletes is head coach Steve Saurer. Saurer has been the

head coach of the mens tennis team since 1970, and the coach of the womens team since 1979. He took over the womens team with the intention of only coaching the girls for one season until they found a replacement, but Saurer realized that women are just as competitive as his guys, so he has continued to coach them with great success.

"I wasn't sure that women would be as competitive," stated Saurer. "Girls are just as fierce."

Saurer has had great success as both the women and mens coach. He is the NWAACC most winningest coach in it's history. He has led the women to a 319-47 record since '79 and led the men to a 472-77 mark since '70. Saurer has a combined 791-124 record with a 86.4 winning percentage.

With all the success that the coach has had throughout the years, it's the experience of both himself and his teams that has led them to their most success.

"I know how to prepare a team," commented Saurer on his success in tournament play "I know how to win the tournament."

The biggest success that the team possesses is it's players. That on any given day the number five and six guys can beat the top two players.

The real test will come in the NWAACC Conference Tournament on May 14-16 when the Gators mens and womens teams look to show poise and step onto the court and bring home another title.



Championship Tennis banners majestically hang majestically in the gym



GRCC's 1998 Women's Tennis team

"Each team has four players that have won the championship before," said Saurer.

The state title will be a chance for some to continue dominance around the state and bring home another title, and the chance for many players to continue tradition and etch their names in the history books.

"We don't have as strong as a team this year so winning would be so much more exciting," commented Foster.

It will be an uphill battle for the women to bring home the title since the lack of turnout for the team has hampered them this season. The team only had five girls turnout at the beginning of the season. The mark of 10-5 that the women boasts has been the worst of any of his previous teams.

But Saurer made the point that he has taken teams that weren't that great and has come away with the title, and he has brought the best team in state to the tournament and has come

away empty handed.

"Head-to-head whatever team has the best three day tournament will win," stated Saurer.

As such an experienced coach with such experienced teams Saurer has a philosophy that his teams live by.

"First and foremost it has to be fun, but it's more fun to win, but in order to win you have to have fun."

The teams have had recent success that shows that they are indeed ready to do battle with the teams at the State Tournament. If the teams are capable of showing the grit and determination that led them to the victory over Skagit Valley then the GRCC students should be prepared to take home some more trophies that the tennis team brings home.

"I think we'll win," Foster stated speaking of the State Tournament "We are peaking at the right time."

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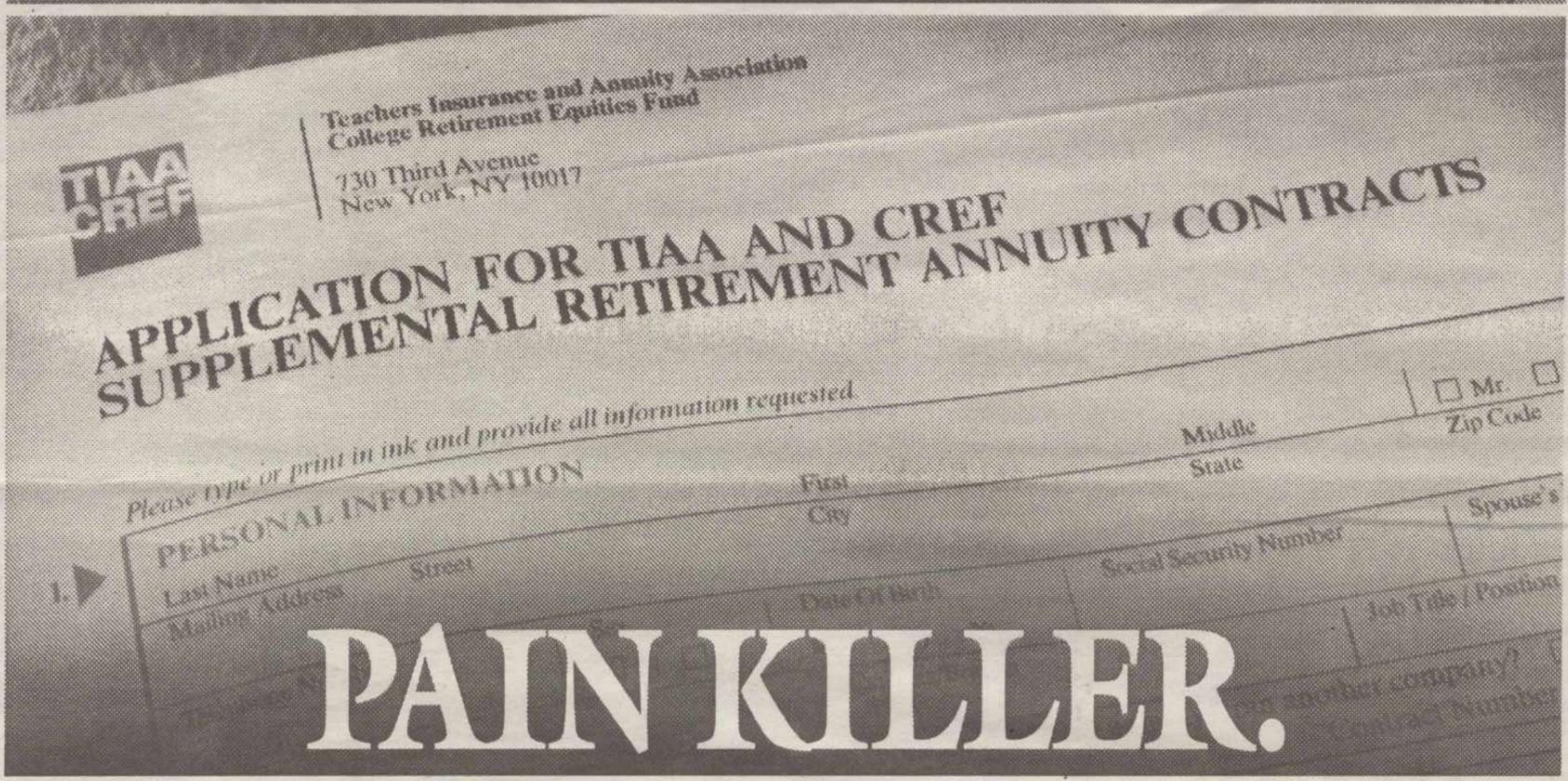
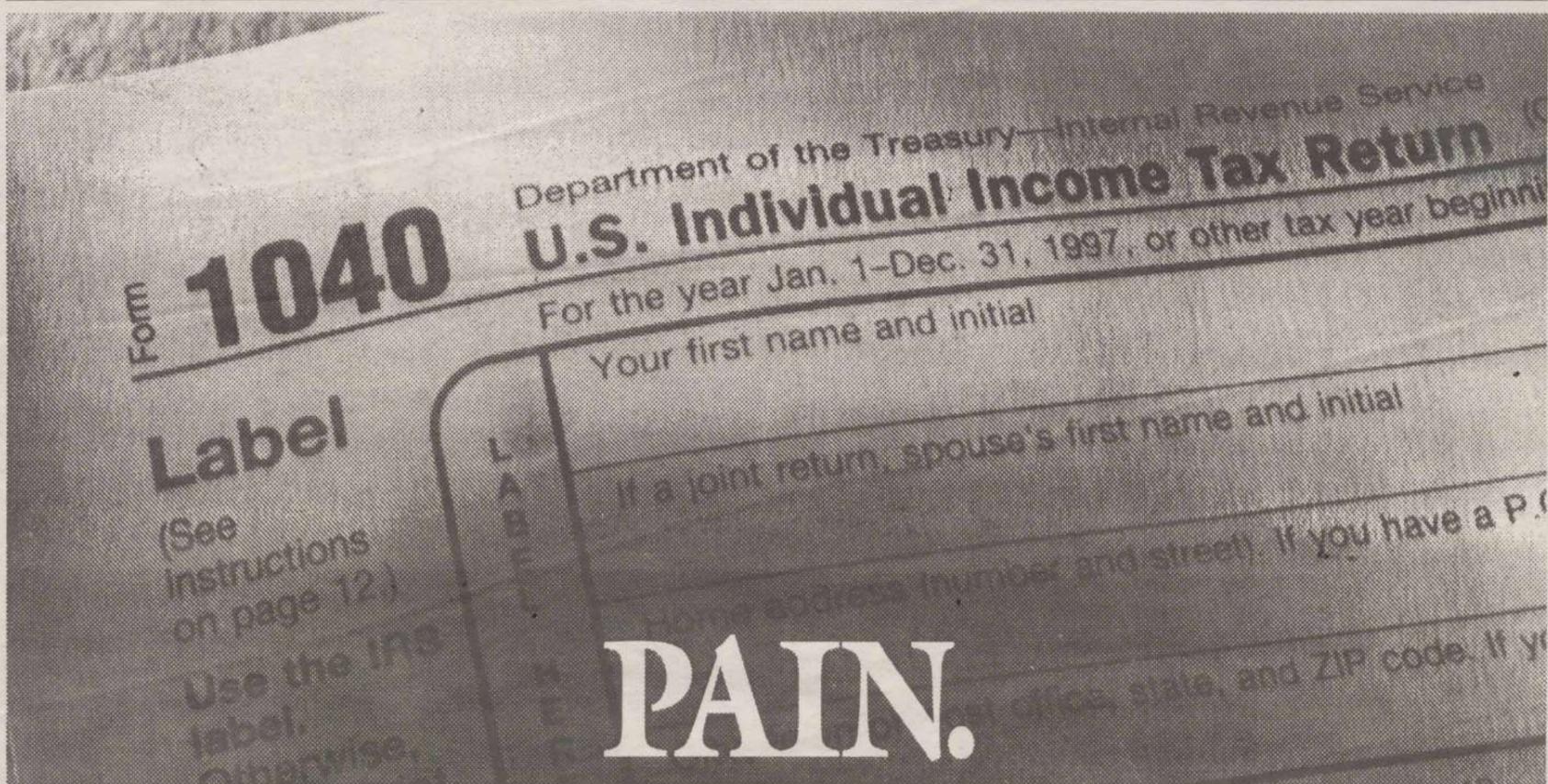
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