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A club geared towards Latino students attend a booth set-up for Fall Fling. Many different clubs were well represented at the event.

## School year kicks off with exciting Fall Fling

*Event a great opportunity to enjoy the nice weather, play games, learn about GRCC clubs and have a kicking good time.*

**Julian Martin**  
Entertainment Editor

**Ryan Gaudinier**  
Editor-in-Chief

Students walking through the Kennelly Commons last Tuesday found a variety of events before them, all a part of Green River's Fall Fling. The festival styled event featured free cotton candy (one of the most popular stands) and vitamin water, a \$4 BBQ, music, games, and club booths.

One of the most popular and exciting events at Fall Fling was the boxing ring,

in which students, or anyone else for that matter, was put into a bouncy ring with very oversized boxing gloves and duked it out with a friend. Simply watching the contestants was one of the more enjoyable moments of the afternoon.

Music was provided by 107.7 FM, and the student-run 89.9 FM. While the alternative The End provided campus "survival kits", which consisted of various random items, including Cliff bars and movie posters, while members of KGRG distributed stickers, and took requests for their live broadcast.

One of the more humorous items handed out was a bag from 107.7 reading

caution: this bag is not to be used as a bong. The bag contained some information on various bands a couple cool merchandising pieces.

The various clubs on campus were also represented, with members informing those interested about any general information and upcoming events, as well as attempting to recruit new members. Representatives from the Asian Student Union, Black Student Union, Phi Theta Kappa, Gay Straight Alliance, and Teachers of Tomorrow were all present.

The Fall Fling was a great way for new students to assimilate into Green River. Being the first large event of the school, it was a chance for first year students to feel out the school, get an idea for the clubs and opportunities presented here and generally have a good time.

The event appeared a success in every detail from the weather to the attention garnered for the clubs on campus.

## Job fair to be held in Lindbloom Student Center

*Great opportunity for students to find jobs to pull themselves through college or inlets into their career path.*

**Ryan Gaudinier**  
Editor-in-Chief

Green River Community College (GRCC) will be holding a job fair in the Lindbloom Student Center on Wednesday October 25 at 10:00 A.M.

The fair is a great way for students to find employment as either a way to support themselves through college or find a job that will give them necessary experience for once students graduate and start

looking work related to their chosen career path. Both part-time and full-time employment opportunities will be presented as well as internship opportunities.

Employers who are participating in the job fair include A&A Staffing, the Air Force Reserve, airports from the Northwest, the American Red Cross, Auburn Parks, Emerald City Medical Staffing, Entrepreneur's Source, Exotic Metals Forming Company, Farmers Insurance, Federal Way Police Department, Fed Ex Ground,

Integrated Health Care, Kelly Services, Madden Industrial Craftsmen, Olympic Sports & Spine Rehabilitation, Pierce County Security Inc., the Port of Tacoma, Safeway, Schwan's Home Service Inc., the Snohomish County Department of Corrections, the Tacoma Police Department, United Parcel Service, the United States Air Force, the Washington State Department of Corrections, the White River Amphitheater, and many more.

Students are advised to bring their resume and dress for success. More information can be obtained by contacting the Career & Employment Center at (253) 833-9111 extension 2555 or Karen Brasch at extension 2553.

## Danish students studying at GRCC

**Ryan Gaudinier**  
Editor-in-Chief

A group of Danish exchange students have traveled all the way to Green River Community College (GRCC) for a quarter of study here on campus. The students are here until the end of fall quarter as part of an overseas study program at an international business school back in Denmark.

So far the Danish students are impressed with American culture and their overall experience here at GRCC and in New York and Washington DC, in which they spent a total of seven days visiting. Maiken Brandstrup, one of the exchange students, said the people here are much more friendly and open here than in Denmark which is making the transition between countries an easy and pleasant one.

Mie McLander, another exchange student, joked, "Everyone asks how are you today here, why ask, if you don't care, no one says it (in Denmark)." Both Brandstrup and McLander agreed the culture here in America has many distinct differences from their native land.

McLander has already noted the difference in education here at GRCC and back in Denmark. She said one big change was that if you were late to a class in Denmark, too bad, you were not allowed into the classroom and were forced to wait outside. Also, teachers kept tabs on who was late or absent, and if a student missed enough time in their classes, they would be kicked out of the school.

Another difference in schooling is the increased workload in Denmark. Compared to the average three classes and fifteen credits taken during one quarter here, students in Denmark are required to attend six classes, doubling the amount of work involved in school.

They have also noticed people have less freedom and responsibility here than back home. Examples of this difference include the drinking age, which is sixteen in Denmark compared to twenty-one here, and the way parents treat their children. Brandstrup said, "Parents think of sixteen and up as grown-ups." She also said that once kids reach a certain age, they are pretty much free to act as they wish, but must take responsibility for their actions.

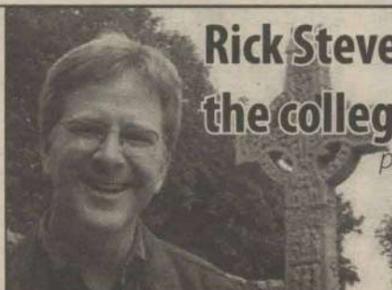
Another difference in cultures is the increased presence of religion here. "It's very Christian here, I go to church maybe once a year," said Brandstrup. The students agreed the increased emphasis put on religion here is not one of their favorite aspects of this country.

The Danish exchange students bring along with them viewpoints and critiques about American culture echoed throughout the rest of the world. McLander said "People in Denmark think the US only cares about itself. The news only focuses on the US and doesn't cover the rest of the world."

While these sentiments are common outside the country, students here might not be as familiar with them, or might not have heard these opinions firsthand. Not only is it beneficial for the Danish students to visit and experience America for themselves, but it is also advantageous for the American students here on campus to have people from different backgrounds and different cultures right here on campus.

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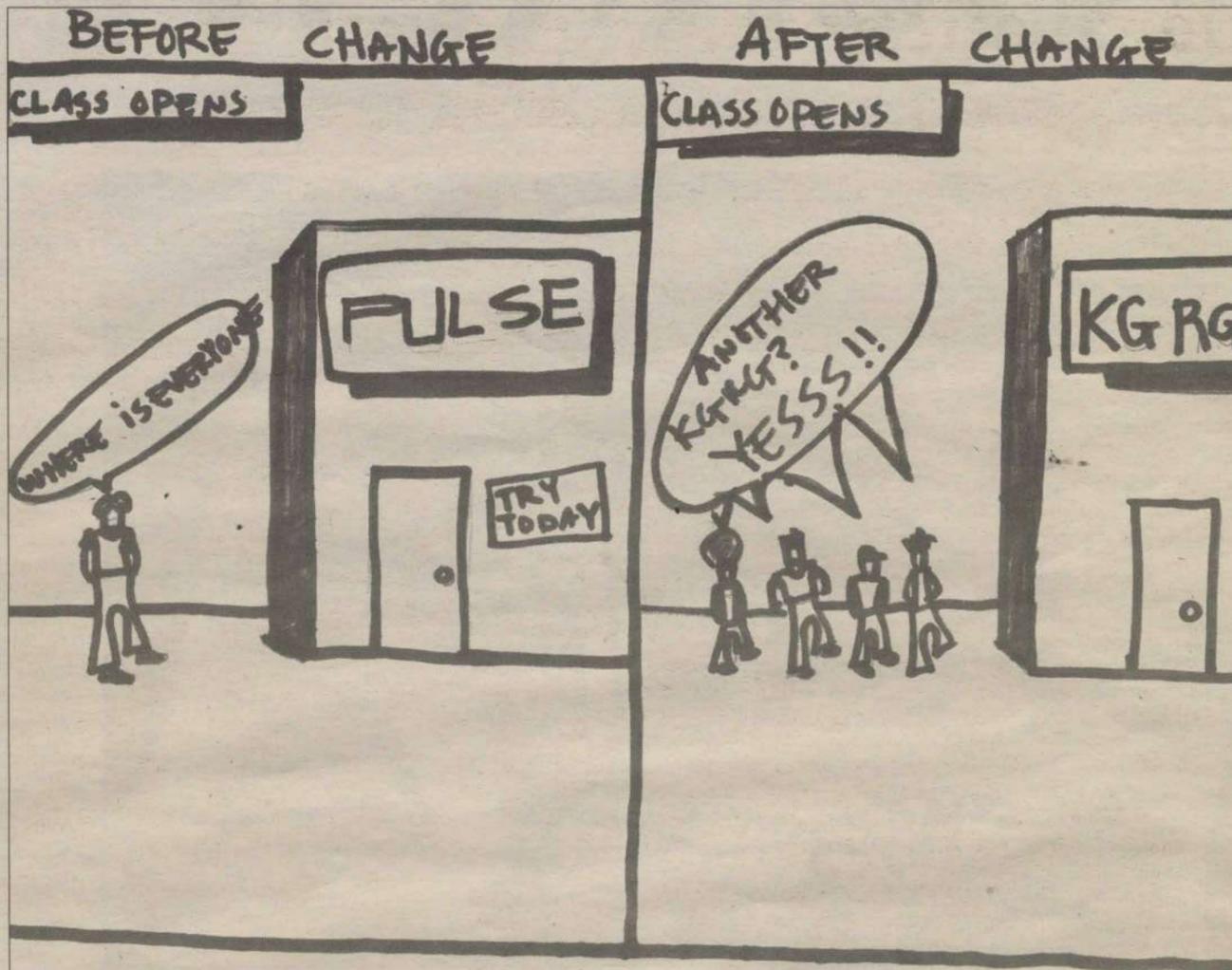
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## The Pulse finds an unfortunate end

*Radio station change of format necessary for educational purposes, but new format is not nearly as revolutionary or as exciting as The Pulse.*

**Ryan Gaudinier**  
Editor-in-Chief

The frantic schizophrenic pace of drum n' bass, the mellow stylings of chillout, the smooth classical-like progression of trance, the rapid breaks of breakbeat, and the pure dance sensibility of house music; electronica music is truly one of a kind. And The Pulse had it all. It was the one and only on-air bastion of electronica music in the Northwest.

But lack of involvement and interest in the program doomed the station which ultimately led to its untimely and unfortunately end. Only one student signed up for The Pulse classes in the summer, and that number rose only to three students this fall. Tom Krause, the director of Broadcast Operations for both KGRG and The Pulse, and others were forced to make a difficult decision to scrap The Pulse in favor for the classic alternative rock stylings of the new KGRG-1. Simply put,

due to lack of student involvement, they had no other options.

Yet, this doesn't make up for

the fact that The Pulse was doomed from its very start. While KGRG has incredibly adept marketing and promotions, and one of the largest budgets of any program here on campus, The Pulse never had any of these things. At most campus events out in the commons, KGRG was always well represented with booths, pledge drives, and other promotions. Rarely was The Pulse ever seen.

Electronica is a genre that demands crisp and clear sound, and most of the time all one heard

on-air was a bass kick and a lot of fuzz. Clearly, the nuances and subtleties of the music were lost to most listeners of The Pulse. The technology and equipment of the station was simply just not able to truly bring the music to life.

All these factors made it inevitable that The Pulse would have

on-air personalities. The process and opportunity to create a new station mostly from scratch is a unique and incredible opportunity that will help in the development of many radio stations here on campus.

Krause wants fans of The Pulse to know that he "appreciates their support, but the format had run its course." And while fans should be glad to hear they are appreciated, it doesn't make losing the station any easier. The fact that the new and cutting edge station focusing on new music is being replaced by an oldies station won't help either, even if KGRG-1 is covering music no other station is currently covering.

KGRG-1 seems like it would be better fit for a specialty show on the

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original KGRG, as keeping people interested in a station devoted entirely to classic alternative rock will be difficult work. It's a format that will lend itself to some great and groundbreaking music from the past, but students could find it difficult to sustain listeners for an extended period of time.

The decision to change format might have been necessary, but the problems that led to its demise, could have been prevented. Which is what ultimately the saddest part of this saga. While Krause has said he wants to see an electronica specialty show on KGRG, one show is simply not enough time for the whole range of music falling under the electronica label to be covered. It is a fate the brilliant genre of music simply doesn't deserve.

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# Illegal aliens taking advantage of American schools

*The new Student Adjustment Act aims to provide non-citizens with breaks at school not provided to Americans. Illegal immigrants would receive in-state tuition, whereas citizens would continue to pay out-of-state costs.*

**Melissa Stacy**  
Sports Editor

The Student Adjustment Act, HR 1684, provides illegal immigrants with in-state tuition rates, while out of state American citizens and legal immigrants pay higher fees. Green River school board recently passed down a memo regarding illegal immigrant fees, allowing them in-state tuition.

Currently, HR 1684 is under review. The main points are to eliminate a federal provision that currently discourages states from providing this tuition assistance without regard to immigration status and permit some illegal immigrant students to apply for permanent legal status. The Student Adjustment Act would require several things:

- Age – Immigrant students must have entered the US before age 16.
- Academic requirement – Students must have been accepted into a two or four year institution.
- Long-term US residence – Students must reside in the US

when the law is enacted. In addition, those eligible must have lived in the US for six years preceding the enactment of the SAA.

- Good moral character – Immigrant students must demonstrate good moral character with no criminal record.

The conditional basis upon which legal permanent residence was granted will be removed and become permanent if the student has fulfilled at least one of the following within six years.

- Earned a degree from a two or four year institution of higher

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*– Juan Mann, lawyer and author*

learning, maintained good standing.

- Served in the US Armed Forces for at least two years and, if discharged, received an honorable

discharge.

According to the National Immigration Law Center, "If enacted, DREAM 2003 would have a life-changing impact on the students who qualify, dramatically increasing their average future earnings and, consequently, the amount of taxes they would pay while significantly reducing criminal justice and social services costs to taxpayers."

HR 1684 is a new version of the bipartisan Dream Act, differing only with regards to application for legal status which is permitted after a period of six years in the United States. Question has been raised regarding the legality of the Act, as well as the fairness. When voted upon in the Senate Judiciary Committee, the Act was accepted and passed on for further inspection.

Juan Mann, a lawyer and author of the website, *Deportaliens.com*, said this regarding the vote, "These [people] of illegal alien 'student' amnesty do not follow an American dream. They follow the dreams of self-serving AILA (American Immigration Lawyers Association) immigration lawyers. Their dreams support those of the cheater, the opportunist, the criminal – and the traitor."

## THE CURRENT'S VIEW

*GRCC is no place for racist or intolerant behavior*

**Rich Rutkowski**  
President of GRCC

Racially offensive language and symbols were recently discovered on a trail sign along the Foundation Trail near parking lot "F". The incident was immediately reported, and the graffiti was removed by the Facilities Department. The case has been turned over to the King County Sheriff's Office, according to Fred Creek, director of parking and security.

"There is zero tolerance for this kind of behavior on campus and in our community," said Rich Rutkowski, Green River President. "I am sorry that our employees, who discovered the graffiti, had to endure this experience."

"Students consistently report that Green River is a friendly and welcoming place. This atmosphere is an important part of our campus culture. Also, it is our experience that learning is enhanced by such an environment, both physical and social. Accordingly, administrative policy HR 22 deals with our belief that everyone should feel welcome and receive respectful treatment at GRCC," added Rutkowski. That policy states:

"GRCC is committed to the principle of equal opportunity in education and employment. The college does not discriminate against individuals on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, sex (including sexual harassment), sexual orientation, age, marital status, religion, disability or on any other unlawful basis. The college is committed to preventing and stopping discrimination, including harassment, on any of these unlawful bases, and any associated retaliatory behavior. All employees and students must be allowed to work and learn in an environment free from discrimination."

Any unusual activity on campus, including the campus trails, should be reported to Security at once by phoning extension 3350.

The preceding was a statement issued by the president of Green River Community College, Rich Rutkowski. We here at The Current support the president and his staff 100 percent on their mission to prevent and stop this kind of discrimination and spread of hatred in the college.

# The United States' moral code slowly deteriorating

*Code of ethics almost nonexistent in nation of crime, bad influences, prisons, and temptation.*

**Angela McDermott**  
Staff Reporter

Every person at one point or another has given into a temptation of some sorts, whether it was innocent cheating or a guilty pleasure, anyone was a temptation given into. But where have all these weak points in a persons barriers led America and it's people?

It has led us down the road when moral values are barely even thought about, a code of ethics doesn't even exist for almost one hundred percent of the population. Even some little children are showing signs of an altered sense of right and wrong. The United States has made it so far, we have come a long ways but with the deteriorating values of a daily household, what will it all amount to? Nothing at all.

Morals are what parents teach their children, teaching them what acceptable behavior to society is and what is not. In America the teachings have slipped to excruciatingly low levels and if they are not dealt with and dealt with soon, our society might be in a real jam.

set the best example either, our nation has been having an all time high of drug offense cases, most of which have included adults; the high was set in 2005 at over 1.5 million cases (Bureau of Justice Statistics.) Maybe the parents were not taught by their parental units what the word moral means as a small child because it didn't seem that important at the time, or they just didn't have the time. Moral in itself means to be concerned with the principles or rules or the distinction between honorable and insubstantial.

A Multiple of things have changed since most parents were children and so the blame can not lie solely on the parents, what also plays a huge factor is: the environment in which the children learns in. like the teachers and peers. Teachers impact on their pupils what they tend to believe in just because they can.

This can be a major enforcer on what kids decide to do, whether to become a democrat or republican

*"We must instill moral values and reverse the effect brought on by generations of misuse."*

maybe which career they are willing to go for. Peers have always been associated as the bad influences and they can be if we let them. Warning a kid to be careful of whom they become buddies with later on in life has a larger success rate than anything else.

In 2004 nearly seven million Americans were under some kind of correctional supervision including: Probation: over 4 million, Prison: about 1.5 million, Parole and jail: about .8 million each.

These statistics are staggering considering not long ago in 1980 all forms of correctional supervision were all under 1.25 million each; everything then only added p to about two million (Bureau of Justice Statistics.)

We must do something about this immoral society we live in or will just keep on degenerating as if nothing is wrong. We must instill moral values and reverse the effect brought on by generations of misuse.

Talk to the future leaders of America about experiences that we experienced and how it affected our lives for the worse. Warn children, teach them to be aware of what's going on around them and no matter how angry they get at you. Make sure they know you love them, that is what children need most of all; love and attention.

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## \$2 million donation given to GRCC

*Money donated to college to be used for fine arts, business and accounting programs.*

**Zack McMacken**  
Staff Reporter

Last year, The Green River Foundation announced that a \$2 million gift was to be donated to GRCC from Floyd H. Miller's estate.

Unfortunately, Miller lost the battle to a terminal illness in June. The \$2 million from his estate was delivered to GRCC by Ron and Donna Claudon. Ron Claudon worked as a business partner alongside Miller at Valley Pontiac GMC. He is also a former Green River trustee.

Miller was a retired accountant

and former business partner at both Valley Pontiac Buick GMC in Auburn, and Valley I-5 in Kent. He was residing in Mesa, Arizona at the time of his passing but chose to show true generosity to the community that he had lived and worked in for so many years.

At the presentation, Ron Claudon shed some light on Miller's decision to donate to the Green River Foundation. Claudon explained that Miller loved teaching others and was very excited to be donating to such a great cause.

The college also learned that

Miller wanted to donate to the college because he wanted to give back to the community that helped him to acquire his wealth.

Ron Claudon concluded by commenting on how Floyd was very impressed with what he learned of the college and he said that he is certain that his partner and friend would be smiling today.

The \$2 million grant will be divided up into two endowment funds. The first endowment is in memory of Miller's partner Robert L. Youells. The 5 percent interest from the Robert L. Youells Art and Music Endowment will allow for \$50,000 to go to the art and music programs on a yearly basis.

## Enrollment up 4 percent from last year

*415 extra people on campus could lead to problems for students.*

**Keiley Ramseur**  
Staff Reporter

Green River's overall head count is up 4 percent from last year at 9,758. You may think 4% isn't that big of deal, but that is a difference of 415 students.

That's 415 extra bodies occupying the campus, crowding the lunchroom, searching for parking spaces and filling the library; these among many other things.

Now you may think that this could put a strain on administration and its ability to provide these students with all things necessary. But as John Ramsey, director of public information for Green River explains, the college attempts to anticipate these sorts of increases each year.

In order to do this they look at several different things such as high schools in the area and how many are expecting to graduate, as well as the economy. For example if the economy is bad and no one can get a job then there will be more students in the schools. They also look at what programs have the capacity to grow.

When asked what kinds of strains this could possibly put on the students, Ramsey said, "Additional strain on the college's infrastructure; whether that is parking, lines in the cafeteria, lines in the bookstore, or just the ability to get into classes."

But, then again, this was all expected by the administration so it is more of a strain on students.

Another thing Ramsey explained is that the tuition that you are paying for your classes is about 40 percent of the whole cost for you to be able to take the class. The rest is given to the college by the state, and each year the college is given an allocation of students able to come to the school.

The main idea is to try to hit that number as close as possible, and this year Ramsey believes we will by the end of the quarter.

Out of all the college students 6,266 are full time (4,517 of which are from the state of Washington), 941 are Running Start students, 557 are international (academic) students and 251 are in the worker retraining program.

## Social Justice Coordinating Committee to hold panel

*Group of experts to discuss the complex issues surrounding immigrants, their rights, and the policies regarding them.*

**Ryan Gaudinier**  
Editor-in-Chief

The Social Justice Coordinating Committee is holding its first event of the school year, a panel entitled "Immigration Cross Roads: Current Work and Controversies" in the Glacier Room on Tuesday, October 17 at Green River Community College (GRCC). The panel features members from the community and activists discussing personal

experiences dealing with issues of immigration and American citizenship.

The goal of the panel is to open a discussion about the controversial issue of immigration and immigrant's rights. The hope is that guests in attendance will learn valuable information about the state of immigration and the policies regarding the issue.

Speakers at the panel include Shankar Narayan, the policy director at Hate Free Zone Washington, a civil rights organization

founded to protect immigrants and uphold democratic principles for the immigrant community, Magdaleno Rose-Avila, the executive director of the Northwest Immigrant Right Project, a Seattle-based program focusing on protecting immigrant rights, and Jesus Rodriguez, the leadership program manager from the non-profit assistance center.

There is no cost for the event and everybody is welcome to attend this informational event. For additional information, contact Jennifer Whetham at extension 4234.

## IT wants your old computers

Everyday new technology products are coming out. Cell phones, lap-tops, mp3 players and computers are constantly improved upon by including new features and effects.

But the computers Green River's I.T. department wants are the old fashioned, antique computers and their parts.

Donations and contributions are going towards an upcoming museum for computer history which would display the development of computers from '80s

to the present.

You can also donate computer parts like punch cards or hardware components which need to be dated between 1960 to 1980.

According to Darcy Sharpe, it would be a great opportunity for the community and our kids, to see the innards of one of the most important technological innovations of our time, computers.

The museum will be located in the Technology Center.

For more questions please contact Beth Gatzke.



### Jason LeVasseur Concert

October 16  
12 p.m.  
Lindbloom Student Center Main Dining Area

### Guest Speaker Paul Rusesabagina

October 19  
7:30 p.m.

### Fright Night

October 21  
7:00 p.m.

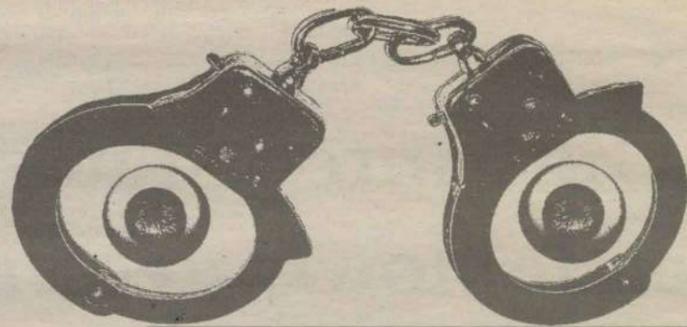
Maris Farms in Buckley  
\$7/students  
\$9/non-students

### Jam the Gym and Pizza Feed

Get together for pizza and punch then watch the volleyball team.  
4:30 p.m.  
\$2/students  
\$7/non-students

### Pumpkin Carving Contest

3 p.m.  
Live DJ  
\$3/students  
\$5/non-students



## Security Watch

### Personal Property Theft August 17

An Anthropology book was stolen out of a purse and sold at the book buyback. Suspect admitted to taking book and over \$220 from other purses. Agreed to compensate victims for what had been stolen.

### Liquor Law Violation August 18

A group of students were discovered with alcohol in the campus apartments. When questioned, some students pulled out IDs, but others act as though they "suddenly couldn't speak English." The sheriff's department came and warned the students.

### Auto Theft August 31

A car, a child's seat, two headsets, cds, and sunglasses were stolen out of Parking Lot F. Sheriff's department was called.

### Liquor Law Violation September 22

An 18 pack was discovered by security at the campus apartments. Student asked if he could destroy the alcohol in front of the security officer to be "proactive about the situation."

### School Property Theft September 27

Two students admitted to security that they had taken food earlier in the day without paying for it.



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# The Pulse to become KGRG-1

*Electronica music gives way to oldie alternative rock at 1330 AM, GRCC's second radio station.*

**Ryan Lewis**  
Staff Reporter

Most students are well aware of the radio program KGRG. Yet there is a second radio program, often overlooked, lying in the shadow of its successful predecessor. Just down the hall, an ever changing and newly reformat, 1330 AM is almost ready to hit the airwaves. 1330 AM is currently undergoing station reconstruction from the electronic driven The Pulse to new alternative format KGRG-1.

Listeners tuning into 1330AM between 1996 and 2002 would have known the station as, "Plateau Country", which was based on GRCC's Enumclaw campus.

Due to a lack of enrollment, in 2000 "Plateau Country" was moved to the Auburn campus. Tom Krause, head of the GRCC radio program, spoke of a desire for a format change by the students. On July 1st of 2002 KENU was born.

The station began with what some would call a dance format and soon after students and listeners began turning up and providing music. Enrollment was looking up, and enough interest had been sparked to capture a small crowd of students who enjoyed electronic-based music. In 2004 KENU was redesigned as an outlet more for pure electronica. Influenced with a groundbreaking, cutting edge music format, Pulse 1330 played electronic music of

all genres; a very uncommon format for radio in the U.S. It was a risky proposition, but the foundation was optimistic about the possibilities, hoping the new program could entertain a new generation of students. Last school year, The Pulse, peaked in listeners and interest due to the hard work from all the devoted staff members. Krause deeply expressed how he felt that even though they had decided to reformat, the decision was made only because there were so few students this quarter interested in running The Pulse.

Some new ideas, and perhaps a more popular format, have since been put into place, with a goal of gathering even more listeners. Future students might find that our new KGRG-1 has been de-

# The Last King of Scotland shocks and captivates audience

*Forest Whitaker astonishes audiences with gripping portrayal of Idi Amin, a ruthless African dictator.*

**Jeff Price**  
Staff Reporter

The Last King of Scotland is a colorful and enigmatic film about one of the most fearsome dictators of the last century. Based on British author Giles Foden's 1998 historical fiction novel about the rule of Uganda's third president, told through the eyes of a fictional Scotsman who becomes his personal physician. Idi Amin, the self-appointed President of Uganda, took control in 1971, and remained in power until he was ousted in 1979. Over the course of the decade, Amin killed 300,000 of his countrymen. He was recruited into the the British Army, with the British government later assisting him with his presidency. Amin was an outrageous man,

and named himself such outlandish things as the "President for All Time", and the "Master of Animals and Man". He was also obsessed with all things Scottish because of their hatred for the British Empire. Subsequently the movie's title originates from these ideas, in that he also dubbed himself the "Last King of Scotland".

Forest Whitaker uncannily portrays Amin, capturing his actions and personage extremely well. The former Ugandan president was a very paranoid man, yet also very intelligent and clever. Whitaker does a very good job of quickly switching between moods, going from ready to kill to just a big kid in a generals' uniform.

Playing alongside Whitaker's outstanding performance is James McAvoy. He does a good job of playing the boyish Dr. Garrigan.

After getting his doctor's degree, Garrigan looks for a change of pace and decides to help out in a small clinic in Uganda. Garrigan is a very naïve man, and doesn't really notice what's going on in the country. After being hired as Amin's personal physician, Garrigan loses sight on the goings-on in Uganda. Garrigan becomes so entranced under Amin's spell that he loses sight of what is happening to the country, and moreover with events that he indirectly helps to cause.

The movie takes a few twists and turns, and flows from being a simple historical drama, to a thriller that pulls the viewer in. The art direction of the movie plays a role in really showing the mood. The movie starts off a little slow, and without having any previous knowledge of the Ugandan president's atrocities, the viewer is not really sure entirely who Amin is. But his colors show true and the real nature of the beast is bared for all to see. The focus is setup to be Garrigan, yet Whitaker does an outstanding job and really steals the show.



Forest Whitaker seen here as the on-screen version of Idi Amin, the self-proclaimed "Last King of Scotland".

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signed with both listeners and the students in mind. KGRG's slogan "today's rock" carries with it an ongoing responsibility to play the newest music provided. "KGRG-1" will play yesterday's alternative by collecting music left behind following in the footsteps of KGRG. As of now, "KGRG-1" is playing alternative rock from 1975-1995. Therefore KGRG-1 will always be provided with the music it needs, leaving students to experiment with a playlist that will ironically never get old thanks to an oceanic sized library containing at least 30 years of the music we have all been listening to since the beginning of KGRG some 15 years ago. Benefiting from not having to invest as much time or money into searching for new music, the station's latest incarnation will hopefully be able to gather a new following of loyal listeners.

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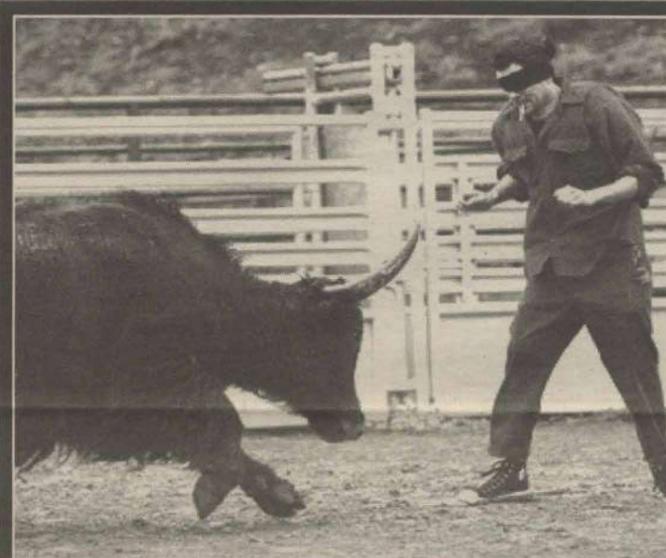


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Johnny Knoxville continues his mission of finding, and performing, dangerously stupid stunts as he goes toe-to-toe with a yak.

# Jackass returns for another painful round

*Knoxville and friends keep us shocked, amused and disgusted*

**James Bluhn**  
Staff Reporter

Two words come to mind when talking about Jackass: Number Two... hilarious and disgusting. This movie is filled with some stunts that bring tears of laughter to your eyes, while others will bring puke to the back of your throat. The majority of the exploits however, may just do both.

The old gang is back together again after a four year hiatus, and they have stepped up their game up even further. This time they're finding all new ways to make us look through our finger and cringe in horror at the sheer stupidity of what is being done. Whether it's Steve-O shoving a fish hook through his cheek and fishing for sharks with him as bait, a stunt that very nearly gets his leg bitten off, or the opening scene in which a male "member" of the cast lures a snake to bite himself, most of the movie will remind

you of a bad car accident. It's hard to watch but impossible to look away. To get a scope of the film, one of the stunts includes a golden dildo being rocketed at Bam's ass, which is actually one of the milder acts.

The movie stays true to its roots but makes moves towards even more dangerous activities. In one instance Johnny Knoxville has a near death experience while trying to launch himself on a rocket. In the stunt titled "My Red Rocket" the rocket fails and an object is propelled out the side no more than a foot and a half from Johnny's body. After laughing hysterically, the rocket is fixed and he proceeds to gets back on and go through with the stunt. Is he incredibly brave or stupid? Maybe he just has a death wish.

All in all the movie is a very funny experience, as long as you have a strong stomach and a taste for seeing people inflict harm on themselves and others around them. The movie reminds you of a more gruesome, and male nudity filled Three Stoges film. In any case the day where people wake up to the news that a member of the Jackass has died can't be far off.

# Rick Steves storms Lindbloom Center

Steves visits Green River to promote travel program and encourage both young and old to see the world.

Ashley Matthews  
News Editor

Rick Steves, a travel show host and producer, visited Green River last month. In addition to hosting Rick Steves, Europe on PBS, Steves also runs a local radio show on 94.9 KUOW giving travel tips and advice to fellow travel enthusiasts.

Steves has made a career of aiding travelers on their journeys, or as he likes to joke, "helping rich Americans travel" for 30 years now.

Steves' visit to the college was made possible through the Prime Time Institute, which hosts a series of free classes and activities for members 55 years or older, and are open to everyone else for a small fee. With the help of Leslie Moore, dean of continuing Education, Rick has been able to start off his list of 2006-2007 appearances here at the college.

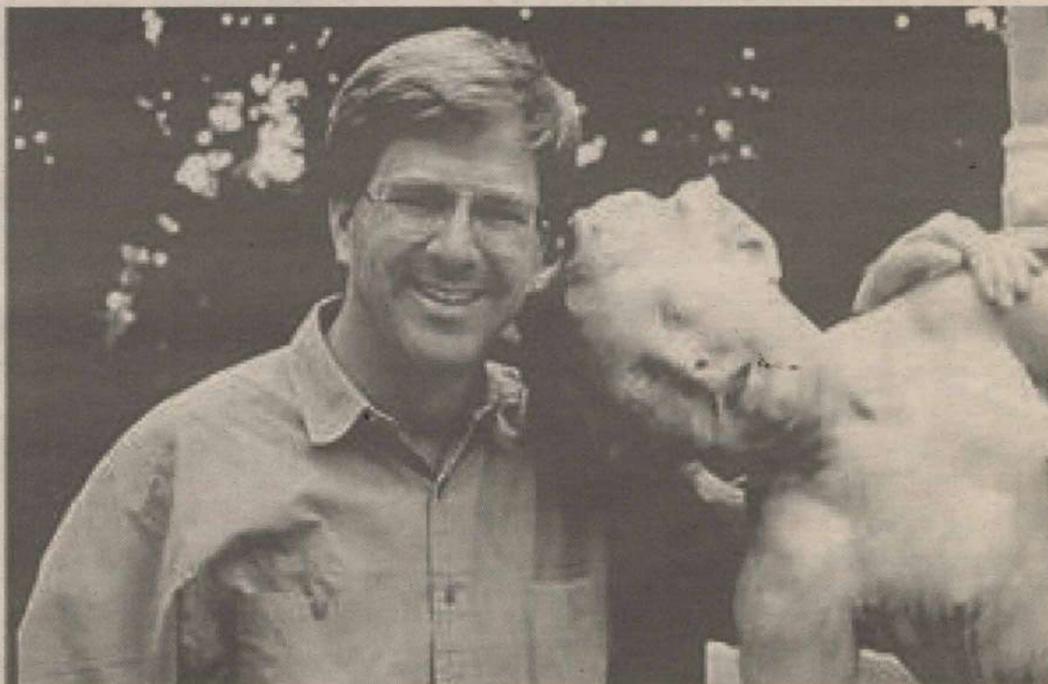
A Washington native residing out of Edmonds, Steves was a teacher at the University of Washington before deciding to branch out on his own. Retelling his story at center stage in the Lindbloom Center, Steves elaborates on his first trip to Europe when he was 14.

His first trip was visiting piano factories in Germany, and sure enough, he hated it. But the bubbling blister of curiosity swelled within Steves, and he soon found himself traveling more often.

At eighteen he began to venture out on his own, making friends and mistakes, learning languages and their barriers. Jotting down notes and witnessing all too close the naivete of the American tourist, Steves soon formed a full length book entitled Europe Through The Backdoor.

He stresses that tourism should be more than a drive-thru vacation on a "golden steam ship," and instead be an interactive experience that enriches our views of society, different cultures, and the world as a whole. The book more importantly pieces together the entire European countryside with fun facts of great places to eat, sight-see, and good places to lodge for a fortnight or two.

While visiting Green River, Steves brought along slides of colorful French bakeries, and Italian bistros full of friendly faces that he shared eagerly with the attentive audience. Many attendees had Steves' book wide open, and notebooks at the ready to jot down any crucial piece of infor-



Rick Steves poses for a picture to promote travel throughout Europe and the rest of the world.

Photo courtesy of Europe For Visitors

mation Steves' might leak out.

Keeping the mood upbeat, he also discussed the importance of safety and the downfalls of not planning ahead. He explained how anything that can go wrong has gone wrong. From losing travelers checks to being lost in translation, nothing is infallible in travel.

Like a true pro expecting the unexpected, Steves was not flustered by even the fire alarm that

was accidentally set off ten minutes before show time. While waiting patiently outside for the "all clear," Steves happily mingled with the members of Prime Time along with visiting Auburn natives. Thriving in his strange environment like any professional traveler would, Steves afterwards mounted the stage and started his presentation unaffected by the minor inconvenience.

Steves encourages his audi-

ence to appreciate history and the world around us. To use his career as an example and use traveling as a footnote to the possibilities, whether in our worldly journeys or career exploration as students at Green River Community College.

For more information, visit [www.ricksteves.com](http://www.ricksteves.com) or check out his television show Monday through Friday at four and seven P.M. on KCTS.

## Shopping smart for supplies

Andrea Campton  
Staff Reporter

Consider this: according to the U.S. Department of Education, in the 2002 - 2003 academic year, the average cost for a 2-year college in Washington state was just over \$2,000. That's up approximately 11.2 percent from the previous school year.

With inflation costs rising, and although it may not seem like much at first, it can really start to add up as your academic career progresses. Since coupons aren't really an option for tuition, a great way to save funds is to look at your other college expenses.

Books for classes tend to make the uninitiated gape at prices, much like drivers were at the pump this past summer. Saving money on your books can be easy if you know where to look.

Places such as Amazon.com and eBay.com are a great online mainstream source for new and used school books. However whenever you purchase something from one of these outlets it's a good idea to check three basic things: who the seller is, what rating have others bestowed upon them, and what the actual goods you will be receiving are. Many books now include an informational CD to go along with the text and some sellers may omit the CD for var-

ious reasons.

Another resource where you can occasionally find a good deal on texts is <http://seattle.craigslist.org>, though not as often as the other sites. Campus fliers can also be a guide to on-campus events such as book buy-backs.

Textbook deals aren't the only way to keep your wallet from weeping; there are also necessary consumables like writing utensils and paper. Staying away from on-campus stores to purchase these goods and going to places like Wal-mart, Target, and Fred Meyers shaves a few dollars off your totals.

Even business supply stores like Office Depot and Office Max can sometimes offer instant savings on sale items, though be cautious of rebates, as the money from these programs can either not come when you expect or never show up at all. If you're truly strapped for cash then a place like Big Lots might help you save even more than the other listed sources, but in budget and discount stores remembering that "you get what you pay for" is a sound idea.

Overall, while it is expensive to attend college, by using some of these resources you might save yourself a trip to the Plasma Center

## Kent's Wing Dome serves up friendly fire

James Bluhm  
Staff Reporter

If you're looking for great hot wings at a cheap price, then the Wing Dome is for you. Located on 108th Ave. S.E. in Kent you will find one of the best hang out spots in the area. The Wing Dome is a great value for its food and is a relaxed environment, where you can enjoy wings with your friends and watch T.V. at the same time.

The menu offers a variety of entrees, like salads, sandwiches and ribs, but with a name like the Wing Dome it doesn't take much to guess their area of expertise. Their best deal by far is their hot wings, which come in levels of spiciness ranging from "naked" - with no sauce - all the way to "seven," which is, without exaggeration, insanely hot.

In fact, according to Ben, one of the servers at the Wing Dome, a customer once consumed 52 "seven" wings to win a \$1,000 bet with a friend. After his meal, the customer then proceeded to the hospital, had his stomach pumped and lined with charcoal, and spend the next week in the recovering.

But don't let this story scare you. As long as you take it easy on the spicy "sevens" you will doubtlessly be satisfied. If you do decide to brave a "seven" it will cost you \$1.99 - and you get your picture on the Wall of Fame with those who have gone before

you. Just try not to cry. And if you love wings but can't take the heat, there are several specialty sauces ranging in flavor from garlicky to Jamaican.

Not only does the Wing Dome serve great chicken wings, but it does so at a reasonable price. The daily lunch specials include: 5 wings and a small Wing Dome salad for \$5.99, 10 wings and a salad for \$7.99, No Bones Chicken and fries for \$6.49, and a Deep South Pulled Pork Sandwich with fries for \$7.49.

Their busiest day of the week is Monday, when you can get wings for 39 cents apiece after the purchase of a beverage. The price of soda includes free refills, and the wings must range from "naked" to "five" in spiciness and come in increments of five.

Part of the allure of the Wing Dome is the environment that it provides. The wait staff is a very relaxed bunch, and they're usually able and willing to fulfill any reasonable request.

The seating is comfortable, with booths, tables and a bar. Six televisions play at a comfortable volume throughout the day, showing popular programming like the Simpsons. The big game - whether it be football, basketball or baseball - is always on the big screen.

The first Wing Dome was opened in 1994 and the Kent location is the furthest South of five located through out the state. The others are in Capital Hill, Greenwood, Kirkland and Bellingham.

## What's in your fridge?

Chicken wings are a football season favorite. Many restaurants and bars feature the spicy snack, but it's easy to enjoy your own batch at home.

Directions:

Ingredients:

¾ cup oil  
1/3 cup soy sauce  
4 tbs. minced/crushed garlic  
½ cup orange concentrate  
3 lbs. chicken wings

1. Combine oil, soy sauce, garlic & orange concentrate.  
2. Add chicken wings and let marinate overnight.  
3. Arrange wings evenly on a large cookie sheet.  
4. Bake at 350F for 30 minutes.  
5. Turn the wings over, and bake at 450F for 15 minutes.

# New director of the Career and Advising Center aims for change here at Green River

*Ricardo Leyva-Puebla wants to sit down and talk to students and change their attitudes by showing, not telling students, what they need to do to be successful.*

**Jeff Price**  
Staff Reporter

As of three weeks ago, the Educational Planning and Career Advising departments have a new name and a new director.

The two departments were combined to form the Career and Advising Center, under the leadership of Ricardo Leyva-Puebla. Ricardo comes to us from Tacoma Community College, where he was director of advising, Running Start, and TRIO; as well as Director Multicultural Services. Pueblo plans on using all his past experience to help better Green River Community College.

In his first year here at Green River, Leyva-Puebla hopes to reestablish the commitment goals for the students and faculty. He wants to make sure that every student knows where the new Career and Advising Center is (downstairs in the LSC, room 126), and what they can expect from the faculty there. The department staff is excited for the school year and ready to help any student. Leyva-Puebla wants to make sure all students are equipped for the college environment, and his staff is ready to help anyone who is unprepared.

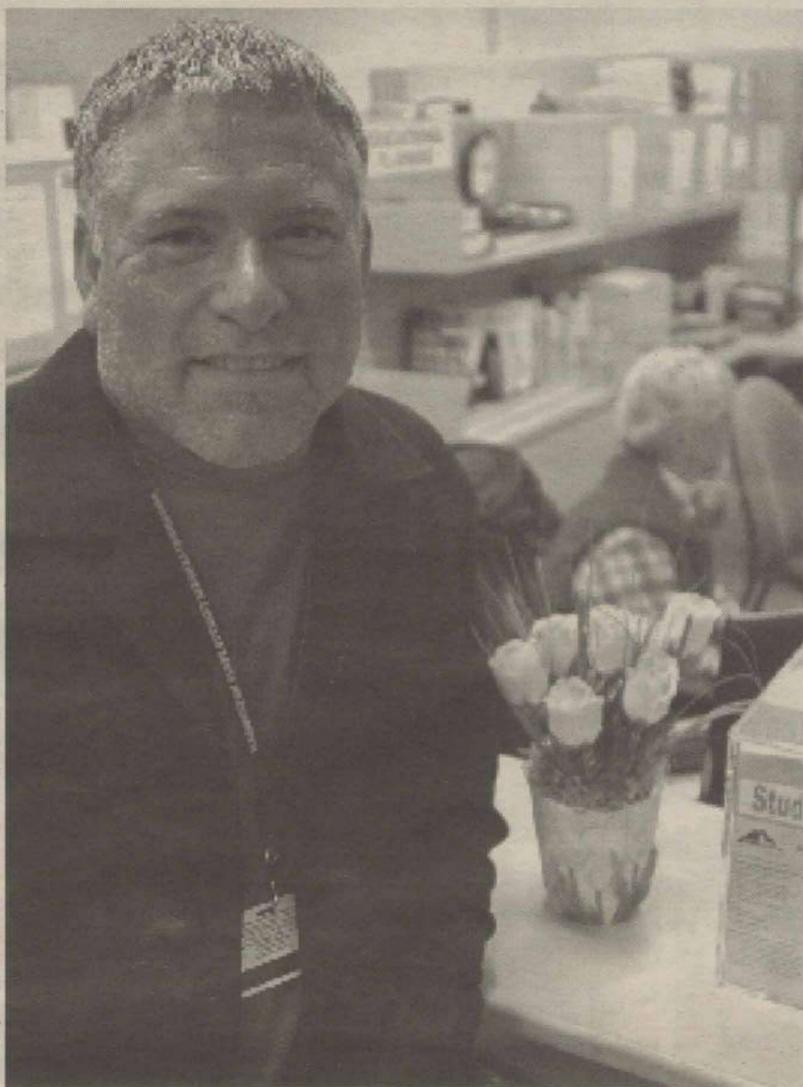
Throughout his tenure here at GRCC, Ricardo hopes to achieve several things. The most important item for him is to change the student's attitude about receiving help from the career center. In the past, he has seen students seek assistance from the advising center who

are only provided with the solution to their problem. In that sense, the student really isn't learning anything about how they need to go about accomplishing their goals here at Green River. Leyva-Puebla aims to change that.

He wants his staff to show the student how to accomplish their goal, but he wants the student, not the staff member, to go through the process. "This way, we can ensure that the student is learning from the experience and not relying on someone to do it for them." This, he hopes, will allow the student to grow and adjust to college life.

In addition, he also wants to provide alternatives to the Compass Test. He feels that students are unprepared for the admissions exam, and that other options may be able to provide more accurate readings of a student's academic level. He offered the idea of sitting down with the student and talking to them, giving them questions of various difficulty levels and seeing how they respond. He hopes this will help accurately place students in the proper classes, and lead them off on the right foot.

Leyva-Puebla is really looking forward to his time here and is excited about the possibilities. He hopes to apply all the skills and knowledge he has gained throughout his professional career. He is happy to be doing what he loves and being creative in helping students receive a great education, something Leyva-Puebla says is the most important thing in the world.



Ricardo Leyva-Puebla shows off his new office, the Career and Advising Center. Andy Gardner/FREELANCE PHOTOGRAPHER

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The Lady Gators try to stop their opponent from scoring. Unfortunately, they have not been very successful in that task this season.



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## Womens soccer team gets kicked around

*Young Gators suffering from string of tough losses and injuries.*

**Boomer Bentley**  
Staff Reporter

The Green River Women's soccer team has started on a pretty rocky trail as they suffered some tough losses to an even tougher southern region of the NWAACC. The southern region spans throughout western Oregon, allowing scholarship athletes into community colleges. Washington prohibits athletes from receiving scholarships to community colleges, so the lady football team had its work cut out for them.

Despite being plagued by injuries, the fairly new team coach

Karl Schulz seems excited and confident in his young team. The Gators have a youthful team, complete with 14 freshman and two sophomores.

"A lot of our players are just getting back into shape after a couple years away from soccer," says Schulz about some of his athletes. In the upcoming weeks they have many promising games against the Northern region. The team won't have to travel as far and have a good track record against teams from this area. These games should be much more competitive as the playoffs near.

When asked Schulz replied, "We are still looking to make

the playoffs." Three teams from the Western region have the opportunity to advance to the post season; the women Gators still have as good a chance as any if the team can get back into shape, and stay away from devastating injuries. With those two factors taken care of, Schulz is looking for big things to come from the women's soccer program.

The next regional game coming up is on October 12 at 3:00 at the Wilson play field in Kent against Edmonds Community College, who is tied with GRCC in the standings. Following that game the Gators go head to head with Skagit Valley Community College who is also tied in the standings. These conference games represent a whole new season for the women to get a fresh start and begin their playoff run.

## Can Alexander and the Seahawks overcome the dreaded curse?

*Shaun Alexander and the Seahawks are the latest victims of the proclaimed "Madden Curse."*

**Boomer Bentley**  
Staff Reporter

The NFL's reigning MVP of 2005 and the league's second leader rusher in 2004 has been the victim of the proclaimed "Madden Curse." Five of the last seven superstars to grace the cover of Electronic Arts' blockbuster title have been injured or had less than spectacular seasons.

After setting the NFL's all-time rushing touchdown record of 1880 yards in 2005, Shaun Alexander was selected to grace the cover of EA sports Madden NFL 2007. Alexander suffered a broken foot in the Seahawks third regular season game against the New York Giants after two underwhelming previous performances. After being on the cover in 2006, Donovan McNabb, a usual healthy starter, suffered a hernia after week nine

and missed seven games with the Eagles. The Eagles finished 6-10, in last place, and missed the playoffs for the first time since 1999. Madden 2006 cover star McNabb told ESPN, "It might be a trend, but I don't believe in the curse at all."

Michael Vick was on the cover in 2004 and missed 11 games with a broken leg. Vicks QB rating, completion percent, and yards per attempt were all down from 2002. In 2001, cover star Daunte Culpepper posted his career low, throwing for 1300 less yards and 19 less TD's than in 2000. It was Minnesota's worst record since 1984.

2003 saw Madden cover star, Marshall Faulk rushing for 430 less yards and 4 less TD's despite playing the same number of games. It was his worst season since 1996 when the Rams scored

only 16 less points than their 2003 season.

So far, the only players not to be devastatingly struck by the trend are Eddie George in 2001 and Ray Lewis in 2005. However, Eddie George failed to break 1000 yards and Tennessee missed the playoffs with a 7-9 season. Ray Lewis's numbers were down in 2004 and he missed one game and did not record an interception for the first time in his career.

Like all great players, most of the cursed men have bounced back into their productive status the following year. The Hawks rushing threat should only end up missing two to three games, and the question barely remains as to whether Shaun Alexander will overcome the pressure and bounce back since previous to this seasons' broken foot he never missed a game due to injury, not in the NFL or at Alabama University where he played for four full seasons with the Crimson Tide.

## Woman's volleyball tied for first with 6-0 record

**Eddie White**  
Staff Reporter

The Gator Volleyball team is on fire as they develop into one of the elite teams in the NWAACC (Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges) standings. In their most recent outing on October 5th, the team beat Highline giving them a record of 6 and 0 in league play and an overall record of 16 wins and 6 losses. The team finds itself in a tie for first place league.

Team captains, Trish Mowapt, Rachael Guild and Ola Halahuni, have anchored this team in its recent success. Coach Kyle Densley seems optimistic about the direction of the volleyball program.

This month is going to be very exciting for the team as they play the only other undefeated team on Wednesday, Oct. 11th at Pierce College. This game will certainly determine if the Gators are the team to beat in their league, in which case they will have a bulls eye on their chest as every other team will be looking to take them down. Later in the month the team will participate in the Mount Hood Tournament. This tournament is going to be held during the final weekend of October.

The team recently got some notable recognition outside of our school paper. The Kent Reporter published an article in October 4th about the success the team is having this season. The state of Gator Volleyball is very strong and is being recognized through out the entire community. It's going to be an exciting second half of the season.