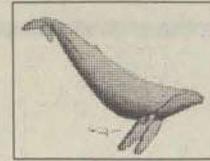


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## Scams target students in need

By Cameron Probert  
News Editor

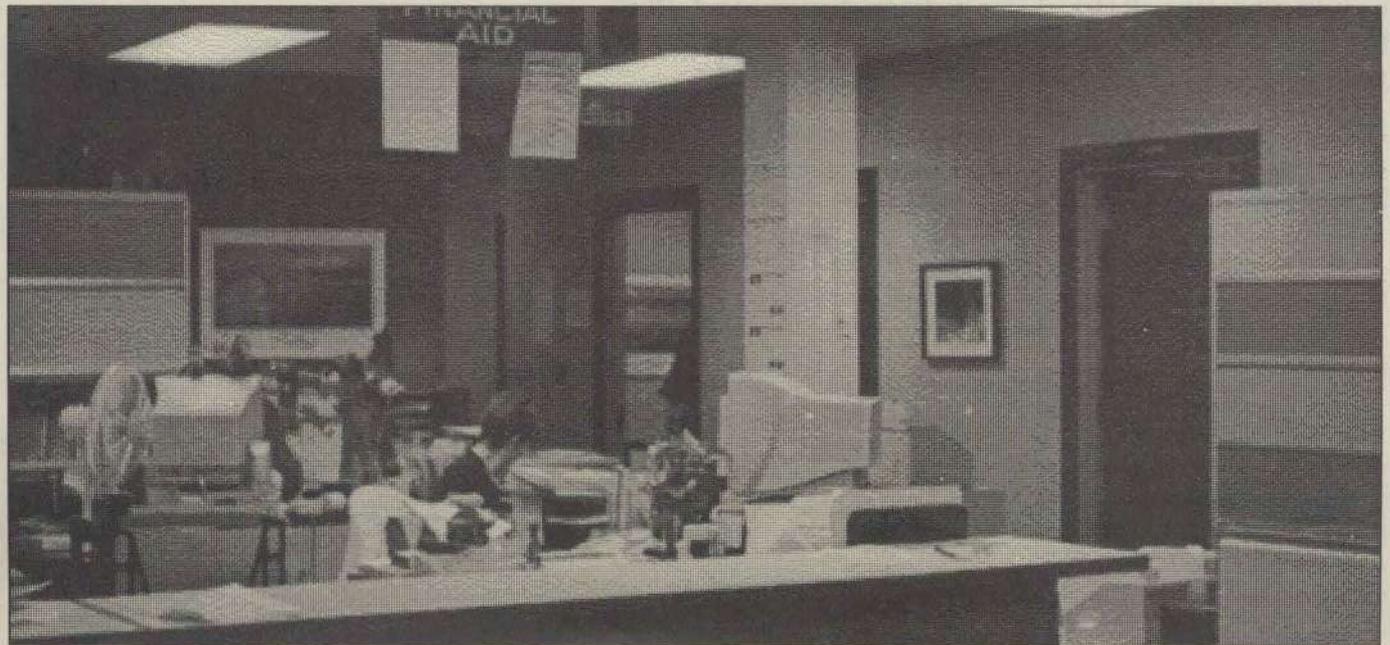
GRCC receives approximately \$350,000 for scholarships each year based on academic achievement, need and group placement.

This represents 400 out of the 9,000 students. According to a Federal Trade Commission spokesperson, many students are falling prey to scams.

"Unscrupulous companies guarantee or promise scholarships, grants or fantastic financial aid packages. Many use high-pressure sales pitches at seminars where you're required to pay immediately or risk losing out on the 'opportunity,'" according to the FTC spokesperson.

Mary Edington, director of financial aid at GRCC, said students should never pay money to find scholarships.

"There are free resources



The financial aid office is open to answer students' questions and concerns.

Margaret Rzymowska/Current

out there available to everyone. You can do it on the web for free. We can give you books for free. So there is no reason to pay for them," Edington said.

The FTC spokesperson said these companies charge \$10 to \$400 for a list of scholarships that are expired, or that students are not eligible for.

Edington said donors target specific groups, like single mothers, athletes, or academic achievers. If the students do not fit the criteria, they will not get scholar-

ships.

"But that doesn't mean they're not out there. It just means that at that particular time no one is targeting you," Edington said.

## GRCC instructors walk for cancer

By Graham Keavney  
Staff Reporter

Teams of Green River Community College students and teachers participated in a Cancer Walk to raise money for the American Cancer Society.

The Cancer Walk, which began on Friday, May 14, at 6 p.m. and ended 24 hours later, took place at Auburn Riverside High School.

"There was lots of unity and camaraderie," Anita Behrbaum, athletics

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## ASGRCC faces new challenges next year

By Matthew Strako  
Staff Reporter

Students have their own personal issues for the upcoming school year at GRCC.

Students have many issues they want addressed, such as people smoking in non-designated smoking areas and parking issues.

For example, Ben Harwood, a GRCC student, said he has personal issues he would like to see addressed next year.

"I'm a musician," Harwood said. "I would like it if they have some more talent shows the school could put on to showcase people."

Harwood said he would like to see canned soda pop more accessible through machines placed around cam-

pus.

Meanwhile, Terry Chhoeun, ASGRCC president for the next school year, has goals that she said are important for the upcoming school year.



Terry Chhoeun

Chhoeun said a link needs to be established between the student government and the students.

Chhoeun said students have expressed concern about things like the microwave oven in the cafeteria.

"I'm just going to do my duty and, if something comes across, I'll address it," Chhoeun said.

## National Guard prepares for Y2K

By Jeff Cloutier  
Staff Reporter

Possible computer failures due to Y2K could disrupt everyday life.

But the National Guard says it's ready to help.

The Washington State National Guard units help in the event of war or national emergencies. The Guard helps with fires, floods, earthquakes, etc. The Guard will help in the event that Y2K causes problems for Washington state.

National Guard spokesperson Sgt. 1st Class Cheryl Lesser said, "A routine training drill involving 3,000 troops that normally takes place the weekend after New Year's was

adjusted to Dec.31-Jan.1. by the Adjutant General."

In case of emergency with Y2K, the Guard members will be on hand to be re-assigned to civil emergency relief efforts. The National Guard has special training for disasters of all types. The only person who can authorize the use of the troops for emergency purposes is Gov. Gary Locke and only if Gov. Locke declares a state of emergency.

"The goal is to be prepared," said Major Philip Logan, deputy public affairs officer.

There will be no real neighborhood protection for private homes if riots or looting happens.

## GRCC graduation approaches

By Christina Jackson  
A&E Editor

GRCC's 1999 commencement ceremony kicks off at 8 p.m. in Green River's gymnasium Monday, June 14.

The two-hour ceremony will be followed by a reception in the LSC building with cookies, coffee and punch.

"It's a really fun, positive, good experience ... everybody's happy," Becky Riverman, program support supervisor, said.

The exact number of students who walk isn't known until two days before the ceremony but, on average, 350 to 400 students participate in the commencement ceremony out of the 1,200 or so who graduate.

"It's a celebration of your achievement," Riverman said, "and it's also a celebration for your family ... it's tradition."

GRCC office assistant Anita Bretthauer participated in 1997's commencement at Green River.

"When I first signed up for it, I didn't understand [what the ceremony was about]," Bretthauer said. "It gives you a sense of completion. I'm glad I did it."

Students who participate in the commencement ceremony receive an empty diploma case and get their actual diploma in the mail two months after the quarter they graduate.

## Corrections

In the last issue, Tammi Wren was incorrectly quoted as saying a student can get an official copy of their transcript at the enrollment services window. It should have read an unofficial copy. Official copies need to be requested in writing.

• Beneath the picture of Roger Knutsen in the last issue, it said he would be leaving temporarily. He will take three trips to Washington, D.C., to serve on the commission.

# Train may not ease traffic

By Cameron Probert  
News Editor

The rail yard on A Street in Auburn is a possible site for a new multi-modal facility for Burlington Northern Santa Fe for the high-speed freight and passenger rail system that is proposed for Puget Sound.

This proposal would significantly increase the number of trains that go through the Green River valley, and would increase road traffic.

Chuck Booth, mayor of Auburn, said his main concern with the project is safety, after a high school student was killed crossing the tracks in Pacific.

"She must have thought she had plenty of time," Booth said.

The Washington State Department of Transportation said on their web site that the safety issue could be solved with pedestrian and auto overpasses and underpasses, crossing clo-



Margaret Rzymowska/Current

The rail yard on A Street is a possible site for the high-speed freight and passenger rail.

sures and consolidation fencing, stronger enforcement of trespassing laws, and high-tech safety systems.

Booth said there would need to be separated crossings

Booth said there would also have to be new ramps

for Highway 18 for the trucks to get off and on the highway.

Even with that, the trains would still slow down traffic, he said.

"I've heard of people who have spent 17 to 29 minutes on M Street wait-

ing for the train to go by," Booth said.

The entire project is estimated to cost \$53 million, and will not bring a lot of new jobs to the area because of the amount of training needed to work in the rail yard, he said.

## Cancer, from p. 1

instructor and one of the coordinators of the walk, said.

"This was our best year ever, and the turnout was awesome."

In the event, teams of 12 people have one person walking around the track at all times during the 24-hour period.

Nadine Meteyer, senior human resource assistant, at GRCC has participated in the Cancer Walk for nine years.

This year, there were four teams from GRCC. Overall, the Cancer Walk at Auburn Riverside consisted of 45 to 50 teams.

Last year, the teams on campus raised approximately \$12,700 in pledges for the event. This year, although official totals have not yet been announced, Meteyer believes the total to be slightly higher at \$12,800, with one team raising \$8,400 alone.

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## Activist talks to GRCC's students about gold mine

By Cameron Probert  
News Editor

Michael "Buffalo" Mazzetti, an organic farmer and social activist, spoke to GRCC students on May 27 in the Baker Room.

His subject was open-pit cyanide leach gold mining, and an amendment Sen. Slade Gorton attached to a bill designed to aid the campaign in Kosovo.

"After this mining company put \$80 million into this project, many of those dollars were put into talking the community into believing this was a good idea. I don't believe that open-pit cyanide leach gold mining is a good idea," Mazzetti said.

Mazzetti said the problem was a violation of an 1872 mining law, which allows mining companies to buy federal land for \$5 an acre. They are allowed to buy five acres of mining land and five acres to process the gold and leave their waste. The Crown Jewel mine in Okanogan County had seven times the legal amount.

The Department of Interior and the Department of



Margaret Rzymowska/Current  
"Buffalo" Mazzetti talks to students in the Baker Room.

Agriculture found that the Crown Jewel mine was illegal.

According to a Seattle Times article, Battle Mountain Gold, the mining company, obtained more than 50 environmental permits.

"Crown Jewel has abided

by all the environmental laws and obtained all the permits. And it was just immoral that the federal government tried to pull the rug out from under them at the last possible moment," Gorton is quoted in the Seattle Times as saying.

Mazzetti said \$150,000 is donated to Gorton's campaign from the mining industry when he runs for office.

In protest to the amendment to the Kosovo relief bill, Mazzetti said people should mail the bottles from his company's water to Gorton, with their protests inside.

"Visualize with me for just a moment, Sen. Slade Gorton opening the door to his office on some Monday morning, and this whole wall of bottles falls on him," Mazzetti said.

Mazzetti said the mine would affect the area around Okanogan county by causing the acidity level to rise in the surrounding waters, making the area uninhabitable.

"It impacts people who use the Okanogan for recreational purposes, and who consider it a resource for our water, and wildlife," Mazzetti said.

## Damage to environment hurts whales

*'We have encroached on their culture. The Makahs are hunting a whale for cultural purposes.'*

Roland Viera  
Biology Instructor

By Sarah Dillon  
Staff Reporter

The Makah whaling hunt has environmentalists voicing their opinions around the country that the whale population is too low and vulnerable.

"In the Makah hunting situation, killing one whale is not the problem. We need to look at the bigger picture because that is the problem," Clipper Maxfield, an environmental science instructor at GRCC, said.

Maxfield said the explanation centered on the depletion of the ozone layer. There is a hole the size of North America above Antarctica created by chlorofluorocarbons. The result is more UVB radiation that kills phytoplankton that are eaten by krill, which are eaten by gray whales. It is a domino effect.

According to Scholastic Update, many other factors contribute to the whale situation. One example is world population. Population growth has caused the need for forests

to be cut down and burned. Oceans are polluted and grasslands have been paved over.

Wildlife is bound to be affected due to the changes. In an ecosystem, life is dependent on all living things within it. With one species gone, the whole system could collapse.

According to U.S. News and World Report, another factor is noise pollution. Dredges, cruise ships, motorboats and drilling rigs have created a disturbance among the whales.

Deborah Glockner-Ferrai of the Center of Whale Studies in Lahaina, Hawaii, said the whale mothers have abandoned their inshore calving grounds due to parasail boats and Jet Skis.

"We have encroached on their culture. The Makah are hunting a whale for cultural purposes. They are trying to reclaim their past. We should leave them alone and stop bringing publicity to their actions," Roland Viera, a biology instructor at GRCC, said.

## Diversity forum changes minds.

By Cindy Hutchings  
Staff Reporter

Approximately 100 students and staff attended the morning session of the "Campus Forum on Diversity" on May 19. They viewed the film "The Color of Fear" that talks about the effects of racism. Afterward, two of the actors from the film, Victor Lewis and Hugh Vasquez, led group discussions concerning the impact of the film.

Carol Peacock, 34, GRCC student and Spanish tutor in the Help Center, said she felt the impact of the film and forum for days.

"I was overwhelmed by realizing the magnitude of the problems we're having with racism," Peacock said. "After that day, I realized how important it was for me to be more



Maragret Rzymowska/Current  
Victor Lewis and Hugh Vasquez talk to students at the forum.

aware of the issues that were brought out ... we have to start with ourselves to change the attitudes around us."

In the film "The Color of Fear," Japanese, Korean, African-American and Caucasian men talked about

their experiences of racism.

One of the Caucasian men cried as he told how his father beat his racist beliefs into him when he was a child, and he realized how these beliefs still impact his life in adulthood.

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# Personal problems not for newspaper

Andrew Mackend  
Guest columnist

A recent article in The Current about tailgating had me feeling angry and frustrated.

I am very tempted to write a rebuttal to what was written in that article. I realize, however, that The Current is not the place for me to air my grievances on one single traffic infraction.

Newspapers have the duty to tell the truth and the whole truth.

But to allow a staff reporter to pinpoint one single accident by spending more than three-quarters of the article explaining a routine traffic accident and to allow that person to use words like "idiot" and "punk" to

describe a fellow student is inappropriate.

Would it not suffice to simply say that the author was involved in a tailgating accident, and to leave it at that?

A grievance like that would be more suited for a Cheers and Jeers section.

But, if the author had the irresistible urge to describe the one single incident, why was the complete truth not written?

I don't particularly care if it's in the Opinions section or the front page, or if my name is in it or not. I, as well as everyone else, expect the whole truth to be told.

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Because this is not the place to whine about what actually happened, I will refrain from it.

If, however, The Current student editorial board feels that people actually give a rip about the details of a minor rear-end collision, then I would be happy to oblige.

I accept responsibility for tailgat-

ing. That was my fault, and for this action, I more than paid the consequences.

But an article not telling the whole truth and personally attacking me is not appropriate.

The Current looks great this quarter. Stay professional and don't use your pages for personal agendas.

# Creator guided Makas, whale together

By Berta Lopez  
Staff reporter

Finally, the Makahs killed their whale on May 17, 1999, at 7 am. It took 10 hours to bring the whale ashore. The Puyallup tribe was there in support of the hunt, as well as other tribes. I feel that it is good they captured the whale. I believe that our Creator guided the whale and Makahs together.

It seems ironic that the Sea Shepherd wasn't there at the final moments to protect the whale. The Creator could be the only one with such a perfect plan. I watched the news all afternoon and heard everyone's reaction, including Governor Locke, who said "he respects the treaty but doesn't agree with the actual hunt."

When a person or persons are issued a license, this is granting them use of it. A 17-year-old acquires a driver's license and the fact that he or she is going to drive is inevitable.

Animal activists are saying this whale hunt was planned to initiate a global whale hunt, meaning other countries are going to use cultural purposes to hunt gray whales and sell the meat to other countries.

The gray whale population is not extinct as they were in the past. Most of these young gray whales are beaching themselves along the Puget Sound coasts, and it is said that it is because of lack of food and starvation.

One day, a group of elementary

school kids was out on the beach exploring and learning about the environment. They were asked how they felt about the capture and a couple said they thought it to be wrong. Would they buy a hamburger at McDonalds if they really knew how cattle are raised to be slaughtered?

Americans are such hypocrites, always pointing their fingers at someone or something else to avoid looking at themselves. On CBS

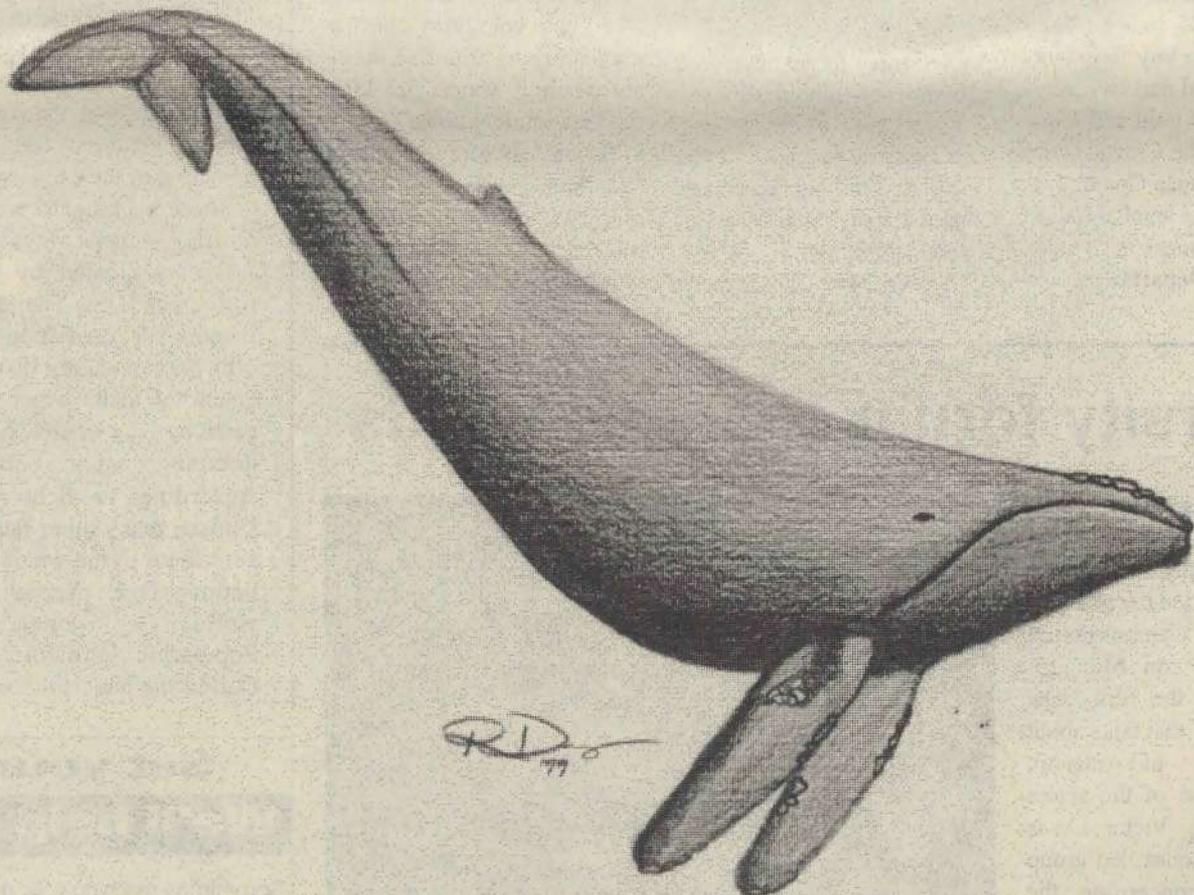
news, they explained that some of the footage on tape would be graphic and some parts of the film were cut. I believe the news should let their viewers watch what they want and shouldn't mention what isn't going to be shown. After all, what's news if we don't get the whole picture?

Native Americans have always been criticized for their way of living and cultural traditions.

It is just one more thing to condemn and slander the Native American people.

As long as the Makahs have a canoe, they can still hunt gray whales and would be able to feed their people without all the modern conveniences.

One proud thing about the Native American people is that they will survive off the land as our grandfathers once did.



## 'We've come a long, long way together'

*Three months ago, 20 inexperienced, wannabe journalists entered the classroom hoping to discover some hidden writing talent or unveil a masked expertise for editing.*

**By Current Editorial Board**

"We've come a long, long way together," singer FatboySlim lyricizes. No lyric could more appropriately describe the journey the staff of The Current has taken this past quarter.

Three months ago, 20 inexperienced, wannabe journalists entered the classroom hoping to discover some hidden writing talent or unveil a masked expertise for editing. Though some of these talents might have been slow in surfacing, after three months our newsroom is now filled with a worldly knowledge of the news field, and reporters with noses trained to sniff out all that is current on the campus of GRCC.

This wasn't the case at the beginning of April. Our first taste of the journalism world came in the form of, appropriately, a

fast-approaching deadline. With only a week to put out a quality paper, tensions ran high in STB-1. Signs pointed to a quarter of stressful work and hundreds more articles on parking-problems.

However, with each paper we produced, the process became a little easier. Stories flowed in to fill the pages and, with the help of our spectacular copy editor, the grammar and punctuation problems that had once plagued the pages of The Current were swept down stream.

The personalities of the staff began to converge and resulted in a paper diversified in its writing, stories and style.

We wish the future staff of The Current and all our readers the best of luck in the future.

We still have a way to go, but at least we've come this far together.

## Genetics not a viable solution

**By Graham Keavney  
Staff Reporter**

What in the world are people thinking? Scientists have begun to play God, and that is just not right.

In this journalist's opinion, the tampering that man has begun to do cannot be healthy.

The recent use of fertility drugs has begun to give families six, seven and even eight new babies at the same time. Fifteen years ago, that would have been unheard of, and it should be. Not only does this put the mothers at extreme risk but, in many cases, the children are not all born healthy, and some die.

Besides that, with the human genome project nearing completion, how long will it be before scientists take it upon themselves to attempt to make a "perfect" baby?

And, as if all of that is not enough, 20/20 TV news recently reported that scientists believe they could be within 10 years of male impregnation. The report added that the procedure would be extremely dangerous, and the male subject could very well die.

Even if one does not believe in God or any higher power at all, it seems obvious that all of this tampering will only lead us on a slippery slope where man attempts to conquer and control Mother Nature.

## Think before drinking alcohol

*Some guy decided that he would be cool and drive under the influence of cocaine and alcohol ...*

**By Kara Banville  
Staff reporter**

Nothing irritates me more than finding out that someone I know has been drinking and driving. It doesn't seem like a big deal, and it doesn't seem like it can happen to you, but it can.

Almost three years ago, one of my good friends was driving up Peasley Canyon Road. She was going to a movie with her boyfriend and she was in the wrong place at the wrong time. Some guy decided he would be cool and drive under the influence of cocaine and alcohol, and when he decided to pass something to one of the back-seat passengers, he crossed the center line and hit my

friend head on. She died three days later. It was a horrible experience, but I realized just how stupid it is to drink and drive.

How hard is it to pick a designated driver? How hard is it to find someplace to sleep? I know it seems like a lot of effort, but isn't it worth it?

Every year there are more than 16,000 alcohol-related traffic fatalities and over one million injuries. That is an extremely significant number and it means people aren't being responsible.

I'm not trying to preach to everyone that you shouldn't drink, I'm just saying that if you think you can handle it, show some responsibility.

## Bookstore not out to 'rook' students

**By Tami Hursh  
Staff Reporter**

GRCC students are often frustrated by the prices of textbooks sold at the Paper Tree. In many cases, there is no knowledge of how the prices are set and little awareness on the bookstore's wide variety of products and services.

Gary Jones, manager of the Paper Tree, said the reason students are so upset about the prices of textbooks is because there is not a full understanding of how the prices are determined.

A common misconception among students is that the bookstore staff purchase their books at a very low cost, and then sell them at an extremely high price. In actuality, book prices are set at the national standard, which is a 25 percent margin of cost.

Another touchy issue is that of the book buy-back

program. The bookstore will buy books back at up to 60 percent of the original cost. Because of this, GRCC is top in the nation in their buy-back pricing.

In addition to selling textbooks, the Paper Tree offers many other products and services. For instance, the bookstore generates nearly \$100,000 per year on Beanie Baby sales alone. They also sell educational software at hundreds of dollars less than it could be purchased at any other location.

The Paper Tree also offers movie rentals, color copies and a fax machine available to students.

The money that is earned at the Paper Tree not only pays the employees' salaries and maintenance for the store, but also contributes to many other areas across campus.

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# Gators hunt for the green

By Jared McGlinchey  
Projects Editor

As summer comes closer, the hunt for summer jobs is on. For those students who are tired of searching through the newspaper, this article may be helpful. Many opportunities are posted on the Internet and local work is advertised on the GRCC job board. So, come on Gators, let's maximize the job opportunities and minimize wasted time.

Many job opportunities are posted on the web. One site is jobmonkey.com. This site has a lot of

**'More and more Fortune 500 companies are beginning to advertise their jobs on hotjobs.com.'**

**Robert Liu**  
hotjobs.com spokesperson

jobs directed specifically at the college-age work force. Some available work includes resorts and attractions, casinos and gambling and even job openings for land tours.

Another job hunting site is hotjobs.com. For all serious career-bound students, this site is valuable. Most jobs on this site are for higher skilled and technical careers. They also have constantly expanding advertisements for entry-level and intern programs.

"The services provided by hotjobs.com are absolutely free for the job seeker," Robert Liu, the company spokesperson, said. "More and more Fortune 500 companies are beginning to advertise their jobs on hotjobs.com."

As can be seen, the job possibilities are endless. Even without a computer, do not be alarmed because there is hope. GRCC has a job board available in the LSC. This is another avenue to travel. Many faculty are also helpful in a job hunt.

"We recruit employers," Beth Gatzke, in charge of

**'We recruit employers'**

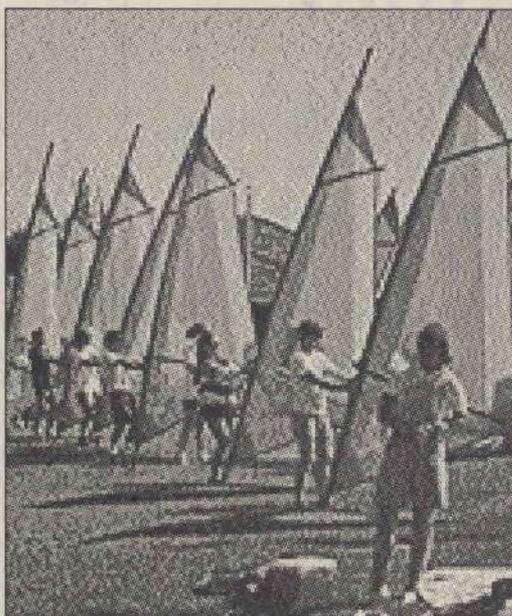
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the job board, said.

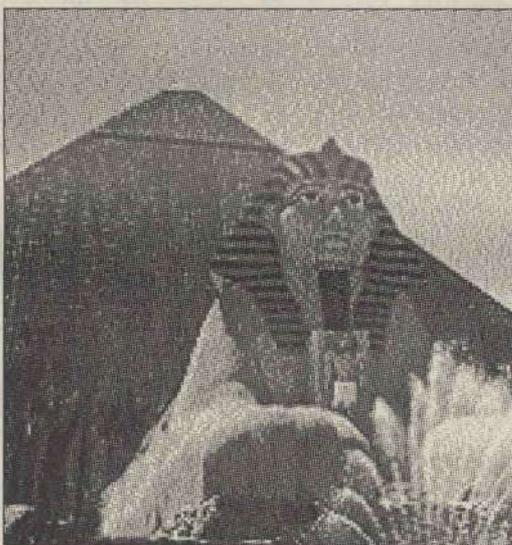
Job applications are available in the financial aid office, across from the job board.

So, do not be stuck in a pointless job; find a new one that is fun and exciting. Use the resources that are available and the rewards are endless.

Gators out there, the hunt has just begun.



**Above:** Some students enjoy spending the summer surfing the waves versus Internet.



**Above:** Some students enjoy their summers on a pristine mountaintop peak.

**Left:** This job may be a bit of a gamble, but some could work for a casino in sunny Las Vegas.

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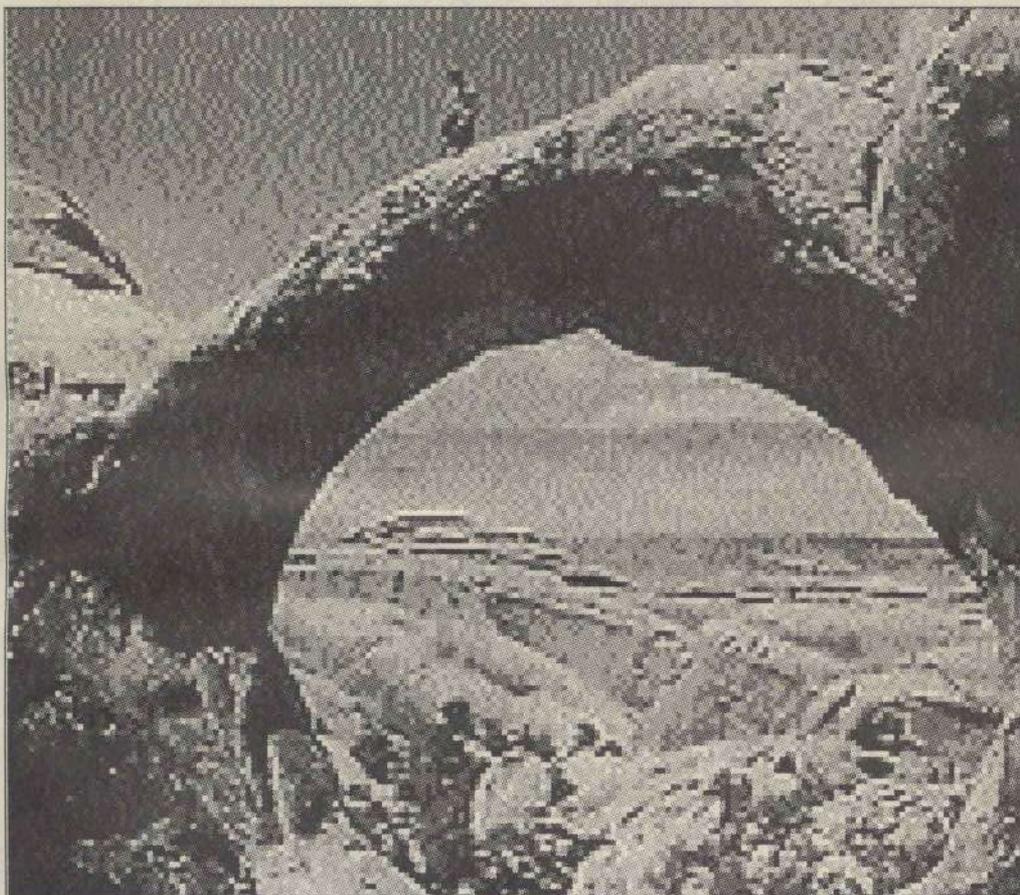
The Current staff would like to thank jobmonkey.com and hotjobs.com for their contributions for the interviews and photos. The editors also would like to thank the GRCC Financial Aid Office for their help.

**Right:** Watch a three-hour tour turn into two months, as some lucky students could work for a cruise line.

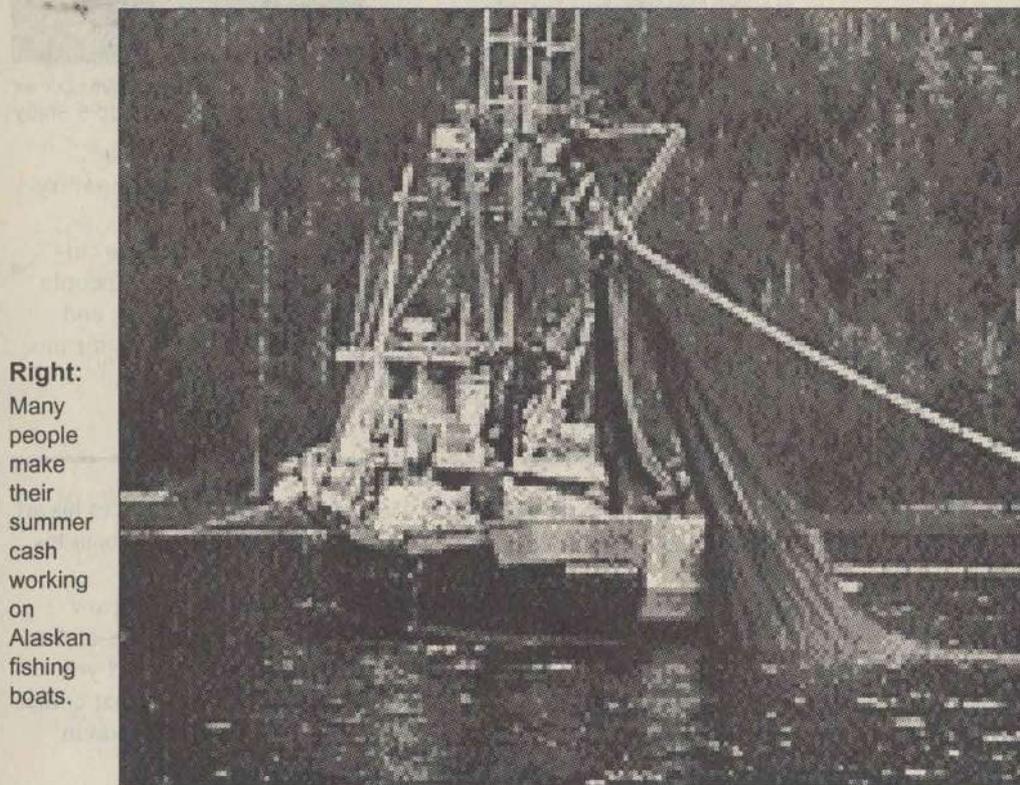




**Above:** The sunny beaches of Hawaii may sound like vacation, but many resorts are looking for college-age students for hard work



**Above:** Imagine working in the great outdoors as a guide enjoying the beauties of nature.



**Right:** Many people make their summer cash working on Alaskan fishing boats.

## The Top 8 job-search errors employers hate

Jared McGlinchey  
Special Projects editor

Here is a list of the most important mistakes an applicant can make:

**Bad resumes** - This is the document that is supposed to make them want you; make it good.

**Bad cover letter** - This is the first item the employer sees make this one count.

**No focus** - Without focus, there is no direction an employee can go.

**No research** - Know the job before you get hired; do not let the company have to train you.

**Badmouthing a previous employer** - Why would a company hire an already disgruntled worker?

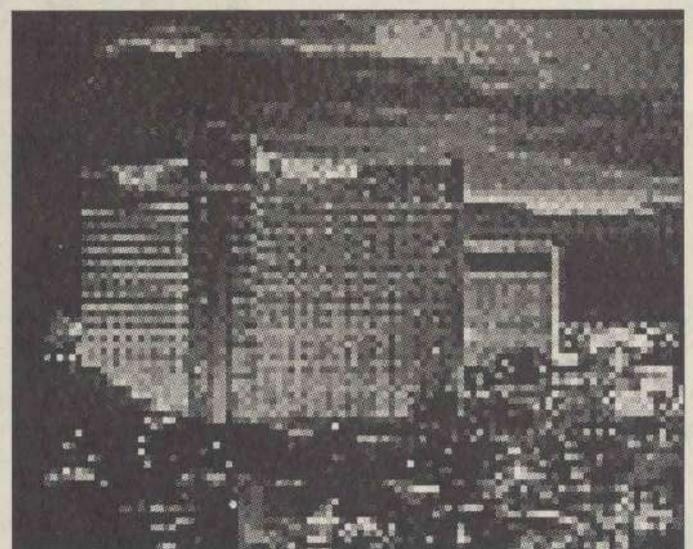
**Bad Manners** - Say your please's and thank you's and smile at all cost.

**Bad Posture** - A firm handshake and good posture makes an applicant look strong and confident.

**Poor appearance** - If you look bad, then your interviewer won't think you care about this job.



**Above:** The current could lead some Gators downstream as a raft trip guide.



**Above:** The hot stormy nights in a warm city could be just what the doctor ordered, and the pay is good.

# 'Election' a losing candidate

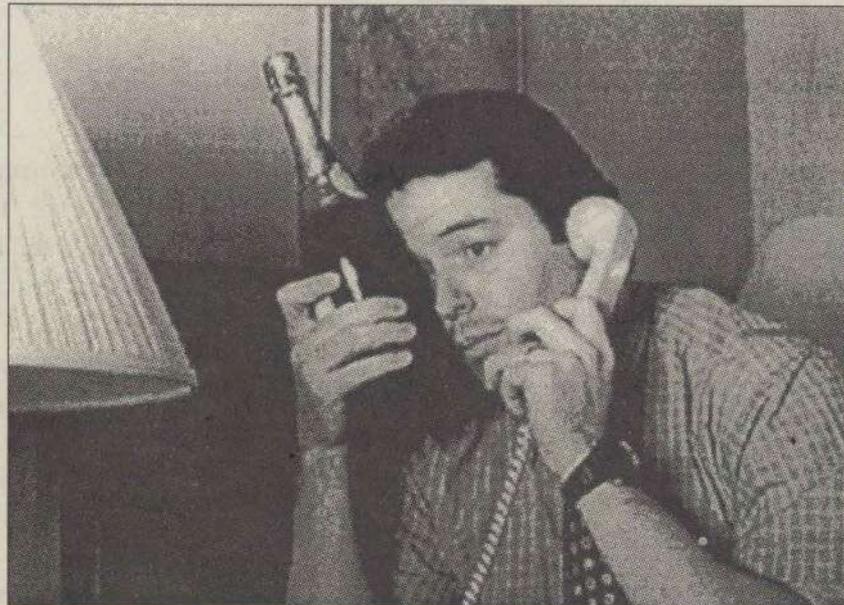
By Charles Fleming  
Staff Reporter

The ambitiously perky Tracy Flick (Reese Witherspoon), an over achiever running unchallenged for student council president, receives the expressed indignation of teacher and student council advisor Jim McAllister (Matthew Broderick).

Broderick plays an ordinary teacher who sabotages Witherspoon's campaign because he is afraid she will try to seduce him.

Both characters abandon their lovable facades as the plot thickens.

McAllister convinces injured football hero Paul Metzler (Chris Klein) to enter the race. Following suit, Paul's rebellious misfit sister



Courtesy Paramount Pictures

Matthew Broderick practices drinking and talking in 'Election'.

Tammy (Jessica Campbell) enters the race to spite Paul.

The movie, "Election" is a strange, dark satire revealing a depressing realization about politics and our society.

Director Alexander Payne explores the way we convince ourselves that our motives are pure, even when we do not understand what our motivations are.

This so-called comedy hardly ever evoked laughter. I laughed maybe twice during the whole movie. One of the times involved Paul's sister, Tammy, angrily stating that the election doesn't mean a thing. I cheered with the school audience at the ironic truth in that statement.

I felt the matinee price of 4.75 a bit steep for this movie.

# Folklife showcases different cultures



Hannah Whitten / Current

Folklife attendees enjoy the scenery.

Folklife's purpose is showcasing as many cultures as possible, if only for a few days.

Folklife '99, running May 28-31, had over one thousand performing groups and required 900 volunteers to run the festival.

Dozens of food and merchandise booths sprawled over the 74 acre Seattle Center, each representing a different culture. Australian, Vietnamese, Mexican, Thai and

Italian foods were among the many you could try, as well as American classics like cheeseburgers, Ben & Jerry's ice cream and strawberry shortcake.

Many hands on activities offered, such as arts and crafts for children at the International Children's Village, and square and swing dancing at the Centerhouse.

There were numerous human art booths as well, such as hair weav-



Hannah Whitten / Current

Folklife attendees enjoy the spray of the Seattle Center fountain.



Hannah Whitten / Current

Booths line walkways as people enjoy the folklife festival.

ing, face painting and temporary henna tattoos.

By representing so many cultures, Folklife appeals to people in all walks of life, young and old, and gives them an opportunity to sample the unknown.

Hannah Whitten  
Staff Reporter

The Northwest Folklife Festival took place Memorial Day weekend, making this Folklife's 27th year serving western Washington with multi-cultural music and arts.

# Photos reflect artistic world

Margaret Rzymowska  
Staff Reporter

Photography is considered an art that involves deep thought to make and interpret.

Patrick Navin and Deane Miner are two examples of photographic artists. Navin and Miner's pictures both interpret their work personally.

"[I] like to refer to them as photographs that are made from the inside looking at something on the outside and that reflects back to the inside," Navin said.

"I have to be removed from the work to be able to stand back and think about what it's about. Miner said. "A lot of images I made five years ago I thought I made them for one reason, and I look at them now and it's like so obvious why I made them, but it wasn't the reason I thought I was making them at the time."

Miner said his life influences his art completely. He said it's all about his life experiences.

"I think it's just as you grow older you understand more of the kind of person you are and you accept who you are and that comes out in the photographs," Navin said.

# 'Dream' full of strong visuals



Courtesy Fox Pictures

Kevin Kline makes an "ass" of himself around Michelle Pfeiffer in 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'.

By Tony Tsay  
Staff Reporter

Set in the late 19th century in Tuscany, "A Midsummer Night's Dream," is another faithful adaptation of a Shakespeare play.

Directed by Michael Hoffman, this movie adaptation has a famous cast

that includes, Michelle Pfeiffer, Kevin Kline, Calista Flockhart, and Rupert Everett.

The movie follows the dialogue directly from the play. "A Midsummer Night's Dream" combines solid acting talent with a stunning visual setting to create an

entertaining movie.

The movie follows the four subplots of the play well. The movie starts out with Duke Theseus' wedding being planned. While the Duke is planning his wedding, he has to settle a dispute over an arranged marriage. Hermia (Anna Friel) is supposed to marry Demetrius (Christian Bale), but Hermia loves Lysander (Dominic West) and wants to marry him.

Ordered by the Duke to obey her father, Hermia plans to elope with

Lysander. But Hermia's best friend, Helena (Calista Flockhart), who is in love with Demetrius, warns him of their plans.

Demetrius follows Hermia and Lysander to the forest with Helena in pursuit. Bound for the same forest is a band of actors led by Nick Bottom (Kevin Kline).

Oberon King of Fairies (Rupert Everett) entangles the lovers and actors in a plot, and all hell breaks loose.

Some of the more enjoyable aspects of the movie are seeing the actors speak in Shakespearean English. Flockhart is brilliant in playing an obsessed Helena. Stanley Tucci is an intriguing Puck, because one never envisions a bald guy playing a fairy.

The only flaw in the movie is also its strength. Some audiences, myself included, might have difficulty understanding the plot because of the Shakespearean English.

"A Midsummer Night's Dream" is an enjoyable and delightful movie and I would recommend seeing it.



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Everett kisses up to Pfeiffer.



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A fairy sleeps in 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'.

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# Seattle hosts Film Festival



Courtesy Seattle Film Festival

Mike Meyers and Heather Graham star in the film festival movie 'Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me'.

Spy Who Shagged Me," "The Red Violin" featuring Samuel Jackson, to "Made in Hong Kong" and "Of Freaks and Men." The festival also shows a secret film every Sunday at noon where viewers must sign a release form not to disclose any information about the film. There are also midnight movies, which show every Friday and Saturday featuring erotic movies and Hong Kong action.

"I think it is a high caliber festival," Holly said. "Overall quality has been very good. It's hard to make a choice because you can't see them all."

The film festival also features a variety of documentaries, including a documentary entitled "Speaking in Strings," a film about violinist Nadja Salerno-Sonnenburg, directed by Paola di Florio.

"I'm not really a documentary person, but I thought it was a really good documentary because it went into not just her career but her life," Ben Either, a student at Green River Community College said.

"This one is very personal."

The film festival features "Emerging Masters," such as Dorota Kedzierzawska who directed "Nothing" and "Devils, Devils," Michael Winterborn who directed "I Want You" and "Welcome to Sarajevo, Françoise Ozon who directed "Sitcom," and Tom Tykwer who directed "Run Lola Run" and "Deadly Maria."

The Seattle International Film Festival ended Sunday, June 6.



Courtesy Seattle Film Festival

'Hong Kong' was part of the festival.

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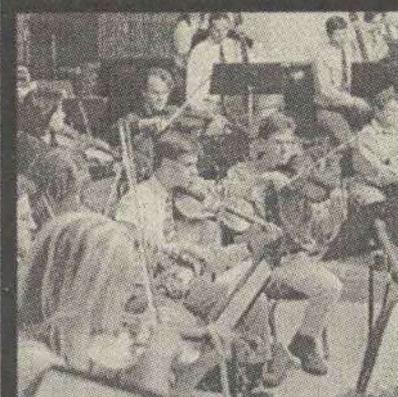
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### Melina Elder Staff Reporter

The Seattle International Film Festival reached its 25th anniversary this year showing a variety of films from all over the world.

The festival opened May 13 and continued through June 6.

The 99 Seattle International Film Festival has more than 170 films and an expected attendance of 135,000 people. These films come from over 40 countries which include Hong Kong, Iceland, Germany, Denmark, Hungary, Poland, Great Britain, South Africa, The Netherlands, Brazil, Spain and Canada.

The festival is showing at the General Cinema Theatre, Cinema-Theater, The Egyptian, Harvard Exit Theatre and the Broadway Performance Hall.

"It's been a strong festival, and I have to commend the people who do the selection because there is a wide variety of quality in movies out there and they're trying to appeal to a broad spectrum here," Bruce Holly, a yearly festival attendee said. "The diversity of the movies that they bring here is part of the strength of what they do here in the Seattle International Film Festival, there's plenty to choose from."

The film festival is featuring movies like "Austin Powers: The

# Athletes find new opportunity

By David Kancianich  
Staff Reporter

Among the Green River Gator athletes this year, four have accepted athletic scholarships from other colleges to play their respected sport at that college.

Jaime Smith and Stefanie Imhof, lady Gator basketball players for the past two years have accepted basketball scholarships from Northwest Nazarene College in Nampa, ID to attend and play basketball.

For the Gators golf team, Mark Hansen has accepted a scholarship to Western Washington University.

Cory Armstrong also plans on attending Western.

An all-star both his freshman and sophomore year, and NWAACC MVP his sophomore year, Armstrong led



David Kancianich  
Staff Reporter

the soccer team to victory and leaves behind a great career as a Gator soccer legend. He leaves GRCC as a Green River Hall of Fame nominee.

"He is a very fast forward," Coach Dan Keene said. "He will help Western better themselves very much."

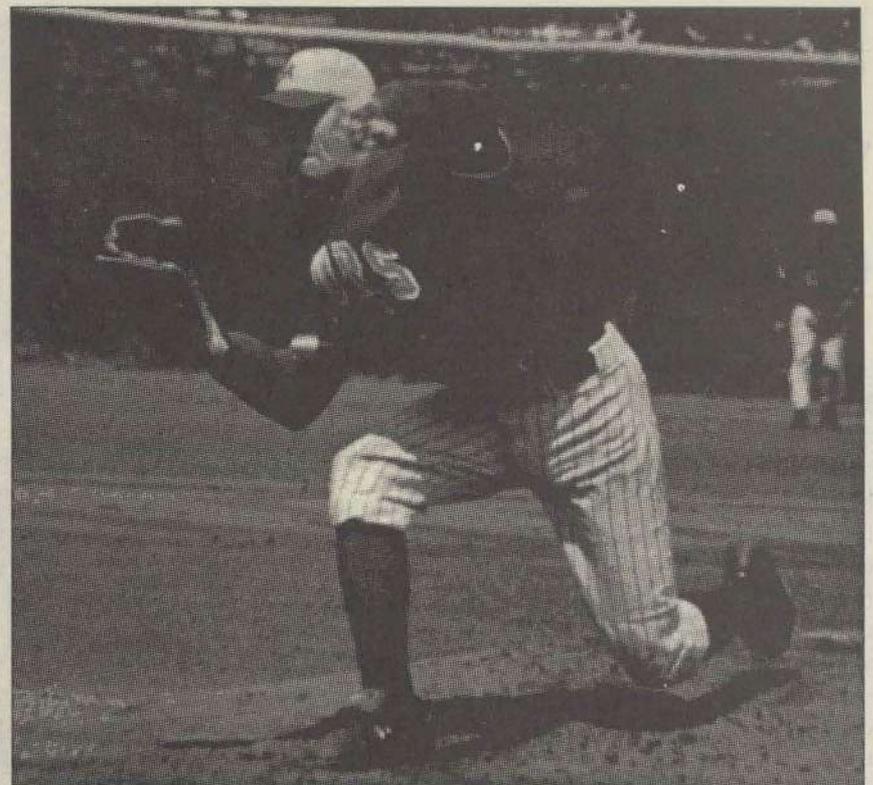
Three baseball players end their tenure at Green River as baseball captains, two-time NWAACC tournament participants, and head onto new life at a new college as student-athletes.

Tom Garden, Josh Burtis, and Chance Wilton are all being sought after to attend another college and play baseball on scholarships.

Although none has decided, each of the three has many possibilities to choose from.

Several schools up and down the West coast are looking at Garden as a first baseman for next season. The schools interested in Garden include, University of Pacific, University of Redlands in California, and Central Washington University.

Burtis is being looked at by the University of Redlands, Cal Lutheran, and Saint Mary's College in North Carolina to pitch next year.



Ryan Dacey/Current

GRCC pitcher Josh Burtis throws against Tacoma Community College in May. Burtis is currently being pursued by the University of Redlands, Cal Lutheran and Saint Mary's.

Both Central Washington and St. Mary's College have their eye on Wilton to play centerfield.

"There's no doubt that each will be impact players and a welcome addition to whatever program they go to," baseball coach Denny Oughton said.

"They show what it's like to be student-athletes by excelling in the class-

room and on the playing field. They also provided excellent leadership in starting the Denny Oughton era of Gator baseball."

The GRCC has continued their success in 1999 in placing many of their athletes into four-year institutions.

This success is something GRCC should be proud of.

# Sauers looks ahead

By Charles Fleming  
Staff Reporter

Green River Community College Tennis Coach Steve Sauers started the men's tennis program in 1970 and became the women's coach in 1979.

The two teams combined record under Sauers is 823-128.



Steve Sauers

The women's tennis team finished this season with a 17-1 record. They won the Western Region Championship and placed second in the NWAACC state conference championship held in Spokane held May 21-23.

The men's tennis team finished 14-3 overall and won the Western Region Championship and the NWAACC (State) Championship.

Sauers' tennis teams have won a combined total of 29 NWAACC championships.

"The most important thing is to have fun," Sauers said. "But in order to have fun you need to win. And in order to win you have to work hard."

Sauers said that he is looking forward to next year's spring break where the tennis teams have entered a tournament in Phoenix.

"Five of the top seven players on the women's team are coming back next year," Sauers said. "On the men's team, six of the seven top players were sophomores, so

we will have to find some new players for next year."

"When people ask me how long I plan to continue coaching," Sauers said. "I tell them until I stop counting the weeks before March 1 when the next season begins."

### NWAACC Women's

#### Results

Skagit Valley	257
<b>GRCC</b>	<b>255</b>
Bellevue	181
Yakima	114
Spokane	82
Shoreline	27

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# Men's tennis wins NWAACC Championship

By Gavin Anderson  
Sports Editor

Some may call it a surprise, but the GRCC men's tennis team brought home their seventh NWAACC title in eight years.

The Gators captured the team title earning 234 points. Spokane took second with 205 points, and Shoreline received 203 to take third.

GRCC's Hisashi Sadoyama, of Japan, won the 2nd Singles title defeating Henry Lee from Skagit Valley 6-4, 4-6, 6-4.

Another international player, Christer Sandbloom of Sweden won the 4th Singles title over Eric Brown of Spokane, 6-4, 6-4.

"Everyone was looking for the women to win the title this year," GRCC coach Steve Sauers said. "But you have to



Gavin Anderson  
Sports Editor

give this group credit. They played some tough opponents."

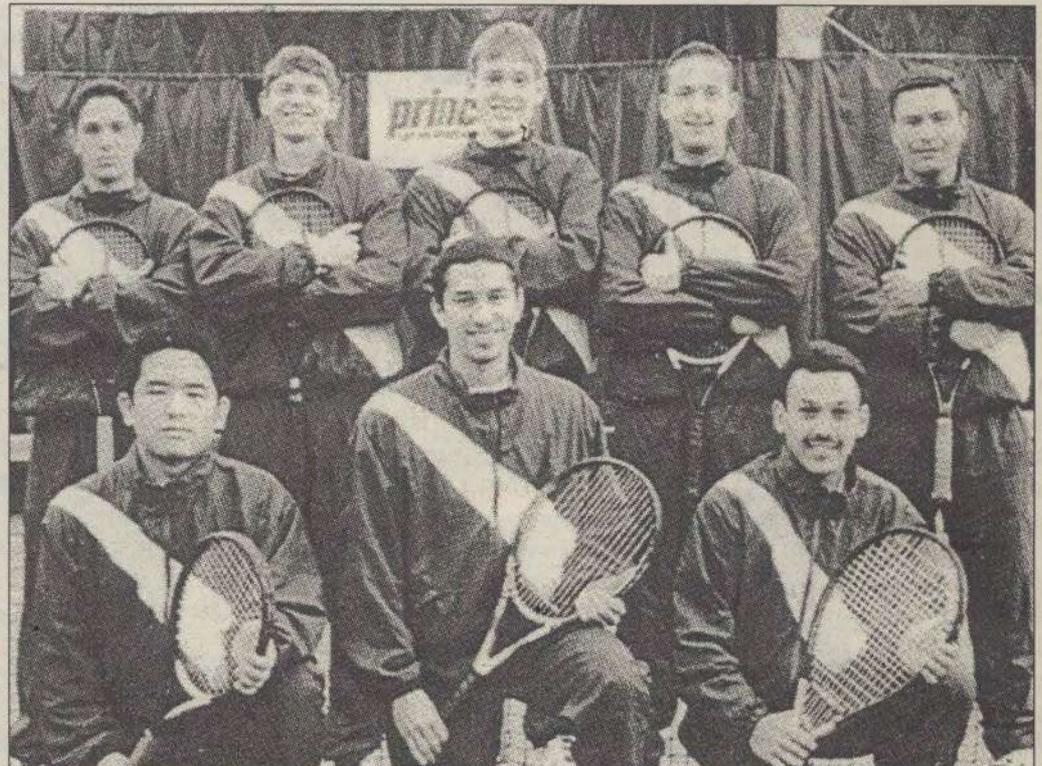
In the 3rd Singles championship Spokane's Aaron Bren defeated GRCC's Dan Cruz 6-4, 4-6, 6-1.

Also, the 6th Singles championship featured a member of the Gator squad. However, Darren Muller came up short to Shoreline's Scott Lee, losing 7-5, 6-3.

The '99 title was the 15th in school history. All of the titles have come under the leadership of Sauers.

Sauers was also named NWAACC Men's Coach of the Year along with Larry Luke of Shoreline.

Men's Tennis Results	
GRCC	234
Spokane	205
Shoreline	203
Skagit Valley	132
Yakima Valley	126



Courtesy Steve Sauers

Picture of 1999 GRCC Men's Tennis Team at the Boeing Tennis Club in Kent.

## Women miss by two

In one of the closest team tennis competitions in NWAACC history, the Skagit Valley Cardinals snatched the women's title by two points.

The Gators 255 points were unable to match the Cardinals.

"This team came up against some fierce competition," Sauers said. "They had one 15 straight. This one was just too close."

Kent Meridian graduate Manny Stefanescu defeated

Skagit Valley's Heather Ludwig, 6-4, 7-5 to snare the 4th Singles title.

GRCC freshman Tracy Kirkland defeated Skagit's Keiko Komatsuzaki, 6-3, 6-2 to capture the 6th Singles title.

The Gators also brought home two of the three doubles titles.

Doubles partners Bridget Wagner and Mary Lee Savol took the 1st Doubles title, defeating Skagit's Ali Jenson and Stephanie Guffie, 6-4, 6-4.

The 3rd Doubles championship also went to the Gators. The duo of Tracy

Kirkland and Kelli Patrick defeated Spokane's Michaela Ott and Vickie Overfield, 6-0, 6-2.

"It was our best match ever," Kelli Patrick said. "Tracy and I worked hard all season. We wanted to end it with a win."

In the 2nd Double final, Skagit's Jenni Cox and Heather Ludwig knocked off GRCC's Angie Nguyen and Manny Stefanescu, 6-0, 6-1.

The women's team had won six straight titles from 1992-1997, but have fallen to Skagit Valley the past two years.

# Baseball ends campaign

By Victor Rodriguez  
Staff Reporter

The GRCC baseball team traveled to Longview, Wash. to play in the NWAACC Tournament for their chance to capture a title.

The tournament was a double elimination tournament. That means each team is guaranteed to play at least twice.

For the Gators, two was all they played. The two games matched the Gators against Columbia CC and Edmonds CC.

Unfortunately for the Gators, they ran into good pitching from both teams and lost to Columbia Basin, 9-0.

They lost to Edmonds, 5-1.

*'We just ran into two good teams. We just couldn't hit the ball...'*

**Kris Lamm**  
GRCC Pitcher

The Gators were no-hit in both games.

"We just ran into two good teams," pitcher Kris Lamm. "We just couldn't hit the ball either."

The Gators had a tough time in the tournament but were successful during the regular season.

They finished second in their division with a very young team. Over half of this years club is freshman.

"Earlier is the year, we didn't have very much confidence in ourselves," Taras Yurashak said. "But when we started winning we began to build that confidence that we could win every time we played. We just didn't carry that into the tournament."

More experience and maturity should heighten the success of the Gators for the 2000 season lead by coach Denny Oughton.

The Gators should be an exciting team to watch next season.

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1415 (5 cr) Christiansen SS-12 MTWTh 7-9:30a

## Drama

For more information, contact Gary Taylor, ext. 4277.

### DRAMA 120 The Art Of The Film

Prerequisite: Eligible for READ 104 or concurrent enrollment in READ 094. Additional 10 hours required outside of class. Satisfies humanities/fine arts/English distribution requirement for AA degree.

1703 (5 cr) Taylor RLC-128 MTWTh 9:40a-12:10p

## Early Childhood Education

For more information, contact Diana Holz at ext. 4334, or Leslie Kessler at ext. 4555.

### ECE 1101 Child Development

Satisfies social science distribution requirement for AA degree.

1751 (3 cr) Kessler OEB-22 TTh 6:15-9:15p  
Class begins 06/22/99 and ends 07/27/99.

## English

### ENGL 165 Intro To Myths Of World

Prerequisite: Eligible for ENGL 110. Satisfies humanities/fine arts/English distribution requirement for AA degree.

2227 (5 cr) Sims HSB-6 MTWTh 9:40a-12:10p

## Environmental Science

### ENV S 204 Natural Sci And The Envir

Satisfies math/science distribution requirement for AA degree.

2247 (5 cr) McVay STD-32 MTWTh 7-9:30a  
2251 (5 cr) McVay STD-32 MTWTh 9:40a-12:10p

## Geography

### GEOG 120 Intro To Physical Geog

Satisfies social science distribution requirement for AA degree. Additional fee of \$3.00. (NR)

2423 (5 cr) Papritz SS-9 MTWTh 9:40a-12:10p  
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## Health Education

### HL ED 150 Total Wellness

Additional fee of \$2.50. (NR)

2663 (5 cr) Behrbaum SMT-224 MTWTh 10:40a-1p

### HL ED 190 First Aid And Pers Safety

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2683 (3 cr) Behrbaum SMT-224 MTWTh 8-9:20a

## History

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2623 (5 cr) Almquist OEA-106 MTWTh 9:40a-12:10p

## Mathematics—Lecture

### MATH 072 Elementary Algebra

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3255 (5 cr) Hallstone SMT-134 MTWTh 7-9:30a

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### P E 101 Physical Fitness Lab

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3779 (2 cr) Behrbaum PE-7 MTWTh 9:30-10:45a  
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3823 (1 cr) Davis PE-1 MW 1-3p  
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3839 (2 cr) Behrbaum PE-1 MTWTh 8-9:15a  
3843 (2 cr) Behrbaum PE-1 MTWTh 11a-12:15p  
3855 (2 cr) Behrbaum PE-1 MTWTh 5-6:15p

### P E 118 Volleyball

Satisfies activities distribution requirement for AA degree. Additional fee of \$8.50. (NR)

3871 (1 cr) Behrbaum PE-2 MTWTh 10-11a  
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### P E 131 Weight Training

Satisfies fitness-related activity requirement for AA degree. Additional fee of \$8.50. (NR)

3879 (2 cr) Behrbaum PE-6 MTWTh 8:30-9:40a

### P E 135 Advanced Weight Training

Satisfies fitness-related activity requirement for AA degree. Prerequisite: P E 131 or instructor's permission. Additional fee of \$8.50. (NR)

3891 (2 cr) Behrbaum PE-6 MTWTh 8:30-9:40a

### P E 210 Intermediate Golf

Prerequisite: P E 110 or instructor's permission. Satisfies activities distribution requirement for AA degree. Additional fee of \$3.00. (NR)

3923 (1 cr) Davis PE-7 MW 6-8p

## Sociology

### SOC 110 Survey Of Sociology

Satisfies social science distribution requirement for AA degree.

4267 (5 cr) Christiansen STC-21 MTWTh 9:40a-12:10p

## Speech

### SPCH 100 Basic Speech Communication

Satisfies humanities/fine arts/English distribution requirement for AA degree. Additional fee of \$3.00. (NR)

4367 (5 cr) SS-12 MTWTh 9:40a-12:10p