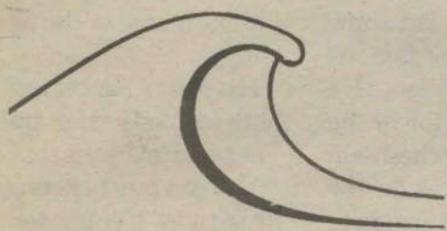


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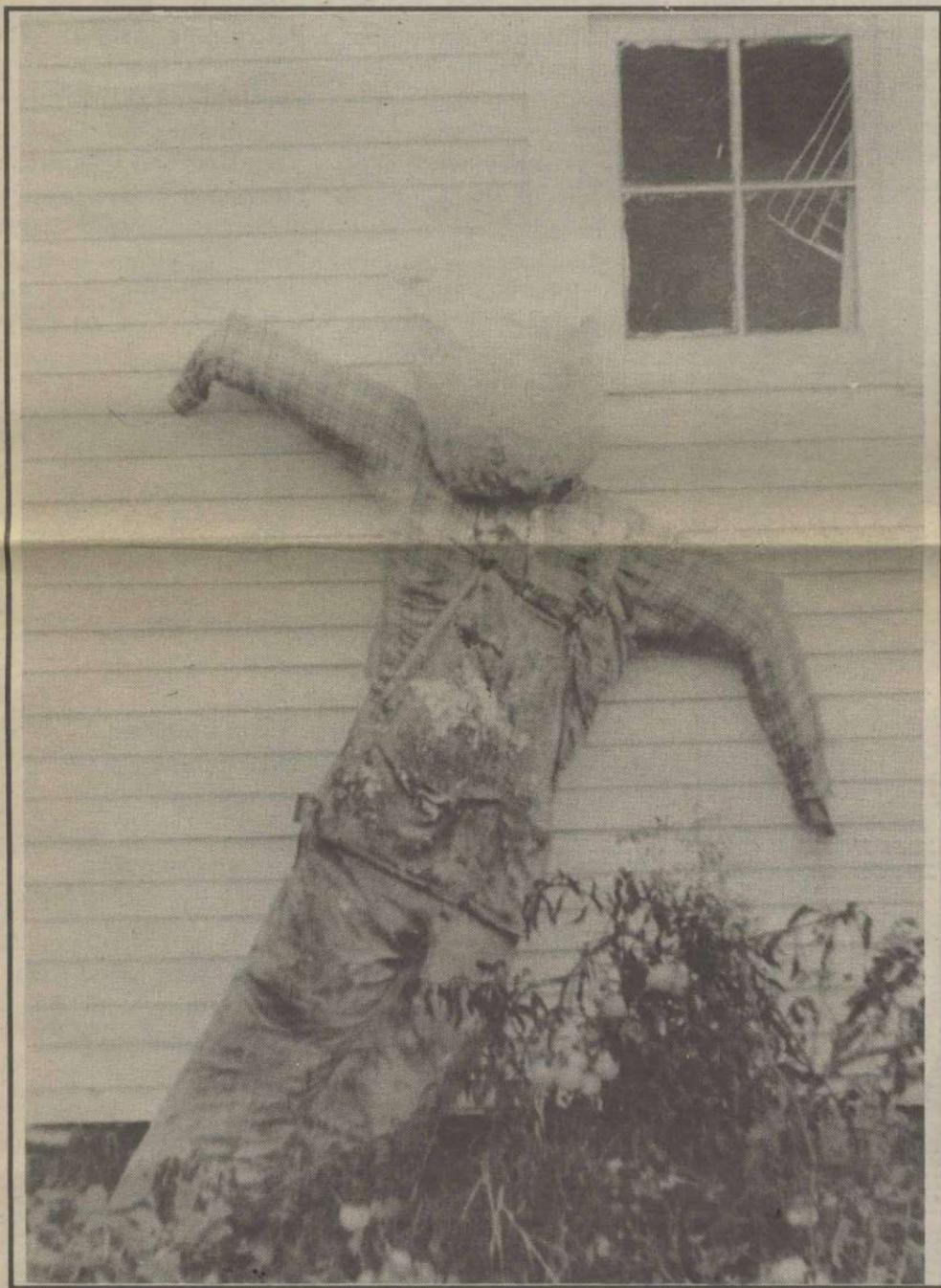
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WENDY NEW Traditional scarecrows are an example of Halloween customs that never change. DARRYL ROBINSON



## Halloween Spirits trick and treat GRCC students

By AARON SPARKS  
and ANGELA GOSSWILLER  
staff writers

Trick or treat, Charlie Brown and the Great Pumpkin, Freddy Krueger, all represent the Halloween traditions of our time. However, Halloween and its reasons for being a holiday date back long before Casper hit the scene.

The Halloween we celebrate each October is the modern version of a custom that dates back to the time of the Druids. The Druids worshipped a God called Saman, who ruled the underworld and its dead occupants. They believed that on Halloween Eve, Saman let all the evil and mischievous spirits loose among the mortal world. The Druids employed fire and other tricks to frighten and ward off the dead.

Later this custom became a festive time for the Celts, who occupied Europe after the Druids. The Celts regarded Halloween as the time when dead relatives would revisit their homes as ghosts and witches. To continue the party atmosphere, the Celts held their harvest festival the next day, November first. From the Celtic harvest festival comes the traditions of bobbing for apples and carving pumpkins.

In Christian times, Hal-

loween became All Hallows Eve or All Saints Day. The old fears of the walking dead resurfaced. Lighted pumpkins, in some cases turnips, masks and costumes were used to scare away evil spirits.

These days Halloween is more about fun than fear. Children are more afraid of getting hit by a car or get-

ting a razor blade in a treat than being carted off by demons. Hence, glow sticks and reflector tape have replaced torches, pumpkins have smiley faces and

scary costumes have given way to Little Mermaids and Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.

These children prowl the streets crying, "Trick or Treat, smell my feet, give me something good to eat! If you won't, I don't care, I'll stick it down your underwear!"

Although trick or treating is generally restricted to those under the age of adulthood, GRCC students will be doing their part in the October 31 revelry. Students plans range from the basic to bizarre.

Student Body President Don Eckhoff sees Halloween as a chance to, "Get out of my house and go see Gas Huffer; anything besides answering the door."

While student John Shearer's main objective is

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to "dress up like Elvis Presley" with plastic hair and sideburns.

Options range from parties to childhood throw-backs like Terry Kelly's plan to "go to the pumpkin patch and wait for The Great Pumpkin."

Two nameless and somewhat spooky students gaped at the sky and said, "We're going to a big Halloween costume rave but we gotta go."

Student Mike McKenzie, aka PumpkinHead, is going to scare children by hiding in a barrel with a pumpkin on his head.

Christine McLeod consider herself "so boring" that she isn't making any plans. If this statement rings a bell, you can always attend the KUBE Ghost Ship.

On a different note, David Donihue wants to "sacrifice

the Current staff."

Other students reflected on the ghosts of Halloween's past.

Erin Partain remembers living in Miami and "setting up a haunted house for little kids in Cutler Ridge Mall."

Afterwards, Partain and other volunteers took groups of children trick or treating around the stores.

John Shearer, the Elvis guy, talked about his youth in 1972 said, "It rained really hard. I wore my brother's boy scout uniform and a mask. It rained so hard the patches fell off and the mask melted to my face and a guy gave me five bucks."

Though the traditions of Halloween have changed over the centuries, the fun factor still can be considered, like the song "The Monster Mash."

**Broadway Center prepares to show a variety of performances**

By **KIM WILLIS**  
Staff writer

The Broadway Center for the Performing Arts is playing host to three very different musical performances in early November.

The first of the three performances will be by the Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra. The second will be a performance of the musical "Fiddler on the Roof." Finally, the third performance will be by famous pianist and comedian Victor Borge.

On Sunday, November 1, at 3 p.m., Jim Miller will conduct the Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra in a collection of all-time favorites, such as "Green Eyes," "Maria Elena," and gold record winner "So Rare," from the Dorsey tradition.

Jimmy Dorsey, son of bandleader Thomas Dorsey Sr., and brother of Tommy Dorsey, was famous for his tenor sax abilities.

Conductor Jim Miller has played with and led some of America's most famous big bands for 40 years. He became the director of the Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra in 1990. Ticket prices for the orchestra's performance start at \$12 up to \$18. About half the tickets have been sold.

On Sunday, November 8, at 3 p.m. the Music Theater Associates will perform the musical "Fiddler on the Roof," the story of a humble milkman from the Russian village of Anatevka, and his family.

He wrestles with new customs of the younger generation when his daughters choose suitors who defy his idea of a proper match; he comes to realize that his children are beginning traditions of their own. When the government forces the villagers to leave their homes, the sturdy traditions that guided their life begin to crumble. This causes them to reconcile and draw close to each other.

The story is accentuated with stirring songs such as "If I Were A Rich Man," "Matchmaker, Matchmaker" and "Tradition."

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The Music Theater Associates is a group from New York that puts together touring musicals such as "Fiddler on the Roof." Touring groups bring their own set and usually tour from October to May. This tour group is made up of 29 main characters, costume people, a manager, technicians, and others. About 100 tickets are left, ranging in price from \$22 to \$33.

"The legendary prince of comedy" Victor Borge will be at the Pantages Theater on Monday, November 9, at 7:30 p.m. "This classical musician and classic comedian is beloved by audiences of all ages all around the world."

As a child, Borge wanted to be the whole orchestra and the piano was the nearest thing, he claims.

Borge performed as a soloist with Copenhagen Philharmonic at the age of ten.

His performances include both comedy and music. The performance is sold out.

You can buy tickets at the Broadway Center for the Performing Arts, Monday through Friday, 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., or two hours prior to the performance. To order by phone or for further information, call the Broadway Center for the Performing Arts at 591-5894. Tickets are also available through Ticketmaster.

Students and seniors can buy rush tickets on the day of the show for only \$8; this offer is applicable to all 23 of the Center's performances. All shows are at the Pantages Theater in Tacoma.



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## Green River spikes their way toward the playoffs

By ARLEE MAYOR  
Staff Writer

On October 17, Green River Community College Women's Volleyball team suffered a tough loss to Lower Columbia College Red Devils.

The Gators lost their first two matches, then came back to win the third and fourth. During the fifth match, Green River led the Red Devils at one point 14-8. The end result was 16-14, in favor of Lower Columbia.

"We didn't know what happened to us between 8 and 16. I think we got a little over confident with our large lead in the fifth game," stated Melissa Sittenstock.

On October 21, the Gators

didn't let down much when they played at Grays Harbor College. Green River rattled Grays Harbor in three consecutive matches 15-11, 15-3, and 15-3.

The victory against Grays Harbor places GRCC third in divisional standings behind Lower Columbia and Clark. This position gives the Gators a good likelihood of making the playoffs.

Green River still has a couple more home games left to play. On October 28, the Gators will play Centralia. The final home contest of the year, barring playoffs, will occur on November 4. That night will also be Fan Appreciation night. During the game there will be a massive serving contest with many prizes to be given out.

## F.O.R. has fundraiser

By MATT STEELE  
Staff writer

The Seattle Chapter of the Fellowship of Reconciliation will have a fundraising musical event October 24, at 7:30 p.m. at the Beacon Avenue United Church of Christ at 6230 Beacon Ave S., Seattle. The program will include music from Leon Lishner, Linda Lishner, Linda Allen, Tom Rawson and Rose Betz-Zall.

The money raised by the event will be used toward the chapter's efforts for social justice and world peace. A donation of \$5 to \$15 is recommended but any amount is appreciated. For ticket ordering of additional information call F.O.R. at (206) 789-5565.

## Native Americans pursue activities

By KIM WILLIS  
Staff writer

One of four multicultural clubs on campus is the Native American Student Association. NASA meets every Monday from 12-1 in SG-62.

The purpose of NASA is to "let our people know about our heritage." Activities for the group will include the Native American Week, April 5-9, attending powwows, and taking a trip to the Indian Culture Center at Discovery Park.

The club has planned a trip to the University of Washington for a tour of the campus on November 6. The tour is open to anyone. They will leave for the UW around 11:30 a.m.

NASA is also sponsoring the Chief Leshi High School Dancers, a group of Native American performers who will be at GRCC in November.

They have just returned

from Europe where they have been touring for over a month.

Chief Leshi High School is a special school for Native American students where they are taught many Indian traditions, such as how to tan leather, do beadwork and perform traditional dances, along with regular subjects.

NASA was founded 10 years ago but has only been a club for six years. Carsh Wiltner and Girtha Reed, started NASA because they found that Native American students needed a support group on campus.

The club president is Joe Serna; Vice-President, Mila Inman; Secretary, Millicent Bargala; Treasurer, John Bussham; and advisor Katherine Town. The club is open to everyone.

Today, from 11-1 p.m., the multicultural clubs are having an open house in the Student Programs office.

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## Wake-up call for drunk drivers

The totaled car in front of the Lindbloom Student Center was intended to make students think twice about drinking and driving.

According to information provided, the GEO Storm was travelling eastbound on the Seattle Freeway, Oct. 1 at 10 p.m. It was struck by a Nissan 300ZX, travelling approximately 100 mph, as it crossed the 6 inch high center divider. Both drivers were killed, the passenger of the 300ZX remains in the coma.

## Fall madness swamps gators

AARON SPARKS  
Staff Writer

Only weeks into the Fall Quarter of Green River, a venerable plague is sweeping the sacred halls of this educational institution, mutating strong-willed Gators of academia into quivering masses of Jell-O. What could possibly explain the calamity that has students breaking into cold sweats, outside of aerobic classes, and battling bouts of nausea, paranoia and nervousness that even cafeteria food can't induce? Upon close examination, this type of suffering cannot simply be written off as another case of sexual harassment or substance abuse, but something far more serious. It is a disease that takes the human mind to the brink of disaster and leads students to the awful place that even Star Trek wouldn't boldly explore-The Testing Center! The diagnosis is test anxiety and, yes, it is contagious.

Some experts might describe test anxiety as purely psychological, but the students of Green River know it better as a form of scholastic lobotomy. Only test anxiety could induce the idea of teachers sharpening knives rather than number two pencils or the idea that Blue Books and other vital educational materials found in the campus store are sold at reasonable

prices.

It is quite evident in the cases studied that the full force of test anxiety strikes in the middle of a test and may cause irrational and even psychotic fits of behavior. Would a rational student, in the middle of an essay examination on "Romeo and Juliet" write a chemical breakdown of testosterone in a body paragraph in an extra effort to impress the teacher? I think not! Or what about the student that throws the "I paid \$200 to come to this school and now I'm sure I've flunked out" fit. Is this typical behavior?

In the weeks ahead, students will become increasingly frantic as midterms approach, for if Dan Quayle can be elected Vice-President, test anxiety will surely affect anyone it can sink its claws into. Leading world scientists (the ones that come up with the new and exciting marshmallow ideas for the cereal Lucky Charms) conclude that although discovering a cure to this ailment is unlikely, students need only do the best they can on any examination. On a positive note, it has been discovered that test anxiety has a way of saying "latergator" after the test. So, students can get back into life, at least for a few weeks until the deadly plague returns to its old stomping grounds. After all, like tests, test anxiety is recurrent.

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# Baby Gator's first day of campus life

By AMY CLARK  
Staff Writer

It was September 21, my first day of school, college that is. "Buzzzz," my alarm sounded. I leapt out of bed and to the kitchen I ran. "Hmmm," I said as I opened the cupboard door. The shelves were stocked with Cap n' Crunch and Top Ramen. I'm on my own now, ya' know. So out came the Captain and after two and a half bowls I was full. The shower was as cold as my ex-boyfriend. I have two roommates to thank for that one. By this time it's 7:15 and my hair was drying funny because I had ran out of mousse the day before. "Ah-ha," I found spray gel. As I applied this goopy like water to my hair I started getting a helmet affect to it. My hair looked like a bicycle helmet shaped like a bee, you know, those speed-racer one's. But it was 7:40 a.m. and way too late to start over. I threw on my yellow and black striped sweater to match my hair and I was set.

At orientation I didn't bother to search for my classes because I have a wonderful map of the campus and forty-five minutes until my first class. I didn't even leave my neighborhood yet and of course, with my luck, I got stuck behind a big yellow bus with a stop sign. It had so many lights it looked like a Christmas tree on wheels! Finally I was on Highway 18. I took the exit for Green River Community College only to find it backed up with traffic and road workers. The car in front of me died at least three times. "Boom!" He had rolled back into my car. "You Idiot", I yelled out my window. "My car won't start," he said. "Could you push me to the top?" I stared at him like he was some kind of freak at the

circus. "Does my car say 'Tugboat Willy' down the side?" As you can tell I am not a morning person and slightly sarcastic. I finally reached the top of the hill. My car was now on empty and going into Cardiac-Arrest.

As I pulled in the parking lot I noticed that there was not one space left anywhere. I finally found a motorcycle

*"Does my car say 'Tug Boat Willy' down the side?"*

space in Lot B where I squeezed my car in.

I was now on my way to the SMT building, so I thought. Twenty minutes had passed and I was on some health and fitness trail in the woods. "Oops." I finally made it to class, fifteen minutes late. I found a seat in the back and took off my coat. I took out my schedule to make sure I was in the right class....Mass Media; Ed Eaton. When I looked up, I saw a tall lady with blonde hair. I already felt stupid for coming in late so I just sat there until class was over.

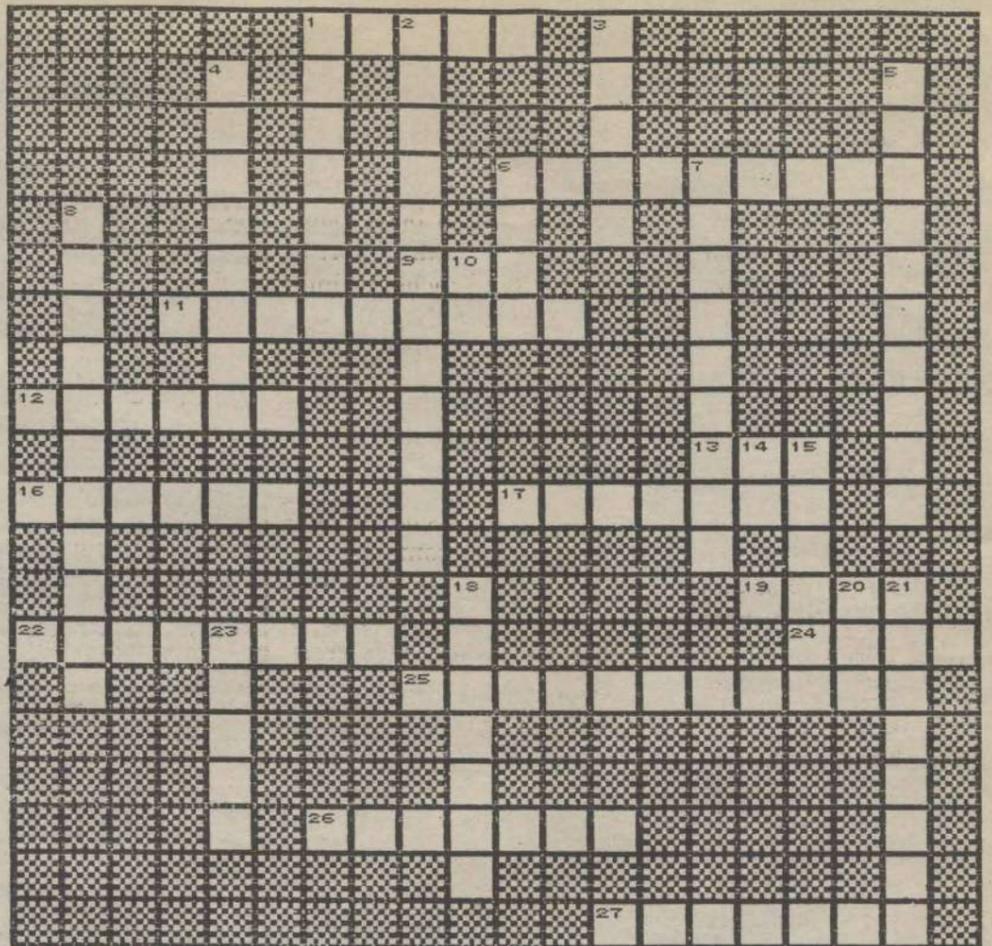
My second class was computers. That speaks for itself. English flew by and I was off to my newspaper class. This was the most social class that I've ever taken. In one hour I had voted to legalize marijuana and knew of every couple in the school. As I was leaving I felt confident, cool, I can handle these classes.

The only question on my mind was "Where the hell is my car?" I searched and searched. When I found it there were two tickets on it for parking in a motorcycle space, a love note for someone named Laura, and a big

blob of bird poop on my door handle. After this, nothing could go wrong. Did I fail to mention that I passed a sign that said wrong way, enter only? Now I was walking because I found out that those big, metal spikes really do pop your tires. I also found out that my VISA was turned down from the tow-truck guy. I finally called for help and made it home OK.

I checked my answering machine only to find that my mom had called eight times to make sure that I had unplugged the iron and a prank caller wanted to know what color underwear I had on. My dinner of chicken noodle soup and a peanut butter sandwich was beautiful. After that I watched a little television, then I went to sleep. Besides the fact that there were cookie crumbs in my bed, I had a wonderful three hour sleep. Tomorrow will be better.

GREEN RIVER PUZZLE



ACROSS CLUES

1. A US STATE WITH ONE SYLLABLE.
6. WASHINGTON STATE'S NICKNAME.
9. FEMALE SHEEP
11. WHAT SOMEONE NEEDS AFTER THEY RUN A MILE AND IS ALL SWEATY!
12. CAPITOL OF COLORADO.
13. TO THROW A PUNCH AT SOMEONE.
16. A WORD THAT WAS MISSPELLED BY ARSENIO HALL'S RIVAL. (FIRST AND LAST NAME)
19. OPPOSITE OF SHORT.
22. WHAT THE CABLE COMPANIES SEEM TO HAVE ON THE CONSUMERS. ALSO A POPULAR BOARD GAME.
24. A TYPE OF FROG.
25. DAN QUAYLE'S FAVORITE SHOW...NOT!
26. COMES FROM LATIN OPINARE, TO THINK.
27. CURRENT ECONOMIC POLICY.

DOWN CLUES

1. \_\_\_\_\_ WITH CHILDREN.
2. A 30 MINUTE PAID PROGRAM.
3. LAST NAME OR PERSON WHO WROTE THE PLAY "HEDDA GABLER".
4. A TYPE OF LANGUAGE THAT USES SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE'S GEORGE BUSH. (FIRST AND LAST NAME)
6. US HIGHWAYS AND INTERSTATES THAT RUN EAST AND WEST HAVE NUMBERS THAT ARE \_\_\_\_\_
7. HEAD OF THE MAFIA.
8. THE CABLE NETWORK FOR KIDS.
10. ABBREVIATION FOR WASHINGTON.
14. OPPOSITE OF OUT.
15. AN EDIBLE, FLESHY, USUALLY RED
18. LATIN FOR PRUDENS.
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## Send in the presidential clowns

By PAUL L. JENSEN  
Coordinator

Ross Perot and his group of "volunteers" under the auspicious moniker of "United We Stand, America" have been the focal point of national media coverage of the hustings, but Perot is not the only third party candidate out there.

The three big candidates have been all over the television presenting their vacuous arguments. The only consensus that we seem to come to is, that we don't trust any of them. In the likeness of John Andersen and George Wallace, Perot has stirred the nation with his third party candidacy, but he is only one of many third party candidates. This year on the ballot in this state there are 11 candidates for the nation's highest office. Most people are familiar with the big three, "Huey", "Dewey" and "Louie", so let's look at the other eight.

Lenora Fulani is running as the candidate for the New Alliance Party. Fulani is an African-American and has run for President repeatedly. She's what might be called a "perpetual Presidential Candidate." Her entire platform is oriented around civil rights. (I suppose that would be as opposed to Rodney King having received some uncivil lefts.)

Andre Marrou is another "perpetual Presidential candidate". He is this year's installment for the Libertarian party. To sum up his platform he is about a step and a half above anarchy. His slogan is, ironically, "Do not waste your vote this November."

The Socialist Workers Party has chosen James Warren, an African-American, as their candidate. Warren is probably the only

candidate who actually holds a real job when he is not running for President. Currently he has taken a year off from his job as a steel worker to run. Predictably, Warren and his Socialist Workers Party believe that the Soviet break-up is bad. Warren also feels that capitalism should go. (I wonder where he would he work without capitalism?) He also has called for 30 hours work for 40 hours pay. That should get him the dead beat and union votes.

The Populist party's James "Bo" Gritz has made a small splash in past few weeks. Since his role in ending the FBI stand-off with Randy Weaver in Idaho he has been accused of being a racist. His stand on the issues is to do away with the Federal Reserve, IRS and foreign aid. He is also a survivalist so I'm sure, if elected, he would want to move the White House to some secret location in the Rocky Mountains.

Lyndon H. LaRouche Jr. is another "perpetual Presidential Candidate." He is running as an independent this year. His big issue is to expand the U.S. tax base. (This; from a man in prison for tax fraud.)

Ron Daniels is also an independent candidate. He is an African-American and his platform leans heavily toward the issue of civil rights. Union rhetoric, as well, runs strongly through his platform. However, he has one issue that is sure to relegate him to the African-American vote alone. He has called for reparations for African-Americans for slavery. (For the sake of being "politically correct" I will make no comment here)

Howard Phillips is running under the banner of

the Washington Taxpayer's Party. His slogan is, "Are you better off now than you were 30 years ago?" That maybe a good question, if you are old enough to remember thirty years ago. Phillips is the only candidate to stand up solidly and unwaveringly pro-life. He also calls for phasing out the Federal Income Tax.

The only remaining candidate is Dr John Hagelin of the Natural Law Party. He calls for a uniting of science and government. In education he proposes "higher states of consciousness" to be the solution. The solution for crime, according to Hagelin, is reducing society's collective stress level through transcendental meditation. I'm sure he'll get the vote of Rod Serling and the "Twilight Zone" crowd.

The one thing that all these candidates have in common is the fact that they will all send you letters, many letters, asking for support for their "worthy" cause. They make a living by collecting the contributions of their party members. I believe that many of these candidates have some very valid ideas and arguments. I also believe that they are running a con game that keeps them from having to work for a living, I believe that if they were actually elected they would be lost and confused and would not know where to begin.

It is my belief that the ballots should have a box labeled "none of the above" for each position. When this box gets the most votes then the candidates should be thrown out for a new batch. Until the day that box appears on the ballot, I propose that if you are not happy with the mainstream candidates, pick a clown from the list above and vote.

## Bush's Campaign Avoids Real Issues

By NOLAN MCSHERIDAN  
Staff Writer

Of all the issues that are confronting the United States President. Bush once again chooses to ignore them. He wraps himself in the flag, and tries to throw a smoke-screen, to appeal to our emotions of patriotism.

Thru out the Reagan and Bush presidency there seems to have been a concerted effort to polarize the country. These issues are; Jobs vs. Environment, Labor vs. Business; Pro-life vs. Pro-choice; Rich vs. Poor, to name a few.

Now President Bush chooses to re-open the wounds of the Vietnam War to throw doubt on Clinton's actions and his judgement. The true issue he once again is raising is patriotism

It is time that we as a nation stop this petty bickering about serving or not serving in the Vietnam War and realize many good men

served their country in battle. Other good men chose to serve their country by speaking out against a war they saw as immoral. Many young men who went to Vietnam believed that what they were doing was right and just, came back disillusioned with what their country was doing. Those men who fought and weren't afraid to criticize the government when they believed it to be in the wrong, are in my opinion the greatest patriots.

In 1969 a young Bill Clinton was able through preparation and hard work to achieve a Rhodes scholarship to Oxford University. He was also able to stay out of the military, like thousand's of other young men did, legally. It is time for the nation to try and heal itself to work together to forget past differences, so the nation can maintain its greatness into the twenty-first century.

## Disgrace at Atlanta

DON ECKHOFF  
GRCC Student

As an American I feel embarrassed about the situation that occurred in game two of the World Series. Canada's flag was carried into Atlanta's-Fulton County Stadium upside down by the United States Marine Corps colour guard.

As a fan of the Tacoma Rockets, I attend many hockey games where we play our northern neighbors in Western Hockey League action. Before the games we here "O, Canada" and then the American national anthem. I pay equal attention to both anthems, as a matter of fact, I sing along to both "O, Canada" and

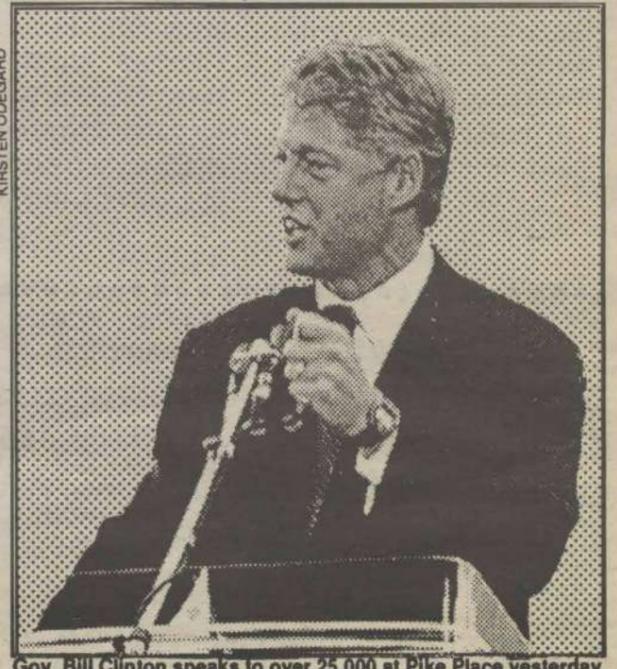
our National anthem.

If the Canadians' would have had our flag upside down, as it entered Toronto's SkyDome, we would have declared war on Canada by now.

Fortunately, our neighbors to the north have a very good sense of humor, as well as a very good business sense. Some enterprising Canucks, produced T-shirts of the Canadian flag with words saying "This End Up, Eh?"

Hopefully, by the time the 1996 Olympic games roll around, Atlanta will have straightened 'up' their act. We will have a chance to offend all the countries at that time.

## The next President?



Gov. Bill Clinton speaks to over 25,000 at Pike Place yesterday

## Current

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## Corrections

Kathleen Canter's name was misspelled in her letter to the editor.

Credit for the article "For the health of it" should have been given to Ann Darling, Health Services Coordinator.

Credit for the article "Reach out to counseling services at GRCC" should have been given to Ted Broussard.

## Letters to the editor Sexual Harassment Rebuttal

Dear Editor,

This is in regards to the editorial "Sexual Harassment Strikes Again" by Hispanic student advisor Kathleen Cantor.

I tell you I'm getting really tired of reading all these sexual harassment stories. It seems like every female has got a sexual harassment case against some men whether it was yesterday or 15 years in the past.

First off, I think the word harassment needs to be defined properly. The College Edition of American Heritage Dictionary, Third Edition, defines harassment as to irritate or torment or persistently. Harass implies systematic persecution by besetting with annoyances, threats, or demands. The key thought here is repeated annoyance.

The way that I see the drift of Cantor's article was that this was a one time incident. Did anyone ask these two people to be quiet? Did anyone ask them to leave? I doubt it. Someone would rather scream sexual harassment and make a big deal of it than try to take care of it right then and there. It's not considered harassment unless it is an unwanted action that is repeated. Did anyone tell them that their comments were unwanted? Besides, if they weren't talking to anyone in particular then they have the right to free

speech.

Now, I'm not trying to condone the actions of these two people or to make light of sexual harassment. I think the two men were still out of line and crossed the lines of common decency. By the same token, women have got to quit yelling sexual harassment at every drop of the hat. If this keeps up we'll soon have a female yelling rape because a man sexually assaulted her with his eyes from across the room. Learn to stick up for yourselves and fight your own battles instead of trying to get someone else to fight them for you.

Cantor mentions that there will be an investigation. I hope that the investigating persons tell the two men not to repeat their actions and close the file. I'm sure there are other things more important to occupy them.

Cantor gives three guidelines to judge oneself by. This world would be heaven on earth if everyone lived by your guidelines.

In closing, if you're wondering just a little about me: I am a male, considerably overweight and handicapped. I've probably heard more snide remarks and demeaning actions than most females have about sexual harassment and you don't find me screaming foul every time.

Stephen Grimes

## Bush: pathological liar? Desperate president resorts to low tactics

By KIRSTEN ODEGARD  
Staff Writer

"Read my lips..."

According to a program on PBS last week, males are more skilled at deception than females, and are therefore more likely to acquire power.

Using young children, researchers monitored facial expressions and body language while children were asked to lie to an adult. They found that while some girls were good at deception, overall the boys were harder to read when they lied.

This is not to say that all men in positions of power are good liars. Take George Bush. (Please.)

Whether his lies are the product of desperate, overzealous campaign advisors or are his own inventions, the fact that he uses them over and over again, despite ample proof of their falsehood, is a spectacular example of bad lying.

If he doesn't know he is lying, it is past time for him to retire. If he does know—and I believe he does—then why don't more of us feel a deep and cutting anger at his contempt for us, the voting public?

The topic of lying (and George Bush's in particular) has recently made the covers of Time and alternative press digest Utne Reader, inspired articles in hundreds of newspapers and produced much television commentary.

"Who do you trust in this election?" asked Bush at the Republican Convention in August. "The candidate who raised taxes one time and regrets it? Or the other candidate, who raised taxes and fees 128 times and en-

joyed it every time?"

"The press has not always been quick to examine political humbuggery, but it plunged into this example with theological thoroughness," writes Reese Cleghorn (Washington Journalism Review, Oct. 1992). "Yet the Bush people continued to use the 128-1 score because they thought it worked. Never mind that

*"Bush continued to use the 128-1 score because he thought it worked. Never mind that it wasn't true.."*

it wasn't true...It's one thing when the president lies and everybody knows he did. It's another when he goes on doing it. And it's another when he knows they know and he still goes on doing it."

Lies in George's administration are too abundant to document adequately here. Suffice it to say that his ratio of lies to truth seems to stand about the same as his ratio of vetoes to signings, which presently stands at 35 to one.

"Bush's pattern of deception is so blatant and unapologetic...that one wonders why the American people have not moved to impeach him," writes Eric Utne (Utne Reader, Nov./Dec. 1992).

This writer has focused solely on the President of the United States' bad habit precisely because he is the *President of the United States*. True, Dan Quayle also lies extensively, but he is working for George. Obviously,

if he didn't go along with the Big Man's political fantasies the GOP campaign would be an even bigger disaster than it is now.

As it is, Bush's reelection bid looks like an inept reincarnation of Nixon's 1971 Committee for the Re-Election of the President (commonly known as CREEP), which spawned Watergate.

Commenting on the national mood at the time, Lewis Chester, Cal McCrystal, Stephen Aris and William Shawcross wrote in the book *Watergate*, "In terms of polling, Nixon's campaign achievement was the most extraordinary success in American political history. In terms of its effect on the country's confidence in its own democratic institutions, it was unquestionably the most disastrous."

Remember, too, that our current president promised to "do whatever it takes" to win re-election, and he has lived up (or rather *down*) to this promise so far. (You might recall he has also promised to do things for our country, but only when it comes to his own rear do his words ring true.)

It is easy to wonder whether George Bush wouldn't be in prison right now if he wasn't the president—after all, he has been involved in scandals for which lower men on the administration's ladder have already answered to Congress (though most of their answers turned out to be lies, too). But as long as he keeps denying involvement in such treasonous activities as the Iran-Contra debacle, he gets by. Are we as stupid as George Bush thinks and tells us we are?

## Funding needed for library

By DAVE WILSON  
KGAG Staff

Have you ever gone up to the Holman Library to do research for a class and found the information either outdated or not even available?

The fact is our lovely Holman Library either doesn't have enough material or the material that they do have is out dated. There just are not enough dollars available to continually support the library with updated information.

Hats off to the staff of the library who, with limited resources, have done a great job.

If this is a concern of yours, as it should be for all of the students here at Green River Community College, your chance to do something about it may be now.

In the upcoming weeks there will be several legis-

lators here on campus. If our concerns about the library are to be heard it is up to you the student to write a letter stating the materials found in the library are insufficient. Then once you have stated your displeasure with the status of the Holman Library you can take your letter up to the office of Dean Robert Lawrence. He will relay the message to our friends in the legislature stating that money is desperately needed for the upgrading of the Holman Library.

Again, it is up to you, the student, to let the people know that our library needs help and the help comes in the way of cash, deniro, green backs and good old fashioned currency.

So please submit your letter of concern to the office of Dean Robert Lawrence in HL-27.

*"If you give a person a fish, they'll fish for a day. But if you teach the person to fish, they'll fish for a lifetime."*

*—Dan Quayle's rendition of the old saying, "Give me a fish, and I'll eat for a day; teach me to fish, and I'll eat for a lifetime."*

# Karaoke on campus Confusion: Soon to howl through the college halls

By Dave Wilson  
KGRG Staff

In the '80s it was lip-sync contests, but here in the '90s the craze in night clubs and here at Green River Community College is Karaoke.

In the early days of Karaoke someone was asked if they had ever tried it. The individual responded by saying that indeed they had and found it very tasty if not overcooked and if seasoned just right, it was an excellent dish.

By now though everyone has had the chance to experience Karaoke in one way or another; either by participating or just by watching friends take a shot at singing one of their favorite tunes. Karaoke, by definition, means absent band. As Americans are searching for their fifteen minutes of fame, this is causing a rise in Karaoke popularity. On October 9th

Green River students had the opportunity to taste Karaoke first hand. Student programs and KGRG radio teamed up to bring students Karaoke three times this quarter.

The next Karaoke will be Oct. 29th and on Nov. 19th.

Jon Ricker of Hound Dog productions will be supplying the music and song lists.

Ricker said "I enjoy providing Karaoke to such places as GRCC and also Shakey's Pizza in Auburn, where he is every Sunday night.

"It provides the younger people who are unable to get into bars, the opportunity to take part in singing all those great tunes that are so familiar to all of us," said Riker.

Students can get up on stage and sing their favorites on October 29 in the LSC from 12-1.

By Jason Robertson  
Staff Photographer

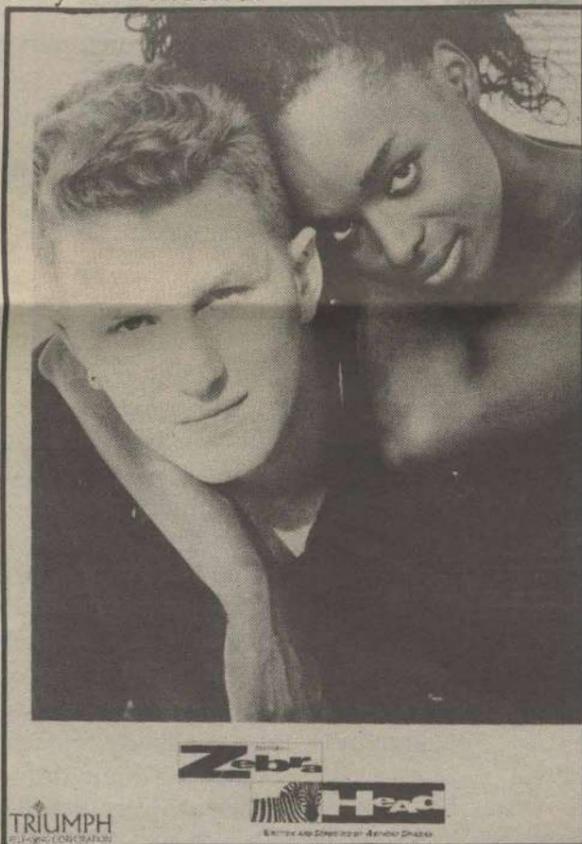
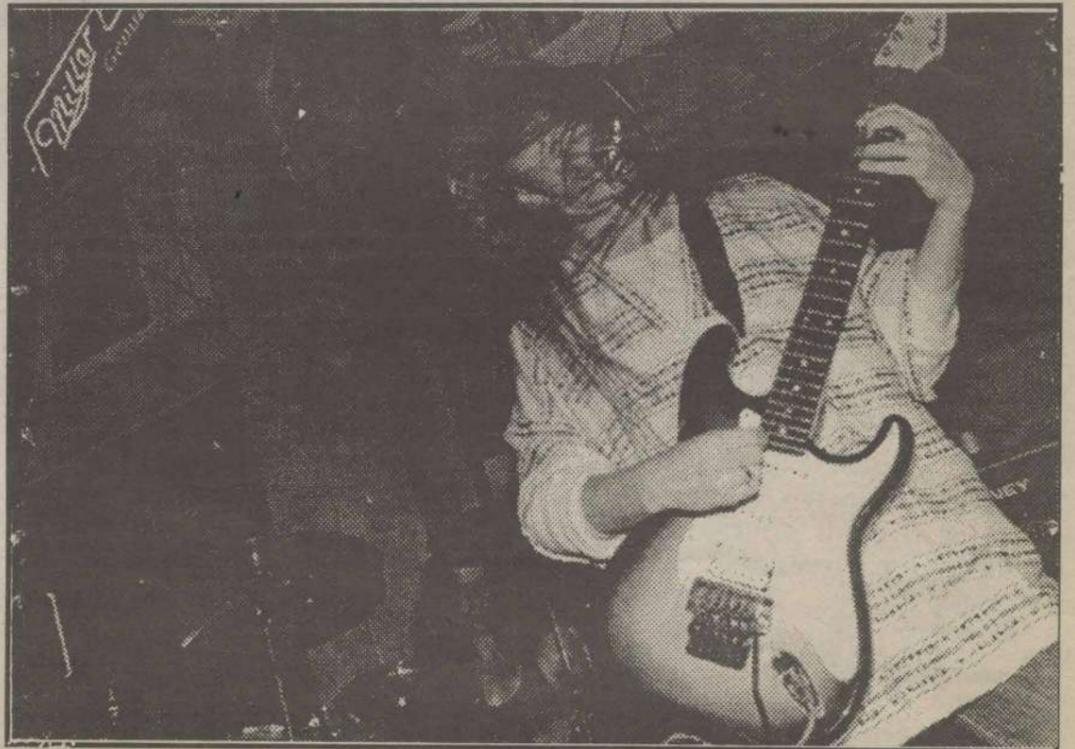
On October 30, Confused will be playing with Gas Huffer and Daft in the Lindbloom Student Center. All three of these bands are

Patterson regarding the band's unusual name.

"We didn't want to sound like a metal band, we didn't want to sound like anything really, we just wanted to be

shows for gas money and beer and not much more.

Crowd participation also seems to set them apart. There is a chant that seems to start at most of the shows



ZebraHead will be opening today at movie theaters in the area. The Current will be writing a review on ZebraHead next issue.

from the local scene and on the rise.

Confused consists of Duffy Delgado who plays guitar, Greg Catt lead vocals, Tod Hobart plays drums, and Daiv Patterson who plays bass guitar. Confused got together while they were in high school, they all had the same 'circle' of friends.

The band has been together for about three years. Catt joined Confused after about a year.

"We were having the hardest time coming up with a name. We didn't want anything that would pinpoint us to any one style," commented

us," explained Patterson.

Credit for the name Confused goes to the drummer from Model Citizen who saw them at a party trying

*"Naturally, a lot of people are into smoking pot."*

to come up with a name and told them, "You guys are confused, that's what you are, so you might as well call yourselves that."

It kind of stuck and now everyone tells them it fits.

"I hated it at first, but almost every band I'm in I hate the name. It's cool, better than being in a band called Bottoms Up," joked Patterson.

After seeing a raging show at the Ditto tavern recently, it became clear what sets Confused apart from the legions of other bands playing around town, pure positive energy. A positive attitude is a good thing to have when you are playing

they play. "Hemp, hemp, hemp, hemp," the crowd says.

On their first tape Confused has a song that sings the praises of hemp, which became a popular song to request, although the band doesn't really like to play it anymore. Patterson chuckled when asked about this.

"It's funny, we always have a small group of people that always want to hear that song. Because, you know, naturally, a lot of people are into smoking pot," he said.

He was quick to add that hemp isn't only for smoking and that there are tons of things that can be made from hemp.

"Yeah, I'm all for the legalization of hemp and I don't even smoke," Patterson stated emphatically.

Next month Confused will take their hemp rock on the road. They are leaving for a two week tour of Canada. They play in Calgary November 11, then go on to Edmonton and Winnipeg, ending up in Vancouver the night before Thanksgiving.

"Yeah, playing in front of a bunch of people who have never heard of us. I think we're gonna come back a better band for it, though. It's gonna show us what we need to improve on and how strong of a band we really are," said Patterson.

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