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A station filled with awesome music and people

By: Lindsey Williams

If you're one of many that get sick of hearing the same song played every five minutes on the mainstream stations, then you should be listening to KGRG instead. KGRG is Green River's student run FM radio station; they play everything from Nirvana to J-Rock, and they don't have commercials. Awesome? Yep. Pretty much.

The station is host to some of the most vocal and independent thinkers of the student body, and they are always happy to join in on a conversation about music. However, be prepared for a shock, most students are highly educated in the field and know more than your average bear.

With their first concert of the year already a hit, KGRG is on its way to having yet another awesome year. Their next sponsored concert is scheduled for February 12th, more information is available on their website, www.kgrg.com.

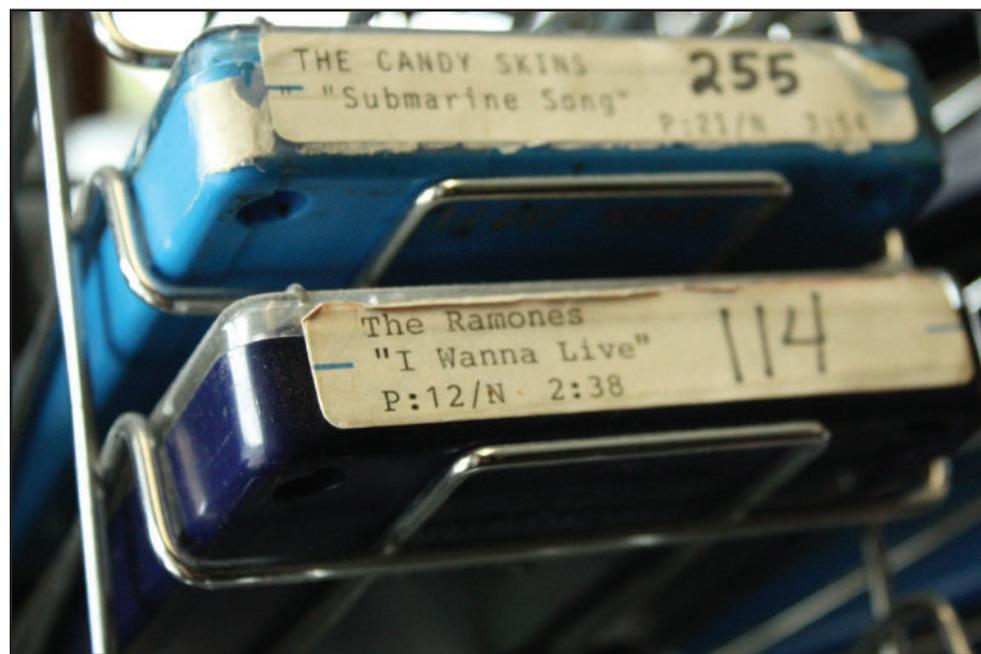
With a unique fan base that reaches all the way to South America via 24-hour live streaming on their website, KGRG appeals to those with a discerning taste for music, a dislike of commercials and a love for the underground bands that started up locally throughout the ages.

There is a show for every student. Mornings Untitled, Blind Fury, The Basement, The Experiment, Guy and a Girl, Jay B, Time Keeper, House of Grunge, The Faz, Late Night Death, 5qt. Sports, Dead Air, The Shua, Skank or Die, and too many more to list.

Ahna Krzycki, or Hot Ahna as she is known at the station, is interning on the Guy and a Girl show as a part of a radio broadcasting class. For those diehard lovers of That 70's Show, no, it's not a coincidence. Hot Ahna still feels like she has some work to fill in Hot Dona's shoes, but she's well on her way. That she feels "it doesn't feel like work" should only make the job that much easier.

Jessica Carr, a veteran of the radio, said, "It's an incredible learning opportunity for anyone trying to get their foot in the door of the radio field," Carr is the Girl in a Guy and a Girl.

KGRG is located in the LC, and students are encouraged to attend the weekly meetings to not only hear upcoming events, but to give their



Some of the many songs KGRG plays on their station.



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KGRG stickers line up a file cabinet in the office of KGRG.

opinions as well. Meetings are held every Thursday from Noon-1p.m. in KGRG's offices, located upstairs in the LC.

KGRG started promoting their first pledge drive for 2009 at their latest concert. DJ Teddy Bear said, "It went [even] better than expected."

More information on that concert is available in this issue's A&E section. Similar to how public television works, the radio station does not make a profit via commercials (hence not having any) and they need listener support to keep the movement going. The station is happy to give gifts for donations, also similar to public television, but with cooler gifts.

Anyone who enjoys the station, or merely believes in KGRG's movement, should show their support with some hard green dineros in the next two weeks so they can get instructor Tom Krause a tattoo. If they miss that mark, there is always the second option, which includes any

hairstyle/cut the students can think of. The haircut is done in the Kennelly Commons, feel free to watch and cheer them on.



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DJ Teddy Bear smiles for the camera.

Did you know?

1185 LPNs have graduated from GRCC since 1965

55% of students are female, 44% are male and 1% are "unknown"

We have an audition-only jazz choir named Rendezvous

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Gators lose, but with a smile

Disability Awareness Week ended with wheelchair basketball against the Seattle Slicks

By: Remco Zwetsloot

Disability Awareness Week was October 12th-17th this year and Disability Support Services organized multiple events across campus. While there were many activities students could participate in, the most popular event was a wheelchair basketball game between GRCC athletics and the Seattle Slick on Wednesday.

On Monday, October 12th, a popular documentary "Murderball" was shown in the Glacier room of the LC. It followed the lives of Team USA members and the Paralympics of 2004 and was played to give a preview of the wheelchair basketball game Wednesday while raising awareness.

On Tuesday, DSS sponsored a speech by Mark Wellman, a well known paralympian motivational speaker. Wellman shared his experiences and life changes after a car accident left him paralyzed paraplegic. Wellman currently splits his time between mountain climbing and inspiring students across the country with his story.

Wednesday evening, after an educational speech from a Slicks coach, wheelchairs were made available to practice on prior to the game. A sign-up sheet was passed through the crowd for people who wanted to play, and almost everyone put their name on it.

By the time the game began, the laidback and educational atmosphere morphed into a somewhat competitive one and when the ball finally hit the floor the crowd was going wild.

GRCC got the game going by almost scoring the first goal within 15 seconds but the Slicks quickly countered and scored the first point. At

first we managed to keep up quite well, with some helpful pushes from Coach Bob Kickner. After a while though, it started to become obvious that the pro's from Seattle were too much for our first-timers to handle and after 20 minutes the scoreboard read 10-27.

The second round wasn't much better, despite a 10 point handicap given to students, but luckily we did still impress some of the Slick players.

"You guys really gave me a work-out, some of your players were really good," said Nick Starr, while he was wiping the sweat off his face. "Yeah, they really made me drip!" added his teammate Zeck Keefe with a grin.

Students lucky enough to participate were also impressed, and their awareness was definitely raised, "They were really nice guys and they seemed very happy ...makes you think about life and how upset you can get over something small like a sprained ankle," said Rhiannon Sales, a member of the volleyball team.

Carly Theodore from women's basketball, and the top scorer for GRCC in the second half of the game, remarked that it was a lot different from normal basketball and that it was really hard at first but you get used to it quite quickly.

Paula Burns, Director of DSS, was very happy with the week's success, "Mark Wellman was a really big hit; he made an impact on the people who came... The wheelchair basketball was the best."

Burns plans to continue raising awareness about disabilities on campus this year with a Celebrity of the Month, and more events are in the works for Spring quarter.



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Above: Gators almost score a point against the Seattle Slick.

Below: Slick players mess around as they celebrate their final victory.



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Enumclaw campus hosts candidate forum

Local candidates from across King County took to the podium and answered questions from community

By: Michele Kuhn

On October 17, a candidate showcase meeting was held at the Enumclaw campus. ASGRCC President, Mae Cubing, along with many other student government leaders, hosted the event for students and the community.

Though it was scheduled at 7a.m. on a weekday, there was a large turnout, including many students from Green River.

While most people were there to meet candidates and get information, Makayla Phillips, was there for a business class assignment. She laughingly admitted if it wasn't required she would "definitely not" be there so early.

The town-hall style meeting gave candidates a chance to share their platform ideas with local community members in an open setting.

Some of the speakers included the Mayor of Enumclaw, John Wise, and his opponent Liz Reynolds, School Board Member Cathy Dalquist, Position 7 candidate Sean Krebs, and Bob Rosenberger who is running for King County assessor.

Running for his third term in office, John Wise, Mayor of Enumclaw, believes in supporting our veterans as well as putting a stop to domestic violence.

Wise is a supporter of saving the King County Fair and has succeeded in helping save the fair along with the help of fellow council member Reagan Dunn, whom has many of the same beliefs as of Mayor Wise. Wise supports all businesses including the big ones and says, "Starbucks pays for our businesses." Wise stated that his opponent is not a business supporter, though she disagreed.

Liz Reynolds wants to create an economic team and have people "rethink how we do business." Reynolds is also a strong supporter of core services such as the police and fire departments.

Her message to students is, "it's important that you become a part of the voting process,



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Seating filled quickly as guests arrived, candidates mingled with guests prior to the showcase beginning.

and that we form great partnerships with kids in this community to see what your needs are."

Cathy Dalquist is running unopposed for the Enumclaw School Board. Dalquist's goal is to have professional learning communities (PLC's) for students.

PLC's enable students to have extra help when needed, and Dalquist plans to take students out of class for an hour every Friday for extra, more specific help. PLC's have had great results in Dalquist's own school.

Dalquist is a big supporter of Running Start and believes, "it's a great program for kids who don't fit in at the high school and want a different experience." Since she is unopposed, Dalquist was mainly present to answer questions of voters.

While ASGRCC is more commonly known for Green River activities, this was one of the many events they will host throughout the 09-10 school year.

With most people only knowing a candidate for their interesting posters all over town or groups of people waving on corners, this was a way to get a more accurate view on who's running this year.

Voting day is November 3 this year, and while there isn't a presidential election this term, there are still important changes happening on a more local level.

Students are encouraged to use their voice to make a difference where one vote can actually be the make it or break it that a candidate or proposition needs to win the general election.

Tree crushes car on campus

By: Nicole Swapp

In the parking lot of P11 a tree fell on top of a car around 7PM on October 26. The P11 lot is located next to the Administration Building.

Director of Campus Safety, Fred Creek, said "this hasn't happened in the 12 years I have been at Green River."

There has not been an exact reason as to why the tree fell on the car, but Creek said "there was a lot of moisture on the ground which could be a factor but most likely be an investigation done by Natural Recourses on why the tree fell"

The Facilities Department cleared the road between P11 and P12 by cutting down the tree. Creek commented that the wood from the tree will be used by the Forestry Students by selling it to raise money for their club.

The owner of the car was found later that night and took the news rather nicely. "She took it quite well honestly" added Creek. Green River Community College is not responsible any liability of this vehicle.

To watch live video of the crash please visit thecurrentonline.net

First transfer fair

Students can look forward to many more this quarter
By: Saya Tatsumi

On Tuesday, October 13, in the LC, Fall Quarter Transfer Fair was held for all GRCC students. More than 20 four-year universities, such as University of Washington, Washington State University, Pacific Lutheran University, Seattle Pacific University, City University, Bastyr University, Evergreen State College, etc. each had a booth.

Students who had questions or were anxious about transferring to a four-year university had the chance to talk to several recruiters.

"I [haven't] decided yet if I would go back to my country or stay here until I get a bachelor degree", Jessica Cheng commented. According to Cheng, a 20-year-old student from Hong Kong, the opportunity to study at a four-year university in the U.S. is fascinating. However, she also worries about her family and the life she'll lead after she leaves Green River.

21-year-old Lin Xiao who is about to finish her AA degree said, "I have been planning to transfer to UC Berkeley since I decided my major."

Xiao, a Science major, has spent a long time searching for the university that would be the best for her to finish studying in that field. She is a motivated student, but she still worries about her GPA due to UC Berkeley's high standards and a reputation of being difficult to get in.

On the other hand, Michelle Youngstrom is looking for the Universities with high acceptance rates. "My GPA is not so high, so I need to figure out which university is reasonable because I don't want to give up a bachelor degree as long as I can get permission to get in." Also, the 19-year-old said, "I believe a degree will help me to get a job I can be satisfied with."

More or less students are concerned about their future because of the recent economic situation.

Fortunately, the image of GRCC students seems to be proactive. Sean Lacy from Pacific Lutheran University said, "I have a [good] impression of GRCC students." Lacy continued to say that some seemed very interested in studying in new environments.

He also noted how careful those students were in obtaining as much information as possible while others who might not share the same enthusiasm would still pick up catalogs before moving on.

The next fair is on Thu, 11/12, 9 am - 1 pm with UW Bothell. Transfer events are free and do not require pre-registration.

SCHEDULE

University Representatives
visiting campus:

UW Bothell - Thu, 11/5, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Pacific Lutheran University -
Art Institute of Seattle - Fri, 11/20, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

UW Bothell - Tue, 12/1, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Northwest University - Wed, 12/2, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

UW Evening Degree - Wed, 12/2, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Pacific Lutheran University - Thu, 12/3, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

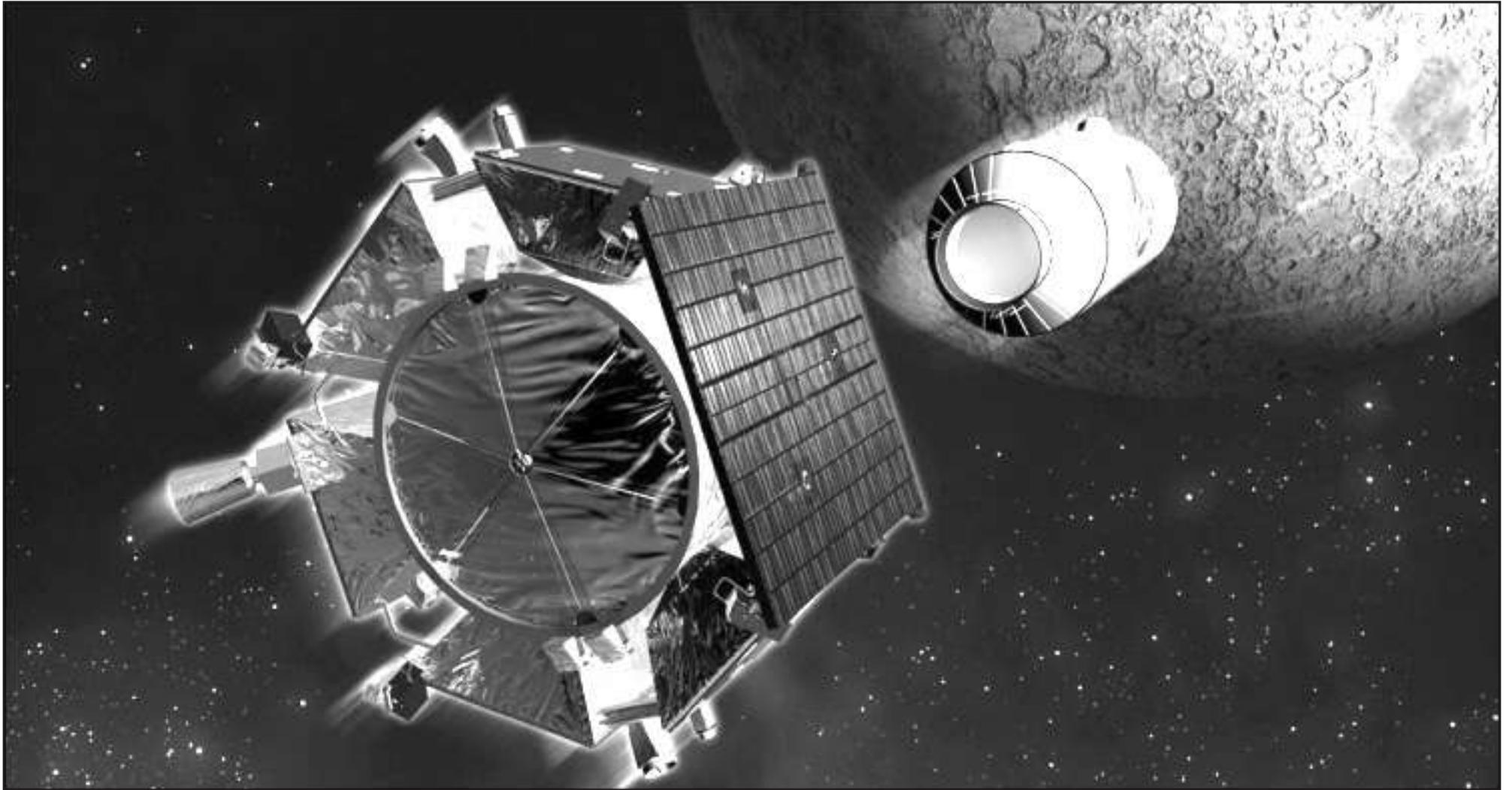
Art Institute of Seattle - Mon, 12/7, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.



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The night of October 26 around 7p.m. a car parked in P11 was crushed due to a tree tumbling on top on it.

NASA's LCROSS mission: a waste of money at the wrong time and in the wrong place



Courtesy Photo/enjoyspace.com

Artist's rendition of a rocket heading straight for the moon in NASA's LCROSS mission. Two rockets were shot directly toward its surface in search of any ice or water in debris from plumes of moon dust. The mission cost \$79 million.

Commentary by: Kaitlin Stoufer

NASA has been planning the Lunar Crater Observing and Sensing Satellite (LCROSS) mission since April of 2006 when it was selected as a low-cost and fast-paced follow-up mission for the Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter (LRO). Instead, NASA should be focusing on finishing previous projects and getting those results to the public before they begin any more new missions.

The main purpose of the LCROSS mission was to confirm the presence, or lack thereof, of ice in one of the moon's craters. This specific crater was chosen because it is in the lunar polar region of the moon and it is permanently shadowed.

NASA's Ames Research Center in Moffett Field California is managing the LCROSS mission with the help of Northrop Grumman, its spacecraft and integration partner, located in Redondo Beach California. Ames has had mission scientists to cover the data analysis whereas Northrop designed and built the spacecraft.

On June 18, 2009 at approximately 2:30 p.m. PDT the LCROSS mission launched with the LRO on an Atlas V rocket in Canaveral, Fla. The LCROSS spacecraft and the Atlas V's Centaur upper stage rocket did a fly-by of the moon on June, 23 2009 and entered Earth's orbit to get LCROSS to the right spot for its impact of the lunar pole.

In the final approach the spacecraft and the Centaur separated, with the Centaur acting as a heavy impactor which would create a debris cloud that should have risen above the lunar surface, this plume of debris was expected to be visible from Earth using a 10- 12 inch telescope, but for the people watching it was a disappointing sight.

Four minutes after the impact, the spacecraft flew through the debris collecting and relaying

all the data back to Earth before it also impacted the moon and made a second debris cloud. This impact was set for October 9 at 4:30 a.m. PDT.

It worries me that we hit the moon with so much force. Studies showed that this mission wouldn't affect the moon's orbit but we couldn't be sure of that until we actually hit the moon. I am very glad that it didn't negatively affect the moon in any obvious ways but I can't help but wonder what would have been done if the LCROSS mission had had negative effects. I have yet to see any plans by NASA for negative side effects from this mission.

The way the debris plume was thought to work was that it would rise above the crater's rim, exposed to sunlight, which would make any water-ice vaporize into its basic components. The equipment onboard the spacecraft, which included a near- infrared and mid-infrared cameras, would then determine the amount of water in the debris plume. Other functions of the equipment would be to locate and track the behavior of the plume and measure the flash the Centaur impact made.

However, it didn't go exactly to plan. Scientists from NASA are saying that the spacecraft did indeed spot the crater made by the Centaur but they are not confirming whether the crash made the plume of debris they were expecting. They are also not confirming if the debris contained any signs of water-ice.

The \$79 million impact left a crater about 66 feet wide as was expected but didn't send up the plume of debris viewers expected to see.

NASA officials are saying that it might have come up at a different angle than they thought it would or that it possibly didn't rise high enough to be seen by the spacecraft or the onlookers on Earth. They are also reminding us that the

researchers warned people that the LCROSS impacts would be very difficult to see from Earth.

Although no obvious signs of the debris plume have been confirmed, some of the scientific tools, such as the spectra which measures non-visible wavelengths of light, have shown signals that suggest the cloud did occur. However, more time is needed to analyze all the findings, NASA says.

It seems to me that this is a common statement coming from NASA and I have some doubts on whether or not the public will ever get all of the information, even after they have had time to finish all of their studies.

The Hubble Space Telescope and many other satellites and spacecraft, along with the LRO that launched with LCROSS and is now circling the moon, are watching carefully and tracking the aftermath of the impacts.

While many people believe we should take any means possible to further our space exploration, it would be wise to spend that \$79 million on the current problems our country is having. It is important to explore space but we could better use all of that money to restore our own planet.

It is crazy to see if the moon has water on it so that we could start plans to live there when we can't take care of the planet we inhabit now.

One positive thing about this mission would be that if they had found a significant amount of water, we could journey farther into space because we could use the moon as a base instead of being forced to use a good bit of supplies just to get out of the Earth's atmosphere.

But even with that plus, we have to consider our current economic state. Do we really have the money to be funding these space exploration trips, even if there is water on the moon?

We should focus on our own problems here on Earth before we go to the moon and ruin its environment as well.

Editor's Note: In the 10/16 issue of The Current; the article "KGRG rocks the house of Green River" is being replaced by the article "A station filled with awesome music and people" on Pg. 2 in the 10/30 issue.

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A Nobel Prize for achieving nothing

The president's win comes with a sense of anticlimax and lack of accomplishment

Commentary by: Alison Melton

Suppose there was a four-year college that awarded a diploma to a student in the middle of his freshman year. Almost everyone would think this would be outside of protocol; a graduate earns a diploma at the completion of his course of studies. The consensus would be that he hasn't earned this award. The student himself would feel a sense of anticlimax and instead of the proud sense of accomplishment, there would be the uneasy feeling: "I still have to earn this."

This is the exact position President Obama found himself in when he accepted the Nobel Peace Prize.

When Obama received the award for the Nobel Peace Prize on October 9, most viewers were sent into a tailspin.

It's hard to understand how a political figure could be a recipient for such an award without having accomplished much of anything.

The Nobel Peace Prize could have been given to any other nominee who has made progress, whether ingenious or minute.

While I have gradually begun to appreciate Obama for his promising efforts to change the world for the better, I haven't concluded how he deserved to win the Nobel Peace Prize.

Usually, when an award of such size is given out, it is to those individuals who have made a substantial impact upon certain means.

When most people hear of it, they think of popular citizens who have given their entire being to better the world of its worsened state; people such as Theodore Roosevelt for creating a peace treaty for Japan and Russia; Martin Luther King Jr. in his efforts to ensure peace in his campaign; even Mother Theresa

and her inspiration to support the needy.

Obama accepted this award, making it difficult to see how he can win in the end. On the other hand, if he would have declined the award, he couldn't possibly lose. Even though Obama won the 'prize', there are still monumental crises going on nationwide.

The economy is still in danger, taxes are still incredibly high, and people are facing homelessness and starvation – and that's just the beginning.

There is still a promise that the new president can rise up to the challenge and keep his word on the matters at hand.

Obama recently began circulating a "New War Plan" – a preparation of ideas in order to end the war in Afghanistan and Pakistan – that has been approved by Afghan President Hamid Karzai.

In addition to this promising tactic, the president also declared plans to completely rid the world of nuclear weapons. Obama stated that he plans to ensure a settlement with Russia called the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty, in order to condense the expansion of such weapons.

The president has stated that receiving the Nobel Peace Prize does not necessarily promote or glorify anything he has done, but instead, it is more of a "wake-up call," or something that has come to his attention as a call to action.

This being said, upon receiving the award, President Obama is ready to make drastic changes to the world's serious needs.

I myself would be incredibly relieved to know that while he didn't earn – or even expect – the prize, his duties as president will grant him respect and trust.

How Facebook killed Myspace, and why it's better

Commentary by: Mallory Lambarena

For the longest time, Myspace has been the social networking site that many kids, teens and young adults have used to communicate with each other. However, Facebook has recently become the new Myspace and is rapidly taking over.

Myspace is targeted toward a younger crowd of kids than Facebook. With Myspace, people have more room to personalize their pages with decorative backgrounds, icons, music playlists and fun animations.

Lots of middle school and high school students prefer Myspace to Facebook because it is less complex and because the majority of their friends are signed up for Myspace.

For privacy reasons, Facebook is a safer site because there isn't as much spam and soliciting. In their message inboxes on Myspace, people are always getting offers from girls in almost nothing to meet up with them or asking them to be their friends so they can "chat."

Myspace allows people to make fake profiles and go to the search to type in specific ages, locations, genders, and orientations in order to find people so they can send them spam. Facebook makes it so that you must know the person's name before you can look them up.

There are also more privacy settings for Facebook users than there are for Myspace users. Facebook allows people to make public specific information to friends, friends of friends only, certain networks, certain friends and much

more. The Myspace privacy settings are much more limited.

Among older generations, many people are starting to sign up for Facebook to rekindle friendships, find old peers from their school days, and keep in contact with friends from college.

Facebook makes it much easier to communicate with friends because there are networks and friends can be categorized into groups based upon schools.

James Brangert, a 24-year-old insurance banker, claims he uses Facebook over Myspace because "everyone else uses it and it has a more modern feel and isn't as cluttered with music, wallpapers, and imitation profiles." Brangert enthusiastically added, "With Facebook I don't have to refresh my page every minute to see if I have new updates or comments like I do with Myspace."

Since Facebook is targeted towards college kids and above, Myspace is slowly starting to fade out as Facebook takes over. Since people can sign up for their local network or a school network, more people choose Facebook because it is easier to find people they know, and meet people who either go to school with them or live nearby.

Annie Viola, a 19-year-old Green River student, confidently stated, "I think Myspace is dead to our generation. It may still be alive to younger kids, but for college-age kids and up, Facebook is definitely the new Myspace."

Facebook came up with many of the applica-

Have we lost touch with real communication?

Text messaging encourages people to forget about tone and emotion in conversation

Commentary by: Sonia Rodriguez

Texting has become our main source of communication. It has taken over and it has made all other forms of communication secondary, such as writing a letter, email and even making a phone call.

We depend on text messages to get anything we need across to other people, allowing technology to manage our communicating resources.

But we must realize that we cannot transmit our emotions via text. Tone of voice and body language are left out.

We have lost touch with what a real conversation looks like. Not only has texting taken over this generation's communication, but our parent's communication as well. Today, you may see your friend's mom if not yours, texting just as much as you. Age not being a barrier, this ultimate trend has swiped over all.

People have broken up, committed crimes and conducted business all through text messaging.

It is unlikely to see a young person who does not have a cell phone or much less, one who doesn't text.

We text everywhere: at school, at work, at the mall, at the dinner table and even in the bathroom. We text with everyone: friends, siblings, co-workers, parents and even strangers when getting an unknown message.

We have the urge to reply or begin a chain of messages. It's part of our culture. It's a trend that we often feel we must follow even when there is no need to do so.

It seems like it's in our genes to surpass our friend's texting records. I've even seen some of my friend's text the person standing right next to them.

Some even send and receive an average of 6,000 messages a month. It's not a surprise to hear a young person say, "I'll die without my phone or without unlimited texting."

However, texting has also been the cause of many horrible accidents. Texting while driving has been linked to a great number of car accidents. It's one of the top driving distractions and it's a growing national concern.

We can't help but be constantly connected to our phones. At times, we text just to occupy our minds when there is nothing better to do or when we want to transmit information quickly and effortlessly.

We are a fast-paced generation with the notion that making a call, writing a letter or even meeting in person will take far too long to transmit than an instant message would.

It's causing us to lose touch with expressing ourselves when we want to convey serious thoughts to others.

It creates an aura of protection in knowing that we are not communicating face to face and that our genuine feelings can't be sent.

We should not let technology consume all forms of exchanging information. In the end I believe that we all would appreciate legitimate communication with body language and emotions.



Sonia Rodriguez/The Current



Seen above are Facebook's login and Myspace's homepage. Facebook has recently trumped Myspace in popularity. Courtesy Photo/chrisjagers.net

tions first, with Myspace later following with the same applications, just tweaked a little bit. Facebook was the first networking site to come up with a chat so that people could instantly talk with each other. Myspace eventually added a chat to their site as well, but it was much later than Facebook's.

Bumper stickers, which are little pictures or quotes, were first created by Facebook to allow friends to send them to each other so they can be published on their pages. Myspace later add-

ed the same application, but there are not as many to choose from, and not as many people have the application on their page as people do on Facebook.

Facebook basically came up with many of the ideas first, then Myspace came and put the same types on their page so they wouldn't lose all their users.

Although Myspace was more popular to begin with, Facebook is quickly taking over the social network for now.

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The Snuggie siege on campus

Cult members make desperate attempts to keep the backwards robe pure

By: Nicole Swapp & Lindsey Williams

Ever since the invention of Snuggies, students all over Green River Community College have been dressing in the backwards robe daily. This crazy fashion experience has also caught the eyes of many faculty and staff members – Spanish professors have dubbed it a Snuggie fashionista!

GRCC students are outraged that their once trendy fashion has caught on with the older staff members. Second year and long-time Snuggie-lover, Duke Letterman, said, "I can't stand to walk into English now and see my teacher in a Snuggie. It's just not right."

A local group of students on campus, known as The Snuggie Cult Club (TSCC), have fixed the problem by inventing a new type of Snuggie – the Community Snuggie. Knowing that the staff and faculty would soon want to snatch this sweet craze, the TSCC has made this Community Snuggie available to members only.

The Community Snuggie is not much different than your everyday one. The major differences between the Community Snuggie verses the original Snuggie is simply, it's larger and has eight arms – a step up from the original two.

"I never want to leave my Community Snuggie!" commented Tony Tigger. "The people in my Community Snuggie are hot too – so that helps." Tigger is not only a full time student at Green River, but also a registered sex offender in the City of Auburn.

Hoping that the Community Snuggie idea will catch on, the creators have made a YouTube video labeled, "How to Lose Your Virginity." Laika Groping, creator of the video, said, "We hope the video makes people want to look at our sweet idea." Groping also added that the Community



Lindsey Williams/The Current

Just a few of the victims of the Community Snuggie surge...

Snuggie won't help you lose your virginity, but it could induce an impromptu orgy. ;D

Students wishing to join TSCC are welcome to apply, but be forewarned... The club has a strict co-ed rule on Community Snuggie groups, and

there is an extensive waiting list for men.

Due to this uneven enrollment, women are strongly encouraged to apply for admission to TSCC. At this time, there is no age requirement, although the club retains the right to refuse

entry to anyone under the age of 12 for moral reasons.

TSCC is currently working on their website. According to Groping, "We hope to launch somewhere between tomorrow and whenever we get a techie member." Being a techie will automatically move any male up on the waiting list, though they are not technically allowed to say that.

A few requirements for admission: all applicants must memorize TSCC's mission YouTube skit, "WTF blanket," have an overactive sex drive verified by a licensed palm reader and eat pizza with ranch. Lots of ranch.

Groping was happy to add some "get-in-free" cards for those missing one or two requirements. Being a registered sex offender or child molester are automatic yes's, and being a hot girl will renounce any aforementioned requirements.

TSCC is located in the Complaint Office of The Current, aka SMT134-B. Visitors must wear Snuggies and bring a bribe.

The rise of tranny cage fighting

Green River is quickly transforming into Transylvania

By: Ryan West

It is the fastest growing sport in America!

Tranny Cage Fighting burst into America's living room in 2008. Now, for a limited time only, you too, can see this epic sport live in action at the Lindbloom Center's Glacier Room.

Tranny Cage Fighting (TCF) grabbed hold of Green River Community with a firm grip last weekend and didn't let go.

It was five minutes of pure wiggled chaos. Both men were dressed for a night out, but ready for a brawl...

The fights went down in a structure called the Snugglecon – a two-sided heart-shaped ring, filled with what can only be described as multicolored balls. Both fighters are dressed head to toe in drag wear. With no detail left out, each fighter is delicately adorned with fabulous powders.

Recently, Jimmy E. Choo, a student at the

College and the past TCF Champion, lost in a battle full of flying glitter, purses, and six-inch stilettos. The victor was Huga Tjandra, who described the match as "a whirlwind of cheap perfume and intense pain."

This sport is an anything-goes-grudge-match. All styles are welcome: boxing, wrestling... Even cheerleading.

The men meet in the center and square off for supremacy and a chance to win the coveted silk belt.

TCF has come a long way since its humble roots in the trailer parks of Middle America. Starting with little media coverage other than the television show "Cops," TCF now has a home and a dedicated fan base of over-zealously loyal followers...

Haters describe this sport as human cock fighting: "two men dressed in head-to-toe drag is nasty!"

"Why would they do this, dress like that,

and fight?" screamed Barth Wader one evening, after watching a fight.

Supporters don't seem to be bothered in the least bit, with almost all of Green River in attendance.

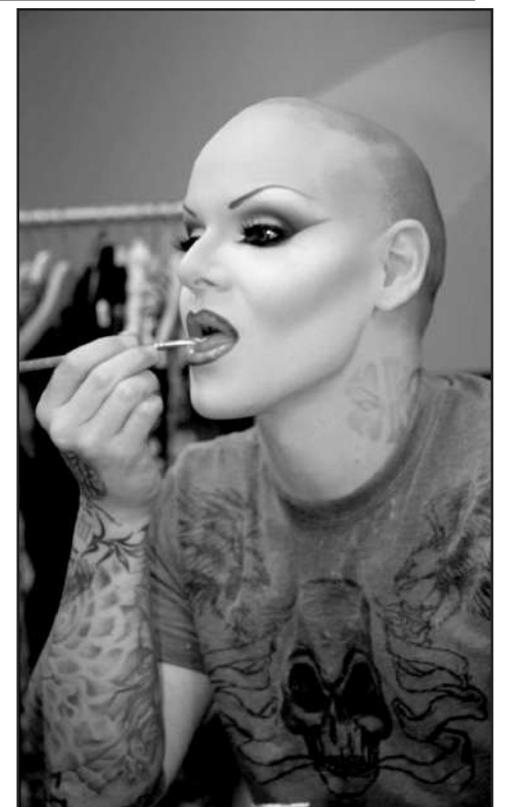
The athletes themselves say, "This is my art, this is my freedom, if you don't like it don't watch! MMMMhhmmmm!"

"If I want to dress like this, who cares! It's not like you have to watch or anything. Leave me alone, I do what I want! MMMMhhmmmm!"

Whether you love it or hate it, the TCF League has arrived. Either join their superior ranks, or get out of their fabulously-permed-way...

Rumors of an All Girls League are spreading, but the Tranny athletes assure no such thing is even possibly.

"Trannies are guys. Only," squealed Choo.



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Obama to become the new GRCC president

Obama Obama...

By: Samantha Kootz

Barack Obama, president of the United States of America, seems to be winning everything lately! Green River Community College recently announced that Obama has been elected president of the college, following former President Richard Rutkowski's retirement.

This news comes quickly after Obama was announced as the recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize, making it seem as if he can do no wrong.

When asked why he would want to be the president of Green River Community College, Obama explained, "I want to make a real difference in the lives of these students. It is nice to be in charge of the United States, but now I want to be where it really matters," he chuckled.

Obama encouraged Americans to go back to school and pursue a higher education throughout his presidential campaign.

"It only makes sense for me to be here at this fine institution of higher learning," he stated simply.

What changes are in store for the students and faculty in the coming years under Obama's guidance? For one, tuition rates are expected to be drastically cut with the hopes of other col-

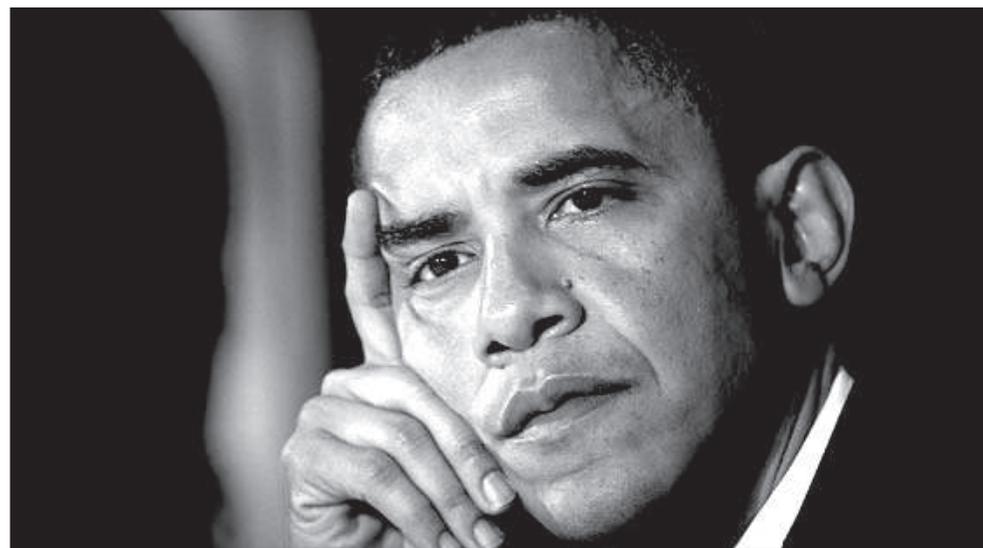
leges following suit.

"We must make sure that people who have the grades, the desire, and the will, but not the money, can still get the best education possible," Obama said, elaborating on his plan to cut rates.

Christopher O'Donnel, who teaches Life Sciences at the college, feels differently about the matter. "Where is all the extra money going to come from?" O'Donnel asks, "You think a five dollar coffee is expensive? Just wait until the cafeteria starts looking for somewhere to make up the money lost from tuition!"

Obama also plans to enact an Early Headstart program. His daughters, Malia Obama – age ten – and Sasha Obama – age seven – will be enrolled in college as the first Early Headstart students in Winter Quarter. "I'm excited about this new program," Obama continued. "If we can get children to start college sooner, we can get them to graduate sooner and we will quickly become the smartest nation in the world!"

"It will be difficult for these young students to write twelve-page essays when they can barely write the alphabet," English teacher Owen Baird says, admitting his concern over the Early Headstart children.



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Barack the boat! Hi-five! Yeah! Obama Obama Obama Obama Obama Obama Obama Obama Obama Obama!

21-year-old Joe Suave thinks that having 16 and 17-year-old young women running around campus is dangerous enough. "Shouldn't college be a place where we can hook up with everyone?" he questioned.

Indeed, with kids looking older every day, these Early Headstart students could easily be mistaken for consenting adults.

A group of students planning to major in Early Childhood Development see this as a way to get some hands-on experience in college.

Carly Starley spoke for everyone in her class when she said that the young kids in the Early Headstart program will be "just adorable," walk-

ing around campus, completely clueless and innocent.

Obama plans to "get back in touch with the young students" by staying in the Campus Corner Apartments. Obama refused to give information on where his wife, Michelle Obama, and two young children are planning to stay. For security reasons.

"I can't wait to see him around campus!" exclaimed Shen Chang, a 19-year-old student living in the same apartment which Obama has lease a room in. "It will be surreal to have him hanging out around the CCA, I hope he'll play ping pong with us!"

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Healthy choices? Students fail to practice what they preach

By: Sze Nga Wong

A healthy life style is often valued and most people know the basics of how to lead a healthier life.

Especially recently at Green River Community College, students seem to know much more than the basic concepts, since a two-credit physical education class is a requirement for an Associate's Degree.

Taking a two-credit PE class is a good way to get information about a healthier life style. Not only does the class offer the chance to work out, but it also teaches proper dietary habits.

Bonnie Andrews, a GRCC student who is currently taking Fitness Lab, said, "I am learning a lot from the class. Working out, knowing the information of nutrition and diseases... The information is extremely helpful. A balanced diet is the first lesson of a healthy life style!"

Andrews has lunch in the cafeteria everyday after her PE class, "By the way," she added, "the cheeseburger here is really good!"

There are many choices in the cafeteria, including salads and sandwiches...

"I took a health class when I was in high school, so some things are familiar to me. I also have a great retention for information," Jimmy

Jefferson said, who got a 4.0 GPA in Aerobic Walking class last quarter. He was waiting in line to get his fried chicken.

"Drinking enough water is the most important thing," Jefferson added, while walking to the soft drink machine after getting his fried chicken. He picked up the largest cup and pushed "Coke."

Ka Man Chan, an international student, explained, "I have never taken a health class before, but the basic concepts of being healthy are not strange to me. I think there are some common-sense-staples that we all know, such as: take in less fat, less sugar, less sodium, and do more exercise."

The fitness room on campus is free to use, and students have the chance to exercise.

Chan lives one third of a mile away from campus and drives between home and campus everyday.

"Finding a parking space close to my class is absolutely impossible!" she complained. "I have to walk! A lot!"

"I believe every student gets the idea of being healthy when walking out the class," Megan N. Real, a PE instructor, admitted. "Unfortunately, knowing something is good doesn't mean people will do it."

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Disney stars go to rehab en masse

Miley Cyrus and the Jonas Brothers busted for unacceptable actions following concert

By: Jaclyn Shorter

Music is apparently not all that Disney stars like to do in their free time. While other people find safe things to do together, they do something of a "different" nature.

Wednesday night, a group of Disney stars were discovered smoking pot and drinking alcohol after a Radio Disney concert.

They were backstage when a fan snuck back there, hoping to get some autographs from them. Among the stars in the group were the Jonas Brothers and Miley Cyrus.

"Smoking pot was Joe's [Jonas'] idea," said Miley Cyrus. "He said he was tired of creating pathetic excuses for music, and didn't know how else to cope with his disappointment. We joined him because we are in the same league, talent-wise."

"We write simple chords for music that a five-year-old can learn in no time at all," added Jonas.

After being caught, the partiers were sent to juvenile court to await sentencing. They were charged with Minor in Possession and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. The judge found them guilty on both counts, and the stars were ordered to six weeks in rehab.

They were sent to Happyville Acres for treatment.

The stars were greeted with harsh stares and many glares. "Why do I have to share my room with them? Their music makes my ears bleed," complained resident Bobby Smith. "Disney stars should know better."

Billy Ray Cyrus kept a diligent blog of the stars' time in rehab on the popular website Twitter. "Day one didn't go as planned. I thought that



Illustration by Kelli Wyatt

The up-coming album by the Jonas Brothers, self-titled, "We Stink, Who Cares?"

they would be welcomed, despite their conviction, because they are famous and are part of the Disney monopoly. Some girls like the Jonas Brothers just for their looks, and who wouldn't like Cyrus?" wrote her father in his blog. "I found out that people were chucking fruit salad at

them in the cafeteria because they started to sing during their meals. Joe got a grape stuck up his nose and Cyrus choked on a piece of cantaloupe."

"Day two wasn't much better," stated Cyrus' father in another blog. "They introduced them-

selves during classes and had to tell people about their backgrounds. Kevin, Joe, and Nick Jonas talked about how they wrote songs while high on drugs and performed them in front of a crowd of brainless tweens. Cyrus mentioned how she loves to show off in front of the camera. When asked to comment on the other members, people kept ripping into the musicians and their "talents."

The days in rehab dragged on with not much success for the stars. Joe had his underwear hung upside down from a flagpole, and Cyrus got locked in the janitor's closet.

Kevin got ambushed on the way to a meeting and Nick got hit in the face with a rotten banana.

People were making it blatantly clear that their presence was not welcome in this facility.

"I'm tired of this," stated Nick. "Why don't people like us? We sound like dying calves when we sing and have a bad sense of fashion, but that shouldn't matter, right? People say we are better than The Beatles, and I agreed. Long live the Jonas Brothers!"

"Why do people hate me? I'm cute and adorable and sound off-tune when I sing, but I'm Miley! You have to love Miley!" wined Cyrus.

Six weeks later, the stars were released, having learned that educated people don't like their songs. They are done with drugs. But not with music.

"We are going to keep singing anyway because it's what we love," said Nick Jonas.

"I can't believe they are continuing with music! They set a bad example for anyone with good musical taste," exclaimed Bobby Smith.

The Jonas Brothers have an album coming out later in the year titled, "We Stink, Who Cares?" Buy if you dare...

Hunters and Premies and Trackers... OH MY!

When rabbits go rabid it's not so cute! It causes death! Lots of death!

By: Jeanette Helms

Werewolves? Phfftt!

There's a new threat on campus! And it's much, much worse...

Many students have seen the recent activity of rabbits at Green River, despite that spring sprung months ago.

They're cute, fluffy, lovable... Aren't they?

Wrong.

Green River is currently facing a new terrifying threat: Killer Bunnies...

Due to several territorial wars between the bunnies and squirrels, many of them have not survived long enough to achieve their first kill. It's easy to tell which rabbits have not had their first taste of blood by their size - they're fairly small, about the size of a softball. These are the 'Premies.'

However, a rabbit who has fed is at least five-times that size, and are called 'Hunters.' And unlike the smaller rabbits, hunters know

Green River students are a much better source of blood than squirrels.

The rabbits have lived on and around campus for years. Recently however, Trackers (a highly-experienced team of biology students), believe that the recent construction has not only infuriated the rabbits, it has weakened the squirrels' ranks and led to more rabbit victories.

A Hunter has recently been spotted on campus, and Trackers believe it has established new territory...

It's been seen on several occasions between the SMT and the Science Building, roaming dangerously close to unsuspecting students. Highly intelligent killers, the Hunters will not attack prey if there are many people around, and will instead hop about, deceptively and innocently nibbling away on grass...

But be careful - this is also how they attract their prey. A student may spot the adorable monster and pull out their camera or cellular phone to snap a picture, and as they bend down

to get a good shot, it will lunge for the jugular...

The Current has made several attempts to interview victims of such attacks. Unfortunately, none have survived. One member of our lead Trauma Department did schedule an interview with a student who saw the Hunter, George Amadaus. However, at the scene of the interview, a Premie leapt from the bushes and attacked.

Our staff member did get out alive and is now being sheltered by the Witness Protection Program, but Amadaus was dragged off into the creature's lair.

In the case of an encounter with one of these deadly creatures, remain calm. Stay at least



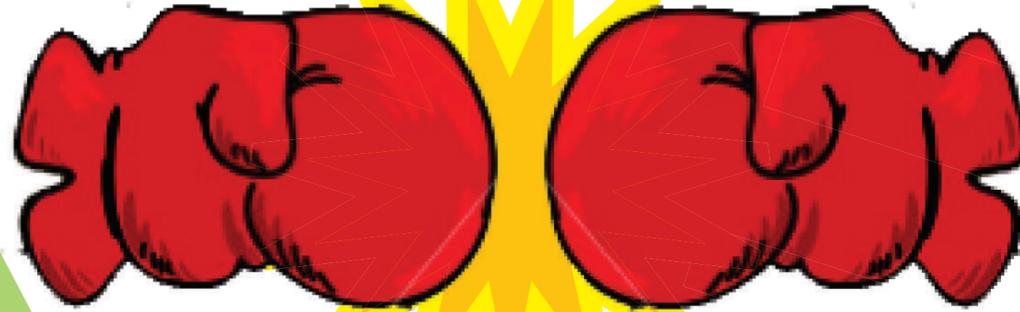
This could be you...

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twelve-and-two-thirds of a yard away from the creature, and DO NOT make eye contact!!

If there are other students around, run to them. Sprint. And pray.

Gloves To Gloves



Student Debate: Is the Economy Getting Better?

I'm Right, You're Wrong!

By: Nicole Palmer

There are many dates we remember in history. September 11, 2001 the day the towers fell. April 19, 1995 the day the Oklahoma City bombing occurred. December 26, 2004 the day the Indian Ocean tsunami killed thousands of people. April 20, 1999 the day the Columbine killings happened. But, does anyone remember what happened on October 6, 2008?

The week of October 6, 2008 is known as the "black week" for that year because this is when the stock market began to crash. At this time, banks began to realize that they gave out loans to people with very poor credit that may not be able to pay them back. The retail value of many houses was declining, so people were beginning to realize that their homes were now worth less than the loan they took from the bank. When people comprehended this, they thought that perhaps they would get no penalty from the bank if they did not pay their loans.

Why would a bank foreclose on a house that was worth less than the amount they gave the person? This mistake on the end of the financial institutions resulted in many bank failures, and the depreciation in the value of stock. During the "black week" the Dow Jones industrial average fell over 1874 points. Soon the "black week" became the "Panic of 2008."

Since many of the students on

campus may still live with their parents and don't own a large amount of stock, it may have taken a little longer to see the results that this crash had on our economy. But, we all have now seen its effect on our everyday lives. We have noticed the lack of jobs, the giant layoffs, and the hours cut for workers. We have heard of stimulus packages, cash for clunkers, and first-time homebuyer's grants.

The real question now is whether or not the economy is finally improving. I have worked in retail for almost a year now, and I remember the months after this stock market crash. The mall was a graveyard, stores were closing left and right, people were afraid to buy, even more people were afraid to open credit, and people I knew were filing for bankruptcy. More and more people were keeping it cheap for Christmas last year, they were only buying necessities, or keeping their gifts under a hundred dollars.

However, just these last couple months I have definitely seen a change. More and more people are spending money, they are buying things they want instead of only what they need, and they are no longer afraid to apply for credit.

The mall is starting to become busy and full of people again. Hopefully this is a sign of better things to come, and hopefully we have seen the worst of this economic crisis. If more people start spending their money again, this can only result

in more jobs, and more hours for people in their current positions - which in turn can only boost our economy.

Through the cash for clunkers program car dealerships through the nation profited almost 3 billion. Many people who were not thinking about buying cars that year (almost 250,000) bought them anyway because of the incentive. This can only be good for our economy, watching large companies do better business, and cash for clunkers gave people the extra push they needed to purchase cars.

The stock market is also doing better, just recently the DOW industrials was lifted above 10,000. This was thanks to a couple of businesses that are doing much better, such as AT&T, and McDonalds.

According to CNN.com, fewer people are using unemployment benefits, the number has dropped and economists only see it dropping more in the future.

We are hiking back up the hill now, and see the apex in view; just a little further and things will again be back to normal, but we are on the right track.

The week of October 6, 2008 will always be remembered as the "black week" of that year. Now, only one year later it is still fresh in our minds. But, like every other important date in history, it will soon become only a memory; something horrible that once happened in the past, but somehow we overcame.

You're Wrong, I'm Right!

By: Stirling Radliff

From this last year, our generation has caught a glimpse, a valued insight, into the care and recognition for which our fragile economic system requires: of constant oversight and regulation to construct a necessary restraint around the greed which capitalism permits at its very core. Our current economic disaster, though, isn't a "depression."

In a recessive economy, there isn't enough money flowing into the economy, which means that nobody is spending money. Why is nobody spending money? Because they don't have jobs, or the jobs they do have don't adequately pay them enough.

Because people aren't buying things, companies lose money and then have to fire people. If companies are firing people it makes life more difficult, certainly for us students, to find jobs. The trend of unemployment seems to be slowing down, but not stopping to any significant extent.

In April of this year, the Bureau of Labor Statistics estimated 8.9% unemployment, nationally. In May it jumped to 9.4% and grew steadily up to September which slightly leveled at 9.8%. The percentage is expected to incrementally rise in coming months - unless of course Congress curtsies to some verily needed reforms and legislations.

For the West alone, unemployment in April was at 9.7%. In May, unemployment rose to 10.1%. Up

to September, unemployment stood at 10.6%. This is again scheduled to rise incrementally in coming months.

The other large problem affecting the economy is the National Debt. As of October 26, the national debt was \$11,908,908,084,473.49. This is how much the United States owes the World Bank.

Estimating that America has about 307,108,187 persons (census), and by the extraordinary number above, each United States citizen owes roughly \$38,769.99.

Along this tide, our 2009 deficit is roughly \$1.4 trillion, a record breaking number.

\$1.4 trillion is a number that, according to the U.S. Budget Office statistics, developed most significantly during the Reagan, George H.W. Bush, and especially the George W. Bush administration.

After President Clinton brought the United States out of a deficit exceeding a \$500 billion surplus, Disenfranchised-Former-Lame-Duck-President Bush brought the United States to the deficit of \$1.4 trillion.

The ultimate cause of this crisis was the modern Republican economic theory, Reaganomics. The Reaganomics plan is thus:

To reduce the growth of government spending; To reduce income and marginal gains tax rates; To reduce government regulation of the economy; And to control the money supply to reduce inflation.

To, on the whole, let the economy do whatever it wants without gov-

ernment interference. This, as we all witnessed, led to economic chaos and failure.

What can the United States government do now to fix this superfluous disaster? Keynesian Economics!

Aforesaid, people aren't spending money because they don't have jobs. Unemployment can be seen as the ultimate problem to this continuously failing economy. To fix it, to bring about better circulation, the government needs to invest in public projects in the same way that FDR did in his New Deal, to create new jobs.

For our problem: by fixing roads, bridges, ports, and dams; build highways; build new, modern transportation like monorails and subways. To invest in job building industries like Clean Energy; Government Health Care. And to resolve economically unstable issues like the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq; and to bring troops home from the bases we have in Japan and Germany, unresolved since World War II.

Some of these things have been implemented by the Barack Obama administration, following in almost an identical fashion that Roosevelt went in. Some financial improvements have certainly been made and are continuing to be made.

Because of the wars, the molested health industry, and the lack of control over the markets, not to mention outsourcing which also diminishes job opportunities - the problem of financial and economic security is still up in the air.

Living in the Campus Corner Apartments The good, the bad and the stinky

By: Samantha Shockley

When becoming a college student, there are many things that people consider: how they'll get the money, what classes they'll take, and last but definitely not least, where the hell they'll sleep.

For students attending Green River Community College that last question is answered; Campus Corner Apartments (CCA). However, living conditions can be difficult regardless of location. Some important questions need to be answered; does the good compensate for the bad, do they cover cable, what's the parking situation like, do they have a pool, and, apparently, for students in the CCA, can you deal with the smell?

The apartments are lovely on the outside; anyone walking by can see that. There are vines of red and green wrapping themselves around poles and stairwells, giving the place a nice environmental feeling. The upside, as all of Green River students know is that it only takes about two minutes to get on Campus, meaning, no long car drives, or waking up that extra half-hour so you won't be late.

What CCA's website fails to mention to future residents are the bad sides of living on campus. Especially the odors that may come along with a new roommate and their less than perfect hygiene.

It's obvious that roommates will have a huge influence on whether or not you like where you live. Many students have the problem of the classic person-who-doesn't-pick-up-after-himself, or herself. International student, Guido Bakke explains the dirty roommate downfall, "If my roommates don't pick up after themselves I have to for them," or live with the messy kitchen, bathroom

or living room. Of course many people have that problem in apartments everywhere, but the problem with the CCA is that you can't pick your roommates. You're stuck until one person moves out.

In defense of CCA, they try their best to match people together that they think will get along, and all students are required to fill out a questionnaire that gives a basic outline of their personality that pertains to roommates, but sometimes people just don't fit together. When that happens, there isn't much to be done but stick it out.

Depending on the location of the apartment, there are various features attached, wanted and unwanted. Amanda Lockhart, who has been a resident in the CCA since last September explains her apartment conditions, "We live right next to the dumpsters so when the trucks come by to pick up the trash they wake all of us up." While there is no immediate stench that can drift up to their apartment through the many windows, a perk, there are things that wake them early in the morning.

Lockhart expressed her dislike of the CCA in certain instances, "I don't like when they check our bedrooms. It's our personal space." Her roommate, Stephanie McClelland, agreed. Each apartment has security checks to make sure dorms are free of hazards. These inspections used to include a cleaning checklist, but that has since been stopped.

While there are many great features the CCA can offer there are also difficult things that students deal with everyday. Even though students can complain about the cost of living being too high, and the stench of a dirty roommate, there are still those who would never move out, even if they had a choice. "I would stay," Guido Bakkes says, "Overall, I like it here."



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Students love the new Kent Campus

Location, size and atmosphere: is the Kent Campus right for you?

By: Charles Renwick

Welcome to Kent Station. In what's considered the heart of Kent, Green River Community College claims its new campus. Here GRCC is able to offer job training, small business, and continuing education classes.

Safe from the rain, students are able to roam between classrooms, setting up study stations anywhere they please. Students can be seen with noses in books anywhere from the atrium-styled sky bridge, to the cushioned benches outside classes, and even on the many stairways.

Having one door helps tighten security in one way the main campus could never offer, expresses ESOL Professor Jean Jewell about the safety of her new work place.

Jewell has been teaching full time at GRCC for ten years but prefers the Kent location. "Just looking out my window during class at the fountain and AMC Theater makes the place more lively," she explains, "Sometimes, during class, there is music right outside." To Jewell and students the entertainment seems almost ambient.

Make no mistake; this is not a noisy building. The calming silence allows even the most subtle footsteps to be heard from across the building. "I love the peace here. I can pick up my books and find just about anywhere to sit and study," expresses Nicole Pitts, an 18-year-old student attending the Kent Campus.

The secret to keeping this hideaway quiet is no easy accomplishment. Between helping students and professors alike, Kent Campus Director Mari Ragland was able to spare only a few minutes to share that there are "only a couple of us here that keeps the place running." Just a handful of people, including two seasonal temps, are making sure operations go smooth.

"It's a little nuts," Ragland explains how the

challenges she faces in Kent are far different than anything she has tackled before.

Before becoming the Kent Campus Director, Ragland used to juggle student advising on the main campus. "I'm here to make sure the students don't need to visit the Auburn campus," says Ragland. The only thing students cannot be offered is Green River's food service.

"In this beautiful, state of the art urban setting we get students who train or bus from Seattle... On a Tuesday or Thursday morning this place is completely different." The Kent Campus only offers credited classes two days week so that students can work or take care of their families without sacrificing their school time.

But it is not all serious business at the Kent Campus, 18-year-old student Thomas Eccles was proud to show off the faculty's bathrooms. "Check out these toilets," Eccles exclaims, "it has two ways of flushing!"

During extended breaks between classes, many students visit local food shops. Jamba Juice employee Zachary Johnson shares that "students really seem to like coming here. It just seems like they are not in school anymore even though we are right down stairs."

Although Eccles sacrifices a shorter to commute to the main campus, he describes his desire for Kent to offer more classes, "I wish I could stay here next quarter."

Eccles is not the only one with this wish; Green River recently purchased a 43,000 square-foot addition to Kent Station. Now having a total of about 69,000 square feet, the Kent Campus is introducing new classrooms, staff, labs, and study spaces.

Though more Green River students and staff will be seen in Kent, the campus' rare character is not in jeopardy. The hours will continue to stay short and great parking will always be free.



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The new building for Green River's Kent Campus.



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Student Thomas Eccles walking to classes at the Kent Campus.

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Trips on a bus

By: Remco Zwetsloot

A search for adventure and... anything interesting really. Take 2.

The same recipe as the last time: get on a random bus, get out at a random stop, get on another bus, get out, you get the drift. Last time I got on the 181 at GRCC, so it was 164's turn this time.

Not wanting to insult too many people at once it was decided I wouldn't write about Auburn and that I'd just get out at Kent Station. When we (I decided to bring a friend this time) got there I realized I had already been there twice and, wanting to get away from the 2 high school guys 'scooping' each others' nipples (? kids and their games these days...), we followed a funny looking 17-year old carrying a transformer toy onto bus 153.

Somehow I managed to fall asleep for a little while, and when I woke up I started eavesdropping on our transformer-loving friend who had engaged in conversation with a girl he didn't know after she complimented his hair. When the girl got out we decided to follow her and still being rather sleepy we were both heavily craving a Starbucks (good thing they have one on every corner). After having an earl gray tea and a, bare with me now, double-brewed tall mocha frappuccino blended coffee, we found out we had ended up at the Renton P&R station.

We hung out for a while, being sure to carefully avoid the groups of adolescent Asian gangsters camping the street corners, enjoying the old school Atomic Kitten tunes blasting out of the Starbucks stereo, but after we had established we had been on the road for 2 hours and we still hadn't really done anything we started walking around.

Not encountering much interesting besides what is commonly referred to as white trash by you domestics, we decided we would just get dinner and see what would happen after. For the sake of originality we decided not to go to Subway for the 7th time this month, blessing IHOP with our presence instead. With us both being foreign, we were curious how different the American pancake version is from the Dutch one. When we saw the pictures on the menu the first stereotype had been confirmed: American pancakes are a slight bit bigger and fatter. It only took us 2 bites to come to the (pretty obvious, but it has to be said) conclusion that Dutch pancakes own American ones by far.

We strolled around for a bit after that, eventually going into the direction of the Transit Center to make our way home. After asking for directions twice, we finally found our way there, and found ourselves feeling kind of uncomfortable. It was my first time encountering a kind of bad neighborhood and even though the smell of weed is not unusual to someone from Amsterdam, I couldn't help checking my watch every 5 seconds hoping it would be time for the bus to arrive. When the 565 to Auburn finally arrived we got in with a sense of relief, only being down 56 cents (I got emotionally blackmailed into giving a hobo my change, damn them smelly bastards) with all my limbs still attached to my body. I got my adventure this time, but maybe I should be a little more careful with what I wish for.

Teacher Spotlight: Carsh Wiltturner

By: Sean Kramer

Psychology can be defined as the science of why human beings do what they do and think what they think. For Carsh Wiltturner, one of Green River Community College's most tenured teachers, it's also a fascinating science of life lessons.

When students taking one of Wiltturner's classes take in a lecture, jot down notes, and try to process the information being presented to them, his intention isn't simply for students to cram the information in their brains long enough to be able to vomit it out on a test and forget it the next day. His intent is for them to be able to retain the information and apply it to their own lives, even if Psychology isn't what they are necessarily pursuing.

A look at Wiltturner's past will reveal a hypocrisy that he himself isn't hesitant to admit.

"I wouldn't have taken me," he jokes. Early in his college career he just asked other people what the easy classes were, "I wasn't really looking to learn."

Originally attending the University of California-Berkeley on a football scholarship, Wiltturner admits that it wasn't until he realized the sport wasn't in his future that he started to take his education seriously.

"Ya know, I really need to learn how to do something," he recalled thinking.

And then he found psychology, and after a few classes he knew what he wanted to do. Changing his major from physics, what he says was his first love in academics, to the field that he's now been teaching at GRCC for almost 30 years.

Wiltturner was fascinated by how applicable it was to everyday life, "I just think it's that whole notion that, people, and behavior, are lawful. That there are sets of rules that govern what we do."

"After I discovered psychology, that's when I really thought, 'Hm, I could really see myself do-

ing something, therefore I really need to learn this stuff."

Though teaching was not directly on his radar, it wasn't very far off.

"I was not averse to teaching. I didn't see it at the time. At the time I thought, 'well I just want to be a psychologist.'"

He arrived at Green River Community College in 1975, originally to teach a course on American ethnic minorities, at the same time he was working on his doctorate at the University of Washington. In 1980 he was asked to teach a psychology class, and when a position opened up permanently, he applied for the job as a full time psychology teacher.

The rest is history.

Almost thirty years later, Carsh Wiltturner still happily teaches at GRCC.

On the side, he practices Psychology in the field with clinics for anxiety disorders and sports psychology. Not too mention, his nearly decade long stint working for the Seattle Mariners that ended in 2005.

Considering that's where the money really is, has he ever thought about dropping teacher altogether? Luckily for students at Green River, the answer is no.

"I love teaching, it's the best job in the world," Wiltturner said with a smile on his face. "A good way to look at it is I get paid to learn."

Teaching, he explains, also gives him the opportunity to bring new information to his clinical practices. While his practice in the field gives him the opportunity to provide real life scenarios and examples to his students in the classroom, rather than just having to pull everything out of the textbook.

Of course, one thing that sets Wiltturner apart is his teaching style and his emphasis on a conversational style of lecture to develop student-teacher relationships. Which, he also notes is one reason why he's perfectly happy at GRCC, where small class room sizes help him accomplish this, instead of at University.

"I like to teach like we're having a conversation. I think that style suits me and I think it suits my students as well. I like to have a kind of conversational style about it," he explains. Wiltturner believes that this helps develop the student-teacher relationships that helps the classroom atmosphere, letting the students feel free and excited to learn.

The fun of this, Wiltturner can do this in one of his famous tangents, where unlike other tangents, it's easy to trace it back to make it applicable to this discussion at hand, or at least, applicable to a topic in Psychology. The goal, to make the information applicable to their own lives, "Why am I better off knowing this than not knowing this?" he asks. "If my students can make that connection than it's with them forever."

In the process of his class Carsh Wiltturner wants to see his students change. "You should be a better person; you should certainly be a different person when you walk out than when you walked in."

The metaphor of pair of glasses springs into his mind, "When you put on these glasses you [see] things that you never saw before." Everyday when students walk out of class he wants them to have "a better set of glasses... that [you] live in a totally different world because of what you know."

As for his plans when he calls it quits from teaching, among sailing, scuba diving, and spending time with his son, who himself is about to complete college, is something that his students are sure to get a kick out of: to become one of us, a student at Green River Community College.

"There are a number of classes, even right here in this department (Social Sciences) that I would love to sit in on, and learn this stuff. It's fascinating stuff," he says.

But after nearly three decades, does Wiltturner plan to hang it up anytime soon? Not really, "I'm going to teach as long as it's fun. And the day that dies is the day I'll stop doing it."

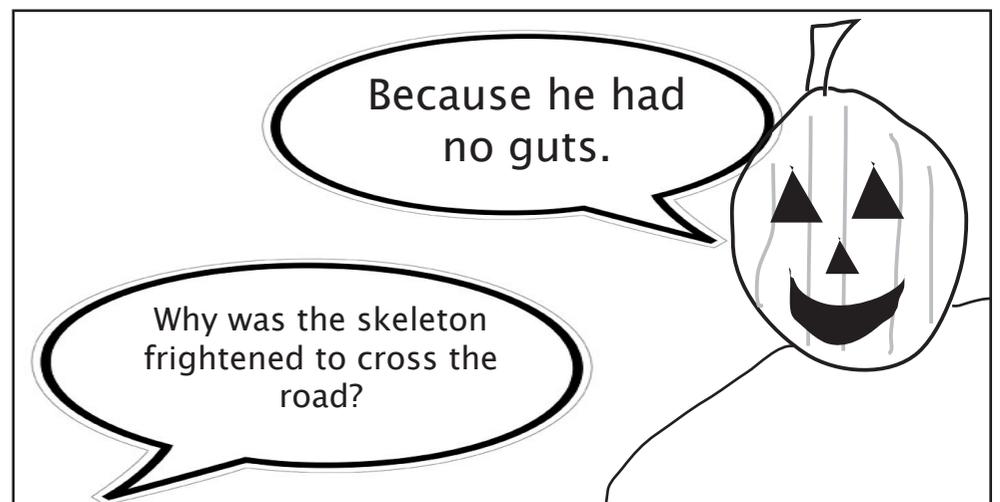
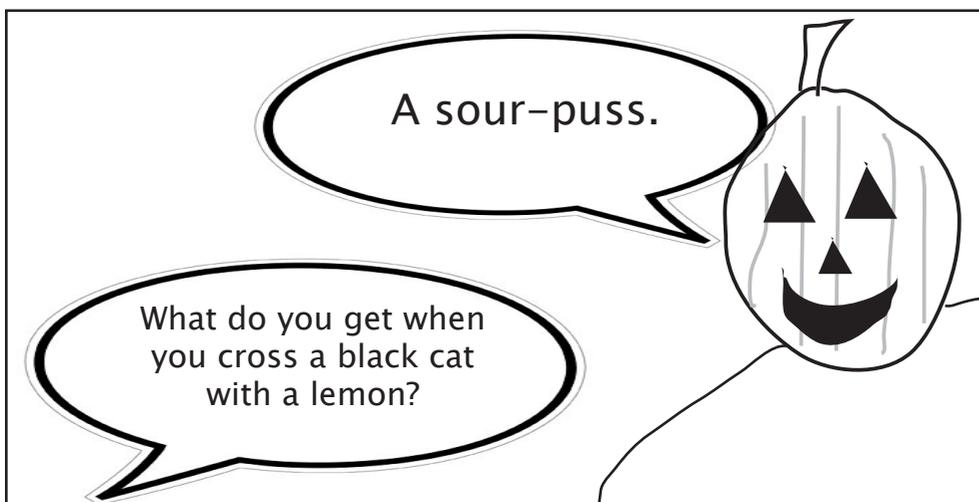
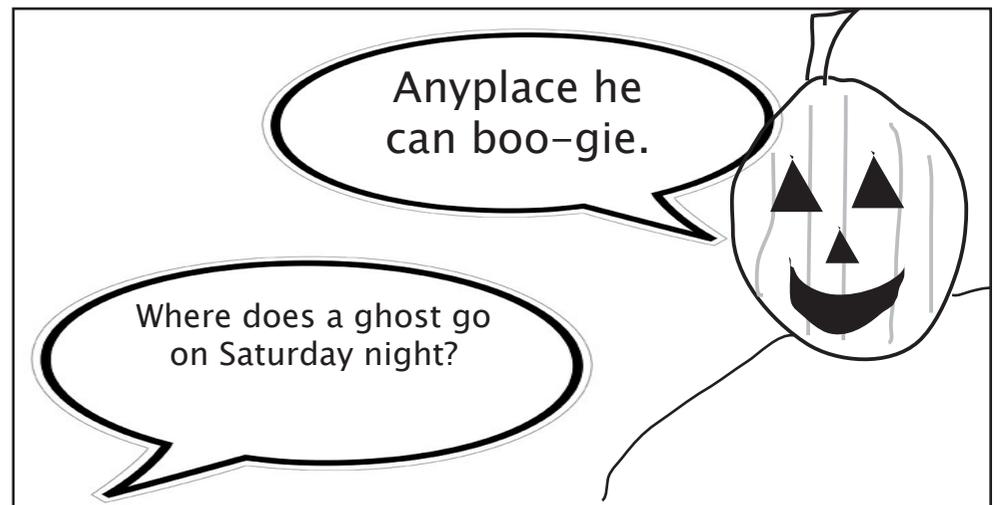
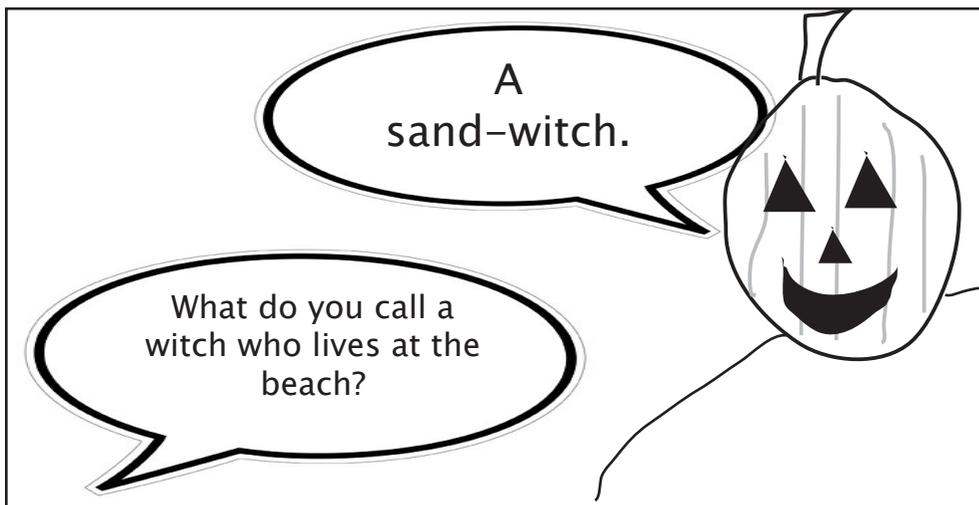
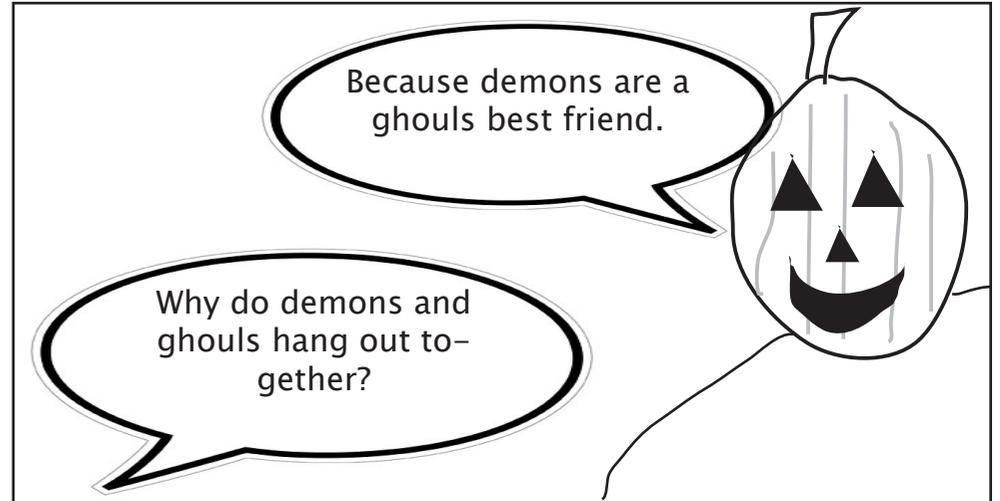
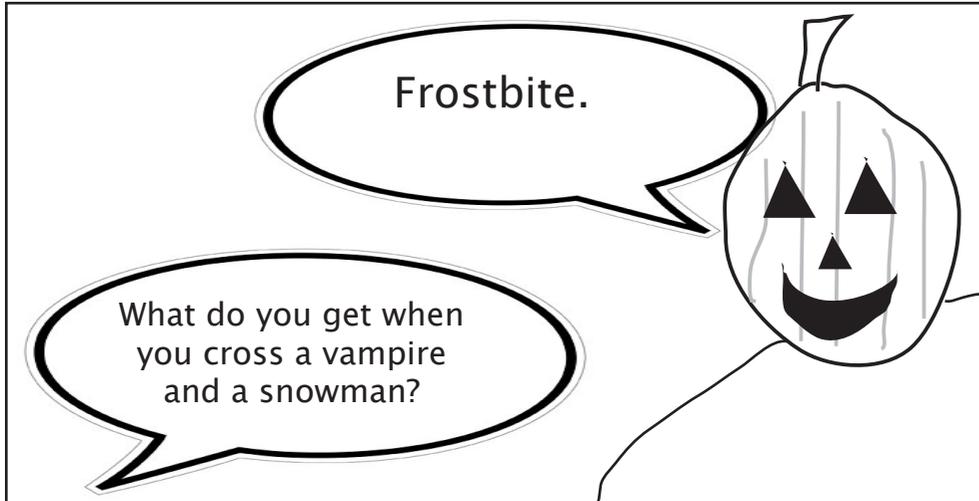


Carsh Wiltturner teaching his 11 a.m. personality psychology class at Green River.

Sean Kramer/The Current

By: Nicole Swapp

Ask Jack...



Bigger than a little show: Blair Borland

By: Andrew Honea

As years go by it seems like it is getting harder and harder to find musicians with pure talent, that don't need anything to sound better.

No fancy studio equipment or voice enhancers, but just a person's natural voice and passion for music. That however is not the case for 18-year-old Blair Borland.

"Doing music stuff was something we always did in my family," he says. Borland, a freshman at UW-Tacoma, recently graduated from Tacoma School of the Arts(SOTA).

Borland played piano since the tender age of 5 years until he decided to change his focus.

"I just stopped liking it when I got a mean teacher," says Borland. He moved on to the guitar when he was 9-years-old.

Borland decided to switch to guitar because of the numerous positive influences in his life that also played the guitar, which included his own mother.

Other memories that affected his decision included numerous songs by famous musician-Lynard Skynard, and the southern rock classic "Sweet Home Alabama."

Borland's first performance was at his church in seventh grade, playing the piano. When asked about the experience he replied, "I wasn't good at all."

Since then, Borland has been able to gain lots of experience on the stage, as a worship leader at "The Garage", a youth group with New Community Church, located in Maple Valley.

Another big performance for Borland was a spot opening for Lincoln Brewster and Mark Schultz at the Levenworth fair in the Summer of 2006, with his band 'Idle Fill'.

He has also competed in a "Battle of the Bands" with former band, 'We Recycle'. Borland has also been given the privilege to headline many shows, beginning 3 years ago.

When asked what his defining moment in music was, Borland replies,

"I haven't had it yet. I'm just practicing at guitar and piano, and when that defining moment comes, I hope I'm ready."

Borland's dedication to his music paid off once again on April 17, 2009, when he released his first CD, "Incognito".

Borland's favorite songs on the cd were, "Brittany's song" and "Shadow". "Brittany's Song" was the first that came to mind, due to the content alone. Borland used his sisters ideas on the topic of physical beauty as inspiration for the song.

When asked why "Shadow" was another favorite he said, "That one just rocks pretty hard".

Borland sells his cd's for \$10, and donated all of his earnings to "The Bridge Program", a charity which helps earn money to help those medically in need in Africa.

Borland was inspired by a recent trip to Sierra Leone.

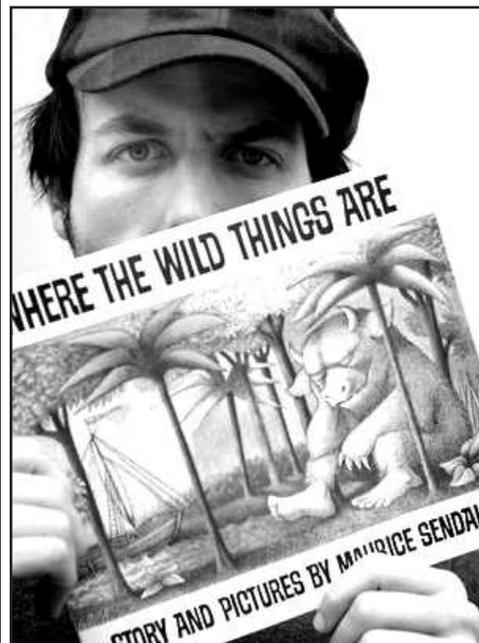
"I saw kids with bones sticking out of their bodies, and they couldn't even afford to pay a few dollars for help," Borland says.

Borland is continuing to give, by teaming up with other local bands for a charity concert in Maple Valley on November 7th.

Tickets are \$10 and come with a free t-shirt. The concert will include a 12 song set by Borland and he described the concert as "Bigger than a little show."

In many people's opinions, Borland has the talent to pursue a career in music but when asked on the possibility of singing with an agent he said, "I'd rather be happy and keep my music mine. . If the right situation comes across, I hope I've prepared myself for it."

Wild Things are lifted from the pages to the big screen



Courtesy Photo/ theage.com.au



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Maurice Sendak's classic children's book comes to life in Spike Jonze's latest film "Where the Wild Things Are".

By: Kayla Preiss

When author Maurice Sendak wrote the book "Where the Wild Things Are" he probably didn't believe it would ever be made into a huge motion picture.

Director Spike Jonze wanted to capture the spirit and tradition of the children's classic despite Sendak's permission for Jonze to create the film however he saw fit.

Movie Review

This attempt to stay true to a book that many of this generation's college students grew up with combined with the task of introducing the story to a new generation, hit the big screen in a way that was reminiscent and yet different when compared to the book.

The movie explored and expanded the emotional depth of main character Max.

In the movie, loneliness and a yearning to be heard drove Max to be disruptive around his sister and mother. This loneliness was very similar to the book.

Key plot points like when Max sailed on a boat, and came to a jungle where wild things lived, each seemed as if they were lifted straight from the pages of the book.

Max became king, and ruled all the monsters in the jungle, which gave him a sense of power which he repeatedly tried to gain from his family.

While being a ruler, he had many responsibilities because the monsters relied on him for guidance. The monsters never had a king before, so they did whatever they were told, much like the book.

In the book, Sendak portrayed one monster getting particularly close with Max. This monster was also in the movie, he was named Carol.

Jonze gave Carol and Max a certain relationship and bond emotionally. This made the movie seem more passionate, and heartfelt.

Max realized that he was more alone in making the world for the monsters worse by being a king for the monsters.

Even though he had strong relationships with each wild thing, Max decided he was less alone being a normal kid. He returned home in his boat, after saying goodbye.

Like the book, Max had his hot food waiting for him when he entered the house.

Even though the film followed the same storyline and there are direct quotes from the book, Jonze contributed to the book's legacy by tapping into the psychological and emotional potential in the film.

Spike Jonze geared more towards making each monster have unique personalities and different but clear relationships with Max.

Carol was similar to Max himself in that they were both lonely and they never really seemed to fit in. Max and Carol were disruptive together, and had little to no one to help them. So they turned to each other, and created a special connection.

The movie itself seemed to take on a "darker side" compared to the story some may remember.

By giving each monster a back story and personality Jonze captured the essence of what the book tried to portray, but went even further by showing that monsters had problems too. There was a somber, dark, and sadder tone to the film.

Overall, the director did an amazing job capturing the message of the book. Max, a lonely kid who seeks to be in power and heard realizes that best thing he had, was love.

Max, and the monsters understood that if you have love and friendship, than you have everything you need.

'Noises off' but 'Nothing's On'? What's happening downstage?

A play within a play brings four directors under two productions but which are real?

By: Stephen Dufendach

If you've ever been curious about what Green River's highly esteemed theatre department has in store for this quarter, it's a mystery no more.

The upcoming production will be a play within a play, called "Noises Off", by Michael Frayn. "Noises Off" is a British farce, packed with what director Gary Taylor describes as "A lot of slapstick humor, misunderstandings and amorous misses."

Now it's possible you've seen something before that includes a play within a play, but "Noises Off" takes the idea to another level.

The three acts are contrasting sides of a very animated and messy situation. The play within the play is also a farce called "Nothing On", which we see in the midst of its tour by a wacky English acting troupe. There's more than a slight question as to what "Nothing On" is actually about.

Characters include director Lloyd Dallas, who we find in the process of preparing his cast for their final rehearsal; Dotty, whose memory leaves much to be desired; the old and more or less deaf Selsdon; Brooke, a tantalizing blonde; Gary, whose communication skills are of the graceless variety; the jittery Frederick; and Belinda, who is ready for anything and everything.

There are three casts, (for separate perfor-

mances) each with ten characters, and about six techs. There are also three directors: Gary Taylor, the instructor and head director, Robert Baltazor, a guest director who is also a former Green River student, and Peter Jacobs, of Seattle Theatre and Seattle Shakespeare Company fame.

John Tague, who plays Gary LeJeune—who in turn plays Roger in the play-within-a-play offered an inside glimpse to his characters. Gary isn't exactly the lead role, due to the ensemble-but he does have the most lines.

"He's a very frustrated guy," John explained. "He has a very still, very calm demeanor about him, but his brain processes things too quickly and he can't articulate very well... kind of like me. He tries to keep the show going as much as he can, but he finds it difficult because his love interest is cheating on him... so he kind of spends the second act trying to kill pretty much anyone who's trying to get with his lady."

He adds, "I have a lot of fun just running around the stage wearing myself out."

The play will premier on November 27th and last through December 6th. There are six performances: Nov. 27, 28, 29 and Dec. 4, 5, 6. The Sunday performances (Nov. 29 and Dec. 6) are a benefit for the Drama Scholarship Fund. There's about a month to tell all of your friends, get some time off work and buy tickets.



Courtesy Photo/Gary Taylor
Character/director Lloyd Dallas is unaware (above) of what's really happening in his production of 'Nothing's On'

The play is clever enough for those who appreciate a quality drama, but also fun and silly enough for anyone looking for a good laugh.

"It's a British Comedy, so be prepared for that," John said.

"Come see us, it'll be a good time."

Nearby frights for all kinds of spooks and ghouls

Last minute haunts and pumpkin patches are just around the corner

By: Barbara Thom

Whether you are a haunted house pro, looking for a distraction from studies, or need a plan for the family, here are some great choices for the Halloween weekend.

FOR THE FEARLESS...

Dark Hallow Haunted Forest at Royal Arch Park has two trails; The Hallow & the Deadlands are guaranteed to scare!

The haunted forest winds through the woods; good walking shoes and rain gear are suggested. There is a family walk on The Hallow trail only from 7-8 p.m.

This attraction also features the "Blue Moonlight" drive-in, showing some of the old time horror flicks. Features include "The Terror" on Friday and "Horror of Dracula" plus, a surprise bonus movie on Halloween. If interested Royal Arch Park holds classes for volunteers with ghoulish school (monster safety) and make up.

General admission is \$15, and \$9 for the family walk. The Dark Hallow Haunted Forest is Open Fri. & Sat. nights 8-11p.m. Located at 20821 Renton Maple Valley Hwy SE in Maple Valley.

Clown Cemetery is a must see for any thrill seeker. Seattle's best 3-D attraction puts you right in the middle of the horror!

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Fog and strobe lights are used throughout to maximize the fright factor. General admission is \$10. Open Fri. & Sat. nights 8p.m. to midnight. Clown Cemetery is located at Jump Planet on



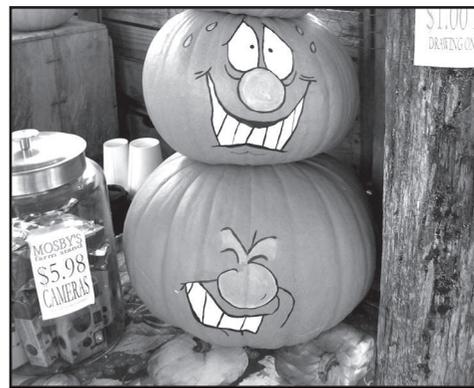
Courtesy Photo/Jenny Cunningham
A tired local pup chews down on a pumpkin stem on V2 Farm's pumpkin patch in Enumclaw, WA.

22310 20th Ave SE Suite 200 in Bothell, WA.

FOR THE FAINT OF HEART...

V2 Farm has it all; from the pumpkin patch to pony rides, Wild West shows to Shakespearean style plays. This will be the last weekend of the season to enjoy the many interesting and fun things offered at V2 Farm. This is a real, owner operated farm, which offers first hand observation and lessons on Western American farming and cowboy heritage. They sponsor two types of activities

Harvest Days: Daytime Farm Experience Corn maze, kiddie corn maze, brick barn (includes kiddie corn maze), horse bounce, Hay ride, pony & horse rides. These attractions are open daily 10a.m. - 5p.m.



Barbara Thom/The Current
U-pick pumpkins who may or may not be happy to see kiddies at Mosby Brothers Farm in Auburn, WA.

Pirates of the Plateau: Evening Farm Experience: More than just a corn maze, this thrilling adventure takes you on a quest for treasure chest in the dark of night. Bring your flashlight, and a compass! The pirate attraction is open 7-9p.m. Prices vary from \$1 to \$7 each depending on the event. V2 Farm is located at 20613 SE 436th ST in Enumclaw (Hwy 164)

Mosby Brothers Farm: U-pick pumpkins in October, includes a corn maze and tractor-pulled hay rides. You will also find a plethora of great harvest decorations, and wonderful food choices. Corn maze admission adults \$6, children \$4, hay rides included. Opened Fri. & Sat. 10a.m. - 7p.m. Mosby Farm is located at 3200 SE Auburn/Black Diamond Road in Auburn.

EPIC benefit concert!

KGRG continues thrills tomorrow too

By: Ted Haranharan

On Friday, October 23 the halls of the Lindbloom Center came alive with the sounds of KGRG's benefit concert headlined by local rock group Sirens Sister.

The concert was intended to raise money for much needed new equipment for GRCC's own radio station KGRG.

"We like doing shows here at Green River, we're just down the street from Auburn Way and Kent. With a quick 10 minuet drive you can see an awesome show for like \$10" says Elise Manning of KGRG.

"Its all local bands from around the area" she continued.

On stage first was Chernobyl Child, a local punk rock group. At first sight Chernobyl Child stands out by their age, with their youngest member, drummer Wyet, only 14 years old; "I feel like a baby" says Wyet when compared to the older members of the band, the rest at 17 long years of age.

Don't let the young age of members fool you; this rock band has a lot of heart too!

"Don't forget to stop by our table and pick up a copy of our demo for \$10, all the money goes to our charity Children of Chernobyl" announced lead singer Kirill Plyushko on stage.

Next up was alternative rock group Afterwords. Afterwords was a power on stage playing hard and moving harder. After the bands first song lead singer Sam called for the crowd to show more enthusiasm, a call the crowd was more than willing to answer for his well dressed group of rockers.

The third act was Seattle group Valcor. As Valcor's hardcore music filled the room the crowd worked themselves into perhaps their greatest frenzy of the night.

"If your not moving your not getting your moneys worth" shouts lead singer Patrick from stage as young fans slam against one another in the crowd below.

Valcor showed a kind side as their new CD was available for free both at the show and on their myspace page www.myspace.com/valcor.

The final and biggest act of the night was the Maple Valley based rock group Sirens Sister.

Playing mainly songs off their albums Un-speakable Things and Echoes from the Ocean Floor the band showed themselves to be both widely varied and incredibly talented, even playing The Who's classic Babba O'Riley (Teen-age Wasteland) without a flaw.

Lead singer Zach Davidson lists The Who along side with Susie and the Banshees, Bad Brains, and others in his influences.

The show was overall a great success for KGRG who all said they had a great time putting it together.

If the success of a concert can be decided by those attending it than this one "Was freakin' epic" in the words of Garret Woods, an avid Valcor fan in the front of the show.

The station, who have been putting on shows like this for over 20 years, hoped the show would also serve as a prequel to their secret Halloween special which starts at 7pm and goes for three hours on the thirty first.

Ted Haranharan/The Current

(Above) Bands performed in descending order: Chernobyl Child, Afterwords, Valcor, & Sirens Sister.

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(Left) This Is It movie poster has the outline of Michael Jackson filled with concert photos.

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Is this really 'It' for MJ?

Recent releases speak beyond the grave

By: Brittney Cargill

On July 25, 2009 the world seemed to stop, watch, read, and listen to the one topic in every conversation; the day Michael Jackson "The King of Pop" passed right before our eyes.

Only months after the unexpected death of the talented legend will he be able to dazzle us one last time from beyond the grave?

The footage of the "This is it" concert rehearsals hits theaters around the world 10-28-09 for 2 weeks only, but were already quick to sell. With no forthcoming DVD releases, "It" really is it. In addition to this posthumous release is the double-sided greatest hits collection with the new single "This Is It" on shelves 10-27-09.

Not only does this movie show the devotion and excitement that Michael was preparing to share with his fans but the crew's anticipation for MJ's comeback. On campus however, feelings weren't so enthusiastic.

"There are [other] movies worth watching than Michael Jackson at 50yrs old," 17 year-old Victoria Rouledge said before "It" hit theatres.

Watching his last moments on the big screen will be chilling on top of the sketchy expose's and suspicious profiteering.

Maymose Coates age 30 stated that no one cared when he was living and now it's sickening to think all this is about money.

Many feel that brand Michael has reached the breaking point and should be put out to dry.

"Let MJ rest in peace already, Neverland forever!" 18-year-old Jasper Cabiao jested.

Gator Volleyball struggles early Inexperience the main reason for uncharacteristic play

By: Jessica Decker

With their backs against the wall, the Green River Volleyball Gators came back from an 0-2 set deficit to defeat first place Highline on October 23rd. They won in a nail-bitingly close match that moved them to 3-4 in the conference, putting them back on the road to the playoffs. Sophomores Jordan Tamblin and Ashley Parries led the way with 29 combined kills, while Samantha Potts had 25 defensive digs. The win only helped to continue to boost the morale of the Gators as they came home from a close Crossover tournament held in Spokane the weekend of the 16th and 17th.

On the 16th, they went up against Edmonds and Big Bend, both very tough competitors. The Gators ended up losing both games but they took the teams to five and four games. A similar story occurred on Saturday the 17th when they went up against Bellevue and Linn Benton. Even though they fought their hardest, the jive just did not click for them.

These losses are a new occurrence for the team. Last year the Gators won the NWAACC Western Championship, and took 7th in the NWAACC tournament.

"This year is a re-building year, more like a re-loading year for us. We have very few returning players that can make a significant difference", remarks Kyle Densley, the head coach of the GRCC volleyball team.

One significant contributor to the Gator team is sophomore Samantha Potts.

Densley believes that she is the best libero in the conference, and that having her leadership has helped with this new transition.

There are ten freshmen on the fourteen player roster; three of them are setters (Rhianon Sales, Jocelyn Wilson, and Cami Lubereski).

Densley is happy with the new selection.

"In the last four years of coaching, I have never seen so much talent on the team. Tara Patton (Middle Blocker) is likely the top offensive player, and best blocker as a freshman in our conference," Densley says of the girls on his team. "It will just take a while for the bugs to work out."

Freshman Rhianna McLauchlin also shares his thinking.

"We as a team have a big heart and lots of talent...I just don't understand why we don't have more wins," she says. "We can beat all of the teams if we just focus."

On September the 25th the Gators took on NWAACC West power Tacoma on the road but came away empty handed in four sets.

"We played the best volleyball we have all season against [them that game]. It was a close match," said Densley. "If we can just work out the kinks, then they should be able to beat them the next go-around."

Unfortunately, things didn't go much better the next time out when the two teams met at Green River Community College on October 23rd. Tacoma took the game again in four sets, including dominating 25-6 on the clinching set.

"I want the team to achieve what they are capable of," Densley concluded about his team. "If they can do that, then there is not doubt that we can get back to the playoffs."

On Monday October 26th the Gators lost a hard fought match in five sets to Lower Columbia. The loss put the Gators in a tough spot to reach the playoffs, in which they need to finish in the top four in the NWAACC West to make it.

The gators finish out NWAACC West play against Pierce and Centralia, after competing in the Dorian Harris tournament at Mount Hood Community College on Halloween weekend.



Gator Scoreboard update

Volleyball

Overall record(as of Oct. 26th):
6-18

3-6 in league play

Last three results:

- Oct 21 vs. Highline - Win in five sets
- Oct 23 vs Tacoma - Loss in four sets
- Oct 26 at Lower Columbia - Loss in five sets

Upcoming matches:

Dorian Harris Tournament in Mount Hood

Oct 30 vs Mount Hood

Oct 30 vs Columbia Basin

Oct 31 Bracket play #1

Oct 31 Bracket play #2

Women's Soccer

Overall Record:

2-8-1

Last three results:

Oct 17 at Bellevue - L / 0-3

Oct 21 vs. Tacoma - L / 0-2

Oct 24 vs Olympic - T/ 4-4

Upcoming matches:

Nov 4 vs Bellevue

Nov 7 at Tacoma

Nov 11 NWAACC Championships begin

Leading scorers: Carli McCrabb - 7 Goals

Erica Kobe - 2 goals

With her 4 goal performance against Olympic, Carli McCrabb moves into second for Green River's all time goal list with 14 career goals.

X-Country

2009 Concordia/Puma X-Country classic in Portland, Oregon
October 17th, 2009

Men's 4 mile run times

Mouhcine Aitounejjar

23:35 - 110th

Brendan Brewer

23:00 - 101st

Jacob Fullen

23:54 - 117th

Garrett Kline

24:51 - 122nd

Spencer Scott

33:32 - 126th

Remca Zwetslute

29:44 - Third to last

Women 8k Run Times

Robyn Campbell

20:31 - 79th

Kelly Sennugsen

28:47 - 84th

Archery a fun PE credit at GRCC

By: Randall Miller

Monday and Wednesday mornings, students gather in the gym and wait patiently for the instructor to arrive to tell them how to string the bows and prepare for target practice.

Mike Behrbaum, the instructor for the class has been teaching the students the art of the bow and arrow for 14 years at GRCC. He himself has been practicing this unique sport for 34 years. The class itself is both fun and competitive because it brings out the best of his students, and those who lack in the skills develop these skills so that later, they too can expand and master and enjoy the experience of seeing an arrow zip through the air and pierce the paper target taped over the hay backing. The class averages about 25 students a quarter.

Students can sign up during the registration periods for fall, winter and spring quarter (unfortunately it is not available during the summer quarter.) The class is both fairly easy and difficult.

"Almost everybody can shoot a bow but most can place an arrow on the target" said Behrbaum.

The best part of the class is the students have the opportunity to try an activity that is rather unique and takes different types of skills other than most activities. There are no higher levels for archery.

Behrbaum's favorite method to teach his students is to "understand the equipment, align your body properly when addressing the target, have a steady hand, and use a soft release when discharging the arrow from the bow," he said. "Archery is a very unique sport that most have not tried before, and either gender would be on the same skill level than most, but different for most." Unfortunately for those who have enjoyed his intro to archery class, there are no higher level classes for archery. At the last 20 minutes of class the students compete in a point based competition and at the end of the quarter the teacher announces who scored the most points.



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In archery, it's not easy to always get the bullseyes.

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Much at stake in the NFL as a new CBA is negotiated

NFL will face a salary cap-less season in 2010 and face a potential lockout in 2011

By: Mike Gunderson

When NFL owners opted out of the current collective bargaining agreement, it created an uncertainty about the immediate future of the NFL, specifically the 2010 and 2011 seasons.

NFL owners and the NFL Players Union must negotiate a new CBA before the end of the 2010 season, or possibilities of a strike or a lockout become much more possible for the 2011 season.

Under the current agreement, there is a provision that allows the last season of the agreement, 2010, to be an uncapped year.

With no salary cap in place, teams with large revenues could virtually spend as much money as they like on free agents. Yet, a spending free for all may not occur as provisions in the current CBA will change the number of seasons to become an unrestricted free agent to six, up from five seasons.

Another provision states that each club will be able to use a Transition tag on any of their unrestricted free agents, which works a lot like the Franchise Tag, except for the fact that first round picks won't have to be surrendered for the Free Agent to sign elsewhere, instead, the

team the player played for the year before will be able to match any offer.

A Franchise Tag allows a team to keep a free agent for one more year, allowing them extended time to work on a deal. However, a player given the franchise tag will have to be paid an average of the top 5 salaries of their respective position. If the player signs elsewhere while franchise tagged, the team signing the player owes the player's previous team two first round picks. This almost never happens. These two provisions will severely cut down the number of free agents available in 2010.

Unrestricted free agents are allowed to sign with any team. However, to become an unrestricted free agent in the uncapped 2010 season, a player must have spent at least six years in the league and have an expiring contract. For those players who will have spent less than six years in the league and have an expiring contract, they will be restricted free agents. In order for a team to sign a restricted free agent, they will have to give a tender offer as well, or draft picks. The number of draft picks and where they are depends on where the player was drafted.

Most teams are not willing to give up draft picks along with paying big contracts for re-

stricted free agents, so 2010 may not see a lot of free agent activity, as can be assumed with an uncapped season.

Rookie contracts are also a big topic going into negotiations. Although no specific timetable has been set for the start of negotiations between the owners and the Players Union, there has already been much discussion by the commissioner of the NFL, Roger Goodell, and many owners and veterans have expressed concern.

This is one area where the two sides will more than likely agree, as rookies who are picked in the top ten sign contracts that include the same amount of money that Pro Bowl players make. There have been suggestions of placing a rookie pay scale in place, where rookie contracts will be negotiated depending on where they are slotted and will include far less guaranteed money.

If a new CBA isn't in place by the 2011 season, everyone including the fans is at risk of not having a season, as a lockout or player strike may occur. As a fan of the game, this wouldn't be good for the perception of the NFL. The NFL has climbed to the top as far as ratings, revenue, and fan support is concerned. If the NFL doesn't get the new CBA negotiated, it may relinquish its top spot as America's favorite sport.

Seattle Sounders FC a major success in inaugural season

By: Cleveland Woods

There's a new team in town that is part of the MLS, and that's the Seattle Sounders FC.

In their first season ever they have been a major success to the fans and to the MLS setting attendance records match after match, including selling out 67,000 tickets for the friendly exhibition matches against European powerhouses Barcelona and Chelsea.

It just don't stop there with, great attendance but also loud fans. The (ESC) Emerald City Supporters are the biggest group of supporters for the sounders. They're the ones who would most likely throw a bottle at the referee if it ever got that bad. They have a march that they from pioneer square to Qwest Field before games, they have songs, the chants, flags, and most importantly the passion for this team that has been so successful for its first year. The Sounders final standings are 12 wins, 11 draws, and 7 losses. They also competed in and won the U.S Open cup tournament, a tournament open for the pro and semi pro teams in the United States.

Sounders FC top players include forward Fredy Montero, whose hometown is in Campo de la Cruz, Colombia. During his career in Columbia he has been the two time Golden Boot for leading first division in scoring in 2007-2008 before leased to the MLS as a Sounder and is the team's top scorer.

Montero's main sidekick is Mid-Fielder Freddie

Ljungberg. The 32 year-old from Sweden has appeared in 328 matches for England's Arsenal from 1998-2007, scoring 72 goals, and is ranked number 11 on Arsenal's top 50 players.

Kasey Keller, the 39 year-old Goalkeeper is arguably the heart of the Seattle Sounders, who everyone loves and is also a major factor to this team, with a total of 72 saves and 121 shots faced. Keller has come back home to the northwest from Europe after attending 16 years of playing in three Europe top flight leagues English Premier League, Spain's La Liga, and Germany Bundesliga. It doesn't stop there though, Kasey was also named U.S. Soccer Athlete of the year three times 1997, 1999 and 2005.

The Sounders closed their season against FC Dallas on October 24th earning a 2-1 victory and clinching third in the West. The Sounders will take on the Houston Dynamo in the first round of the MLS playoffs. In the two match playoff, the team with the most aggregate goals advances to the Western Conference Finals.

I honestly really aren't in to soccer but they way how they fans interact with the game the players love to play I have to admit that I'm pretty impressed Seattle has an Successful team because after when the Sonics left I felt crush but now I feel like this is a start of a new begging and I'm no longer bitter about the lost that Seattle has suffered because I feel that the Seattle Sounders are a replacement for the Sonics just in a different league.



Courtesy Photo/seattletimes.com
Fredy Montero, seen here in a game against Real Salt Lake, led the Sounders FC in goals in their first season



Green River football finishes undefeated:

The Green River Reapers of the Northwest Community College football league, comprised entirely of Green River students, defeated South Puget Sound 49-6 on Saturday October 25 to finish perfect in league play.

Check out Thecurrentonline.net on Friday October 30 for a regular season recap and what's on tap for the Reapers

Honea's House

By: Andrew Honea

Will somebody please beat the Yankees?

After missing the playoffs for the first time since 1993, the New York Yankees have made a much anticipated return to the postseason, but the way the Yankees are playing, it doesn't seem like they were ever absent from the excitement of the playoffs at all. The Yanks have taken this opportunity in full stride and aren't letting anyone get in their way.

In the first round of the AL playoffs, the Yankees took out a Minnesota team, which won a 1-game play off in order to rip the NL Central title right out of the grasps of the Detroit Tigers.

Unfortunately, the Twins weren't able to win even one post season game in the series, which will also be the last series played in the Metrodome, before they move to their new stadium in the 2010 season.

Honestly, you'd have to be crazy if you took the Twins in that series but a guy can be hopeful right? The Yankees had just 3 guys (with at least 10 at bats) batting over .200. MVP candidate Marx Teixeira went just 2 for 12, with a homerun, but former Mariner Alex Rodriguez batted .455 with 2 round trippers and 6 rbi's.

When looking in the pitching column for the Yanks, it is evident why they are so successful. C.C. Sabathia, Andy Pettitte, and A.J. Burnett all kept their era's under 2, and marched their way into the ALCS against the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim.

Despite whether the Yanks win the world series in 2009 or not, one thing is assured. They will most likely be back in the post season next year and continue to be hated by just about every other team in Major League Baseball. The Yankees have a history of buying their endless talent, which could be a reason so many people hate the franchise.

So what is the solution? Beat the Yankees. It seems like a fairly simple task. As good as every guy on their roster is, they all have flaws. But why can't teams seem to execute?

One simple solution.

They are intimidated by the prestige the New York Yankees carry with them. The sooner these teams can realize the Yankees are as human as any other player, the sooner they can begin keeping them out of the playoffs and having actual competitive match ups instead of the same predictable match ups with the Yankees.

So what is the most logical strategy any other team in the majors can have when playing against New York?

BEAT THE YANKS!!

THE SCARIEST PLACES YOU'VE BEEN

BY: KAITLYN STOUFER

Students around campus were asked about the scariest places they've been.



Eric Trinh: A cemetery

Taylor Barbata: Maris Farms

Amy Sanford: Haunted corn maze at Maris Farms



SELLECK



Allie Hayes: Selleck (it's a city!)

Sarah Dalsing: My grandfather's abandoned house

Aaron Reynolds: An old abandoned house



Dee Kham: The Stratosphere Hotel in Las Vegas

AND THE OTHERS...

Alexander Bevier: School without my iPod ● George Valev: Downtown Kent [Kent Station] at 2AM ● Spencer Smith: Brazilian Favela at night ● Nathan McDanel: In a car with a drunk driver ● Thomas Petit: In the middle of the woods being chased at night ● Shelly Mitchell: Rutledge corn maze ● Kaitlyn Twehues: My grandmother's basement ● Tanya Cohen: Waking up from a bad dream ● Tess Robinson: In an airplane ● Lynn Bedell: The ape's cave at Mt. St. Helens ● Patrick Gamit: The library ● Alina Windchester: Fright fest haunted house ● Sheren Tachell: My bedroom ● Derek Morton: The hospital ● Erica Bielstein: A race car on the freeway ● Jaskirat Singh: A haunted house ● Andrew Baldwin: Being stuck in a crawl space ● Dean Salvatori: Mivtels Mansion in Louisiana ● Joe Reonal: The Philippines ● Ashish Katru: In India ● Sarah Johnson: Being behind a garbage can ● Kacey Hotes: Sumner abandoned masion ● Kate Sullivan: Fright fest haunted house ● Steven Nelson: A forest at midnight ● Nick Vacanti: On a creepy road