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Guardian angel protects children from harm

By Frank Pacelli

It seems like another world. When saying the words children and home, everyone would like to think that every family is a happy family, NOT so. It is such a normal behavior for people to hide from the truth and not get the help when the family needs it because "everything is just fine."

Each year in the U.S., millions of children are abused, neglected or even abandoned. How many times on different occasions has there been a baby found in the garbage. It sounds abnormal even unbelievable but it's happening more and more.

Over 500,000 children are removed from their homes and placed in foster care. Eventually these children will end up in court, where many of them will be victimized a second time, lost in an overburdened child welfare system. Sometimes a child will stay in foster care for months, even years. There is an organization that dedicates their work and struggles to these children.

Without the Washington State CASA/Guardian Ad Litem (CASA/GAL) just think how the evolution process would have been, there's enough crime now.

Diane Isley, the Guardian ad Litem or GAL of the year. Diane Isley is a woman that could best be

described by her character, which is not by a long shot defined by say just a mere word. Diane's service to the CASA/GAL is extensive; she has been sought by DCFS social workers, defense attorneys and judges alike to serve on especially hard cases. Today, she's advocating 21 cases. Her direct role is with these children, all the way from promoting and enhancing the program at a state and local level. Diane has lobbied her legislator, produced a resource guide for South King County.

Kathryn Barnhouse, an attorney for GAL, said, "Diane enjoys her job and this GAL of the year is well respected among her peers."

When Diane received the award she felt, "honored and humbled. I can't imagine doing any other job—these kids are great," replied Diane.

Diane proved her sincerity by the feeling of calmness and security that was felt in the room. Diane and fellow colleagues play a huge role in each child's life, to do this takes a great deal of good communication amongst

themselves and the child.

"Essential! Sometimes we're the only ones who deal with a child's needs on a consistent basis, the defence attorneys job is to get a child back to the home," says Diane.

She says her job is to figure out what the child's needs are and how to meet them. Now one would think that the court system is working, but the judges of these particular cases only hear the parent's and the prosecutor's sides, and not the child's. In fact, CASA/GAL was first started by Judge David W. Soukup twenty years ago. CASA means Court Appointed Special Advocate.

Think about three kids going to bed and having to say goodnight as you tuck them in the trunk of your car for the night or hoping the cardboard holds up in the rain. There is two girls and a boy. The father sexually abusing them and the mother with serious mental and drug problem. One day that boy called Diane his "Guardian Angel." This simple gesture is what gives Diane and her co-workers the strength to continue.

A child that has an eating disorder and a jaw set back two inches finds it difficult to eat.



photo by Johan Flink

Diane Isley is a guardian angel

Diane tried twelve different agencies to get funds for orthodontic care for this girl, who is now fourteen. After a year of having to break through all the red tape, the State finally took care of the young girl's situation.

Big thank you's from everyone goes out to Diane Isley and CASA/GAL for standing up to fight for the innocent and fragile. Thanks for making a difference in what could be the

family next door or a close friend's family. Let's not forget a child is the future leaders of tomorrow and that everyone needs to protect them.

For more information on this program or how to get involved, please call 206-296-1120. There are plenty of volunteer opportunities open for people over 21 years old.

KGRG among top 5 college radio stations

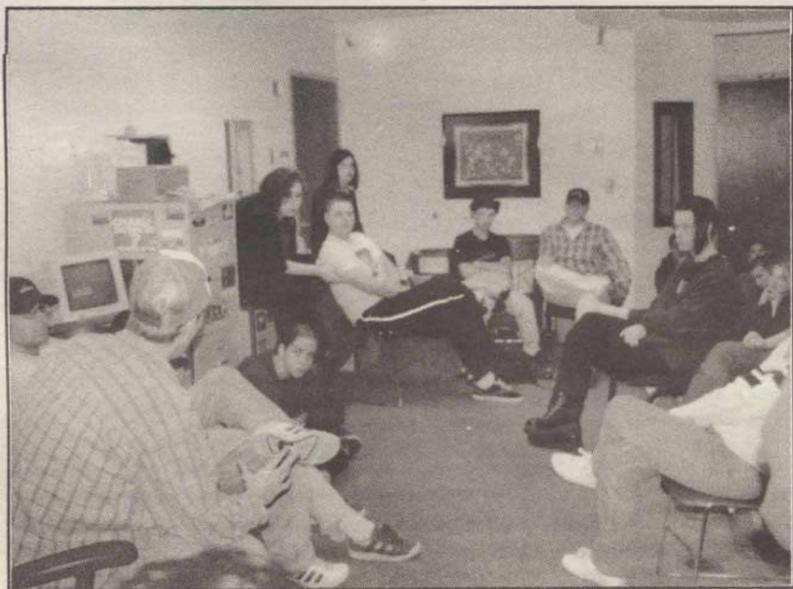


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Frequent staff meetings occur at KGRG

By Gary Washington

Recently, KGRG was nominated among five other radio stations as the best college radio station in America. The nomination appeared in "Gavin" magazine, which is the

primary trade publication for the radio industry. Through industry word of mouth, KGRG has humbly gained recognition over the past few years.

It is much more difficult for a community college station to gain recognition than a university one, due to the lack of resources, student backing, and fewer students to pull from the radio lab. Also, there's that "stigma" in which community college isn't taken as seriously as a four-year college radio.

What is unique about KGRG is their devotion to a large variety of music.

Sunday through Friday, the station airs one specialty show per day. The specialty show usually focuses on a specific genre of music. Shows include Local Motion, a show that plays local artists. Ear to the Street is a show devoted to hip-hop. The

industrial music show is Hedonistic Nihilism. Menaced is a show devoted to punk. Transcendence plays mainly underground house and Acid Bass. And finally The Metal show where "everyone has an appointment with fear." Saturday is presently a day off for specialty shows.

However, KGRG takes a different approach to running a radio station. A majority of colleges allow their disk jockeys to play virtually anything they want; the KGRG format is strict in utilizing play lists which are discerned by a programming department. Keeping consistency makes KGRG more professional, enabling the station to contend with local commercial radio stations.

Roughly forty-five DJ's, mostly students, go on the air a week. Airtime is determined by seniority and student development.

Bob Green, the intern music

programmer, said, "Making sure the station sounds great, keeping people's enthusiastic, and keeping everyone out of trouble are three key points to running a radio station."

When asked if KGRG would remain in the top five college radio stations in the future, the intern director modestly replied, "Hopefully yes, but it's not recognition that's important at KGRG. It's all about hard work and quality."

Green feels the best thing about being in the radio program is the ability to make mistakes with confidence, and the overall work environment is friendly and enjoyable because of his peers enthusiastic attitudes.

Bob actually moved from Spokane to be a part of the radio program. He feels it was the best decision he ever made.

The future looks bright for the staff and KGRG.

Expensive LSC remodeling put on hold



photo by Johan Flink

LSC remodeling leaves two pool tables in their original places

By Casey Littlejohn

When GRCC students came back to class this fall, they returned to find that only two of the school's four pool tables were operational. Puzzling, since the tables are so popular with much of the student body and faculty. The pool tables provide a nucleus of social activity, and allow people to take their minds off their daily stresses.

Were the pool tables broken? Were the tables to be shut down? Were students having too much fun at this institution? Well the mystery actually has a very simple explanation. It's only three words, which are noise, safety, and time.

The sound of a pool stick dropping to the floor after a shot makes a loud tapping noise downstairs in the St. Helens, Olympus, and Mr. Baker rooms.

Back in the day when the LSC first opened, the floor was insulated with a thick, horsehair cushion that would absorb the pool hall noises. This cushion has deteriorated in recent years causing very noisy situations.

The distraction to students and faculty downstairs has been evident for many years now. New insulation has been installed but that method has failed. Kathy Johnson, Director of Auxiliary

Services, and Sal Salaquinto, Facilities Coordinator, have been looking for a solution to this problem for sometime now.

Plans were made to move the video games and pool tables into the assessment and testing center. The testing center, though, had nowhere to go.

"We're just so cramped for space right now," said Kathy Johnson.

No one would dare think of removing the tables, so another idea was conjured over the summer. Move the tables to the farthest wing of the LSC near the TV and couches. This move would make the noise subside. The plan was put into action this past summer and only two of the tables were moved there as a test. The pounding of the sticks, although audible, has made the center a little quieter.

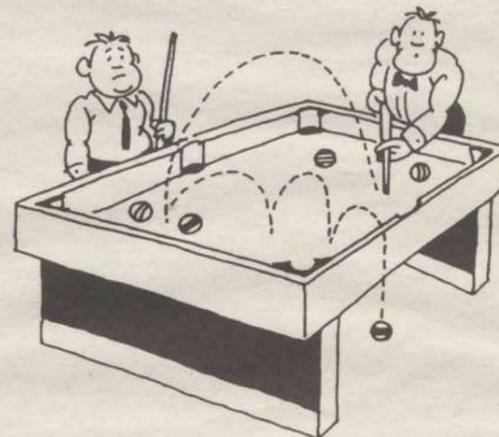
However, another problem arose. Officials checking the new setup discovered that balls could inadvertently be shot off the table and over the balcony into the dining room below. This has

created a serious safety issue.

Students sitting down below could be hit by a flying eight ball.

The solution the administration has thought of, is to move the remaining tables over to that area and install four foot by eight foot sheets of clear safety glass. Maintenance will router a trench in the wooden beam for the glass to sit in. Then put a new wooden railing on top of the glass. Some new sitting benches will be added.

The holdup is that maintenance is running behind schedule and cannot make the necessary adjustments until later in the week. If anyone is concerned about missing your soap operas, the television will be moved up higher and nearer to the video games. The TV will rest on a bracket.



Library goes high tech but loses its pot of golden books

By Telley Wormley

Recently, one of the head administrators inspected our new Holman Library and came to the conclusion that there was an insufficient number of books. According to the Library Director, James Grossman, there is a long list of reasons why the library's book supply is not up to code.

For an estimated 30 years, used books were being purchased and donated books were being accepted into the library's collection. The amazing thing was these books were being checked into the library as new books. Accepting these used books left an extreme problem. The majority of these books had been replaced by updated versions. We actually had a medical book on blood that did not have AIDS in the text or the index because it was so old.

This probably leaves some people thinking about what the tuition increase could be paying for and why are only particular students being charged these new amounts.

The state of Washington decides who shall pay the tuition increase and who shall be excused from this additional charge. The state also determines those who only have to pay a smaller portion of the technological fee.

The increased tuition pays for a good portion of the new computers as well as the data they hold. It also covers the assistant librarian's salary, books, and a few

other necessities. The library does hire students to help assist fellow students with "search & retrieval" problems. However, only the students with advanced computer skills will be selected for these positions. They are also paid from the same budget the books and other technical supplies are funded by.

Another reason the administration is saying the library does not have enough books is the teachers really weren't referring students to the library when specific information was needed for assignments. The main problem for students seems to be narrowing the correct information down to what they need for their assignments.

The internet works in the same sense. A student may access 300 articles on one particular topic. How can a student be sure that from the 5 or 6 articles they picked that they received the correct information that went with their assignments?

This is where another problem occurs. Mr. Grossman firmly believes one of the key things needed to bring the library up to code is a larger staff. There are students currently working as assistants as well as the main staff to help students with "search & retrieval" problems that they may run into while searching the internet. Unfortunately there are very few people able to assist with computer problems. Many of the librarians in the library are not

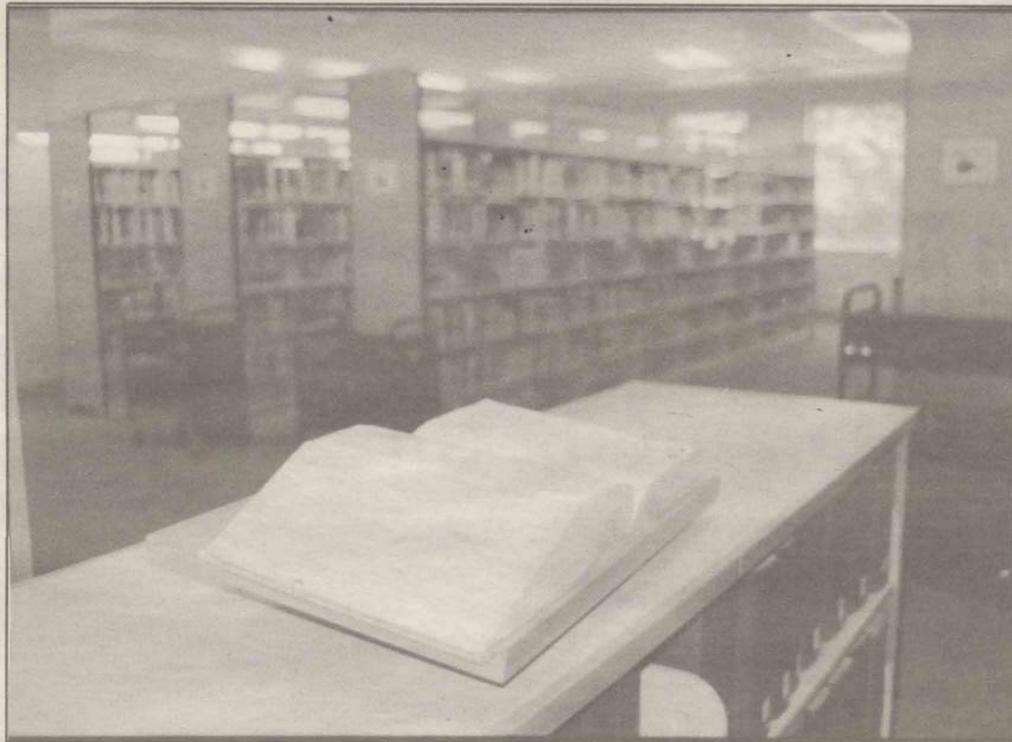


photo by Johan Flink

Holman Library does not contain enough books to meet college standards

trained to assist people with the computers.

In order to repair these problems there is another tuition increase planned for the near future.

According to Mr. James Grossman, "The students needs are not being met, and the budget given to the library is not nearly enough to solve half of these problems."

There is also an inflation rate on the price of new books. Mr. Grossman estimated that the percent of this inflation went up roughly 7% annually. The budget

was not adjusted every year to match this increase for quite some time. There were also dramatic cuts in the budget just in the past six or seven years. In 1992-93, Green River's library funding was at \$16,691.00 and the college spent \$18,938.00. In 1993-94, the budget was cut to \$8,982.00. So one can see where the budget can only do so much.

There is a committee discussing and preparing for this new technology fee. An estimated five members of the student body represent the campus students.

"This committee was seen

as a bad idea by the majority of the staff," said Mr. Grossman. "But I felt that it is the students money, and they should have some say and awareness on how the money is being spent."

The administration is aware of the problem and the new library needs are not being put off or ignored. Although the budget is nowhere near the estimated \$18,892 this year, the administration and the Library Director will do what they can to meet the student's needs.

International Programs sponsors video

By Joao Paulo S. Pires

Tania Fernandez de Castro, the Latin American adviser, wants GRCC to become an International College. She is trying to put together information about GRCC in a video to show other countries who Green River is, what is offered here, and other important information. She hopes that this will cause more international students to come to GRCC for their higher education.

Coming to the United States is good for foreign students because they can receive a better education, a wonderful life experience, and prepare themselves for a better curriculum when they go back to their homes.

Many international students are interested in traveling but they don't know where to go. However, they don't know exactly what place is the best place for them to

attend. So the creation of this video will help advertise to students in Latin America that GRCC is the place for them.

Why does Mrs. Castro focus on Latin America? Because it is her area of interest and speciality. However, this video could be shown around the world also.

Tania wants to start making this informational video in the middle of October and hopes to finish it by December. The video will include information about academic programs, student activities, and other services that GRCC offers to all international and local students. The video will be in English and maybe translated into a variety of other languages through the use of captions. This video will be produced by the GRCC Latin American students.

Depression is a major problem in today's society

By Eve Austin

October 8 is "National Depression Screening Day." It is a nationwide campaign sponsored by the National Institute for Mental Health. The campaign is held to bring public awareness to the problem of depression.

People at the Counseling Services Center will welcome you with information about the truths and falsehoods of depression. There will be a short video shown throughout the day and lectures will be given by Ted Broussard. Mr. Broussard is a counselor at GRCC.

"People tend to blame themselves for the illness, but this is not something to be ashamed of," Ted Broussard added, "This is an illness not a weakness and people cannot just snap out of it."

The staff will furnish screening inquiries that take just moments to fill out. This questionnaire will evaluate your level of depression. You can then meet with a certified clinician

from Valley Cities Counseling Services for a discussion of the findings. Family members and friends are also welcome to this event and best of all it's FREE.

Depression and manic-depression strikes more than 17 million Americans each year according to figures from the National Institute of Mental Health. Fewer than half of them actually seek assistance. Eighty to ninety percent of the people affected could be helped if they would only pursue treatment.

Everyone feels sad or "blue" on occasion. Depression occurs when feelings of extreme sadness or despair lasts for two weeks or longer. Despondent individuals tend to feel helpless and hopeless. Some people may have thoughts of death or suicide.

The good news is that depression can be treated successfully when receiving competent care.

Mr. Broussard is a certified counselor and has his master's degree in counseling. His

counterpart at GRCC is Marie Sundberg, who is also a certified counselor with a master's degree in clinical psychology. Their associate, Julie French, does on campus outreach for the Counseling Services Center. If you're feeling confused, anxious, down, stuck, isolated or are unable to concentrate visit the counselors at the Lindbloom Student Center, LC-231, second floor or call ext. 2460.



Student Government wants you

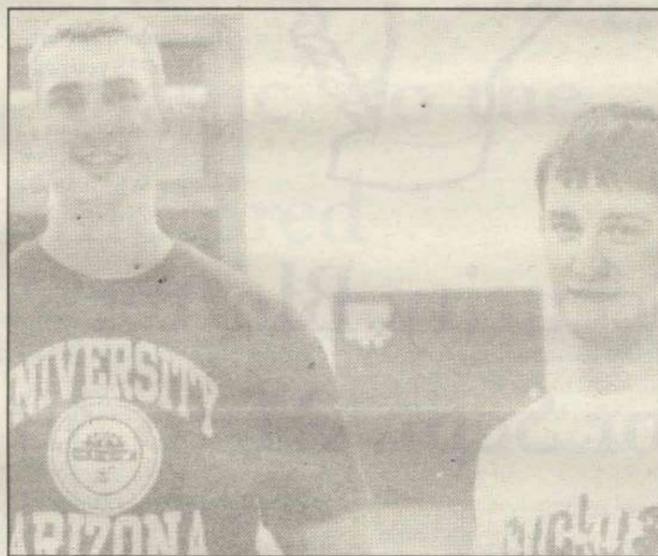
By Akio Segawa

With each new school year comes new students, new faculty, and a new Student Government. Although the later of this list seems to be less appealing to the everyday student, all that is planned to change with this year's student election.

The elections come twice per year during the months of fall and spring quarter. This year the campaigning will begin on October 7. Eleven senators and eight justices will be elected into office, each with his or her own duties and responsibilities. The duties and responsibilities of the Senate is to approve and review general policies concerning the associated students of Green River Community College (ASGRCC); to make recommendations to the student body President and Vice President. The duties of the Judicial Board are to review qualifications of all elected officers of the ASGRCC and to act as a board of appeals for all cases concerning student standards. However, students will not decide who will serve as justices because the (ASGRCC) executive committee will decide the justice positions. Students will however get the chance to vote for two days, October 20 and the 21 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. to decide whom will serve as the senators.

This is where the student voice needs to be heard. "We want to get as many students as we can involved," said student body president Dan Morris.

Compared to last year's info



Student Government officers

photo by Lisa Law

day that played host to 3 students, this year they talked to 20 students.

"One of our other goals is to get as many students as possible to vote", said Morris.

This is because past elections have not been elections at all. With unenthusiastic voters and candidates without competition, the ASGRCC had hit an all time low, a low that the ASGRCC does not wish to repeat.

There are also many benefits to serving a Student Government term. Aaron Atkission, student body vice president says that working as a senator or justice can give experience in many areas, such as their field of employment, working with diverse groups, and in teamwork. The point is to get involved says both Morris as well as Atkission because the ASGRCC is the voice of the students.

For more information on anything seen above, contact Student Government at ext. 2410.

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Student employment gives the change for a specialized job

By May Ling Chan

Seeking for a chance to explore hidden talents? Looking for money to pay tuition for the coming year? Getting experience for a career?

The chance for everyone has arrived. The annual job fair at GRCC will occur on Oct. 29. The job fair will be held in the LSC main dining room from 9 am to 1 pm. The Student Employment Office is going to invite 20-25 different types of employers and representatives for companies to come and participate in talking to students. Students are welcome to get any information they need

for their career or they can talk directly to a possible new employer.

The kinds of jobs at the fair will include retail sales, customer representatives of South Center, Sea-Tac Mall, IKEA, package handlers, UPS, KPS and Fedex. Also, for the upcoming ski season, Snoqualmie Pass at Crystal mountain will provide jobs from lift operators to working in the kitchen to ticket sellers. The chances of getting a job at the job fair are excellent! Having a representative right there to interview and hire students makes the task of finding a job easier.

"The focus for the Job Fair is to provide the opportunity for work while students are on winter break," says Linda Smith, the coordinator of the Student Employment Office.

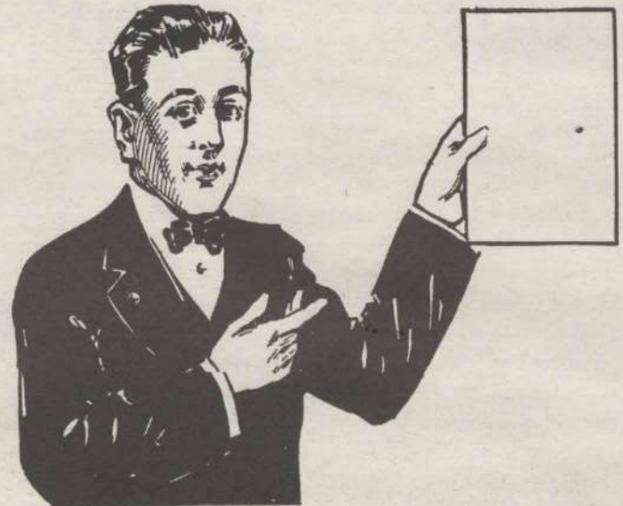
If any students are looking for a part-time or off-campus job over the fall quarter, the Student Employment Office can also help in finding that suitable job for you. Linda said mostly the general requirements for employment are at least 18 years old, holding a clean driving record, are dependable and are willing to be trained.

Anyone with

any questions can find four people willing to help in the Students Employment Office. Also, there are lots of handouts, books, and videos to help students find a good job. There is even a resume station to provide guidelines for writing one, and there is even a station to find jobs on the Internet.

Last year, there were numerous students getting successful jobs from student employment. During the fall quarter of last year, 231 students were hired.

For more details, please contact ext. 2450.



Looking for that special job? Want to get trained in a specified field? Or just can't locate the right job? Stop by Student Employment located near financial aid in the LSC and they are willing to help or answer questions.

To look at the complete list of jobs, look across from the employment office or go inside to get a specialized printout.

Security Blotter for Sept. 21 to 30

September 21, 1998

While an officer was directing traffic in the K lot, they noticed an automobile blocking two student's vehicles. The Security Department was notified of the problem and the search for the owner of the vehicle began. At 10:30 a.m. the towing company was contacted. At 10:50, the tow truck arrived on campus and removed the vehicle. Only 15 minutes later, the owner of the towed vehicle was found and referred to the towing company.

September 22, 1998

A hit and run occurred. One car was parked in a stall and the other was attempting to pull into the stall next to it. Both parties were found and the matter was turned over to the King County Police Dept.

September 22, 1998

An individual entered the AD building to report that her car had been struck by an unknown vehicle. It received a scrape along the passenger door, a flat tire, and

rim damage. The incident occurred somewhere between 9:00a.m. to 1:45p.m. and was referred to the King County Police.

September 30, 1998

A student reported that she had hit another automobile to the security office. She received damage to the left rear panel. The owner of the vehicle that was hit received damage to the right side mirror as well as the gas tank door. The owner of the parked vehicle was notified and called to the scene. The person that reported that she had hit the vehicle needed help moving her car. Both students managed to exchange information without the presence of a King County officer.



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Continuing to educate the community

By Scott Spivey

Green River Community College is always trying to educate



the community. However, there are people who need extra training or just an update on recent developments in technology and skills. An essential skill that is taught is CPR training and it is becoming a must know for most of today's jobs.

Continuing Education (CE) is an actual division of GRCC but it is not separate from the college. However, there is a clear difference on how the program works. CE is not state funded and is supported by the class fees that are charged

through the CE classes. The courses that CE have are both credit and non-credit.

People from around the community can even take flagger training. Once this course is complete, the certification for a flagger is good for three years in Washington, Oregon and Idaho. Opportunities like these make CE a major part of GRCC.

Generally, the CE program help people with personal enrichment like East

Coast Swing. People can even explore new careers and update occupational skills that are essential in today's work fields. CE has a Business Alliance program that offers short term, up-to-date small business management courses, and entrepreneurial training.

CE holds classes in some off-campus locations like Auburn Supermall, the GRCC extension in Enumclaw, and Rainier High School. This year the CE depart-

ment has made a new extension in Maple Valley, located within the Tahoma School District. It is a collaboration between GRCC and the Tahoma Learning Community (TLC). There is a brochure that goes with the TLC, that includes GRCC's extension.

CE program has added a wide selection of courses this quarter, such as Online Courses, Warehouse Training, and has brought back classes that are essential in the work industry.

CE is here to serve the community. The program is a part of a mission statement of every community college. The CE program has a mission of serving not only GRCC's community but the entire community around GRCC as a whole.



Opinion Poll: Limited parking on campus

Info gathered by Kristi Carlson

On my first day of school, I rushed not knowing how much traffic I would have to fight, or what the parking would be like. My first class of the day, our teacher started talking about the change in parking. The parking fee is included in the tuition and the teachers were supposed to pay \$20 for their staff permits. She told us that, "I'm not going to pay when I can park in the student spaces." She also stated that we would suffer from this because of the lack of spaces. I asked a few people what they thought about the parking. Here is what they said:

Kyle E. - "The parking here

really sucks. You end up parking so far away, you're late to class sometimes."

Carrie W. - "It's pretty bad, but after a while it gets better. Some people start dropping classes, so there are more places to park."

Abdul Alsinawi - "The parking is one of the most difficult things here. Actually, in my country the parking is free."

Tyler Ault - "It's kind of lame, you need to get here before all of the early classes or it's all filled up. No one wants to wake up that early."

Leeanne M. - "It totally sucks."



Performer brings "magic" to the impaired

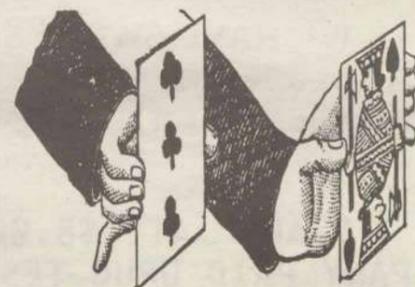
By Heidi Jacobs

Steve Wakefield, a magician, visited one of the occupational education classes to show another side to the importance of self-esteem. The students were first introduced to the subject matter by a short video that interviewed people who taught magic tricks to the handicapped. The video explained that when disabled people learn to do something that others can't, it raises their self-esteem and they have something to share with family and friends. It is rewarding to watch and see a patient's face after they have successfully accomplished a trick. After the video, Mr. Wakefield showed the students some magic tricks that could be taught to the impaired.

Meanwhile, in another room, students were taught different ball games they could play with disabled and autistic children. The purpose of these simple games were to help with dexterity, balance, weight shifting and anticipating the balls arrival.

Other games helped autistic children to accept being touched. Overall, the purpose of these simple games was to teach qualities to disabled children that they'll need to use and encounter in everyday life.

If someone enjoys helping others and feels it is important to see people become independent, this would be a great class for that person to try.



Judy Burgeson, the Dean of Instruction said, "I think it's fun, showing very basic tricks that

we've all seen and then seeing ways they're used in occupational therapy."

While Thearesa Archer, a part time instructor thought, "Interesting way to incorporate therapy to fun activities. There are patients that get bored with repetition. This involves the patients' family and friends."

Student Rich Wilkinson said, "I'm excited to see how different things that you can use work with therapy. This program is great hands-ons to show others how to work with the patients."



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GRCC Welcomes Survivor of the Deadliest Disaster on Mt. Everest

By Sarah Heller

GRCC is pleased to present Dr. Beck Weathers, famed Mt. Everest survivor, Thursday October 8, 1998 at 7:30 p.m. in the Lindbloom Student Center (LSC). Tickets will run \$17.00 reserved and \$14.00 general seating.

A ruthless blizzard swept over Mt. Everest, paralyzing over thirty climbers descending from the mountain's summit. Blinding snow, subzero temperatures and icy winds that could have been compared to hurricane strength left eight of the climbers, including three professional guides, dead. This blizzard would later be known as the one of the deadliest in the history of expeditions on that monstrous mountain.

His story is one of chilling survival and the will to survive. A forty-nine year old amateur climber left for dead only three hundred yards from his camp, Dr. Weathers managed to drag his frostbitten body to safety. His motivation was simply the mental image of his adoring wife and young family receiving the horrifying news of his death.

"I was laying on my back in the ice. It was colder than any thing you can believe," Dr. Beck Weather announces. "I figured I

had three or four hours left to live, so I started walking. All I knew was that as long as my legs would run, and I could stand, I was going to move toward that camp, and if I fell down I was going to get up. And if I fell down again, I was going to get up, and I was either going to keep on moving until I either hit that camp, I couldn't get up at all, or I walked off the face of that mountain."

Being in an unstable state, Weathers could not make it over the Khumbu Icefall, an enormous glacier of mile-deep crevasses and twelve-story-high ice peaks. On the other side was the base camp where Weathers could be rushed to a hospital.

Hearing of her husband's condition, Peach Weathers arranged for a helicopter to rescue him. This type of rescue mission had never been attempted before. Helicopters can lose the ability to lift to heights of 20,000 feet.

Fortunately for Weathers, a hero emerged by the name of Lieutenant Colonel Madan Khatri Chhetri of the Nepalese army. It was the second-highest helicopter rescue in history.

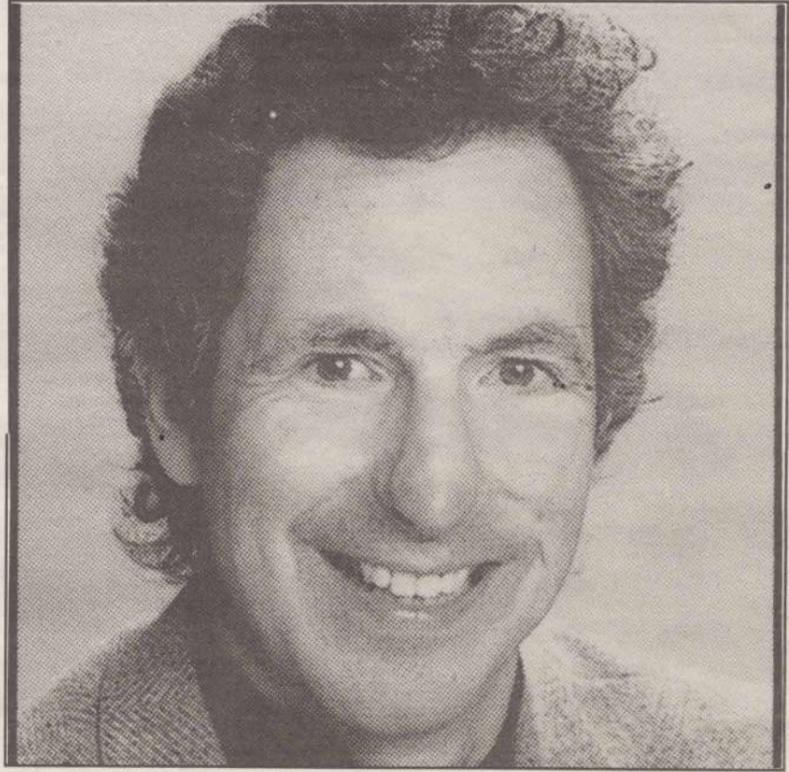
Dr. Weathers, a gifted surgeon, forfeited all of his right hand and a good majority of his left to frostbite.

Born in Georgia in 1946,

Dr. Weathers attended Midwestern University and received his bachelor of science in mathematics and chemistry. He received his Doctorate of medicine from Southwestern University in 1972. Soon after, he joined the staff at Medical City Dallas Hospital and National Laboratories. Now, as co-medical director, he resides in Texas with his wife and their family.

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But please remember that these predictions are meant to be taken as jokes and that they are not meant to ruin or destroy one's day, week, or life. So go ahead and read on. Enjoy!!

Libra
(Sept.23-Oct.22)
Cyclone

With your birthday happening around this time, you'll start feeling the need to be noticed. Fortunately, this is the perfect time for you to get what you want when you want it. So whatever it is you've been wanting to do, whether it's throwing a party, or getting that girl or guy you've had your eye on, go for it Libra!

Scorpio
(Oct.23-Nov.21)
Tidal Wave

Now is the time for beginnings and endings. It could mean many things for you, good or bad. A relationship you've been thinking about lately could end. Or if you're currently single, things might start getting toasty with mister or misses right. Whatever the case, be prepared for changes in your relationships.

Sagittarius
(Nov.22-Dec.21)
Ablaze

This week there could be problems or complications with your current flame. Talk to him or her about what's been bothering you. It's best for your relationship right now to keep an open mind.

Capricorn
(Dec.22-Jan.19)
Sandstorm

Have you had a lot on your mind lately? Well, this is the perfect time to get across any views you've been wanting to express. Higher-ups will appreciate any ideas you may have, and peers will gladly listen to your opinions. This week try to see what you can accomplish.

Aquarius
(Jan.20-Feb.18)
Tornado

Feeling dizzy with the insane amounts of stress you've been under lately? You'll feel like taking a break this week. You deserve this kind of relaxation. A nice, hot bubble bath or an invigorating massage just might do the trick.

Pisces
(Feb.19-March20)
Hailstorm

With the weather getting colder, so will you. Try not to feel

so gloomy if possible. Think positive and do the things you enjoy the most. Don't worry your temporary mood change will be over soon enough.

Aries
(March21-April19)
Inferno

Lately your fiery passion for life shines through even in the toughest of circumstances. This could mean impressing a boss, loved one, or some other VIP. Keep up the good work!

Taurus
(April20-May20)
Volcano

Slow down party animal! Life's not only about fun and games. Most of the time it is, but you need to remember to focus on the more serious aspects of your life also. This week you might end

up getting caught doing what you've been trying so hard to keep on the low-down.

Gemini
(May21-June20)
Whirlwind

Your life will seem to fly by this week. But while in your hectic rush to get things done, don't forget to take a step back and pay attention to those who matter to you the most. They will appreciate it and reward you in the long run.

Cancer
(June21-July22)
Tsunami

This week is the perfect time to go out and buy that new car or outfit you've been wanting. In other words, your finances will be looking up. There's nothing wrong with saving your money

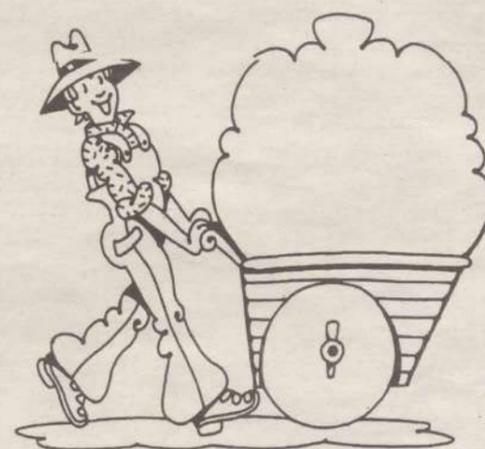
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Leo
(July23-Aug.22)
Wild Fire

Your burning persistence to keep focused on a goal will lead you to the success you've been longing for. Get ready to celebrate your rewarding efforts.

Virgo
(Aug.23-Sept.22)
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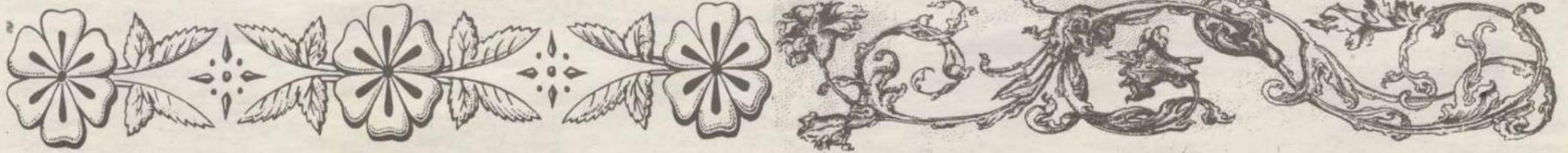
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Hey Meg,
I have been seeing this guy for a long time. We have been getting along just great the entire time we have been together. This last month it has seemed like he is trying to avoid me and has even been ignoring my phone calls. I don't get it at all. We have been seeing each other for a good six months, so what could possibly be wrong now?

I don't want to break up with him but I need to talk to him in order to figure out what is wrong. How can I approach this with him? Please help me out.
Sincerely,
Desperately seeking answers

Dear Desperately,
I know just what you are going through. There are many simple answers to your problem. First of all, do you really think that this guy is worth all your trouble? It is just that there are hundreds of guys in this world and you have already had your fun with this one. Why not move on?

Second seeing as how you want to stay with this guy, you can just call him up. If he ignores your call, then call him again. If that doesn't work, then you probably will see him at school or work, wherever. You need to get enough guts to just walk up to him and say "What is the deal with you?" Of course you probably won't be that rude but you need to get your point across. Just ask him.

Most guys don't know what is wrong until you tell them. So you need to tell him. Make it a point that his behavior toward you has hurt and you want to know the reason for it. Ask him about the most common things for a guy may stray for: "Is there someone else?", "Do I give you enough space?", etc.

Usually a guy will tell you what is wrong or that he doesn't know. If he gives you a lame excuse for your pain then I suggest that you get out of this relationship as soon as possible. You have already been through enough don't let him get you down.

Good luck and let me know how it turns out.

Hey Meg-
This probably seems like a stupid question to ask advice about but I have a dog that is dying. I am the person who has to tell the veterinarian to let her die or to keep her alive. What should I do?

I have had my dog for thirteen years. I love her more than life. I have not been able to make a decision. I don't know what to do, I can't eat or sleep or anything. What can I do to make

this tremendous decision easier?
Signed,
Sad and soon to be petless

Dear Sad,
First of all this is not a stupid question, everyone has had pets that they love and only a few have to make a horrible decision



like yours.
Second, think about your dog like you think about yourself. If you were seriously ill and on a respirator and needed help from others to continue living, would you want to live? Personally, I would put my dog out of his misery. I wouldn't want to live if I couldn't walk around and do normal things.

Thirdly you can make this decision easier by just looking at your pet. If you want to keep your dog alive think of the charges and operations and medication. All of that stuff adds up after a while.

Maybe you should let the dog go. After a while if you feel comfortable enough, maybe you can get a new dog or try some other pet. Even though we don't like decisions like this, they are all a part of life and when there is life, there is death. This is a fact that we all will have to deal with at one point or another, whether it be as serious as a parent or as special as a hamster. Remember this and make a decision based on what you think is best.

Good luck and write me with the results.

Hey Meg!
I am too busy!!! I go to school and work and I have a toddler to take care of also. I just think I am not being a good enough mom by not spending all my time with my daughter.

My schedule goes something like this: I wake up in the morning about sixish and drop my daughter off at daycare around seven thirty. Then I go to school

in the morning, spend lunch with my daughter and then go to work until around nine thirty. Then I go to daycare again, pick my daughter up and go home. There isn't anything left to do with her that late at night so I put her to bed and do my homework if I have any.

I really feel guilty about the time I spend with her. Sometimes she even goes to her daycare sitters more then she will comes to me. What can I do to make time for her and still get all my work done?

Sincerely,
Busy!!!

Dear Busy,
You already know what to do, it is how to do it

that you have the problem with. All I have to say is that I am glad that you are asking for help, that will be the secret to your success. You need to find someone that you trust to help you out with your daughter.

Obviously you are alone on your quest so you will need to make some changes in your life. First of all, you may want to change your school schedule. Take only a couple of classes instead of a full load. Second do you make a lot at your job now? Well if you are only making average wages, you may want to change that too.

Daycare is something that is probably taking a lot of your money so maybe you can open your own daycare at home. That way you will be making money and seeing your daughter. If you think that you won't be able to do that, then try cutting down your hours for a week, not daily. So instead of working five hours a day everyday, work nine hours every other day. That saves you a lot of time to spend with your daughter.

If none of these things seem to help then you might just want to wait it out a little bit. If you can save some money and some time, then you may be able to spend some special time with your daughter on vacation or just take a weekend for mommy/daughter time. Let nothing interrupt you and don't make empty promises to her.

Good luck and tell me how it goes.

Hey Meg:

I am a college student who is having many problems getting a job. I have looked almost everywhere. I am just not getting call backs.

What is wrong with me? Am I writing out applications wrong or something? Please help me, my parents are threatening to kick me out if I don't get a job soon.

Thanks,
Jobless and searching

Dear Jobless,
We have all been where you are now. Are you making sure to write all positive things on those applications? If you aren't, then an employer may think you are negative and won't be good for his team of workers. If you aren't getting call backs from employers, then you need to call them. This will ensure that you will make a good impression on the boss.

Second, when you drop off applications you need to make sure that the person you hand it to is important and that they will give it to the person who does interviews. This can also give you a foot in the door. Third, this is very important, dress nicely, dress up, and dress confident. If you are a girl, wear a little makeup, not a lot but just enough to make you feel and look better. If you are a guy, fix your hair nice and don't wear your favorite old tee shirt. Always remember that you are confident and expect to get the job. Don't put things in your head like "I know I won't get the job." These things can make you feel low and non-perky, like what employers want.

Just keep the faith in yourself and you will get a job. Good luck.

Hey Meg,
I have the biggest problem in the world. I hope that you could help me out. I don't look very pretty. In fact, I think that I'm very ugly. My friends try to tell me that I don't look that bad but I think they lie to me. I once heard them laughing at how ugly I am.

Okay, ugliness isn't my entire problem but it is part of it. I just don't go out on very many dates. Actually the only time that a guy will go out with me is on the internet. I feel comfortable meeting people this way but my friends tell me that its not safe to meet people that way. But I think that it's okay.

Actually, my friends don't agree with what I do with the guys. Women have needs too but they call me a slut and other

things. I really am not. I only had sex a couple times but it's the only way that the men will date me. I like that kind of relationship... I can sleep with them and have no obligations.

But I want my friends to stop making fun of me. To get some respect from them would be the best but they just are plain mean to me. Why can't they understand that this is just the way I like to live life? I have tried everything to stop them from making fun of me but they just keep doing it. So I decided to write to you and try to get help.

Sincerely,
Crazy and friendless

Dear Crazy,
There is only one answer to your problem, these people are not your friends. If they were they wouldn't be treating you this way. Second, it is true, what they are saying about the unsafe part. Meeting people on the internet can be very dangerous. You basically know nothing about the person you are meeting and they could be bad, real bad. People on the internet can lie and be quite cruel to a person in your situation.

You obviously have low self-esteem and your so called "friends" are not helping you out with this problem. About the respect part... you get respect when you give respect. You obviously are not respecting yourself therefore your friends are not going to respect your decisions. Okay now the last part, you think you are ugly. Well with that attitude you are. Many people in this world are not



beautiful. In fact there are about two-hundred models out and around, so think about how many people are not models. Millions and millions. If you think you are so ugly try to improve your attitude first, then work on the outside part. I bet that your friends would think of you differently if you think you are beautiful and aren't constantly searching for compliments. Just try to change yourself slowly and you'll become beautiful in your own way.

Good luck and tell me how it goes.

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Thanks M's, No thanks Bandwagon Fans

By Ben Levenhagen

I am about as big a baseball fan as they come, and I was almost happy to see the Mariners season come to an end. Sure I will miss my favorite team on TV almost every night. I'll miss picking up the newspaper every afternoon and looking at the box score. I'll even miss watching women's lacrosse on ESPN2 just to catch a score on the sports ticker at the



bottom of the screen. Unfortunately, there is some thing that takes away almost all of my pleasure. It's listening to the gripes and moans of the bandwagon Mariner fan.

The definition of a bandwagon Mariner fan is: when the M's are winning they are great enthusiastic fans. But, when the going gets tough for the M's the bandwagon fans stop watching and start complaining. They all got on the bandwagon during the magical 95 season and now get off when ever it's convenient.

First of all, how can you not love to watch this team? Even when they are not winning, they are still the most explosive offensive team in the majors. This year, we had Alex Rodriguez become only the third man in the history of the game to hit 40 homers and steal 40 bases in a season. Also, Ken Griffey led the American League in homeruns and became only the third player in history to hit 50 dingers and steal 20 bases. Yes I would have liked to see the M's in the playoffs this year, but I can't complain. I got to watch probably the two greatest players in the game today.

Bandwagon fans don't ever appreciate what they have. It's the bullpen, the front office making bad trades and why Lou Pinella can't make it all work.

They all say we need to get a good closer. Wake up! We have a good closer. Mike Timlin stepped

up this year, saved 19 games and ended up with a 2.95 era. I hope we get him back next year. That brings me to the next bandwagon gripe, trades. They all said it was a terrible trade when the M's sent Jose Cruz Jr. to the Jays for Timlin and Spoljaric. They helped us win the West last year, Timlin was our bullpen savior this year and oh yea, Cruz spent the majority of the year in the minors. The next trade was Randy Johnson, who was going to be gone after the season was over, for two Astros minor league prospects. Since it was either get nothing for Randy or help the ball club for the future, it was a good trade. Last, but by no means least, was trading Little Joey Cora to Cleveland for David Bell. This was my favorite trade of all time. Now I don't have to listen to all the bandwagon fans go crazy over a leadoff hitter who can't steal bases and pops up all the time. Just because he cried when the Mariners lost in the playoffs in 95 doesn't mean it excuses all of his errors at second base.

Finally, why doesn't Lou Pinella make it all work? Remember he isn't one of the under-achieving arms in the bull pen. How was he supposed to know that all of the talent in the pen was



going to self destruct. I feel bad for Lou. Bandwagon fans seem to quickly forget we have went to the playoffs two of the last four years. Remember before he came to Seattle we were the perennial cellar dwellers of the West.

So I say to all of the bandwagon fans who don't remember the days of Alvin Davis, Spike

Owen and the mighty Jim Presley stop your complaining. I'm sure when the Mariners are in the playoff hunt next year you'll stop the negatives. But if they are losing, become a real fan and get off the bandwagon. If a competitive person like me can do it, I think you can too.

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Men's soccer kicking up the goals

By Jeong Min Son

The GRCC men's soccer team has played well so far. Some key player injuries haven't slowed the Gator's down yet. With 8-2-1 overall record and a 4-2-2 Northern Division record, the Gators are still looking good. They are in the fourth position right now, but have plenty of time before the November playoffs.

Dan Keene, the head soccer coach for the Gators said "after injured players come back, they can catch up in their division."

Only the top two teams from each division go to the playoffs. The Gators have had to do a lot of improvising to replace injured key players Scott Sanders and Adriano Toni.

The Gators hope to duplicate their division championship last year. They took an 11-2-5 record into the playoffs and placed third in the NWAACC championship.

The Gators have recruited



1998 Men's soccer team

some international players from Japan and Brazil this year. Along with returning stars David Vestal, Corey Armstrong and goal keeper Spencer Jewell, they hope to

continue their success from last year.

Last Saturday, the Gators took on Skagit Valley at home. The game wound up knotted at

two. The Skagit Valley team is third in the division right now with a 7-0-2 record. Kevin Atkinson scored both goals for the Gators.

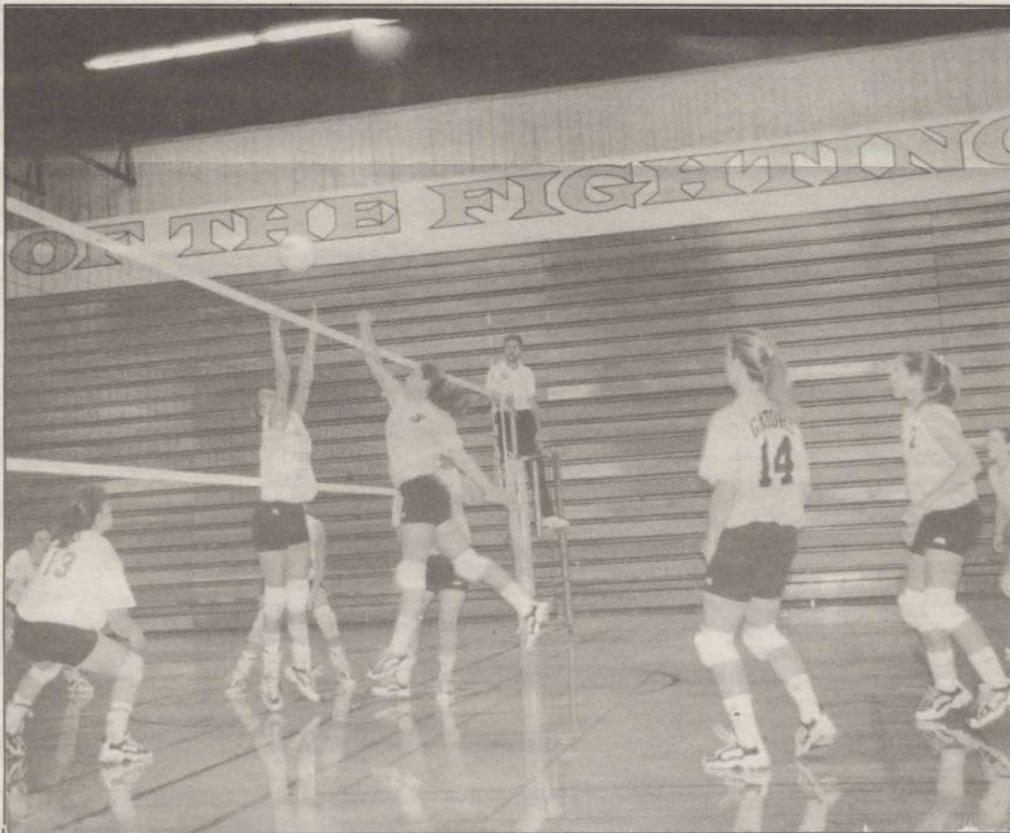
The team has looked solid so far despite the injuries. They will now set their sights on one of the top two spots in their division.

You can go support the Gators, as they play against Pierce College Saturday Oct. 10, at 3pm at Pea Patch field in Kent.

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Volleyball Game Pays Off



Volleyball team slams a winning shot

photo by Johan Flink

By Ben Levenhagen and Mike Mondt

The Gator volleyball team crushed Lower Columbia three games to one last Wednesday at home. They stopped the bleeding on their losing skid and moved to 2-2 in the Western Division.

The Gators team play was too much for the visitors from Lower Columbia. They were hot early and they jumped out to win the first game 15-8. The second game was the same story. The team played as a whole and won game two 15-7.

The Gators stumbled in game three losing 8-15, but regained their composure to take game four 15-6 and take the match three games to one.

Devon Sweeney, who had four aces on the night said, "I think we played well tonight." The backbone of the team play was Kala Lutes who lead the team with 19 assists. Anna Thornton racked up 14 kills to lead the Gators in put aways.

Sweeney later added, "We got our losing streak out of the way and now we're on our way to NWAACC's."

The Gator Volleyball team is going to get on a roll and charge into the playoffs. You can see the Gators in action tonight against Tacoma in the GRCC gym at 7pm.

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