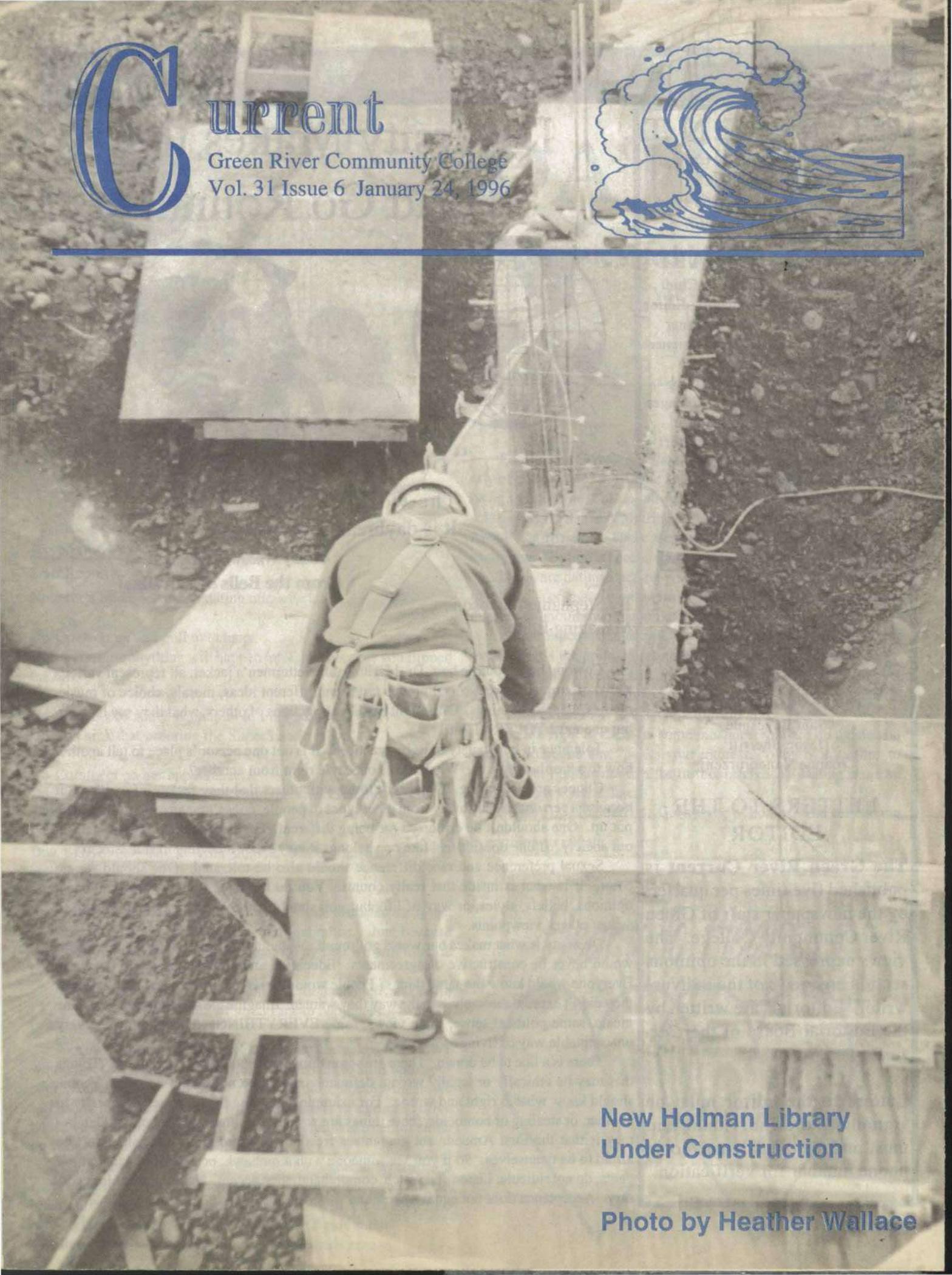
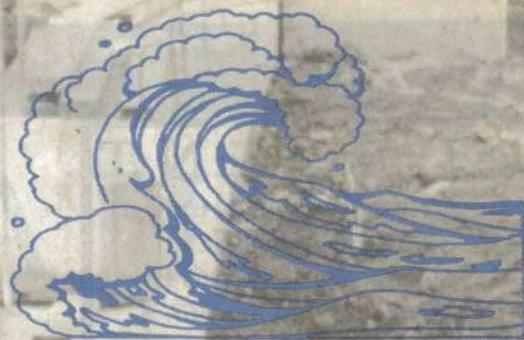


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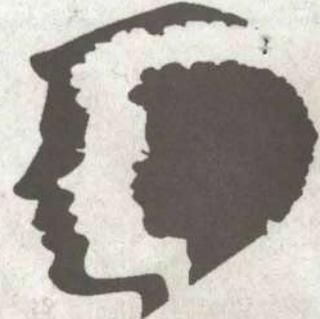
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Diversity Makes the  
World Go Round

“ Out of shadows of night  
The world rolls into light;  
It is daybreak everywhere”.

-Henry Wadsworth Longfellow  
(from the *Bells of San Blas*)

By Stephanie Jacobson  
Managing Editor

Cowboy boots, purple hair, Dr. Martin's, and lettermen's jacket, all represent various social groups. Different social groups represent different ideas, morals, choice of music, clothes, all sorts of things. One might not like the actions of others, what they say or wear, but one must TOLERATE it!!

Tolerance in our society must be practiced. It is not one person's place to tell another how to act or how to live. What makes one style right from another?

Cliques are not wrong. One needs to be with others that they feel comfy with. But because a person may shy away from other types of people, doesn't mean a guard should be put up. One shouldn't be criticized for being different. Feeling accepted is important in our society. If one doesn't feel like one belongs it may cause a decline in self esteem.

Sexual preference and race difference should also be tolerated. One should see no color. It is what is inside that really counts. You do not have to agree with anyone's opinions, beliefs, styles, or way of life, but you should listen, comprehend, and learn to accept others' viewpoints.

Diversity is what makes our world go 'round. Without it, life would be a bore. There would never be constructive disagreements. Education and knowledge would decrease. Everyone would know the same things. People would never know who they really were if they didn't express themselves in the way they wanted. Imagine the same clothes, the same music, same political sense, same views, same EVERYTHING! This would be a very unacceptable way of living.

There is a line to be drawn. There are some things that should not be endured. Things that may be ethically or legally wrong, definitely should be not be put up with. People should know what is right and wrong. For example, believing that one race is superior to another, or stealing or homicide, these things are wrong. A founding belief of our Democracy is that the First Amendment guarantees freedom of expression. One shouldn't be afraid to be themselves. So if you see someone with a mohawk, or a guy/girl saggin their pants, do not ridicule. Listen and watch, comprehend, then accept. No judgement is necessary. Acceptance does not equal agreement.



**By Manerva**

Staff Reporter

Now for a quick lesson on dating etiquette....

**Do**-Open doors and pull out chairs

**Don t**-Assume anything will happen later, just because you flipped the bill.

**Do**-Take her to a nice restaurant to impress her.

**Don t**-Think that ordering the SuperSize fries will.

**Do**-Comment on her appearance.

**Don t**-Comment on the "hooters" on the "chick" at the next table.

**Do**-Make casual conversation.

**Don t**-Give that "chick" your number while your date is in the bathroom.

I have come to my own conclusion. Male testosterone is just a license for inappropriate actions and ignorance. Just because we agree to date you people does not imply that we will tolerate these little idiosyncrasies.

It seems to me, when a man is looking for the American Dream (Life liberty and the pursuit of sex... I mean happiness.), he tends to become... well... STUPID!

We don't want to own you just because you asked us out. We would just like to go for a drive, without having to shift with your stick. Just because we have left you in idle, doesn't mean we want something else to be given the opportunity to take a test drive while we're making a pit stop. After all, you can take her for a ride on your own time. Don't do it on mine.

We realize it is almost impossible, for a gender with such a short attention span, to remember you are on a date, you are not looking for one. These are some things that will tell us if you are Mr. Right, or simply Mr. Right-Now. You figure it out.

Remember ladies- Talk minus action equals zero.

# DATING:

## A Female's and Male's point of view

**By Roy**

Staff Reporter

Ladies, since when does the word dating mean exclusive property of one woman? Last time I checked, dating meant to go out and have a good time, but no where does that insinuate that you have sole custody of a man. "Marriage", "steady", "going together", "boyfriend", "girlfriend". These words mean to solely be committed to each other. But no where in that list do you find the word dating.

If you are dating a person you have every right to "pursue other interests." Too many women find it offensive when a man gives his number to another woman on their date.

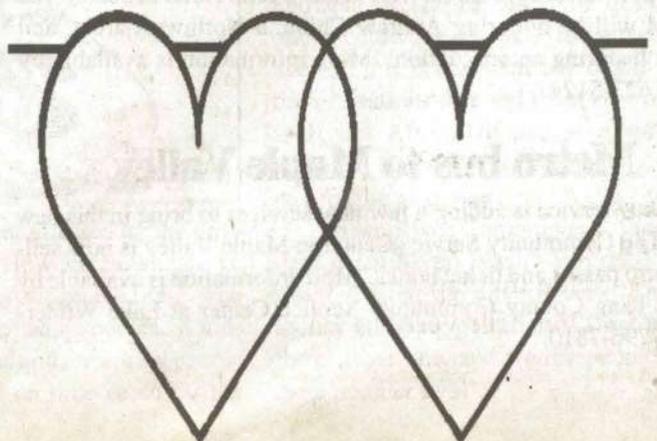
Please, since when does a date mean that the rest of our life is over? That's the point of dating: to see a wide variety of people.

The truth is love doesn't last forever. So this way everyone gets to know each other and the odds of finding someone get much better. One date does not make a relationship make.

It's not right to cheat on someone, but if you are on a date and you see someone that "peaks your interests," why is it a crime to give her your phone number for further reference? Dating is not an institution: it's just a date.

So give up. Lighten up. Get a sense of humor. And stop taking everything so seriously.

## Heart To Heart...



Compiled and written by  
**Stephanie Jacobson**  
Managing Editor

## Program Board Meetings

During Winter Quarter Program Board Meetings will be available to all programmers, clubs, organizers, and any interested students. They will be held approximately every three weeks. The meetings are designed to bring student leaders together to share what is going on in their area and for leadership training. The dates of such meetings are:

Wednesday, January 31	5:00-7:00
Tuesday, February 20	5:00-7:00
Tuesday, March 12	6:00-7:30

## Glacier Park needs workers for summer positions

Attention, interested students? Glacier Park is looking for college students for summer jobs. Jobs include a variety of positions, such as hotel front desk, room attendants, cooks, wait persons and bus drivers. Employees can also take part in guest entertainment, the American Cabaret Theatre. Glacier Park is located in the northwest corner of Montana, and needs employees from mid-May to early October. For details about job and/or salary, call Glacier Park, Inc., at (602) 207-2620, or write Glacier Park Inc., Dial Tower, Phoenix, AZ, 85077-0924.

## Two new Exhibits at Wing Luke

On January 18, the Wing Luke Asian Museum will open two new exhibits. The names of these two exhibits are "Out of Focus: Media stereotypes of Asian Pacific Americans" and "Asian New Year Traditions." To arrange tours of the exhibits, call the tour desk at 623-5190, Monday-Thursday, 2-4:30. Docent-led tours are available February 13 to May 10. Contact Ron Chew for more information at 623-5124. Saturday, February 17, at the Westin Hotel in Seattle, the WLAM will be honoring Andrew Chinn, a Northwest artist, and will be featuring an art auction. More information is available by calling 623-5124.

## Metro bus to Maple Valley

Metro bus service is adding a few new services to bring in this new year. The Community Service Center in Maple Valley is now selling Metro passes and ticket books. More information is available by calling King County Community Service Center at Lake Wilderness at 296-7810.

## Metro has lost bikes

Metro customers who have lost bicycles on the bus bike rack or at transit facilities can now claim them through NowBike, rather than through Metro's lost and found office. NowBike is located at Pier 28 on Alaska Way at Main Street. More information is available by calling 224-9252. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. NowBike will hold bikes for 30 days.

## Career Changes in your Future?

Interested in finding a career or changing the one you presently have? GRCC career resources are offering a new evening service featuring career interest inventories and career exploration. Each cycle costs \$30, and includes two Monday night sessions.

\*Cycle I: January 8 and February 5

\*Cycle II: January 22 and February 19

\*Cycle III: February 5 and March 4

More information is available by calling (206) 833-9111 in Auburn, 924-0180 in Tacoma, or 464-6133 in Greater Eastside, ext. 450.

## Seattle Arts Festival seeks students

Attention all interested students: The Seattle Arts Festival is looking for outstanding performers and vendors for Bumbershoot's annual extravaganza August 30-September 2, 1996. It will be held at the Seattle Center. Job descriptions are as follows: arts, kid performances, comedy, exhibits in visual arts, projects in visual arts, kids activities, roving performers, bookfair vendors, readings, food vendors, hand-made crafts, import vendors, and artwork on-demand. To request an application and receive deadline dates, call the Bumbershoot Hotline at (206) 682-4-FUN.

## King County Arts Commission

The King County Public Art Commission is looking for individuals who would like to be involved with tasks such as advising the Executive and the Council on public art programs, development of policies, distinguish projects, and resolve disputes. The 684-1959, or send a letter of interest or resume by February 15th to King County Public Art Commission Membership, 506 2nd Avenue, Suite 1115, Seattle, WA, 98104.

## Seattle Opera News

Rossini's Cenerentola (Cinderella) opens at the Opera House January 20 and runs through February 1. Patrons are encouraged to purchase tickets while good seats are still available. Single ticket prices range from \$28-\$95. To order, or for more information, call Seattle Opera's Single Ticket Office at (206) 389-7676, 800-426-1619, or Ticketmaster at 206-292-ARTS. Discounts are available for groups of ten or more. Call 206-389-7680 x1101.

# GRCC Students Denied Visas

By Sam Levesque  
Staff Reporter

The on-going budget battle in Washington D.C. not only shut down national parks and government offices, it shut down the education of some Green River Community College (GRCC) students as well.

An estimated 25 - 30 international students were unable to start classes on time because embassies and visa offices were closed. Many were unable to obtain student visas, while other were stuck in their home countries after their visas expired and they were unable to renew them. Some of the students have opted to wait until Spring Quarter, while others will be arriving 2-3 late.

International Programs and the GRCC administration are trying to accommodate the late arrivals by setting up special classes and extra help so that the students can make the most of what's left of

Winter Quarter. The International English as a Second Language (IESL) program will be extended for two weeks, and the International Programs office is working on tutoring and rescheduling for those students taking academic classes. Ross Jennings, the Regional Director and Coordinator for the IESL program, said that he has received a lot of support from other instructors. There is also talk about re-installing the Fast-Break program, where students pay their tuition on a weekly basis. "These international students are paying \$1,766 a quarter, and deserve the help," said Jennings.

The IESL program is an important part of the curriculum offered at GRCC. Tuition from international students brings in around \$528,000 a year, and at the moment it looks as if the program will lose approximately \$50,000 this year. Jennings said he fears that GRCC may lose more business if the government shutdowns con-

tinue.

"We're in competition with other English-speaking countries, particularly Canada, which has a much less restrictive policy on student visas. If these shutdowns continue, we may lose students to schools in British Columbia and elsewhere," said Jennings.

However, this doesn't seem to worry Mike McIntyre, the Vice President of Marketing and Student Development. McIntyre said that he doesn't see this situation having a big impact on the school as a whole. "It's only a short-term problem," said McIntyre. "We've met 90 percent of our (enrollment) goals.

Meanwhile, things are slowly getting back to normal. "We've got a few stragglers coming in. The embassies opened on January 8, so that's good," said Jennings.



## GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN



# IRS Keeps Going, and Going and Going

By Andrew Rempter  
Staff Reporter

With the government shutting down over budget impasse, one could imagine that the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) would be non-functional, or at least hindered by the bickering between Newt Gingrich and the President. For all of those who thought they could file their taxes late and not worry about it, better get themselves a bottle of Advil.

If one were to call the IRS to ask them a question about the government shutdown, besides waiting for about five minutes on hold, one would also get an answer that



goes, "The IRS is not affected by the government shutdown. However the shutdown might affect debt payoffs by the IRS." The IRS, to the dismay of some people, is running full steam ahead and are urging people to file their returns on time or suffer the

usual consequences.

Will the IRS be hindered in the future? Not even the employee of the all-seeing all-knowing IRS at the other end of the telephone could answer that. The government deemed this department one of the essential institutions that had to be kept running at all cost. After all, if taxes aren't collected this year, how is the government going to pay for the next year?

Green River Community College student Brian Myers wasn't surprised by the reaction from the government. "They are money grubbing politicians! They look out for number one, and we the people aren't even number two!"

# Belden heads Running Start

By Andy Rempter  
Staff Reporter

Since January 4, Bill Belden has been the Running Start Coordinator for Green River Community College. Running Start is a state-funded program that allows high school juniors and seniors to attend community college tuition-free.

The position opened up after Vikki Haag-Day, the previous Coordinator, left Fall quarter for the University of Washington. This is not the first time Belden has worked with Running Start students. He previously worked on the Running Start program at Whatcom Community College.

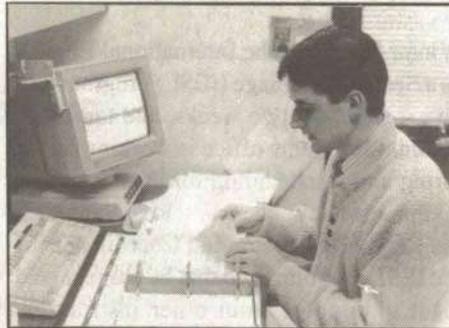


Photo by Jason Sherrill

He also did his Master thesis on the success of Running Start students at Whatcom Community College.

"It's really great that students can take college classes in high school. They can

transfer directly into a four year school as a junior," said Arne Lauritzen, Running Start student.

Belden mentioned that the success rates of Running Start students are very high. There are approximately 250 Running Start students at GRCC.

Belden is also Educational Planner of Project CLASS, a new program designed to help students with academic problems. Students who are first generation college students, low income, or have a learning and/or physical disability may be eligible for the program.

More information regarding Running Start or Project CLASS is available by calling Bill Belden at extension 520.

# KGRG ON THE MOVE

CAMPUS RADIO STATION GOES AM IN ENUMCLAW

By Melissa Mullen  
Staff Reporter

After the Green River College's Enumclaw campus opens, students will soon be able to groove to the beat of their own radio station. KGRG is currently in the process of purchasing a non-commercial AM transmitter for Enumclaw. The new station is tentatively scheduled to go on air in Spring or Summer of '96, but may be pushed back because of the government shutdown closing the Federal Communications Commission.

Said buying this transmitter: the price was good, and the opportunity to branch out the campus was too much to pass up. At this point it is good to have a presence in the community," said Tom Krause, KGRG Station Manager.

The current owners of the AM station originally bought the transmitter in 1992 for \$132,000 but are selling it to the college for \$40,000. When it starts transmitting, the new station will simulcast (broadcast on AM and FM radio waves at the same time) from the Auburn campus, but later in the year, Krause hopes to set up a new studio in Enumclaw and produce an original broadcast. The format and radio shows have not been decided, as of yet. "It's just a trans-

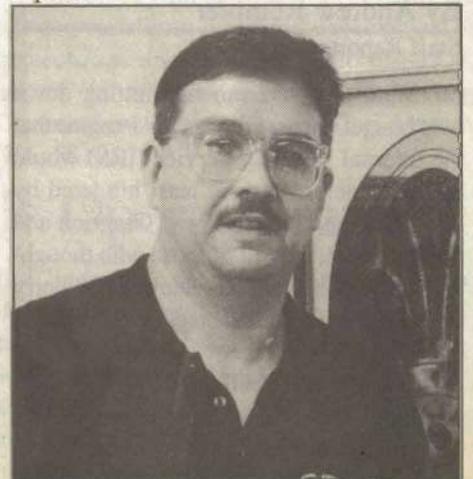
mitter now, no building, no other equipment," said Krause.

Krause became aware of the transmitter last fall and presented his idea to the Green River Foundation, which provides most of the funding for KGRG. "The general feeling was very positive," he said. "People are excited." With the help of Mike McIntire, Vice President of Marketing for the college and Krause's predecessor, and Director of Public Information John Ramsey, Krause convinced the foundation to grant the station a five-year loan to help pay the cost of the transmitter.

Since its creation by McIntire in 1974, KGRG has taken many opportunities to expand its listening audience. It has simulcasted on several other high school or college radio stations, the most influential being KBTC at Bates Technical College, which broadcasts at over 7,000 watts and reaches a large audience. When KGRG ceased broadcasting there, many in this area were disappointed. The demand for the station escalated. At present, the Auburn transmitter operates at 250 watts and reaches from Auburn to Renton. The new transmitter will broadcast at 500 watts to provide even more residents in the area with listening pleasure.

After the purchase last spring of an

upgrade transmitter, taking the station from 100 to 250 watts, KGRG was left virtually penniless. The Green River Foundation provided new furniture and equipment and continues to be a staunch supporter. The station receives \$13,000 annually from the college itself but has to scramble for funds to keep itself on the air. Generally money is collected through benefit concerts, bi-annual pledge drives, and the sale of under-writing. In addition, electric pager companies are attracted to the large radio tower and rent space on it. Since KGRG is a non-commercial station, commercial advertisement is not allowed, but donations are accepted.





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# Bumper Riding on Hwy 18

By Jason Sherrill  
Staff Reporter

Hate playing "Bumper Riding" games on Highway 18? This summer promises a full season of stand-still traffic from construction. However, by the end of Fall Quarter this year, Bumper Riding season should be over.

A landslide on Highway 18 took place between the Green River Bridge and GRCC exit. Fortunately, the slide covered only the newly uncompleted section of roadbed, not the already over-crowded, old section of the Highway.

On August 7, soil and rock slid off Lea Hill, covering the new section of highway under construction by RCI Environmental Inc. Although some of the landslide took place during the day, but most occurred at night, according to Ron Paananen, Project Engineer overseeing clean-up on Highway 18. The landslide was caused by the removal of the soil from the edge of the hillside, which acted as a "book-end" for the soil above it. Once the forward section was removed, the dirt shifted over time until that night. After the incident, geologists determined that the land was angled 5 degrees downslope. The soil from the strip of land, now resting on the new section of highway, had been laying over a layer of clay-like soil. Because the clay layer

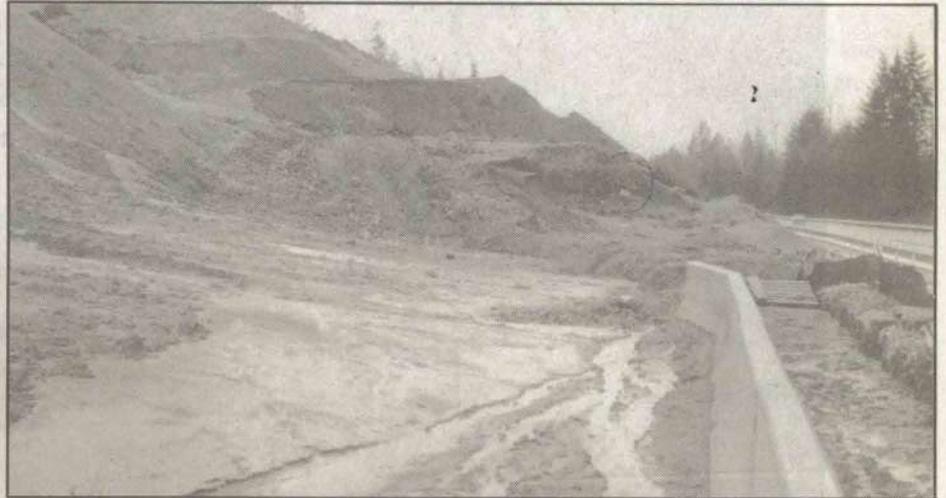


Photo by Jason Sherrill

does not allow water to filter down through it, the soil is much more susceptible to slides.

RCI lost the contract to complete the construction of the highway after the landslide. As of January 10th, bids were opened to local contractors to remove the 310,000 cubic yards of soil, as well as finish the construction from 312th to 304th streets. The decision on which contractor will be awarded the contract will be made within the next two weeks. So far, Segale Inc. has put in the lowest bid of \$1.5 million. Washington State Department of Transportation

funds used for the removal and construction come from state-wide taxes.

Unfortunately, with the necessary excavating, finishing the new section of Highway 18 will take much longer than originally expected. Completion of the addition is expected by the end of October, 1996, well into the GRCC Fall Quarter. With the construction and removal, beware of bigrigs hauling dirt, merging into traffic this spring and summer, slowing the traffic flow to a mere crawl. However, after the highway section is complete, traffic to and from GRCC should be a breeze.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan. 19 Casino Night  
Jan. 20 ODP Snow Shoe Trip to Mt. Rainier  
Jan. 22 Monday's Mix 12-1p, LSC Mainstage  
Jan. 26 KGRG Concert  
Jan. 26 Progressive Dinner  
Jan. 27 ODP Cross Country Ski Trip  
Jan. 29-Feb 2 Asian Week  
Feb. 5 Monday's Mix  
Feb. 5-9 International Week  
Feb. 5-9 National Eating Disorder Week  
Feb. 7 Community Services Fair  
Feb. 7 Eating Disorders Seminar  
Feb. 8 Transfer Day

Feb. 9 ODP Ski Trip to Crystal Mountain  
Feb. 12 Inter Club Council  
Feb. 12-16 Safe Sex Week  
Feb. 12-16 GRCC Black History Week  
Feb. 14 Senior Citizen's Valentine Dance  
Feb. 15 Artists & Speakers, Danny Glover & Felix Justice  
Feb. 17 ODP Snow Caves at Mt. Rainier  
Feb. 19 President's Day, No Class  
Feb. 20 Blood Drive  
Feb. 21 PTK Induction  
You can receive more information by calling student programs at ext. 337

# Does technology fee have a future at GRCC?

Terry Clapp  
Staff Reporter

To provide better student services through enhanced technology, James Grossman, Director of Learning Resources at Green River Community College, made a proposal for a "library and information technology fee" to the GRCC Board of Trustees in December.

According to Grossman, if the proposal is passed at the next board meeting on January 18th, the strictly voluntary fee of \$30 can be paid by students starting Spring quarter when they register for classes. Those who opt to pay the fee will have access to enhanced technology services on campus. These services include:

Access to Microsoft Office applications which includes Word (processing), Access (data base), Excel (spread sheet), and program specific applications, such as programs for hazardous materials and Geo-

graphic Information System (GIS) for map making.

"There is currently no open, dedicated computer lab on campus, but the Holman library will provide this service," said Grossman.

The access will be "structured" Internet library home page that will directly support school-based curriculum rather than an Internet account one might have on a home computer for surfing the worldwide web or for e-mail. This technology fee will not give students an Internet account.

Students accessing the home page will be able to find information on courses taught on campus, including lecture notes, lecture dates, test dates, related reading references, and map or photographic materials.

Access to CD-ROM full text data base, will include traditional reference sources such as encyclopedias and literature.

Subject-specific magazines including

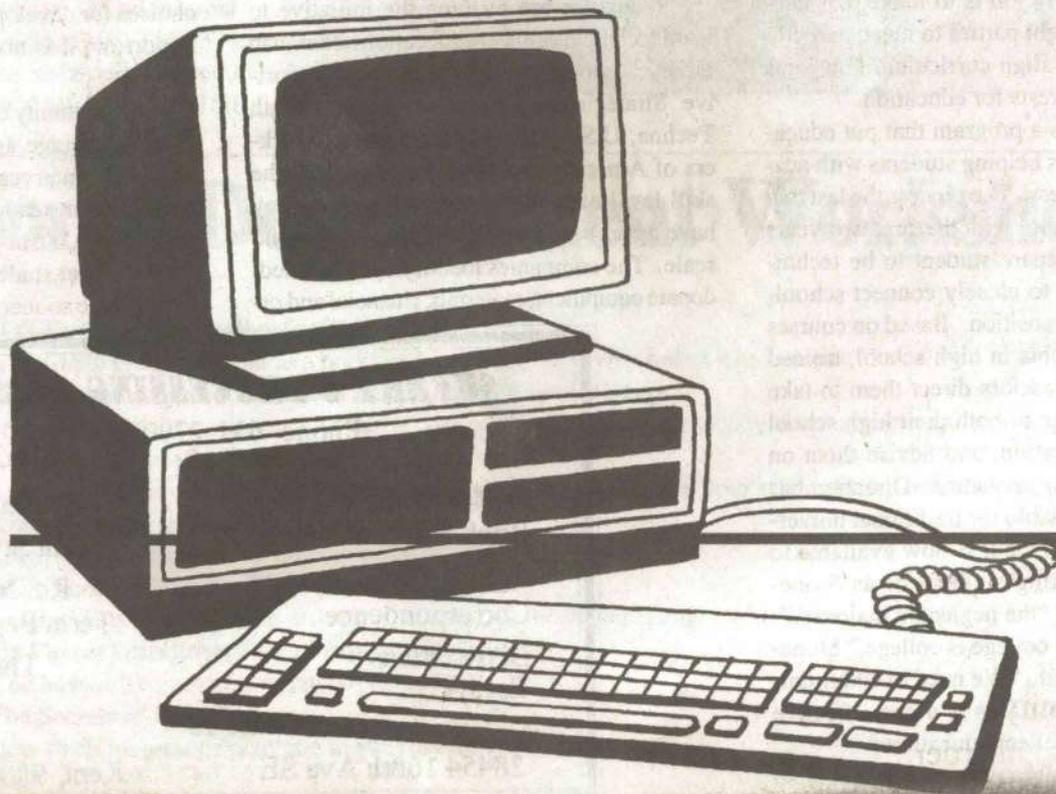
science, health, and business information will be available. Newspapers such as The Seattle Times and Ethnic News Watch will also be included, said Grossman.

Additionally there will be access to more staff assistance when students need help using the Microsoft applications, the CD-ROM data bases, and the structured Internet.

"These technologies would be worthless without a staff to help people use them," said Grossman. "This is critical."

According to Grossman, some of the fee money will also buy library books, to directly support curriculum, and current books for the Holman Library.

"The Holman Library will have an information commons where students will have access to these enhanced technology services," said Grossman. The new library plans include 100 study carrels fitted with ports for lap top computers. The commons will also include 72 computers for student use.



# Tech Prep reforms education of the future

By Jill Clifford  
Staff Reporter

A dynamic, national program is developing for linking classroom work to workplaces. Tech Prep is a collaborative approach to educational reform, coordinating efforts of high schools, colleges, employers, students, and parents to achieve meaningful goals in employable skills. Green River Community College, Highline Community College, and Renton Technical College actively participate in the program, along with 26 high schools in 10 local districts.

"The mission of Tech Prep is to provide educational experience to prepare students for their next choice, to teach them that a baccalaureate degree is not the only road to success. Family-wage jobs can be made with a two-year degree," said Chris Stone-Ewing, Director of South King County Tech Prep Consortium. "My job is to make that happen, to get the right parties to meet, and create a process to align curriculum that joins training and interests for education."

Tech Prep is a program that put education to work. It is helping students with academic preparedness. The process the last two years of high school with the first two years of college, to prepare student to be technically competent, to closely connect schooling to the work transition. Based on courses selected by students in high school, trained teachers and counselors direct them to take the best advantage of both their high school and college education, and advise them on the best Tech Prep sequence. Direction has always been available for traditional university bound students, but is now available to the non-BA seeking student, or as Stone-Ewing described, "the neglected majority."

"Community college is college," Stone-Ewing emphasized. "We need to communicate that message. This is a cost-effective way to get an excellent education."

Technical programs are a articulate so that an advanced credit of 5 to 17 hours may

be possible. Stone-Ewing indicated that we can no longer afford the redundancy in our educational systems, and no longer tolerate an attitude of "if it did not happen here, it did not happen." Secondary and post-secondary schools are working together to develop measurable competencies to determine what a student needs to know and be able to do, based on employer input.

"The work force needs higher skill levels, not necessarily baccalaureate degrees," said Stone-Ewing. "Department of Labor statistics show that less than 20% of new jobs will require a BA, but more than 80% of the new jobs require training beyond high school. Tech Prep is academically rigorous and technically challenging to meet those requirements. A strong foundation in academics is essential to grasping the new technology, now and in the future."

Industries are pushing the initiative to learn technical skills in application rather than theory. Local employers are very supportive. Strategic partners, such as Boeing, Heath Techna, U.S. West, Communication Workers of America, and Intel, can influence the skill level of the future work force, as they have never been able to do before on a grand scale. The companies identify skills needed; donate equipment, materials, financial and or-

ganizational support; and provide learning opportunities for student and educators. The Boeing Company has an internship program for students in the program, and other companies are following suit.

Career clusters are defined in occupational categories for skills identification. Many require some of the same application skills, like keyboarding. Currently, the South King County Tech Prep program covers accounting, auto body, and auto mechanics, business occupations, early childhood education, drafting, forestry, machining, marketing, welding, and is starting computer information systems. With proper program guidance, more appropriate choices for classes can be made. The system is an advising tool to help the student make choices for developing skills needed for tomorrow; it is not a system for tracking.

"Community college statistics show that the average age of our students is 28. In the intervening years since high school, their academic skills have become rusty. We hope the Tech Prep program will get students into the community college sooner," said Stone-Ewing.

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# A Testament to War: a Photographic Journey

By PJ Bowen  
Staff Reporter

In the wake of the airships like "The Enola Gay", the tales of destruction and broken lives are now finally able to unfold.

The date August 10, 1945 holds little or no memory for most of us. Some of us have parents who hadn't even been born yet. Yosuke Yamahata's life changed irrevocably that day. As a propoganda photographer for the Japanese army, he was sent to Nagasaki less than twenty-four hours after a plutonium bomb was dropped on the city.

Mr. Yamahata's mission was to record the aftermath of the bomb. That day he witnessed the horrors of death and destruction, the likes of which the world had not seen. These photographs were concealed from the army by him in hopes of contributing to the end of World War 2.

The series lends new insight to what really occurs in atomic warfare. The series is being shown simultaneously in Japan.

These images, "Nagasaki Journey: the Photographs of Yosuki Yamahata" are currently on display at Seattle Central Community College, from January 2nd through the 19th, 1701 Broadway. More information is available by calling (206) 344-4379. The display will also be featured at South Seattle Community College, 6000 16th Avenue SW.

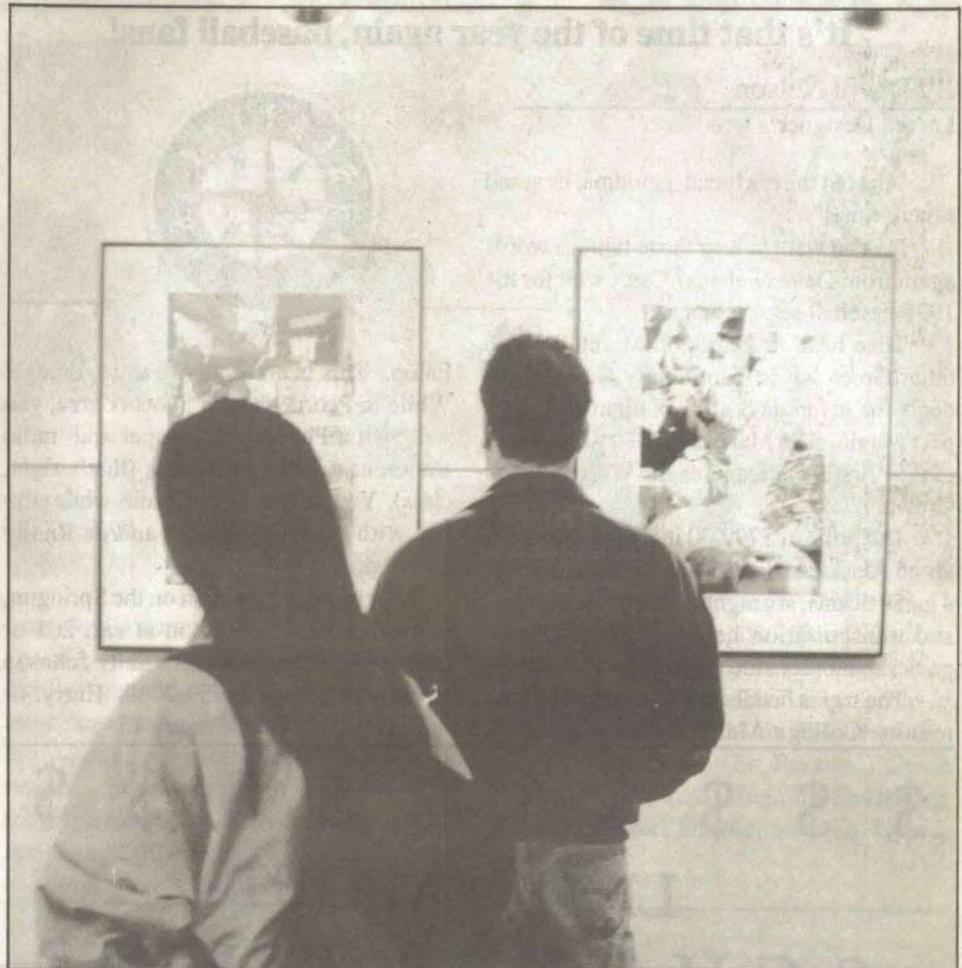


Photo by PJ Bowen

## Personal Development Workshops

- Jan. 25 **SOS-Secular Organization for Sobriety**  
A self-help group founded as a nonreligious alternative to Alcoholics Anonymous.
- Feb. 1 **When Someone You Care About Abuses Alcohol and/or Drugs**  
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Learn strategies for taking objective and essay tests.
- Feb. 22 **"Are Too!"...."Am Not!"**  
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- Feb. 29 **Six Career Directions, Seven Ways of Knowledge**  
You have different kinds of intelligence
- Mar. 7 **The Secrets of Transfer**  
How to do long-range planning in your academics.

The workshops run Thursdays from noon-1p.m. in SS-12

# MY-OH-MY

**It's that time of the year again, baseball fans!**

By David Nelson  
Layout Designer

"Get out the rye bread, grandma, its grand salami time!"

Do you want to hear those famous words again from Dave Niehaus? Can't wait for the 1996 baseball season to start?

Then head to Peoria on March 21 with other Green River Community College students for seven days and six nights of Mariners Magic. The Mariners will try to hold on to their first American League West Division Crown.

The price of \$799.00 includes round trip air on Alaska Airlines from Sea-Tac Airport, 4 game tickets, six nights at the Windmill Inn, and transportation between airport, hotel, games and other side trips.

The trip is headed by Green River Community College Mass Media teacher Ed



Eaton. This is no fun and games, though. While in Peoria and the Phoenix area, you will visit a Phoenix newspaper and radio station as a part of the class (that's right, class). You can earn three credits while talking with Ken Griffey Jr. and/or Randy Johnson.

For more information on the Springim, you can contact Ed Eaton at ext. 201 or make your reservation with Sally Johnson at Travel Network at 859-2040. Hurry: final payment is due February 15.

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## Top 10 Ways to Have Fun Drug-Free

By Melissa Mullen  
Staff Reporter

1. Shave your head and go to a hair salon. Tell the hairstylist you want to "try something new."
2. Blow soap bubbles in a public area. Pop them and screech, "I am Lothar, destroyer of worlds!"
3. Next time you're in a crowded restroom, take a really long time in the stall. Laugh and whoop loudly and enthusiastically.
4. Go turkey-bowling in the supermarket.
5. Tell little kids in Burger King that the special sauce has snot in it. Watch them squirm.
6. Take your time at the drinking fountain. If a line forms behind you, turn around, smile, and spit water at anyone who's too close.
7. Shave your entire body. Lay in bed and just feel clean.
8. Blast pop songs on your car stereo around gothic clubs.
9. Drink as much espresso as you possibly can and call your grandparents.
10. Stalk the DJs of easy listening stations. Tell them they are going to be executed for crimes against humanity.

### Edgar's Top 5

5. Go trick-or-treating in June.
4. Go fishing in your best friend's fish tank.
3. Loosen the tops of the salt shakers at your favorite restaurant.
2. Hold a loud conversation with your imaginary friends during class.
1. See how many times it is possible to staple someone's term paper.

# Nichols Leads Lady Gators

By Javier Sosa

Staff Reporter

Winter is fully upon us, and Women's Basketball is in full swing. The Gators, led by fourth year head coach Gary Nichols, are off to a 7 and 11 start.

This year's team, led by returning sophomore letter winners Nicki Spry (15 p.p.g, 7 rebs) and Cyndi Rainis (13.5, 9.5 rebs) is a very young and inexperienced group. Freshman recruits fill out the rest of Coach Nichols roster spots. This compounded by key injuries to Krissy Karney (Knee), Lori Gresko (Knee), and Dani Chang (back) will make this a very challenging year for the Gators.

Coming away with key victories over Tacoma (64-54) and Pierce (59-49), the rest of the season looks a lot more promising.

Coach Nichols said, "We need to win 9 of the last 11 to get in to the post-season". The team is healthy and with some luck, will suffer no more significant injuries.

Coach Nichols' proudest moment this season was when he learned the girls, as a



Photo by Stephanie Jacobson

team, had a cumulative grade point average of 3.26, led by Heather Dukes' perfect 4.0 Fall quarter. "Grades, by far are the most important numbers of them all. Not the points, rebounds, or the win-lose record." In these times of student-athlete controversies, this is truly a commendable and classy Gator team.

This year's team consists of (So.

Guard) Krissy Karney, (Fr. Guard) Heather Dukes, (Fr. Forward) Shelly Dahl, (So. Guard) Rebecca Novak, (Fr. Forward) Mandy Stubrud, (Fr. Guard) Amy Fischer, (So. Guard) Nicki Spry, (Fr. Forward) Cyndi Rainis, (Fr. Forward) Tennille Strassburg, (Fr. Center) Lori Gresko, and (So. Guard) Dani Chang.

## ODP plans trip to Mt. Rainier

By Sam

Staff Reporter

Those "would be" Yukon Jacks (and Jills) lucky enough to sign up for the Outdoor Programs snowshoe trip before it sold out will soon be walking in that proverbial Winter Wonderland.

On Saturday, January 20, approximately Green River Community College (GRCC) students and staff will travel to Paradise Park at Mount Rainier for a one mile, two and a half hour, hike, guided by one of the park's rangers.

Jeff Hoeben, one of the chief organizers of the trip, well understands the allures of snow-shoeing. "Snow-shoeing is something I en-

joy doing. It's cheap, and it's easy. If you can walk, you can snow-shoe," said Hoeben.

The \$5 fee includes snowshoes and transportation. The participants will depart from the GRCC bus circle at 8 a.m. and return around 5 p.m. Come rain or sleet or black of night, the trip will go on (barring impassable roads).

"Basically, no matter how bad the weather is when and if we get there, once we're there, we'll do it," said Hoeben.

(Just so long as the government doesn't shut down again...)

By Heather Beech

Staff Reporter

On Saturday, January 27th, Green River Community College (GRCC) students will head to Mt. Rainier National Park to go cross-country skiing. This will be a trip for beginners.

At first, there were some scheduling trouble, due to low snow levels, heavy rains, and the government closures. Now everything is planned to go as scheduled.

The group will leave at 8 a.m. and will return at 6 p.m. The cost is \$25 for GRCC students, and \$30 for non-students. This fee includes rentals and transportation. More information is available by calling Jeff Hoeben in Student Programs at extension 337.

# Speed Limit Fines Go Up

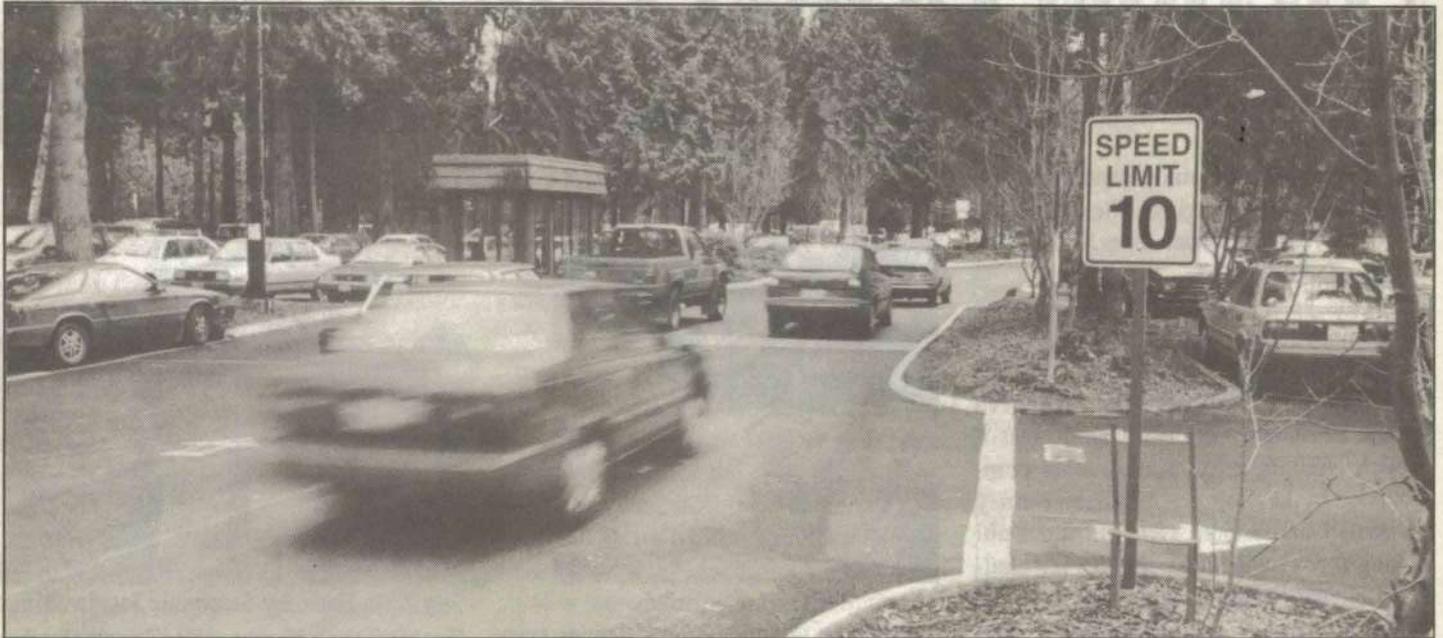


Photo by Jason Sherrill

Speeding on campus will cost you more now. \$50 for your first offense, \$100 for your second offense and \$100 and a review of your driving privileges on campus. Argus Security guards will enforce the speed limit of 10 miles per hour. Fines must be paid within 72 hours or formally request a hearing in writing at the Security Office. Accumulation of \$40 or more in unpaid fines or four outstanding citations may result in a wheel lock being placed on the vehicle. Wheel lock fines must be paid within 24 hours, or vehicle is subject to towing. More information on parking, or speeding on campus, contact the Security Office in the AD 27 or at campus extension 250 or 273.



**Metro Bus 181, which provides bus service to and from Green River Community College was recently shot at. There were no injuries on the bus. Any information on this shooting should contact GRCC Security at 833-9111 ext. 250.**

Photo by Heather Wallace

## ROOMATE WANTED

Share two bedroom and one bath apartment. \$285/month plus 1/2 utilities. Fireplace, W/D. Interested? Call Bob Brown at 351-3112.

## CAR FOR SALE

For sale, 1988 Nissan Pulsar. Shiny black. 16 valve, twin cam, 1.8 liter, AC. To many new parts to list. T-top, Pioneer CD, all eclipse speaker, mint condition. Call 340-5726.

## WANTED: INTERNATIONAL STUDENT COODINATOR

Community oriented individual sought to coordinate international programs. Duties include recruting host familes, acting as school liaison, and providingstudent support. Stipend paid for community service. Call ASPECT Foundation at 1-800-609-4674 for an application. Information on our Outbound program is also available.

## CULTURE SHOCK

KGRG's newest speciality show with hostess Kim Bateman. It runs 10p.m. to 12a.m., Thursdays. What is culture shock? Turn to 89.9 or 104.5FM and find out. Questions or more information call between show hours at 833-5004 or 1-800-258-3111. You may leave a message at 833-9111 ext. 268.

## COMPUTER FOR SALE

386-16sx, 2 MB RAM, 60 MB Hard Drive, 1.2 and 1.44 MB Floppy Drive, 14" 28 SVGA Monitor, SVGA with size video card, 101 enhanced keybroad, mini-tower 1200 watt, DOS 6.22, Windows 3.1, 24 Pin Printer. Call Mihn at 206-840-3190. Will give best offer.

## SINGLE YOUNG MEN SEEKING...

Looking for slim and fit women who needs a vacation and thrive on having fun, age 18-25. We are fine, single, young men who are looking for female companionship to accompany on an indescribable house baot vacation this spring!! Please call 340-5726. Leave voice message.

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# "Dracula, Dead And Loving It" leaves audience yearning for something more, maybe a bagel?

By Dean Disharoon & Pat Scholes

A friend of mine told me the other day that the last good Mel Brooks Film was "Young Frankenstein". I argued saying "Spaceballs" was a good flick, only to be scoffed at and told I would soon die. That aside, I packed my bags, picked up my comrade in arms, Warren Jabali, and headed out to see Brooks' latest bit of craziness "Dracula, Dead And Loving It".

This outlandish spoof on Bram Stoker's "Dracula" stars Leslie Nielson as the Carpathian evil known as Dracula. It was stated through an inside source that Nielson (of "Naked Gun" fame) was awarded the part only after Jaromir Jagr (of the professional hockey team Pittsburgh Penguins) turned down Brooks' original screenplay "Jagrula, Skating Like A Monkey And Loving It." Anyhow, enough of this idle chatter. Onward into what is generally referred to as "the review section" of this article.

**Egbert:** "Dracula Dead And Loving It" was quite possibly the sorriest attempt at humor since the equally bad "Robin Hood, Men In Tights". Jaromir Jagr would have been a better choice to play Dracula, or maybe even former Sacramento Kings' guard Jim Les. This movie was childish, amateurish, and a few more things that end in "ish." Mel Brooks should have made "Dead And Loving It" more like his best movie to date, "Young Frankenstein".

**Sisco:** For some unknown reason, Egbert is almost right. This latest of many Dracula movies does leave much to be desired. For one thing, what was up with the casting? Mr. Brooks needs to elevate his

mental. While Leslie Nielson makes a darn fine Dracula, why was he trying to flex by using the entire cast of "Wings"? I can understand them having parts, but being allowed to speak? It brings to mind something a very wise man (Brian Winters) once said, "Why is it that you can get the monkey to wash the kitty, but you can never get the kitty to wash the monkey?" Well, Brian, no one knows. However, some of the best scenes in the movie came when Nielson and Brooks (who played the doctor, not "The Doctor", but the doctor) shared the stage. Oh, yeah, "Robin Hood, Men In Tights" was not as bad. At least it had Isaac Hayes.

**Egbert:** "Dracula, Dead And Loving It" is a must see for those of you with Attention Deficit Disorder, or anyone who is into self depravation.

**Sisco:** That was deep. On a lighter note, there was one really funny part in this, shall we say, "feature film:" The End. Seriously though, little Stevie Webber needs to stick to his *Horizon Air* commercials and stop fronting. This movie was bad, the schwartz was definitely not with Mr. Brooks during this film. Wait until it comes out on video. Then rent it for someone you don't like, or your moms.

**Disclaimers:** Sisco is Dean Disharoon and Egbert is Patrick Scholes. "Sisco and Egbert" is in no way related to the professional movie review team, Siskel and Ebert, except for the fact they're third cousins, twice removed.

