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Earth Day will mark new day in garbage clean up

By Lloyd Brown
Staff Reporter

The ASGRCC Senate and a group of instructors headed by Sociology instructor Bruce Holman are planning a program that would celebrate Earth Day on April 23, one day after the international observance will take place. Also, on the same day a recycling plan is set to be unveiled.

The first Earth Day took place 20 years ago when an estimated 20 million people flocked to teach-ins and rallies that tried to raise our nation's consciousness concerning the environment. Soon after this demonstration, Congress created the Environmental Protection Agency, and passed the Clean Air Act of 1970. This year's Earth Day observance is expected to reach five times more people than the original.

The plan proposed to the ASGRCC Senate by Biology instructor Roland Vieira on Thursday Jan. 11 would place recycling bins on the Green River Community College campus by April 23 to coincide with the international observance of Earth Day on April 22. Vieira's plan called for the contracting of a recycling company that would be responsible for placing four kinds of recycling

bins on various sites on the campus. The bins would recycle glass, newspaper, aluminum, and white business paper. The proposal would reportedly cost \$135 a month at the start.

The \$135 would be a start-up fee charged by a recycling company. The company would charge less as more product is recycled since the program would pay for itself from the profits earned from the recycled products.

Viera also asked the senators to assist him and the other instructors involved in carrying out his plan for Earth Day observance festivities. He wants their help organizing an event that would feature a keynote speaker at noon in the Kennelly Commons, entertainment presented by the Green River Music Company also in the Commons, and various half-hour long workshops offered all day that would address issues concerning the environment.

The fifteen senators in attendance did not choose to act immediately on Viera's proposals but at their following meeting on Wednesday, January 17 the senators decided to join in sponsoring the program.

More information on the recycling plan and the Earth Day Festivities is available from Roland Viera at 833-9111 ext. 247 or Amanda Fox, ASGRCC vice-president at ext. 410.

Tuesday Forum: Providing GRCC with unique topics

By Gordon Wright
News Reporter

Twice a month an interesting, free and stimulating event occurs in the Rainier room of the Lindbloom Student Center. As a chance to pick up information outside the classroom, Tuesday Forum brings alternative learning to students, teachers and the community at large. Many an overburdened person here at school finds contact with the outside world at these events.

A number of topics will be presented this Winter Quarter. On Jan. 30 two speakers will present "A Different War", a look at art depicting the war in Vietnam and at home, with poetry and slides included. The 13 of February has no definite speaker yet, though it will include cultural diversity in honor of Black History Month. Feb. 27 brings an unusual feat to light as GRCC student Erik Severson discusses his hitchhiking

travels through Africa during this past Fall. And finally on March 13, a national motivation speaker named Bob Tacy will discuss such topics as promoting oneself in general and in the workplace.

Emily Nagel coordinates Tuesday Forum from a tight corner in the Student Programs office. This is her second year in Student Programs, and the third quarter with Tuesday Forum. The wall behind her desk sports a dozen or so posters from successful forums this past fall. Nagel says some of the speakers have contacted her, while others she has contacted with determination. Overall Emily "likes to bring in personalities and interests that appeal to everyone."

Tuesday Forum occurs at noon in the Rainier room in the Lindbloom Student Center. Covering a wide variety of topics, the program brings outside stimulation to students, teachers and the community.

Time to hit the slopes, dude...

The nation's 42nd state starts a poor ski season



An avid skier enjoys a quick leap into the air at Whistler, BC.

Photo by Tony Morrison

By Mitch Cook
Production Director

The first ski season of the new decade is finally underway. What could be called "The Winter That Almost Wasn't" has struck a mighty blow to many local ski shops. Eli McBee, who works at Moxies Powder House in Kent, is lucky to have a job. He says that business this year has been "terrible. We have only had maybe a tenth of our usual business. We are having to sell all of our skis at cost. We're just

lucky to be getting by."

The Alpine Hut in Kent, Seattle and Redmond are all having the same problems.

"We are down 20 percent less than previous years. We are having to sell everything real cheap," said Steve Rall of the Kent store.

Skiers in Washington and its surrounding states have felt the effects of the late arrival of the usual plethora of The Evergreen State's annual snow fall. Locally, many skiers are disappointed.

"I'm not too disappointed because it'

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"I'm not too dissapointed because it's saving me money and my skis would probably getruined." says Chris Stanley, a GRCC student.

So far Stanley has had to travel out of state in order to ski. In fact he has had to go out of the country (Whistler, BC.) and "still did not find decent snow."

Those who do approve of this years "drought" have their reasons.

Shannon Kenny, a student, says "I haven't killed my car yet so the season must not be too bad. Ski fanatics will ski anywhere as long as the resort is open."

The western side of the state is not the only portion in pain, the eastern side has its complaints as well.

Erik Aarness of Wenatchee says "I'm [mad] because there is no shuttle bus to and from Mission Ridge and Wenatchee do to little demand."

This last week the snowfall in the Cascades has added a healthy dose of much needed winter medicine. No matter how it looks at least the season is looking better and better every minute.

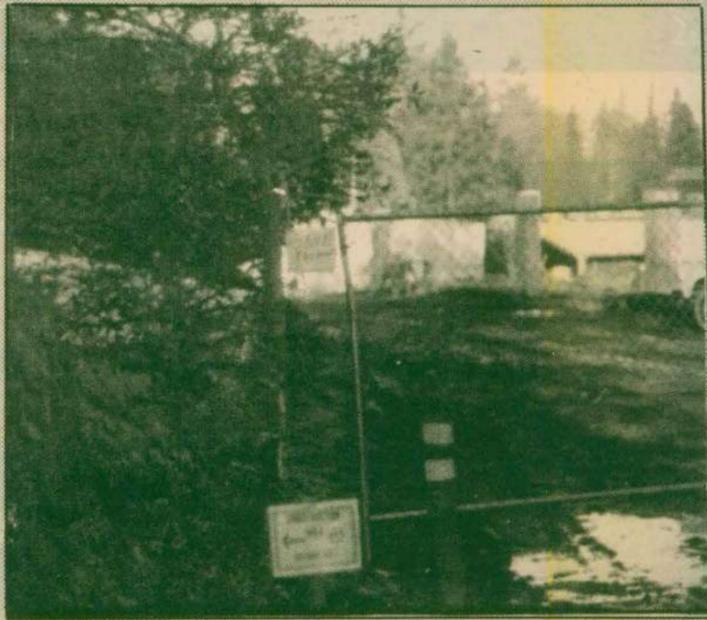
Senate currently very busy with new bills

By Amanda Fox
ASGRCC Vice-President

Senate business has continued to be steady since the end of Fall Quarter. The first bill for the 89-90 academic year came from campus graphics, requesting \$661 toward the purchase of a second Macintosh SE; this bill passed. Bill 89-90-2 was a request for \$2,500 from the Athletic Department to purchase and maintain sports training/first aid supplies. Senate amended the bill, and as a group voted to allocate \$1,500 instead of the whole amount. The third bill came from The Current office, which asked for \$1,961 to purchase another Macintosh computer. Instead of that entire sum, Senate choose to allocate \$1,000 toward the purchase at this time. Currently, Senate is working on Bill 89-90-4, a bill which would start the administrative process necessary to make the

Memorial Garden Walkway outside of SS-8 an official and recognized landmark of GRCC. Upcoming on our agenda for this week are the introduction of two new bills submitted from KGRG. These will be voted on during the February 1 Senate meeting.

Senate's most pressing need, at this time, is to fill a vacated Senator-At-Large seat. Applications are now available in Student Programs and must be returned to me no later than 12 noon on Wednesday, January 31. This position can be filled by either a freshman or a sophomore who is taking at least 3 credits during Winter and Spring Quarters of this year. Those who apply will need to be present at the February 1 Senate meeting (12:10, LSC Rainier Room) and be prepared to make a brief statement concerning the reasons for their application. If interested, see me as soon as possible.



One of the many trees that survived the sacrifice of construction
Photo by Andrew Miller

Trindl takes stand and saves plant life around GRCC campus

By Gordon Wright
News Reporter

A good deal of anger has been circulating over the expansion of the Lindbloom Student Center. Since November the construction has proven ugly, noisy and an inconvenience to most. Well, there is good news regarding the expansion project; We are witnessing a successful and conscientious compensation between actual building plans and the natural land used.

Some time back the school ratified expansion of the Lindbloom Student Center and hired an architect to draw the plans. Besides adding on to the building and landscape changes, a 20 foot fire lane became necessary to meet fire codes. As such, the final blueprint called for an additional 5 feet of pavement on each side of the present blacktop trail which surrounds the building.

Enter Tom Trindl, head gardner at Green River and creator of the Nature Trail. When asked his opinion of the plans, he pointed out a number of healthy trees and shrubs located on the proposed fire lane. "Green River is a state school, so I treat it like a state park." Trindl in

turn measured the proposed site, discovering that shifting the lane to one side in some places and creating slight turns within would save a number of hearty plants and trees as well as bypass main pipes. This information enabled the architect to draw the blueprint again, taking into account the natural lay of the land.

Next Trindl and his associate John Johnson excavated many trees and shrubs from within the proposed building area. Trindl points out that "they lost very little of the small shrubs." Some of these same plants have been transplanted in other areas on the campus. Others have been hauled in for temporary storage and will more than likely return as landscaping around the finished Lindbloom Student Center. As for the fallen trees, most were considered expendable in practical terms. Overall, much less destruction has occurred than looks would suggest.

Green River is a native orientated campus with a philosophy to save as much as possible. Trindl states, "I'm an environmentalist at heart, but my primary concern is for the safety of people on campus." This requires occasional trimming or removal of hazardous tree limbs and tops. Otherwise a great majority of the campus is left alone to continue as a natural forest area.

CORRECTION:

In the January 12 issue of *The Current* an incorrect monetary figure was given in the construction story. It should have read: "The cost for this project is expected to be around \$1.8 million, the money coming mostly from student funds. . ."

We regret any problem it may have occurred. Readers are encouraged to point out any mistakes by stopping by *The Current* office in SC-3 or phoning 833-9111, ext. 267.

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BACKACHE	49%	63%
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STOMACH PAINS	31%	62%
DENTAL PAINS	14%	36%
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GRCC parking and security contract up for grabs

By Lloyd Brown
Staff Reporter

Green River Community College Parking and Security Advising Committee will be meeting every Tuesday at noon in the Olympus Room to review the College's parking contract with Omega Security Services, says Lou Mabry, committee Co-Chairman. The contract with Omega is set for renewal in May. The current contract runs out June 30. The meetings are open to all and attendance is encouraged.

The committee is made up of students, including Amanda Fox, ASGRCC Vice-President, and it only has advisory powers.

The parking and security contract the college signs with Omega is good for one year. The security contract is not like usual government contracts that must come up for bid each year.

The college can hire whoever it wants for the security job. Omega has had the Green River contract for 18 years.

Maybry says the committee wants to clear up some questions they have concerning the parking contract. Some questions include the number of security officers that Omega must employ, and where the money students and staff pay for parking permits goes. The committee is also expected to suggest to the College that it purchase more lights for the campus to ensure the safety of night students and it pressure Omega to hire more security to work nights on campus. Maybry says that one security guard on a campus this size at night is not enough.

Nick Smith, the owner of Omega Security Services and the contracted supervisor for parking, traffic, and security, says the recent interest in the security contract is not unusual. Smith claims he

gets tired of the constant complaints about the security on the campus. Smith says that at first people said that they wanted more security, then the college bought a security car and they complained about the car.

In the last year the College has spent \$65,000 on the building of the new gravel parking lot K. Smith has also added an extra full-time employee to patrol the parking lot, bringing the number of full-time security personnel to four. The rest of the staff working for him are work study students from the college.

Rick Brumfield, the Vice-President of Business Affairs says that the income that is recieved from the sale of parking permits goes toward the maintenance of existing lots, paying the interest on the loan taken to build parking lot I, and to pay for the Omega services. The money

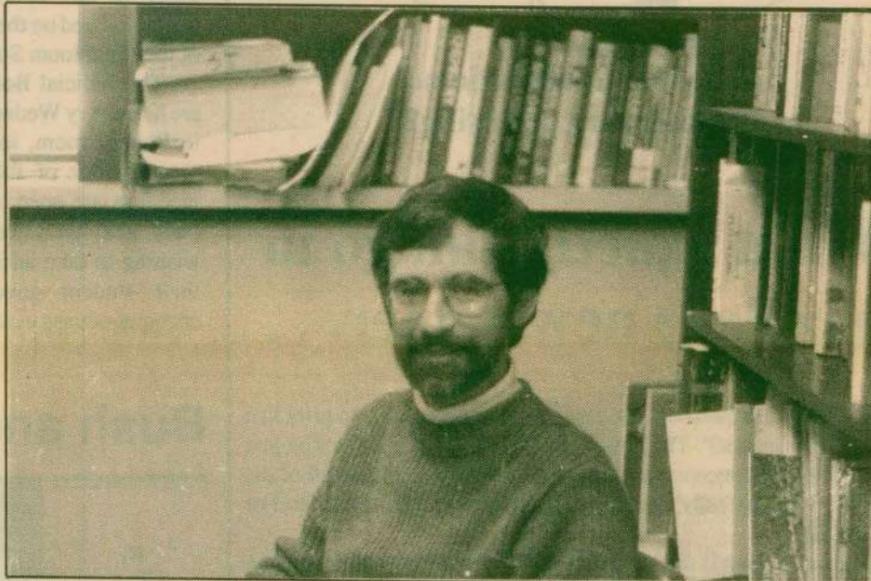
raised from parking violations also goes toward these same area. Brumfield also says the security car and truck are owned by the college.

Parking is also going to be one of the bargaining chips that the instructors and classified staff will use in their upcoming contract negotiations. Both groups no longer want to pay the parking permit prices since they are employed by the college. The aforementioned already receive a \$1 discount on the permits they purchase that enable them to park in designated reserve parking areas.

When asked where the revenue would come from if the staff won it's demands, Smith said the costs would need to be payed somehow. He also mentioned that at other schools where this has happened the cost is usually picked up by the students in tuition.

Green River Foundation to accept bids for Sunbird

Bids are being accepted for a 1977 Pontiac Sunbird Coupe. Proceeds to benefit the Green River Foundation. Minimum acceptable bids must be at least \$1000. Bids should be submitted, in a sealed envelope marked Foundation Automobile Bid, to the Purchasing Department no later than January 31, 1990. If you have questions regarding this bid please contact Mike Borgen at extension 285.



GRCC Chemistry teacher is now a published author with a new textbook

Photo by John Kephart

GRCC Chemistry teacher Randy Engle co-writes new textbook

By Dan Carollo
Staff Reporter

Whenever there is a rare game of textbook trivia, students may often wonder, "Who wrote this textbook?"

It is not uncommon to find many textbooks written by a lofty elite of professors residing behind the ivy-choked walls of universities such as Harvard, Princeton, or Oxford.

This year at Green River Community College, the esteemed recognition is given to Randy Engle, teacher of Chemistry 236, who has co-authored a book entitled, Introduction to Organic Laboratory Techniques: A microscale approach. The other co-authors include three faculty members of Western Washington University, Donald C. Pavia, Gary M. Lampan and George S. Kriz.

This brand-new 879-page book on the microscale approach is currently available in the Paper Tree Bookstore at G.R.C.C. and other community colleges and four year universities around the nation, such as Yale, Wisconsin and Arizona.

Engel, who has been teaching on the campus for five years, has humbly attributed much of the success of this book to a very supportive administration and students of organic chemistry whose work over the last two years have made an invaluable contribution to the experiments used in this edition. In fact, according to Engel, all the experiments used in this nation-wide distributed textbook were tested at Green River Community College by both faculty and students. "G.R.C.C. lab students may even be the first to test

experiments used in future textbooks," says Engel.

The microscale approach is a new laboratory technique developed recently over the last five years which uses proportionately smaller samples of testable materials in experiments. This method results in less waste which, as Engel says, is a significant step in a society with an increasing need for more efficient waste management.

Engel contends that this book contains more interesting and relevant laboratory experiments than the 1986 publication of microscale organic lab techniques.

Some of the experiments diagramed include producing salicylic Acid, and γ l Acetate, better known in layman terms as aspirin and banana oil.

Most of the students that are currently enrolled in organic chemistry are going into veterinarian, biology, pre-med and pre-dental fields of study.

"GRCC lab students may even be the first to test experiments used in future textbooks" — Randy Engle

Students in this class also enjoy the freedom of avant garde experimentation, setting the foundation for new discoveries in organic chemistry.

Since the microscale approach is a rapidly accelerating technique in the general field of biochemistry, this textbook is expected to be a best seller in university bookstores across the nation.



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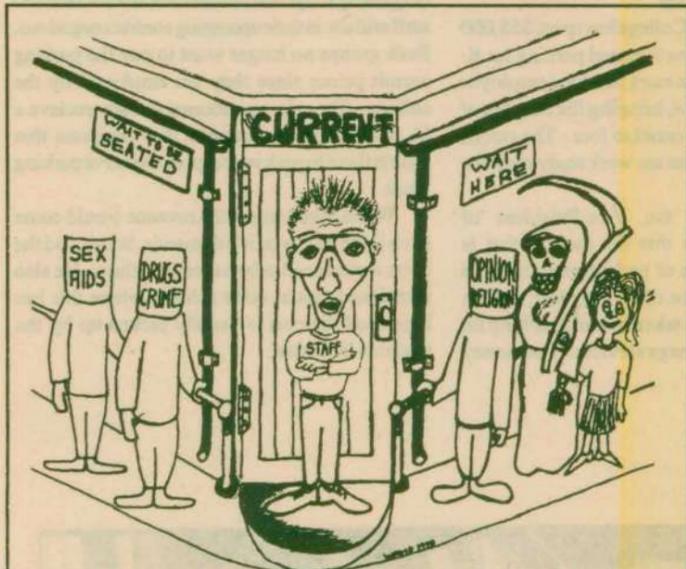
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"And what Constitutional Amendment are you using?"

What exactly can go in a college newspaper...

Recently the question came up, "What is acceptable to print in a college newspaper?" The answer to that question must not be just what is or is not acceptable to one group of people, but to all of the readers. What offends or delights some people may not offend or delight all.

A case in point is the inclusion of the "From The Word" column which began this quarter in *The Current*. Although some find this feature narrow-mindedly biased toward Christianity, it is the opinion of its writer, not the staff, not the advisor, not the school.

Some might claim that the column, which is clearly marked as an editorial, is a violation of the separation of church and state law. Neither *The Current* nor the school are attempting to establish a dominate religion, but are merely trying to cater to those with an interest in religion, much the same way the sports page caters to those who are interested in sports. However, if religion is not a readers cup of tea, they can simply choose not to read it. We are all adults here at GRCC, so it is possible that many readers will be unduly influenced by one column. At the same time we resist any affects of censorship by those who do not agree with what is written.

Another consideration when deciding whether or not to put something into the the paper is libel. Is the article slanderous? Would it harm the reputation of the person or group written about? Or is it truthful and accurate? These are questions we ask ourselves all of the time. We also must decide if there is enough space for any given article. How relvalent it is on the Green River campus, if it is in by the issues deadline, and whether it steps over the boundries of good taste.

In producing *The Current*, we attempt to bring the reader a mix of news, editorial and opinion, entertainment, sports, and other features that will be of interest to Gren River students in general, even though we sometimes print articles that are not of significance to everyone such as "Wall" coverage or some of the Entertainment section or the center spread on the 22th anniversary of the Tet offensive this issue. However, we do encourage you, the reader, to write-in or stop by with your comments and/or suggestions to improve the paper. Otherwise, we will never know what kind of a job we are doing. After all, *The Current* is the Green River students' newspaper.

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From the justices desk:

Judicial Board looking for members to fill positions

By Cori Smith
Judicial Board Chief Justice

GRCC's student Judicial Board currently has three positions open and ready to be filled. To meet the requirements of being in a justice position one must be a registered student, attend a training seminar after appointment, be able to attend regular meetings every Wednesday at noon. All new appointees must go through a meeting with the ASGRCC President, Amy Stroud. Currently there are two open positions for sophomore associate-justices and one open position for a freshman associate justice. Interested individuals need to complete an application by 5 p.m. today in the student programs office, located on the second floor of the Lindbloom Student Center.

The Judicial Board meetings are held every Wednesday at noon in Rainier room, located on the second floor of the LSC. All meetings are open to the student body and interested individuals wishing to take an active role in their student government are encouraged to sit in and participate.

The Board has many responsibilities including interpreting and enforcing the ASGRCC Constitution and By-Laws. Appeals and requests from GRCC students such as complaints, parking tickets, impeachments, etc. may be brought to the board. The Judicial Board may act as a board of appeals on any question of constitutionality. Other duties include reviewing the constitution of all campus clubs petitioning for ASGRCC recognition and preventing possible violations of GRCC law and/or policy.

The Board has been busy this year bringing clubs through the process of obtaining their valid constitution so that they may receive funds from the student senate. Clubs such as Delta Nu Alpha Transportation Fraternity, Inc., Plateau Potters, Aviation Club, and Sky Diving Club have all worked with Judicial Board to gain their eligibility for such funds.

The Judicial Board takes a active role in the election process as well. They must organize, operate, and supervise the election process in its entirety along with

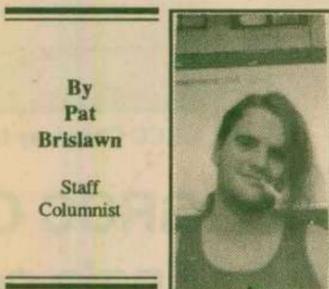
reviewing the qualifications of all ASGRCC government positions as outlined in the ASGRCC Constitution and By-Laws

Be on the look-out for Judicial Board members to be asking questions regarding your concerns as a Green River student. Members of Judicial Board will be taking a survey around the LSC in the next few weeks to find out your input.

Currently there are two open positions for sophomore associate-justices and one position for freshman associate justice.

Judicial Board is currently working on several student services including a thrift shop fashion show which will occur in the main dining area of the LSC during the noon hour on Tuesday, March 6. Lastly, the student senate will be joining Judicial Board on a trip to the capital in Olympia on March 1 to observe Washington state's judicial system up close and personal.

Bush and Noriega buddies? Not anymore



By
Pat
Brislawn
Staff
Columnist

Is George Bush trying to kid us, or what? On December 20, 1989 approximately 30,000 U.S. Troops went for a little plane ride and landed in the most "Heewack", out-freakin-ragious party since the invasion (sorry, liberation) of Grenada. Georgie has been aching to do a little righteous ass-kicking since he got in office and apparently it was slow going to get a body count in the drug war with the *Status Quo*.

The shooting of an American marine colonel on Dec. 16 provided an acceptable and tangible event to justify a military action.

Operation *Just Cause* didn't take long to follow. Operation *Just Cause*? Does it sound just a little bit like someone wanted to wallow in their self-rightousness. I think George Bush needs a class in subtlety. Maybe it should have been called Operation *Rightous Soldiers Go To Arrest The Evil Man Who Provides Some Of Our More Stupid Citizens With The Opportunity To Die Early By Using Overpriced Rat Poison*.

I see no need to follow

international conventions or due legal process in this situation because Noriega is a bad, bad man (I know, *George Bush told me so*.)

Many things are disturbing about the Panamanian scenario and it will be an interesting test of the Bush administration to see if public (even international) opinion will continue to be largely positive. Already, a top Soviet official, Gennady Gerasimov, has publicly rebuked the United States for conducting a military operation in what he calls "A violation of international conventions".

Why are we trying Mr. Noriega in U.S. Courts? Has anything Mr. Noriega has (allegedly) done actually been done in the jurisdiction of our legal system? Is Mr. Noriega entitled to immunity from prosecution as head of state? Isevidence gathered by clandestine operations admissible in court? Is the (U.S.) government guilty of entrapment? Is entrapment O.K. as long as he is set-up by the C.I.A. and busted by the D.E.A.? Are paper shredders at Langley working double-time in anticipation of subpoena's by Mr. Noriega's attorneys for classified C.I.A. documents? Will Jackie Mason play Noriega in the made-for-T.V. movie? Many of these questions will soon be answered but (I suspect) others will be replayed in the year 2003 on *Unsolved Mysteries*.

I wish Federal prosecutors luck in finding an impartial jury and judge immune to political pressures

(Let's see, George Bush doesn't like Noriega, does he? George Bush gets to nominate the next supreme court justice if an opening occurs doesn't he? Does this sound like a conflict of interest? Hmm).

I have no respect for Manuel Noriega. Malevolent dictators should always be taken down and be forced to stand accountable for their own acts like any other man. In front of their peers. I have little cause to respect George Bush. His manner and actions show an inbred condescension for the Panamanian (and American) people. As Vice-president George Bush no doubt was involved in many activities with Manuel Noriega. Apparently Noriega has worn out his usefulness.

I have an incredible amount of respect for the 30,000 U.S. servicemen who executed a delicate operation with the utmost efficiency and professionalism (and blasting the Papal nunciature with 120 decibals of heavy metal was a nice touch too). I have grown to respect the U.S. Constitution and the principles of justice which it guarantees. If cherished principles of U.S. history are ignored in this current course of events the government, D.E.A., and court system will have committed a far worse atrocity than those of which Noriega stands accused.

No one respects a man who stabs his friends in the back and George Bush was Manuel Noriega's "friend."

Letters to the Editor...

A unique and humane approach to the controversial abortion issue

Dear Editor,

Where is everyone? I keep calling and no one answers the phone. I come to church to ask for help, and no one listens. In reading my Christian publications I discover that believers have taken up the cause either for or against abortion and are found at clinic sites protesting. Believers put much time and energy into creating posters, slogans and letters in regard to the abortion issue.

I am left alone with the unaborteds children. My arms are full. My desk is covered with referrals. My foster homes are full to capacity. Each day our agency turns away more and more children because those with a similar commitment are spending their time at the abortion sites instead of at home with the unaborteds child. The babies are forgotten (thrown out) with the hysteria/debate related to abortion (the bath water).

My desk contains referrals of the children who survived the effects of drug and alcohol abuse during their time as a fetus. Children who have been abused and neglected prior to their birth. Children born premature and with medical technology keeping them alive long enough to leave the hospital only to die months later.

Since I can't reach anyone by phone or at worship, perhaps I should gather together

these little children and bring them to the Christians at the demonstration sites. Perhaps if they saw the children for whom they were so adamantly protesting they might put down their signs and pick up a child. This would become the true test of their protesting; to reach out and care for these unaborteds children. Instead of carrying a sign, who will carry a blind and deaf with only a brain stem, a screaming and seizing baby affected by drug withdrawal, a baby being fed through tubes, an AIDS baby with constant diarrhea and losing developmental milestones rapidly while approaching a premature death, a baby with an underdeveloped digestive system who continually vomits her formula, a baby with severe brain damage because of abuse by his mother, who had wanted to abort the child before birth but didn't have the money for the procedure.

We have turned our swords into plowshares and our spears into pruning hooks. Can we not turn our signs into homes for these unaborteds children? Who will put down their sign and pick up a child.

Cynthia Weaver, foster care supervisor and agency chaplain of Bethana, 1030 Second St, Pike, Southampton, PA 18966

Religion has no place in college newspaper

Dear Editor,

We are writing this to protest the inclusion in your paper of the weekly column that plans to offer us "a biblical challenge" and "evangelical commentary" from the "supreme authority of Biblical Scriptures." Did we miss something? Has GRCC suddenly become affiliated with Oral Roberts' University? This column is an affront to all the diverse ethnic and religious groups on campus, not to mention those of us who are tired of having fundamentalist Christian ideas parading around claiming to be a viable alternative to scientific inquiry and humanistic studies.

Mr. Carollo plans to give us "The Word" on new age practices, the occult, other religions, science, humanistic philosophy and other "pagan" ideas, as filtered through his fundamentalist bible thumping rhetoric. Why not have a fundamentalist Muslim column on the Koran, explaining how infidel Christians are ruining the country? Or we could have a Jewish commentary on how Christians have perverted the message of the Bible.

It is absolutely ridiculous to give preference to Judeo-Christian mythology when all the world's other religions and myths give just as interesting and often, in our opinion, more profound insight into the human problem. Are we now approaching scholarship by majority rule? Lots of Christians out there—so it must be right. Open your eyes. It's a big world out there past the Kent Valley and its a disgrace to

our school that this is what is passing for college journalism. If we want to hear this kind of "deep thinking," we can turn on a T.V. or radio and there is sure to be an evangelist out there somewhere ready to enlighten us with "the Word of God."

Anyone who has ever studied comparative mythology is always struck by the incredible congruence of various myths from around the world. Virgin miracle births are reported in numerous religions, (the Buddha was born after his mother had a dream of a white elephant inseminating her), or claims to divinity, (Krishna states he is the Supreme Personality of God), or belief in being the chosen people or "the elect," (many Native American tribes merely refer to themselves as "The People.") So, if you don't mind we'll choose which "Word of God" we want to be enlightened with and we don't appreciate having our school newspaper being used for religious proselytizing.

Of course, volumes have been written on the religions and myths we have just briefly touched on here and that is why there are comparative religion courses at most colleges. These courses broaden one's understanding of the underlying fundamentals of various religions. As we see it, this is the proper function of a college, expanding students minds, not constricting them with fundamentalist biblical rants and raves.

Sincerely,
Steven and Coral Scherma
Students, GRCC

The Dialectics of Green River Community College

The dialectical world view can be traced back to classical Greek philosophers/historians such as Democritus, Heraclitus and Herodotus, and to Asia with classical philosophers such as Lao-tzu and Sun Tzu. Basically, this world view can be summarized in three laws which can be illustrated with concrete examples from Green River Community College with which many students are already familiar.

1) THE LAW OF THE UNITY AND STRUGGLE OF OPPOSITES. This law says that within any given thing there are mutually contradictory and mutually defining forces which are in continual struggle and cause the development of that thing. For example, at Green River I have seen highly qualified, competent, and caring teachers such as my colleague and friend Dr. Nigel Adams slandered and villified because they by their performance, define and illustrate (as hot defines and illustrates cold) individuals who are unqualified, uncaring and incompetent and therefore not fit to be called teachers. I have seen students who are highly motivated and disciplined and who define and illustrate those who are not. And I have seen administrators who rose on the basis of competence and merit who define and illustrate those mediocre administrators and individuals who have obviously advanced through bootlicking, incestuous networks and backroom machinations. Continual struggles and shifting balances between competent and incompetent teachers, students and administrators are shaping and will determine the course and rate of growth of Green River Community College. First-rate people hire first-rate people; second-rate people hire third and fourth-rate people so that they will look good. Mediocrity spreads like a cancer claiming many innocent victims.

2) THE LAW OF THE NEGATION OF THE NEGATION. This law says that what was once progressive, will turn into its opposite and become regressive or backward. Historically feudalism negated and was progressive relative to slavery; feudalism was negated by became regressive relative to capitalism. Another example is the tenure system. The tenure system was originally intended to protect competence by protecting freedom of speech and highly controversial yet highly competent teachers from discriminatory practices and illegal discharge from employment. This system once intended to protect competence is now being used in many community colleges and universities including GRCC to protect incompetence. Mediocre individuals who are skilled at networking, bootlicking and operating with multiple faces and personalities are able to slip through the pre-tenure screening system and after receiving tenure, passed through by individuals who are looking more for "team players" than competent teachers and feel no threat to their turfs and nests, go on to operate with virtual immunity. They can design and carry out "touchy-feely" courses that someone in a coma could teach, carry on outside projects that they work their teaching responsibilities around, continually run videos rather than teach and challenge themselves as well as students, and settle in and wait for the big payoff—a nice fat pension.

3) THE LAW OF TRANSFORMATION OF QUANTITY INTO QUALITY. This law says that in the evolutionary process of gradual quantitative changes (changes in degree), internal contradictions intensify to the point that changes in degree produce changes in kind or qualitative changes. One or two incompetent administrators, students or teachers at GRCC would not in and of

themselves cause GRCC to change from being a good institution of learning with some mediocre individuals to a mediocre institution with some competent individuals. The problem is that incompetence and mediocrity spread like a cancer. If an administrator is hired or a tenure committee knowingly passes through an instructor on the basis of demonstrated competence and excellence, what kind of people will that mediocre individual one hired, go on to hire? Mediocre people are generally bigoted, insecure, vindictive and frightened people. They don't want competence and excellence around them because competence and excellence define and illustrate incompetence and mediocrity as hot defines and illustrates cold. So second-rate hires third-rate; third-rate hires fourth-rate and so on until changes in quantity produce a change in quality.

Students and staff look around you and you will find ample examples of the laws and truths of dialectics. I know that in two years at Green River Community College I have seen and continue to see, the laws and truths of the dialectical world view unfold. In the Tao te Ching, Lao Tzu summed it all up succinctly:

"When the people of the world all know beauty as beauty,

There arises the recognition of ugliness

When they all know the good as good

There arises the recognition of evil"

Venceremos,
James M. Craven
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"The average age of the combat soldier in World War II was 26, in Vietnam he was 19." - Paul Hardcastle

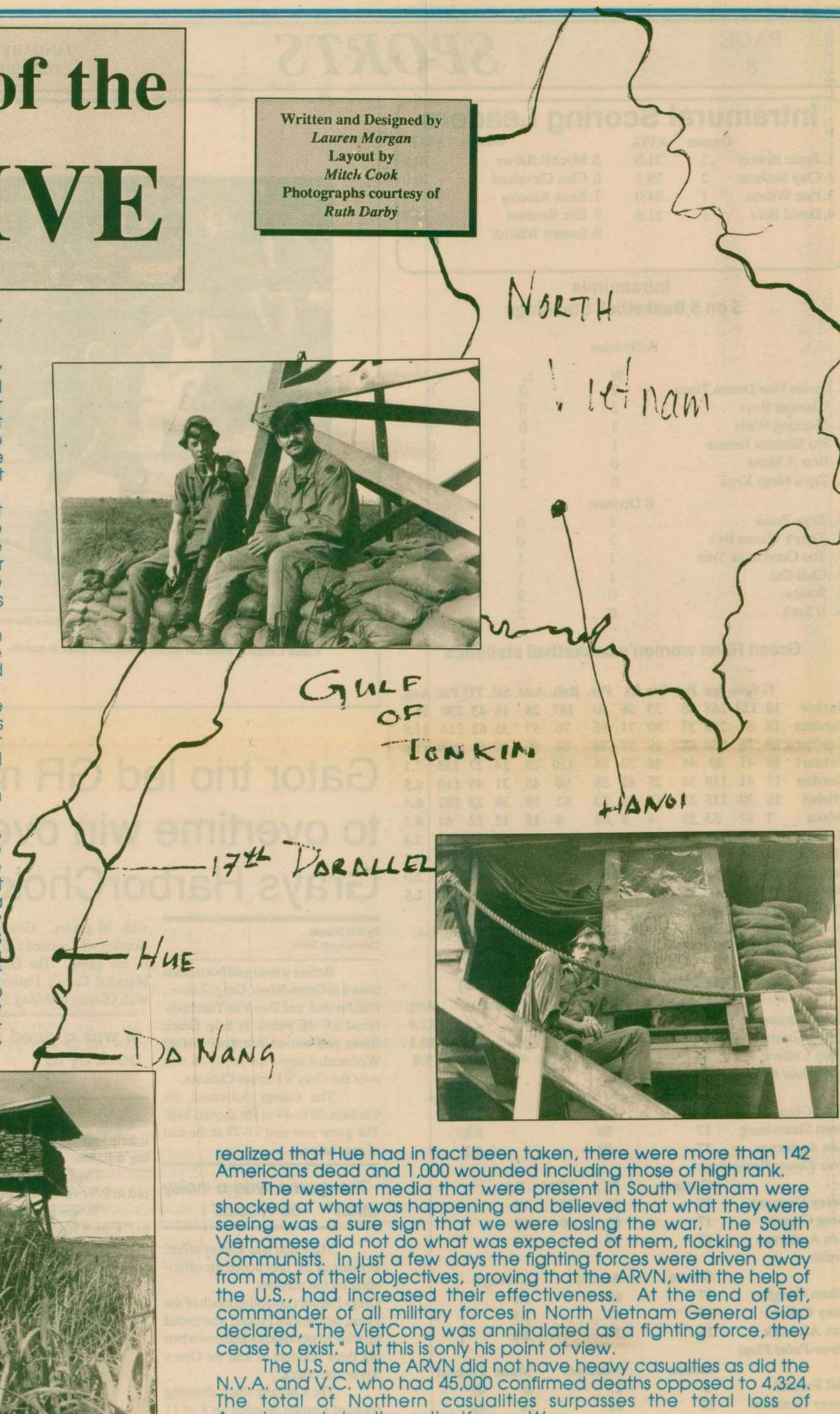
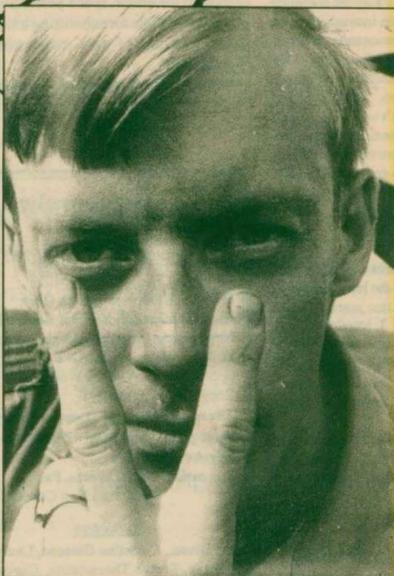
Twenty-two years ago, on January 31, The North Vietnam Army (N.V.A.) and the VietCong (V.C.) attacked major urban centers and military installations in South Vietnam during a scheduled truce for the Lunar New Year, Tet. Although both sides agreed to a truce it was understood that there would be no further damage done to the country or its people. They would, however, continue interrogating and torturing prisoners caught before the truces start January 27.

Tet is a sacred holiday observed by the Vietnamese people. It is a big celebration that involves virtually everyone. It has the fireworks and street festivals of Western type holidays, but to the Vietnamese it is also a time to worship at the family altar for deceased relatives. For days at a time families move through the lush countryside, visiting their ancestral homes. During Tet all business in the country stops, supposedly even war.

In January of 1968 the N.V.A. and the V.C. declared that in North Vietnam the Tet festivities would begin three days early so the Armies of North Vietnam could celebrate before they attacked South Vietnam in the early hours of the true Tet.

Communication during this period was not clear and the Communists started assaulting 8 cities in the Central Highlands including a U.S. supply base, DaNang. A valuable warning was sent to the Americans and the South Vietnamese Army (ARVN). General Westmoreland's chief of intelligence, Major General Phillip B. Davidson had amazing insight when he said "this is going to happen to the rest of the country tonight or tomorrow morning."

On January 31, in Hue, the Imperial City where the Emperor lives, the VietCong took over the city, while other forces blew all the surrounding areas away, so those who were in the city at the time were trapped. One enlisted man stated, "I wasn't really sure what was going on." In 1968 Hue was used as a relaxation place. It was a beautiful city, with wide boulevards and barely used for any military operations. The few soldiers in Hue were there for a few days vacation. Everyone there was caught by surprise so the VietCong had no trouble taking the city. The U.S. high command did not believe that Hue had been taken, but did send in the Marines who suffered very heavy casualties. They were not allowed to use any heavy artillery because they were in the Imperial City and did not want to destroy any of its beauty. When the command finally



realized that Hue had in fact been taken, there were more than 142 Americans dead and 1,000 wounded including those of high rank.

The western media that were present in South Vietnam were shocked at what was happening and believed that what they were seeing was a sure sign that we were losing the war. The South Vietnamese did not do what was expected of them, flocking to the Communists. In just a few days the fighting forces were driven away from most of their objectives, proving that the ARVN, with the help of the U.S., had increased their effectiveness. At the end of Tet, commander of all military forces in North Vietnam General Giap declared, "The VietCong was annihilated as a fighting force, they cease to exist." But this is only his point of view.

The U.S. and the ARVN did not have heavy casualties as did the N.V.A. and V.C. who had 45,000 confirmed deaths opposed to 4,324. The total of Northern casualties surpasses the total loss of Americans during the entire Korean War.

Intramural Scoring Leaders

	Games	AVG.		Games	AVG.
1. Justin Bolton	2	31.0	5. Mychal Brown	2	20.5
2. Clay Bashum	2	29.5	6. Glen Cleveland	2	20.0
3. Pete Wilson	1	24.0	7. Keith Rascow	1	17.0
4. David Behr	1	21.0	8. Eric Knutson	1	16.0
			9. Everett Whitish	2	14.5

Intramurals 5 on 5 Basketball Standings

A-Division			
	W	L	F
1. Davies Pine Dream Team	2	0	0
2. Glamour Boys	2	0	0
3. Shooting Wads	1	0	1
4. Phi Slammas Jamma	1	1	0
5. Bust A Move	0	2	0
6. Tap a Mega Kega	0	2	0
B Division			
	W	L	F
1. Slow Break	2	0	0
2. Tony's Wanna Be's	2	0	0
3. Too Good to be True	1	1	0
4. Chill Out	1	1	0
5. Sonics	0	2	0
6. U Suck	0	2	0

Green River women's basketball statistics

	G	fgm	fga	Pct.	ftm	fta	Pct.	Reb.	Asst.	Stl.	TO	Pts.	Avg.
Barlow	18	128	268	48	33	56	59	167	28	16	43	290	16.1
Sanders	18	87	236	37	39	71	55	76	57	35	62	214	11.8
Eastburn	18	76	158	48	19	27	70	44	50	36	66	209	11.6
Bevaart	18	41	89	46	46	70	66	120	28	24	27	128	7.1
Gordon	17	41	119	34	25	42	59	90	45	31	49	110	6.5
Michel	16	38	115	33	19	26	73	62	19	30	23	102	6.4
Drake	7	17	53	32	4	5	80	6	15	12	22	44	6.3
Keblish	10	15	29	52	4	10	40	40	1	5	2	34	3.4
Morris	14	16	45	35	10	17	58	26	19	4	10	43	3.1
Sebring	18	15	58	26	4	5	80	29	34	18	29	37	2.0
Davenport	11	7	19	36	3	6	50	22	4	2	7	17	1.5

Three point shooting: Eastburn, 38-64, 59%; Michel, 7-17, 41%; Morris, 1-3, 33%; Drake, 6-23, 26%; Gordon, 3-12, 25%; Sebring, 1-4, 25%; Sanders, 1-7, 14%.

Men's basketball statistics (Top Three)

	Games	Points	Percent	Avg.
Greg Glasser	17	218	45	12.8
Corey Grennan	17	172	45	10.1
Tony Collero	16	157	40	9.8

Individual Rebounding

	Games	Rebounds	Average
Greg Glasser	17	138	8.1
Brett Strassburg	17	98	5.8
Ken Anderson	17	88	5.2

Free Throw Percentage

	Games	FTA	FTM	Pct.
Corey Grennan	17	28	22	79
Greg Glasser	17	61	40	66
Ken Anderson	17	35	22	63

Assists

	Games	Assists	Average
Ethan Caughey	17	60	3.5
Tony Callero	16	47	2.9
Dan Afework	16	34	2.1

Three-Point Plays

	Games	Attempts	Made	Percent
Phil Freund	5	17	8	47
Corey Grennan	17	59	24	41
Tony Callero	16	74	27	36

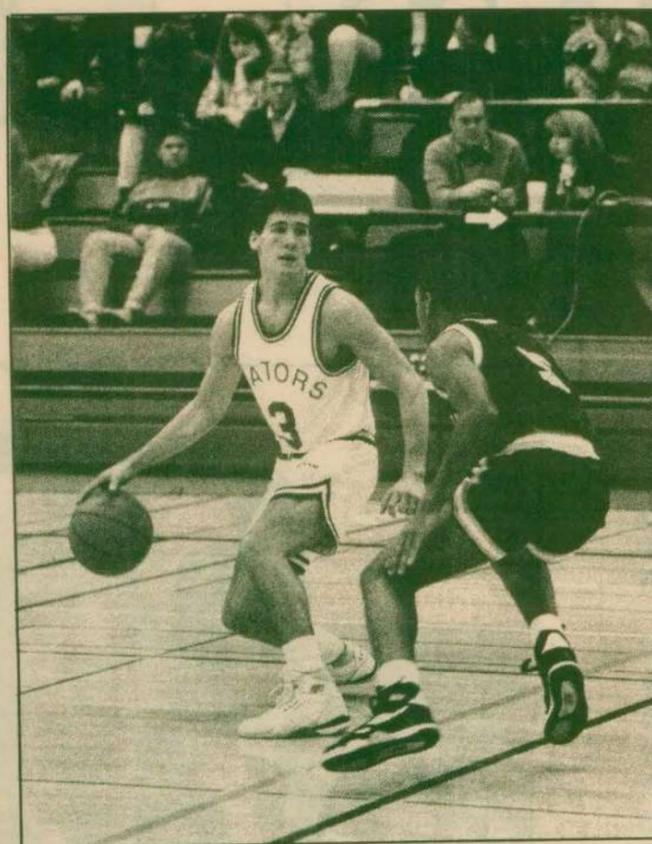


Photo by Steve Sanders

Ethan Caughey leads the men's basketball team in assists.

Gator trio led GR men to overtime win over Grays Harbor Chokers

By Bill Woods
Current Sports Editor

Before a loud and boisterous crowd at Green River, Greg Glasser, Phil Freund, and Dan Van Tom combined for 46 points to help Green River pull out an overtime thriller Wednesday night for an 80-78 win over the Gray's Harbor Chokers.

The Gators outscored the Chokers 56 to 44 in the second half. The game was tied 71-71 at the end of regulation.

'The game was a noisy affair' - Bill Woods

The game was a noisy affair, as many of the fans booed the officiating by the referees. Grays Harbor controlled much of the game, before Phil Freund who ended up with 15 points knocked down two big three pointers to lead the Green River comeback.

The Chokers sharp shooting forward Damon Bogden hit 8 of 11 three point shots and ended the game

with 30 points. However, it was Bogden who missed a big layup late in the game. The Gators out-rebounded Gray's Harbor 44 to 32, with Glasser grabbing 10 rebounds,

'It was a good comeback by us'

— Coach Ross

many of which were late in the game to help keep Green River within striking distance.

The Gators raised their record to 9-9 overall, and 3-3 in league.

"It was a good comeback by us," Coach Ross stated.



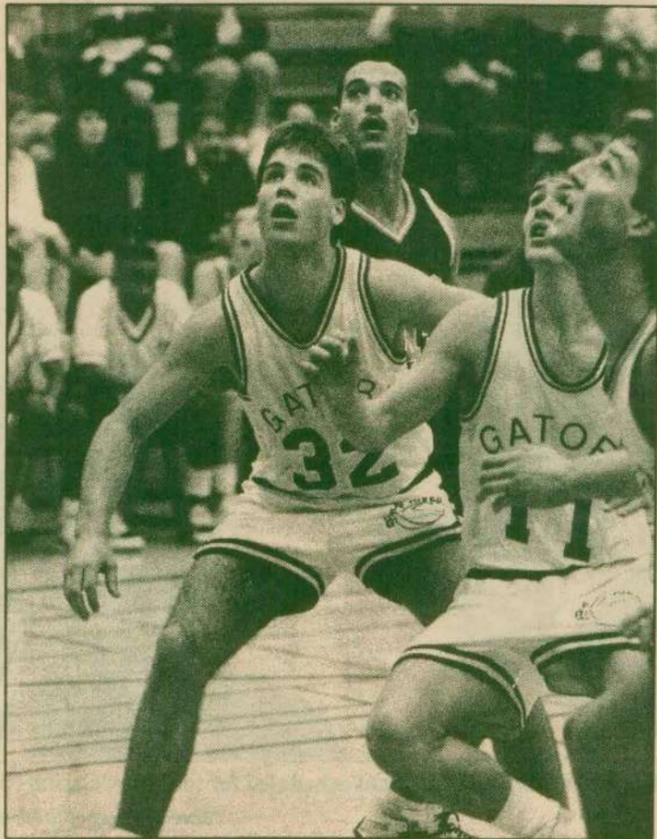


Photo by Steve Sanders

Greg Glasser's rebounding has paid big dividends for the Gator hoopsters.

Women continue winning ways; control own destiny

Bill Woods
Sports Editor

The Green River women's basketball team went on a 17-0 run early in the second half to open up a close game and pulled away for a 68-53 win Wednesday night against the Lady Chokers from Gray's Harbor. The Gators led for most of the first half and took a 32-24 lead into halftime.

In the second half Gray's Harbor went ice cold shooting only 30% 9 for 30. Green River continuously got open underneath for close easy baskets and picked up a barrage of fouls in the

process. The Lady Gators were 25 of 31 from the free throw line.

Cherrie Barlow the heralded Green River center was held intact for much of the first half. Barlow then exploded in the second half of the game, and wound up with 18 points and pulled down 14 rebounds. Jenny Kuehlthau contributed 11 points and 6 rebounds.

Green River raised their record to 5-1 in league, and 15-4 overall. "If we don't lose anymore games, we will then be the sole owner of first place!" States Gator coach Mike Willis.

The Lady Gators are currently in first place in the Northern Division as well as the NWAACC



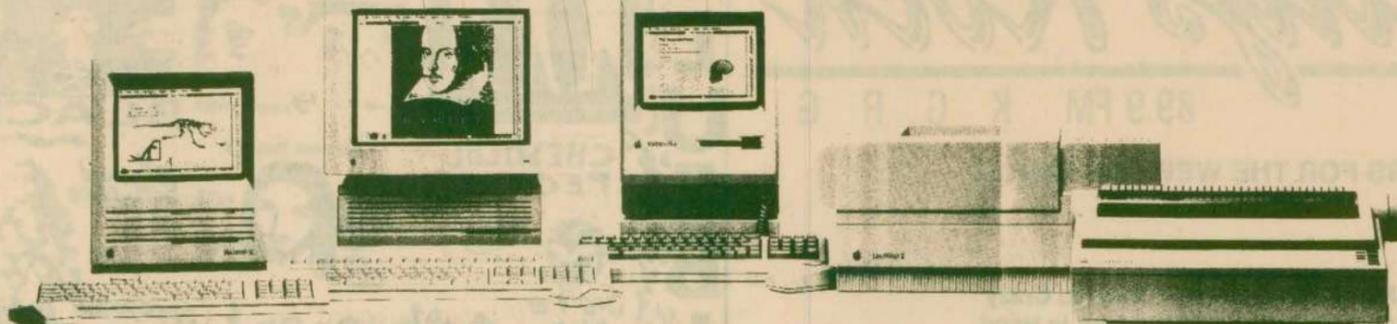
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The fall of five bands of the eighties and the rise of . . .

Five alternative bands to be reckoned with in the 90's



Rock Pile

By Lloyd Brown
Staff Columnist

This past decade has seen the rise in commerciality of college radio. What that means is that the music industry has realized college radio's ability to sell records. With the rise of college radio, an underground music scene prospered, and with it five bands seemingly dominated through the last decade.

Unfortunately, these bands don't have a very bright future in the 90's. A combination of age, and some very good young bands will challenge these bands, maybe into retirement. Here are the five we may not see in the 90's, followed by the five I think could replace them.

1. U2 - Bono is pretty and the Edge is the best, but this commercial image package impressed few with their last LP and tour. The creativity and vision that made U2 special may have been swamped by the musical self-indulgence that comes with success.

2. The Cure - Robert Smith has already said that "Disintegration" was the Cure's last tour and project, and their fans must have believed them. Their's was the only non-reunion tour to come close to the Stones' profit margin.

3. New Order - No one was bigger in 1987. Their "Substance" LP was a status symbol to anyone professing to own college underground music. These folks have rocked for a long time, beginning as Joy Division. New Order should change their name to Old Order.

4. REM - Finally this band—who could have arguably influenced 80% of the new acts of 1989—got what they deserved, a number one hit. Too bad they didn't "Stand" up in concert, where they looked tired and uninspired. Rock and rollers can't lose their fans. Has REM?

5. The Replacements - My personal favorite, and the band Musician Magazine called "The best band of the decade." "Don't Tell a Soul" was a commercial success that completed a rise for these Minneapolis rockers from drunken young

kids who couldn't play their instruments to drunken old kids who could. Look for Paul Westerburg, the greatest songwriter of our generation to go solo.

Now for the five groups you can expect to see more of in the 90's:

1. The Wonderstuff - These guys will do anything to combine a sweet and cheesy pop hook with an "in your face" attitude. With two very good albums under their belt, including their Sophomore non-slump effort, "Hup", the 'Stuff have a following of fans that belies their two year existence and subsequent rise from Manchester, England.

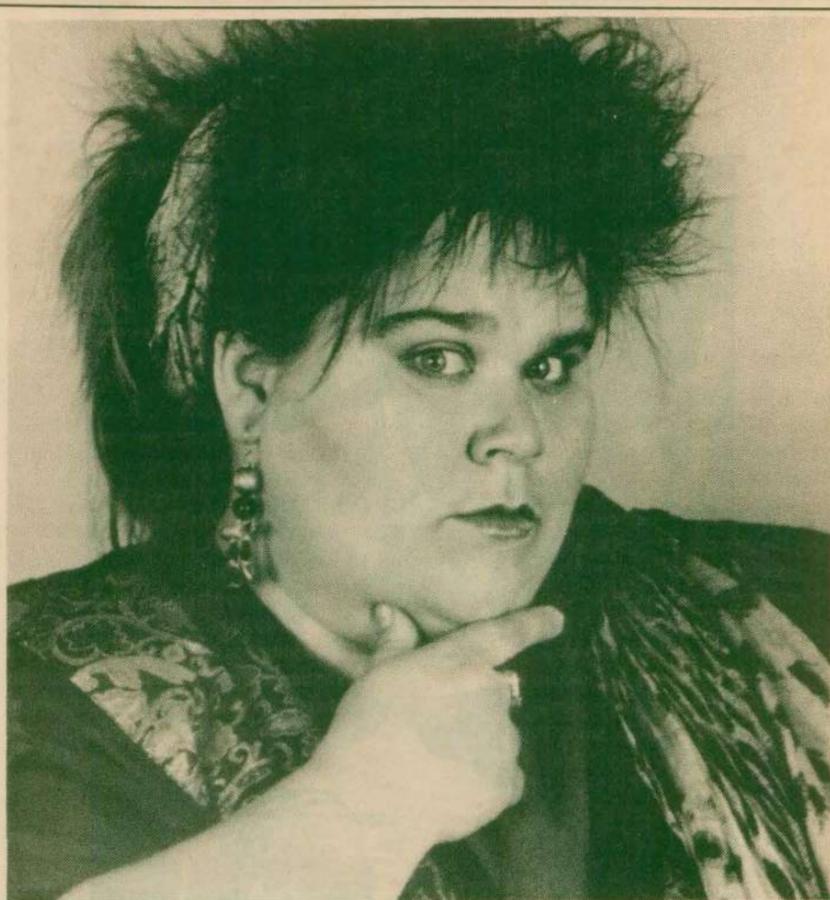
"A two man show with everything pre-sampled except vocals, guitars, and of all things, accordion."
—Lloyd Brown on They Might Be Giants

2. The Indigo Girls - Discovered by Michael Stipe of REM in his hometown of Athens, GA, this dazzling femm  fatale duo has won a following from a live tour that has had them on the road for over a year, and to Seattle three times. With very inspired performances that obviously come from the heart, the Indigo Girls are looking to be the leading and mainstay of a folk resurgence that began with Suzanne Vega's "Luka".

3. Hothouse Flowers - They are like U2, only younger and with a vision. Bono discovered this band in his native Ireland, and they will move you! Raised on the streets of Dublin, and learning their art by street corner "busking" (a form of improvised song playing), Hothouse Flowers will push up the Irish vision where U2 left it.

4. They Might Be Giants - The most eclectic of all the bands listed, and the most unorthodox. A two man show with everything pre-sampled except vocals, guitars, and of all things, accordion. The Giants are just plain fun. And with a huge, major record deal, they might become giants from promotional push alone.

5. Soundgarden - Local U.W. guys gone famous. The N.W. has always has always been known as a musical hot bed, especially in the last four years. These guys will bring on a new, creative sound to a metal scene that is stale from the same sound played over and over again. Besides, Chris Cornell looks good without his shirt on.



Peggy Platt, one of the two comedians scheduled for tonight's "Casino Night."

Photo courtesy of Student Programs

Casino Night brings Las Vegas fever to Green River

Get ready to roll those dice, play the ponies and spin the wheel! The "Playing With The Queen Of Hearts Casino Night" commences this evening at 8 in the main dining room of the Lindbloom Student Center.

Casino Night, a Student Programs' Special Event, has been a fixture at Green River Community College for the last couple of years. This year though, under the guidance of Crystel McDaniel, Special Event Co-ordinator, a few new features have been added to the casino. Besides the pool tournament and the usual table games of poker, blackjack, craps and roulette, videotaped horseraces will be shown for betting purposes.

Another new idea is the inclusion of comedians to perform during the evening. From 10 to 11 Alpha Trivette, an impressionist with a broad range of characters—from Clint Eastwood to Reverend Jim on Taxi to Paul Harvey—will entertain; Peggy Platt, who won the 1985 Laff Off and appeared in the movie "Harry and the Hendersons," will perform from 11 until midnight.

Clyde Johnson, who works in Student Admissions, and saw Platt when she last appeared at the college during a Gator Raid three years ago, said of her, "She does dark humor that's true to life. She is really funny and highly versatile as

well." Meanwhile, Trivette is making his first appearance here, but McDaniel says he "promises to give a quality performance."

Acting as dealers and wait persons will be volunteers—baseball players, members of student government, and others. And when players run out of money, they'll have to seek out the loan shark, played by an unknown person, who will make them do crazy things to get the money.

The "Playing With The Queen Of Hearts Casino Night" is a free event, with fake money used for gambling and at the midnight auction immediately following the casino. The prizes being bid on—with Seattle auctioneer Jessie Jones bringing down the hammer—are all over \$20 in cost and can be seen in the display case on the second floor of the LSC. Phony drinks—known as "mocktails"—will be served at no cost, and a photographer will be on hand if players care to have their pictures taken. The price for a picture is \$3, the only part of the event where real money is used.

Crystel McDaniel called the occasion, which lasts until 12:30, "kind of traditional, but with the comedians and horse races, it will add a little Las Vegas night life to the Lindbloom Student Center. I'm hoping that it's an event everyone will want to attend."

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- 1 3 MORRISSEY Ouija Board, Ouija Board
- 2 4 CREATURES Standing There
- 10 5 EAT Fatman
- 4 6 WONDERSTUFF Don't Let Me Down Gently
- 9 7 BLAKE BABIES Dead and Gone
- 13 8 DRAMARAMA 70's T.V.
- 14 9 NINE INCH NAILS Terrible Lie
- 8 10 LILAC TIME American Eyes

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YOU'RE ONLY YOUNG ONCE...

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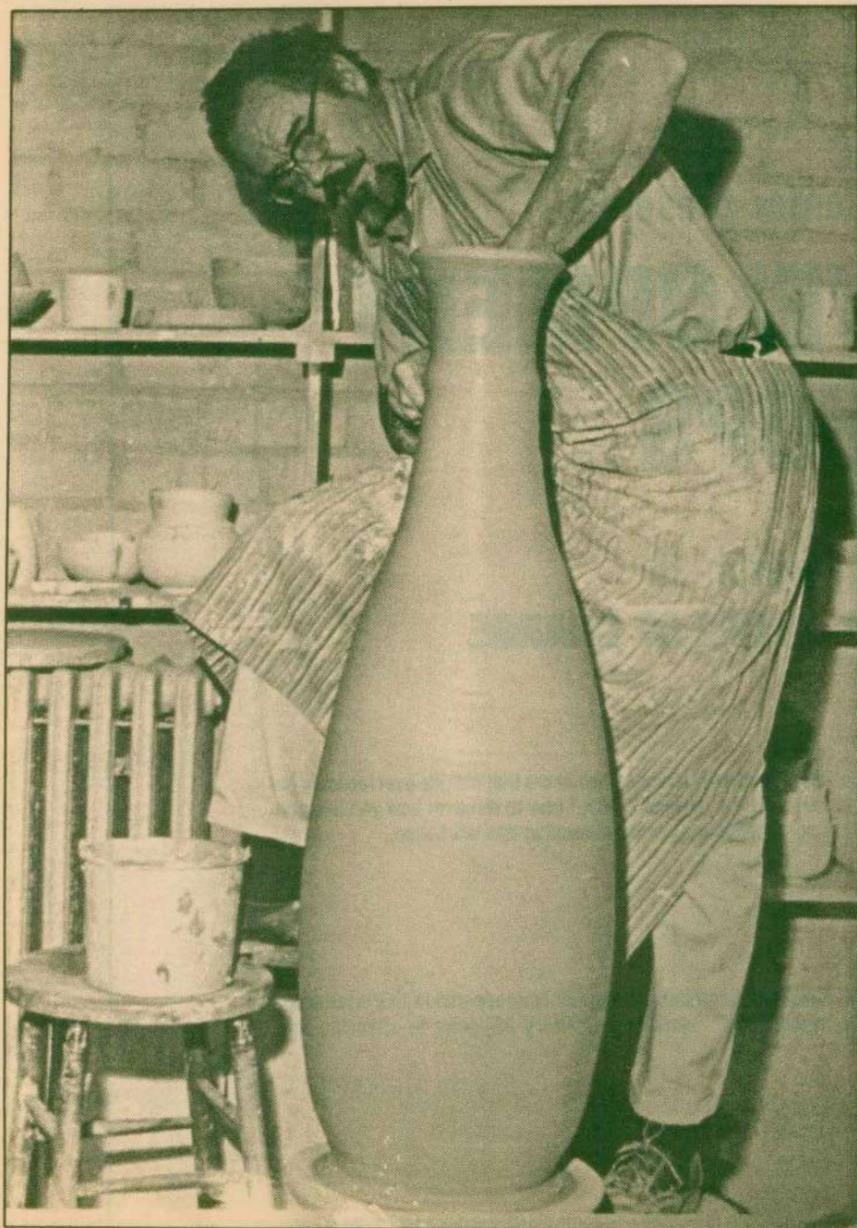
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F. Carlton Ball works on a pot on display in the Helen Smith Gallery in the library.

In the next issue of *The Current*, Chris Gleason talks to John Kiester of "Almost Live". Also "Dates of Death" and "Horrorscopes" return. All in the next issues of *The Current*, available Feb. 9

New Students join KGRG staff

By Chris Gleason
Staff Reporter

"This is probably the best group of new people since the fall quarter of 1988," says John Ramsey, General Manager of KGRG. "They are willing to work and get really involved in the station. Some are on the air already."

Ramsey speaks of the 17 students that have been added to the KGRG radio lab roster this quarter, making a record high amount of members - 62.

"This group has the best looking hair of any I've seen. They all seem to shower regularly," joked Lloyd Brown, Program Director.

Responsible for training these pre-dj students are Denise Robbins, Assistant Program Director and Shane Ressler, advanced student. According to Robbins, the format used for training new students has changed this quarter. Training takes place Sundays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. In the past new students were on the air during the prime hours.

"It works a lot better this way. It's their own airtime shift so it's not interfering with the regular programming," says Robbins. "The first week is rough. After that they get more hands on. By the third week half are ready, and hopefully by the next weekend all will be ready."

There is no pre-requisite required for the radio lab. An advantage to taking this class over enrolling in a broadcast school is the opportunity to actually be on air on a real radio station.

"The best part is the people. They are a unique and alternative group of people," says Joel Cappello, student.

When asked if nervous while on air Cappello said, "No, because there is always someone behind you to help you."

Some students have used their experience at KGRG and turned it into a job. Becky Rozum, Promotions Director, is now employed at KPLZ in Seattle. She is involved in promotions there, also.

Recently, Erik Aarness and Paul Cecchi, former students, have been hired at KPQ and KYSN FM both in Wenatchee.

The students at the radio station are busy planning upcoming events. Tomorrow, the men's and women's basketball games against Lower Columbia Community College will be broadcast by KGRG.

On Feb. 1 KGRG will be holding a music survey party for the Today's Rock Club members and guests. The members will review songs and rate them in order for the radio station to format the music they play.

KGRG is also sponsoring a concert featuring The Squirrels, The Monomen and The Thinmen on Feb. 16. This is the fifth all ages show the station has sponsored. The cost for the show will be \$5 advance and \$6 at the door.

A fund drive is planned for the week of April 30-May 5. The purpose of the fund drive is to ask listeners to pledge money to the station and by doing so they will be added to the Today's Rock Club membership list.

Works of F. Carlton Ball at Helen S. Smith Gallery

By John Kephart
Entertainment Editor

"People think I should exhibit special things in museums only," said potter F. Carlton Ball, whose works are exhibited—including jewelry, sculptures, pots and musical instruments—at the Helen S. Smith Gallery in the Holman Library until next Friday. "The idea is not for them to copy, but to inspire them to do something new."

At 78 years of age, Ball has spent 56 years of his life working with pottery. Originally, however, he wanted to be a painter or illustrator. After graduating from Sacramento Junior College he enrolled in the California College of Arts and Crafts at Berkeley, where Ball found they wouldn't except

his credits from Sacramento. So he transferred to the University of Southern California, majoring in art. It was at USC that Ball met Glenn Lukens, the first ceramics teacher in a university on the West coast to win a national prize.

According to Ball, Lukens was a great influence on him. "He talked all the time about working with the materials, to do what the clay wanted to do, not to sit down and draw pictures and then try to force the clay to look like the picture. He was a very nice man and a wonderful teacher."

Ball's works remained influenced by Lukens until he read a book by Bernard Leach, a world famous potter from England who studied reduction firing in Japan. His technique involved setting the kiln to 2300 degrees Fahrenheit—which is about the highest temperature possible in a kiln—in a reduction atmosphere, "giving the pottery a completely different look." Ball quickly adopted this style—known as Japanese Folk Art—as his own, a style he still uses today.

Before becoming a potter and teacher Ball had many different jobs; he painted portraits of sorority girls and watercolors of houses; he was a busboy, a soda jerk, and even a prize fighter for six months.

Today Ball is known as one of the pioneers of ceramics, one whose work and teachings have inspired many others. He has written four books and published over 130 articles in *Ceramics Monthly Magazine*, and is currently Artist In Residence at Tacoma Community College, where he has taught ceramics for the past 12 years.

"I never thought I should be teaching graduate students," he said, "unless I could keep a step ahead of them. If they got better than me, there's no sense in me teaching them."

As for why his works are so popular and lasting, Ball states simply, "I don't have any secrets. That's one thing that seems to be important to the potters who go see the exhibit or take my classes."

F. Carlton Ball's works will be on exhibit until Feb. 2, and is open to the public Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The next exhibit at the Helen S. Smith Gallery will be by Gerald Tsutakawa from Feb. 9 to March 9.

Music Company enters 15th year with a CRASH, BOOM, BANG!!

By Roy Dixon
Entertainment Reporter

With a CRASH! BOOM! BANG! the Green River Community College Music Company began its 15th year entertaining the public and at the same time providing the more advanced music student with the opportunity to perform dance music from the 1890's through the 1980's.

The company takes a major tour every year, depending on the amount of money received from public performances during that year. Two years ago the group took a trip to England, where they spend 10 days performing at Air Force bases.

The company has another tour scheduled from May 17 to May 28 to go to Hawaii, where the group has travelled many times. They plan to

perform at schools in and around the Oaui and Maui islands.

The Green River Music Company is, according to Pat Thompson, their advisor, "one of the reasons why the college is so popular."

The 15 member group will be in concert at the Performing Arts building here on campus February 16 and 17 at 7:30 p.m. Ticket information may be obtained from a member of the company or Thompson.



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The GRCC
Educational Planning Center presents

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS

Noon - 1 p.m.
January 25 through March 15

ALL WORKSHOPS HELD IN HS-7 FREE OF CHARGE

January 25

What is Co-dependency?

"Co-dependent" is a term increasingly used to describe a pattern of self-defeating behaviors that include over focusing on others and ignoring one's own wants and needs. How to tell if you are "co-dependent," how to discover how you became co-dependent, and some ways to begin recovering from co-dependency will be covered in this workshop.

Presented by Nan Henderson, GRCC Counselor

February 1

Recovery from Co-dependency

Strategies and tools for recovering from co-dependent behaviors and relationships will be presented in this workshop. Highly recommended: attendance at the "What is Co-dependency?" workshop (January 25) prior to attending this workshop.

Presented by Nan Henderson, GRCC Counselor

February 8

What is an Eating Disorder?

Eating disorders are estimated to affect as many as one in five Americans today. What is an eating disorder? How do you recognize and help a family member or friend who has an eating disorder? These questions will be covered in this workshop, as well as the process of individual and family recovery from an eating disorder.

Presented by Carolyn Rhea, Counselor in Private Practice

February 15

Acquaintance Rape: Prevention and Treatment

It is more common for a woman to be raped by someone she knows than by a stranger. This workshop will teach how to prevent acquaintance rape by providing information on clues to watch for, and will cover what to do if rape happens to you, a family member, or a friend.

Presented by Nancy O'Mara from King County Sexual Assault Resource Center

February 22

Setting and Achieving Personal Goals

What do you want to have happen in your life—this week, this month, this year, in the next five years? Come learn how to make desires into concrete goals, and how to make goals become reality.

Presented by Nan Henderson, GRCC Counselor

March 1

Recognizing and Recovering From Sexual Abuse

One in four girls under 18 and one in six boys experience overt physical sexual abuse. More subtle sexual abuse impacts many more children, as well as adults. What behaviors are sexually abusive, and what can you do if your child, a friend, or yourself is a victim? Find out at this workshop, presented by a staff member of a local social service agency that treats sexual abuse.

Presented by Jan Torgenrud, Counselor at Auburn Youth Resources

March 8

Managing Pre-Final Exam Stress

Feeling overwhelmed and "stressed out" as finals approach? Come learn some simple techniques to calm down, and successfully cope with pre-exam stress.

Presented by Bob Brehm, GRCC Counselor and Stress Management Instructor

March 15

Overcoming Depression

Depression is called the "common cold" of emotions, affecting as many as 20 percent of the population at any one time. Information about what causes depression, how to determine how severe a depression is, and what self-help and medical approaches are useful in treating depression will be presented in this workshop.

Presented by Nan Henderson, GRCC Counselor