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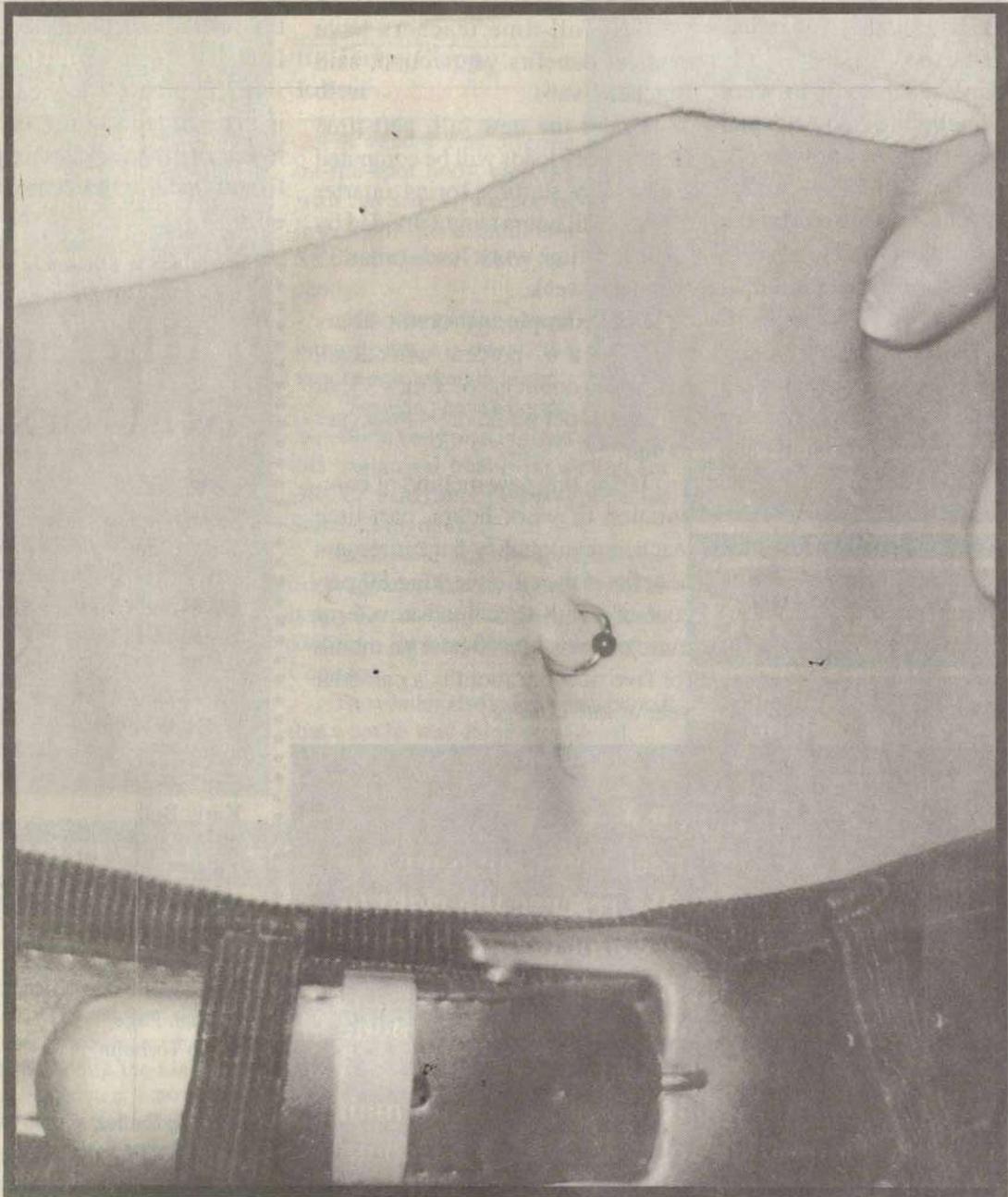
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Part-time teachers receive benefits

By Terry Clapp
Editor

Since spring quarter 1996, more part-time teachers at Green River Community College are qualifying for medical benefits, and soon more part-timers may qualify for retirement benefits, too.

Part-time teachers who were previously ineligible for health and retirement benefits may now be eligible because of SB6583 — a \$2.7 million bill that was passed by the state Legislature in March.

Statewide, about 650 additional part-time faculty qualify for medical benefits, and another 200 qualify for retirement coverage, according to Larry Lael, personnel director for the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges.

There are over 264 part-time teachers at GRCC, and 114 full-time teachers, according to Diane Butcher-Evans, president of Washington Part-time Faculty (WAPFAC).

The average pay at GRCC is

\$17,000 per year for part-time teachers and \$41,000 for full time teachers. Only 16 percent of part-time teachers have medical benefits, and most of them must pay their own premiums during the months of July and August at \$400 per month.

All full-time teachers have medical benefits year round, said Butcher-Evans.

Under the new bill, part-time faculty work loads will be computed a new way starting spring quarter 1996: credit hours taught divided by 15 (a full-time work load) times 35 hours per week.

For example, 10 credit hours would be a 67-percent work load, but would count as .67 times 35, or 23.5 hours per week, or 94 hours per month.

Using this new method of computation of work hours, part-time teachers can qualify for retirement benefits if they are working 80 percent of a full-time load at one or more colleges, or 70 hours a month for five or more months a calendar year at one college.

Another proposal was made in September 1996 — one that will be voted on when the Legislature resumes early next January — to lower the part-time faculty workload requirements from 80 percent to 50 percent for eligibility for the retirement plan, according to Lael.

This proposal to the Legislature includes a request for \$1.8 million to fund a 10-year plan for part-time faculty salary and retirement benefits.

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CURRENT EVENTS...

Students' blood helps others

By John Carlile
Staff Reporter

Health Service's Julie French wants to thank the students, staff and faculty who took time out of their day to donate blood.

There were 80 donors, and 27 of those also registered for the National Marrow Donor Registry.

French said she has received a letter from the Puget Sound Blood Center. The letter stated that approximately 195 patients will benefit from the blood donated at GRCC. The letter also thanked all who participated.

The next Blood Drive will be Feb. 11. Can we set a new record?

"They (The Puget Sound Blood Center) will supply her with more staff so we can exceed our last blood drive," French said.

Any questions on the blood drive, call Julie French at ext. 2430.

Body piercer gets the boot!!!

By Terry Clapp
Editor

A vendor was offering on-the-spot body piercing with the sale of a piece of jewelry in the Lindbloom Student Center lobby recently.

After completing a navel piercing for a student, the vendor was asked to leave.

"He didn't have a license to perform body piercing, and this violates a health regulation for GRCC," said Bruce Compton, dean for Student Programs.

Upon being asked to leave, the vendor responded that students will not be happy because he was providing a service for a lot less money, according to Compton.

The vendor also said he understood that what he was doing was illegal.

"He was real nice about it," said Compton.



Computers for Academic Transfer

By Erica Torheim
Staff Reporter

A new computer service is now available for students. The Academic Transfer Computer system has been placed in the Student Computer Station in the Lindbloom Student Center. The system was set up to capitalize on the current technology and offer students unencumbered access to information.

The system is a great way for students to get accurate information. The system allows students to look up academic and

career information.

The system also provides students an opportunity to access the Internet. This would allow students to look for college transfer information. Students would also be able to look at different colleges' home pages. Students could even apply to a college over the Internet. The system also offers students a chance to browse the Web.

If students have problems with working the new system, staff are available to help guide the students through the system.

Doctor Who ?

KGRG presents the 2nd Annual Doctor Who Celebration with Kelli Morgan.

The only Washington celebration of "the longest running science fiction show in TV history" will be on Saturday, Nov. 23, from 6 a.m. to 9 a.m.

Morgan will be playing from audio quotes, talking about her meeting with Anneke Wills (who played Polly on the show), and will be presenting facts about the show and a trivia contest with prizes from her own Doctor Who collection.

So, if you're a fan of the Doctor and his many companions, or know somebody who is, then tune into KGRG 89.9, 89.3 or 104.9 KMIH.

This season, stick yourself with a flu shot

By John Carlile
Staff Reporter

Even though Nov. 5 is an advising day -- a day off for students -- flu shots will be available Nov. 4 and 5 here at Green River Community College.

Shots will be administered by nurses from Olsten Kimberly Quality Care of Auburn. The shots will be given from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. both days.

The shots cost \$10. They will be given in the Baker Room, which is on the first floor of the Lindbloom Student Center.

Flu vaccinations do not cause the flu, according to Olsten Kimberly Quality Care.

"There have already been several students who have come into Health Services with the flu," said Julie French.

The symptoms of the flu include fever, chills, headaches, coughs and muscle aches and may last from several days to a week or more.

"The best thing to do if you have the flu is to stay home and take care of yourself," said French. "Get plenty of rest and drink plenty of liquids."

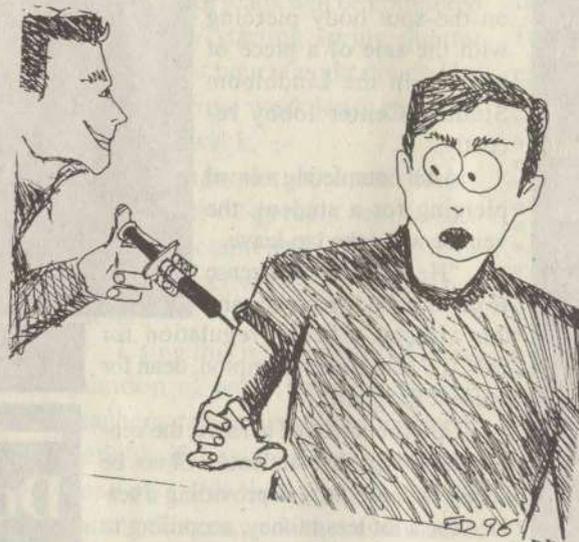
"The flu season is expected to peak about mid-December," she added.

Many people do not think about the seriousness of the flu, but there are between 25 and 50 million Americans who contract the disease each year. Out of these people there are approximately 20,000 who die from influenza-related complications.

Even with these statistics, people are unaware that prescription antiviral medications exist.

"People need to see their doctor as

soon as the flu symptoms appear -- preferably within 48 hours -- for proper treatment," said Steven R. Mostow, M.D., chairman of the department of medicine at Rose Medical Center in Denver and professor of medicine at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center. "When taken within the first 48 hours of flu onset, antiviral medications



are highly effective."

The flu is a highly contagious infection caused by a virus. Many people who have had the flu compare its debilitating effects to "being hit by a truck."

Without treatment, influenza can last for an average of seven days with more than two days of work lost by adult sufferers, a recent Roper Starch survey found.

Olsten Kimberly Quality Care said there is a group of people who are at high risk of getting the flu:

- * The elderly (65 years old and older)
- * People of any age with chronic conditions such as diabetes,

heart disease, lung or kidney disease, severe anemia or lowered resistance to infection from illness or medication.

Others who should be immunized:

* Nursing personnel who provide patient care and care to family members at home

* Anyone who wishes to reduce the chance of catching the flu.

Vaccinations should not be given to:

- * Pregnant women
- * People allergic to eggs, chicken or chicken products, or chicken feathers
- * People with a fever or respiratory infection (such as colds, flu, asthma or bronchitis)
- * People with any active infection
- * People who have had seizures (convulsions) in the past from fever
- * People who have had Guillain Barre Syndrome.

Side effects of the flu vaccine are generally minimal and occur infrequently. Most commonly the reactions are a sore

arm at the injection site and possibly fever, chills, headaches or muscle aches. These effects usually last one or two days, said Olsten Kimberly Quality Care.

Also there is a possibility (as with any vaccine or medication) that an allergic or other serious reaction may occur. This is why you should not get the vaccine if you are allergic to chicken products.

If you are not able to get the vaccination at this time you can call 296-4949 for information on another time and location.

News from Northwest colleges

**Compiled by: Amanda Kleinert
Ad Manager and Reporter**

From Walla Walla Community College's paper, The Sentinel, by Jason Hamlin.

In June, Walla Walla Community Colleges' head baseball coach Ken Johnson will be recognized for his induction into the Washington State Baseball Hall of Fame. The recognition will take place at the All-Star Tournament held annually in Wenatchee.

The award is given to coaches at the high school or college level who have contributed to the prosperity of baseball in the state of Washington.

Johnson began his baseball career in 1968 when he was drafted out of high school by the New York Yankees.

At age 23 he moved to California, where he became assistant coach for Cuesta Community College. After four years at Cuesta, he received his first head-coaching assignment at Cuyama High School in tiny Cuyama, Calif.

In 1980, Johnson and his family moved to Yakima where he taught and coached baseball for 10 years at Eisenhower High School. After many successful seasons in the head coaching position at the high-school level, Johnson accepted the head coaching position at WWCC.

Since Johnson's first season coaching at WWCC in 1990, winning has remained a tradition for his teams. The WWCC Warriors posted a 28-14 record his first year and placed second at the NWAACC championships.

In 1992 the team won 33 games en route to another Eastern Region title. They again reached the NWAACC title game in 1994 before finishing second. In the seven sea-

sons that Johnson has spent at WWCC, the Warriors have a combined record of 189-96; they have won the Eastern Region five times and the team has reached the state playoffs six of seven times.

From North Idaho College's paper, The Sentinel, by Kenneth L. Harrison.

At North Idaho College's Children's Center, the waiting list is two years long. Only 30 children ages 3-5 years can attend the center at one time.

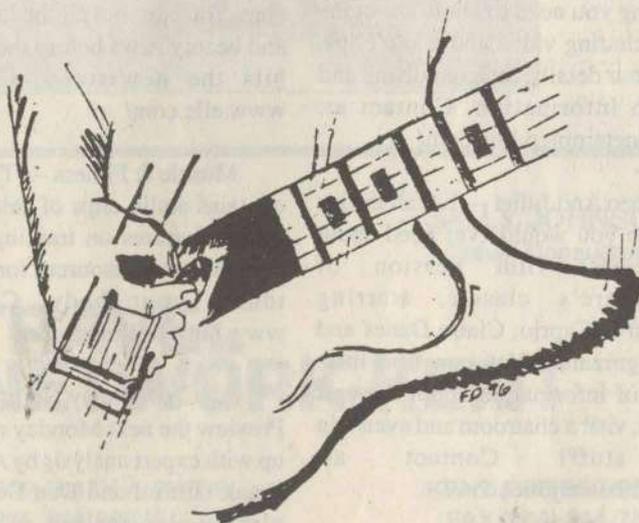
Karen Johnson has had her daughter in the center for three semesters.

"It's wonderful," she said. "I wouldn't want my daughter anywhere else."

The Children's Center is used to train students in various classes. Students practice behavioral guidance and implement curriculum. An average of 150 students use the center as an observational learning tool and as a setting for practical experiences each semester.

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Go anywhere with a click of a mouse

By Patrick Scholes
Staff Reporter

Everyday the Internet is mobbed with more and more Web sites, covering everything from sports to the X-Files TV program to a Web site about cheeses (I'm not joking).

The Internet has all but eliminated the need to leave your home. You can pay your bills, buy a car and even play a game of chess against an opponent in Australia.

Here are a few of Netscape's newest sites:

Anatomy Of A Murder: A Trip Through the Nation's Legal System — allows you to follow a murder case from the opening statements to the final verdict. A must-see for any aspiring Perry Masons out there or those of us who want to relive the O. J. Simpson trial. Contact at: //tqd.advanced.org/2760/homep.htm

Stone Temple Pilots — contains everything you need to know about the band, including video and audio clips, photos, tour details, merchandising and fan club information. Contact at: www.stonetemplepilots.com/

Romeo And Juliet — has all the information you would ever need about the newest film version of Shakespeare's classic, starring Leonardo DiCaprio, Claire Danes and John Leguizamo. You can find little nuggets of information about the cast and crew, visit a chatroom and even win free stuff! Contact at: www.romeoandjuliet.com/

Tribe Magazine — This new Web site covers the culture, ideas and many

styles of New Orleans, including reviews of local music and films and celebrity interviews. Contact at: www.tribemagazine.com/

Today's Bride — This is the Web site for anyone planning a wedding. You can find information about local bridal fairs and events, get tips from a bridal consultant, visit a chat room and even register your wedding online. Contact at: www.todaysbride.com/

Elle International — No, this isn't a Web site devoted to Elle MacPherson. It's the official Web site of Elle Magazine. You can find all the latest fashion and beauty news before the latest issue hits the newsstand. Contact at: www.elle.com/

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ABC's Monday Night Football — Preview the next Monday night matchup with expert analysis by Al Michaels, Frank Gifford and Dan Deirdorf, hear play-by-play analysis of last week's game and chat with other fans online. Contact at: www.abcmnf.com/net30/

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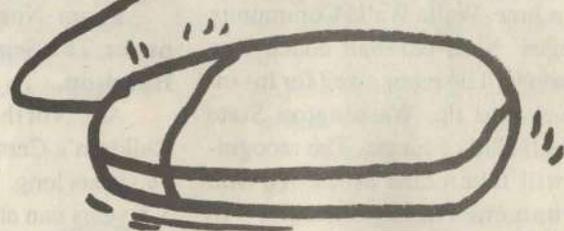
News Fuse — A link to the world of publishing, art and theater. New issue updated every Friday. New features updated monthly. Contact at: www.hbo.com/NewsFuse

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Go to Arizona as a journalist . . .

Watch the Mariners' games, site-see and earn credits

By **Stephanie Jacobson**
Editor

"My oh my" the Mariners spring training journalism trip to Peoria, Ariz., is now available for students.

According to Sally Johnson, a Green River Community College student and travel agent from Travel Network, the trip is a 3-credit course that includes round trip airfare from Sea-Tac Airport, six nights at the Windmill Inn at Sun City West, four Seattle Mariner game tickets, and transportation to all site-seeing events. There are group trips which include rides on the Pink Jeeps, a popular site-seeing event in Arizona. The price also includes a welcome breakfast and farewell dinner banquet, souvenir baseball hat, a special Grayline city tour and special day event and a barbecue.

The events of this year's trip are still on the table; last year the trip included of tours of major newspapers such as The Arizona Republic. Also the group toured Taliesin (a house designed by architect Frank Lloyd Wright), On Top of the Rock (a tourist restaurant) and Pinnacle Peak.

"It was really fun," Brad Jacobson, a student on last year's trip, said. "I never had an interest in journalism until my sister tricked me into going."

"It was a valuable learning experience that ended up being fun-filled," he added.

It was apparently so fun that Jacobson plans on joining this year's

trip.

This is how it works: first you pay a \$150 deposit to Travel Network by Nov. 15. Then, during spring quarter registration you must sign up for the class. Feb. 10, is the last day to pay the balance. The trip costs \$680 when four people share a room.

"Because of how the suite is

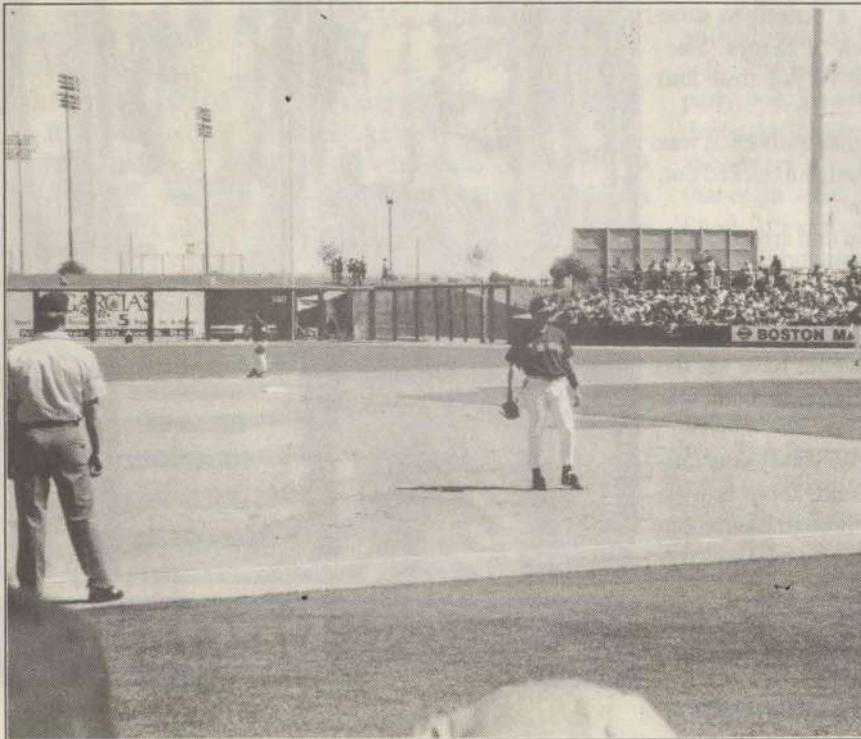
set up it is ideal for a room of four," said Johnson.

The price of the trip goes up \$40 after Nov. 15.

The group of GRCC students will be accompanied by a group of senior citizens from the Kent Senior Center.

"It was very positive for the seniors to travel with the students because of the energy and professionalism they showed when learning about news writing, and broadcasting," said Johnson.

"The total number of people going this year had risen quite dramatically from last year," said Johnson. "We do not have a final count yet because people are still signing up, but there are 97 slots, 59 are filled, and the 15 GRCC student spots are still available."



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KGRG's jailed jockey

By Fred Dimaano
Photo and Graphics Editor

Matt Warren, a 19-year-old Green River Community College student, was arrested Friday, 18 Oct., at 9 a.m. The Kent Police Department arrested him while he was performing on KGRG, the campus radio station.

The arrest was a benefit to raise money for the March of Dimes. Warren served one hour of jail time and raised \$170.

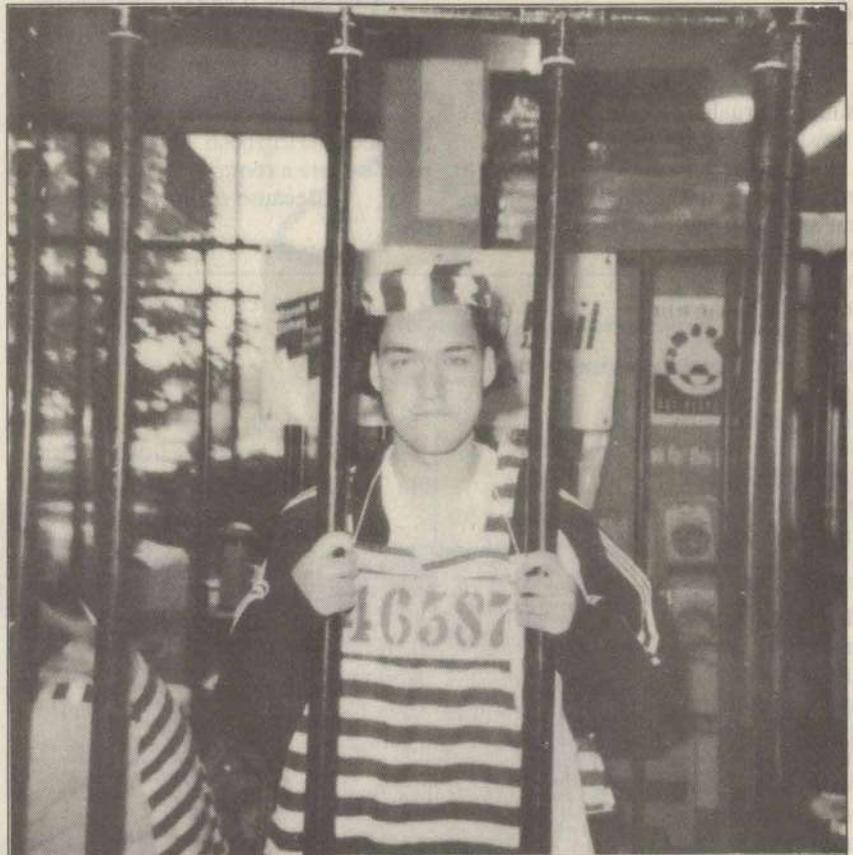
Originally, another individual was supposed to be arrested, but backed out, so Warren stepped in.

"If you want you can arrest me instead," Warren said. "It would fit my character a little more better."

Warren was supposed to be a celebrity judge, who would have set the bail amount for the individual that was arrested.

"It was funny, everybody was staring at me," Warren said, about how he felt when he walked through Lindbloom Student Center handcuffed. "I was trying to play it off."

March of Dimes is an organization that does research on preventing birth defects.



Busted

Gator's sports schedule

By Karly Bell
Staff Reporter

Women's Soccer Season

Wed., Nov. 6 — Gators vs. Tacoma in Tacoma, 3 p.m.

Sat., Nov. 9 — Gators vs. Edmonds at home, 1 p.m.

Mon., Nov. 11 — Gators vs. Spokane at Spokane, 1 p.m.

Wed., Nov. 13 — Gators vs. Skagit County at home, 3 p.m.

Volleyball

Mon., Nov. 4 — Gators vs. Grays Harbor in Aberdeen, 7 p.m.

Wed., Nov. 6 — Gators vs. Pierce in Tacoma, 7 p.m.

Fri., Nov. 8 — Gators vs. Clark at home, 7 p.m.

Wed., Nov. 13 — Gators vs. Tacoma at home, 7 p.m.

Men's Soccer

Wed., Nov. 6 — Gators vs. Tacoma at home, 3 p.m.

Sat., Nov. 9 — Gators vs. Highline in Des Moines, 1 p.m.

Wed., Nov. 13 — Gators vs. Pierce at home, 3 p.m.

Ghosts of Halloween past



By Erica Torheim
Staff Reporter

Another Halloween has passed. The time to drag out those funky costumes and pile on hideous makeup is over. This year Green River Community College celebrated Halloween with a costume dance. That was this year, what about the years before? Let's take a look into the past and see.....

The Current Oct. 31, 1968

Pumpkins get knifed-

The first GRCC great pumpkin "carve in" took place in the commons. The event was put on by the Young Republicans Club. Carving artists walked away with many awards. Some of the more interesting awards included the best technique award, most original award, scariest pumpkin award, most scholarly look award and the need-

most-practice-award. All the pumpkins were donated to the Children's Orthopedic Hospital and Rainier State School.

The Current Oct. 26, 1983

Slaughter Town House-

Spirits were high, and the ghouls were out on Halloween night. GRCC's Heavier than Air players sponsored the Slaughter Town Haunted House at the Neely Mansion. The Slaughter Town Haunted House was open for three nights.

The Current Oct. 31, 1986

Auburn Students Haunt the Neely Mansion-

Auburn High School's Drama Club put on a haunted house at the old Neely Mansion near Highway 18. Some of the highlights included the "human stew"; a murdering couple and an insane gorilla.

The Current Oct. 19, 1990

Let the games begin-

On Halloween night, students packed into the Lewis and Clark Theater. The midnight show and costume party was presented by KGRG. Students participated in costume contests and won prizes. The four movies shown that night were "Rocky Horror Picture Show," "Pet Cemetery," "Night Breed" and "Nightmare on Elm Street."

The Current Oct. 26, 1995

Halloween fun-

The first-ever GRCC costume ball was held in the Lindbloom Student Center. The festivities lasted from 9 p.m. until midnight. Students and non-students alike were welcomed, as long as they wore costumes. (After all, it was a costume ball.) The fun included a professional disk jockey, lasers and a fog machine. Admission was one canned food item. All the food collected was donated to a local food bank.

Halloween Harvest Luncheon a hit

By Tim Medan
Staff Reporter

Last Thursday, the Classified Staff Training and Development Committee held a Harvest Luncheon and Food Drive from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Glacier Room of the Lindbloom Student Center.

The cost of this event was \$4, or \$3 if a donation of two cans of food was made at the door. The CSTDC also donated \$2 per person to the Auburn Food Bank.

The luncheon provided a social opportunity for students and teachers to get better acquainted with one another, and they seemed to have a good time.

There were many different and unique costumes and pumpkins. Prizes were given for best costume and for best jack-o-lantern.

The Auburn Food Bank was thankful for the donation of food, and the CSTDC were thankful for the good attendance of students and teachers at the event.

Going up in smoke at GRCC

By Neal Callsen
Staff Reporter

Despite the health risks, about one-third of Green River Community College students smoke. An unscientific poll of one college class found that five of the 16 students smoke. A quick trip around campus shows that lots of students smoke and leave their butts behind.

Not only do they smoke, but they smoke in non-designated areas. This is especially a problem with foreign students.

Recently a memo was sent to GRCC faculty regarding International English as a Second Language students (IESL) smoking in non-designated areas.

In response, Ross Jennings, IESL coordinator, replied: "We will distribute a map of designated smoking areas to all of our IESL students, and let them know where they can smoke. As you probably guess, most of our students come from countries where smoking is endemic and pretty much unregulated -- kind of like the U.S. 20 years ago.

"Give us a couple of days to get the word out. If there is still a problem let me know when and where international student smokers congregate, and I'll come talk to them myself."

Not every smoker wants to quit.

"I consider quitting smoking every time I run out of cigarettes," said PJ Bowen.

Here are some facts and tips for quitting:

Smoking is an addiction, tobacco

smoke contains nicotine, a drug that is addictive and can make it very hard, but not impossible to quit, says The National Institute of Health.

Smoking causes more than 400,000 deaths in the United States alone each year from smoking-related illnesses.



Smoking greatly increases your risk of lung cancer and many other cancers, says The National Cancer Institute.

When you smoke you are not just hurting yourself, you're also hurting others: family members, co-workers and others who will breathe the cigarette smoke, called second-hand smoke.

The U.S. Department of Health Services says among infants to 18 months of age, second-hand smoke is associated with as many as 300,000 cases of bronchitis and asthma every year.

The U.S. Department of Health Services also says second-hand smoke from parents' cigarettes increases a child's chances for middle-ear prob-

lems, coughs and wheezing. It also worsens asthma conditions.

If both parents smoke, a teenager is more than twice as likely to smoke than a young person whose parents are both non-smokers. In households where only one parent smokes, young people are more likely to start smoking, says The National Institute of Health.

Pregnant women who smoke are more likely to deliver babies whose weights are too low for good health. If all women quit smoking during pregnancy, approximately 4,000 new babies wouldn't die each year.

There are some local stop smoking clinics. Bellevue's Overlake Hospital Medical Center has a program called "Freedom from Smoking." Contact Community Education at (206) 668-5259. The price is \$65.

In Puyallup, Good Samaritan Hospital has "Breath Free." Contact Shirley at (206) 848-5548. The price is

\$60.

In Federal Way, St. Francis Hospital has "Clean the Air." Contact the Community Involvement Department at (206) 939-9622. The price is \$75, or \$125 for couples.

In Seattle, Northwest Hospital has "Fresh Start." Contact Northwest Hospital at (206) 368-1621. The price is \$25.

In Olympia, St. Peters Hospital has "Cure to Quit." Contact a nurse at (360) 493-9111. The price is \$50. (Ask for a low-income discount.)

There is no program available on campus. Fliers are available at Health Services.

Slug slimes its way to Childcare

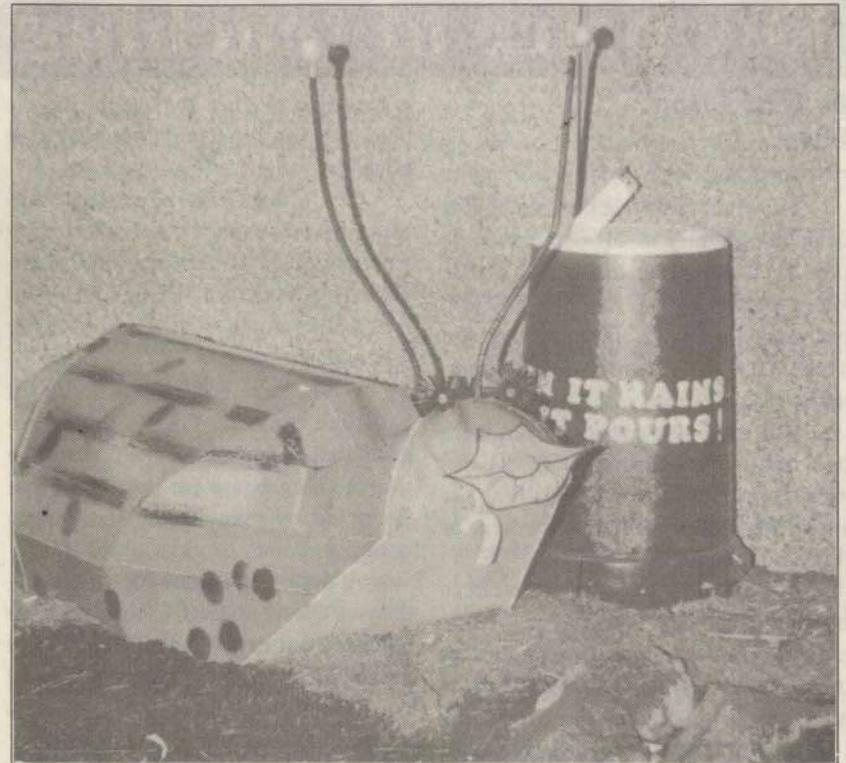
By Fred Dimaano
Photo and Graphics Editor

The 6-foot slug that lay in front of the Trades/Industry building at Green River Community College for several weeks has been donated to the Childcare Center.

"Our teacher spoke with one of the people at Childcare Center and she came over and looked at it," said Jay Archuleta, one of the slug builders, "and thought it would be nice for the kids to play on it."

"They absolutely love it," said Lynlee Torklep, childcare staff member, describing the children's feelings about the slug. The children are in the process of choosing a name for the slug.

Lori Northon, a GRCC student, saw the flyer for the Slug Festival (that was held several months ago), decided with the teacher's approval to design



and build a huge slug for the festival.

Putting in a total of 20 hours, four people worked on the project. The sheet-metal slug won the longest and best sculpture awards at the festival.

After their experience constructing the slug, Northon and Archuleta don't have plans to build another.

"It's a lot of extra work to go into it and it was real intensive," Northon said. "(But) there's always the possibility of something else coming up."

Lori Northon is taking welding classes to further her fine arts studies. Jay Archuleta has been a welder for 20 years.

A bumper
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around GRCC
campus reads,
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me go to college,
but they can't
make me think."

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The price of teaching part-time

By Terry Clapp
Editor

Most part-time teachers are paid at or below poverty level — the average pay for a part-time teacher at Green River Community College is \$17,000 per year. This is \$2,300 more than the average pay for part-time teachers statewide.

Not only are part-time teachers paid minimally (full-time teachers' average salary at GRCC is \$41,000 per year), most do not receive medical or retirement benefits, either.

Even when part-time teachers travel to more than one college — they are called freeway fliers — in an attempt to add hours to their work loads, benefits are hard to obtain. For every \$1 a full-time teacher is paid, that teacher receives \$.28 in benefits. For every \$1

a part-time teacher (who qualifies) is paid, that teacher receives only \$.10 in benefits.

GRCC does treat its' part-time faculty better than many other community colleges, however. For example, teachers here get one hour of sick leave per credit hour taught — few schools offer this to part-timers.

While there is no job security for part-time teachers, GRCC has a program called "part-time file" — a type of grievance board for part-timer that is envied by many other community colleges.

A 4-step program for salary increases exists at GRCC for part-time teachers, but experience is usually not taken into account. The majority of part-timers are in level one, and levels 2 through 4 essentially do not exist.

Treatment of part-time faculty var-

ies greatly from school to school, and there are no statewide regulations in place — no job security — for part-timers.

Next January, it would be in students' best interests to let legislature know how important it is that the playing field needs to be leveled for part-time teachers.

Almost three-quarters — 70 percent — of the teachers at GRCC are part-time teachers, and they teach about half the courses offered here. Next quarter, every other class will be taught by a part-time teacher.

Because part-time teachers have so much influence on the quality of our education at GRCC, it seems that they should be financially acknowledged and supported.

Speeding Tickets. . . Who really pays for it ?

By Stephanie Jacobson
Editor

Security at Green River Community College is in limbo at the current time. Argus Security, whose contract ended at the end of October, and Pierce County Security have filed formal complaints according to John Ramsey, Director of Public Information at GRCC.

"I do not know why the two companies filed complaints, said Ramsey. "We are still collecting information and will be meeting on Nov. 8."

According to an article in The Valley Daily News written by Linda Woo, the security companies filed the complaints because Gene Crawford, a former employee of Argus, submitted a bid for his own company that he was to start if he won the bid on Nov. 1.

Crawford was director of Argus Security on campus earlier this year and had been re-

leased for reasons that are not clear. The problem is the security companies that are complaining say Crawford violated trade secrets and did not have a security license at the time of the bid.

"The contract for security has not been awarded yet," said Ramsey.

If this is so then why or how can complaints be filed? Why would a company complain about a decision that apparently hasn't been made yet?

Ramsey said Crawford's company was selected for the recommendation for the award but that the selection was reconsidered due to the fact that his company lacked a license at the appropriate time, according to The Valley Daily News.

A security company can not be a security company unless it is established with a license.

Now the problem is this: Was the selection process valid, and now if the bids

are resubmitted can the process ensure a level playing field?

The safety of the school's students should be a priority, and I do not think this is being made one at this time. While the decision is being made, Argus was given an extension on its contract.

What is going to happen if there are still problems and the extension runs out. I have a night class and I for one do not want to have to be on campus at night without the comfort of security being present.

This is not the only problem with security.

Let me set the scene. You're sharing a car with your sister. She doesn't always make it home on time for you to go to school. So, you have to hitch a ride with your mom. Mom drives you to school, lets you out, and you go inside a building to go to class. Your mom leaves the school and a

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Speeding tickets...

security guard sees her and decides she is driving too fast. The unknown ex-security guard doesn't stop her and tell her she is speeding, gives her a ticket.

He just writes down her license plate number, writes up a citation and puts it in a file or box somewhere in the security building. The mom is not notified. In fact, she doesn't find out about the ticket until months later when her daughter calls her and asks her if she knows anything about the ticket that is preventing her from getting her degree.

Is it just me, or am I missing something here? This is what happened to Jody Hill, wife of a former Current staffer. Months after her mom was written up for a speeding ticket, Hill was notified by mail from GRCC that she would not receive her AA degree until the ticket was paid.

Hill was quite surprised to find this letter; she had no idea what was going on.

First of all, Hill's mom should have been stopped when the incident took place. If that was too difficult of a task, she should

have been notified right away.

Let's say this scenario happened to another student who needed their AA for a job. They had to have proof of their degree (like the actual document) to get hired for this job that they counted on financially.

What is up with the security system we have at Green River?

I wonder if I have any tickets I should know about? You should wonder if there are any tickets you have that you do not know about. How legit or organized is campus security at GRCC?

Campus Security is an important part of campus. Students have to trust upon them. If students can't count on them for simple paper work, how can they trust them with things like the safety of their car, or their person?

If this was a one-time thing, then I could understand and there probably would be no problem. But this happened to Jody and her mom two times.

I think it would not be ethical to hinder someone else for a problem that isn't theirs. Jody did not tell her mom to speed. Jody did not ask her mom to speed. Jody was not even in the car when the alleged speed-

ing was taking place. So, why is it her AA that is being held up? This seems like a crock to me. Jody's mom should have been stopped. If not stopped, then notified.

All in all, Jody should never have been punished for something another person does. Her AA should not be held due to her mom allegedly speeding.

A simple solution to the problem would be to stop a person who is speeding, and give them the ticket directly. Or maybe write down the license plate number and make a phone call to confirm who was driving.

Maybe that is being a little unreasonable, but I think it makes a lot more sense than the before said result.

I agree that a change in security needs to be made. It needs to be made immediately and efficiently. Students pay to attend GRCC and have the right to feel safe and secure. The job of administration is to see that this is done.

Find a legit security company, be it Argus or Green River Protective Services or another company, get procedures established and do the job a security company is supposed to do: Protect and secure.

HOROSCOPE . . .

Warning: these horoscopes were not written by a professional.

Aries (March 21-April 19) Involving an authority figure in a heated, detailed discussion will most likely be to your disadvantage. Watch for a new romantic acquaintance, especially in the smoke-shack area. Beware of repetition. Beware of repetition.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) Within the next week, a situation involving a tree could end satisfactorily. Persons living far away are thinking of you; does your nose itch? Loaning acquaintances money could be a mistake.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) Be on your best behavior at work: a promotion could be the result. Watch out-your evil twin may decide to tangle family affairs. Where romance is concerned, be picky about your future partners.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) Choose your writing utensils carefully. Remember to do something you forgot to do last time, and a family member will thank you.

People around you secretly admire you.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) Try to curb your "ruler of the pack" mentality for a couple days, or it could get you in trouble. You will be questioned on current events, so catch up on the news. Take a much needed break-go on a nature walk.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Decisions concerning romance must be made, but make them wisely. You discover forgotten money in a very unusual place. Spend it frivolously on someone special.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Keep one eye on the calendar, an important date is coming. An overdose of sugar could be unhealthy. Your untamed personality is tapped in the workplace.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Relationship with mate looks good for the long run. Expect flowers in the near future. If the right moves are made, you could be successful in your dream career. Money is not a problem, but spend it wisely.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Authority figures figure prominently in your future. It's up to you how things work out. In the

meantime, indulge in frozen treats. Where romance concerns, play the field.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Beware of a jilted friend. Mechanical problems loom large in your future. Time spent on these are well worth your trouble in the long run.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Material possessions are unimportant at this time. Strive to get your finances in order first, then invest in large items. Romantic encounters grow frequent. Someone you love misses you.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) Don't make any decisions that affect your life permanently in an unstable state of mind. Think rationally. Friends will come through, encourage them but don't nag.

Watch educational television shows.

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The Kagneys are looking for a guitarist. Must be able to play scat, blues and jazz. Influences: The Toasters, Let's Go Bowling, Cherry Poppin' Daddies, Voodoo Glow Skulls and Sublime. Dedication to music a must. If interested, call Aaron at 939-8079 or Chris at 939-8148.

GRCC Belly dancer

By Nathan Page
Staff Reporter

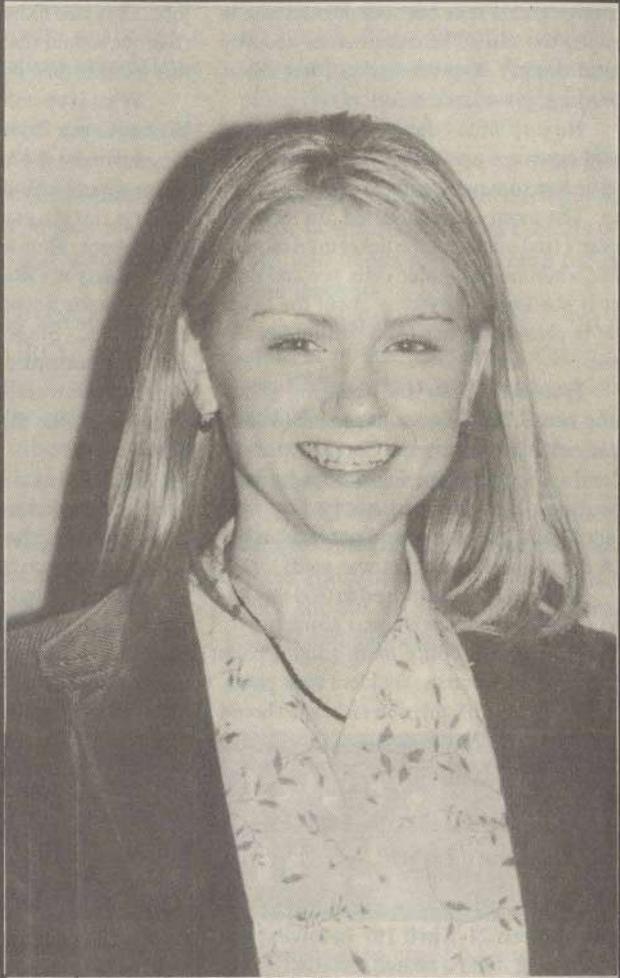
"It has nothing to do with your stomach, it has to do with your hips," Katie Millbauer said of belly dancing. Millbauer has run the gamut in dance, starting with country line dancing at the age of 7 and moving on to jazz, modern and now belly dancing.

Millbauer, 17, a junior at Enumclaw High School, who is attending Green River Community College with the Running Start program, has taken jazz and modern dance for four years, and belly dancing now for a year. Although she claimed to have a hard time performing in front of people, she said, "The most difficult thing is that it's a dance of isolation...you have to move just your hips, or just your chest, for instance."

Millbauer said that belly dancing is not her favorite form of dance, but "definitely a more free form of dance.

"Each day we work on a different rhythm, like Masmudi," said Millbauer. "You can really tell if it's from Egypt or the Middle East, they're really distinct styles." According to Millbauer there are many different rhythms, including Chiffitelli (fast) and Saudi (slow). "The point is to take this really involved dance, and make it look like the easiest thing you've ever done," said Millbauer.

Millbauer takes her belly dancing classes at the community center in downtown Enumclaw. There are 15 people in her class, most of them older women. Millbauer said she buys the elaborate and ornate costumes used in the dances in Seattle at some of the import stores there.



Baseball diamond vandalized

By Katie Millbauer
Staff Reporter

The Green River Community College baseball diamond, which is located across the street from school, was vandalized last week.

On Tuesday, Oct. 22, somebody drove a vehicle back and forth over the diamond, causing about \$6,000 worth of damage, said Michael McGraw, director of athletics.

There are two locked gates that the

vandal or vandals had to get through in order to get on the diamond.

"Neither of the locks were broken, so somebody either had a key, or else they jimmied the locks," said McGraw.

The money for the diamond, which was built in September, was raised by campus baseball programs' fund-raising efforts.

"It was a spiteful, mean, stupid thing that somebody did, and it hurts the community, the college and the athletes," said McGraw. "There was a game scheduled for this weekend, and the field's not usable."

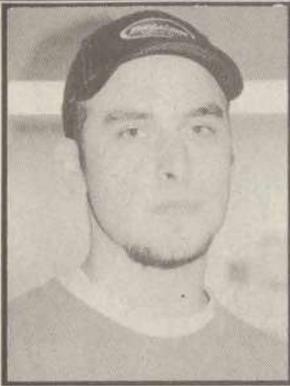
Funding for repairs will have to come out of the baseball programs' budgets and also through further fund-raising campaigns, said McGraw.

There are no suspects at this time, but the case is under investigation by the King County Police Department, said McGraw.

If anybody has any knowledge that could be used in finding the person or persons responsible, please contact Michael McGraw in the athletic department, Ext. 2481

Who are you voting for and why?

By Fred Dimaano
Photo and Graphics Editor



Bill Clinton "Dole is too old and there's no one else."
David Workman



Bill Clinton "I have a little girl in Headstart, Bob Dole wants to cut Headstart."
Cory Chafin



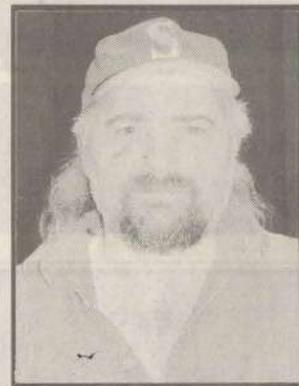
Undecided "I'm leaning toward Clinton."
Candy Hagen



Bill Clinton "I would sooner shoot myself in the face than vote for Bob Dole, it would be less painful."
PJ Bowen



Bill Clinton "It worries me to have a Republican Congress and a Republican president at the same time."
Gary Oliviera, Instructor



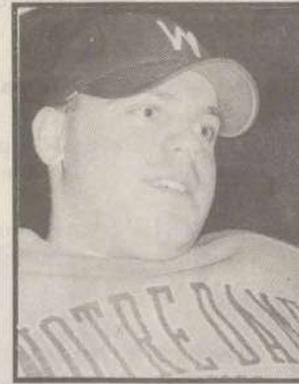
Bob Dole "I don't like Clinton."
Jeff Kelly



Bob Dole "Clinton has bad ethics."
Todd Settergren

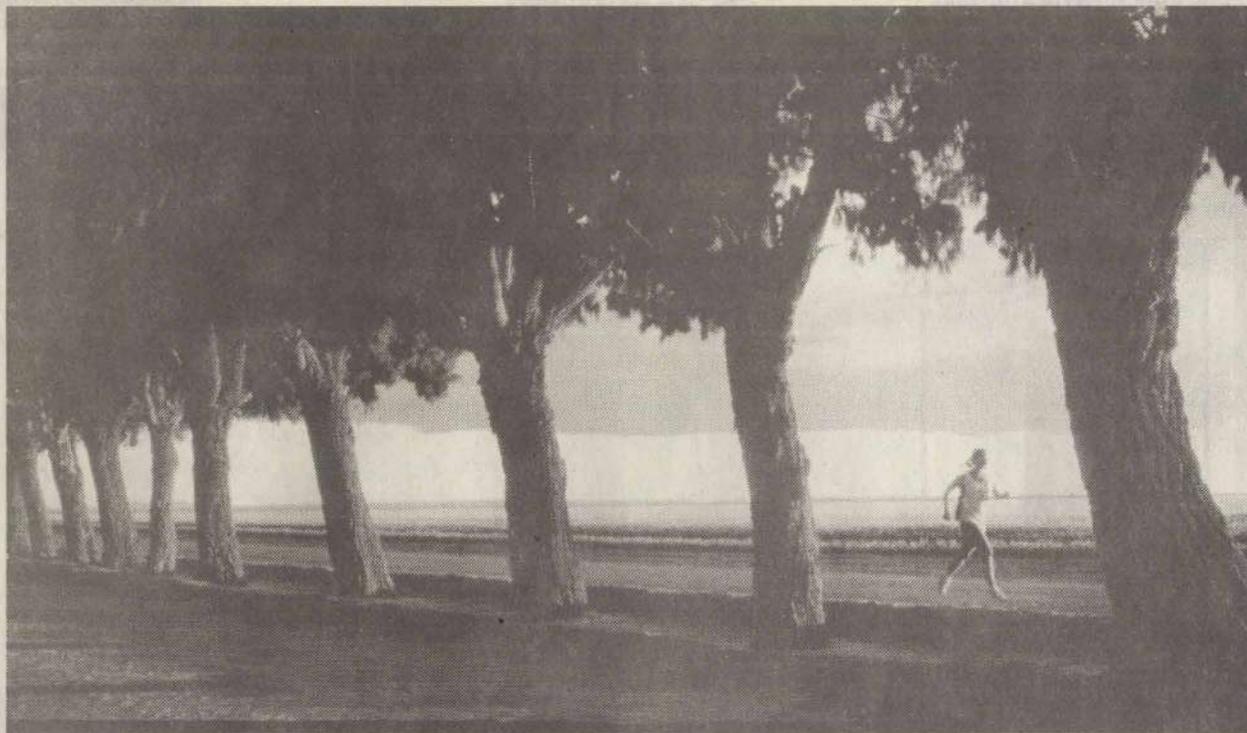


Bill Clinton "No other decent candidates."
Kari Potts



Bob Dole "His cabinet won't be completely corrupted."
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