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Grant may assist needy students

Theresa Buttrey
Copy editor

Students who can't afford college are often overlooked, as well as those who have disabilities which make attending college a difficult task. Green River Community College has received a grant from the U.S. Department of Education Student Support Services Program to start a new program designed to assist these students in attaining higher levels of academic achievement. The project is aimed at low-income, first-generation (student's mother or father does not have a bachelor degree), learning or physically debilitated, and ethnic minority groups.

Statistics show that students in these categories are the most likely to drop out of college.

Student Support Services provides a personalized plan to help students that qualify. This plan may include assessment and monitoring of skill levels and grades, tutoring, counseling, workshops, study and learning skills, and assistance with securing financial aid.

There are thirteen such programs throughout Washington, although this is the first year for Green River.

So far the program is helping about fifty people, and expects to incorporate two-hundred by the end of the quarter.

It is felt that students who fall under this criteria are not traditionally served, and not a 'part' of the college atmosphere. As a result they feel left out. They drop out of the whole college scene! Support Services wants to change this pattern. Program director Rafael Rodriguez defines success of the program as the student accomplishes a certificate program, earns an Associate Arts Degree, and/or transfers to a four-year university.

Student Support Services is located in Lindbloom Student Center at the Educational Planning Center; or call Cheri Figuracion at 833-9111, extension 520 for an appointment.

New librarian may make student life easier

Lara Whiteside
Copy editor

Finally there's good news for those students who have last minute research papers or work to do in the library late at night. Green River has hired a part-time librarian to aid students in their use of the library facility. Karen Fernandez, a UW graduate with a master's in library science, has joined the Green River team Mondays and Tuesdays from 6 to 10 p.m. This is Fernandez' first librarian job since graduating, although she does have previous experience as a library technician in several colleges, hospitals, and government fisheries.

Fernandez will be in the library during the evenings on Monday and Tuesday to help students and faculty in their use of the library. Her primary functions are to help in finding information- either specific or broad, to teach those seeking help how to do research, and to aid in the choice of topics for papers (when necessary). She is also available to teach or help students in using the on-line catalog, finding magazine articles by index and abstraction, and to help use the general index and info-trac. Ms. Fernandez' main goal is to make the library less confusing to those who use it and to help learn how to do effective research.

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Clean-up at Green River- no small task

*Carl Zook
Staff reporter*

Today, while you're walking from class to class, open your eyes to the campus and notice how the facilities utilize the natural surroundings in an effort for the campus to co-habitate with the natural environment. The Green River campus is truly unique, for instead of leveling the natural environment to build a school, the campus was designed to exist as a part of nature. However, as the student population grows and the use of the campus increases, the demands upon the physical campus also increase. Even though the maintenance personnel do their best to keep the campus clean, safe, and attractive, Gary Geppart feels the time has come for the Green River college community (Students, Faculty, Visitors, and Staff) to respond to the need of preserving the physical integrity of the campus that everyone must share.

In an effort to bring the commu-

nity together a plan has been proposed, called Keep Green River Green, with the intention of meeting the growing needs of the campus environment so that it may be enjoyed by all who visit and attend for the years to come.

As spokesman for the program, Geppart states that its purpose shall be to ensure and maintain the environmental integrity of the physical campus and the surrounding areas. To do this the program will review, evaluate, and assess the present condition of the campus in order to generate and promote student and faculty interest and involvement in the campus environment in an effort to strengthen existing practices, such as recycling. Geppart is also hopeful that new practices will be implemented such as a "Campus Clean Up Day" or like event, which will serve to restore, maintain, and benefit the college campus as a whole.

The Keep Green River Green program has proposed a new annual prac-

tice. It would consist of a half-day "Shut Down" for clean up. It would be during this time that pre-designated groups of students, faculty, and staff would be given certain parameters for clean up. The hopeful outcome, according to Geppart, would be a concentrated effort by the Green River college community which would be symbolic of the Keep Green River Green program as a whole.

This program hopes to generate enough interest for new clubs and organizations to form with a focus on the natural environment of GRCC, and how we can all contribute a little in order to accomplish giving the future students and faculty of Green River a campus that is beautiful, well-respected, and protected. Any questions concerning Keep Green River Green should be directed to Gary Geppart, care of Student Programs.

**Save
yourselves.
Save the
planet.
Recycle.**



Read this, liquor drinkers

Linda Harrison
Staff reporter

On October 13, speaker Mike Redman explained the facts of alcohol use to help promote Alcohol Awareness Week at Green River College.

Speaking from experience, Redman spoke intelligently about the extreme responsibility each alcoholic beverage involves.

"I've seen too many people messed up from the stuff," said Redman. "The human tragedy occasioned by abuse of alcohol or dependence on alcohol cannot be overstated."

It's well known that alcohol impairs motor skills and judgement, but it's also known that Americans aren't going to abandon their booze. The purpose of Alcohol Awareness Week was to make known the consequences of over-indulgence and to encourage folks to take it easy the next time they chug-a-lug. Being dead lasts a lot longer



The driver of this car suffered a broken wrist, while the passenger sustained brain damage and remains in a coma (photo by Bob Lee)

than being drunk; it's also more impressive.

crippling yourself or someone else from downing just one too many drinks.

Be aware of the possibility of

Twentieth anniversary of winterim promises to be an exceptional show

Danny Roberge
Staff reporter

This December will be the 20th anniversary of the winterim at GRCC. Three of the speakers and two of the students from the original class of 1973 will be speaking at this year's Winterim.

Journalism Instructor Ed Eaton began this class in 1973 as a result of the interest students showed for a program like this, and because the school was short credits to meet the State's requirements for funding. Eaton, who is the newswriting and mass media instructor at Green River, has run this class for the last 20 years. The original class had seventy students and since then has av-

eraged about thirty.

The Winterim will be held December 8-9 and 12-14 for 6 hours each day. This year there will be a wide variety of journalism and media talent speaking at the Winterim. Speakers this year will include: Gary Justice (KIRO-TV); Greg Gilbert (Seattle Times Photographer); John Fournier, Jr. (owned Valley Daily News, now owns Prosser Record Bulletin); Mark Hendrix (KOIN-TV) and Mike Moore (Bellevue Journal American).

There have been other well-known people in the past to speak at the Winterim. Some speakers have included Ann Rule, Bruce King, Tony Ventrella,

and Ross Schaffer from *Almost Live*. The speakers are paid \$100 dollars apiece, which makes it tough to produce a good lineup. However, the list so far has proven impressive enough to draw attention.

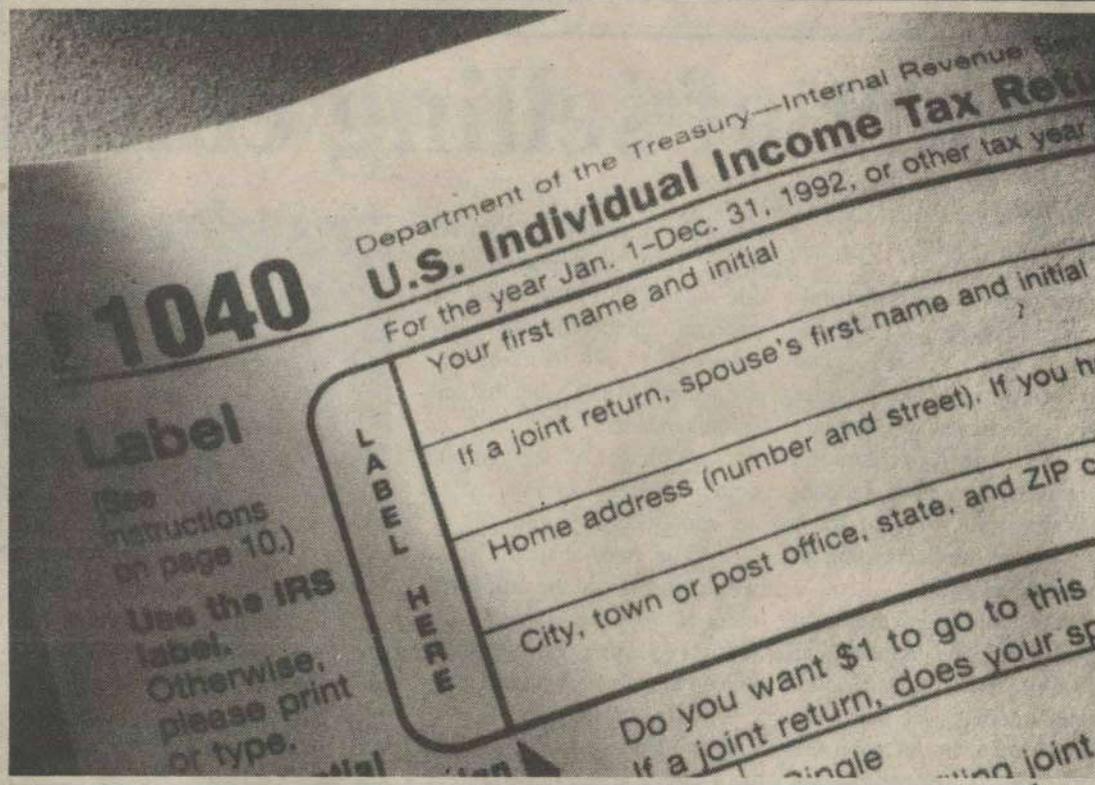
Film, Readings and Discussion about the Native American Experience

Date: Nov. 17

Time: 3-5 p.m.

Place: Green River Community College, Holman Lib., Rm. 46

Film: *In the White Man's Image*



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The art of selling culture

David Weathersby
Staff reporter

A new awareness to different cultures has become apparent in the popularity of ethnic jewelry. Bracelets and necklaces from all areas of the world are displayed by students everywhere you look. But behind the array of colors and symbols comes a purpose and a meaning. To find the true value of these decorations, a good understanding of their origin is necessary.

Armand Ciette, local merchant and maker of cultural accessories, explains that these items can raise consciousness and educate. By being exposed to items from different racial and national backgrounds, people can see the real roots of a group of people and avoid stereotypes.

Ciette started selling his merchandise in hotel lobbies such as the Hyatt, distributing incense and oils. As he moved on to college campuses all over Washington, he incorporated his own hand-made jewelry.

Among some of the items sold by Ciette and other jewelry merchants are some familiar symbols. The Peace symbol that has been seen wide-spread since

the 60's is always a common sight. The Egyptian symbol for life and fertility, the Ankh has become arguably the most popular ornament to wear along with the Asian Yin and Yang that represents balance.

With the usual symbols come the lesser-known, which are equally as important.

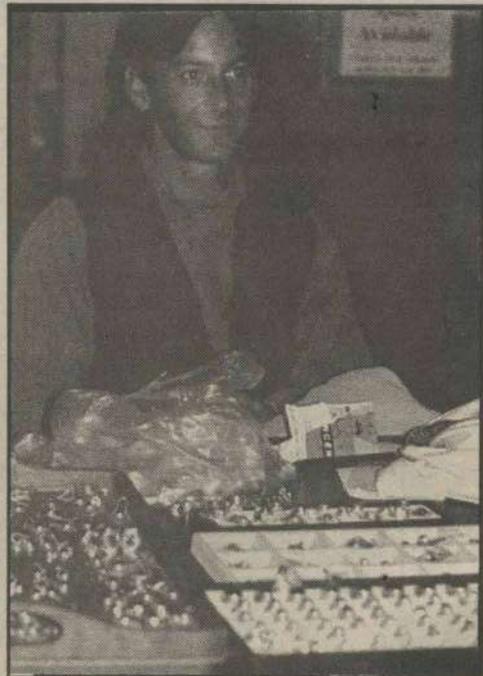
The hand-shaped Fatima which stands for the empowerment of women and the African monetary unit (cowrie shells) should also be recognized.

African-influenced jewelry is seen in increasing numbers among jewelry distributors. The black fist, which is becoming more prevalent, shows strength amongst people of African descent. This fist is commonly accompanied by red, black and green beads.

Many of the gems and ornaments are believed to have healing properties. From herb roots to copper bracelets, the body and the soul is thought to benefit.

Whether it's for health reasons or merely decoration, there should always

be an awareness of what is being worn. In today's times tolerance is needed more then ever. The best way to achieve this is through understanding.



Armand Ciette began his business by selling jewelry in hotel lobbies throughout the state

Caution advised in handling NAFTA

Glenn Wood
Staff reporter

According to the Associated Press, President Carlos Salinas said Monday in his annual address to the nation, "Mexicans should not pin their hopes for prosperity on free trade agreements with the United States and Canada."

In his three-hour State of the Union address he maintained the progress of his administration's economic and democratic reforms, and persisted to move for ratification of the North American Free Trade agreement.

Salinas said, "Benefits will not be forthcoming in the short term, nor will they produce spectacular results.

"With or without the agreement, the evolution of our economy will not be substantially altered in the immediate future.

"Free trade agreements are instruments to encourage investment, create jobs and achieve greater scales of production. But the key to our development does not lie outside the country, but rather in our own efforts: in savings, productivity and quality."

Salinas also stated that his coun-

try was interested in similar agreements with other countries, of which Columbia was mentioned.

As Salinas gave his address, opposing congressmen interrupted his speech a number of times, shouting slogans and raising banners opposing the Free Trade agreement.

The United States, Canada and Mexico must ratify the pact for it to take effect sometime in January of '94.

Many in the United States and Canada strongly oppose NAFTA because, according to experts, Mexico has the most to gain from the treaty.

Crystal Mountain introduces Club Vertical

Crystal Mountain, WA- Skiers eager to brag about how many vertical feet they'll ski this season will now have the data to prove their prowess if they ski Crystal Mountain.

Crystal Mountain Resort (CMR) has invested over \$500,000 in an electronic ticketing system which, in addition to several other benefits, tallies vertical feet skied each day. Skiers and snowboarders who become members of Club Vertical log-in through special "members only" lift lines established at

all 10 Crystal Mountain ski-lifts. Members may look-up their vertical feet for the day at a terminal at the base of the resort, and at the end of each month members receive a statement indicating total vertical feet skied to-date.

Crystal Mountain is the first ski area in Washington state to invest in this technology.

"Because Crystal Mountain offers more vertical than any other ski area in the state, the numbers will add up quickly," said Tom Leonard, crystal

Mountain president. "We expect that Club Vertical will be very popular, particularly with people who ski often."

Total vertical feet skied is applied against incentive awards that Club Vertical members can win for achieving various milestones. The skiers with the highest totals could win new Rossignol skis and a free season pass for the 1994-'95 season. Also included within the Club are automated ticketing and messaging services.

ASGRCC members (1993-1994)

Top (from right to left): Johanna Nagel, Eric Savage, Lori Dayberry, Heidi Nolte, Sven Herrmann, Bob Randall, Mark Proudlock, JaPonica Johnson, Taryn Russell, Amy Tucci

Bottom (from left to right): Derek Johnson, Kevin Kalberg, Garry Goodall, Joe Serna, Darcy Spencer-Wenger, Fia Elliason, Sharon Grantham, Jolaine Geppert, Jenny Robertson

(Photo by Bob Lee)



GIS grant will put Green River students at the cutting edge of technology

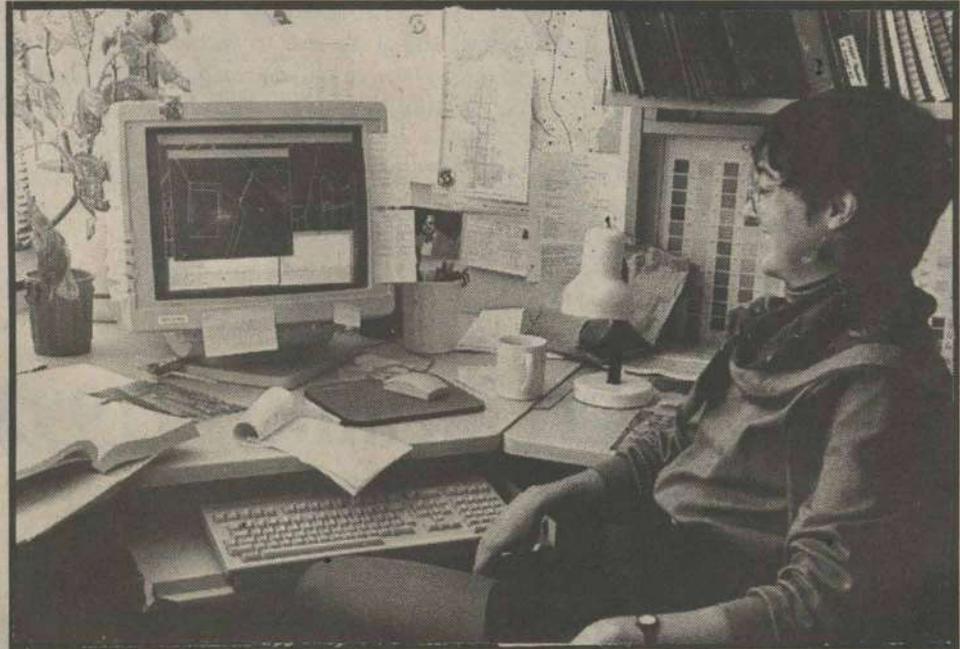
*Glenn Wood
Staff reporter*

Ted Johnson, sitting at home, discovers his 5-year-old son Billy has accidentally been electrocuted. When Ted discovers his son lying unconscious on the ground he shakes him but nothing happens. The next thing Ted does is check for breathing and pulse, of which there is neither.

Ted panics. He does not know CPR so he runs to the phone and dials 911.

Ted is very nervous and it takes him a couple of minutes to give all the correct information to the 911 operator. Luckily, within 5 seconds of establishing phone contact the nearest rescue vehicle in the area was already on the way to Ted's house, thanks to a computer system. This technology is made possible by Geographic Information Systems (GIS). GIS does more than aid 911 in emergency situations. All government levels, public utilities and private industries increasingly use GIS in a variety of applications. As an example, a typical city may have water, gas, sewer, oil, electrical, telephone, and cable lines; and plotted properties show ownership with tax records, and demographic information. GIS stores, processes and manages this data so that any part of it can be retrieved and displayed. A most valuable component of GIS is it's ability to layer one type of data on another such as gas, electrical, and telephone line locations, which can be instantly shown in 3-D. Information managed through GIS allows organizations to:

- electronically integrate informa-



Geographical Information Systems will offer students at Green River a chance to work with the latest in hi-tech computer-aided integration of information

tion for problem identification, planning, decision making, and most importantly, elimination of redundancy.

- improve financial management, cost savings and regulatory functions.

According to Steve Johnson, Technical GIS manager for King County planning department, entry-level Digitizer positions range from approximately \$20 to \$25 thousand per year, with full benefits. Experience and additional coursework quickly allows advancement to the next level of GIS Design Analyst and markedly increased salaries and benefits.

Expected to start winter quarter, GRCC will offers the only entry-level instruction in GIS in Washington State. A two-year degree program offered at GRCC will prepare individuals for entry-level Digitizer positions while giving them a background for job advance-

ments and for further studies toward a bachelor's and master's in this area. With the recent cutbacks at Boeing and many other companies the two year GIS program is a good way to go.

Transfer Day

**November 17, 1993
9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
In the main dining
room of the
Lindbloom Student
Center**

Thefts leave Current in financial bind

Cary Williams
Editor-In-Chief

A serious blow was delivered to the Green River Community College Current last week when thousands of dollars worth of computer equipment was stolen from the staff workroom.

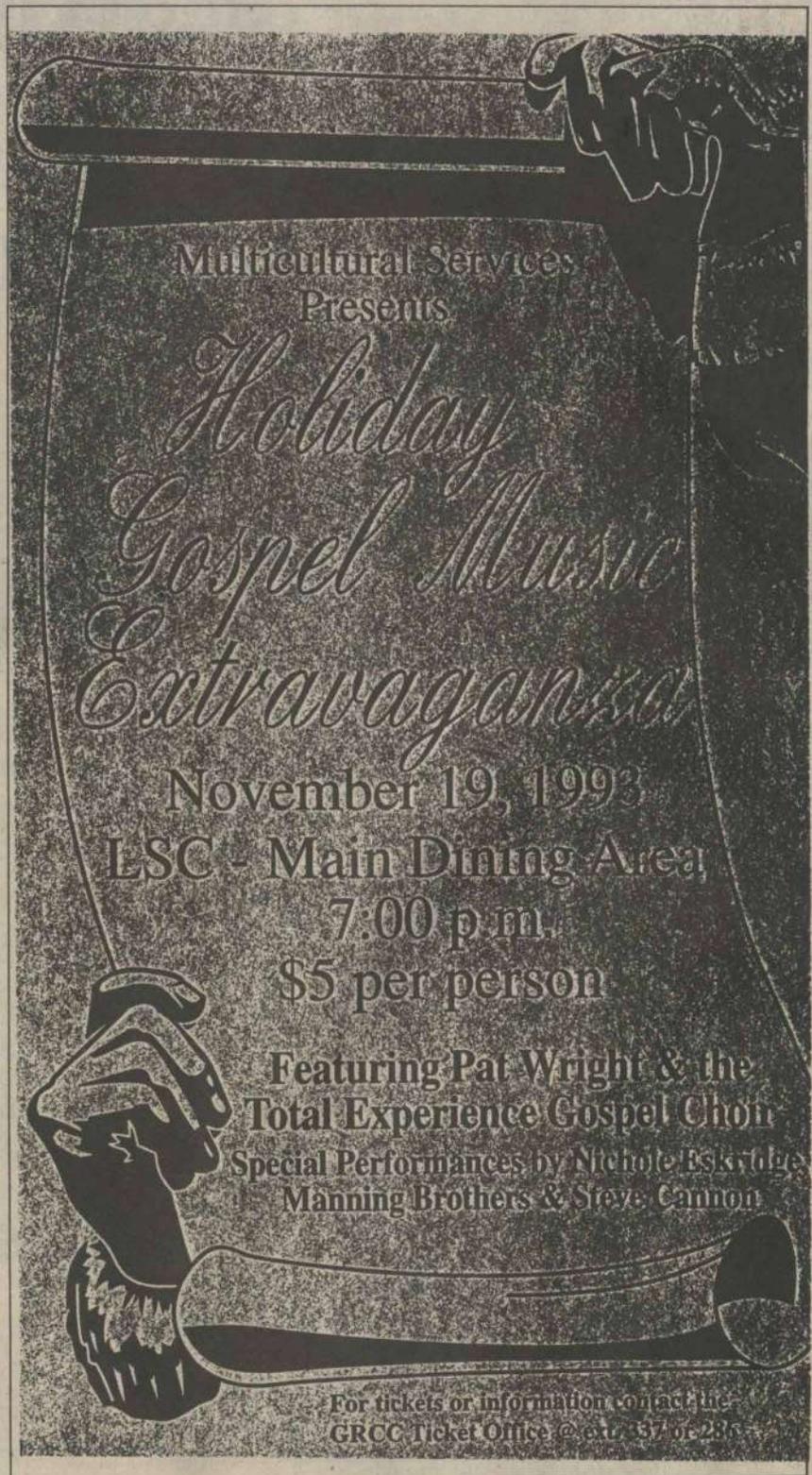
The theft took place some time between 4:30 p.m. Friday, October 22, and 12:00 p.m. Monday, October 25. Losses are estimated at between eight and ten thousand dollars.

Among the missing equipment were two Central Processing Units, a scanning device, modem and laser printer. The felon or felons seem to have had some knowledge of computers, as the more outdated models were not tampered with.

The crime is somewhat reminiscent of the string of thefts which occurred at the University of Washington earlier last year. What makes this case especially baffling is that the location of the computers was not common knowledge throughout the campus community. The workroom is located in an obscure area of the campus, and is not accessible to most students or staff.

The thefts come as an especially strong blow to the newspaper as budget cuts from last year leave the program with barely enough money to cover the costs of replacing equipment, let alone publishing a non-profit newspaper for an entire year. As all state schools are self-insured (meaning the money to replace the items would have to come from the General Fund-State budget), it is unlikely that an effort will be made to cover the expense of the lost items, leaving the Current in an extremely tight financial bind.

Anyone who might have information relating to the theft is encouraged to please contact the proper authorities immediately.



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News Briefs

Metro's entire fleet of more than 1,200 buses is now equipped with electronic fareboxes, completing a nearly nine-month phase-in of the agency's new fare collection system. Most Metro riders are already familiar with the new fareboxes, which count and display fares as they're paid and electronically record data as fare payments.

The upgrade was completed with installation of more than 200 units in the coaches at Metro's South Base. The electronic fareboxes are the most visible component of Metro's new revenue collection system, which improves security and offers better accounting of fare collection. The new system also includes new vaults and computerized data collection systems at all six Metro bus bases.

"Essentially, we're still in a shakedown period, getting comfortable with the new system," according to project manager Chuck Sawyer. "We're still adapting to the new equipment, and double checking the data gathered by the system to make sure it's providing accurate information."

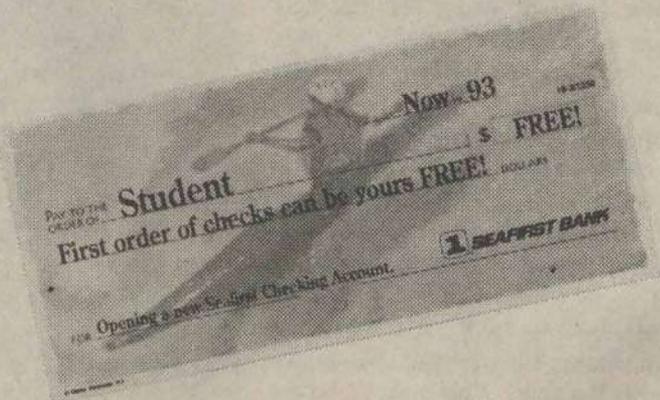
However, there are indications that the fareboxes are already providing a return on the investment. Metro is seeing a significant decrease on routes where the new fareboxes have been installed in one of the more popular forms of fare evasion—depositing partial dollar bills.

"With the old fareboxes which could only accept folded bills, it was fairly easy to pay with a partial dollar bill and get away with it," according to Cindy Lee with Metro's Finance Department. "Now, bills must be laid out flat to be recorded by the farebox, and drivers have a lighted cash window and can easily spot a partial bill."

The next step in the fare collection system modernization is to test a new farebox component known as Transfer Reading and Issuing Machines, or TRiM units. These devices automatically issue date-and-time coded transfers and "read" transfers when presented to assure they are valid. In-service testing of TRiM units will get underway in early 1994. The units will have to successfully meet testing criteria, including approval by participating Metro drivers, before they are installed system-wide.

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Cheap porn in the big city (the date)

The Date. Who knows when or where, or for that matter why this ritual ever began. Somewhere along the romance timeline we fell into a pattern of the date, and everyone over the age of 14 has felt it's effects, be it good or bad. I say, over my short-lived romances, one-night stands, and pathetic attempts at long-term relationships, I have few memories of great date moments. Instead, my life, like many is filled with those tragic moments that may some day make for pleasantly amusing tales for the grandkids. How many of the readers can relate with any, or all of the following: splashing on that favorite cologne or perfume, only to realize seconds too late that it is in fact sulfuric acid. Finding that perfect suit or dress, and then soiling it with the defecation of any of a long list of farm animals. Cleverly covering up all those pimples with the leading cosmetic, and then

having that same cosmetic come off instantly when the unavoidable drink is thrown in your face after you suggest your after-dinner plans.

My point is: Is the date really worth it? All the primping and styling and practicing your complements; all the anxiety, the sweat, the tears, the total loss of control of the bowels? All so you can wind up at a bad movie, trying to guess when to put your arm around her, eating in that second-class restaurant, keeping a tab of everything you're eating, hoping you have enough to make it out of the restaurant without being severely beaten by the management, and end up at the end of some father's shotgun after getting caught attempting that first kiss. I say no. The date in my opinion is another of our government's attempt to pull more money out of us.

Those date restaurants, the date

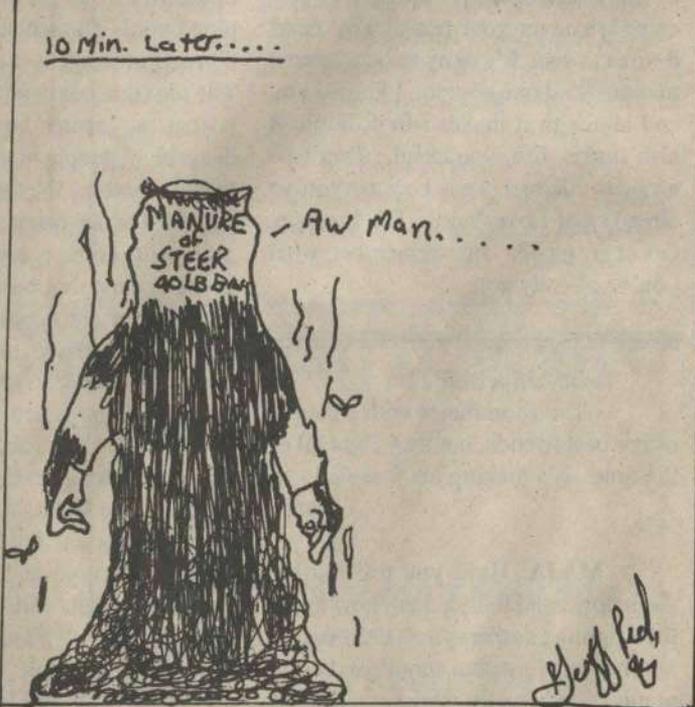
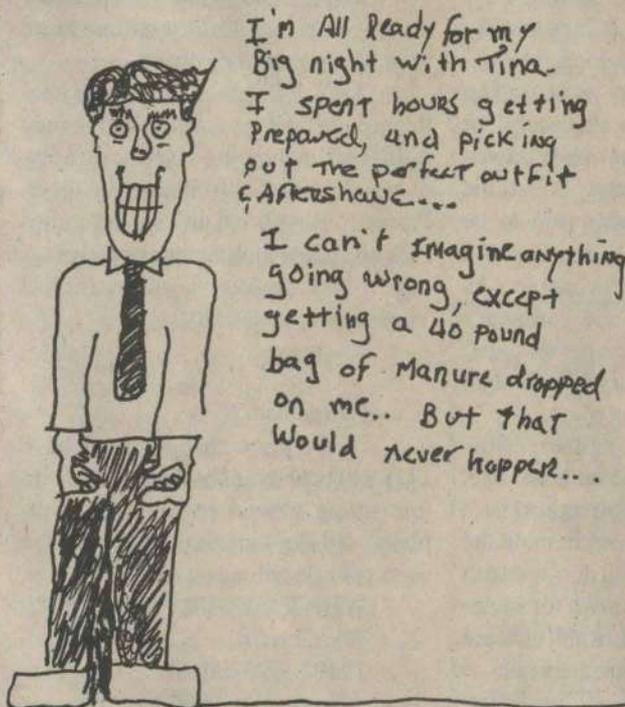
movies, the date clubs- they all are working in unison to separate us from all of our well-earned cash. I can only speculate to what they plan to do with the money. It will no doubt remain a government secret, lost in a crowd of mysteries, along with hanger 18, the J.F.K. murder, and Watergate.

I say protest dating to the limit. Don't give in to your temptations. It will get you in the end, when you wind up an old man or woman, lying in some hospital bed, or retirement home, or face down in a ditch, or walking the streets of a stench-ridden city, mumbling to yourself in a drunken stupor. You'll ask yourself, Why have I, over the course of my life, sunk all my money into taking people out, and all I have to show for it is a tattered prom picture, a bottle of *Jim Beam*, and a face full of bitter tears.

-Geoff Reed

DATIN' DAZE

BY Geoff Reed



What's your problem?

Dear Tex and Maja,

There's an extremely attractive man at my school, but I have a boyfriend that I don't want to hurt because I really care about him. There is no way in heck that I would approach this guy, but for some reason I feel strongly attracted to him. I don't know.

Horny girl in Roy

MAJA: Have you ever heard the term, "The grass is always greener on the other side."? It seems that we always want what we don't have. I say that your feelings are your feelings and you can't do anything to change them. As long as you are in a relationship with your current boyfriend you can look, but don't touch. There's nothing wrong with checking out other people- guys do it all the time. Just make sure to keep things in perspective so no one gets hurt.

TEX: There IS a way in heck. Li'l darlin, cherish the fact that you're an individual and have the right to perceive whatever your pea-pickin' heart desires to see. It's okay to be attracted to more than one person. I know I am, and although it makes life difficult, it also makes life wonderful. Don't be afraid to talk to this guy because you've already got Loverboy to fall back on. Go at it, girlie. Just remember what you've already got.

Dear Maja and Tex,

I'm roommates with a couple of my best friends, but they fight all of the time. It's making me feel sick.

Darcy

MAJA: Have you tried sitting them down and telling them how much their fighting bothers you? Believe it or not, but opening your mouth and communicating actually works sometimes.

If you have and it didn't work, tell them to 'take it outside'. It's your house too, for heaven's sake, and if they can't even try to get along, your roommates could at least respect your piece of mind.

TEX: The reason why you feel sick when they fight is because you're being left out. Join in but make sure that you don't take sides. You want to make the argument as complicated as possible in order to avoid giving or taking any blame. Then when you're all through bawling or whatever, you'll be too exhausted to care.

Dear Ben and Jerry,

I'm politically incorrect, and I have no desire to be politically correct. Does this make me evil? Does it make me a bad person (or is that 'morally impaired')? Please help!

Signed,

A deaf midget

MAJA: NO!! That does not make you a bad person. In fact, I applaud you! The whole PC (politically correct) movement is making me sick. The idea that our country was based on is that, no matter how distasteful or disturbing, people ought to be allowed to say whatever they want. So, all the people that are pressuring you to be politically correct are hypocrites and going against that basic principle. As long as you are happy and you aren't hurting anyone else, more power to ya! You need to work on your jokes, though, the name thing is getting old.

TEX: Yee hah, pardner! Now that's a predicament if I ever heard one. If you ask me, political correctness isn't all that important, but keep in mind the feelings of everyone. You don't want to go around puttin' folks down for something that doesn't matter. Rank on them for their intelligence, not their race or sex or whatever, but lay off the 'holier

than thou' attitude. I think me and Maja pretty much agree that you don't have nothin' to worry about. Neither one of us much cares.

Dear Tex and Maja,

I'm having a problem getting an erection, what should I do?

Michelle

MAJA: Well, Michelle, I suggest that you just keep looking. I can empathize, but there are tons of them out there.

TEX: Construction companies do erecting services. Just ask them to bring their tow truck or cherry-picker and go at it.

Dear Tex and Maja,

Why don't they ever change the songs on the jukebox in the Student Center?

Sick of Aerosmith

MAJA: I don't know, but if I hear the Eagles' *Hotel California* one more time, I'm going to throw up.

TEX: If you don't like something, dagnabbit! go out there and change it. In fact I'm thinking of sneaking a few of my Johnny Cash albums in there. Protest! Revolt! Turn on the radio! Pick up a guitar and commence a-twang-ing! Karaoke cucuracha! Yeeeeeeeeeeeeeehah!!

By the way....

We know that you guys have LOTS of problems out there, and we're just sitting around hearing you complain. So do something about it and send your questions to:

WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM?!

The Current

12401 SE 320th St.

Auburn, Wa 98002

Campus smokers should show some consideration smoking near others

I'm walking out of Lindbloom Student Center, past a smoldering ash-tray; twenty feet away two girls are finishing their cigarettes and extinguishing them on the ground. I'm thinking that this is an isolated incident, but as I continue walking I notice cigarette butts strewn everywhere. This is blatant littering and violates campus regulations. I'm shocked. There are designated smoking areas (with ash-trays and/or garage cans provided). Is it too much to ask that these be used?

Smoking not only affects the environment but it also has an impact on other people, and on one's own health and the health of others. I'm not saying smoking should be banned altogether, I'm talking about inconsiderate smoking habits and their effects.

Take the careless car smoker who throws their burning cigarette out the window. Have you looked at the gutters lately?! Paper, bottles, and junk amidst a layer of cigarette butts. Who cleans up this mess from the campus paths, street gutters and sidewalks? It seems like they are permanent fixtures. If you look around at a stop sign, or while walking around campus, I guarantee you'll see at least a few cigarette butts. Most people would not toss a crumpled paper or pop can out the window of their car, or on the ground somewhere, in these days of environmental awareness. Why are people thoughtlessly tossing cigarette butt after butt out onto the streets? The consequence is the same.

Smoking has an even more obvious effect on other people. I've been walking to class, past another pedestrian smoking a cigarette and whew..I'm loaded with their smoking aftermath. Would it be too rude to dodge off the path and avoid the smoke, or cover my face and run past them coughing and sputtering? Working in a bar I am constantly having smoke blown in my



A typical sight throught the Green River campus: cigarette butts strewn about from careless smokers

(Photo by Bob Lee)

face. I also observe some smoke being blown into another persons personal space and their food in front of them. I find this behavior very rude. Besides the environmental issue and annoying others, there are the health hazards. Heart attacks, emphysema, lung cancer, the stained and yellowing teeth, and second-hand smoke. Smoking is a priveledge, and like any other liberty, if it is abused or misused things will be done to deter and regulate smoking ciga-

rettes.

Here are a few guidelines to keep this from happening; otherwise known as 'how to be a considerate smoker':

- When in the presence of others ask if it's okay if you light up
- Blow the smoke away from all others
- Extinguish your smoking device in an ashtray or other similar container (ie: stamp it out and toss in garbage).

-Theresa Buttrey

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The slaughter controversy continues

You know, if there's one thing I'm tired of, it's these sick, whiney, uneducated, rat-infested, asinine, perverse people complaining about cruelty towards animals. Whether it's at the hands of a scientist to better man's existence in the testing laboratory of some make-up company, or in under the farmer's axe so you can enjoy grampa's famous barbeque on the 4th o' July, they cry to us about how inhumane it is....it's inhumane to kill, it's inhumane to torture, it's inhumane to chew the flesh from their freshly-cooked bones.

It's enough to make you want to vomit up the all-you-can-eat steak and shrimp dinner and scream "Shut your bloody trap you bleedin' blokes!!" Not that I disagree with them entirely. It is inhumane to kill animals. But did anybody stop to think about the reason we treat these animals inhumanely? It is because they are a bunch of stupid, moronic, idiotic, dumb-witted animals who wouldn't know the difference between Mozart and Pearl Jam!

Have you ever tried to hold a decent conversation with a big, fat bovine regarding classical literature? Good luck! All you get is "Moo," and variations on "Moo." If it wasn't for the butcher house, they'd never get off the farm.

It's hard to understand how anyone would object to a small rabbit being beaten to a bloody pulp, if you could save a human from an outbreak of a mild skin rash, or cure them of a dry scalp. I say strap that lab rat in the mini-electric chair and throw a few volts of power through his body. If it makes the world a better place for humans, I'm all for it. And as far as vegetarians go,

while they ask me if I know how they treat the cows and pigs and chickens, and they cry to me about how they pack the animals into a dark box and force-feed them before they're slaughtered, I want to be sitting in a darkened theater watching a tape of a cow getting down

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I love eating this red, fatted, char-burned meat, of any animal. Rip out their insides, throw them in the B.B.Q., and serve it to me with a heap of fries and I'm in heaven.

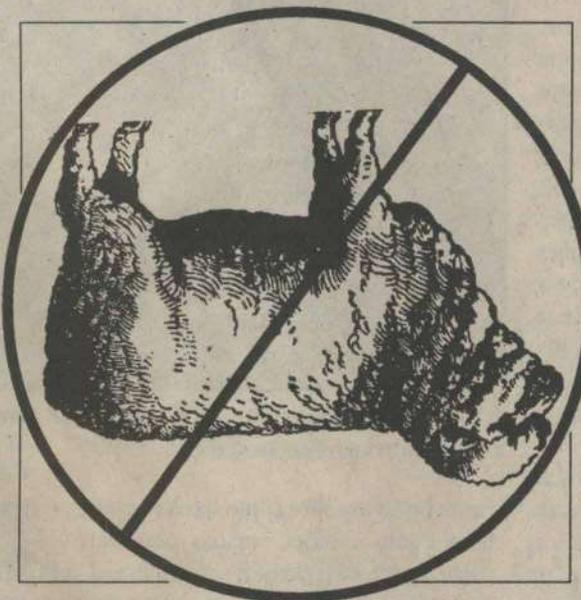
A lot of people also put up the pathetic excuse that killing isn't needed, that we can use computers, and do simulation testing with software programs. Well, those people should pack up their bags and go back to wherever they came from. It's that kind of thinking that put America in the position it's in today. Right now we have good, all-American, hard-working men and women, killing thousands of animals daily. Do you really want to throw a couple of Macintosh's into each lab and cause even more people to loose even more jobs? I don't know about you, but when I think of another homeless person out on the cold winter streets because we let technology take

us over, I'd like to put a bullet in my own head.

So many people tell me, "Well, how would you like it if an animal tried killing you and serving you for dinner?" Well, I'd hate it, and I'd tell the animal to stop it. If the animals hate it so much, let them learn the language and do something about it. They're lucky enough to live in a country where they can speak out on any topic. If they don't take advantage of their right to free speech, I can't do anything about it.

So, I bid all you vegetarians and lab-protesters goodbye as I pull on my fur coat and head out to Black Angus, (With my date, who is wearing laboratory-tested hairspray and make-up), for a quick sample of daily slaughter.

-Geoff Reed



that conveyor belt, getting that steel peg jammed through his skull, while I enjoy a Platter-O-Rib's with a side of slaw.

Some of you out there may be saying, "But Geoff, Reed-ola, G-man, how can you say killing is no big thing to ya? Have you seen the literature? Have you seen the documentaries?" Yes. I've seen it all, my friends. I've been to the back alleyways of the most demented animal killer's mind. I've seen footage of baby monkeys being clubbed to death for the sake of science, cows being killed through electrocution, and baby ducklings being ground into pate to be consumed by the rich. So rest assured, I've viewed the horrors of this great business we call slaughter. No, it's not a pretty sight, but it's something that is a necessity if we are going to keep

Driving towards an education

Watching GRCC students on their way towards classes can be interesting. Obviously some of us are working diligently towards additional "credits" (read educational experiences).

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•**FINANCE** - Learn about spending money by:

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•**COMMUNICATIONS** - Additional "coursework" is available! Do this and you get to talk extensively with a police

officer, plus pay a fine:

- Make a pedestrian avoid your car.

Upper level "classes" are:

•**TRANSPORTATION** - You probably will get to ride in a real police car, and the additional experiences below, if you:

- Hit a child near that bus with the pretty red lights flashing.

- Hit a pedestrian anywhere.

•**LAW** - Gain additional knowledge by studying the field:

- With an attorney.

- In a real courtroom.

•**CULTURE** - If you hit someone with your car, chances are that you will be able to study a different cultural group:

- In the County jail.

•**ANTHROPOLOGY** - While making new "friends" in jail, you will discover:

- Many of them have closer resemblance to the great apes than human form.

•**ADVANCED COMMUNICATIONS** - After these "classes" you will probably be conversing with your insurance company.

•**ACCOUNTING** - Find out how these "classes" have affected:

- Your net worth.
- Your grade point average from the "vacation".

•**ADVANCED FINANCE** - Hitting a person with a car guarantees lessons in:

- Bail and fine structures.

- Civil suit settlements.

- Insurance rates - if you can still get coverage.

•**FAMILY LIFE** - And best of luck to those living at home and/or driving their parent's car!

Now, is any GRCC class starting-time worth all of this?

An attempt at humor about a serious subject, with apologies to Washington State Patrol's TV ads. These are Washington State laws, the person with the badge is not the fuzzy type of smoky; cars have all advantage over pedestrians, according to physics; and people do bleed real blood!

-Richard Wallace

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FIVE STANZAS FOR WINTER
Anonymous

The ghosts of this Autumn have just slipped in
Under freshly turned earth. Old men in scarves
Believe the warmth of night to be their hope.
Young boys without jackets stand dumbly cold.

Each part of this city lays out certain
Signs of coming winter. In my own dark
I scent the wind as air takes shape, begins
To fill out hollows with its stupid waste.

Mary, October is the month to feel
This chill wind. The trees are lying quiet,
Expert under snow. This long month burrows
Deep into the slope and comes to lie still.

Your hair begins to glisten white in snow.
Whatever space that you now inhabit
Will be filling up with wind. It will blow
Dry leaves back over land without mercy.

Keep warm and do not let the frost get in
Or you will get old. Your body will scar
In broken soil, leaving off with nothing
That would hold you unto earth but pity.

HARDWARE
by Geoff Red

The soft-celled food freeze I once knew
Tack the blood-filled cheek to my soul...
Greasy-spoon oil filtered dreams
Caked on make-up on a bride-prisoner's face
Nazi- a master that controls it's pets
Cane is no longer able
No longer Stable
Grey-streaked economics
Torrid shaven love triangles
In the inner Furve call romance
Baby oil and baby talk
Jesus the Banker

Hot-Cross Buns
See how they run
Our daily allotment of
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MY MOM'S BEARD
by Justin Ruedebusch

The cat stares me down when I am drinking
Why did my dad call me a nerd
I can't explain why I like pretty woman
Don't call my house past ten o'clock
Paste my picture of Ken Ober to the wall
Fall on my light-house of love
Angelica Houston made me pasta
Sew my wound shut tonight
My Pink Tights ate my lunch
Cry all night to Great White
Coolie Coolie I am Cool
Light my Night Light Mona Love
Pam... where have you been
Dinner is ready

TIMEFLY
by Carl Zook

Did you ever feel that it was time to fly
But you haven't tried to see the whole picture
In a time of thought you thought not
But the beauty wouldn't go away
To make it alone, in a world of unknowns
Surely requires unison
So Tell me
What do you see when your looking at me
The only thing that you must perceive
Is that your reaction is based on your own reality
Mine is probably a little different
If self-doubt starts creeping into your mind
If the mirror is the state of things as they are
Reflecting the stagnation of a hibernation soul
There's a story that needs to be told
Maybe
It's
Yours

Try to be different (like everyone else)

"So, light up kids! Help keep America's teens number one in cool!" The act to which our dear friend Mr. Butts is speaking about is that of smoking. This and other teenage fads are among a large and varied group of tactics kids today are resorting to in the act of rebellion against their parents. Other cop-outs include doing drugs, sleeping around with who knows who, and the infamous art of playing their music too loud. At the heart of it all is rebellion.

Rebellion can assume many forms, and can present itself different ways. The simple fact is it's all been done before. To this date, I have not seen an original form of rebellion. It has all been recycled. And why not? Recycling is one of the politically correct things to do these days. When I say politically correct I mean to say that this is another form of an entirely different evil: conformity. Conformity is the act of falling in with the crowd or going along with whatever is the cool thing to do at the time. Those who choose to go against the grain and try to be different strive to be "Alternative".

Unfortunately, the whole "Alternative" trend has become just that, a trend. To put it bluntly, it has become a joke. Take a wild guess at who's getting the last laugh: our parents. That's right. When they say they've been there before they aren't kidding. To them this is old hat. Long hair, combat boots, smoking, drugs, and the like have all been done time and time again. They are all proven rebellious stimulants.

Parents are in fact getting a bit hacked off. I know a few whose blood begins to boil when they see some eighteen year old guy smoking some weed as he sports his beret and goatee and says "Can you dig it man?". "Beatnik", "Hippies", and "Alternative" folk have been around since the fifties and sixties. This is nothing new. There are various reasons to why people lean toward the "Alternative lifestyles." One of the

more prevalent reasons is that they want to fit in. It is a proven fact that most people want to be accepted. This is human nature. So when a nation's youth begin to gravitate toward the newest fad the rest of them start to follow. Like a bunch of lemmings, led by MTV and the propaganda it produces, a large group of teenagers lacking in self-confidence have jumped off the cliff and landed with green hair, pierced body parts, and their parent's seventies wardrobe. With everybody trying to be "Alternative" the whole concept gets lost. To be "Alternative" is to be different, and with everybody trying to be different, "Alternative" becomes the norm. To me this looks to be an oxymoron. Let me repeat this, to be "Alternative" or different, one must strive to fit in with whatever everyone is doing.

The way I see it, being "Alternative" is a poor excuse for being unoriginal. I fail to see the originality in everybody dressing the same. As I said before, MTV and other media sources are dictating to us what is "cool" and what is not. The whole premise of being "Alternative" is not having to answer to anybody, and not listening to what anybody tells you. A lot of this goes back to the free-spirited ideas of rebellion. My question is, who do people think they're fooling when they claim to be "Alternative" and they go and buy their "grunge" clothes at Nordstrom?

There are multiple ways to be "Alternative". Many of them have been thought of before and perhaps some have not. For example, try running through the house with scissors. Another viable option is to sit too close to the TV for long periods of time. Wow! that would really set someone apart from the crowd. How about this one: go talk to strangers. Or try going somewhere without telling anybody. I bet that will really chap a parents hide. Wait, I'm not done. How about swimming immediately after you have had a

huge seven course meal, and when you're done with that you can pick your nose in public. Oh, look out! I think I see parents across America foaming at the mouth! Other options include eating paste, playing with matches and the ever popular not-looking-both-ways before you cross the street.

These days I don't see too many truly "Alternative" people. I for one am not and do not aspire to be. When I do see an "Alternative" person he or she is usually pushing up their glasses or readjusting the pens in their pocket protector. Most people think of these characters as nerds and they would be right. The only problem is that they are the only people, whether they try to or not with any sense of truly being "Alternative". When I see a nerd I usually see a person with no idea of what is going on around him or her at any given time. Their self-awareness is either not present or it is hidden by more important matters such as their geometry assignment or the latest science-fiction novel they read.

Nerd's, I think, have the right idea. One does not have to fit in with what MTV says or what one's peers think. I'm not saying that everyone should go out and buy pocket protectors or scientific calculators (heaven forbid I might start a new trend). I believe that one should be true to his or her own beliefs, and be willing to stand up for those beliefs regardless of what one's peers say. To be truly "Alternative" one must be true to oneself. This is not a new concept, but it is a good one. To be yourself is an admirable quality to have. If you stand up for yourself and your ideals people may not agree with you, but they will respect you as an individual. This if I'm not mistaken is what being "Alternative" is all about. So please be as "Alternative" as you want, but do it in your own way.

-Andy Woodhouse

Geoff Reed's magical musical predictions (top ten albums)

Geoff Reed
Staff reporter

Music... it means a lot to everyone. What you listen to and how you feel about music may say a lot about who you are and how you live your life. Here are a few of the albums that make me happy to be a man.

Geoff Reed's Top Ten Albums Of All Time:

1. Ramones: *Ramones Mania* (Sire Records): This album contains all of the greats from one of the greatest pioneer New York punk bands, boasting more than thirty songs. It reminds us that before the "Alternative" sounds of the 90's, there was the "Alternative" sounds of the late 70's...including the Talking Heads, Blondie, and the New York Dolls. True rock and roll.
2. The Beatles: *The Beatles* (White Album) (Apple): It's hard to look at anything by this band after 1976 as anything other than excellent, but I think that the white album is the best of the bunch. A two album set ranging from the rock classic "Helter Skelter", to the absurd "Revolution #9", to the amazing ballad "Rocky Raccoon", it's packed full of great material.
3. Beastie Boys: *Paul's Boutique* (Grand Royal Records): A rap album truly ahead of its time, slammed by the press when it came out, but now a staple in any rap fan's collection. Unique use of samples and great rhythm, and a layer of jazz fusion hidden in there somewhere. The B-Boys produced this album without the help of Rick Rubin, who helped peg the "Licensed to Ill" album that made them so famous, and I think in retrospect, it was a great idea. If you don't own this album, you should be shot.
4. Mudhoney: *Superfuzz BigMuff* (Sub Pop): The Seattle sound at its best here. One of my favorite locals, this album they break loose with loud rocking music that buries anything released by Pearl Jam, or Alice. "Hate the Police" and "Sweet Young Thing" (Ain't Sweet No More) are both truly worthy of becoming rock anthems.
5. Janes Addiction: *Nothing's Shocking*: The legendary L.A. underground band's first full-length studio album brings you the amazing voice of Perry Farrell and the great musicianship of Dave Navarro, Stephen Perkins, and Eric A. "Jane Says," "Pigs in Zen," and the "Mountain Song" will run through my head forever. This is actually one of the most pathetic albums I personally have ever had the misfortune of listening to, but I cannot get it out of my mind for some reason. Don't buy it, but make fun of the band when you hear your friends listening to it, and then copy it, and write "Black Flag" on the cover to fool people, then listen to it in a dark room by yourself.
6. U2: *Rattle and Hum* (Capitol): For some reason, most reviewers treat this album as the Irish quartet's worst... I think it's one of the greatest albums to grace the face of the Earth. A predecessor to *Joshua Tree*, this is the best follow-up album in existence. The new tracks are amazing, and the older tracks done live, especially "Bullet in the Blue Sky." Also check out the B.B. King duet on "When Love Comes To Town."
7. They Might Be Giants (Debut): I saw this New York duet for the first time on Nickelodeon in about 1987. Since then they've grown into the legends of today. This album includes the Giant's standard "Don't Let's Start," along with 16 other tracks, all of which are amazing. "Puppet Head," "Number Three," and "Rhythm Section Want Ad" make for a great "Hand down the Pants" type of evening.
8. Lou Reed: *New York* (Capitol): Another reminder of the 1970's C.B.G.B.'s sound. The best post-Velvet Underground work by far, (Almost everything else by this guy will leave a stenchy odor in the ears of any listener), this album includes two of the coolest Lou Reed songs of all time, "Dirty Boulevard", and "There is No Time." I just got into this album recently, and immediately fell in love with it.
9. The Vandels: *Fear Of A Punk Planet*: Poppy punk rock at its greatest, these four young lads know what punk is all about. This album was produced by Frank Zappa, and features a song ("Anti!") with a guest appearance by his son Dweezil. Also look for a special vocal appearance by Kelsey Grammer (a.k.a. Frazier Crane, from T.V.'s *Cheers!*) Some of the high points on this album included "Join Us For Pong", and an excellent cover from the hit musical, *Grease*, "Summer Lovin'."
10. The Nothings: *We Are Nothing...Nothing Are We!!* (Greatest Hits) (BurnOut Records): Amazing, almost unexplainable music that everyone should hear at least once. This three-disc set spans the band's thirteen-year career, and includes a remake of the Zombie's classic "She's Not There," as well as some of their own classics, including "Disappear (Mr.No One)," and "Transparent Two." This Box Set also includes three live cuts, "Gone In The Nowhere", "I Can't C-U," and "Lost in the Empty." This album is excellent, but unfortunately hard to find. The lead singer, Brock Steller, was killed in Vietnam, and as a tribute to him, the rest of the band pulled all remaining music off the shelves and burned it in eulogy.

So That's my top ten albums, I hope they make for a great life of music for you prospective buyers.

Steps To Follow If You Disagree With My Choices And Want A Chance to Rebut:

1. Realize that your opinions mean nothing to me
2. Make A list Of Your Favorite Albums
3. Come to the conclusion that this list will never be published in the *Current*
4. Cry like a small girl
5. Vomit on yourself
6. Wind up in a drunken stupor, face down in an alley.

Attracting the wrong type of mate

David Weathersby
Staff reporter

As women have been pursued by hordes of male losers, men also have to contend with make-up-covered monsters. Over the years there seems to be a population of "affectionately disadvantaged" guys and the emotional terrorists that prey on them. In these days it can be difficult to tell the difference between that special someone and everybody's special one. Fortunately, there are signs that your sweetheart is a little too friendly with the boys.

If the only way to get in contact with her is a 1-900 number, you may be dealing with a tramp. Also, if you find out that she was her high school football team's most valuable player then you may have something to worry about. Keep in mind that if she has her own account at ALL motels, then it may be time to move on.

A shopping trip may give you clues as to whether your girlfriend is trustworthy. First of all, if she already knows Victoria's Secret before going in the store you may have a problem. Try

to keep your eyes open for a brand of condoms named after her as well.

To avoid getting involved with the wrong type, don't lower your standards just because you're lonely. Believe in the old saying, "There's some body for everybody" and never give up. Be careful not to become too picky or you'll come off as a snob. Keep your expectations high but realistic. With a little bit of patience and a positive attitude, "Ms. Right" may be just around the corner.

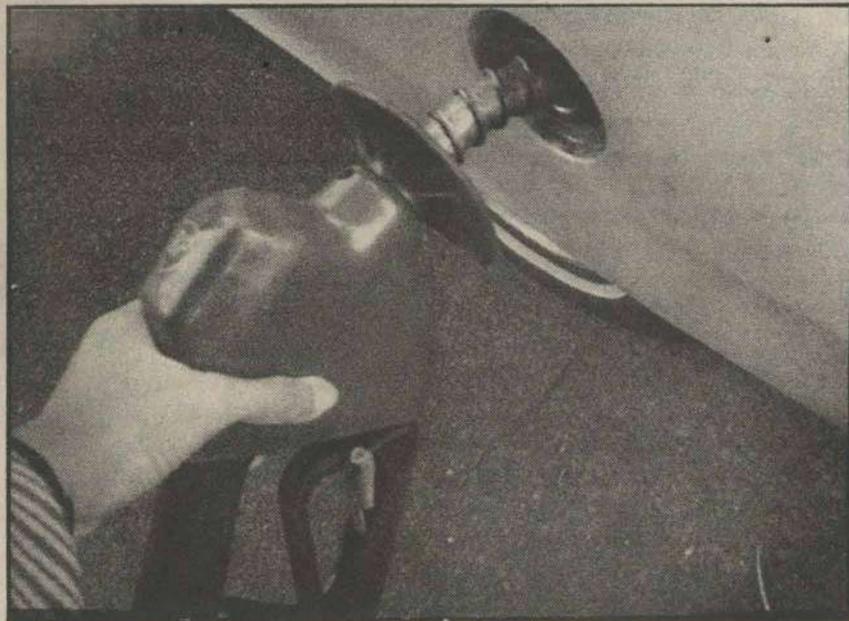
The symbolism behind erotic dreams

Carina Domingo
Staff reporter

Everyone has erotic dreams. Just because a person may not remember having a sexual dream doesn't mean they don't have them. People usually have six to twelve dreams per sleep and are only able to remember one or two of them. Erotic dreams are very common, and can be pleasurable. On an average, four percent of women and ten percent of men's dreams are explicitly sexual.

Women usually dream about having sex with people they know, and the context of the relationship. On the other hand men tend to dream about having sex with strangers, and objectify them. Men also claim to be the performers, and women are usually just observers. A person who makes love regularly is most likely to have less erotic dreams than a person who doesn't.

Dreams about sex can sometimes have hidden meanings, and dreaming about non-sexual situations can symbolize love-making. For example, gas being pumped into a tank, mail being slipped into a mailbox, or burglars breaking into a home can contain secret sexual meaning. Objects such as boxes, cups, or vases may be interpreted as the fe-



male sex organ, while cucumbers, snakes, or a rooster may symbolize the male sex organ.

Having sex with the same sex or family members can contain hidden meaning. Desire or curiosity could stem from taboo dreams. Erotic dreams are not always pleasurable, and most are accompanied by fear and shame or intense

joy. Dreams about being naked in public can be interpreted as some sort of insecurity. It is not unusual to dream about upsetting scenarios.

For the most part erotic dreams are normal, and can be interpreted in many different ways.

Bad Religion: a great experience

*Linda Harrison
Staff reporter*

I walked into the Moore and realized "this ain't gonna be anything like John Tesh."

Green Day was playing and all the kids seemed to be digging it. I don't think it's my place to critique performances, but Green Day set the mood to a "T." They had enthusiasm leaking out their ears. We made our way up to the front and waited for the main attraction, Bad Religion. They finally set up and began to play, delivering immediate energy that lasted uninterrupted throughout the whole show.

Occasionally I'm plagued with

apathetic phases when I think I can't feel anything at all. Well I felt it ALL that night. We were punched in the nose, knocked over and walked upon, and by the end of the night I had Adidas tread on my cheek. The audience left a remarkable impression on me. They were the nicest bunch of violent folk I've ever seen. When everyone's bopping around like that, so harshly, there is a silent code of courtesy that involves looking out for each other. Each time I was knocked over, the gent would apologize sincerely, and knock me down again. All that energy acted as a huge cushion against severe pain.

There was some other action go-

ing on. A guy was kicked out for acting like a barbarian, and a few of the theatre seats were dislodged and floated to the front. Also, some guy who looked too much like Eddie Vedder ran out from backstage, grabbed the mike and started singing before he ran back in. People were screaming, "Pearl Jam SUCKS!" which I thought was kind of funny. I was lodged in too deeply between other people to take precise note of what was going on.

The event was very intense and physical- well worth a Sunday evening. Bad Religion had a positive effect on us, like a purification ritual. A good way to confess your sins.

Sick and Twisted Animation Festival isn't what it claims

*Petra Blair
Staff reporter*

The Spike and Mike program boasts "brace yourself and be prepared to laugh your silly ass off at this new fall crop of the funniest, weirdest, and most disgusting and sarcastic films we've ever presented." Unfortunately, this festival was at it's best silly, and at it's (far too often) worst, it barely surpassed tasteless and vulgar.

Having only heard praise and adulation, this Sick and Twisted virgin was psyched about being able to finally experience the infamous Spike and Mike's annual offering. The crowd consisted of your typical Seattle hipster/jump-on-the-bandwagon grungesters. The atmosphere was thick with anticipation. Everything seemed tre's swank, from the required espresso bar to the comfy seats in the airy King Performance Center. Even the ticket girl was pretty cool,

seeing as she didn't ask for my (forgotten) I.D. Then the show started.

"No Neck Joe" kicked off the festival. Little Joe happened to be one of those poor souls cursed with a less than perfect physical appearance, who was relentlessly teased by other little boys. ("Brian's Brain" eerily ran along that exact same line.) I must admit, "No Neck Joe" was kinda cute and the lead-in song was rather catchy. "Little Yellow Bird" was a pretty little ditty about a violent young girl and her pet. DMV workers have nothing on "Rick the Big Top Bastard" who strives to live up to his name. "Frannie's Christmas" was a special story about a little girl intro-

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duced to the harsh realities of adult life, who then takes it upon herself to rectify the situation for children everywhere. "Wrong Hole" deals with the touchy subject of young love and sex in propaganda. "Tennis" and "Spaghetti Snot" display phlegm and mucus faux pas in etiquette. Both "Eat Me" and "Infrared Roses Revisited" were excellent as far as visual effects.

The rest were so bad they are barely worth mentioning. Human excrement and flatulation, bird crap, dog feces...hmm...these recurring themes seem to be very fitting of the majority of these short films. Senseless violence is slightly amusing if only for shock value, but it gets old pretty quick. The brand of humor (if you could call it that) ran along the lines of what I would term tasteless, vulgar, sophomoric, unamusing, and just plain stupid. Major disappointment.

John Tesh at GRCC: bigger than life

Linda Harrison
Staff reporter

Everybody should know who JOHN TESH is. The host of *Entertainment Tonight* and *The John and Leeza Show* is also an accomplished musician who is dedicated to arts and entertainment and just having a plain old good time.

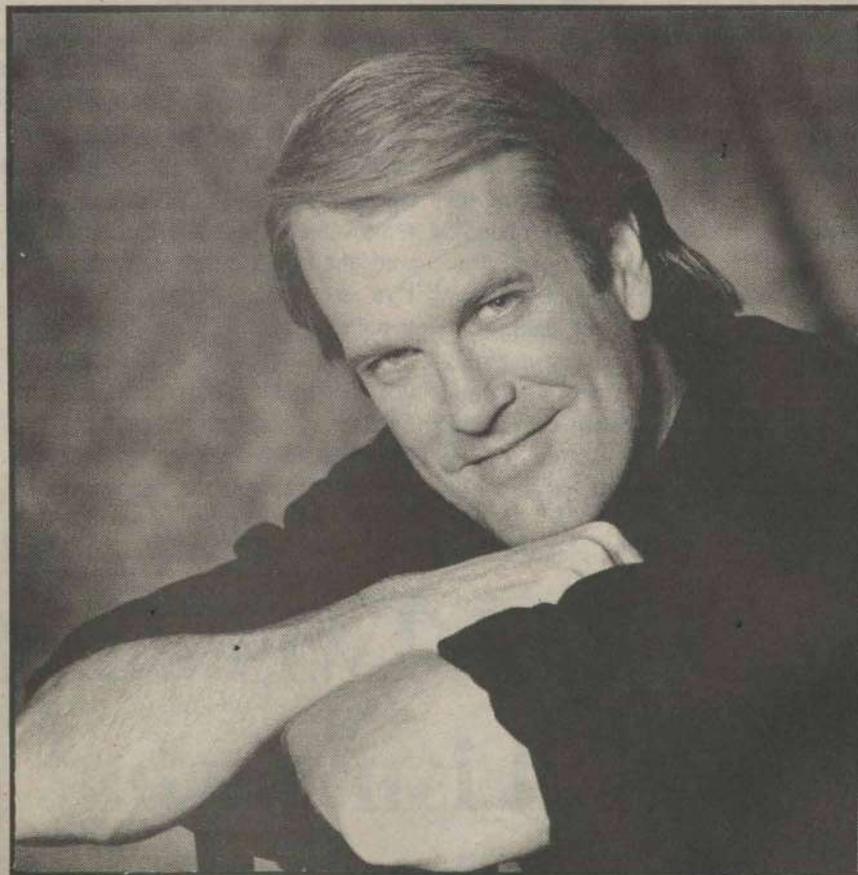
John Tesh is bigger in person; much, much bigger than he looks on TV. One wonders how his 6'6" frame can fit in a little television screen. He's a gentle giant, though. Once a self-admitted geek, he seems to hold no trace of bitterness over his adolescence.

"I had a weird childhood," he said nonchalantly. "I had a good childhood. I was really into a lot of different things. I was always playing piano or something. I was outgoing but there weren't a lot of people who wanted to go with me when I went. Yeah, I wasn't real popular. I was very tall and very thin and sort of geeky so no one really paid any attention to me. Then it wasn't a lot of fun."

But, hey! You're on TV twice a day now.

"Oh, boy. I feel like I've really been blessed with an opportunity to write music. I mean, I'm not the best musician in the world, but I can express myself musically to connect to that. I suppose my (biggest) inspiration is my family. I have a wife of a year and a half and a 12-year-old stepson from that marriage. That's had the most effect on my life."

"I've been blessed to have the opportunity to do what I'm doing. I think in about 10 years my wife and I will check out of Los Angeles. I don't know if you follow what goes on there, but every other day... On the "John and Leeza" show in one week's time we interviewed two women who had 16-year old sons who were gunned down in high school, another couple survived



John Tesh as part of the Speaker and Artist series at Green River

the Amtrack plane crash in New York, and these two other ladies whose kids were blinded by babysitters when they were shaken. When you see this stuff every day you think, "Can I please just move to Utah?" I have bullet proof glass in my wife's car. That's what I gave her for her birthday. That's the sickest thing in the world."

John Tesh set his sandwich down on the railing of the stairs and said, "I don't have any problems with fans; no stalkers like my wife has."

Maybe that will change. To deal with fans, you need a lot of patience and tolerance. How is your temperament?

"I'm definitely not laid-back or mellow. Both my wife and I are nuts. I'm easy to get along with, but I'm

definitely always doing something, on the go, eclectic."

"I'd like to be in any Jack Nicholson film. I love Jack Nicholson—he's CRAZY. That's an interview I'd like to do, too."

John Tesh stood still in a dark corner, his face hovering above his dark-clothed body.

"I'm not superstitious. I do pray a lot. I'm a very religious person, I guess. You'll find people who are ascribed to be Christian don't have any superstitions. I don't like anything like that to have a power over me."

John Tesh's attention suddenly withdrew from me as some lady named

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Making the best of your vacation

Corey Smith
Staff reporter

Planning for a vacation can be a hair-raising experience if you are not quite sure what you really want or where you really want to go. Here are a few tips to help you plan for a vacation. These tips just might be beneficial in helping make your decision.

•First of all, decide what kind of vacation you intend to take. Decide for yourself whether you want to choose a spot for relaxation to get away from people and the crowds. And also decide if you want the weather and the climate to be part of your journey. Or even decide if you want your vacation to be packed with adventure or touring attractions.

•Secondly, list a few options of where you are interested in going. To help on your decision, narrow your options based on your interests, cost, the

time you plan to be there, and if this will be of benefit for yourself. After you have picked that certain spot, become familiar with this place by reading up-to-date books, sending for brochures, or even viewing video tapes. After you have chosen where you would like to go and what you want to do with your time at this location, plan or schedule on a calendar what events you want to accomplish each day. Give yourself an additional day or two to do some freelancing or other special events you might have stumbled upon.

•Another really good tip is trying to estimate the costs of transportation, food, lodging, and gifts, and also that little bit of extra spending money for each day. If you are on a budget try to limit yourself to the controlled spending allotted for each day.

•After everything is set in your mind and you know where you want to

go, finalize your vacation with yourself, or with whom you intend to go with, and make sure you've written everything down to review.

•After the finalization of your plan is completed it can be beneficial to go to a travel agency. Be sure to tell them what you want and exactly where you want to go. (Don't let them tempt you into where they think you should go. Remember that they don't know what you like or what you really want out of this vacation). Also remember, if you are not satisfied with the agency, you can always make reservations through the airlines as well. Or take the initiative upon yourself to call your destination and make all the reservations and the requirements that may be needed.

Hopefully some of these tips and ideas will help you or get you started in the right direction on making your next vacation a terrific one.

Cosmetic Surgery For Lindbloom Student Center

The Lindbloom Student Center is finally beginning to receive a long-awaited face-lift. Construction workers are reroofing the building, which will soon be the home of college radio station KGRG and the student newspaper, *The Current*.



How about some water with your jello and french fries?

Carina Domingo
Staff reporter

Doesn't it seem like every time you walk into a movie theater or video rental store you see the same old boring movies? The repetitive Police Academy 245, Sharon Stone "I'm a slut" movie, or a Jason and Freddy murder festival. Why not try something different? Something a little out of the ordinary.

For over fifteen years *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* has been time warping in theaters all over the country. It has become an abnormal creative outlet or maybe even a religious cult for some. Every Saturday Night at the Lincoln Plaza Theaters in Tacoma, and the Neptune Theaters in Seattle, people gather for two hours of subculture fun. Audience participation is a major part of Rocky Horror. Members of the cult go to the midnight shows dressed up like their favorite characters. Each show can be filled with singing, acting, dancing, toast tossing, and kool-aid pouring family fun. The exaggerated

dress-up and out front sexual display could be an experience for some. Rocky Horror stars Tim Curry and Susan Sarandon (pre-Thelma and Louise fame).

•*Gift*, the long awaited feature film created by the ingenious mind of Porno for Pyro (ex-Jane's Addiction) frontman Perry Farrell and his former lover Casey Niccoli, has recently been released on Warner Bros. home video. This is not a normal music video compilation or tour documentary. It's a beautiful romantic story of love. A man and women's final night together.

This movie has everything from live concert footage to a dominatrix dripping candle wax on the band manager's butt. The entire movie only cost \$350,000 to make, and includes musical performances by Jane's Addiction, Ice-T, and renowned Venice Beach Poet Harry Perry. It also features music off of Jane's Addiction's last album, *Ritual de lo Habitual*.

•Hal Hartley, the world's most brilliant movie writer and director, has

four fabulous films available on home video. *The Unbelievable Truth*, starring Adrienne Shelly and Robert Burke (*Robocop 3*), is a story of an intelligent teenage model that falls for a handsome ex-con. She hears nuclear bombs that no one else can and becomes apathetic because she believes the world is coming to an end. Until murder changes her life.

•*Trust*, which also stars Adrienne Shelly, is the story of a young couple with problems. A young pregnant teen gets dumped by her boyfriend, kicked out by her mother, and kills her father all in one day. She meets a genius that hates his job, hates television, hates his father, and carries a hand grenade in his pocket.

•*Surviving Desire* is a story of a college professor that falls in love with his student. She wants to write a novel. He's frustrated with life.

•*Simple Men*, also starring Robert Burke, is an adventure of two brothers looking for their father, a radical anarchist who just escaped from prison.

How to make a cheap date pay off

David Weathersby
Staff reporter

It's the perfect night, perfect clothes and the perfect date. Only one problem - you're broke. "McDonald's" and a matinee doesn't always cut it as a magical moment to remember. Not having a huge bank account doesn't mean a good time is out of the question. Recently, fellow students gave their suggestions on the matter.

The number one thing that came to everyone's mind was where to eat. Surprisingly, a large number of people (male and female) were happy with the fast food scene. But with a little more creativity, the same amount of money

can be used for a more romantic dinner. Most markets in the country sell frozen dinners for only a few dollars, and with the right display they can look like a culinary masterpiece. To add to the atmosphere, put the dinner on a good looking plate and place a nice table cloth on the table (must be clean). Candles are a must, but you might not have the cash for the stands. Find some empty bottles that the candles fit in, clean them up and let the wax melt onto the bottles for a while. This will give an Italian restaurant feeling to the night. A moderate number of flowers is good but not a forest (remember you're on a budget). And don't forget a nice warm

fire can set the mood just right.

Another idea for the food portion of the date is a simple picnic. Raiding your parents refrigerator should give you all you need. Mostly get small, portable items like sandwiches and cheeses - don't try to stuff a turkey in the basket. Fruits are also a great, inexpensive picnic food.

On the entertainment side of the date, a movie is still a good idea. Make sure it's something your date will like as well: don't go see *Demolition Man* if your date is more the *Sleepless In Seattle* type. To lighten the financial load

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Gator's volleyball still on a hot streak

Shellee Ogden
Staff reporter

What do the words hot, sizzling, on fire, and can't be stopped have in common? Nothing. It's not your boyfriend or girlfriend. It's the Gator's volleyball team. The volleyball team traveled to Salem, Oregon to compete in a non-league tournament.

The Gator's, who were ranked 6 in the NWAACC conference, proved themselves to be genuine contenders for the upcoming conference championship title, and most likely will have improved their ranking by upsetting 4th-ranked Columbia Basin and 5th-ranked SW Oregon. GRCC met 9th-ranked Chemeketa in the championship match, after losing two intense game to their squad the previous evening pool play. Gator hitters upped the level of play to record two heart-stopping, come-from-behind victories in a 3 game match to secure the tournament win (15-10, 13-15, and 15-13). The Gator's produced 3

all-star awards out of the 12 given to athletes, voted on by coaches, who felt they had outstanding performances. They were Katrina Carlson, Lora Botha, and co-captain Teresa Rigoni.

On Oct. 13, GRCC traveled to Ellensburg to play Central's JV team. GRCC defeated CWU 15-12, 15-7, 16-8, and 15-8. Botha, led the Gator attack with 14 kills and 11 big blocks. Rigoni contributed 11 kills while Lancaster and Grennan posted 7 kills each. Freshman setter Grass recorded 31 assists and 5 blocks of her own.

On Oct. 15, GRCC posted an easy win over Pierce College (15-6, 15-6, and 15-13). Rigoni pounded down 17 kills, 11 digs, and 3 blocks. Botha contributed 11 kills, 10 digs, and 7 blocks. Carlson also recorded 7 kills of her own. And setter Grass recorded 30 assists.

On Oct. 19, GRCC posted an easily victory against Tacoma Community College (15-8, 15-4, and 15-12). Carlson led the Gator offense with 9

kills, Rigoni added 8 kills and Botha contributed 6 kills and 9 stuffs blocks. Lancaster had another stupendous day at the serving line with 6 aces. Grass also contributed 30 assists.

On Oct. 22 GRCC was unable to keep the winning streak rolling. GRCC lost to ranked 1 Lower Columbia in a 5 game decision (15-3, 15-11, 8-15, 3-15, and 5-15). The Gators dominated the first two games and appeared likely to sweep the Red Devils in a quick three games. However, a series of costly mental mistakes, and a controversial protest delay allowed momentum to shift back into LCC's favor for the rest of the match.

Despite the loss, GRCC's Carlson racked up 16 kill, 3 aces and 6 stuff blocks. Botha recorded 12 stuff blocks while Grennan, Lancaster and Botha each had 7 kills a piece. Grass supplied 45 assists. Even though GRCC they stand solidly in second place.

Cheap date

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go during the matinee which is about \$3.50 and an excellent following to a picnic. If you want to keep the more romantic "at home" feel to the date try renting a movie for about the same amount of money.

Depending on the season, a wonderful date activity might be right under your nose. It may sound juvenile, but a haunted house or a fair can be a lot of fun. If you have the talent, take your date ice skating for only a few bucks, or go on a ferry ride through a scenic area of the Puget Sound. The one thing to remember above everything else is to have fun!

NWAACC Volleyball League Standings

Western Div.	W-L
Lower Columbia	9-0
Green River	7-2
Clark	6-2
Centralia	5-4
Pierce	2-7
Tacoma	2-7
Grays Harbor	0-9

John Tesh

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Ruth came to talk to him. Aha! A potential stalker. She asked him how he liked the Northwest and he said, in his deep, melodious voice, "I think it's beautiful..."

By now the mood was failing and his concert was about to begin. The music was loud and dramatic, so there wasn't a chance of falling to sleep. I left the performance secure in the knowledge that John Tesh is a good man.

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Gator volleyball comes out strong

Shellee Ogden
Staff reporter

The lady Gator's got back on the winning streak by beating Centralia Community College (15-4, 15-9, 13-15, 14-16, and 15-4) on Oct. 27. GRCC handled Centralia quite easily for the first two games, but a much improved Trailblazer offense led by Trisha Nielson (22 kills) fought back to even the match at two a piece, forcing Green River into a fifth and deciding game. The Gator offense answered back with Katrina Carlson pounding down 19 kills, Lora

Botha with 14 kills and 11 stuff blocks, and Shella Grennan contributing 9 kills and 8 stuff blocks. Setter Kira Grass supplied 43 assists.

On Oct. 28 the Green River Gator's traveled to Clark Community College. Green River had quite an easy victory over the Penguins, winning 15-9, 9-15, 15-12, and 15-4. Once again Katrina Carlson led the Gator offense, supplying herself with 16 kills. Lora Botha had 12 kills and Shella Grennan contributed 7 kills. Team setter, Kira Grass had 37 assists.

On Nov. 3 Green River made quick work of the Grays Harbor volleyball team beating them 15-9, 15-3, and 15-4. The lady Gators finished the match in less than 50 minutes, led by the hitting of Lora Botha (9 kills) and Shella Grennan (6 kills). Grays Harbor was literally served off the court with GRCC's Andrea Lancaster and Katrina Carlson both supplying 5 aces each.

Green River has completed its regular season finishing second in the western division and is currently ranked 5 overall in NWAACC.

Gator basketball expects excellent team

Shellee Ogden
Staff reporter

Green River Community College's women's basketball team plans to prove during the 1993-94 basketball season that good things really do come in small packages.

The Gator's will have only seven players when they open their season on Nov. 26 against Malaspina College of Nanaimo, B.C. at the Olympic College tournament in Bremerton. The Gators were successful in beating Malaspina College. One or two of the players may become eligible and join the squad later in the season, but for now, seven is all coach Gary Nichols can count on. He's not complaining, though. In fact, he sees a berth in the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges championship tourney in his team's future.

"We should be a playoff team," Nichols said. "We're pretty quick. We get up and down the floor at a high tempo. We're not as big as other teams so we must be quick. And because we have so few players, we can't let teams pound the ball inside on us. We must play aggressive defense. But how do

you do that and stay out of foul trouble? That's a bit of a quandary. We'll have to find a way."

Michelle Penney, a 5-11 power forward, and Paige Kernkamp, a 5-10 small-forward with great shooting range, are the two lone returners from last year's team. Sharpshooting, 5'-7" guard Chelan Tabler, a transfer from Big Bend Community College in Oregon, joins Penny and Kernkamp as the only other sophomore.

The freshmen are led by Erin Halpin, a great 5'-9" player from Kent-Meridian High School where she received many awards for her great basketball play. Other freshman include Sage Marts, a 5'-7" slick-shooting three-point guard from Kennedy High, Yvonne Speer, a 5'-10" forward who was an All-South Puget Sound League performer at Kentridge High, and Karen Spezialy, a 5'-9" forward from Service High in Anchorage, Alaska.

The next game for the Gator's is not until December 4 against Edmonds at GRCC at 6p.m.

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NFL predictions for the '93-94 season

NFC EAST

As usual Phoenix (2-4) is in turmoil, coach Joe Bugle is in trouble and Phoenix just can't seem to compete with the NFC big boys. Washington (1-5) needs Rypien and a healthy, confident offensive line. Rypien is as good as the line. Don't expect too much this year from Washington. How good is Philly without Cunningham? Couldn't score with Brister, can battered defense keep Philadelphia (4-2) in contention until the return of the Rocketman? What year is it? Simms at QB, Taylor playing great, beating Washington 41-7, does it look like 1986? Well, it's 1993. The giants (5-1) just look strong. Look for a good run at the playoffs. Dallas (4-2) still appears the winner of this division. A little slip-up in the first two games, but return of Emmitt Smith has brought the Cowboys back.

NFC CENTRAL

Craig Erickson has a future, he and Reggie Cobb should keep things from getting too out of hand in Tampa Bay (1-4), but just barely. Minnesota (3-2) defense will help Vikings remain contenders in a division that will go to whomever wants it most. Green Bay (2-3) picked by many to make the playoffs with Reggie White and Brett Favre, will have a tough time getting there. Inconsistent offense and a mediocre defense will bring uncertainty. They would probably need to win the division to make the playoffs. Chicago (3-2) has shown a solid defense, and an inspired offense despite the loss of Wendell Davis. A good shot in this wide open division. The Lions (4-2) defense, if it gets healthy, is a decent squad. Bennie Blades is lost for the season. There is no longer a quarterback controversy between Rodney Peete & Andre Ware, Peete proved this in their 30-10 win over Seattle. Barry Sanders takes the pressure off Rodney Peete most of the time anyway.

NFC WEST

Needs help does Atlanta (1-5), the high powered offense is absent too often and the defense is awful. Despite one of the most underrated RB's in the league in Pegram, the Falcons are headed for the basement. L.A. Rams (2-4) didn't look too bad in victories over Pittsburgh and Houston but they are outmanned and will not catch S.F. or N.O. Knox keeps Everett as his starter but he is starting to remind me of Kelly Stouffer. San Francisco (3-3) will always seem to be in the playoffs. Steve Young has struggled early but schedule eases up after Dallas and N.O. Look for the 49ers to chase N.O. this year. The Saints (5-1) are doing everything right (except in Pittsburgh) and have beaten S.F. already once. The defense will keep New Orleans in almost every game. The Saints will undoubtedly make the playoffs but the question is, can they win when they get there.

AFC EAST

Drew Bledsoe will be a very good quarterback in a year or two. He is hurt now and the Patriots (1-5) get no help and will battle Cincinnati for the bottom spot in the AFC. Indy (2-3) loses Emtman, has QB problems but still isn't that bad. Jeff George returns this week but don't expect much from him. The Colts will battle the Jets for third in the AFC East. N.Y. Jets (2-3) score a lot but can't stop anyone when they need to. Comebacks by the Eagles and Raiders have hurt the Jets. Boomer looks good again but the Jets aren't very deep and are hurt by injuries to Blair Thomas and Rob Moore. Mitchell passed the first test for the Dolphins (4-1) and Shula. They have also lost John Offerdahl in addition to Dan Marino. The Dolphins should still make the playoffs and Mitchell will get to show his stuff as he becomes a free-agent next year. Buffalo (4-1) looks to win this division...again. Three straight super-bowl trips has got to mean something. Jim Kelly, Andre Reed, and Thurman Thomas prove to be

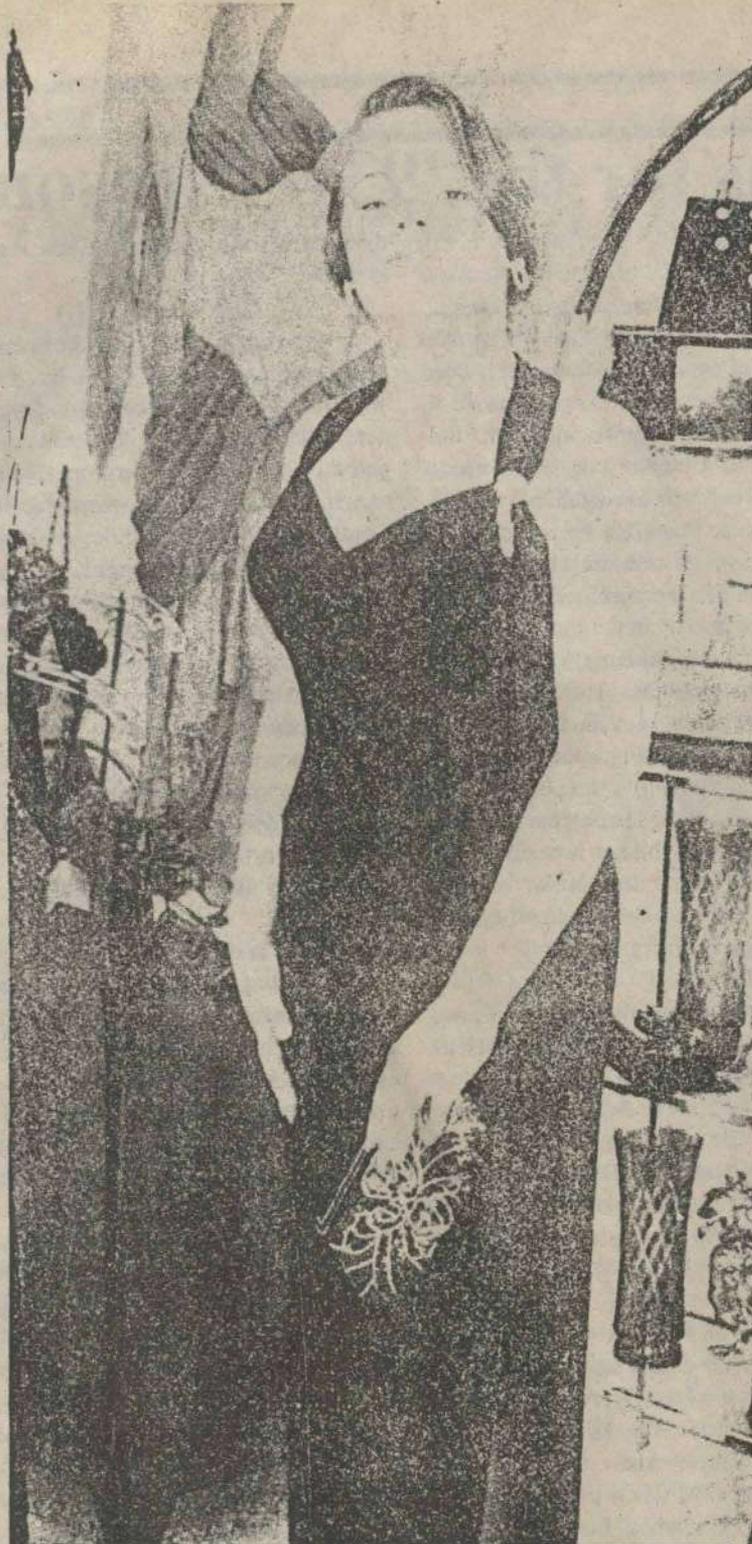
to much for most teams, unless the team is the NFC champ.

AFC CENTRAL

Cincinnati (0-6) should prove to give most teams an easy win, but they will at least have a high round draft pick next year. Cleveland (4-2) could compete this year with Pittsburgh and Houston. It depends on the performance of Tesdaverde and Kosar, whoever is starting. I hate to pick Houston (2-4) over Cleveland but this team has some talent. Whether or not Warren Moon gets on track is yet to be seen. Trade Moon, start Carlson, start rebuilding? Not a bad idea. Pittsburgh (4-2) has looked very strong since giving up 51 points in its first two games. They have gone 3-0 since and defense is solid. Look for them to win this wide open division. Maybe Pittsburgh can give Buffalo a challenge.

AFC WEST

San Diego (2-4) has stumbled and relied on defense and field goals. The defense has been picked apart by Elway and Mirer and the poor play calling offense cannot score a touchdown. No super season such as last year. Los Angeles (4-2) has more class and a better coach in Art Shell than S.D. Hosteller can keep the Raiders in contention for a playoff spot but don't count on it with the tough division rivals. Seattle (3-3) has found some life again in the AFC West. Rick Mirer gives the Seahawks a shot at the playoffs. Along with a strong defense, the Seahawks could continue to surprise people this year. Denver (3-3) has Elway and that will give them a shot. With RB's Rod Bernstine and Glynn Milburn, Denver could have a running game also. Any help on defense will also give more hope to Denver. Kansas City (5-1) boasts a strong defense lead by Derrick Thomas. If Joe Montana can stay healthy the Chiefs have a good shot at this division.



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Will the next Michael Jordan please take a step forward?

Andy Woodhouse
Staff reporter

'Tis' the season for slams, jams, "treys," and no-look alley-oops. That's right, it's basketball season again and all across the NBA championship-hungry teams are lacing up their Nikes', Reeboks', Cons', or whatever shoe they happen to endorse this year. Unfortunately, one of the shoe companies' prime spokesmen will not be present to peddle his footwear this season, and unless you have been hiding out in Somalia the last month you are aware that the man I speak about of Michael Jordan.

Arguably the greatest player in basketball history has retired. This event has left a large gap in the basketball community. A question immediately arises and this is, why? No one knows for sure, I for one don't even think Jordan knows the complete answer to that question. Another thought then arises, who will replace him as the predominant figure in pro basketball? This in itself is a tough question. I believe I have an answer, but first let me recount all the possible candidates.

First off we have Sir Charles Barkley. The problem with this guy is he has too much of an ego. Sure he is one of the best power forwards in all of basketball, but I believe he has been committing too much time to the opera and beating up stuffed Godzilla dolls. This guy is definitely not a role model.

Another possible candidate is Grandmama himself, Larry Johnson. This man is quite the impact player- he averages twenty points and can dominate a game- but can he overwhelmingly take control of a game like Jordan? That remains to be seen. All I can say about Grandmama to this point is that he has a salary like Jordan's, 84

million over the next twelve years.

How about "Shack," or Shaquille O'Neil as some sporting purists like to say? Not since Jordan has a player made such an impact in his rookie season, seems to me he could be the natural incumbent. One problem though, look who he hangs around with. The likes of Kareem Abdul Jabbar, Bill Walton, and Wilt Chamberlain. These guys don't even respect the guy, and on top of all that he has probably outdated himself by drinking the world's supply of Pepsi!

Kevin Johnson: see Grandmama.

Harold Miner, AKA "Baby Jordan," did win the slam dunk contest. A possible choice, but he has a lot of room to grow and he just wants to be the next Harold Miner.

How about Alonzo Mourning, another rookie sensation with a lot of potential? Only "Shack" made a larger dent in the NBA. This young man did this while playing in the shadow of Larry Johnson. "Zo" is a player on the rise, the only problem is that ego factor again. This guy is already talking about bronzing his shoes.

Then we have a home town hero, our very own Shawn Kemp, "The Reign Man." This guy has all the tools to be a great player, and he is also on a championship caliber team. He has one drawback though, his desire. During the off season he seemed to be more interested in selling Chryslers than preparing to assume the role of dominant force in the NBA.

The way I see it, one man who could definitely take over the role as most dominant player in the league is Jordan's ex-teammate, Scottie Pippen. He is the logical choice: he has lived under the tutelage of Jordan since his arrival in the league. As I look closer

though I see a major character flaw. One must wonder about the honesty of a man who can be playing basketball with Charles Barkley, and as they take a break he decides to spring for Cokes. At first one might think to themselves, gee, what a nice guy, then as he proceeds to pay for them, he only flips one quarter into the machine (from twenty feet away) and out come two Cokes! I say it again (just as aghast as the first time) one quarter two Cokes! Mr. Pippen's honesty, as I said, is indeed in question.

I see several different players that could succeed Michael Jordan as the ultimate pro in the NBA. All these candidates have a legitimate claim to this illustrious title. The only problem is that many of them have blemishes on their character. Some are beating up stuffed animals, others are hanging out with has-beens. I know what you are probably wondering, who is left? Well since Kurt Rambis has retired, I see only one clear choice. Manute Bol. Yep. that's right the seven foot seven blocking machine from Nigeria. He is the only one out of this collection of stars who can honestly say he has not sold himself down the river, or compromised his ability for the benefit of others. Bol is a superb athlete and is able to block shots with skill and grace. Even though he does not score a lot of points, he does show up. I believe that all basketball players should stop worrying about proving their manhood and their salesmanship skills and take a look at a prime example of sportsmanship, Manute Bol: the next great basketball. With a little luck maybe he will have his own shoe commercial.

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