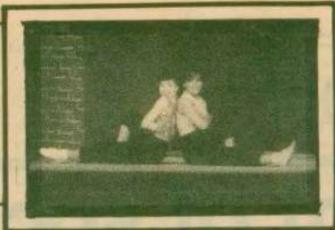


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The '87 NWAACC Champions, GRCC womens' basketball team, Head Coach Mike Willis and Assistant Coach Shawn Johnson show off their trophies. See related stories, pgs. 4-5
Photo. By Brian Klippert

GRCC art gallery celebrates grand opening today

The grand opening of the new art gallery at Green River Community College, featuring the annual art faculty exhibit is set for today at noon.

A separate area for the gallery, housed in the Holman Library, was just created in a library remodeling project.

The first exhibit in the new facility features works by Green River CC's art instructors, Dr. Bernie Bleha, Ed Brannan, Sandy Carson, Elayne Levensky and Robert Short.

Bleha, who chairs GRCC's creative arts division and serves as gallery director, said the creation of the gallery dates back to 1982, when the art instructors decided to have their first campus show.

The works were displayed on rented panels in the library. Later, the exhibit area was expanded to include the walls in one corner of the library. Since that time, the gallery has hosted about 309 shows and the audience for each show has grown to about 3,000.

The new gallery space includes 137 running feet of wall space 9 ft. tall, and 154 ft. of track and display lighting.

"This is the only non-profit exhibit facility between Seattle and Tacoma," said Bleha. He has arranged a complete calendar of shows, with only three openings yet to be scheduled between now and 1990. Artists are invited to make proposals for shows to the art faculty. The gallery can host both major and minor shows at the same time.

"The intent of the gallery is to bring visual culture to our college service area," Bleha said. "We pride ourselves on having exceptional exhibits, such as Sichuan Photography and The World of Sichuan's Children, as well as our annual high school invitational exhibit, our annual art faculty show, the annual Green River art students show and other feature artists."

Plans for the gallery's future include adding an artists and speakers series featuring artists coming to campus to talk about their work to the students and the community; a fine arts film festival in the library's new theatre which is adjacent to the gallery; and a variety of receptions and special programs.

The gallery is open free to the public from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday. Weekend hours will be added later.

Final Examination Schedule, Winter Quarter '87

Wednesday, March 18

8 a.m. to 10 a.m.,
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.,
2 p.m. to 4 p.m.,
4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

All 8 a.m. classes
All 11 a.m. classes
All 3 p.m. classes
Available test time for classes with conflicts* and noon hour classes.

Thursday, March 19

8 a.m. to 10 a.m.,
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.,
2 p.m. to 4 p.m.,
4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

All 9 a.m. classes
All 1 p.m. classes
All 4 p.m. classes
Available test time for classes with conflicts.*

Friday, March 20

8 a.m. to 10 a.m.,
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.,
2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

All 10 a.m. classes
All 2 p.m. classes
Tuesday - Thursday classes that do not fit regular schedule time. Available test time for classes with conflicts.*

*Exceptions to this schedule require arrangements with the Associate Dean.

Litter may be at the root of society's ills

by Anita Wahler
Current Staff Reporter

A lot of people say Green River has the prettiest campus in the state. I haven't been to them all, so I don't know; but I sure wouldn't argue with those who rave about this one. It's beautiful.

It amazes me that there could be anyone on campus who could fail to be deeply affected by these surroundings.

When I tear my attention away from the trees and the ferns and the vines, though, when I look down at the ground along the paths and in the parking lots, it is obvious that some people not only take the beauty utterly for granted, but that they harbor some active hostility toward it.

Follow the trail down to the river. On a sandy bank, where alders crowd thickly and the current swirls by fast, you can recover from the trauma of your last test, watching gulls glide over the water and squirrels scamper up in the trees.

That is, if you can ignore the garbage. A ludicrous shiny heap of black plastic, a pop-can stuck in the trees, glaring bits of stark white styrofoam, and an old, half-charred blanket dominate the view in an otherwise idyllic setting.

Of course, you don't have to go out of your way to see this kind of thing (it's just a little more jarring when it occurs farther away from crowds of people). Gum-wrappers and plastic cups, cigarette packages and paper plates are strewn all around the student center; fast-food cartons, paper bags, and empty six-packs decorate the parking lots after the cars go home. It's even worse around the garbage cans. As though people go out of their way to show they don't care.

Several things are wrong here. The most obvious, that the land is being "uglified", is the least important. The time it takes for a pop-can to decompose is just an instant in terms of geologic time.

But if we blatantly do these obvious things to show our disregard for the natural world, what are we doing surreptitiously? Do we pour our dirty oil down a canyon to be washed out to the sea? As factory maintenance workers, do we blindly follow orders to dump toxic materials illegally?

How can we hope to cut down on our consumption of fossil fuels through voluntary individual efforts (to minimize disruption of ecological systems and to save for future generations) if we can't even make the effort to put our gum-wrappers in the trash can? Is it possible that someone who would dump garbage along a riverbank would consider making major changes in his or her lifestyle for the sake of the environment, such as reducing consumption of luxury items for the purpose of reducing the pollution that the manufacture of those items creates?

And finally, what spiritual decrepitude underlies the relatively superficial problem of litter on campus? What does our complacency say for those of us who don't litter but accept the litter around us as a normal part of our lives? What is lacking in those of us who do litter—a sense of responsibility, a sense of connection, a reverence for life?

People come to college to learn, and what could be more important than to learn to treasure our world? Someday, our culture may change so that abuse of the land becomes the exception rather than the rule. But it isn't going to happen unless we make it happen, unless we change ourselves and inspire those around us to change.

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Ban on condom ads is epitomy of hypocrisy

By Mark Minckler
Opinion Editor

The national t.v. network's refusal to run condom advertising is the epitomy of hypocrisy.

Just watch daytime soap operas for awhile. People are jumping into bed with everyone and anyone. Turn on the television at night. "Dynasty", "Hotel", "Dallas" are just a few of the nighttime soaps that have large amounts of "suggested sex", but there is never mention of birth control of any type.

Soaps are not the only offenders; most made-for-t.v. movies, and other evening programs contain suggested sex without birth control, ...and without babies.

Why not take a positive position and try to educate the public on birth control?

The network's reasons for not running condom advertising are laughable. ABC will not run them because they are afraid of offending people in small communities in places like Nebraska who are opposed to birth control for religious reasons.

Unwanted pregnancies offend me, but watching a condom ad does not.

ABC's type of attitude is dangerous. It is a known fact that the use of condoms help in the prevention of the spread of AIDS and STDs. There is also the obvious fact that condoms are one effective method of preventing unwanted pregnancy, and thereby preventing unwanted children, or the need for more abortions.

KING-TV is the only local station that currently runs condom advertising. They should be applauded for their effort to inform the public about this form of birth control. The other local networks and national networks should follow suit and allow advertising of birth control methods, including condoms.

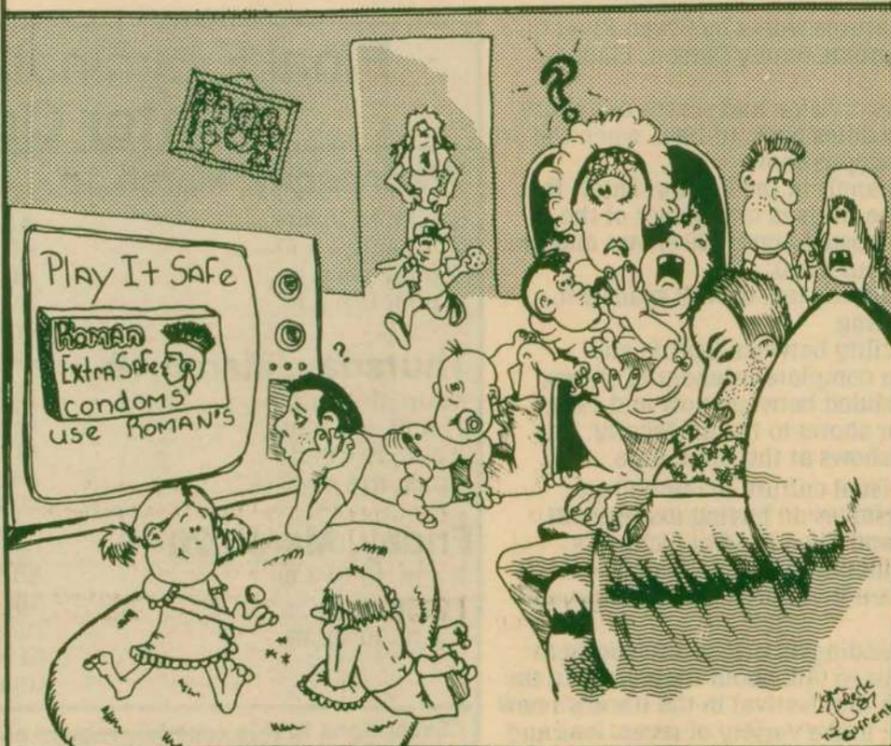


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New Editor of The Current Kathy Hansen.

Editors switch, Hansen is new editor

by Elizabeth White
Current Staff reporter

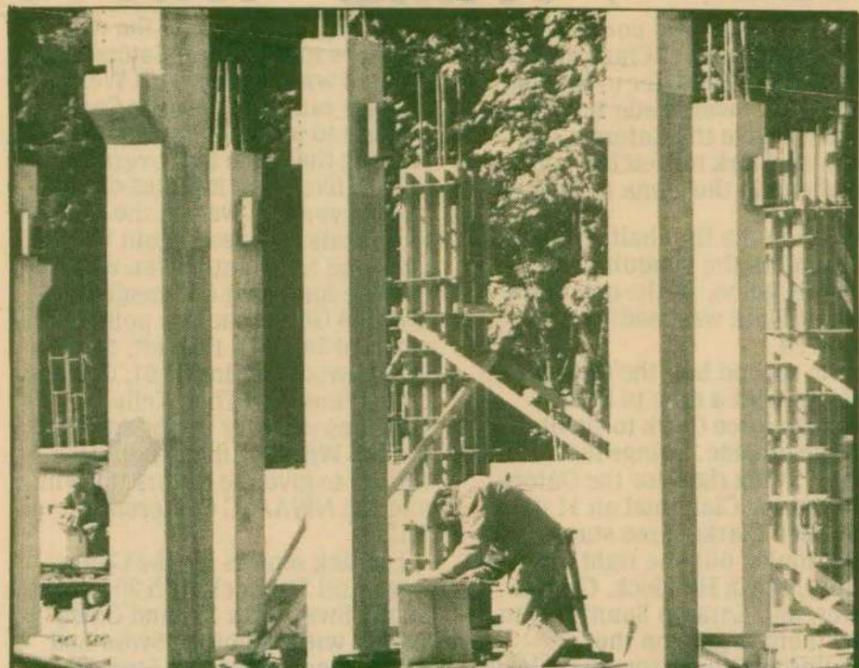
The leadership of *The Current* has changed, ...er, switched hands.

Sophomore Kathy Hansen has become Editor in Chief, while Luis Cabrera is now Associate Editor for the remaining month of Winter Quarter. Cabrera resigned his post in order to take a job as a full-time reporter on the Pacific-based publication, the *Liquor Reporter*.

Hansen has also served as Sports Editor of *The Current* during Fall Quarter '85 and just returned from a year in Brisbane, Australia on an exchange program.

Any GRCC students interested in being exposed to the fast-moving, hard hitting world of college journalism can become members of *The Current* staff during Spring Quarter. To join, simply contact Current advisor Ed Eaton at ext. 201, or Hansen and Cabrera in the office at ext. 267. Journalism experience is helpful, but not necessary and all staff positions are open.

GRCC campus: that was then, this is now



by Elizabeth White
Current Staff Reporter

Walking among the many trees which beautify the campus makes many wonder just how GRCC evolved into the aesthetic campus it is.

Would you believe that when GRCC began, the entire campus consisted of the Library?

We've come a long way since the beginning, back in 1965. It was during this time that this country was involved in a community college movement, a time when it was theorized that a new community college was opening every week.

Besides Green River, several other colleges began between the years of 1965 and 1970; including Edmonds, Tacoma, Olympia, Spokane, Bellevue, and the Seattle community colleges.

Mel Lindbloom, the original GRCC president, was a major influence in making sure that the environmental conditions were left as natural as possible. He had to struggle with the construction staff who wanted to remove the trees and get them out of the way. Lindbloom insisted that no tree be removed unless necessary.

He also had to deal with an architect that wanted to cut down approximately 15 cedar trees to insure that the SMT building ran exactly North-South/East West as the other buildings do. The administration, headed by president Lindbloom, insisted that the trees be saved. Indeed, few have noticed the angle of the SMT building, as it is set apart from the main congregation of buildings.

The original library had one wing, or corner, for the entire administration, one corner for the student center, and two for the

classrooms. There was a total of approximately 1,700 to 2,000 students; 750 to 1,000 full time.

The first addition to the college was two buildings for the trades area built for the Fall Quarter in 1966. Winter Quarter of that year brought about the ST complex, with the science labs. The HS buildings, including the offices, the art lab, and the narrow building of classrooms, was built in the next year. The gymnasium was next, followed by the Performing Arts building, the Lindbloom Student Center, SMT building, and the Administration Building, after which the library was remodeled.

The original land was swamp. In fact, the first parking lot was left unpaved. Until it rained. The original architects were careful, insuring the availability of materials so that buildings built in 1985 were similar to buildings built in 1965.

Since the beginning of Washington state's history, 240 acres were set aside here as state school land. Hayes Holman, the superintendent of the Auburn school district, fought for a community college in Auburn for 8 years. Sullan and Aehle, the original architects, did a blueprint for the campus in 1964. However, the land belongs to the Kent school district.

Bill Taylor, Dean of Instruction, is very proud of GRCC's campus, claiming the college possesses the most attractive campus that he's ever been on. Administrators have credited the building and grounds management and the student body for their diligence in keeping the college respectable. There is an amazing lack of vandalism, and some credit this to the serene environment.

Will my friend get AIDS?



Gator Advice Column

Dear GRACC,

I am concerned about a friend of mine who has had numerous heterosexual partners in the last few years, some of which have a high risk of disease-type lifestyle. I want my friend to be advised of, and have a blood test to determine if he/she has been exposed to, or is a possible carrier of AIDS.

When I've brought the subject up, my friend becomes defensive. What can I do to avoid creating a communication barrier with my friend? Should I back off the subject? What about the partners he/she has now? Can they become carriers of the virus? How can you emphasize responsible sex to a person, without making them defensive?

Concerned

Dear Concerned,

I spent quite a bit of time this afternoon talking with Bob Housner from the center sexually transmitted diseases (STD's) at Harborview. I hope that the following information will help to alleviate some of your fears, and perhaps enlighten your friend.

At present, if your friend's sexual activity over the PAST few years has been limited to heterosexual relationships, the chances are slim that s/he has been exposed to the AIDS virus. It isn't impossible, just improbable. Unfortunately, Housner stated that over the next two years he expects that to change, as AIDS spreads through the heterosexual community. He also said that people are at a greater risk if their partners have recently come from New York, New Jersey, or other areas where

there is a higher incidence of the disease among heterosexuals. Housner further cautioned that AIDS should not be the only concern of sexually active persons. They are also at risk for other STD's, including herpes, chlamydia, gonorrhea, and genital warts. Some of these are symptomless initially, but when symptoms develop they are not pleasant, and they are subject to serious complications.

If your friend is a drug user, that's another story. This is the most common means of AIDS transmission among heterosexuals. When needles are shared, one person with the AIDS virus can infect the whole group. The prime reason is because when the needle is injected, some blood is invariably drawn into it. If the virus is present, any material passing through becomes contaminated. Drug users are at higher risk for acquiring the virus.

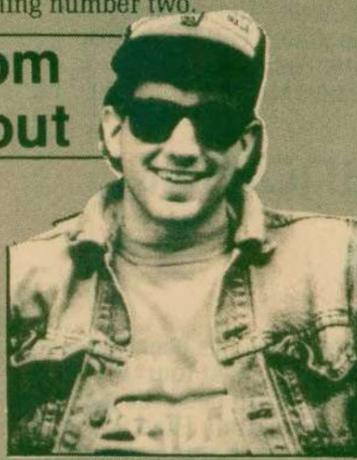
Once infected, people can and do become carriers and transmitters of the disease. The actual onset varies according to the health of the individual. People who have always enjoyed good health are more likely to go a lot longer before experiencing symptoms. Some of the early symptoms may include lethargy (similar to mono), extreme weight loss (15 lbs in one month). Some visible symptoms are first stage candidiasis, (an overgrowth of yeast that resembles whitish patches) a furry tongue, and sometimes swelling of the lymph glands between the stomach and the creases of the leg. A word of caution, these symptoms also appear with other ailments. They should always be checked by a physician, but they don't necessarily indicate a life-threatening problem.

To avoid a communication barrier with your friend, I would suggest that under the circumstances you backoff on a blood test at this time. When you discuss the situation, do so in a non-judgemental, conversational manner. Make sure of your facts. There is a lot of controversy and misinformation about AIDS. If you get caught saying something that turns out wrong, more often than not it will only reinforce whatever delusions s/he has about his/her lifestyle. **-GRACC**

Tom's Top 10 Party Songs

Over the years, thousands, no millions, of songs have been written. Few of those songs can be considered "party songs". Of course "Louie Louie", by the Kingsmen is the number one all-time party song. "Louie Louie" first made the top forty on November 30, 1963. It remained in there for thirteen weeks, reaching number two.

Tom Bout



The Way I See It

"Twist and Shout" is second. First recorded by the Isley Brothers in 1961, it made the top 40 June 1962, reaching number 17. In February 1964 the Beatles recorded the most popular version. The Beatles version lasted nine weeks on the top 40, reaching number two.

But on to the list. I'm including

the song and the album on which you can find it.

1. "Louie Louie" by the Kingsmen. The best album to find this on is the "Animal House" soundtrack.

2. "Twist and Shout" by the Beatles. "Rock and Roll Music Volume 1". This album contains a lot of good songs (most notably "I Saw Her Standing There", a list contender).

3. "Rock N Roll" by Led Zeppelin. It can be found on Led Zeppelin's fourth album, (Led Zeppelin Four). This one also has "Stairway to Heaven."

4. "Start Me Up, by the Rolling Stones. From the album "Tattoo You."

5. "Surfin' Safari" by the Beach Boys, from "Endless Summer."

6. "Back in Black," by AC/DC, from the album of the same name, which has "You Shook Me," also a strong contender for this list.

7. "What I Like About You," by the Romantics, from their debut album.

8. "Life's Been Good," by Joe Walsh, from "But Seriously Folks. . ."

9. "Should I Stay or Should I Go," by the Clash, from "Combat Rock."

10. "Life in the Fast Lane," by the Eagles, from the "Hotel California" album.

I am making a tape of these (for personal use only) to play at functions. All of the above albums are worth checking out.

Women's basketball team, Willis win NWAACC Championship

by Dan Lonyo
Sports Editor

The women's basketball team captured the NWAACC Conference Title last week by beating Clark Community College in overtime 67-65.

Their quest for the title began Thursday night against the Helmswomen from Bellevue Community College. In the first half Green River dominated Bellevue and held them to 15 percent from the field, and allowed them to make only 5 of their 35 field goal attempts. Green River shot 36 percent from the field.

In the second half the Gators' steals controlled the Helmswomen, and pushed Green River victory, 77 to 51. The Gators then advanced to the semi-finals.

Friday night the Gators faced the Thunderbirds of Highline Community College in semi-final action. In the first half Green River controlled the inside, forcing Highline to shoot long.

The Helmswomen also got into foul trouble, allowing the Gators to make 12 of 18 shots. The Gators went into the half leading 50 to 32.

In the second half the Helmswomen narrowed the lead to 12 points. The Gators applied pressure giving their opponents only 7 of 30 field goal attempts in the second half. The Gators shot 57 percent from the field and 64 percent from the line. Leading Green River scorers were Margaret Henry with 18 points, and Keri Strobeck and Kim Brown, both with 16 points. Brown and Henry were both 7 of 9 from the field, while Strobeck was 7 of 10. The Gators beat the Helmswomen 77-51 to advance to the finals, where they faced Clark Community College.

On Saturday night the tension in the gym was high. Green River was going for the NWAACC Title against the Clark Penquins; the two teams' third meeting this year.

The first half began with both Green River and Clark being very sluggish at the basket until Cindy

Tokarz made the first points of the game. Jill Weisner of Clark fouled Sonia Swan to send her to the line for one shot. Swan made it with no problem to give the Gators a 3-0 lead. Soon Clark turned hot and went ahead in the game 11-12 with

12:28 left in the first half. From that point on the Penquins lead the whole game. At the end of the first half Clark was leading by four, 33-29.

In the second half the Gators came out with a man to man defense to force Clark to shoot from the outside. Things just weren't going right for the Gators, with nothing Clark had an 11 point lead. Then Clark's three star player fouled out one right after another, Karla Haddock, Carilyn Wetter, and Caralyn Bannister, to allow them to gain on the Penquins and to narrow their lead to seven. Then with 7:40 left in the game Keri Strobeck brought the score to a 47-47 tie. The rest of the lead changed hands until :12 left in the half and Swan was fouled, and sunk in both to give the a two

point lead at 57-55, and the win was sure to be for the Gators. But, the ball was passed to Jill Weisner and she ran right past the Gator defense to put up two points, sending the game into overtime.

With five more minutes on the clock, everyone was on the edge of their seats. The lead again went back and forth until Swan went to the line for a shot and made it to give the Gators the one point edge, 60-59. With 1:09 left, the Gators were leading 64-61, Clark called time out. Then Kelly Williams went for a shot and was fouled. Williams made both free throws to give the Gators the win and the NWAACC Conference Title.

Leading scorers for the Gators were Keri Strobeck with 20 points, Sonia Swan with 18, and Cindy Tokarz with 10 points. Swan had 17 rebounds along with Strobeck's 14.

Coach Mike Willis commented, "We expected Clark to be tough, we wanted to win in our gym, in front of faculty and home fans, and we did it."

Strobeck, Tokarz and Swan named to All-Star team, Strobeck MVP

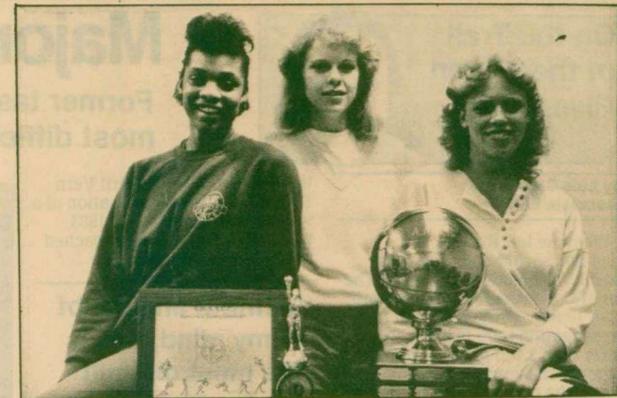
by Dan Lonyo
Sports Editor

Last week at the NWAACC Tournament Sonia Swan, Cindy Tokarz and Keri Strobeck were chosen for the NWAACC Tournament All Stars. Strobeck was picked as MVP of the tournament.

Sonia Swan is a 1985 graduate of Lincoln High School of Tacoma. She has been playing basketball for eight years. She has heard recruiting offers from Alaska, Portland State, and Rocky Mountain State in Billings, Montana to play basketball. Swan scored 16 points and 9 rebounds against Bellevue, and scored 18 points and had 17 rebounds in the championship game against Clark. Swan was also selected for the All Tournament team at last years championship tournament.

Tokarz is a 1985 graduate of Central Valley High School in Spokane. She also has been playing basketball for eight years. Tokarz has been offered a full ride at Portland State, but hasn't made any decision. In the NWAACC tournament scored 12 points against Bellevue, 11 points and five rebounds against Highline and 10 points against Clark along with seven rebounds.

Strobeck is a 1985 graduate of Ferris High School in Spokane. She has heard offers from a lot of colleges, but has not made any decision. Strobeck had 20 points and 11 rebounds against Bellevue. She scored 16 points against Highline along with 5 rebounds and was 7 of 10 from the field. Against Clark she scored 20 points, 14 rebounds and was six of eight from the line.



All three Gator NWAACC All-Stars, Keri Strobeck, Sonia Swan, Cindy Tokarz help lead the Gators to No. 1.

Photo By Randy Cryer

Willis coaches GR to title

by Tom Bout
Current Staff Reporter

It's a small office. Small but full. Filled with pictures of past women's basketball teams, a Coach of the Year plaque, and a new trophy. The trophy Mike Willis and his team worked for all season and won last Saturday.

Mike Willis coached his team to the NWAACC championship (the second in three years), was named coach of the year for both the Western Region and NWAACC (his second of such honors). Willis has become the Bobby Knight of CC women's basketball. Four straight winning seasons (third in 1984, first in '85, second in '86, and first this year) proves that.

"We don't have a team," Willis says, "we have a program. It's nice (to win coach of the year), it's not a goal I set for myself. It's because of the players. It's a reflection of the kids we've got."

Willis has always been a winner. While attending Renton High School he started on the state champion team. After not being recruited by anyone except Green River, he starred on the Gators fourth and second place

"We don't have a team, we have a program." - Willis

teams. After being recruited by PLU, UPS, St. Martin's College, and Montana State, he opted to stay close to home and played for PLU. There he was "one basket away from the playoffs."

Willis went on to become head coach of the boys' basketball team at Tahoma High School from 1974 to '79. After two straight 10-10 seasons, Tahoma fired him. He looked for a second chance. Green River gave it to him as assistant coach of the men's team.

After one year as assistant men's coach, he was offered the women's head coaching job and has been there ever since. After three non-winning seasons, his team began to win. "Saturday night I thought of my A.D. (Athletic Director at Tahoma) telling me I couldn't do the job." He did it here.

Willis' coaching has helped his recruiting. Willis takes an interest in the the players he's recruiting, sending them letters and meeting with parents, going out of his way to show that a player is wanted. "We recruit you for two reasons. We recruit you to graduate. And

we recruit you because we believe you're better than who we already have. If we recruit better players every year, our team has to improve."

Willis has his job cut out for him with eight (possibly nine) players departing this year. "How do you replace a Sonia Swan, a Keri Strobeck? That's what we asked two years ago when we lost key players." Willis will be working hard to replenish his team.

"Working Hard" should be Willis' middle name. "We are a more goal-oriented team than any team I've ever been a part of. We set nightly goals at practice. We set goals for each week, and goals

"As a coach, you're satisfied because you did what you set out to do." - Willis

for the year. Those goals being to have each sophomore graduate and to win the title." Eight out of nine sophomores will graduate, and Willis' Gators have the trophy.

Willis said he is comfortable here at Green River and will be here for a while. "I like the girls. There will probably be some misty eyes here in the next couple months as our sophomores leave." He respects his players. At games Willis sits in the middle of the bench, among the players. Most coaches choose the end of the bench. "As a coach, you're satisfied because you did what you set out to do. As a player, satisfaction comes knowing you were the best." Willis has experienced both and has proven he's the best.



Mike Willis, coach of the year.

Photo By Brian Klippert

Tennis teams swing into season

by Dan Lonyo
Sports Editor

GRCC defending champions. Men's and women's tennis teams started practice Tuesday under the coaching of Steve Sauers.

Last year, the men's team was straight time. The men's tennis team have not lost any community college match since 1980. There is only one returning player this year on the men's team, Clayton Munsen, although one player from last year is still waiting to become eligible.

Last year the women's team was 18-2 and won the northwest championship. They also won the league championship for the eighth straight time. There are no returning players this year for the women's team, although Coach Sauers has so far recruited seven players. All seven of the new players have played in a state

tournament.

Since Sauers has been coaching tennis at Green River, the men have a total record of 292-43 and the women, 145-14. The men's and women's combined record is 437-57.

Coach Sauers is still recruiting for both teams. He said that it was still too early to predict how the teams would do this year, but said that he was very optimistic.

The men and women practice and compete at the Boeing Employees Tennis Club in Kent.

The men's first match is at home on Tuesday, March 31, at 1:00 p.m., against Central Washington University. The women's first match will be Sunday, March 22, against the University of British Columbia in Vancouver. The women's first home match will be against Seattle Pacific University on Monday, March 30, at 1:00 p.m.

Golf hopes for another NWAACC berth

by Karrie Clark
Current Staff Reporter

With last year's 6-2 record and a fifth place finish in the NWAACC, the Green River golf team hopes to do even better this year.

The nine member team is made up of three returning players and six new players. The three returning players are Bobby Pasquale, Greg Ott and Benjie Thim. The new players include Dante Jimenez, Jeff Sanders, Landon Jackson, Craig Price, Tony Howells and Rick Lund.

Mike Peluso has been the team's coach for the past four years. Peluso has also been the golf coach at Puyallup High School for several years, but this year he decided to concentrate his coaching on GRCC.

Peluso predicted that the team's toughest matches this year would be against Columbia Basin and Clark Community College. The team's matches will be played at Meridian Valley Country Club in Kent. Their first match is March 31 against Everett Community College. The rest of the schedule was not available at press time.



Photo By Brian Klippert

'We're No. 1!': Gators defeat Clark CC in OT



Photo By Randy Cryer

GR's Sonia Swan makes a steal and passes to teammate, and MVP, Keri Strobeck. Kelly Williams (14) helps out.

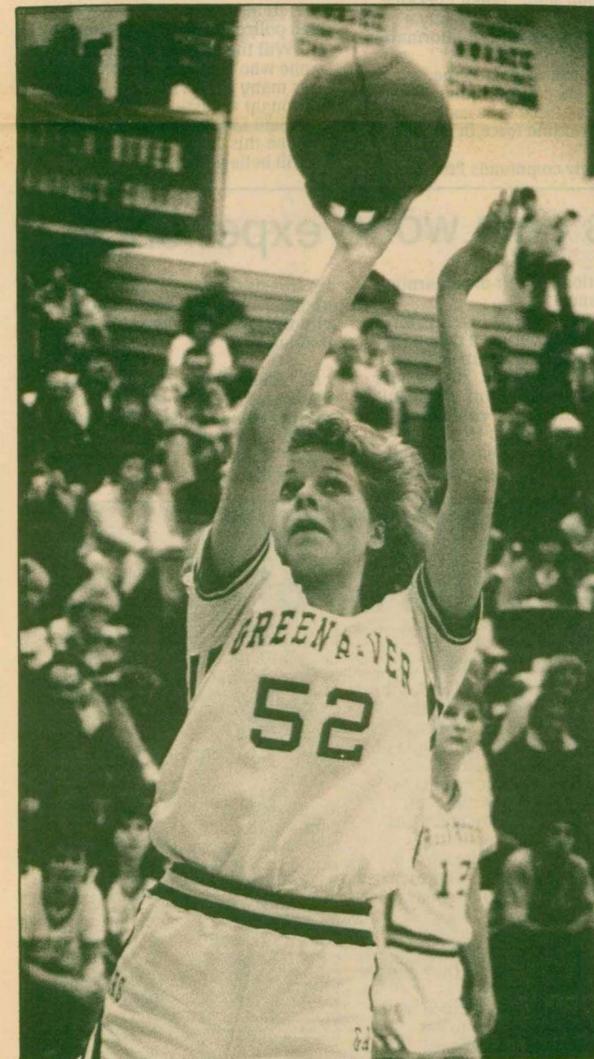


Photo By Brian Klippert

Keri Strobeck goes for two. Strobeck scored 20 points in the final game.

FEATURES

On the Trail of the Green River Killer, part 4



by Luis Cabrera
Associate Editor

When he left the task force, they had sorted and filed more than 2,700 pieces of evidence. The list of tips turned in totaled more than 10,000. At the height of the investigation they turned out more than 2,000 pages of related paperwork every month.

And the case remains unsolved. "Without any doubt in my mind, this is the most difficult case we've ever been faced with," said Major Frank Adamson, head of the Green River Killer task force from December of 1983 to November 1986.

Adamson said that the killer is known to the victim in 70 percent of all homicides. All of the Green River killings are thought to be stranger homicides.

He said that when police investigate a murder, they first talk to those who knew the victim. In the Green River case, however, so much time had elapsed from the actual killing to the discovery of the bodies, that the people detectives talked to had little specific recall.

The case has changed hands many times in the police ranks. When it first broke, it was handled by the major crimes division, which encompasses homicide, robbery, assault, sex crimes, etc. Major Richard Kraske was head of the division at that

time. King County Sheriff Vern Thomas pushed for formation of a special task force in late 1983, when the death toll had reached more than two dozen.

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Adamson headed that force, overseeing the operations of 43 detectives, all involved solely in the tracking and pursuit of the Green River Killer.

Adamson said the task force was divided into components, each exploring a separate angle of the case. The evidence component handled the following, tracking, compiling, and sorting of all evidence related to the case.

"They had over 2,700 pieces of evidence logged when I left," said Adamson.

The force also had a victims component, a missings component, which traced those thought to be victims, a missing persons component, which kept tabs on missing persons throughout the state, and a clerical component. The clerical

Major Frank Adamson

Former task force head calls GRK case most difficult ever to solve



Photo by Kevin Krause

Major Frank Adamson headed the special Green River Task force for two years.

staff kept track of all leads, and sifted through the more than 10,000 tip sheets turned in.

"We had a massive amount of information to deal with," Adamson said. "When I became involved there was already a staggering amount of information compiled."

Adamson respected the competency of his squad, saying "The task force is as good as any outdoor crime force in the nation; period."

He now commands Precinct

Three, in Maple Valley. He said his force is 75 officers, patrolling a 900 square-mile area. Some of the killer's victims were found in that area.

The investigation has gone back to the major crimes division now, under the supervision of Captain James Pompey. How close, or how far away the task force is the public does not know.

Adamson will not speculate, but did say "I see it as a regional police problem, and maybe an inter-state problem. I believe that this crime could be solved with vigilant citizen participation. There already has been citizen participation to some degree. Maybe that's why the killing has stopped. Let's hope it has."

This ends the "On the Trail" series. For the past four issues the Current has presented different angles of the case, striving to present a total picture. Readers have heard from a private citizen on a private manhunt; a reporter who has covered the story from the beginning; an author, who awaits the killer's capture in order to tell his tale; and the man who led police in their search for him.

Will the case be solved? Will the one who has been responsible for as many as 43 violent deaths be brought to justice?

Said Major Adamson, "I still hope this crime will be solved. I still believe it can."

Co-op program helps students gain work experience

by Kristi Graybeal
Current Staff Reporter

GRCC students can receive paid work experience and college credit through a program called co-op. Cooperative education (co-op) is a planned program of study which combines periods of classroom instruction with periods of supervised employment related to the student's academic/vocational training and career goals. In the co-op program, students receive pay in a work experience that relates to their major field of study. Students also receive 1-12 credits for their work experience, depending on the amount of hours worked and the particular job.

A student's major field of study can be in any vocational program offered at GRCC, such as secretarial, accounting, transportation, or water/wastewater programs. A student's major area of study could also be in academic programs, such as physics, science, sociology, or journalism.

Students are worked with on a personal basis and are expected to visit the co-op office frequently to stay current on the job opportunities. They are also expected to acquire job search skills, such as preparing a resume and learning interviewing techniques and training is provided in these areas if needed.

To be eligible to participate in the co-op program, students must have finished at least one quarter

at Green River CC. Students must also have a grade point average of at least 2.51 and have enough skill and knowledge in their particular area of study to be a benefit to an employer. Instructor permission is also necessary.

Work study students can also receive co-op credits if their work is related to their major field of study and if they meet the other basic requirements listed above.

Job development is done to target certain areas that students are interested in working in, and employers also call the office to place jobs.

If students are currently working in a job that relates to their major field of study and meet the other requirements listed above, they are encouraged to participate in the co-op program.

When students are placed in a job, they set up learning objectives for themselves on how they expect to apply their classroom learning on the job. They also attend a seminar once a week. The seminar is held on campus and is taught by the co-op coordinators or by an instructor of one of the vocational programs. The seminar covers topics such as business ethics, success on the job, business manners, and dress and appearance.

Students are also evaluated by their employment supervisor and receive a grade for their work experience. The grade is based on the evaluation, seminar attendance, and the student's

evaluation of their own learning experience.

Students earn 1-12 credits for their work experience depending on the amount of hours worked and the subject area. For transfer students, these credits would fall into the "electives" category of their two-year plan. However, students should check with their advisor to see if the college they

are transferring to accepts co-op credits. Some students stay with the jobs after they have graduated.

If students think they would be eligible for co-op, they can fill out a student employment application and set up an appointment with Frank Cox or Mary Hughes, the co-op coordinators.

Students Save on used books

by Anita Wahler
Current Staff Reporter

If you are concerned about the price of textbooks, blame the publisher. That's the message from Wayne Larson, manager of The Paper Tree at GRCC.

"The bookstore board has set 25% gross profits as our goal," Larson said. "We are operating profit, with 23.5% operating costs." This means the store is functioning at the level prescribed now at 1-2% net by the board, he said.

According to Larson, any profits made by the bookstore are returned to the store; they don't go to any individual.

Books are usually priced by the publisher, according to a pamphlet which has been available at The Paper Tree. Sometimes the price goes up on books already in stock in the

publisher's warehouse. When this happens a new price sticker is pasted over the old. If books arrive at The Paper Tree without stickers, they will be priced according to the list price on the invoice accompanying the shipment.

The book buy-back system favors those who sell their books back at the end of the quarter. A new book which sold for \$30 would be bought back at 60% of the new price, for \$18. That book would be re-sold at 20% mark-up, for \$24. After this second use, the book would still be bought back at 60% of the new price, for \$18. Students who buy used books and sell them back won't lose much money, but students who buy used books and keep them don't save much over the new price.

"Only 15-25% of the students sell books back," Larson remarked.

'Manequin' not just for dummies

by Tom Bout
Current Staff Reporter

I'm gonna go out on a limb here, I really liked Manequin. I know it was kinda silly, but Andrew McCarthy can act silly really well. I know it was kinda cliché-ish, but how many movies are totally original.

I liked Manequin because it told a simple story of what true love is, a motivator. The story is about Emmy (Kim Cattral), a woman who's lived since before Tut, in search of true love.

In steps Jonathan (McCarthy). A sculpture, and failure. Jonathan can't even hold a job making pizzas (mostly because he "sculpts" each one.). The only good thing he's done is create a beautiful manequin during a short stint as a manequin assembler. Emmy of course is the manequin.

Jonathan finally gets a break and begins working in the almost bankrupt department store Emmy

was sold to. The two have some trouble though, Emmy can only appear real for Jonathan. Together they design window displays that draw customers to the store. A rival store get's miffed at this and all hell breaks loose. In the end it's Jonathan's love that saves and keeps Emmy.

It's a funny story with a good supporting cast (including Estel Getty of the Golden Girls). I laughed a lot, but most importantly I sat on the edge of my seat during the suspenseful climax.

Go see it. But when you do, don't go in expecting "Star Wars". Go expecting McCarthy to act silly and Cattral to act cutesy. Go to watch the love of their characters. Believe me, it's worth the four bucks. Take a date, sit back, and enjoy.

Manequin is currently showing at AMC Sea-Tac south in the Sea-Tac Mall.

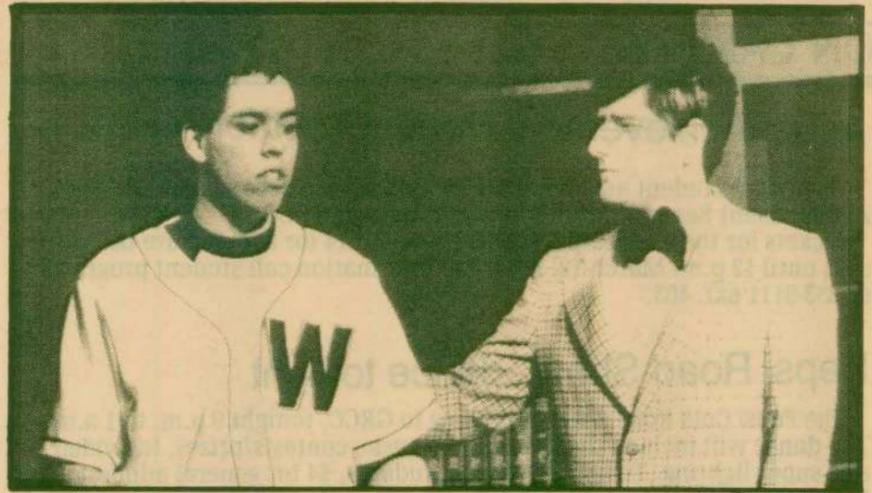


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'Damn Yankees' opens tonite

by Lonny Mitzel
Arts and Entertainment Editor

The Green River Theatre Extempore presents "Damn Yankees" at the Green River Theatre tonight and March 7, 8, 13, 14, and 15. Performances after tonight will be tomorrow at 8 p.m., Sunday at 7 p.m., March 13 and 14 at 8 p.m., and March 15 at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. General admission is \$3.50 and \$3 for senior citizens.

Brice Lockard plays Joe Boyd, a baseball fan of a losing team, who desperately wants his team to beat the New York Yankees. One day he tells his wife, Meg, played by Nicole Baker and Toni Rakestraw, "I'd sell my soul for one long ball hitter." He gets his

wish and makes a deal with the devil giving the play an interesting twist. He is transformed into a baseball legend, Joe Hardy played by Don Mayhew.

Mr. Applegate, the devil, is played by John Rakestraw. Lola, the sexy temptress, played by Marina Kroeker and Wendy Gamble, tries to seduce Joe into keeping his deal with the devil. The play tells an amusing story about morals and honesty that Joe has to face.

Gary Taylor directs the cast of 20, mostly students. Darrel Eide, musical director, conducts the 24 piece orchestra of community members. For ticket information call 833-9111 ext. 337 or on weekends call 833-9795

Zebra produces generic rock

by Aaron Vaughn
Current Staff Reporter

The latest album from Zebra, titled "3V" is another example of a faceless rock band releasing generic rock and roll.

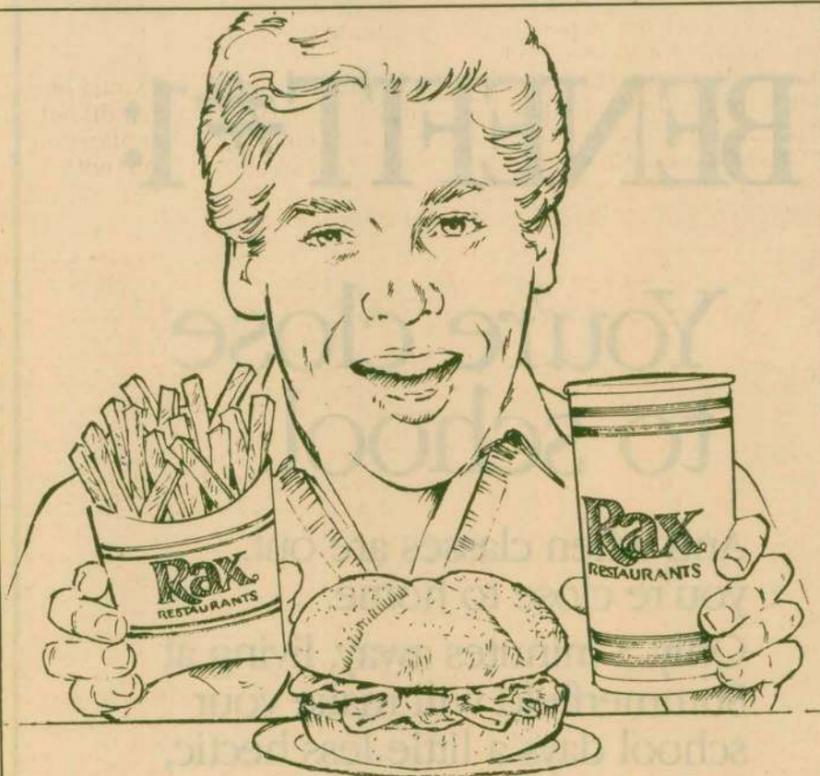
They are just three guys, not much different from you and I. Zebra is a band without an image, making making music with a lackluster feel and sound.

A few songs are all right, nothing more. "Can't Live Without" is hook-filled, with a hard-edged melody that will get your attention at first, but fails to hold it for long. "You'll Never Know" and "You're Only Losing Your Heart" are o.k. too.

Considering the high price of records today, (9.98 list) you may want to pass this one over.

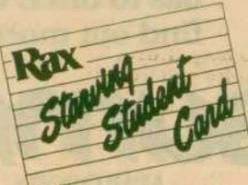
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Asian Achievement Banquet set for March 12

The Asian Student association is sponsoring the second annual Asian Achievement Banquet March 12 at 6:30 p.m. at GRCC.

Tickets for the event are \$8 per person, or \$14 for two and are being sold until 12 p.m. March 12. For more information call student programs or 833-9111 ext. 403.

Pepsi Road Show dance tonight

The Pepsi Cola Road Show is coming to GRCC, tonight 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. The dance will include the best dance music, contests/prizes, top video and super lighting. Tickets are \$3 for students, \$4 for general admission. For more information call 833-9111.

'A History of Rock and Roll' to be March 16

GRCC, Dr. Nigel Adams and KGRG will present "A History of Rock and Roll" March 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the Lindbloom Student Center.

It is a live stage performance featuring ST-24 and centering on rock music from the 50's to the 80's. Admission is free.

'Once Upon A Mattress' to be performed

GRCC's Heavier Than Air Players will perform the play "Once Upon a Mattress" March 20-22, and March 27-29 in the performing arts center. General admission tickets are \$3.50.

The play, based on the fairy tale "the Princess and the Pea," will feature Green River students. For tickets on the weekends of the show, phone 833-9795.

Older Student Union creates lounge

The Older Student Union is one group which recently gained club status. President Carol Clarke said that as a club the group is entitled to an allotment of \$100 from Student Programs.

"One thing we might use the money for is advertising the OSU lounge," said Clarke. "Right now the lounge is not being used enough."

The OSU lounge is in the Athletic and Recreation Annex, which is set back in the trees near KGRG. Students who find Lindbloom Center too noisy can escape to the OSU lounge to study or converse from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday. Free coffee will be available.

According to Clarke there is no minimum age requirement for OSU members.

"People 20 to 25 would fit in."

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Auschwitz exhibit set for Seattle's Forum

"Auschwitz, A Crime Against Mankind" will be on display March 8 - 29 from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily at the Seattle Center Forum on Mercer Street (under the Opera House).

An exhibition of 135 photographic panels, 80 artifacts and Holocaust documents which depicts the history of Auschwitz from 1940 to its liberation in 1945. The show is divided into the following sections: The Nazi Creed, The Final Solution, The Transports, The Nazi Camps, Scenes of Martyrdom and Gas Chambers. Admission is free. Call 822-0941 for group guided tours.

Kayak expedition planned

A two-day kayak trip to explore Blake Island Indian Reservation in Puget Sound is planned for April 18-19, sponsored by Outback Kayak Expeditions, Inc.

The Marine Park tour will leave at 9 a.m. Saturday, April 18, from West Seattle, and return Sunday, April 19, at 4 p.m. A special student rate of \$49 is being offered.

All participants will be briefed on kayak design, safety, and usage prior to departure. The group will cross Puget Sound and camp at Marine Park on the west side of the island. Food will be shared. All boats, tents, camping gear and guides will be provided.

Saturday will be spent hiking Blake Island, kayaking or just taking it easy. Sunday the group will circumnavigate the island en route home.

Students interested in kayaking classes to be taught Tuesdays and Wednesdays during April, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., may phone 932-7012 or write to Box 16343, Seattle, 98116, for details. The student rate is \$20.

'College Place' not designed for students

Development of the new College Place mobile home park will be complete this summer, making 167 lots available for adult and family mobile home owners.

Despite the name "College Place" and its close proximity to GRCC—it stands next to the Summerfield Apartments on 124th—co-developer Mike Carbinato said, "We didn't decide to put it there based on college location at all."

In fact, Carbinato did not expect many, if any, tenants to be GRCC students. "It's not geared to students, because they would have to buy a mobile home. We're only renting spaces," he stated. He added that mobile home-owning students are certainly welcome.

College Place will be a "family mobile home park" with both family and adult sections, landscaping, a central sprinkler system, and a play area, according to Carbinato.

Financing will be available through Bancshares Mortgage Company.

Interested parties may call the main office at 833-5604, Mike Carbinato at 854-5692, or Bill Goodman at 852-4664.



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