

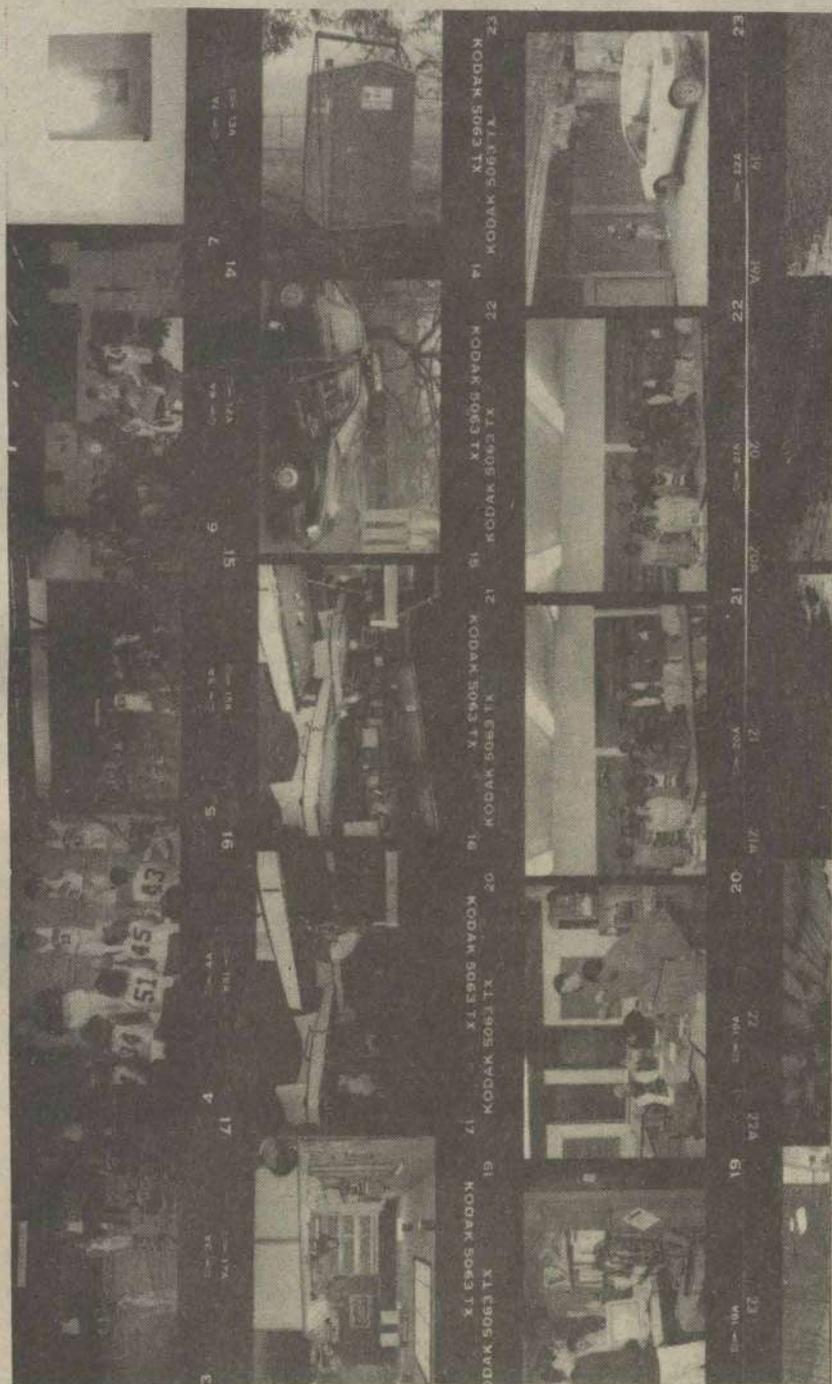
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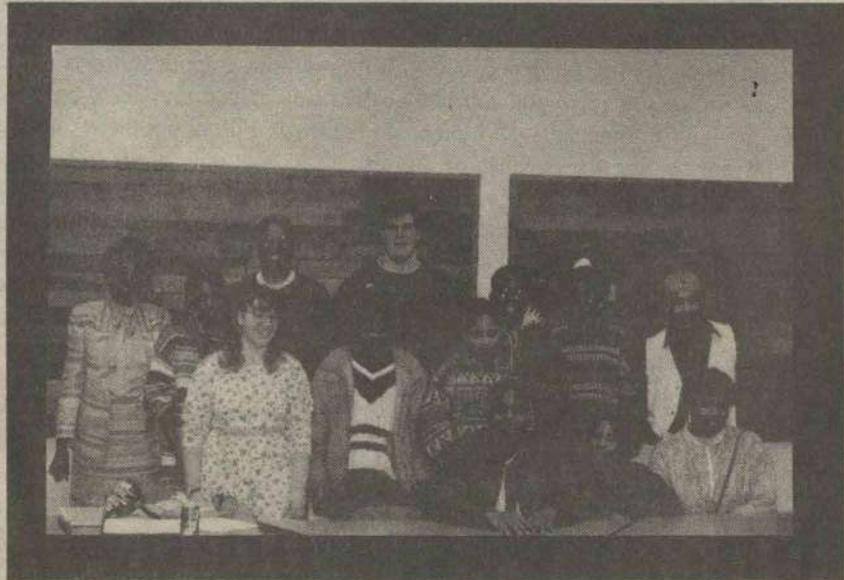
BSU on progressive path

David Weathersby
News Editor

The population of African American students at Green river is on a constant incline. Along with other minority groups on the campus, blacks have united and created a union to increase cultural awareness. With the Martin Luther King holiday this January, and Black History Month just around the corner, the Black Student Union is taking this opportunity to promote tolerance and diversity. The roster of twelve official members and numerous associate members are guided by president Adonis Williams and Vice-President Sherman Shelton.

In a discussion with President-Elect of the BSU, Erric Garris, plans for future union activities were clearly defined. The union wants to spread a message of diversity throughout the school. The participation of other students, regardless of race, is highly encouraged by the union members.

BSU has also adopted a much more organized approach to activities and future plans. The union has ideas for different competitions between classes and school clubs to bring about more knowledge of other organizations



Black Student Union members pose during one of their Tuesday noon meetings, currently held in the HS-2 building

here.

The events set for Black History Month are still under wraps, but do involve all the students and organizations on the Green River

campus. To get more information on upcoming events, Tuesday meetings at noon are open to everyone. Assemblies like the one that was held

last Friday are definitely in the future.

For March, the BSU will be one of many at the Students of Color Convention held in Eastern Washington. The union still stresses that anyone can travel with them and partake in this idea-sharing conference.

Education in trouble

David Woodard
Staff Reporter

College education is failing to meet the needs of society, according to a recently released report by the Wingspread group. This privately funded group, consisting of CEO's, business leaders, and educators, called the current state of the nation's undergraduate education system "a prescription for American decline.

"The six-month study documented several problems concerning the process of educating students in the U.S.. Among the problems cited are:

- 1) Low academic standards.
- 2) Although the credentials of applicants are scrutinized, inadequate attention is paid to how much knowledge and skill has been acquired by graduates.
- 3) The high cost of college education is

wearing away the public's willingness to financially support the colleges.

4) Campuses have become co-conspirators in the game of "credentialism".

5) Organization is designed for the benefit of educators and administrators, not for students.

6) Too many educators are conveying the message that values such as civility, tolerance, hard work, and compassion, are unimportant.

Considering financial aid

Lynn Hulstrom
Staff Reporter

Students feeling burdened with financial problems? Have you considered applying for financial aid? Many students are finding the expense of a college education more difficult to meet. Unfortunately, many of these students overlook the possibility that they could be eligible for assistance through state and federal financial aid programs. Perhaps the burden of filling out appli-

cations has kept eligible students from pursuing this option. The process of filling out these applications is not as exhausting as you may have been led to believe. Filling out these forms is also a task that only needs to be completed once a year.

Students concerned with getting heavily into debt through student loans should be aware of the incentives. Low interest rates and deferred payments make student loans much more attrac-

tive. Financial aid is also available in forms other than student loans. Grants and scholarships are very accessible forms of financial aid. These awards do not have to be paid back as long as academic requirements are met.

If you are a student considering quitting college due to financial problems, consider financial aid first. Detailed information and assistance is available in the financial aid office.

Renovation plans for improved library still on drawing board

Johann Hulstrom
Staff Reporter

At a cost of \$14,588,000, Green River will get a face lift into the future. Green River is now into the developmental stage of a project that would update the campus' resources and cosmetics.

The plan consists of building a new complex where the current D.C. buildings are. The complex will house a new library and provide additional

classroom space, allowing for better curriculum support (35,900 square feet of total library and Instructional Media space).

The new library will be technology-intensive, equipped with CDROM and other computerized resources. The new facility will be able to handle a coordinated studies room that will hold 100 people, and take care of special events. In addition, the current SMT buildings will have three new science

labs put in with the money. The total square footage of the new complex is 61,450. This will allow the Holman library to be turned into more classroom space, and provide areas for quiet study.

At present, Green River administration and developers are working with current funds to map out the additions, until further resources are granted.

The Administration will submit their proposal to the State Legislature this spring for approval.

Student Employment • Workshop Schedule

Interview Workshops

Learn about attire, etiquette, salary negotiation and follow-ups.

January
27

1-3 pm
Ranier Rm

Resume Workshops

Develop a powerful marketing tool: YOU!

January
26

1-3 pm
Ranier Rm

M.L.K., Jr.: the man, the myth, the motivation

*Meredith Franklin
Staff Reporter*

Dr. King was to many a caring, restless, yet complex man. Born to Alberta Williams King and Martin Luther King in Atlanta, Georgia, on January 15, 1929, M.L., as he was known to his family and friends, changed the face of history during the Civil Rights Movement in the early

50's and 60's. King's abilities were recognized early in his life. In high school, Young Martin did so well he skipped the 9th and 12th grades. At the age of 15 he entered Morehouse College in Atlanta. King became an admirer of Benjamin E. Mays, Morehouse's President and a well known scholar of black religion. Under Mays's influence, King decided to become a minister. King was ordained just before he graduated from Morehouse in 1948. He later earned a divinity degree and a Ph.D. in 1955 from Boston University. In Boston, he met and married Coretta Scott, a music student. They were married in 1953.

The Kings had four children; Yolanda, Dexter, Martin, and Bernice. In 1954, King became pastor of Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery, Alabama. King's civil rights activities began in 1955 with a protest of Montgomery's segregated bus system. That year, a black passenger named Rosa Parks was arrested for disobeying a city law that required blacks to sit or stand in the back of the buses. This led to the biggest boycott in the nation's history and was the turning point in the civil rights movement as we know it today. The boycott won King national fame and recognition as a symbol of Southern blacks' struggle to fight racial injustice.

With the help of other black ministers, King founded the Southern Christian Leadership Conference

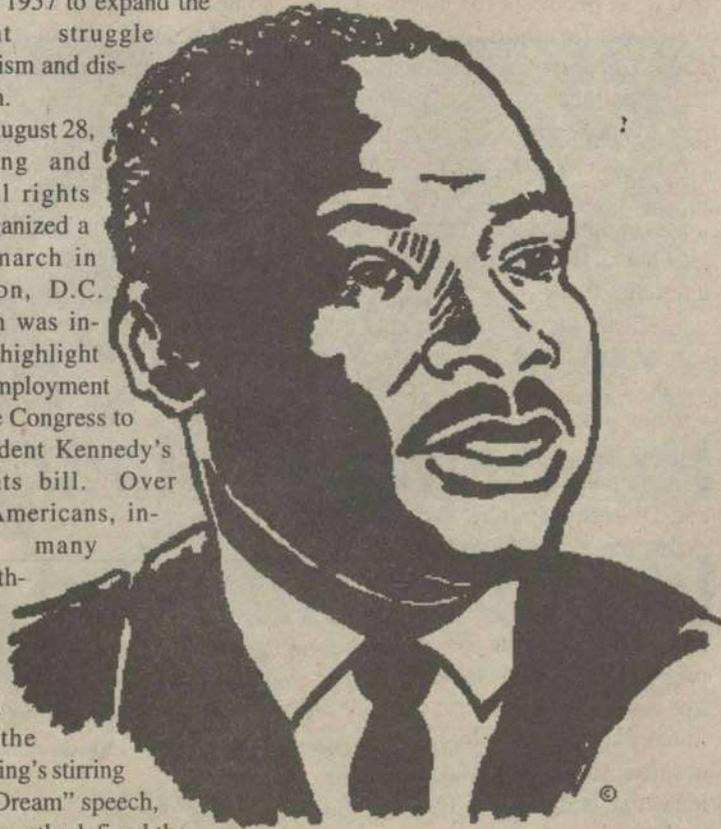
(SCLC) in 1957 to expand the nonviolent struggle against racism and discrimination.

On August 28, 1963, King and other civil rights leaders organized a massive march in Washington, D.C. The march was intended to highlight black unemployment and to urge Congress to pass President Kennedy's civil rights bill. Over 200,000 Americans, including many whites, gathered at the Lincoln Memorial. The high point of the rally was King's stirring "I Have a Dream" speech, which eloquently defined the

moral basis of the civil rights movement. The Movement won a major victory, when Congress passed the civil rights bill that Kennedy and his successor, President Lyndon B. Johnson, had recommended. The Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibited racial discrimination in public places and called for equal opportunity in employment and education. King later received the 1964 Nobel Peace Prize.

In 1965, King helped organize a protest in Selma, Alabama, to speak out against the efforts of white officials who attempted to deny most black citizens the chance to register and vote. This led to Congress passing the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

In his later years, continued violence against civil rights workers in the South frustrated many blacks, includ-



ing members of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC). In 1966, SNCC leaders urged a more aggressive response to the violence and began to use the slogan "Black Power". That phrase troubled King and many white supporters of racial equality. Many people thought the religious, nonviolent emphasis of the civil rights movement was changing. King repeated his commitment to nonviolence, but disputes among civil rights groups over "Black Power" suggested that King no longer spoke for the whole movement.

In 1967, King became more critical of American society than ever before. He believed in social equality, and that some of the wealth of the rich

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You can't please everyone all of the time

Political correctness: It's an idea that most people in the nineties know well. Unfortunately, well-known doesn't necessarily mean well-loved. Being politically correct is defined as being "marked by a typically progressive orthodoxy on issues involving gender, race, sexual affinity, etc." according to an updated Webster's dictionary. However, I think they forgot to add just a little bit more— see "bunch of bull."

Don't get me wrong. I am a great admirer of Jerry Springer, one of the kings of the politically correct. I also agree with many of the efforts the politically correct are making in recognition of diversity. For example, classes and Diversity Training Programs are available to help people become more aware of the diversity, biases, discriminations, and prejudices present in everyday society. The classes also teach the politically correct terms for minorities. This is a wonderful idea that is definitely long overdue.

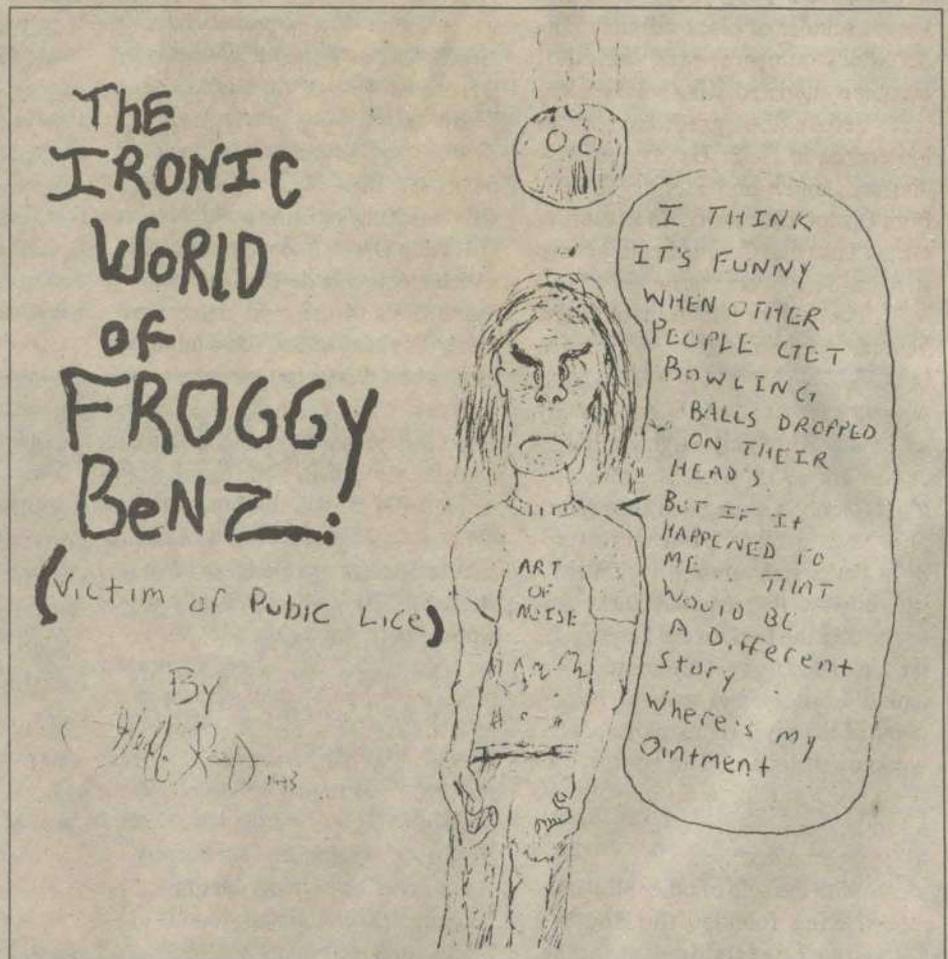
But when it comes to changing every-day words into bias-and-content-free words, that's when it becomes ridiculous. The more sane part of the language-changing is the effort to use gender-neutral terms rather than sexist ones. For example, fireman would be firefighter, mailman would be mail carrier, and stewardess would be flight attendant. There's no argument here. My argument begins when the politically correct changes normal words into downright absurd ones. Who in their right mind would call a prostitute a sex care provider? I can just see it now.

you're watching Cops in Portland and someone asks you who they just arrested and why. Of course you'd know the correct (politically, of course) answer and respond, "Oh, they caught her walking the streets. You know, she's a sex care provider." Reality? I think not. If the news anchors were politically correct during the L.A. riots, the T.V. news and CNN would have been swamped with the phrase, "The non-traditional shoppers are continuing to burn, destroy, and steal from local stores." Of course, they would be referring to looters, but who wants to offend looters by labeling them with a biased word? That would be politically incorrect. A defi-

nite no-no.

Avery Brooks, from the show Deep Space Nine, recently said "... you must call a person what he calls himself— otherwise you can't really communicate." Although he didn't use gender-free language in the quote, these are still very wise words. This is exactly the way to handle this crazy political correctness wave. I mean, why call a prostitute a sex care provider if that individual prefers to be called a prostitute? If someone wishes to be called the latest politically correct term for whoever or whatever they are, by all

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Crunch time for Washington's Lawmakers

Last week, as Washington State's legislators swung into their 1994 session, they were confronted with the need to accomplish a great deal of work. The lawmakers must not only come up with a budget, but also deal with an increased number of bills concerning crime and violence, social programs, education and even ethics reform of their own houses.

Of special impact during this year's session is the requirements of Initiative 601, approved last year by Washington's voters. While it will not take effect until the 1995-97 biennium, clearly the message is there: cut State spending and run a lean system. This session has to recognize that funds will be even tighter two years from now, and every plan reaching into that not-too-far distance will be deeply affected by even tighter money.

The other message from the passage of 601 is that the work by the 53rd session will be closely watched. Every lawmaker should be aware that voters are fed up with unnecessary spending, and will have no qualms about replacing a Governor, Representative or Sena-

tor who fails to watch the budget closely.

As this is a single-party controlled session, with the Governor's mansion and both houses run by Democrats, there is hope of reaching legislative agreement during the 60-day regular session.

Of particular concern to Green River Community College's staff and students is Governor Lowry's plan to reduce higher education spending by \$22 million. As everyone on this campus is aware, there is great need for improvements—a new library being foremost on the agenda—and a reduction in funds will be deeply felt by this school.

Expenses that absolutely have to be funded are for changes mandated by the United States government. Green River, as well as every other school, has to comply with access requirements or lose Federal funding. It will be a challenge, and probably an impossible task, for the legislature to budget adequate funds for education, even without a spending cut.

Of utmost importance for this

session's legislators is that they use good common sense. An advantage of Washington's system of government, as with that of the US, is that careful consideration of a bill's impact should be possible. In order to achieve this, the lawmakers need to follow some simple guidelines:

- Consider the value of each bill to the citizens of this state.

- Recognize that special-interest groups, and that includes lobbyists, are just that—interested in the benefits to their group.

- The track record of attempting to legislate morals is a dismal failure.

- And throwing money around for technology to solve non-technical problems has an even worse record.

And most important is that old adage: "there is very little new under the sun." Most of the bills being considered have been tried elsewhere, and in some cases a long time ago. With all due respect for our elected representatives, the warning must be leveled: enacting laws like those that have not worked elsewhere would just be stupid.

-Richard Wallace

The battle to be politically correct

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means, respect that if you want to. None of us should have to use words that we don't wish to, let alone be forced to label ourselves with words that are defined as politically correct. Take Avery Brooks for instance. He prefers and calls himself brown. He doesn't feel he should be called black, nor does he prefer African-American (which,

by the way, would be the politically correct word). He wants to be called what he feels comfortable with. Hmmm, I wonder if that's politically correct?

There are two sides to this: awareness and education (the good), and a vocabulary which attempts to oppress our real feelings (the evil). Maybe the solution is to change the term politically correct. The word "correct" insinuates that any other way we

decide to label something or someone is incorrect. What should be considered correct is what a person prefers to be called, if that person wants to be labeled at all. I mean, really, is it up to those lonely politically correct people to label the society, or is it the society who should decide?

-Cathy Pacheco

Pasta: Good or Bad?

Point:Counterpoint



We've all experienced the thrill of finding a "perfect" food in our lives, and some of us take great pride in shouting the praise of praises over our favorite restaurant. It's as American as apple pie to love that first bite of a chili dog, or that first swallow of Barbequed chicken, but if there's one thing I cannot stand, it's the re-introduction of pasta into our great country. I get sick when I see perpetrators of our society for the sole purpose of pumping money into various lurid funds. Prostitution, drug-running, and pornography, to name just a few. The pasta makers of the world, in my opinion, are to blame for these problems. Pasta is the root of all evil, of all disgrace in this world. The facts are amazing, when studied. Look at how pasta could have affected these great Americans:

(Note: the information in the following diagram is an opinionated theory, and although none of the following deaths are 100% factual, they are extremely possible):

Celebrity: Pasta Related Death:

Keith Moon.....Linguini w/ Clam sauce caused third degree burns to lower anatomy; died of heart attack later

Jon Belushi.....Cast Party, on the set of "Animal House." Donald Sutherland preforms C.P.R. on a choking Belushi, to dislodge a small strain

of uncooked spaghetti; to die of a "Drug"overdose years later. Yeah. Right.

Oscar Wilde.....Victim of Steam burns to the eyes, and allergic reaction to spice in a vegetarian lasagna. Died in prison. This was his last meal.

So you can see how pasta has taken some of the greatest minds of our time. The above list, by the way, is only a sample of the over 600 celebrities of our past that have been taken by pasta. (These deaths, I want to make clear, are in no way proven, or even backed up by any kind of data whatsoever)

But let's look at it on an even deeper level. Pasta, just as a food, is a sick, vulgar one. Boiled flour and water: What kind of food is that, anyway? Can you believe there are actually "Chefs" out there for the sole purpose of preparing pasta? Boy! Get a clue, America. The more you buy into this obvious scandle, the more we all will suffer. I leave you with the following transcript. This is a re-creation of a created situational conversation that could have taken place between two very important government figures possibly in office within the past five years:

Mr.X: (static over phone line)...We have the pasta. Is it ready?

Mr.Y: We have the preparations made. No telling how much it...

—(30 minutes missing from tape)—

Mr.Xcongregation has accepted the

blood.
Mr.Y:.....Perfect! I will bring the posion!

I don't think anything else needs to be said.

-Geoff Reed

The complex carbohydrates found in noodles provide sustaining energy, rather than the quick bursts of power given to the body from ingesting simple sugars. I realize that this is not the issue, since we've got scientific evidence to support pasta. The issue is more political and more social than any one of us would like to admit.

Politically, pasta ties the nations together. All the heads of state who meet at dinner to discuss politics are offered pasta because it brings pleasure to everyone. It is accepted and enjoyed by all. Remember Marco Polo? He brought spaghetti to the Western world, and it has never been the same since.

Socially, pasta is basically neutral and harmless. Almost every ethnic group indulges in it, as either a side dish or a main dish. It's a multi-purpose food, sustaining the life of creatures who don't eat meat and those who do. It is delicious and necessary, to my life and others.

I implore you people to decide for yourselves! Who do you believe, yourself or Geoff Reed? The answer is so simple when you find it from your heart. So knock it off, Geoff.

-Linda Harrison

Brady Bill gun control: will it work?

Point

On November 30 of last year, President Clinton signed the Brady Bill, which requires by law that all states impose a five-day waiting period and background check on all gun purchases. This is a large victory for the power of relentless public pressure.

During the recent months, polls have indicated that:

- Most people don't want to here debates about the right to bear arms.
- People are tired of the NRA opposing restrictions on semi-automatic assault rifles in the name of protecting hunters.
- They're also not interested in the arguments that gun control will do little to take guns out of the hands of criminlas.

Ex-associate attorney general for

the Bush administraion say's, "The public will embrace any solution that could work."

There are at least 25 states that already have existing restrictons on handgun purchases.

A random survey taken on 4 of those states indicates:

- California has blocked 21,168 handgun sales since 1989
- Virginia has blocked 5,879 since 1989
- Maryland has blocked 3,467 since 1989
- Florida has 16,513 since 1991

That's a total of 47,000 attempted purchases by persons who were prohibited from buying firearms.

The Brady Bill cannot do anything to stop illegal street street sales of weapons, but in many states, such as Virginia and Florida, instant background checks have helped athourities not only screen out prohibited buyers,

but hundreds of fugitives wanted for other crimes as well.

Federal and state gun laws prohibit firearms purchases by convicted felons, certain misdemeanants, and persons deemed by the court of law to be mentally incompetent of possessing firearms. The problem is, many states have no means for checking criminal records, or mental historyes when guns are purchased..

The bill provides \$200 million to help states update and conduct instant background checks on all weapons purchases, including handguns, shotguns, and rifles.

The Brady Bill was named for former White Hous press secretary Jim Brady, who was wounded during the 1981 assassintaion attempt on former President, Ronald Regan. The Bill will tkae effect 90 days after the November 30 signing. -Glen Wood

Counter-point

The passage of the Brady gun-control bill marks another milestone in Congress's foundering attempt to enact viable crime prevention legislation in an age of relentlessly escalating violence in urban and, increasingly, suburban America. Putting aside basic questions of the practicality of gun control as a means of crime prevention for the moment, there remains the predicament of creating legislation equal to the task of keeping guns from the hands of violent criminals.

Surely, few proponents of gun control see it as a panacea to crime, but even with this qualification, the Brady bill is weak medicine. Using modern technology, it is next to impossible to ensure a truly exhaustive check of an

individual's criminal record within the mandated five day waiting period. In addition, while the gun merchant is obligated to notify police of any pending handgun sale, the background check is purely at the discretion of local law enforcement authorities.

The bill includes authorization to fund the development of a computerized instant background check, which, when completed, would replace the waiting period. But also included in the bill is an amendment killing the waiting period after a maximim of five years, in which time the instant check system is "required" to be completed. However, in the all too likely event the system is not ready by this deadline, the waiting period will terminate prematurely.

Some of the strongest gun con-

trol advocates themselves fear the measure may do more harm than good, as its repercussions will indicate to voters the efficacy of any and all gun control measures. And, in the likely event of the bill producing weak or imperceptible results, work for further, more forceful restrictions could prove futile.

Even if these serious issues can be addressed in the form of stringent and reasonably efficacious gun control legislation in the near future, still unresolved are purely reasonable questions as to the practicality of gun control in curbing crime. None can offer proof at this time of the real long term impact of the most rigorous restriction on gun ownership. We cannot afford to count on the golden goose of gun control while keeping blind to other potential solutions. -Rob Baxter

Oz

by Buckley Sattler



What's your problem?

Dear Tex and Maja:

It seems that every Christmas, I spend a lot of time and money choosing the perfect gifts, suited to each individual's taste, and each year the presents I receive are very run of the mill. For example, my ex-boyfriend gave me a repair manual for his Trans-Am. The reason I say ex-boyfriend is because I tried to fix his car. God rest his soul.

But anyway, I spend all of my money, and get things like Chia Herb Gardens, or those rotating cake things that play "Happy Birthday." I just want people to take the time and consideration that I spend on them. Is that too much to ask?

Sincerely,

Joan

Dear Joan,

Did you ever consider that it's the thought that counts? True gift-giving is more important in gesture than in actual form. It's like O'Henry's *The Gift Of The Magi*, in which the young couple sacrifice their most beloved possessions to buy one another gifts. As it turns out, their love for one another was the only truly important thing to either of them. And it's true. It's the thought that counts.

Last Christmas I said to my girlfriend, "Honey, you know it's the thought that counts. I was going to get you this real expensive gift, but I thought, 'Nah, it's too expensive.' As you can see, a great amount of thought went into my gift. Think of how much time I spent thinking of her, of how I wasn't going to get her anything. That's true love.

Tex.

Joan,

Just who the hell do you think you

are, you creep? How can you judge other people's gifts? You bastard! How I hate you!

Love,

Maja.

Dear Tex and Maja:

I can't really play squash.

Sincerely,

Tito

Dear Tito,

That's okay.

Tex.

Dear Tito,

It's funny that you mention that.

Dear Tex and Maja,

I just got arrested for trying to blackmail a cop. The thing is, I wasn't trying to blackmail her. All I did was mention that I had several hundred dollars in the glove box, and how I wished I wouldn't get a ticket. That's it. I just kept saying it, over and over, while the cop kept going, "What are you trying to say, " and I would just go, "Nothin.' I'm not trying to say anything. It's just that I have several hundred dollars in the glove box, and I sure wish there was some way to avoid getting a ticket." Can you believe it?

Sincerely,

Ed in Prison

Dear Ed in Prison,

You have my complete and utter sympathy. I have a similar experience to relate, that also involved the law. I went into a gas station and just happened to be pulling out a handgun, just to make sure it hadn't fallen out of my pocket. Apparently, I must have been pointing it at the attendant when I asked, "Hey, give me a pack of smokes."

When he started handing me money, I just assumed it was my change. I didn't even consider the fact that I hadn't given him any money. It was just a case of being in the wrong place at the wrong time. You have my sympathy all right. The law can be pretty corrupt, sometimes.

Love,

Tex

Dear Ed in Prison,

That officer is a complete jerk. It's unbelievable that she couldn't understand the fact that you were proud to have some money. It's too bad, really. Some people will never have a clue.

Sincerely,

Maja

Dear Tex and Maja,

I have this big, lumpy thing in my pocket, but I don't know what it is. Could you tell me?

In Denial,

Theodore

It's your thumb.

Your friend,

Tex

Theodore,

Do you know those kind of gellatinous little blobs that hang from spam? The stuff that's like very drippy lard? That's probably what you have in there. Or maybe Tex is right. Except I think it's my thumb.

Love,

Maja

Please don't write to Tex and Maja. We don't want your stupid questions. Thanks.

Cabin Boy: I loved it!

Justin Ruedebusch
Staff Reporter

As I stood in line at Kent 6 Cinemas, I knew that the movie we were about to witness would definitely be a future topic of conversation. The movie, *Cabin Boy*, starring Chris Elliot, had been buzzing throughout the theater, due to the audiences that had seen it earlier in the day. Children were singing, women were laughing, strange men with beards were taking pictures of it all. I knew that Mr. Elliot, once a writer for the great Dave Letterman and star of his own show on Fox, "Get A Life", had done it again.

The movie is about a "fancy lad" who spent much of his spoiled life

in a rich private school. This part is played by none other than Chris Elliot. Soon after the fancy lad graduates from school, he involuntarily embarks on a great adventure in hopes to get to Hawaii where his father awaits for his visit. The sailors that end up with this fancy lad on their ship live a life all their own. Suddenly, the fancy lad finds himself in a world of fish guts, big, fat, sweaty men, and the beloved Chockie.

Chris Elliot as *Cabin Boy*, in my book, was the dumbest, most annoying star of any movie I have seen in my life. And that's exactly what I expected but this movie, unlike many others, is deliberately dumb, and deliberately annoying and that is what makes

it hilarious and fun.

Chris Elliot's comedy works on a level that will insult your intelligence if you don't have enough intelligence to understand his angle of humor. Call me crazy but if there is one thing Hollywood needs it's to make really funny yet really cheap movies. *Cabin Boy* is one step above "Toxic Avenger" and "Attack of the Killer Tomatoes" and as far as 100%, flat out, in your face comedies go, that's a damn fine compliment.

ADVICE: Take a bunch of smart friends to see *Cabin Boy* and insult your intelligence for once in your life. It's GREAT, I LOVED IT.

Martin Luther King, Jr.

people should be given to the poor. King began to plan for a Poor People's Campaign that would unite poor people of all races in a struggle for economic opportunity. The campaign would demand a federally guaranteed annual income for poor people and other major antipoverty laws.

Also in 1967, King attacked U.S. support of South Vietnam in the Vietnam War (1957-1975). Many supporters of the war denounced King's criticisms, but the growing antiwar movement welcomed his comments.

While organizing the Poor People's Campaign, King went to Memphis, Tenn., to support a strike of black garbage men. There, on April 4, 1968, King was shot and killed. James Earl Ray, a white drifter and escaped convict, pleaded guilty to the crime in March 1969 and sentenced to 99 years in prison. People throughout the world mourned King's death. King was buried in South View Cemetery in Atlanta.

His body was later moved near Ebenezer Baptist Church. On King's tombstone are the words: "Free at last, free at last, thank God Almighty, I'm free at last".

King's assassination produced immediate shock, grief, and anger. Blacks rioted in more than 100 cities. A few months later, Congress passed the Civil Rights Act of 1968, which prohibited racial discrimination in the sale and rental of most housing in the nation.

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Years after King's death, some people still doubted that Ray had acted alone. In 1978, a special committee of the U.S. House of Representatives reported the "likelihood" that Ray was aided by others.

In 1980, an area including the Ebenezer church and King's burial place became the Martin Luther King, Jr., National Historic Site. In 1983, Congress passed a federal holiday honoring King.



The Grammys make me sick

Justin Ruedebusch
Staff Reporter

Ladies and gentleman; come one, come all, to the stupidist, fakest, most hyped-up bore-fest you will ever see on the face of this Earth.

That's right. It's that time of the year when the one-hit-wonders come out of the woodwork to collect awards for the sensational hits that someone else most likely wrote. Like "Unforgettable," "I Will Always Love You," "Straight Up," or any Milli Vanilli song. God, I hope they rot. And gee! I

wonder who will get the annual dinosaur award. Let's see... Last year it was Eric Clapton; the year before it was Bonnie Raitt... Call me a nut, but I would just be willing to bet this year's award will go to Sting. I know, I know, it's a crazy thought and I'm hitting where it hurts, but let's call it like we see it.

I'm sure a lot of people are saying, "Hey Justin, you're the coolest guy to walk this Green River of a Community College. What would you do?" Well, I'll tell ya. You start out with three

tons of butter. Then you get Willson Phillips, big-boned Carnie Willson in a string bikini and get her rolling around in the butter. For about two hours straight. Then you get every kid's hero, Barney the Dinosaur, poking her with a stick until she squeals like a pig.

I'm not fooling myself. In a couple of years I'm sure this would become just as predictable as what goes on now, but at least for a while it would be original. Which is definitely more than I can say for the Grammys. God Bless us all.

David Burr reviews Rush's latest



Rush is one of the few bands which can modify their sound to fit the changing times, and never lose an ounce of integrity in the process.

Counterparts, The group's 15th studio album, is an adrenaline-charged rocker that immediately lets the listeners know this is no ordinary Rush masterpiece. Guitarist Alex Lifeson cranks up the saturation machine, and offers some of the most expressive and compelling work of his career, while bassist Geddy Lee is in fine form. (As usual) with his drilling bass lines, and razor-sharp vocals. Although drummer Neil Peart's playing seem more restrained than on previous Rush albums, his intense drive works with music, producing an overall effect that can only be deemed as cutting edge.

From that point, Counterparts delivers a strong, well-adjusted portrayal of the new movement, building on the sensitivity and compassion that always seems to encompass nostalgia. "Nobody's Hero" is a solid statement that centers on many of society's imperfections, while the florescent "Everyday GLory" is a positive anthem for carving our own niche in the world, and making a difference using the tools we've got. Other emotional high points include the instrumental "Leave that thing ALone", a magistic wonder that

provides the group with a light structure that's easy for the listener to digest.

The album's strongest track, however, is "Cold Fire" This song is a killer, and it's got, quite possibly, one of the catchiest hooks to date. As with the rest of the album, the song has just the right combination of raw edge, mixed with color, and polish. Counterparts may very well turn out to be a landmark album for Rush—just the type of professionalism you'd expect from a band that's so well established.

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Gator's basketball keeps on top

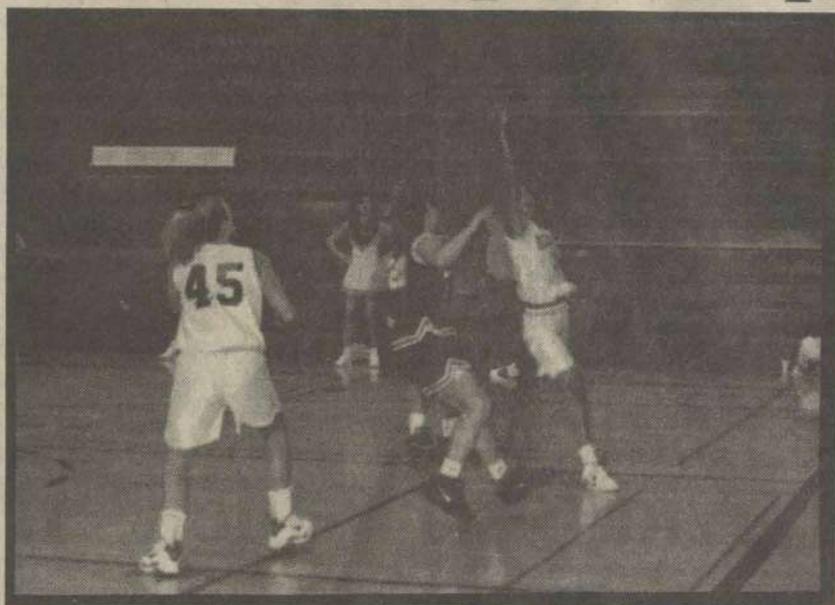
Becky Chin
Staff Reporter

The Green River Community College's Women's basketball team has jumped out to a nine and four start.

The Gators opened league play by beating Tacoma 76 to 64. The Gators were lead by 5'11" forward Paige Kernkamp with 30 points and 11 rebounds. This was Paige's third game in which she scored at least 30 points. Michelle Penney also helped out with 19 points.

On January 8 the Gators traveled to Longview where they faced Lower Columbia, one of the top three teams in the league. The Gators lost to Lower Columbia 57-83, despite Paige Kernkamp's 25 points. "We had a total breakdown both offensively and defensively," Coach Nichols said.

"As a team we are focusing on league play. We would like to be one of the top three teams in league, and make the playoffs," Nichols said. "We're just focusing on one game at a time, and keeping up with the league leaders." Right now the Gators are tied



Lady Gators add two more on the way to victory over Grays Harbor at a home game on Wednesday, January 12

with Grays Harbor Community College.

After 13 games, power forward Paige Kernkamp is averaging 19.9 points per game, and is rated number four in the entire conference in points

per game, and second in total points scored. Michelle Penney, a 5'11" forward is also averaging 16 points per game, and is rated seventh overall in the conference.

They say you should try everything once, but hockey?

You don't have to play, just watch. Many people say they don't go to hockey games because they don't know anything about it. But in reality, you don't have to. Hockey is a fast-paced, rough, exciting, and fight-oriented sport. Anyone who goes is guaranteed to have a good time, whether they know anything about it or not. For those who think it's too expensive, there's a solution. In correspondence with the Tacoma Rockets, GRCC is having a Tacoma Rockets Night on Thursday, January 29. Tickets that are normally \$8.00 will be only \$4.00. You can purchase tickets at Student Programs in the Lindbloom Student Center. Tickets are limited, so hurry. And if you don't like hockey after you go to the game, at least you can say you tried it.

Show your support for Green River athletics. Go to games and yell at 'em.

Gator's baseball ready to swing into action

*Dan Rios
Staff Reporter*

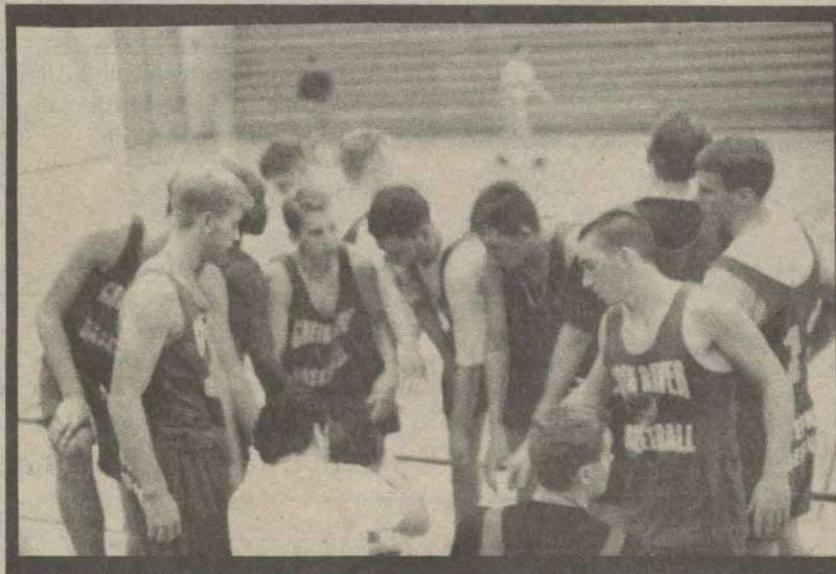
Baseball is just around the corner and The Gators are ready to swing into the '94 season after finishing last year second in the western division. Coach Dan Spencer's outlook on this year's squad is, "We're looking great, and we should run away with the division and make our way through the conference". He has good reason to say so, with returning sophomores infielder and right handed pitcher Dion Rucker,

who hit 10 homers and had 50 rbi's, and catcher Darren Case. Green Rivers version of "The Big Hurt" is a 235 pounder who stands at 6'5", Brent Kasynier out of Bothell High will make a strong impact on the team's hitting power and pitching team.

The team is now involved in its yearly fundraiser. The school's annual Winter Baseball Camp got underway January 8th to kids and teenagers ages 6-18. The Winter Baseball Camp is being held at GRCC gymnasium from

9:00 a.m. to noon. Last year the camp had raised \$12,000. This year they are looking to raise \$15,000. The camps end February 27th, so there is plenty of time for those of you that know somebody who might know somebody that might be interested in being part of this year's camp. Camp brochures are available, pick one up. Ages 9-12 begin Jan 22 and run through the 30th, ages 13-15 begin February 5th and run through the 13th, and ages 16-18 begin February 19th and run till the 27th.

SPORTS



1994 Men's Basketball Schedule

SAT 22	JAN AT	PIERCE	8:00 pm
WED 26	JAN Vs	S. PUGET SOUND	8:00 pm
SAT 29	JAN AT	TACOMA	8:00 pm
WED 02	FEB Vs	LOWER COLUMBIA	8:00 pm
SAT 05	FEB AT	GRAYS HARBOR	8:00 pm
WED 09	FEB Vs	CLARK	8:00 pm
SAT 12	FEB Vs	CENTRALIA	8:00 pm
WED 16	FEB AT	PIERCE	8:00 pm
SAT 19	FEB AT	S. PUGET SOUND	8:00 pm

WANTED

Young country band to play new country hits. Need bass and lead guitarist for country singer. Prefer non-smoker
Call Maria at 825-1909

FOR SALE

Stenography machine- w/ case, stand, paper (box) and books- \$300

Kenmore refrigerator. Almost new!! 21 cubic ft. **frostless freezer** \$650.
Call Sharon at 735-2969

Sword of Zotar. Hardly used. Real magical. Only one owner.
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DP Airgometer Stairstepper w/ computer. \$180 obo. **Meade Retracting Telescope** 60mm #2895. \$150 obo. **Gameboy** w/ battery pack + 4 games. \$80.

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1980 Honda Accord. Mechanic's special. Needs some body work. Some repairs already made. Call Dawn at 630-4541.

1975 VW Bus. Recently rebuilt. All excellent shape. Must sacrifice at \$1,500. Call Wade at 630-9573.

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Brand new Doc Martin low-top boots. Never worn. \$50. 630-9573.

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Help! Student needs to carpool. I'm in a transportation dilemma. I commute Highway 18 beginning near I-90. Will share expenses. Please give me a call at (Home)831-6776 or (Campus) ext. 224. Ask for Brenda.

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TO GRCC STUDENTS AND STAFF

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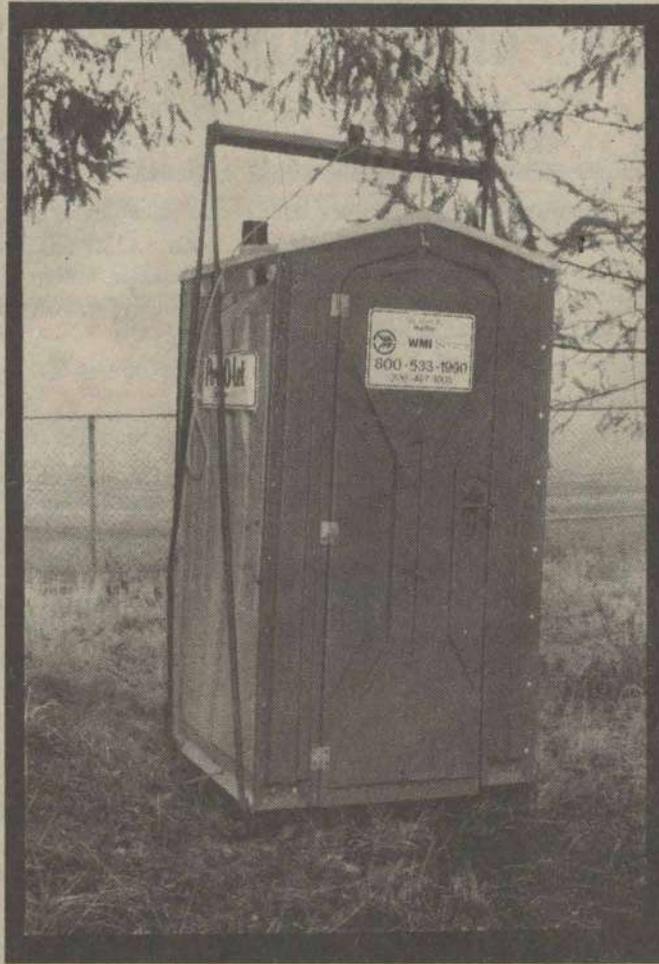
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Green River hopes to alleviate cramped facilities

*Paul Brandon
Staff Reporter*

Over the next few years GRCC will be undergoing a fairly large amount of changes, most of which should positively effect its students directly.

One project of special interest to parents attending GRCC is the new GRCC childcare center to be built over the next few years. The timetable for this project is as yet undecided, however the cite has been selected. The center will be built on a peice of property recently aquired near Lee hill park.

Many of the staff offices at

GRCC will be moving into the Solem house accross the street, as it was recently purchased and is scheduled for remodeling in the coming year.

Another large move will involve the radio station, KGRG, and the CURRENT offices. These two will be moved into the currently unoccupied space in th Lindbloom student center in order to make room for a new exercise center in the old radio station building.

Ann additional \$580,000 has been budgeted for grounds work such as pavement repair, equipmentt upgrades to meet Americans with dissabilities act codes, and a\$60,000

water run-off filtration system that which should limit the amount of oil and other hazardous materials flowing off GRCC property and into public sewers.

Projects currently in progress or recently completed inculde; a new central fire alarm system which will alert the fire department automaticaly in the case of a fire, the reflooring of the Chem-lab, resurfacing of many coutertops accross campus, and many landscape projects aimed to enhance the beauty of the campus.