

Coordinated study classes are top for both education quality and student involvement for classes here at Green River



Dawn Morrison/THE CURRENT

A coordinated studies English 110/Intro to Shakespeare class talk amongst each other about their coursework and the latest readings. Class discussion is a large aspect of coordinated studies classes. These classes allow students to "integrate the core concepts of two academic fields so you can learn, for instance, psychology through the lens of literature." "Instead of artificial boundaries between and among disciplines, coordinated studies classes allow for genuine connections between disciplines, much more like the real world and careers."

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UW alumni association honors GRCC's Hopkins

Natural Resources instructor Dick Hopkins was recently named recipient of the Distinguished Achievement Award by the University of Washington College of Forest Resources Alumni Association.

The award was presented by Bob Dick, alumni association president, who cited Hopkins dedication and work in helping to make the GRCC program the premier forestry pro-

gram in the state.

Last month, the college's Natural Resources program was named the Society of American Foresters Top Student Chapter in the country. Hopkins has taught at Green River since 1994.

For more information on Green River's Natural Resources Program visit: www.naturalresourceeducation.com

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The help center is looking for peer tutors

Ryan Gaudinier
Editor-in-Chief

The help center is looking for some additional tutors to help students get through their more difficult subject matter.

Subjects in need of a tutor include mostly social sciences such as anthropology, sociology, and psychology. But the help center hires year round, and if you think you might be interested but there is no opening for the courses you would like to tutor, make sure to talk to the help center about future opportunities.

The job allows for both the tutor and the tutored to get valuable experience which can't be replicated in other areas of school. Tutoring is a way for struggling students to get more personal instruction, and gives the tutors practice at explaining and teaching subject matter instead of just learning it for themselves. It is a unique experience for both.

The job is an official Green River Community College position and employees are paid accordingly.

Academics opportunities available for adventure in Outback

Mary Kieffer
Guest Reporter

Dr. Bruce Haulman is going down for the sixth time. Down under, that is.

Haulman will be taking his sixth group of students to Australia and New Zealand for a 10-week academic study abroad program scheduled for winter quarter 2007. The students carry a 15-credit load in the areas of humanities, history and biology – all focused on the unique Australasian ecology and culture.

Haulman, who has taught history classes at GRCC for more than 16 years, says the collaboration with the Australian American Education Center "was serendipity," and that the first study program to Australia in 2001 "was organized in only six months." Haulman has been back each year since and teaches the history portion of the program, "History of Australasia," while Australian and New Zealand staff teaches the humanities and biology aspects.

To illustrate what is covered in the program, Haulman points out the similarities between the U.S., Australia and New Zealand, each having roots in British colonialism and the establishment of independence, immigration growth, assimilation and the loss of much native culture.

He also notes the intriguing differences; while the countries are similar in climate, they have very dissimilar biology. Australian wildlife is largely made up of marsupial mammals, New Zealand has no native mammals, only birds, and the U.S. has mostly placental animals.

All three countries also have native cultures that experienced very different outcomes following colonization. In Australia, the aboriginal people were nearly decimated. In New Zealand, the Maoris were more warlike and are still a dominant factor. And in the U.S. the Native Americans were defeated and placed on reservations.

In addition to formal classes, other learning opportunities include visits to art galleries, historical sites and biology field trips, with time worked in for private travel as well. Visiting the land "Down Under" during our winter has another bonus as well because it's summer down there and the weather is similar to our months of July and August.

The age range for participating students is usually from 17 to early 20s, although "mature students are becoming more regular."

Soft-spoken, with gray hair and kind blue eyes, Haulman, 63, finds that he has had to be somewhat "parental" for his students at times. But as a father and grandfather, he says he is comfortable in that role.

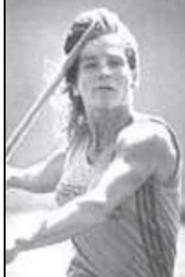
The program usually takes 20-30 students and Haulman says that traveling abroad is often "a real breakthrough" in terms of students' personal growth and increased confidence.

For example, he describes how the day after arrival, students are broken down into small groups of three to five and turned loose in Melbourne on a scavenger hunt. The experience of making their way through the city teaches self-reliance and boosts their confidence. "They grow up," he adds with a smile.

Cindy Card, Green River's Study Abroad Program coordinator, says there are currently "about 36 or 37" students signed up, "but the class is not closed yet," and there may be a few later additions. The age range for the current group is primarily 18-23 years old. The cost to students is "the same as last year, \$6,595." Students must also pay regular Green River tuition rates for the 15 credits.

Science building almost finished

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Teacher inducted into Seattle Pacific University athletic hall of fame

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Lady soccer knocked out in first round

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John Kerry's got a big mouth and little class; jokes about soldiers offend and disgust

Melissa Stacy
Sports Editor

We have no more viable leaders for our government. After watching rancid attacks against Republican and Democrat congressional candidates, and listening to John Kerry ramble, I'm going green.

"You know, education, if you make the most of it, you study hard, you do your homework and you make an effort to be smart, you can do well. If you don't, you get stuck in Iraq."

No matter how many times I read it. I can't get my head around it. I tried not to resort to name calling. As a young journalist trying to learn the trade, I believe in letting the facts speak for themselves. As a soldier just coming back from Iraq, however, screw you, you back-stabbing weasel.

My unit was comprised of 59 percent IRR and 39 percent reservists; soldiers who, when they received orders, left school, gave up outstanding jobs, left husbands, wives and children to go get stuck. These people weren't struggling. They were already successful. They studied hard, worked hard and were doing well. Most of us took serious pay cuts, took off the business suits and got our hands dirty. Though not yet a presidential candidate, Sen. John Kerry made his cam-

paign for me with his "stuck in Iraq" quote. I voted for the guy while I was being mobilized to Iraq. All I knew was he was a Vietnam vet who adamantly opposed war and since Bush got in this mess, maybe Kerry could get us out.

After his comments, I read about his leadership of the Vietnam Veterans against the War (VVAW). He misrepresented his fellow soldiers as "baby-killers" to a fearful and un-trusting public. That same public, an adamantly peace seeking population, whole-hearted bought it and in turn, treated Vietnam vet-

erans like scum. Kerry vilified a generation of honorable men.

It appears, based on Kerry's military records, there are no bad things to speak of. However, a majority of his records are not public because he refuses to release them. The records and personal statements that are available are unsupported by those

who were present. The medical doctor who treated him after an enemy encounter pulled a piece of shrapnel from Kerry's arm that was not from a firearm.

Kerry's boat mates reported that it was from a mortar round he fired to close to the boat. Fellow swift boat members say he falsely reported enemy fire, got a band aid (no really... a band aid) and fought long and hard to get a purple heart for it. Mr. Kerry's record indicates he spent about four months in service in Cambodia.

I know some soldiers who spent a year and a half in the

bilization has changed since Vietnam. As much as he likes to lash out with comments about civilians who disagree with his statement, the guy is just another stuffed suit who walked uphill both ways.

For Kerry to make a quip like that, whether it was a joke gone bad or bad from the beginning - soldiers who have served and who are serving deserve an apology for an off-handed comment.

Even giving him the benefit of the doubt - people say stupid things - he said a stupid thing. Publicly apologize for your moron-ocracy and move on. Because the problem is, when things like that are said, no matter how flippantly, they are born out of pure honesty.

And now the American public, US soldiers (who are a largely democratic group) are no longer supporting him. With such a huge group shifting focus, Kerry will never be a viable candidate for president. His actions during and after Vietnam, coupled with his criticism of the troops today deem him cowardly and unfit to lead any state during this war. Actions always speak louder than words. But in this case they are both clearly heard and plainly seen. He has most certainly been revealed.

"You know, education, if you make the most of it, you study hard, you do your homework and you make an effort to be smart, you can do well. If you don't, you get stuck in Iraq."

- Senator John Kerry

desert and deservingly got purple hearts and bronze stars. I don't believe any of them, given the choice, would take a medal to go through it again. The folks who got silver stars certainly wouldn't.

In giving the old man the benefit of the doubt, maybe he doesn't know how much mo-

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'Campers' control computers here at Green River

Too many students find it impossible to find an open computer to use because of the mass amounts of students looking at MySpace or checking e-mail.

Rachael Strom
Features Editor

I got a printer for my birthday. I could think of more interesting and exciting things to do with a gift certificate, but it was necessary. It might not have infuriated me the way it did if I didn't live across the street from Holman Library.

I moved into the Campus Corner Apartments last year for the convenience of having all of GRCC's student resources readily available to me. Not owning a computer at the time, the availability of Holman Library was a major incentive.

Heavy was my disappointment. I had thought I was attending an establishment of education, but a common library is stricter about the utilization of its resources.

If you want to do any schoolwork on a computer in the Holman Library common area, I suggest starting early. If you're facing a deadline, find another option.

I soon realized that securing myself a computer to

work at in the Holman Library required that I resign myself to the silent study room, which is stifling, tense and, well, too silent. Most computers in the common area of the library are taken over early in the day by campers: students who wouldn't dream of cracking a book or working on that term paper.

Campers are students who use the campus computer resources to play games, chat with the person sitting on the computer next to them, or endlessly redesign their MySpace.

This doesn't limit them from leading full, rich lives. Campers can sustain themselves for hours on loud, messy junk food they pull in endless supply from their "schoolbags." Apparently the library also gets stellar cell phone reception. Campers are able to make instant contact with another classmate when they de-

cide to cut yet another class and need someone to take notes.

Two "way too close to deadline" papers later, my family bought me a laptop, so my dependency on Holman lessened. Still, every time I would stop by the library to print an important assignment, I know better than to seek a free computer in the main room. Easier to suffer the cold looks and sniffs of the others in the silent study rooms as I fumble through my bags for my flash drive so I can just get out of there and get to class.

Of course under the current system, there's nothing that can be done about campers. Ask anyone behind a desk and they'll tell you these "students" have just as much right to MySpace their day away on that computer as you have to do your homework.

Staff may also remind you that you now have the option of going to the new tech lab. Because it makes perfect sense to have the students who are here on campus to get an education and study walk to the other side of campus to do their work. Why should anyone ask the slackers to move? Feel my sarcastic vitriol. Now feel it more.

What happens in a couple years when enrollment has once again increased exponentially? We're going to need another tech lab. Or we're going to have to find a way to eliminate camping.

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Free speech violations rampant in elections

Ryan Gaudinier
Editor-in-Chief

This year's Washington State gubernatorial election has been a sorry affair. Besides the lack of any good candidates with a shot to win, the events surrounding the election show just what a dirty game politics is and how even our most fundamental right, the right to free speech, is not guaranteed.

Maria Cantwell and her camp were the worst offenders as they demonstrated a complete intolerance for those with opposing viewpoints and essentially trampled upon fundamental human rights. Cantwell held a rally at Bellevue Community College (BCC) to promote her campaign, but in the process kicked out five members of the community wearing t-shirts supporting her opponent, Mike McGavick.

The rally was open to the entire public and all BCC students were encouraged to attend. This was not a rally limited to just Democratic supporters. The students were not causing any trouble, they were not disturbing the event, they simply wanted to voice support for Cantwell's opponent. One student, Nick Jacob, was even required to attend the event for a class he was attending.

Yet, these five men were reportedly physically pushed out of the event by Cantwell volunteers. An egregious violation of human rights right here in the Seattle area.

BCC officials also showed their support for Cantwell and her camp as they assisted in the denial of the five students' entry. A formal complaint has already been filed. It is unacceptable and illegal for public

universities to commit this kind of discrimination. Anyone at BCC found responsible for aiding these kinds of practices should resign or be fired immediately.

Obviously, this isn't the first time politicians have violated first amendment rights at rallies, as George Bush and his cronies are notorious for just the thing. But this instance is worst than most as it was an open rally and held at a public institution.

The Cantwell incidence is not the only violation of free speech in this year's gubernatorial election. Aaron Dixon tried to peacefully enter the site of the televised debated between Cantwell, McGavick and Bruce Guthrie, but was arrested onsite. He wasn't even allowed in the building where his competition was speaking, simply because he didn't have the \$1 million to participate in the election.

Dixon as a former member of the Black Panther Party and member of the Green Party is a political outsider. He simply wanted the chance to voice his opinions which differ greatly than both the major two candidates.

This Gubernatorial election was an ugly one and shows an even dirtier side to politics than most people would care to admit. It's dreadful that such violations could take place during the context of the election process, a process meant to uphold such values as free speech.

This election shows that politics in this country is simply a game centered on winning at any cost, even if that cost devalues the institution which you are trying to represent.

People go too far with attacks of American Government and President Bush and the country is weaker as result

Jeff Price
Staff Reporter

In our country, we are allowed to protest everything that our government does. This idea is profound, yet very dangerous to our society. All the constant, negative outbursts against our government have divided our country. The American people are forced to take sides in a war against their own government.

These actions, addressed by our forefathers, and attacked by media figures have brought on a public hatred for America and a loss of respect from nations around the globe.

The idea of being able to question our government's actions came about during the writing of our Constitution. Thomas Jefferson and the other founders of our country understood the idea that the people of the country should be able to question the government.

This acts as a public veto to the decisions of our leaders. Activists used this idea to start the Boston

Tea Party of the 1770s, and the anti-war protests during the Vietnam War. But the idea has been taken to a different level.

People in positions of public influence, such as newscasters, Hollywood actors, and musicians, have taken it upon themselves to speak out against our government.

They take their ideals and beliefs, and use their media to influence what the American people think and feel about our government. Their messages are harsh and humiliating. With their lack of support, and hatred for our leaders, they ridicule and shoot down every decision and appearance made by our leaders.

Turn the channel to any news station, and you will find a story or 'political commentator' cutting down the president and his decisions. This is causing a rift among Americans all over the country.

The public nature of these musicians and actors has turned hating our country, into the chic, the hip thing to do. Anyone caught supporting our country is ridiculed and cut down by these anti-Americans. These actions have become a 'civil war' of words in our country.

"The idea of criticizing the government is a novel idea, yet as with all good things, too much is a bad idea. The supporters of America need to rise up and take back the glory and honor that our country represents."

From the Korean War, to the current war in Iraq, America's media has been decidedly anti-American. Its America's fault Communism is spreading. Its America's fault the Soviet Union disregarded all the arms control treaties. America is causing all

the sectarian violence in Iraq.

During the Vietnam War, correspondents blamed most of the destruction of villages on the American soldiers. Even though they saw what really happened, they still reported that the Americans were committing terrible war crimes. During the Cold War, the leftist media repeatedly fought against any American policy that advocated any sort of military action outside our country. They constantly claimed that it is America's fault the Soviet Union acted.

Whenever the US tried to support anti-communist factions around the world, the media stepped in and said the people we were supporting were terrorists and that we were no better than the Soviet Union. Yet while they accused America of supporting terrorists, they consistently praised the communist

countries around the globe.

When Che Guevara and Fidel Castro led the communist rebellion in Cuba in 1956, leftist media figureheads fanatically supported them. Posters of Guevara showed up in college dorm rooms nationwide. Whenever a Communist-supported rebellion sprung up, the media supported it, often refusing to report that they were even Communist. When the government (specifically a Republican-led one), attempted to support the incumbent government (normally a non-communist one), the media vociferously attacked the government.

The idea of criticizing the government is a novel idea, yet as with all good things, too much is a bad idea. The supporters of America need to rise up and take back the glory and honor that our country represents. To all the people speaking out against America I say this: If you don't like here, why are you still here? The truth is, we are the greatest nation on Earth, and we need to start acting like it.

Safety Committee looking for new members

Zack McMacken
Staff Reporter

The Green River Community College Safety Committee is seeking new members NOW. The committee consists of 12 members representing the GRCC faculty, administration, and staff. Six of the members are selected by the college president while the other half are chosen through an all campus election.

Currently the committee is looking to refill the six elected positions. From Nov. 7th until Nov. 14 an all campus election will be held to find six new safety committee members. Elections begin with an email nomination period. The nominees are assembled onto a roster and submitted for voting amongst the entire campus population. The committee chair is John Ramsey and the elected committee president is Tawnya Davis.

The safety committee meets on the first Monday of

each month to discuss topics of campus safety and security. They also review all employee and student accident reports as well as go over recommended campus improvements. Some past improvements have been campus lighting, crosswalk and parking lot safety improvements, emergency evacuation procedures, bomb threat procedures, build-

ing safety issues, emergency campus notification, and the campus smoking policy.

Decisions regarding routine safety issues are generally handled by the committee. However, recommendations on more complex issues are handed from the committee to the president's staff and the final decision is made by the president.



Campus Corner Apartments now accepting applications

Ayca Akhun
Staff Reporter

Campus Corner Apartments are one addition that makes Green River Community College different than most other colleges. They are located on campus and gives students the opportunity to be a part of the college and its community.

Rent is \$530 per person per month and includes all utilities: high speed internet, local phone, cable TV, and basic furniture.

The Campus Corner Apartments have the capacity to accommodate 340 students, and are now harboring students from all over the world.

There are applications still available online at the Green River website for winter quarter. You must be a registered student in Green River Community College and enrolled for at least three quarters with at least 10 credits per quarter. You must also be at least 18 years old to sign the lease.

Spots are filling up fast. "There are about 20 people on the waiting list but we have couple openings for female students. You can fill out the application and we will put you on the waiting list," says the Office Coordinator, Jennifer Crompton.

If you want to save some gas by walking to school and experience college life in a larger capacity, make sure to get an application as soon as possible.



Photo courtesy of Green River

Application deadline approaching for All-USA Academic Team

Keiley Ramseur
Staff Reporter

The All-USA Academic Team is an international honor society of the junior colleges. Each college that participates will have 20 students on their team.

The top three teams will be recognized by Phi Theta Kappa. Each member on the first place team will receive stipends of \$2,500. They will also receive a trophy with their pictures and accomplishments will be in USA Today.

All 60 participants that came in one of the top three spots will also receive engraved medallions from Phi Theta Kappa.

Also, the highest scoring nominee from each state will receive \$2,000 from the Coca Cola Foundation and the Coca Cola Scholar's Foundation. Phi Theta Kappa has very high standards for what they are looking for in winners. They are looking for participants that excel academically and show real dedication to their course of study.

But the most important thing they are looking for in judging the winner is that they extend what they've learned in college to better their communities, schools, and themselves.

In order to be eligible for the prize students must have at least a 3.25 GPA on a 4.0 scale, they must be on track for either their Associate or Bachelor degree, must not have been nominated previously, and must have no disciplinary action taken against them during their time in college, including suspension, or probation.

Applications for the All-USA Academic Team for community colleges were due to Amy V. Warren by November 16.



Personal Property Theft

October 7

A young woman residing at the Student Housing facilities reported her purse, keys, and computer as stolen after she left her male friend alone in her room. Everything was later found, except for the computer.

Auto Accident

October 5

Female student sought the help of security to help her locate another student who was involved in an accident that occurred on Sept. 27. The student in question has yet to contact anyone with information.

Student Conduct Rule Violation

October 22

A fight broke out in the LSC commons between a male and female. The officer at the scene witnessed the female strike the male victim several times. The female claimed to have been assaulted first, but no further evidence has been proven this statement.

Unlawful Conduct

October 19

A woman was placed in handcuffs after verbally assaulting a bus driver who was on break eating lunch. Drugs were later found in the woman's purse as she was booked and taken away for harassment and drug possession.

Liquor Law Violation

October 23

A large group of approximately 15-20 people were having a party at the Student Housing buildings when a noise complaint was called. Bottles were heard being thrown out of the window as the group of people spotted the officers approaching. No charges were pressed.

Auto Break-In

October 23

A young woman's vehicle was broken into. The items stolen from the car include: insurance card, car title, and nine purses.

Science building almost ready

New science building projected to be completed by spring 2007

Angela McDermott
Staff Reporter

Construction on the new science building is underway and should be done soon. "A few select classes should be held there in the spring quarter and it may be completely open to any and all classes by the Spring 2007 quarter," said Darcy Sharpe, student staff coordinator in the tech center. This building will be a wonderful addition to the other new buildings already constructed around Green River Community College (GRCC).

This building will hold most of the science classes offered at GRCC. Some classes that may be offered in the new science building are: chemistry, anatomy, biology, and physics, just to name a few choices. On the top of the building, there is a greenhouse that will be handy for any projects that must stay in a controlled environment.

Student Parminder Sekhon, showed her excitement after being told she might be able to take a few classes there next year.

Sekhon said, "I am excited to be able to take classes in the new science building because it will offer many new opportunities and may open room for smaller class sizes... smaller class sizes are known to help a student learn faster from the more individualized attention."

The science building should resemble the tech building in its overall appearance. The rooms will be larger and better equipped than the older science labs which are currently at the college. It will also be more focused on the technology aspect of the sciences.



Photo courtesy of Green River

New class opportunities for Winter quarter

There are several classes and programs starting next quarter that you should be aware of. Some are basic academic classes and others offer certifications and training. It's imperative that you check them out to see if any of these may appeal to you and your degree.

LITIGATION SUPPORT CERTIFICATE

This is a program of 44 credits intended to provide training for law office or consulting work in the demanding area of formal litigation. Classes can generally be taken in a one year period, and may also apply to other professional technical areas such as Law office management and court reporting technologies-court reporting.

- BA 200 Introduction to Law and Commerce
- BA 151 Legal Writing and Research

- BA 152 Legal Evidence DE Flex Course
- BA 156 Fundamentals of Litigation 2
- Bus E 109 Legal Terminology- Distance Ed

* Offerings in the Bus Education Dept. which apply to this certificate:

- Bus E 130 Business Correspondence, Bus E 266 Inside Microsoft Office

Also Recommended:

- Bus E 100 Fundamentals of Microcomputers,
- Bus E 102 Intermediate Keyboarding, Bus E 121 Legal Machine Trans 1, Bus E Legal Production Keyboarding.

FIRST AID

American Red Cross requirement for First Aid and CPR Certification may be met. Covers adult, child, and infant first aid, CPR, rescue breathing, medical emergencies, bandaging, splinting and transporting. Satisfies an activity requirement for AA degree.

- HL ED190 Standard First Aid/CPR

LINKED CLASS:

Intro to Law and Commerce/Small Group Leadership

The class is designed as an active learning experience, combining the case method approach in law with practical knowledge of group dynamics. To

enroll, sign up with either one of the below:

- BA 200 Intro to Law and Commerce
Daily 9-11am SS-8 Primiani
- COMM 234 Small Group Leadership
Daily 9-11am SS-8 Loucks

For more information, go to greenriver.edu to get information on classes and to register before the deadline passes.

JAPANESE 101

This course will introduce Japanese language and culture. Students will learn how to communicate with Japanese people and understand culture through speaking, reading, writing and grammar exercises.

- Japan 101 Japanese 101
T/Th U HSB-2 4:30-6:50p
Daily A IVA-109 9-10a

FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:

At Auburn High School only:
-ATECH 108.3 Automotive Technology Offered at the high school in the evening through Green River for the students that need re-certification only.

GEOMETRY - ELEMENTARY TEACHERS

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- MATH 171 Geometry-Elem Teachers
Daily SMT-340 9-10a Kinholt, S.

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Upcoming events

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Nov. 27-Dec.1

Week long informational events all over campus.

Auburn Food Bank

Nov. 21
8 a.m.-10 a.m.

Blood Drive

Nov. 29
9 a.m-5 p.m.
Glacier Room

University Application and essay workshop

Nov. 29
1 p.m.-2 p.m.
Writing Center, RLC 113.

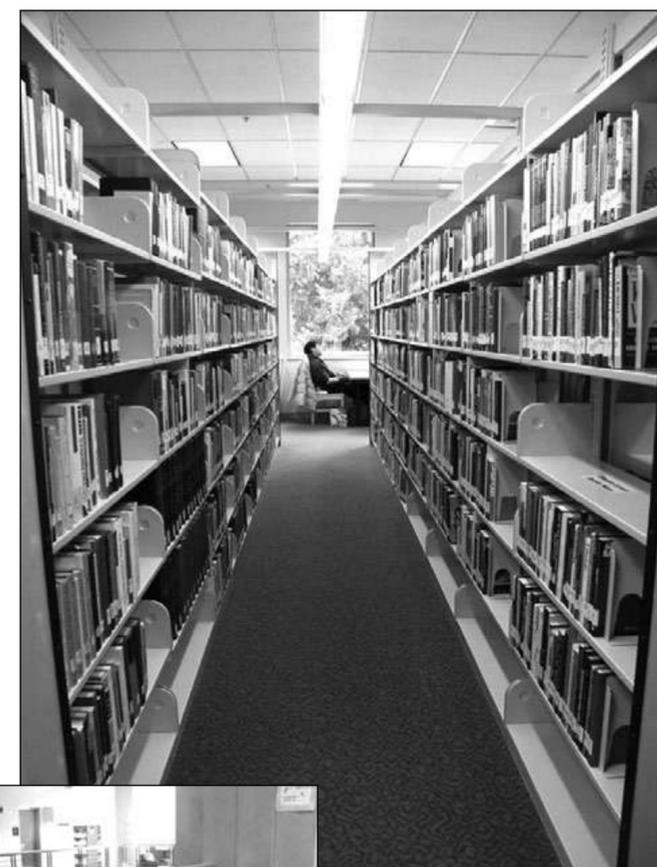
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A GRCC worker whizzes by quickly near the Technology Center.



A spire here at GRCC resembles a windmill type structure.



A student sleeps at the far end of the Holman Library.



A little known art structure created last year by students here at GRCC. The structure is on display near the art building.



A model for a anatomy class here on campus.

The sights of Green River

Below: Three running start students study for classes.



All photos taken by Dawn Morrison.



The sign in front of the Technology Center, which is no longer fully intact. The bottom left corner has been destroyed.



Matthew Alexander and Ammisty Conley, two GRCC students, relax in the Holman library between classes.



Julie, Yin, and The (last names not available) bond while doing work in the Holman Library.



Brandon Lusink starts intently at a computer while doing some homework.

Coordinated studies connects with students to create a 'community of learners'

Dynamic double courses are being offered here at GRCC that are changing the way students look at learning, as well as each other.

Rachael Strom
Features Editor

In the best of all possible worlds, for a student to get the most out of a class would be as easy as showing up and fulfilling syllabus requirements. Passionate instructors would be motivated by questions, comments and suggestions from the class.

In these fantasy-classes, students hug and holler hellos and goodbyes impartially. By the third week of class they know more about each other than just face and name. The curriculum would bring them together.

We have these classes here at GRCC. They are called coordi-

nated studies. Simply stated: a coordinated studies course is two classes, taught by two instructors, simultaneously. It's a wild time.

Director of the coordinated studies program at GRCC, Jennifer Whetham, said the idea behind the courses is to "integrate the core concepts of two academic fields so you can learn, for instance, psychology through the lens of literature."

Marcie Sims, a GRCC coordinated studies advocate and instructor, explains how that works: "Instead of artificial boundaries between and among disciplines, coordinated studies classes allow for genuine connections between

disciplines, much more like the real world and careers."

The unique experience of examining one discipline in the context of another creates what Whetham calls a "community of learners."

"It was a fun, educational, and creative experience. The students in our class bonded and became like a happy family. We really learned a lot from each other," said Jennifer Engel.

Engel took Sims' English 110/Intro to Shakespeare course last fall. She went on to say the two classes "dovetailed perfectly, and there was a greater chance for group and student interaction and discussion."

Naturally, coordinated studies require a bit more classroom time than the average course. Students don't tend to mind spending the extra hour or two when the ben-

efits are so immediate.

"In regular classroom settings I've felt like my peers were stangers to me, and everything was so rushed," said Amber McKenzie, who shared Sims' class with Engel. She also took English 111/Philosophy of Sex and Gender the following quarter, instructed by Marice Sims and Sandy Johanson.

McKenzie didn't mind the ten hours of classroom time a week. "Being with the same group of people for a more extended period of time created a comfortable atmosphere, much like a family. This allowed discussion to go to a deeper level."

The feeling of community was shared by Paige McDaniel, also a veteran of the English 110/Shakespeare experience: "Since you spend two hours a day with the same people, you soon become

best friends with every one of them...you become this community that is pushing each person toward a greater goal."

There are other benefits to taking these dual courses. For instance, coordinated studies are worth 10 credits, and while the course might carry a slightly heavier workload, it's nowhere near the as much to bear as taking the two classes separately. And only one final!

Also, the courses allow instructors to examine their field through the lens of another discipline. When the instructor is as involved in learning as the students, the level of engagement amplifies, and there's a real sense of education as a cooperative activity.

"Whenever there is true learning, conflict will arise," said Whetham, referring to the exchange of ideas that takes place in a learning community such as the one created by coordinated studies. The courses turn that conflict to revelation by engaging the students with each other as well as the curriculum.

"I see several students who have bonded in the classes, and they continue on that connection and bonding long beyond the ending of the course," said Sims.

Not only that, Sims explained, but "students are more likely to finish the quarter successfully, and their oral, written, and overall analytical skills come much farther in one quarter of college than they would if the student took the same 2 or 3 classes isolated."

Shaun Duncan, who took a coordinated course on Intro to Law and Commerce/Small Group Leadership agreed that the class "was very beneficial, due to the extensive group work involved in a law class." Linking the two disciplines to make one fluent course is an efficient and innovative way to discover and develop both skills at once.

This winter quarter GRCC is offering two coordinated studies courses: Reading 104/English 100 and Business Administration 200/Communications 234. With registration upon us, this is the best time to sign up for a unique educational experience.



Dawn Morrison/THE CURRENT

This year's English 110/Intro to Shakespeare class generates term paper ideas together while discussing some of the philosophical points of their latest reading,

Thai Basil curries favor with flavor, but heavy prices leave a bad taste afterwards

Restaurant fills up a hungry student mightily, but not the place to go for an everyday meal due to prices steep for college budgets

James Bluhm
Staff Reporter

Thai Basil offers authentic Thai cuisine that is among the best in the area, but can get a little expensive on a student's budget.

When it comes to local Thai food, Thai Basil is head and shoulders above most. The menu offers everything you would expect, from traditional appetizers like fresh summer rolls and coconut prawns to soups and salads. This includes such favorites as

Tom Kha, which combines the spice of hot and sour soup with the smooth sweetness of coconut, and Larb Gai, an exotic salad made with ground chicken.

When it comes to main courses it is hard to go wrong. The Phad Thai is amazing and each of their four curry types has its own advantages. Every thing on the menu has its own unique flavor that is pungent but not overpowering.

The only downturn to this delicious bliss is the check. Although there is hardly

anything on the menu that costs more than \$10, there is nothing other than drinks and desert, that costs under \$5.

The majority of the items cost between seven and eight dollars and come with your choice of chicken, beef or pork. It will cost you a couple dollars more if you want seafood.

Unless you have one specific item that you have your heart set, on the best idea is to go with one of the lunch specials. They all cost \$7.50 and come with Phad Thai, two egg rolls and steamed rice. You then chose from seven options; garlic chicken, cashew chicken, Thai basil chicken or one of the four types of curry.

Although it is somewhat pricey for a casual lunch, the serving sizes are definitely generous, and the quality can't be beat.

All in all Thai Basil can be an indulgent lunchroom alternative. Located just down the street from GRCC at 25684 104th in Kent, Thai Basil is about a five minute drive away. The service could be better, but it does have a quite and inviting atmosphere, and it's a great way to change things up if you're craving something a little out of the ordinary. When it comes down to it, Thai Basil is a great lunch option for a little extravagant treat.

Anita Behrbaum being inducted to SPU hall of fame

Boomer Bentley
Staff Reporter

Green river community college teacher and alumni, Anita Behrbaum, is being inducted into the Seattle Pacific University sports Hall of fame, where she transferred with a full-ride scholarship in track and field.

Behrbaum was an All-American Athlete in 1986 when she placed 3rd in the Division II Heptathlon. Later that same year she placed 9th at the U.S. Track and Field Championships. The following year she won the DII Heptathlon, and finished 8th at the National T&F Championship. By 1988 she finished 2nd runner up in the Olympic Trials, placing 5th when only top three were selected.

For those who don't know, the heptathlon consist of seven events: hurdles, high jump, shotput, 200 meter dash, long jump, javelin, and the 800m dash. In 1989, at the Olympic Sports Festival, Behrbaum proceeded to launch the shotput 43'10" and ran around the track twice (800m dash) in 2:14.4. She high jumped over 51/2 feet, and was awarded the bronze medal.

Behrbaum said one of her coaches had been to the Olympics, and that had given her the idea that the Olympics were a real possibility. Although she never quite made it, she has not stopped excelling in physical fitness to this day.

Behrbaum runs 3 times per week, lifts weights twice a week, and engages in alternative aerobics for 1-2 hrs four days a week. On top of that schedule, she runs seven-to-eight 5k runs every year.

Currently a PE teacher here at GRCC, Behrbaum also coached the BCC track team until 1995. She received her Bachelors degree from SPU, and earned her Masters form Pacific Lutheran University. She attended Central Washington University for her teacher credentials.

In her free time Behrbaum enjoys camping, hiking, fly fishing, and obviously staying in shape. She says she has no future plans for coaching. Teaching, she says, has her busy enough.

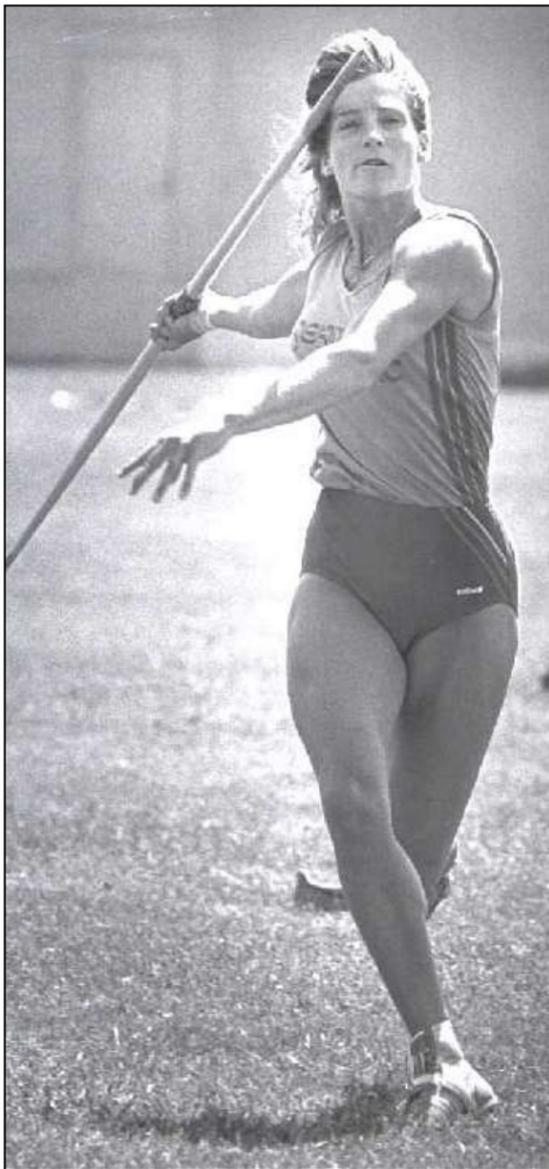


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The Console War of 2006

The battle lines have been drawn, from Japan to Western Europe, and to the United States. It may not be a war of attrition, though it has been characterized in many instances by the number of units each company will be able to produce.

Battles, albeit pixelated, have even ranged from the calm to the callous. Demonstrators have yet to line the streets of

cities around the globe to protest the grave injustices of each side's campaign (however, proponents of each side are expected to storm businesses affiliated with the conflict this weekend). For the last year what has made for a heated debate worldwide, will reach its peak this season.

All parallels to any real-world conflict of actual importance aside, with the release

of two new consoles this weekend, the Console War of 2006 will begin to culminate in what may become the most intense conflict the industry has ever seen.

Each system, Microsoft's Xbox 360, released last fall, Sony's Playstation 3, released at midnight this morning, and Nintendo's Wii, to be released this Sunday, has both their advantages and disadvantages

and subsequent advocates and opponents, and arguments can be made in favor of each. This issue, we will examine Nintendo and Sony's latest sets and show the pros and cons of both the Wii and Playstation 3, to argue for each respective console.

The Playstation 3: power worth the price



Warhawk shows off both the Playstation 3's amazing graphic capabilities, use of motion sensor technology.

Jeff Price

Staff Reporter

Availability – Sony messed this situation up. They are only releasing a limited amount of systems, so if you didn't preorder one, you will most likely have to wait until next year.

Price - Basic - \$499.99

20 GB hard drive, wireless controller
Premium - \$599.99

60 GB hard drive, wireless controller, built-in wireless networking, flash card reader.

Graphics – It is accepted that the PS3 will have far better graphics than the Wii. The PS3 utilizes the Blu-Ray optical drive. This allows the system to read discs that have five times more data compared to

the Wii and the Xbox 360. This lets the system play hi-def videos and games with a very high resolution

Gaming

– The PS3's controller, or the Sixaxis, will feature a motion sensor similar to that of the Wii's controller. Also, the L2 and R2 buttons will take on a more trigger-like feel. In order to fit in the motion sensor

system, Sony had to sacrifice the Rumble system much to the dismay of gamers everywhere.

Non-Gaming Features – With the PS3, users will be able to play music, movies, picture viewer, and an Internet browser. It also supports Flash so you can even watch Youtube from your PS3. The PS3 will also include an online store. The videos that you download don't have all the copyright issues that the 360 had, so when you download a video, you can save it permanently to your console's hard drive. The system also includes a port for a removable hard drive so you can transfer videos and files from your PC to the console.

Conclusions:

The PS3 has every hope that it will be able to take over the gaming market and shove its competitors out the door. It may be the more expensive console, yet the online features will be free (other than the online store), and one also has to take into account that the Blu-ray technology is far more advanced than the DVD drives featured in the Wii and the Xbox 360. Sony intended to have the PS3 be an all-purpose entertainment center and it will certainly live up to its expectations.

The Nintendo Wii: innovation over intensity



With Super Mario Galaxy Nintendo not only brings back one of the industry's most beloved characters, but also makes use of the Wii's unique controller to propel Mario throughout the universe.

Julian Martin

Entertainment Editor

Availability – Nintendo plans on releasing approximately four million consoles by the end of the year.

Price - Basic - \$249.99

Wii remote (wireless controller), console, and one game (Wii Sports)

Graphics – The system is by far the smallest of the three, measuring roughly half the size of Microsoft's Xbox 360, and somewhat smaller than the PS3. Unfortunately, while being the most portable system, with a smaller size comes less room for advanced hardware. The console has shown graphics capabilities only slightly more advanced than Nintendo's current system, the Gamecube, and will not be able to produce an HD-TV quality pic-

Conclusions:

Not wanting to endure a repeat of Microsoft's sale loss by not being able to supply consumer demand for their new system, Nintendo expects to have several million more copies available than both the PS3 and Xbox 360 will have had at their respective launch dates. With a more affordable price, a higher level of availability, and what promises to be the most innovative design of the three systems, the Nintendo Wii looks to be the console of choice for the 2006 holiday season.

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Gaming – The Wii controller will actually consist of two parts; the Wii Remote, and the Nunchuk unit, which features the more video game traditional analog unit. Another key innovation to the console is that through a sensor bar, the system will be aware of the players hand movements, and will respond accordingly (i.e. moving the remote in a casting motion when playing a fishing game).

Non-Gaming Features

The Wii will sport a variety of unique features. Not only will it include complete backwards compatibility with Gamecube games, but users will also have the option of purchasing games from Nintendo's past systems and have them directly downloaded onto their console in a style similar to Apple's iTunes program. This can be accomplished through both a built-in Wi-Fi connection service, and an available USB-to-Ethernet adaptor. Players will also be able to use the internet on their console through a new system entitled Wii Channels. The operating system will allow users to do everything from browsing the internet, through the Internet Channel to personalizing your Wii through the Mii Channel.

Microsoft expects to still offer resilient competition

With both Nintendo and Sony in the spotlight this weekend, it would appear that the console war merely consists only of the Wii and the Playstation 3. However Microsoft is attempting to keep up and subsequently surpass the competition through a variety of marketing schemes, a focus on online-gaming, and a plethora of new games.

A collaboration with Burger King will attempt to bring the world of video games, and moreover Microsoft's products, to the masses. On November 19, coincidentally the same day the Wii releases, three Xbox 360/Xbox games will be available exclusively at Burger King stores

worldwide.

While all three consoles will have online capabilities to some degree, so far Microsoft has been at the forefront of online gaming. The company has propelled itself with games that can be played against those around the world, with the latest installment of their own franchise, Halo 2, leading the charge. Microsoft is attempting to continue this with games such as "Burnout Revenge", in which not only can you race against others, but your scores as well as replays of your races, can be seen and voted on by those on Xbox Live.

The company is also attempting to meet the competition with

what they hope to be another colossal hit in the spirit of Halo: Combat Evolved and Halo 2; a first-person shooter featuring extraordinary graphics, and a war-torn setting; the intense action epic "Gears of War". Microsoft hopes that the game will do for the Xbox 360 what Halo was able to for the original Xbox, and boost sales of the system exponentially.

Led by what promises to be a best-seller, a firm place in the world of online gaming, and new marketing techniques, Microsoft's place in the current Console War is still one of fierce competition.



In Microsoft's latest action game, "Gears of War", players assume control of ex-convict Marcus Fenix, center, and attempt to save their world from devastation.

'Documentary' both shocks and uncomfortably entertains in Borat's silver screen debut



Sacha Baron Cohen as the Kazakh reporter Borat, continues his journey across America. Photo Courtesy of Yahoo! Movies

British comedy actor reveals how Americans really feel, with awkward, and often hilarious, results

Jeff Price
Staff Reporter

Sacha Baron Cohen brings to life one of the most offensive, outrageous and boisterous characters to grace the silver screen. Borat Sagdiyev, the sixth most famous man, and leading jour-

nalist, from Kazakhstan, comes to America to learn about our culture to "make benefit glorious nation of Kazakhstan." His journey starts out on the right track, but he quickly gets distracted after catching a scene from "Baywatch." He falls in love with Pamela Anderson, and makes it

his goal to marry her and take her as his own. Of course this has all the makings of a very predictable road trip movie only intended for audiences of simple slapstick humor. This impression couldn't be farther from the truth.

"Borat" is every bit as intelligent as it is offensive. And it is very offensive. Cohen uses this movie to show what our country looks like to the rest of the world, and how different, sometimes dismally, our views are on topics such as women's rights and racial discrimination. The film is full of anti-semitism, anti-homosexuality and sexism. Cohen uses Borat to show how ridiculous racism, sexism, and stereotyping

"Of course this has all the makings of a very predictable road trip movie only intended for audiences of simple slapstick humor. This impression couldn't be farther from the truth."

is. In America, certain people are viewed as being a certain way. Using Borat, Cohen basically debunked these claims. And despite all the anti-semitism, Cohen himself is Jewish.

Of course a film like this isn't without controversy. Cohen intended to have the film like this, yet none of the people in it knew the truth. Cohen and his production team procured consent forms saying that the people were being included in a real Kazakh documentary. Imagine their surprise. As one reviewer put it "America, you just got Punk'd!" A warning for those who plan on seeing it: Prepare yourself for the funniest movie you will see in the last decade. You are supposed to be offended. Just jump on the bus and hold on. I guarantee that you will be quote this movie for awhile.

Puzzle-filled horror becomes a victim of its own design



Amanda, played by Shawnee Smith, places Dr. Lynn Denlon, actress Bahar Soomekh, in one of her intricately sadistic puzzles. Photo Courtesy of Yahoo! Movies

The Saw series continues with the latest installment which is both shocking and predictable

James Bluhm
Staff Reporter

Saw III is a gore packed shocker with a somewhat disappointing and predictable ending.

The film starts right where Saw II left off. Dr. Lynn Denlon finds herself captured by Jigsaw and put in an extremely difficult situation. Her task, to keep the dying murderer alive long enough for Jeff, one of his other victims, to complete his own horrifying "tests".

For anyone who has seen the first two Saws it is pretty much the same drill. A lot of gore and violence with an interesting plot twist near the end. Saw III is by far the most shocking of the series and it will not disappoint anyone who has a taste for carnage. It pulls no punches, showing all of the horrific tortures that Jigsaws victims endure in extreme detail. While this might be the reason

some people enjoy the films it can get a bit nauseating seeing vivid images of bones being twisted until they break. The plot twist, a hallmark of the series, was also somewhat uninspired.

The best part of the film is the characters. They are highly developed and you get a thorough look into who they are. It is scary watching the situation that people are put in because you can identify with their feelings.

The movie was every thing one would guess it would be, and nothing more. It is a good movie if you want some cheap thrills and enjoy bloody horror flicks. The Saw series takes a step forward in the bloodshed department but unfortunately does little more on the mental aspects of the film.

In the end the door is left open for a Saw IV. So the real question is, the next time you hear "I want to play a game", will you play?

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Hawks play hard to get

Boomer Bentley
Staff Reporter

Plagued with injuries, the Seahawks have had trouble winning since week four. Besides beating division rivals, St. Louis Rams, the hawks have had a hell of a time finding a way to win in the past four weeks. And the losses cannot be put on the shoulders of injured Shaun Alexander.

Despite not having Alexander or quarterback Matt Hasselbeck last week the hawks offense still managed to put up 28 points against a revamped Kansas City Chief team.

It was however the defense that seemingly missed the bus for the game. Allowing 499 yards of total offense, 155 of which came on the ground from RB Larry Johnson, the Seahawks defense was picked apart and exploited by the Chief's offensive line and Larry Johnson.

This is not the typical Hawks defense we are all used to. We are used to seeing big time hits, big time interceptions, and big time 3rd down stops, none of which we saw in Kansas City, despite a few huge hits.

While the offense is not at its peak, Seneca Wallace still threw for three touchdowns and 198 yards. It was the run game, or the lack there of, that forced Wallace in to many 3rd and longs, and throwing the ball on almost every down. With Seattle running backs having only 16 total carries the defense could play for the pass, and the D-line could not worry about the run and just gun for the QB, forcing Wallace to throw three interceptions.

With Alexander still week to week, a return will only come once the hairline fracture in his foot is completely healed. Holmgren said he would not take any chances in doing further damage by letting him come back too early.

Before everyone gets down on Seattle lets just remember where they were last February 2. They were in Detroit playing for the pride of Seattle because of a season marked by dominating victories and powerful playoffs. At no point in any game did the Hawks even look like they could lose. Champions will win when it counts most and injuries can't keep them down for long.

In the next two weeks the Seahawks have the struggling San Francisco 49ers and Green Bay Packers. Hopefully, they can manage two more wins.

Now the whole team is going to have to step up and play since the two pro-bowlers are out and the young players are in. With Branch, Jackson, Hackett, and Ingram, the Hawks still have the most intimidating receiving core in the NFL. The running backs are going to have to step it up in order for the Hawks to return to old fashion.

Ladies volleyball takes Western league title

A season of hard work pays off as the Lady Gators bulldoze the competition to take a title and the number one seed at the NWAACC championships.

Kyle Riger
Staff Reporter

An amazing season from the 2006 women's volleyball team was topped off by the announcement that GRCC has clinched the league title. A shutout of Tacoma 3-0 cemented the Gators as the official Western League champions for the first time since 2000. This guaranteed the Gators the number one seed at the NWAACC championship in Spokane, November 16-20.

The lady Gators passed through their roughest stretch, improving to 13-0 in league play and 26-9 in season play after their win over Lower Columbia on October 25th.

The Gators entered the Dorian Harris tournament with high hopes and momentum in their favor that resulted with a 3-3 tie. The ladies would have liked to

do better but diligently stayed in contention throughout the contests.

Friday's win over Edmonds was followed by a tough loss to Mount Hood the same day in two 25-30 match losses. Not to be outdone, the Gators got back up and fought a tough battle with Clark winning in 4 sets.

The 32-10 Walla Walla Warriors who stand second in the NWAACC East, proved to be too much for the second contest on Saturday, beating GRCC in four well played matches. Eager to make a comeback, they capitalized on a struggling Lower Columbia team by taking the match in a quick two sets. At the end of the weekend the lady Gators were running on their last legs as a strong Bellevue squad seemingly overpowered the fatigued Gators who fell in four games for the last match of the tourna-

ment.

Back to regular play against Tacoma the team did what most teams do and bounced back from a mediocre tournament and clinched the NWAACC West division. However, being number one seed isn't enough reason for the Gators to just lie back for the final season game. Playing against a highly competitive Highline, they still managed a 3-1 victory.

The team's next step is the very tough NWAACC tournament starting Nov. 16-19 where the Gators will face of one the best inter-collegiate divisions in the country. Tickets are available at the NWAACC official website www.nwaacc.org. We encourage as many people as possible to show their support and appreciation for women's team who have done a phenomenal job this season.

The lady Gator's end their season as #1 in the Western Division with the NWAACC naming two GRCC players for the Western All-NWAACC team, #11 Gwen Leituala, and #8 Rachel Guild. NWAACC also named Trish Mowatt MVP and Coach Kyle Densley Co-Coach of the Year.



Photo courtesy of NWAACC

Women's soccer team nabs a spot in the playoffs only to lose in first round

Lady Gators secure second in their division with a rain blasted win over Everett Trojans, fall to Highline Community College

Kyle Riger
Staff Reporter

Women's soccer may have got off to a rough start this season but with surprising recent success, the soccer team turned their season around for a brief

moment. Green River Community College's (GRCC) Lady Gators clinched a playoff spot. Not even 40 mile per hour gusts of wind and steady showers could stop the Gators from achieving this large task by tying Everett in the regular season finale. Gators

managed two first half goals from Ashley Verkler and Amber Vinegar with the wind behind their backs. In the second half, this time with the wind against them, they only allowed Everett one goal with 15 minutes to go. Both teams roughed it out on the field for the final scoreless 15 minutes that eventually resulted in the Gators' first tie of the season.

The Gators (5-12-1) secured second place in the north region

second only to Shoreline which topped the division with a whopping 34 points. GRCC hosted a final home playoff game on Wednesday Nov. 8 against Highline (6-11-1). The game was played at Wilson Play Fields in Kent, WA and the Gators came up short with a 0-4 score, closing out the dramatic season with a disappointing loss.



GRCC women's soccer team, finished ranked second in the Northern division.

Photo courtesy of NWAACC