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Pepsi-Cola signs contract with GRCC

By Jorge Pena

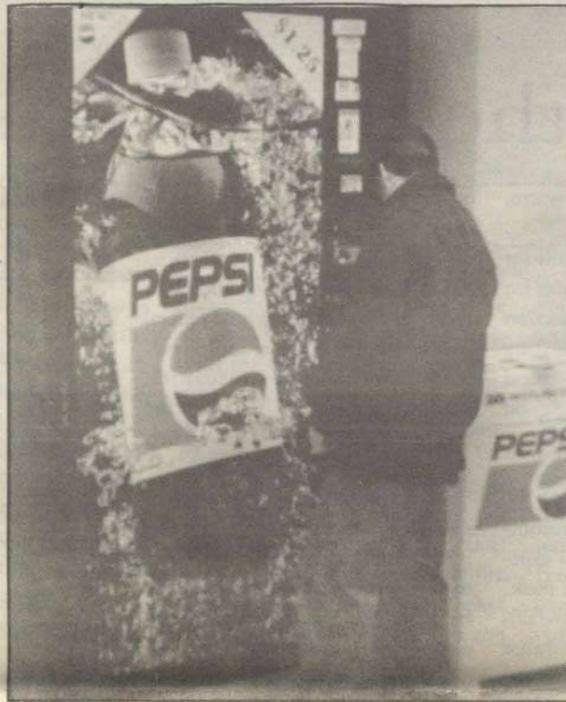
Green River Community College signed a contract worth \$100,000 in enhancements with the Pepsi-Cola Company on December 29.

Contract B-05-98 is a five-year contract with Pepsi-Cola and gives GRCC the option to renew every year after the first five years. Pepsi-Cola out-bid the Coca-Cola Company and Evergreen Company for the contract with incentives that include scholarships, on-campus publicity, free products, and sponsorships.

Pepsi-Cola awarded GRCC with a \$40,000 signing bonus for the first year of the contract and a \$15,000 enhancement for every year within the following four years of the contract. The enhancement funds will be placed in the Student Union Enterprise (SUE) budget and will be used in the future for Student Employment, purchasing and refurbishing student furniture in the Lindbloom Student Center, and for additional labor for managing and maintaining the added vending machines.

GRCC receives a 68.5 percent commission from the vending machines. The commission will be placed in the SUE budget and is dispersed back into Student Services. Student Services include the bookstore, the cafeteria and the vending machines, and all of the profit they make is put into the SUE budget.

Pepsi-Cola added more vending machines around campus due to the contract signing, increasing availability. Eight new



One of the new Pepsi bottle machines on campus.

vending machines have been placed on the GRCC campus. Two new vending machines have been installed on the Enumclaw campus as well, making a total of 15 vending machines for GRCC. New vending machines can be found in the Science/Math/Technology building on the second floor, the Trades classrooms and offices area, the Business and Industry building, and the Science/Technology building.

The previous contractor with GRCC violated their contract on numerous occasions. Problems arose from the lack of keeping the contract; the vending machines were old, checks of commission were not mailed back to GRCC on time, and the vending machines were not stocked when money was collected from the machines.

Dean of Student Programs, Bruce Compton, along with Patty Sikora (Purchasing Manager), Kathy Johnson (Manager of Scheduling), Sal Salaguinto (Facilities Coordinator), and Charles Thompson (Sophomore Senator for Associated Students of GRCC) all worked together to seek a new vending service and contract. The group based their decision equally on three criteria: company references, incentives, and commission. Pepsi-Cola out bid other companies and the decision was made.

Incentives the contract offer include: tuition funding sources, scholarship funding, vending kits, Student Government support, free products, proper management and an addition of more vending machines, on-campus promotion, and an All Sport program.

A Pro-Am Golf Tournament Lunch Scholarship of \$4,000 has been founded, along with a Pepsi-Cola Student Leadership Scholarship of \$1,000.

Pepsi-Cola will be the major sponsor of the Artists & Speakers Series. Pepsi-Cola will be mentioned in all paid advertisements of the series, the Pepsi-Cola logo will appear on brochures mailed out to the community each year, and Pepsi-Cola will be announced during the introduction of every program.

The new contract does not keep other companies, such as Coca-Cola, from selling their products on campus. Products such as Coca-Cola and Sprite can be found in the cafeteria in the Lindbloom Student Center.

Women's Center offers new program.



By Holly Harris

The Women's Center is currently offering a new educational and support program called Crossing Bridges.

Crossing Bridges offers an intensive seminar covering topics such as career and life planning, personal development, career exploration and job search. The program also offers mentoring, support and welfare/WorkFirst information.

"This is a unique opportunity for low-income women who are single parents, single pregnant women or displaced homemakers. Also, in serving women on public assistance, women of color, and non-native English speakers," said Transitions Coordinator, Maureen Sweeney.

The Women's Center at Green River Community College is committed to achieving equality and equity for women on campus and in our society. The Women's Center offers classes and services to students and community members to help everyone overcome barriers

which may be personal or societal to become successful and to reach academic, personal and career oriented goals. "The Women's Center focuses on women's potential and abilities to support them in accomplishing their goals," said Monti Buchanan, a Work Study Assistant. Services and resources for the Women's Programs are funded by the GRCC and by the Carl Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act.

The Crossing Bridges program will be in two sessions. The first session runs from January 30 through February 16 and the second from April 8 through April 29. Classes meet five hours each day.

The classes will be held on campus but exact location is still unknown. Assistance with childcare and transportation costs will be available and the program is free of charge. More information and registration is available by calling Women's Programs at (253)-833-9111 ext. 2547.

Cafeteria seeks name

By Holly Harris

A contest is currently being held to find the best name for the Green River Community College cafeteria. The cafeteria doesn't have a name, so it's up to the students to name it! With a little creativity great prizes will be won.

Those who enter have a chance at winning over \$50.00 worth of goodies from the cafeteria. These items include a \$25.00 gift certificate to the Espresso Bar or choice of breakfast or lunch for a week. Most importantly, the entire student body will see the winners idea

posted above the cafeteria.

The judges who decide the winner are students from Student Programs, cafeteria staff and Scheduling and Conference Office staff. The judges are looking for a name that draws attention to the eye.

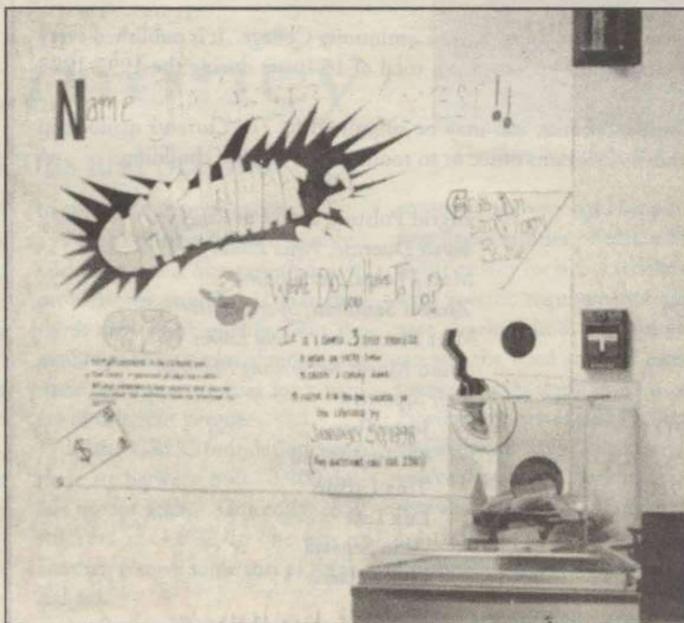
Every building has a name except for the cafeteria. Colleen Lambert, Conference Coordinator said, "I would like as many staff and students to participate as possible because it's not just a cafeteria. The staff makes an effort to make it comfortable for the student body and it would be a way of saying thanks for working so hard."

To enter, grab an entry form located by the cash registers in the cafeteria.

Participants may enter as many times as imagination permits. Each entry must be on a separate form. Entries are to be placed in the ballot box, located at the entrance of the cafeteria by January 30, 1998.

In the event of a tie, there will be a tie-breaking drawing held to obtain a winner. Winner will be announced February 2, 1998.

Further information is available by calling ext.2380.



Contest entries can be submitted at the cafeteria entrance.

Green River Student Government: an overview

By Christal Wood

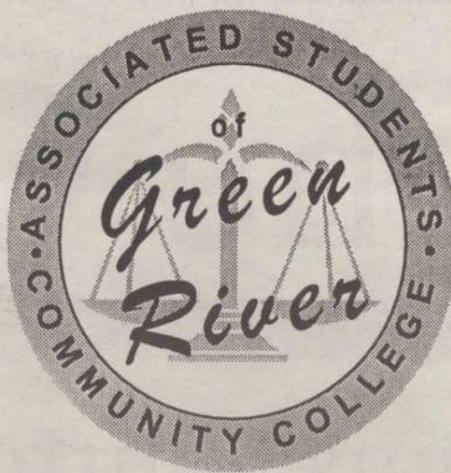
GRCC's student government, the Associated Students of Green River Community College (ASGRCC), works very similar to the U.S. Government.

The ASGRCC operates on an executive branch (President Kathy Arndt, and Vice President Amy Freeman), which monitors and assists a legislative branch (15 members of senate), and a judicial branch (a board of 8 members, led by Chief Justice Jerry Jensen).

The Judicial Board serves as an outlet for student disputes, and directs them as to a correct means of resolve. It can also resolve more minor issues independently, with administrative sanction. Its primary

function is to interpret and/or revise the student constitution and by-laws (copies of which are available in the student government office, located in the Student Programs Office on the second floor of the Lindbloom Student Center). The senate serve as liaisons between students and campus administration, and an avenue for input on issues of policy.

The major responsibilities of the Student Senate are development of student policies, and revenue planning of nearly 10% of student tuition (about \$450,000 per year, depending on enrollment). The technology, facilities and parking fees now included



in the cost of tuition have previously financed new computers now housed in the Holman Library, open student parking access, and increased campus security. In addition to negotiation of a new campus vending contract [see separate article this issue], the Student Government has also been responsible for negotiating with Metro for

a #35 per student discount toward transportation passes for 300 students each quarter—an arrangement that they are hoping to expand in the future.

Sophomore Senator Charles Thompson also gave some examples of projects put forward during this academic year, including a security camera for the more remote dirt parking lots to help prevent break-ins, among others. He indicated that any suggestions or concerns from the student body are welcome and invited.

The Student Senate meets on Wednesdays and Thursdays at noon. The Judicial Board meets on Wednesdays at noon. Look for updates on their activity in future issues.

Helmet use on the slopes

By Christal Wood

The well-publicized deaths of Michael Kennedy and Sonny Bono due to severe head injury on the slopes have sparked discussion of skiing safety. At issue has been the suggestion of increased use of, or possibly requirement to wear protective headgear whenever skiing.

"There's a risk in it. That's the chance you take," commented Sharon Wimpres, GRCC freshman. "[Wearing a helmet] wouldn't feel right. It would feel like I was roller-blading or roller-skating, where you'd hit concrete. You don't think about it with snow"

Mandatory helmet requirements may also discourage skiers because of the added cost. "It's expensive enough to ski already," said Wimpres, "without having to buy extra gear."

Washington ski lodges and resorts, such as Crystal Mountain, and Steven's Pass don't require helmets, but strongly promote them. Said Stacey Schuster, Crystal Mountain's Marketing Director, "[When you ski] you're going as fast as you would if you were mountain-biking. Yes, it's snow, but snow can be hard, as well as trees."

Schuster wasn't exactly thrilled about helmets herself, until she began wearing them. "Helmets are

actually very comfortable and warm, and you can hear just fine."

Helmets designed specifically for skiing provide good protection for the top of the head, and protection of the neck area (for preventing "whiplash"-type injuries). A good ski helmet should also provide good ventilation around the ears for hearing.

Sven Jonassen, Director of the Ski School at Steven's Pass, recommends wearing helmets also, especially when skiing on "hard pack" (if it's been a while since a snowfall), when even minor falls can cause head injury. "Even instructors use them when "free-skiing" when they're not working, because of the challenging terrain," said Jonassen.

Helmets have their limits, however. According to Doug Campbell, President of the Pacific Northwest Ski Areas Association (PNSAA), helmets only provide protection up to a certain speed (around 25-30 mph. Most fatal accidents occur in high speed situations, involving impact at upwards of 50-60 mph, hitting a stationary or immovable object, such as a tree or ski-lift pole. Mr. Campbell added that the risk of that happening is extremely small, depending on the type of skiing, and the skill level rating of the trail.

There has been no action taken

on the federal level on this issue to date. There is always the possibility of legislative action being taken, as has occurred with rafting and other sports and activities, where federal law was implemented requiring helmets in response to casualties. Sources unanimously indicated that they would not be in favor of helmets being made mandatory, because many skiers are drawn to the sport for the contact with the elements and the freedom it allows. A majority of skiers do so safely. In fact, the National Ski Areas Association reports that the rate of serious injury during 1996-96 was less than 1 per million skier/snowboarder visits.

Regardless of requirements, more and more skiers are apparently making the choice to be safer than sorry, on their own accord. Lodges have been experiencing an upswing in helmet sales, since some time last year.

Two high-profile losses to the same injury in a weeks' time is a coincidence that may be misleading, but the Bono and Kennedy deaths serve as examples that are important to keep in mind. "This is a sport where you're traveling at high speeds," advises Schuster. "You should not be playing games, and should stay within your limits."

Editorial

Holiday cheer; not just for the holidays

by Ingrid Polston

The cash registers have stopped ringing, presents have been unwrapped, and the decorations have been taken down and packed away. The holiday season is officially over, and the new year has begun.

For many, the holidays hold special meaning—a sort of "magic." This magic, however, does not have to be reserved for just the holiday season.

The holidays are usually viewed as a time of peace, joy and good will. We all pride ourselves on the generosity we show by buying gifts for family and acquaintances. Family get-togethers are plentiful during this season, everyone at least attempting to put aside grudges and arguments to enjoy quality time together. Even small acts of kindness are an important part of the "holiday spirit." When we're not stressing about getting the shopping done on time, or fighting back road rage, we are expressing holiday wishes to cashiers at the mall and tossing the change into those buckets with santa ringing a bell alongside.

Charity work is a popular way to show goodwill towards mankind during the holidays. Eager volunteers rush to the nearest homeless shelter or mission to help out the

less fortunate and spread a little cheer. After all, it is the *holiday* season and we should all be doing our best to make this world a better place.

But why is this good will and cheer concentrated into one month out of the year? Is it impossible to show kindness to another human being during the other 11 months? The needy still need help in January through November. Homeless shelters are open year-round, and charities will gladly accept donations at any time. A kind word or friendly smile to a stranger still has the same meaning in the middle of July as it does in December. And spending time with family can be rewarding at any time of the year.

The month of December is just 31 days out of 365 in a year, nothing more. It is hypocritical to completely change our mindsets and activities to those of kindness and generosity for one month, only to return to an egocentric, self-indulgent world the next.

There is no such thing as the "magic" of the holiday season. The good feelings associated with the holidays are a result of the generosity, kindness and togetherness that have, over time, become a part of the season. But this "magic" is achievable at any time during the year.

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Rants and Raves

Everyone has an opinion, but not always a way to voice it.

Now there's a way to be heard. *The Current* wants to know what you love about GRCC, and what you *really* can't stand....Send us your rants and raves about anything pertaining to GRCC.

Submit rants and raves in writing to our mailbox at the entrance to the Student Programs office, upstairs in the Lindbloom Student Center.

"Year of the Ocean" declared to preserve resources

By Ryan Duerme

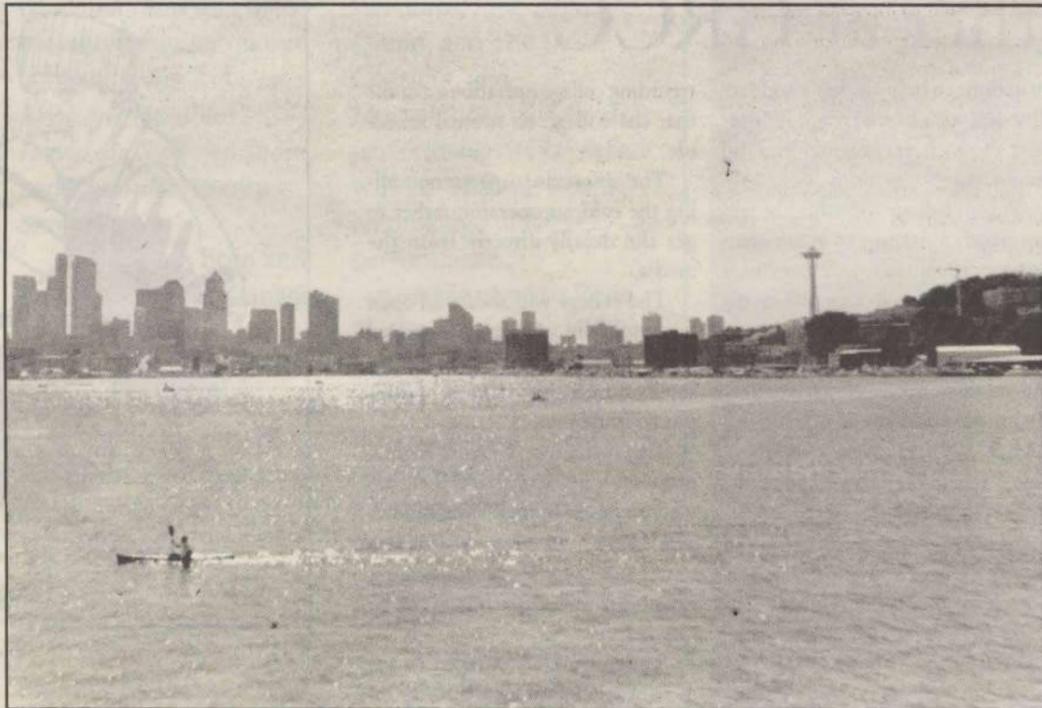
The United Nations has declared 1998 as the International Year of the Ocean to recognize the important influence oceans have on every living being on the planet.

About 71 percent of the Earth's surface is water. More than half of the world's population (2.7 billion) live within 60 miles of a coastline. Rapid urbanization is expected to lead to more megacities of 10 million or more people and by the year 2000, and 13 out of 15 of the world's largest cities will lie on or near the coast.

As a result, the quality of the densely populated coastlines will suffer; shorelines will erode and wildlife will be displaced. Ocean wildlife, which exceeds cattle, sheep, poultry and eggs in global production, is expected to dramatically decline. Already 15 of the world's 17 largest fisheries are either over-fished or in trouble.

Naming 1998 the Year of the Ocean provides an opportunity for worldwide governments, organizations and individuals to raise public awareness of the role the ocean plays in daily life, and to initiate changes needed to sustain resources as global development steadily continues.

The objective of the project is to focus the attention of the public, government and decision makers on the ocean's unreplaceable role on life on earth. The ocean provides key sources of food, medicine, energy and commerce.



A kayaker enjoys a sunny day in Seattle's Elliot Bay.

Closer to home, the issue of saving the ocean has great significance. By the year 2010, the human population of Puget Sound and metropolitan Vancouver is expected to increase more than 60%, from 3.8 million to over 6 million people. Environmentalists say this will no doubt increase the potential impact of pollution problems from sewage to industrial waste on the sound.

Untreated and inadequately treated sewage and industrial waste enter the Puget Sound and affect

every living thing, including humans. Making some groundwater unsuitable to drink and the closure of 46,000 acres of shellfish beds unfit for harvest are just some results of pollution. Some shellfish beds have been closed for the past 12 years.

There has been progress during the past 25 years, improving the state of Puget Sound and the oceans in general. With the passing of the Clean Water Act in 1972 and other laws passed to protect wildlife, the

US government has taken a high-way patrol position to catch anyone going over the limit on the amount and type of waste being dumped into the water. The government has also taken action to limit the catching of wildlife such as salmon and whales.

Puget Sound natives have also taken part in protecting their waters. Environmental groups such as People of Puget Sound have gotten local businesses and individuals involved in informing the public

about the water issue. They carry out habitat and clean-up projects along the coastlines. More information and volunteer opportunities are available through their phone number (206) 382-7007 or their e-mail, habitat@pugetsound.org.

Though government and individuals have made progress, experts say the work is far from over. Toxic chemicals cannot be completely cleaned up and they do not disappear, but rather the chemicals accumulate further affecting wildlife and quality of water. These have led to cancer in certain fishes, genetic damage to Coho and Chinook salmon, and poisoned food which leads to sickness.

With the impending arrival of a larger population making demands on the environment, problems that before were not very serious, for example pollution from fertilizers, poorly managed animal waste, and overburdened sewage plants will greatly impact the Puget Sound and the rest of the world.

The Year of the Ocean and its purpose of getting government and organizations involved as well as raising the public's awareness will allow time to plan and carry out projects in the battle to save the oceans that, according to scientists and environmentalists, is becoming more and more a matter of life and death.

Lindbloom Student Center gets new furniture and new look

By Jorge Peña

In an effort to update the look of the Lindbloom Student Center, the Student Government has purchased \$20,000 worth of new furniture.

Funds used to purchase the furniture were taken from a \$50,000 account set up by the 522 budget to remodel the LSC. Students who use the furniture to eat, do homework, relax, and even sleep have nothing but appraisal for the newly acquired furniture.

The furniture that was previously in the LSC was said to be uncomfortable and hard fake plastic. "I like the wood, before it was metal. Now it looks nicer, more sophisticated,"

stated Tim Bowers about the new chairs.

The ability to sleep and relax better on the new chairs seems to be the greatest praise from students. Adinna Rivoli said that the old chairs looked like they came from the 1970's, she added that the new chairs are comfortable enough to sleep on.

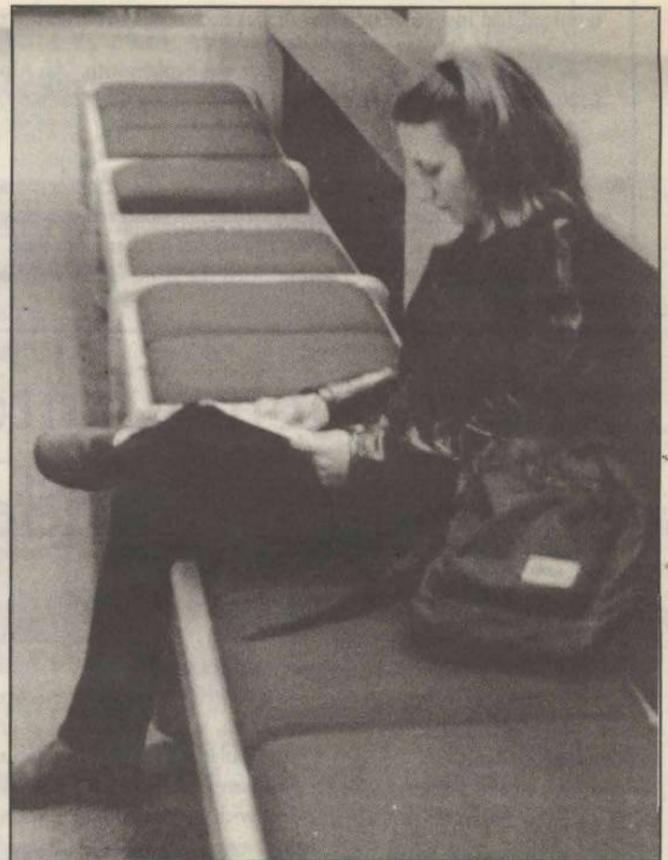
A few students felt afraid to sit on the old chairs. Stephanie Kodis said, "The old chairs were so bad, it seemed like we fell out of them on a daily basis." Aimee Shea added by commenting, "Now we just need new tables."

Student's who pay tuition at Green River Community College

helped pay for the furniture. Student Government receives 9.7 percent of a student's tuition. The money taken from the student's tuition is placed in to the 522 budget consisting of approximately \$455,500, depending on enrollment.

The new Pizza Oven on the bottom floor of the LSC also came from the \$50,000 account.

Plans for further remodeling of the LSC are currently under way. Included in future plans is the move of the games and entertainment center on the top floor of the LSC to the downstairs floor and the testing center to move upstairs.



The new furniture in LSC is a popular place to relax or study.

Show me the money

Financial Aid offers workshops on Applications and Scholarships

By Ryan Duerme

During February, the Financial Aid office is holding workshops on financial aid application and scholarships. These workshops are designed to help students who have any questions about how to fill out applications, what sort of financial aid or scholarship they are eligible for, as well as answer some basic questions about the entire process.

"Timing is very important," stated Mary Edington, director of Green River Financial Aid. She places emphasis on timing, suggest-

ing that if students want financial aid, it is vital that applications are turned in on time and correctly to insure a good chance of getting results. The workshops, taking only about one hour, help in that aspect.

The scholarship workshops teach students how to go out and find opportunities for scholarships. They also inform students what to expect when it comes to applying. The sessions will include an overview of how to apply for scholarships, what types of aid are available (loans, work-study, grants), where to find them, and assistance on how

to complete an application.

"Don't think you won't qualify," said Edington. She says the main problem for students is that they think they won't qualify. But she maintains there is a lot of money out there and opportunities for a variety of different people.

In the GRCC foundation alone there are between \$60-70,000 dollars up for grabs. Currently 2850 students at GRCC, in one way or another, receive some sort of financial aid.

Jay Smith, winner of a Meritorious Scholarship, highly suggests that

students look very hard for scholarship opportunities. Because Smith didn't qualify for many scholarships with specific requirements such as race, background, or interest he stresses the need to look carefully because "most don't apply to you." However he states that "as long as you show you are willing to try, that you've shown you work hard in the past and display heart-felt ambition [you'll have a good chance]."

Students can search for scholarships on their own time at the Financial Aid office counter and on a bulletin board outside the office.

FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION WORKSHOPS

Baker Room (LSC)
January 22 - 12:00 p.m.
February 4 - 12:00 p.m.
February 10 - 6:00 p.m.
February 18 - 12:00 p.m.
February 26 - 6:00 p.m.

SCHOLARSHIP WORKSHOPS

January 21 - 12:00 Baker Room
February 24 - 3:00 Rainer Room

The weather outside is frightful; dealing with winter weather at GRCC

By Ryan Duerme

Green River Community College, like many Northwest schools during the winter season, often faces the possibility of inclement weather. Students and faculty can count on the media for the most part to inform them of any school delays and/or closures.

The decision to shut down school involves a number of factors. The highway and secondary roads leading to the college, information from the Washington State Patrol, King County police, City of Auburn, neighborhood school districts and staff members all contribute into determining whether or not classes should be canceled, delayed or resumed.

The GRCC Public Information office carries an Inclement Weather Report containing more detailed in-

structions to help students and faculty deal with bad weather. The report also includes helpful hints and time-saving suggestions.

Public Information highly recommends listening to more than one media source for closures and/or delays. This is in case one media source has not yet gotten a report from GRCC, and also to confirm if indeed the school is closed or open. Radio stations such as KIRO 710 AM, KOMO 1000 AM and our very own KGRG at 89.9 FM report closure information. Television stations with the same report can be seen at KING TV channel 5, KIRO TV channel 7 and KOMO TV channel 4.

GRCC is not part of the Auburn School District, so any message about the A.S.D. does not apply to the college. If there are no messages

regarding college operations, assume that the college on normal schedule.

The report also suggests not calling the campus operator, rather to get the details directly from the media.

The college will always be open for employees. Only a Suspended Operation announcement would signify the complete closure of campus to students and employees.

The Inclement Weather Report proposes that faculty and their co-workers devise an inclement weather procedure. Having alternative routes and a phone tree notification system for each department can be very helpful.

Students are encouraged to ask their instructors if they can rely on them to be on campus during bad weather.



Get on the (117) bus

By Ryan Duerme

A number of students, faculty, and employees who attend Green River Community College count on the bus to get them to and from the campus. The Department of Transportation has released a recent report letting the public know that Metro will reroute service if necessary on 117 bus routes in case of snow or ice. This is in case buses need to bypass hazardous hilly streets.

Snow reroute information is available in Metro timetables with the snowflake symbol on the front. Reroute information can also be acquired through the Internet at <http://transit.metrokc.gov> or by calling Metro's 24-hour rider information number, (206) 553-3000. Bus timetables can be picked up at the Lindbloom center.

When possible, Metro staff

members will announce to the media which routes or areas are affected. Many radio stations announce changes in Metro services caused by snow and icy conditions.

"We recommend that our riders keep their timetables for handy reference to use when they hear we are modifying service because of snow or ice," said Rich Walch, Metro transit general manager. "Timetables for affected routes show alternate routing for snowy or icy conditions."

Walsh also advises that people who do not regularly ride the buses, but do during adverse weather, pick up timetables for routes serving their areas.

Metro timetables can also be picked up at local libraries, major shopping malls and many work-sites throughout King County.



Security Blotter

January 14
Security officers were notified that a 1983 Toyota had been damaged by limbs that had fallen from a nearby tree. Upon inspection, several small limbs and one large limb were found scattered around the vehicle. A dent about two inches in diameter was found in the roof on the passenger side, along with some scratches near the front right side of the roof.

January 15
A car accident in the G lot was reported to security officers. Upon arrival, a green Honda Accord and a blue Ford Thunderbird were found connected bumper to tire well. There were no injuries reported and insurance paperwork was exchanged between the two parties involved.

A blue VW Golf parked in the J lot was broken into. An Alpine CD player and radio, estimated at \$320, was stolen from the car.

January 16
While driving through the B lot, a security officer observed a male crouching down behind a blue vehicle. As the officer approached the male, he observed the male scratching the word "Faggot" and the letters "BO" on the passenger side door with a leatherman's tool. The officer asked the male for identification, confiscated the tool and notified the King County Police Department.

Student Help Center contributes to student success

By Akio Segawa

GRCC's Student Program Center, located in the Holman Library, helps students reach their goals by way of computers, tutors and even by just being a friend.

The Student Help Center offers help in a large variety of programs such as Accounting, Physics, Computers, English, Logic, Chemistry, Biology and Foreign Language.

Today's college life can be very stressful. It's a life of hard work, deadlines and dedication, and occasionally some students need extra help. To keep these students from falling through the cracks, the Help Center is available.

The Help Center program is run on a title 3 grant which is designed to help students who need an extra hand in the development of their education. The program caters to anyone; a diversity of students take advantage of the assistance the help center has to offer.

One program that Help Center specializes in is ESL. For (ESL) students there are language tutors available, as well as a new conversational program, which continues to grow in popularity. This conversational program is designed to help a student with conversational English by just being able to speak with another student about anything. Annalee Dunn, one of the coordinators for student help says, "Many of us take for granted the little words we use everyday, so this program is very rewarding to the student as well as ourselves".

Larry Gahan, long time teacher at Green River also does what he can in the Help Center. He also finds the work very rewarding. However, the program still needs help from students. Tutors are always needed, especially in science.

The staff at the Student Help Center is dedicated to doing whatever it takes to see students succeed. Students interested in participating

in the program or getting involved as a tutor can contact the Student Help Center, located on the second floor of the Holman library or by calling 833-9111 ext. 2325 or 4206.

The carpool financial advantage

By Ingrid Polston

Green River Community College's Transportation Department offers financial incentives to students who carpool.

Students who receive 32 validated carpool passes throughout the quarter will receive reimbursement of the parking/facilities fee that is included in tuition.

Reimbursement of the facilities fee can be received by bringing 32 validated passes to the Student Pro-

grams office by the last day of instruction for the quarter.

A carpool is considered to be a vehicle with two or more people inside. Carpool parking passes can be obtained on a daily basis at the security booth at the parking lot entrance, or at the security desk in AD-127.

Vehicles with validated passes may leave and return to campus the same day, but reserved parking will not be guaranteed. Carpool spaces are reserved for carpoolers only until 10:30 a.m.

The Current wants to hear from you!

Story ideas and letters to the editor can be submitted in our mailbox at the front entrance to the Student Programs office, or contact us at (253) 833-9111 extension 2375.

Comedian Rich Little to perform at GRCC

By Lisa Law

Impressionist Rich Little, known as the Master of Mimicry will be appearing Thursday, January 29 at 7:30 p.m. in the Lindbloom Student Center.

Little performs nearly 200 characters, including past presidents, movie stars, and even Muppets. He also performs "tributes" to legends such as Humphrey Bogart, John Wayne, Clark Gable and Cary Grant. Little's talents are not limited to impressions, however. He is also a comedian, a singer, and an actor.

Little has appeared in his own weekly series, hosted two syndicated television shows, and guest-starred on numerous programs. He was introduced to the Ameri-

can public on *The Judy Garland Show* and then became a regular on the comedy series *Love on a Rooftop*, *The John Davidson Summer Show*, and *The Julie Andrews Show*.

Little was born and raised in Ottawa, Canada, and began doing impressions by mimicking his teachers' voices. He was honored by the city of Ottawa as one of its most famous citizens.

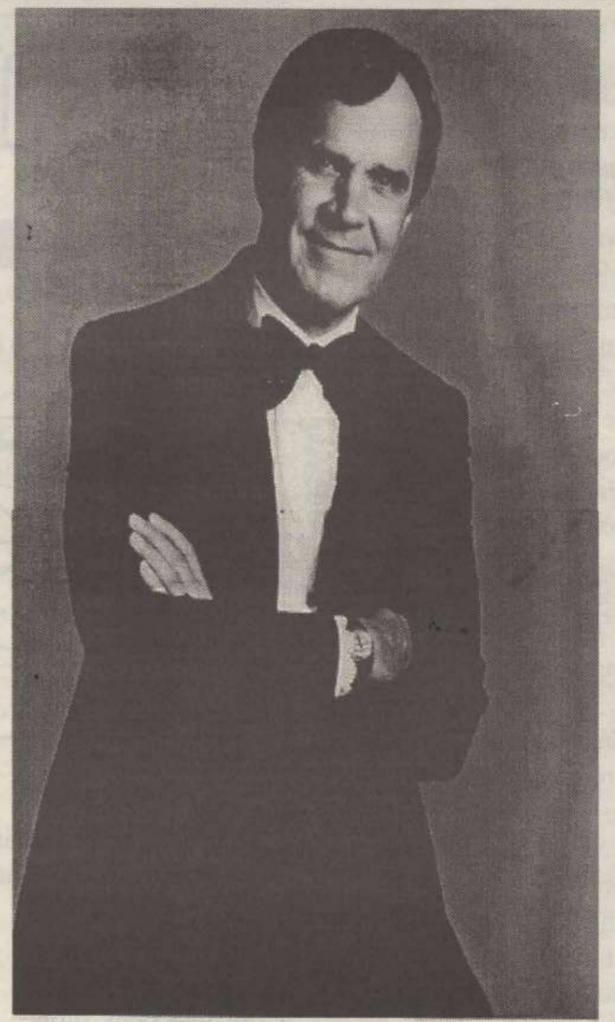
Little has received various awards for his many achievements, such as the Comedy Star of the year by the American Guild of Variety Artists, and two-time Cleveland Armory Award winner for Best Guest on a Television Talk Show.

Little's appearance at GRCC is the fourth in the Artists & Speakers Series. This year the

series has hosted Robert Fulghum, Jane Bryant Quinn, and The Drifters, Coasters, and Marvelettes. The final performance in the series will be *Up With People*, an on-stage musical performance.

According to Rene Popke, Little was chosen because they wanted to "bring in someone from the comic field." Between five and six hundred people are expected to attend Little's performance on the 29th.

Ticket prices are \$17 general admission and \$20 reserved. Tickets are available at GRCC's ticket office Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. More information is available by contacting the Student Programs Office at (253) 833-9111 ext.2400.



Comedian and actor Rich Little will be at GRCC on Jan. 29th

Life And Death Of Sonny Bono

By Tina Larson

Born Salvatore Phillip Bono in 1935, to Santo and Jean Bono, Sonny Bono died on January 5th in a tragic skiing accident. Bono is survived by his daughters, Christy, Chastity, Chianna, and son Chesare. Bono is said to have been an excellent skier. Apparently he died instantly, and did not suffer.

Sonny was a popular student growing up, and was the typical class clown. In 1952 he dropped out and eventually took a job as a butcher's delivery person. At that point in time he had already begun writing songs; he had set out to make it big. Eventually through hard work and persistence he was hired on with Phillies Records. In 1964 his first big hit came out, "Needles and Pins," which he co-wrote with Jack Nitzsche. That same year Bono met Cherilyn LaPiere (Cher

as we all know her today). She was only sixteen at the time, and Bono was thirty and just ending his ten year marriage to first wife Donna Rankin, the mother of their daughter Christy, now 38. Sonny and Cher were different as night and day, but in the entertainment world they were a perfect match.

In 1965 Sonny and Cher's "I Got You Babe" soared to the top of the charts. The single itself sold more than 3 million copies. By 1967 Sonny and Cher had made their second album, but it flopped. The good life started to unwind. In 1969 Cher gave birth to their daughter Chastity, and shortly after the two wed. In 1971 the dynamic duo hit television, in the "Sonny and Cher Comedy Hour."

In 1974 Cher filed for divorce citing involuntary servitude. Sonny and Cher were both bitter towards one

another for years to follow. He did eventually marry again to model Susie Coelho, but that marriage did not last long. In 1983 Bono, tired of his showbiz career being on the back burner, opened his first restaurant "Bono's." There he met the future love of his life, Mary Whitaker. They married in 1986 and settled in Palm Springs, shortly thereafter opening a second "Bono's."

Soon after, when Bono wanted to change the restaurant's sign and was given so much red tape about it he decided to run for Mayor to change the laws. He won.

In 1992 Bono ran for Congress and lost, but two years later he won a seat. He was in his second term at the time of his death.

He was a dear friend to many, and respected and admired by many more.

Wanted! student works

Poetry, Art work, and Pictures
for student works page in next issue of
The Current.

Please drop off in the Current's mail box located in the student program office in the Lindbloom student center, 2nd floor, marked *Student works*.
Or send via email to
Askmatilda@hotmail.com

Grammy Poll for GRCC

A poll was recently conducted by *The Current* to see how GRCC students would vote for the Grammy awards in these major categories.

Here are the results:

Best New Artist: Puff Daddy

Album of the year: Radiohead "O.K. Computer"

Record of the year: Sheryl Crow "Every Day Is A Winding Road"

Song of the year: No Doubt's "Don't Speak"

Pop duo or group: No Doubt Alternative album:

Prodigy R&B album: Babyface Rap solo: LL Cool J

Country male: Johnny Cash

Sicko to rock GRCC's Lindbloom Student Center

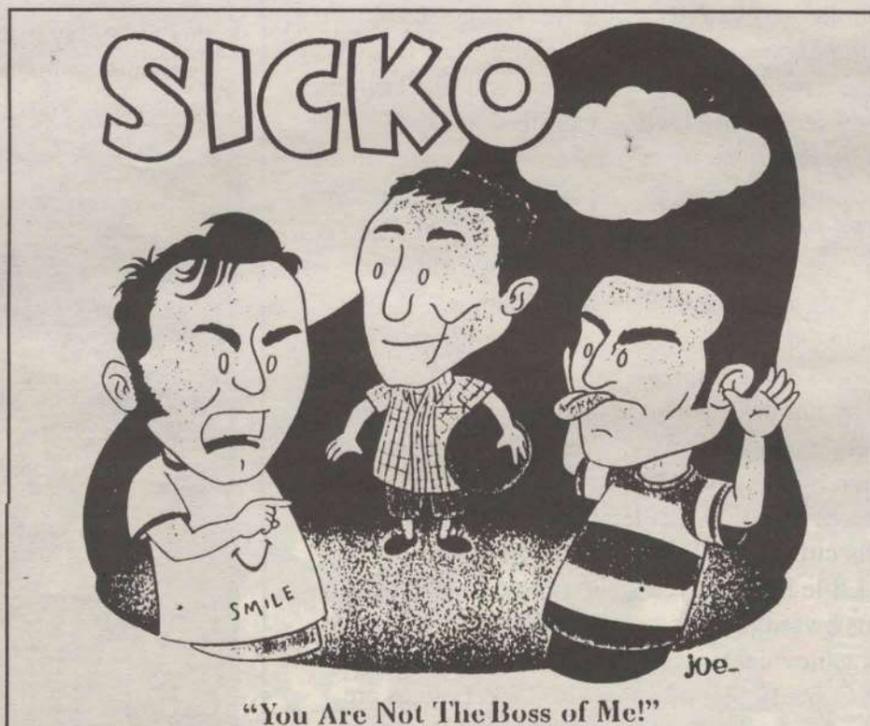
By Matt Phelps

On January 30th KGRG will be hosting a winter concert with a punk line up consisting of Sicko, Squelch, 90lb Wuss, The Delinquents, with special guest GRCC student D.J. Watieri mixing between bands.

The concert will be a benefit for local food bank Northwest Harvest, with admission being \$7 with a can of food and \$8 without. Start time is slated to be 7 p.m. with doors opening at 6:30 p.m.

Program director San Maquez says "We are not necessarily trying to draw people from Seattle, but just focussing on the local area for this show." When asked about the low amount of publicity for the show so far she replied, "We are just trying to draw from our core listenership".

KGRG D.J. Joshua Brian Hammack, when asked what the bands sounded like, commented, "Sicko is poppy punk, 90lb Wuss



is Christ punk, Squelch is Alternative punk and The Delinquents are your usual punk for kiddies.....so in other words its a punk show and they all sound like.....punk. Our punk shows are more fast and furious than some of the recent acts we have had like the Goodness show last quarter".

Last quarter KGRG worked hard to

put on a large show bringing the students of GRCC and the greater Seattle area Goodness and four other bands. The show ended up being a costly endeavor for KGRG in that only 325 people attended.

Past bands performing at winter shows that have done very well for KGRG include Mpxx, Mudhoney, and alternative icons Nirvana.

"These are young bands, which gives fans a chance to discover an act that people might not know about," says Hammack.

D.J. Wateiri, a.k.a Kevin Anderson has been mixing locally at parties and his own shows for about two years and has been hailed as one of the best D.J.s around.

Hammack commented about D.J.

Watieri, "We went with Rev Kev, or D.J. Watieri, because it lets people know there is different types of music around. It showcases KGRG music and specialty shows, and with the presence of Rev Kev (D.J. Watieri) spinning (mixing) during intermissions, the changing of bands should be more enjoyable than to have a fifteen minute break between bands for people to get bored, and go smoke".

In the past KGRG winter concerts have done very well and gathered large audiences, "They (winter concerts) are passionate and destroy the winter dulldrums" says Hammack. "We appreciate the kids coming out" says Marquez.

KGRG's next benefit show is in March and promises to be a huge show. The station is reportedly working on getting a nationally known act.

89.9 KGRG specialty program listings

Monday

7p.m.- 10 p.m. Ear 2 Tha' Street. Host D.J. Crush, Music-Hip Hop

10p.m. - 12p.m. Rasta Bakery host: Chief Brett, Music Reggae/Ska

Tuesday

10p.m. - 12 a.m. Hedonistic Nihilism. Host Joshua Bryan Hammack, Music Industrial

Wednesday

10p.m. - 12a.m. For the Kids. Host Holly Robinson, Music Punk/Ska Core

Thursday

10p.m. - 12a.m. Transcedence. Host Forrest and Kevin, Music Dance/ Jungle/Trip-Hop

Friday

3p.m. - 12a.m. All Request Friday. Host San and Mike, Music Listener Requested Music.

12a.m. - 2a.m. Appointment with Fear. Host "Insane" Wayne Jones, Music Metal/ Hard Core/ Grind

Saturday - No Speciality Shows

Sunday

6a.m. - 9a.m. Upward Alternative. Host Bob Lambert, Music Christian Alternative

6p.m. - 10p.m. Localmotion. Host Matt "Lil' Mattman" Warren, Music Local Artists

Golden Globes

MOTION PICTURE winners

Drama: "Titanic"

Actress, drama: Judi Dench, "(Her Majesty) Mrs. Brown"

Actor, drama: Peter Fonda, "Ulee's Gold"

Musical or comedy: "As Good as It Gets"

Actress, musical or comedy: Helen Hunt, "As Good as It Gets"

Actor, musical or comdey: Jack Nicholson, "As Good as It Gets"

Supporting actress, drama, musical or comedy: Kim Basinger, "L.A. Confidential"

Supporting actor, drama, musical or comedy: Burt Reynolds, "Boogie Nights"

All ages: music, food and more at "Auburns best"

By Akio Segawa

For nearly four years now Auburn's Best Café has been responsible for the south end's share of all-ages shows. The live music and food seems to have kept people coming back for more, week by week.

Auburn's Best Café is located just a short trip down main street in downtown Auburn.

The interior has a classical café look, and the cool blue lights that just melt over the black and white checkered floor add to the scene. Auburn's Best is "a really great place to view Washington's own local bands", says one patron. "The Café has shows almost every week, and there's always new and fresh stuff coming to the table" says another.

With a band-list that

exceeds over 100 bands, a lack of entertainment is hard to see in the near future.

The owner "Tory," as he is known to the customers and the bands that frequent Auburn's Best, isn't sure how to respond at first when asked how it all started but then comments "it all started with one band who asked to play here. The band set up its own stage and everything. Then it just took off."

One reason for the large amount of bands that have played at Auburn's Best is that it is one of the few places to offer payment to the bands, and it is also one of the only all-ages venues in the south end of King County.

The bands receive a percentage of the cover charged to the local

customers who come to see the bands play. "That's probably why we're so popular with the bands," Tory said..

The majority of the bands that play at Auburn's Best are students from Green River Community College or students still in high school, but they have had fairly big local acts such as Dirty Craw, and Some Few Oracles.

Auburn's Best, most of the time, has no problems getting people to come to the shows as they get on average of about 100 people per show. Regulars as well as people from all over pack in the little café to hear the latest bands, and also just to hang out and have some fun every Friday and Saturday night.

"Auburn's Best is definitely a place to be

on a Saturday night", says one member of a local band, "The live

music is always loud and crazy, and the food is always hot."



Up coming at Auburn's best:

Jan 24 is the Delinkuents, Deep Fried Denise, and Squelch.
Jan 30 is Post 78, Bumpin Uglies, The Retards, and the Catheters.
Jan 31 is Rukus, with guests.

Movie Review: Wag The Dog

By Lisa Law

"Why does a dog wag it's tail? Because the dog's smarter than it's tail. If the tail were smarter than the dog, Then the tail would wag the dog."

This quote is the opening to the comedy Wag The Dog, starring Dustin Hoffman, Robert De Niro, and Anne Heche. De Niro plays a "Washington Spin-Doctor" who creates

rumors in order to divert the public's attention from the sexual misconduct charges brought against the President 11 days before re-election. De Niro decides a war is the only way they can distract the public, so Hoffman, playing a Hollywood producer is hired to produce the phony war.

The story is about the series of triumphs and setbacks they face in

producing the worlds biggest hoax to date, and the great lengths they take in order to create the perfect war.

Hoffman's performance as the fame-seeking producer was funny, and DeNiro was believable as the "Spin Doctor," but the poor scripting of the movie detracted from the good performances of the actors.

Heche's character

seemed to serve no real purpose in the story. She ran around like a chicken with its head cut off, talking on her cell phone for the duration of the movie, and could hardly find a coherent sentence.

Despite the unique story line and appearances by other well known actors, such as Dennis Leary, Woody Harrelson, Willie Nelson, and Kirsten Dunst, the

movie was seriously lacking in dialogue and substance. The good acting gives this movie the potential to be enjoyable, but the scripting is dry and lacks in the passion that makes a movie a hit. The highlight of the movie was the man snoring next to me. If you want to leave the theater wagging your tail, I suggest seeing the matinee.

Places To Go, Things To Do, And People To See

TV Public Access Music

Shows:

Squeeze TV Wed. 11p.m.

29 Live Fri. 9p.m.

Concerts:

Pete Droge, Crocodile Cafe Jan. 21

The Indigo Girls: Paramount Theater Jan. 22 & 23

Reverend Horton Heat: The Showbox Jan. 23

The Nightcaps & The Del Languas: Breakroom Jan. 23

Wyclef Jean plus Coolbone John Forte: The Showbox Jan. 24

TAD, Bali Girls, Pointy Birds, Whyte Out: Subzero Jan.24

Zipgun, Hai Karate, Brody:Breakroom Jan.24

Oasis w/ Corner Shop: Mercer Arena Jan. 24

The Presidents of the United States of America (last show), Yound Fresh Fellows: Paramount Theater 8p.m. Jan. 31

Save Ferris and The

Smugglers: Rkcndy Jan. 31

Plays:

Broadway Center, 901 Broadway Tacoma WA. 98402-4415

Grease Jan. 28, 7:30p.m.

Tales Of A Fourth-grade Nothing Jan. 31, 1:00 and 4:00p.m.

Forever Plaid Feb. 5, 7:30p.m.

The Wizard of OZ Feb. 21, 1:00 and 4:00p.m.

On Campus:

Rich Little Jan. 29, 7:30p.m.

KGRG Concert, Sicko, 90lb wuss, Squelch, Delinquents Jan. 30, 7:30p.m.

2-Pac: "Are you still down?" (Remember Me)

By Matt Martenson
 "R U Still Down? [Remember Me]," is the latest release from rapper, 2-Pac Shakur. Shakur died on September 13, 1996 of a gun shot wound in a drive by shooting in Las Vegas, Nev.

Shakur began his professional music carrier as a part of Digital Underground in the 80's. Shakur also was an actor and was featured in movies such as Poetic Justice Above The Rim, and Grid lock'd.

The two disc set contains rare compiled unreleased songs from the still popular rap star. For diehard 2-Pac fans this CD is an obvious must buy, but for everyone else this CD is one that should be on the

shopping list. The set begins

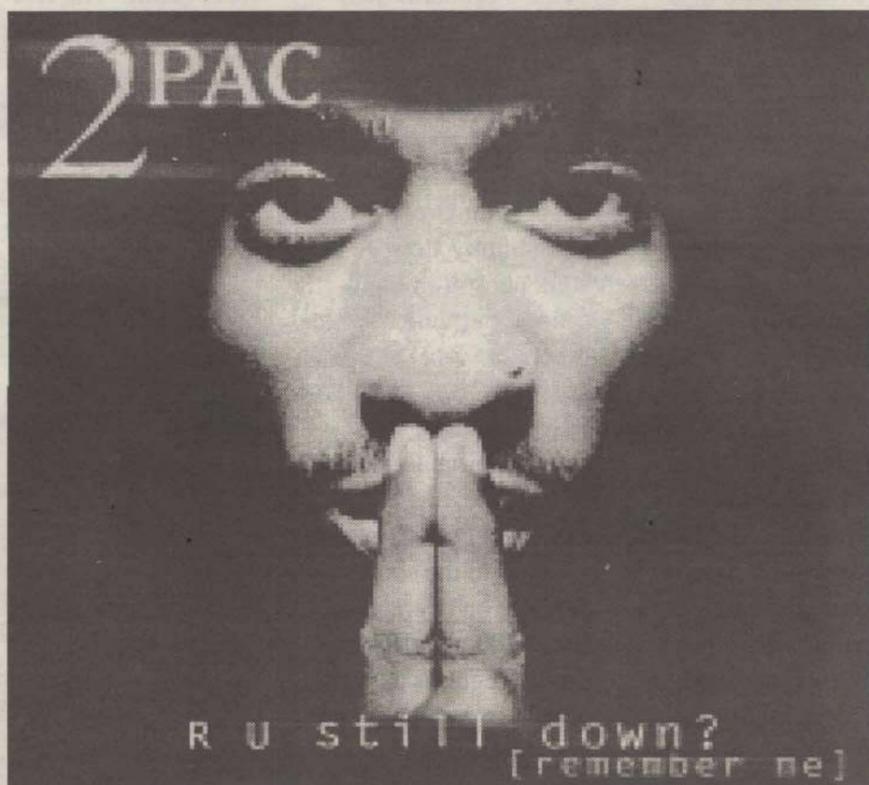
rhythm and pacing, 2-Pac leads the listener down a

song the CD as a whole shows off Shakur's

use lyrical breaks as a tool of music in itself, especially with the songs, "Let Them Things Go," "Do For Love," "Thug Style," and "R U Still Down?"

"I Wonder If Heavens Gotta Ghetto" gives the listener an eerie feeling when remembering that 2-pac is now deceased. The song has been released as a single and there is even a video on MTV. The song is unquestionably one of the best songs on this, and maybe any, of his CD's.

With this new CD set, 2-Pac has once again proven that he was one of the most talented rap musicians to ever pick up a microphone. Make sure to pick this one up.



with the guitar-based song "Redemption Opens". With great

lyrical pathway in this style-shifting song. As with the first

talent for picking the right words at the right time and knowing how to

Garth Brooks: Long awaited release Seven

By Holly Harris
 With his new album, "Seven," Garth Brooks has once again demonstrated his outstanding musical and performing abilities.

This long awaited release from the mega superstar was pushed back numerous times by Brooks' original label E.M.I. because they were forced to return to, and become a part of Virgin music. For country music fans and Brooks himself this CD was a long time coming.

Diehard country music fans know exactly who Garth Brooks is; even non-country fans know this music icon. Brooks crosses many musical boundaries, drawing fans from all musical genres.

Brooks, who is conceivably the most popular country musician ever, has won numerous awards and has previously won Entertainer of

the Year. He has also had numerous number one singles and number one

the standards of country music. Brooks grew up

Croche. Brooks draws his fan base not only from

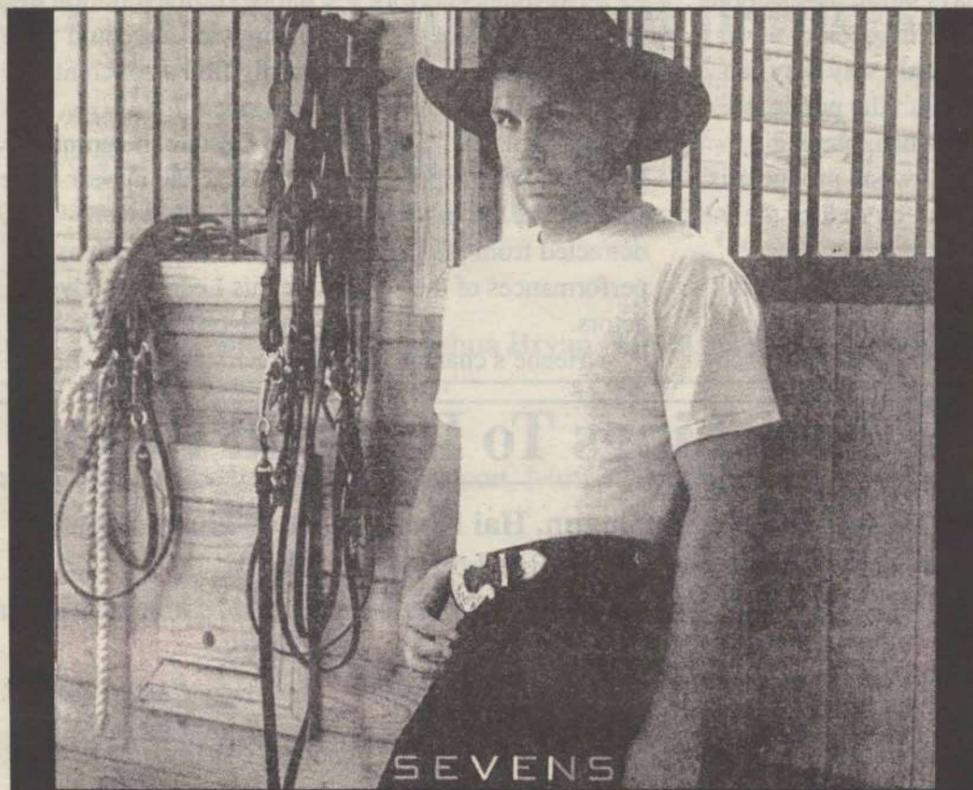
new album Brooks' voice projects over the instrumental background giving it that unmistakably soothing sound that is "Garth Brooks".

Two songs that stand out are the singles "Longneck Bottle," and "Two Pina Coladas" on this long-awaited album. These catchy tunes make you want to hit the dance floor and learn his stylish lyrics.

Two step'n is not a problem and some fans who don't know how might get the ambition to learn with the catchy beats.

Another great hit is "In Another's Eyes," a duet with Trisha Yearwood. This song portrays a couple who fear their relationship, as for they are each in love with someone else but no one can know.

Don't waste anymore time. Go downtown and buy this fun CD it's worth every penny!



albums on Billboard's top 100 chart. This album has the potential to add to those achievements.

Brooks is not afraid to exceed the limits or try to change

in Oklahoma and though he plays almost exclusively in the country music genre, his early life was influenced by such musicians as Simon and Garfunkle, and Jim

country music fans but fans of all music types, crossing boundaries with his unconventional style, which is taken to new heights in this new CD.

Throughout this

Advice Column: Dear Matilda

Having problems with that "special someone?" Need some friendly advice or an opinion from a self-proclaimed love and sex expert? Dear Matilda can help!

Send Matilda any questions to askmatilda@hotmail.com, or drop them off in *The Current's* mailbox in the Student Programs office in an envelope marked "Ask Matilda." Please do not include any names.

All questions will be responded to through email by Matilda, but not all questions will make it into *The Current*. *Dear Matilda* is a relationship advice column featuring *The Current's* own love and relationship "expert" Matilda Philipooses. This advice is by no means professional, and should be followed at the reader's own risk.



Dear Matilda,
Recently my boyfriend and I separated for a while at which time I had sexual relations with another man. Since that time my boyfriend and I have got back together and things are better than they have ever been, with one exception. He is still upset with the fact that I was with another man. I want desperately to help him get through this so we can move on. We had discussed the possibility of doing a threesome with one of our female friends before our split. I am now wondering if that would be a good idea. This has always intrigued me and I want to do it and I am thinking this would be a good idea. Maybe it might help him to get over my fling. Is this a good idea?

- Curious

Dear Curious,
Your fling is something that he must work through and get over by himself with your help and love. If you two truly love each other it will take care of itself with time. Show him that you love him and remind him of that constantly. You must rebuild that trust between the two of you because although you were separated he still feels betrayed. As far as the threesome goes, it can destroy a couple's relationship very fast even if the relationship is really strong, and in your case it can have disastrous repercussions at this point in time. I would not recommend a

threesome to any couple, but if you two decide to go through with it, approach it with caution. Take your boy-friend to a strip club and see how it makes you feel to have him turned on by another woman with you watching, and visa versa (although you might like it he might not). The jealousy factor alone in threesomes can tear the strongest couple apart.
-Matilda



Dear Matilda,
I have been dating this guy for a few months now, and we have become very close. I have only been in a few relationships before, but this one is the most serious by far. The other day, he told me he loves me. I know that this is a big step for him because he has told me that he has never been in love before. Other boyfriends of mine have also told me they love me before, but I was certain that I didn't feel the same, and I made that clear to them. My problem is that I am having a problem sorting out my feelings about this guy I'm dating now. In fact, I've never felt this way about anyone before. But I just don't know how I can be sure that I love him when there is really no definition of love. I'm

afraid of saying it if I'm not sure that I mean it, because that word "love" holds so much power in our society. What do you think?
- Dazed and confused

Dear Dazed and confused
By the sheer fact you are putting so much thought into this and so concerned about this guy's feelings says to me that you do have feelings for this guy. Most of the time if you think you are in love with someone you most likely are, just to what extent is the question. You are right, no one should ever tell someone else that they love them if they are not sure. It is better to just say "I am not sure" and take some time to sort out your feelings, and then give that person a truthful answer they can deal with. Lying to that person will just hurt them more in the long run. Whether you "love" this guy or not is up to how strong you feel for him and you have to make that up for yourself and it should not be biased by how he feels (which is hard to do). What is love? How do you know? You are also right in that there is no real definition for love and a lot of the time when people who have had their share of strictly physical relationships or just been really close with a lot of people the issue of love can become hazy (and even for people who haven't had a relationship). Love to me is how a person makes you feel inside when you are with them and how

much you miss them when they are not around. Its that unmistakable connection mentally and that "spark" you feel physically towards that person. There is no real definition of love in general because it may mean different things to different people. But real love should not be taken for granted because it is usually few and far between. -Matilda



Dear Matilda,
I was recently out of town for Christmas vacation and when I returned I was told by my best friend that my girlfriend was not faithful to me while I was gone. I have been with my girlfriend for two years and I have never caught her looking at, let alone, talking to or touching another guy. I have even been (just before vacation) told by her best friend that she wants to marry me, although the only thing she has ever said to me about this is that she is afraid of marriage and she wants to be 100% sure when, and if she does get married. To add to the confusion my best friend was with my girlfriend before I was and people have told me they think he is still in love with her (which I don't

believe). I tend to believe my girlfriend more than my best friend though because I love her so much. To top it off I have a dilemma of where to go to school next year. If I choose to go to one school I will be forced to leave my girlfriend and not see her because I will be going to school on the east coast which I don't want to do. But if I stay here and go to school locally it will cost me significantly more money but I will be with her, which is worth it to me. As much as I love her though I don't think I could get over the fact that she cheated on me if I find out it is true. -don't know what to believe

Dear don't know what to believe,
First and foremost you need to have a talk with your girlfriend, you have to open up the lines of communication about this one or it could be disastrous and be totally honest about your doubts (because by the fact you have written me there must be some doubts). This will not be easy but be very honest and don't sugar coat your feelings toward the situation because you want to believe her. Do not talk to your best friend again before you talk with your girlfriend because it might confuse the situation even more. As far as school goes, apply to both schools if you have not done so yet, and that's a choice you shouldn't have to make for a while if you are accepted to both. Matilda

Women's Basketball

Lady Gators narrowly defeated by Red Devils

By Zhawn Saulsman

The lady Gators lost a close game on January 7 to the Red Devils out of Lower Columbia Community College, 73-54. Number 44, Jaime Smith started the Gators off strong, dropping two quick bombs on the Devils. With 9:59 left in the first half GRCC called a needed timeout with LCC up 12-6. Melissa O'Connell, who led all the Gators with 12 points, pulled the trigger and let fly a clutch 3-pointer that pulled the Gators within 5. Jaime Smith flicked in a basket to put the Ladies up 24-23 at the half.

The dastardly Devils started the second half off with a vengeance, pouring in 9 points to the Gators zero. Even the tenacious play of #42 Jody Sasse could not keep the Red Devil, Tori VanBroklyn from scoring two to go up by 10 with two

minutes left, Melissa O'Connell said, "I feel like the team lost focus, but this is not indicative of the way we play as a team." The Red Devils took full advantage of this in the second half making a key steal, sinking their freethrows and with hustle on both sides of the ball.

Gator Head Coach Eric Priebe said, "They just out-executed us in the second." Red Devil Stephenie Lincoln got a steal with 32 seconds left then Melissa O'Connell gave her a desperation foul, sending her to the line where she hit both free throws.

"We need the game to come to us." Mellissa O'Connell said about the loss. Perhaps the next game that comes to the Lady Gators will be a victorious one.

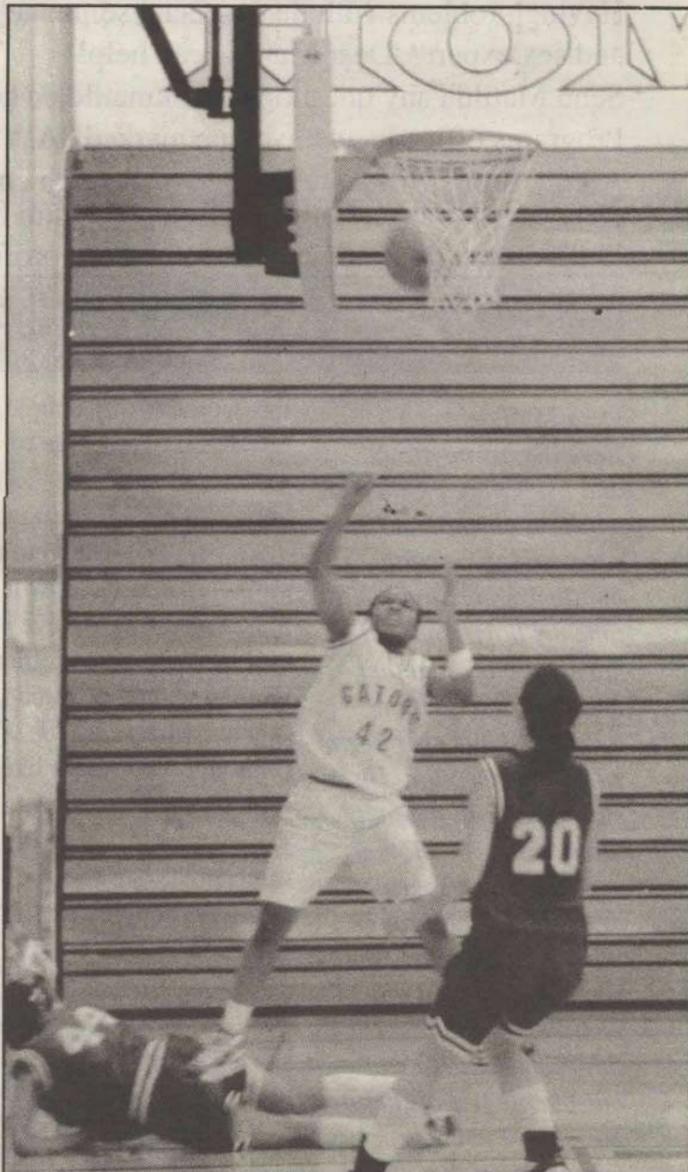
January 10 GRCC vs. LCC

Top Women Scorers:

Melissa O'Connell -- 12
Jaime Smith -- 10

Top Women Rebounders:

Jaime Smith -- 8
Heidi DeFord -- 7
Christy Allen -- 6



Men's Basketball

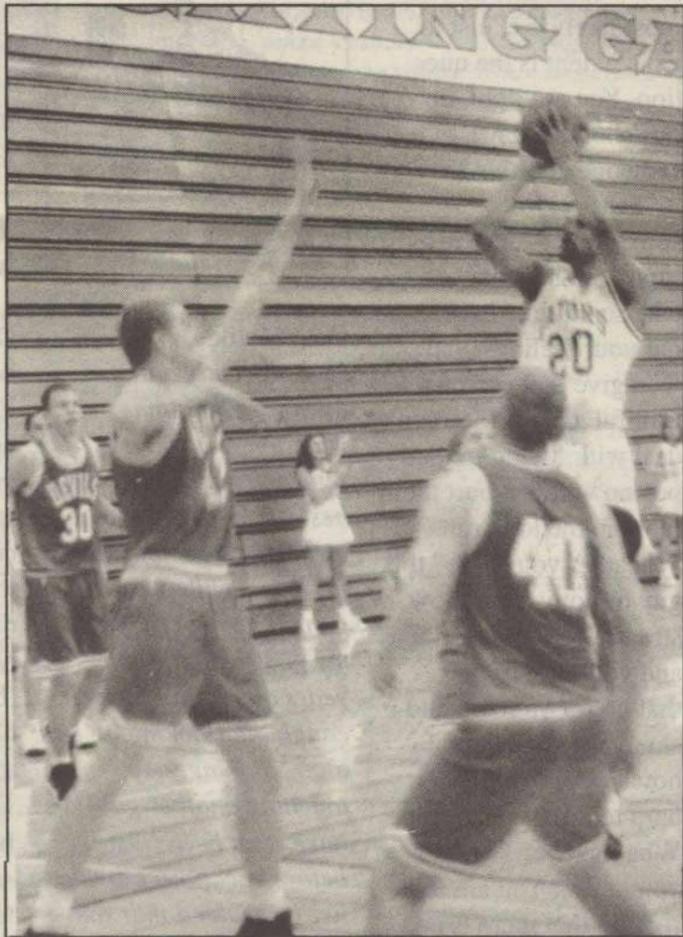
Last minute mishap costs Gators game to LCC

By Zhawn Saulsman

The Gator men lost a close game 86-83 to Lower Columbia Community College on January 7.

The game started slowly for the Gators, but with the Red Devils up by 8, Gator Mick Jacobsen got things going with a thundering one-handed jam. After a 9 point deficit the Gators pulled even with a three pointer. Then with a pair of free throws the Gators took the lead 19-17 with 9:53 on the clock. With 3:52 left in the first half, Lower Columbia took a full time-out, trailing the Gators 33-28.

With 11:09 left in the second half the Red Devils took a ten point lead. GRCC was then forced to call a time out. The re-energized Gators came back out and pulled the game to a tie. But with 5:24 left the tie was broken by the Red Devils Mike Love. With 35 seconds left, Mick Jacobsen was sent to the foul line and smoothly put the Gators up 83-82. A Gators mishap with a three-point play gave the Red Devils possession. With 13.2 seconds and a 86-83 point lead the Devils called a time out and cruised to a win.



January 10 GRCC vs. LCC

Top Men Scorers:

Mick Jacobsen -- 31
Craig Looney -- 14
Lonyatta Alexander -- 14

Top Men Rebounders:

Lonyatta Alexander -- 13
Craig Looney -- 10
Mick Jacobsen -- 9

January 14 GRCC vs. LCC

Top Men Scorers:

Craig Looney -- 31
Lonyatta Alexander -- 18
Mick Jacobsen -- 17

Top Rebounders:

Craig Looney -- 14
Lonyatta Alexander -- 18
Mick Jacobsen -- 4

Calendar of upcoming sports events

Women's Basketball

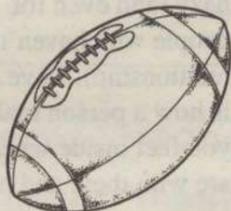
January 21	Centralia at GRCC	6:00 p.m.
January 24	Grays Harbor at GRCC	6:00 p.m.
January 28	Pierce at GRCC	6:00 p.m.
February 7	Clark at GRCC	6:00 p.m.
February 11	Tacoma at GRCC	6:00 p.m.
February 18	Grays Harbor at GRCC	6:00 p.m.

Men's Basketball

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January 29
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January 30 at GRCC



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Editorial

Denver's slim chances at the Super Bowl

By Zhawn Saulsman

Lets kick around some ideas for Denver's chances in the upcoming Super Bowl in San Diego against the Green Bay Packers. The Packers are once again favored to win by 12 points, as they should be, being defending champions and all. Everyone seems to look at this season as a "redemption tour" for Denver's Star quarterback John Elway. In Elways "Hall of Fame" worthy career he has led the Denver Broncos to three Super Bowls, and this was with mediocre teams at best. You could say Elway was the only reason those Bronco teams made it to

the big game, and you'd certainly be correct; at least in my opinion. But, Elway has never won it all—losing to NFC powerhouses, the Redskins led by Super Bowl MVP Mark Rypien, the Forty-niners by a score of 55-10, and the great New York Giants led by the awesome Lawrence Taylor. But the Broncos have learned their lesson, three times now, and finally have a decent defense and a great running game led by superstar Terrel Davis.

So I really doubt the Broncos are going to lose 55-10 again, but I don't think the game will be much closer.

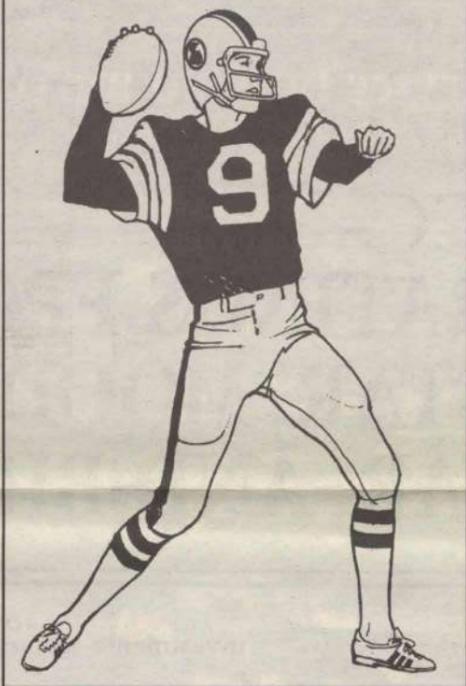
Not only has the AFC not won in the last 13 years, but it has also failed to at least cover the spread in all but two Super Bowls. The Packers on the other hand have been favored in double-digit amounts to win games this season. The Pack didn't cover those scores one time. That's not to say the Packers aren't all that and a date with MaryJane. The Packers are dope, probably one of the best teams ever assembled. Elway is just going have to ask L.T. to wear his SuperBowl ring because Elway's not getting one. Prediction: Packers 36, Broncos...get pelted with blocks of cheese from all the stupid Packer fans and have to forfeit in the second quarter.



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Video game review: Madden 98 rocks the Playstation

By Zhawn Saulsman

Madden 98 for Sony Playstation offers an exciting, challenging game for football fans.

Madden 98 is the best Madden's to come out, ever. Madden 98 offers the most challenging gridiron action yet in a Madden game. That is not to say the game "cheats," but rather the defenses react the way they should. Not to often do you shut out the computer, scoring at will, but you need to earn your yards. The wide selection of teams and stats makes this game superior to every other football video game available.

Madden 98's graphics aren't going to blow anybody away. But the 2-D sprites are well drawn and shaded, and there's tons of great animation, such as one-handed catches and cool end-zone celebrations. The 3-D football fields are even more impressive and they look very authentic.

All these things unto themselves would make Maddens the best. But all this is just the tip of the iceberg. Madden truly comes alive when you get your buddies together for a couple of games. There is nothing better than a couple forties and a Playstation. The action really gets personal when you choose to create your own players and start a tournament. This game also has all the cool licences so you get real players and real team names and logos.

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