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Two GRCC students sexually assaulted

By Heather Meier

Two alleged sexual assaults involving Green River Community College students were reported to the Auburn and Enumclaw Police Departments on October 22. Although the incidents occurred off campus the evening before, the alleged victims filed their reports with police on campus after administrators called police for the for them.

Two women reported being sexually assaulted on October 21 after a male GRCC student, 22, drove them home. One woman was dropped off at her home in Auburn and the man then took the other woman to her home in Enumclaw.

According to reports from the Enumclaw Police Department, the

man proceeded to digitally rape the second young woman at her Enumclaw home. The man then drove back to the first woman's home and allegedly sexually assaulted her there. Neither woman filed a report that evening.

Both women approached a GRCC math instructor about the incident the next morning. The math instructor sent them to Laura Tordenti, Dean of Enrollment and Student Services.

Later, Bruce Compton, Dean of Student Programs, observed one of the women crying in the smoking area in front of the LSC Building. After asking the young woman why she was crying, Compton promptly called a meeting with Fred Creek,

Director of Campus Security, and Tordenti.

"Typically Bruce and I assist students," said Tordenti.

Statements were gathered from the two young women and the King County Police were called. The King County Police, which has jurisdiction over GRCC, determined they did not have jurisdiction over the case since the incidents occurred in Auburn and Enumclaw. The Auburn Police and the Enumclaw police were later called to GRCC to take the reports.

Gabriella Moller, from King County Sexual Assault Resource Center, said she thinks GRCC handled the situation well.

"The most important thing is for

administration to be responsive and it sounds like in this case the administration was responsive," said Moller.

However, Moller thought it was equally as important to offer emotional assistance to the young women if it is needed.

"Validation to that person, making sure they are O.K. and finding out what they would like to see happen is important," said Moller.

Charges have not yet been filed against the alleged suspect, but both police department are currently investigating the alleged assaults.

For further information on sexual assault please read Local crisis centers on page 4.

A new year, a new student government

By Heather Meier

On Oct. 15 and 16, ASGRCC held their elections for offices. Each of the three people running for the positions ran unchallenged, leaving Kathy Arndt as ASGRCC president.

Only about 106 people voted in the election, which is up from last year, when the number of people who voted was about 80. Unfortunately, this leaves ASGRCC, a group who ran unchallenged and was elected by less than a quarter of the GRCC population, in charge of 9.7 percent of the money that came from tuition.

Arndt said she hopes to involve more students across campus and increase awareness of what ASGRCC does.

"We just assume there are stu-

dents out there who want to get involved," said Arndt.

Another goal which she holds for this year is to improve student government.

She intends to improve the tenure process by getting more students involved who are seriously committed to working with the program.

Arndt began orientations, training students on the tenure process and explaining what they can expect.

"I'm a big picture person, if I don't get the big picture, I don't know where I fit in," said Arndt.

She hopes that by giving students the big picture on the tenure process they will develop a stronger committee. There are 19 tenure committees, each with one student.

Arndt first became involved in student government when she joined the Lead and Earn Program. Part of the contract is to work with stu-

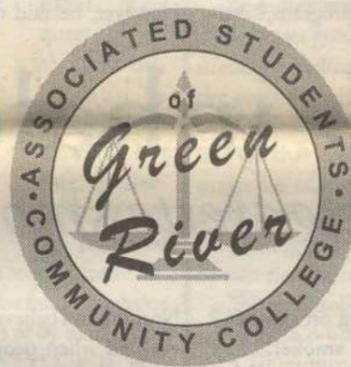
dent government. Last year she was a member of Senate and the freshman class president.

ASGRCC has a wide jurisdiction, everything which centers from Student Programs, including clubs, intramurals, special events and the newspaper. They are in charge of 9.7 percent of the money that comes from tuition, which amounts to \$450,000. Some of the money is used for student salaries, non of which goes to faculty or staff.

ASGRCC is composed of Senate and Judicial Board. Amy Freeman, ASGRCC Vice President, heads the Senate. In addition to Freeman, the Senate has 15 students in office.

The Senate is in charge of club

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Marijuana takes the pain away Initiative 685 reaches the voting ballot

By Ruben Valencia

Initiative 685 is a bill that is referred to as the "drug medicalization act of 1997."

An act that could free up jail space, and help seriously or terminally ill citizens to obtain drugs needed to reduce pain and suffering, legally.

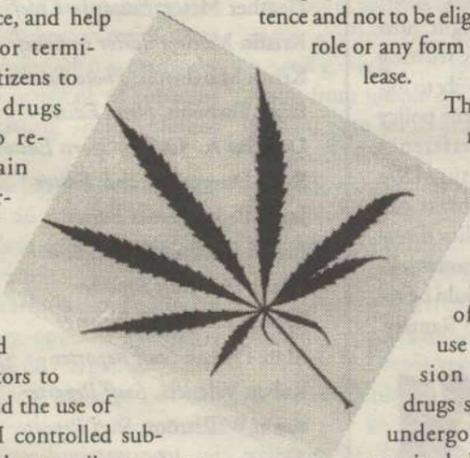
Initiative 685 would allow doctors to recommend the use of Schedule I controlled substances such as marijuana to patients with diseases such as glaucoma, multiple sclerosis, cancer, and AIDS from loss of sight, loss of physical capacity, and to greatly reduce the pain and suffering of seriously and terminally ill patients.

To prevent patients from taking

advantage of the system, this initiative requires any person who commits a violent crime while under the influence of drugs to serve 100 percent of his or her jail sentence and not to be eligible for parole or any form of early release.

The initiative requires that non-violent persons convicted of personal use or possession of illegal drugs successfully undergo court supervised drug treatment programs and probation; also persons in prison currently for personal possession or use of illegal drugs, not serving a concurrent sentence for

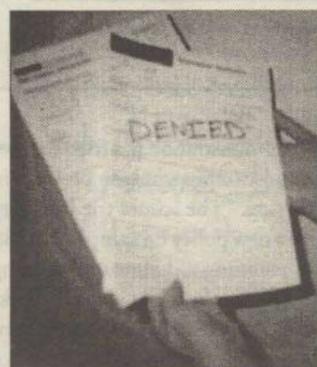
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Sexuality in the workplace Initiative 677 targets discrimination

By Lynn Nevill

Initiative Measure 677: Shall discrimination based on sexual orientation be prohibited in employment agency, and union membership practices, without requiring partner benefits or preferential treatment?



Imagine, a loyal employee. The employee evaluations stating "high-performance," yet this worker is terminated from their job simply because of their sexual

orientation. Is this legal? According to current Washington State Law, yes, an employee can be fired from their job just because of who they are or who their employer thinks they are. Job performance does not matter.

Initiative 677 stops discrimination of this kind. "It is a simple, straight-forward measure that directly addresses the discrimination that effects the lives of thousands of hardworking, productive employees in our state," stated George Baken, Publisher of Seattle Gay News, in the May 18, 1997 issue of the Seattle Times.

"Companies such as Microsoft, PAACAR, Sea First, REL, Nordstrom, COSTCO, SAFECO, and Weyerhaeuser, and jurisdiction such as unincorporated King County already have policies ensuring same job rights," stated in the 1997 Washington State Voter's Pamphlet.

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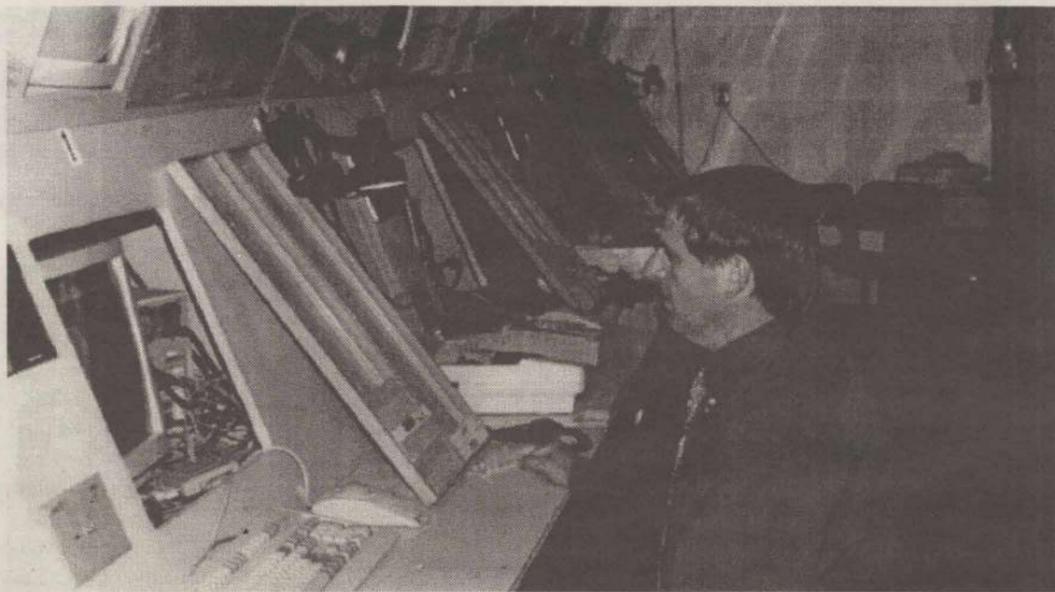
Take flight with Green River's Aviation Program

By Douglas A. Cöcké

Opportunity is flying down the runway and ready for take off at Green River Community College. The Aviation program at Green River Community College could be one of the fastest ways to start a career in the aviation field or get a job immediately.

The Aviation program offers various degrees in aviation including Aircraft Dispatcher, Air Transportation, and an Aviation Technology Degree. The Aviation Technology Degree offers three options including Aircraft Dispatcher, Helicopter Pilot, and Professional Pilot. These programs are run by J. Robin Dinnis. He has been at Green River full-time since 1985. He said, "The rewards are great in the aviation field right now. Every single job is available now in the Airline Industry." Dinnis has a stack of job listings for Green River students enrolled in the aviation programs on his desk right now.

Beginning with a Air Traffic Control program in 1965, Green River has added professional pilot training, and aircraft dispatcher training. The training takes place on-campus and off-campus. The on-campus classes include classroom instruction using flying and navigating simulators. The off-campus



J. Robin Dinnis navigates his way through Western Washington.

training increases using airports such as Auburn, Boeing, Renton, Crest in Covington, and Tacoma Narrows.

There are few qualifications for the program. Dinnis said there is open enrollment and the only qualification to become an air traffic controller and/or pilot is a physical.

"The program has 55 people in our first year and about 35 people in our second year program," esti-

mates Dinnis. The aviation program is unique because it is the only program in the Northwest that offers Air traffic Dispatcher training. Only two other programs in the state offer training for pilots. Those two are Big Bend Community and Clover Park Technical School.

Dinnis, who lives 50 feet from an airplane hanger, feels it is a tough road to become an airline pilot. However, he said the rewards are

fabulous. "There is tremendous salary base available in becoming an airline pilot," stated Dinnis. He described Green River as an excellent way to get started. Dinnis added, "Green River has a first class private pilot ground school." All credits transfer from Green River's aviation program to four-year schools.

Dinnis came to Green River after an extensive background in aviation. He was an airport manager for three

years, an air traffic controller for 10 years, certified dispatcher, an Alaskan Airlines pilot, and a certified mechanic. His love of aviation is apparent in his office located in the SMT Building. Many photographs hang on his wall including a picture of a 1965 Mooney. He bought this plane and restored it.

Dinnis needed all of his training to guide me through a session on the pilot simulator. After teaching me to how to use the controls, he let me fly away. However, I struggled with my first training flight. I was attacked by an extreme case of nerves. I could feel the sweat dripping pinholes into my skin. I kept forgetting to push in the pedals to turn to either right or left. I held onto the "wheel" with a death grip. Dinnis decided to turn the simulator off when it was time to land the plane.

"There are more jobs airline industry through Green River right now than students enrolled in the aviation program," said Dinnis. Get airborne now!!! Information about Aviation Program is available by contacting J. Robin Dinnis at (253) 833-9111, extension 355 or 313. Or stop by his office in the SMT building in room 321.

Waiting to inhale Campus fills with cigarette smoke

By Diana Hu

It is not difficult to discover that people smoke everywhere on campus except in the buildings. Cigarettes burn across campus all day. But do the people smoking these cigarettes know what the school's policy is on smoking?

According to John Ramsey, Director of Public Information, the school's policy states that people are only allowed to smoke 20 feet away from a building's doorway.

However, students often smoke in front of the doors of many buildings. Not only is this a violation of school policy, but it can cause discomfort for the other students trying to pass through the doorway.

People smoking in prohibited areas are seldom warned by security officers. Many nonsmokers are bothered by this and don't like having to walk through a cloud of smoke to get to their next class. To them, it seems that nonsmokers' rights are ignored by the school.

But many students are not aware of the school's policy on smoking. This may be an explanation as to why so many students seemingly ignore the school's policy.

"I don't know what the school's

policy is for smoking on campus," said Terri Nolan, a smoker. The same response was also made by Ryan McKinney and Apryl Nicholson, two nonsmokers.

"The signs are not clear," said McKinney, "they just say 'Thank You For Not Smoking' and that's

Nonsmokers believe their rights are violated when people are allowed to smoke in prohibited areas.

But smokers feel they have rights too. They want to be able to smoke when they want to, without rude comments or dirty looks from people passing by. Even though some people think they should be, cigarettes are not illegal.

The school has the job of trying to make and enforce a policy that caters to both smokers and nonsmokers. Right now the school is trusting the student body to follow the current policy without interference from security. "We hope the smokers can follow our policy themselves since nonsmokers' rights should be respected," said Ramsey.

all."

Administration has tried to solve the on-campus smoking problem in the past. "The school tried to carry out a new policy on campus in 1989 by assigning a designated smoking area for smokers, but it was unworkable," said Ramsey, "we don't want to give people tickets. That's not campus-friendly."

It may not be campus friendly to ticket smokers in violation of school policy, but many students feel there is a big problem with the smoking situation on campus.



A common sight on campus: Two students smoke in non-designated smoking area.



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ratification and making bylaws. They also work with campus organizational bills.

Jerry Jensen was appointed Judicial Board Chief Justice. The Judicial Board consists of nine other members. They organize

ASGRCC elections every year in addition to working with club constitutions.

Arndt is excited for the year and hopes to see many people become involved with ASGRCC.

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Sex, drugs and guns proposed

Initiatives on November ballot

Compiled by Erica Torheim

Washington voters will have the opportunity to vote on several initiatives that involve such subjects as sex, guns and drugs. November 4, 1997.

On November 4, 1997 Washington Voters will vote on the following eight statewide measures:

INITIATIVE MEASURE 673: Shall health insurance plans be regulated as to provision of services by designated health care providers, managed care provisions, and disclosure of certain plan information?

INITIATIVE MEASURE 676: Shall the transfer of handguns without trigger-locking devices be prohibited and persons possessing or acquiring a handgun be required to obtain a handgun safety license?

INITIATIVE MEASURE 677: Shall discrimination based on sexual orientation be prohibited in employment agency, and union membership practices, without requiring employee partner benefits or preferential treatment?

INITIATIVE MEASURE 678: Shall dental hygienists who obtain a special license endorsement be permitted to perform designated dental hygiene services without the supervision of a licensed dentist?

INITIATIVE MEASURE 685: Shall penalties for drug possession a drug-related violent crime be revised, medical use of schedule 1 controlled substances be permitted, and a drug prevention commission established?

REFERENDUM BILL 47: Shall property taxes be limited by modifying the 106 percent limit, allow-

ing property valuation increases to be spread over time, and reducing the state levy?

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 4208: Shall the Constitution be amended to permit voter-approved school district levies to run for an optional four-year period, rather than the current two-year maximum?

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 4209: Shall the Constitution be amended to permit local governments to make loans for the conservation or the more efficient use of stormwater or sewer services?

Polling hours for all primaries and elections are 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. For polling place locations in King County call (206) 296-8683.

In order to be eligible to vote on the measures, there are several qualifications that must be met. To be a Washington state voter, you must be a citizen of the United States, a legal resident of Washington state and be at least 18 years old by election day. In the state of Washington, you do not have to register by political party or declare political party membership to vote in the state's regular primaries or

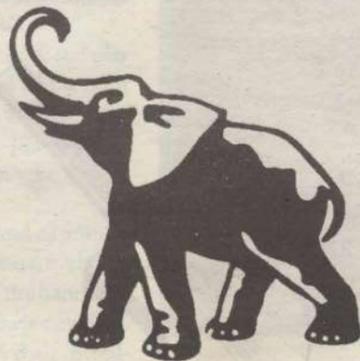
general elections.

Registration to vote is available at any time, but you must be registered at least 30 days in advance of an election in order to vote at any polling place on election day. If the 30 day deadline is missed, registration is still available up to 15 days prior to the election, but it must be done in person at a location designated by the county auditor or elections office and voting will be required by absentee ballot.

Washington citizens have access to several convenient methods of signing up to vote. "Motor Voter" registration is offered when you renew or apply for your driver's license. Mail-in registration forms are available from your county auditor or elections department as well as many public libraries, schools and other government offices. Request for voter registration forms can be made to the Secretary of State's Web site at <http://www.wa.gov/sec/voting/registration/registration.htm>.

Any registered voter may apply for an absentee ballot. A request for an absentee ballot must be made at least 45 days before an election. If you are registered in King County, a request for an absentee ballot can be made by phone at (206) 296-8683 or by mail at 500 4th Avenue Room 553 Seattle, WA, 98104.

For information or additional services, voters may call the secretary of State Voter information hotline at 1-800-448-4881.



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another crime. Or if previously convicted, sentenced, or subject to sentencing under any habitual criminal statute in any jurisdiction in the United States, be made eligible for parole, drug treatment, education and community service.

The initiative is attempting to expand the success of pilot drug intervention programs diverting drug offenders from prison to drug treatment, education, and counseling.

Ralph Seeley, an attorney in Tacoma Washington, has been suffering from Cancer for the last 11 years. Seeley is now considered a terminal patient.

"If we don't find some new solution I'll be dead in a year," said Seeley. "Taking a pill of Marinol which is the pill form of the chemical in marijuana THC, is pointless for a person who just received chemotherapy, because it is virtually impossible to keep down.

On the other hand if you take a couple of hits off a marijuana joint,

the smoke goes straight to the membranes in your lung and right into your blood stream taking the pain away almost instantly," added Seeley. "I'd like to see the powers that be, show a little human compassion, and stop fighting what is easing the pain for so many of us suffering from excruciating pain," pleaded Seeley.

Under this bill, the state treasurer will transfer \$6 million a year from general funds to drug treatment and educational funds. Vaughn Bunch, Communications Specialists of King County, opposes initiative 685. "I think 685 is going to effect the ability for a judge to put non violent criminals, who do not wish to comply these drug treatment and education programs back in jail," Bunch said. "If some non violent offender, who needed five felonies in the first place to get into prison, would be enabled to basically laugh in the judges face, because he or she will know they would not have

to return to prison, if these drug treatment classes were not complied with," added Bunch.

"This initiative does nothing for seriously ill patients to get drugs like marijuana from their doctors, they are still going to have to obtain their drugs from people on the streets." Bunch, went on to finally say, said Bunch. This brings up the question of quality and safety of the drugs. Despite all this Bunch has no doubts that Initiative 685 will pass.

Dan Saturberg, Chief of Staff for Prosecuting Attorney Norm Meyling opposes initiative 685 for many of the same reasons Bunch does, but Saturberg thought there would also be unnecessary consequences for many anti drug programs that are already in effect. For example, Saturberg thinks if 685 is passed into law these programs would be shut down almost over night.

Get a headstart in the working life

By Karin Wallstrom

Now students have the chance to get some real work experience, get credits for it at school and even get a paycheck!

This is what the Cooperative Education Office can do for students who are already working in a job related to their major field or for those who want to get work experience.

The Co-op program has been on campus for almost 10 years and has a lot of experience in placing students in different job sections. According to Rebecca Lewis, the Cooperative Education Director; "GRCC has the highest placement rate in the state of students going to work".

At the moment the Co-op place about 120 students per quarter.

The program consists of seminar and practical working. The weekly one-hour seminars are created to help the students share their experiences and deal with difficult situations that might occur at work. If a student can't attend the seminars due to schedule problems, an alternative packet of assignments is available.

Together with their employer students set goals for your personal success. Grading depends on how the goals are fulfilled.

If a student is already working in a job that is related to his or hers major he or she can actually start getting credits for the work! The program gives students a minimum of two elective credits.

To get enrolled in the program go to the Co-op office and sign up for a 10 minute introductory seminar. Then take permission slips to registration in the LSC Building to register for Co-op and get the job approved by the staff.

The average student stays for about two to three quarters in the program. Usually they have already attended GRCC for one quarter. It

is not required to be a full-time student but students must have and maintain at least a 2.51 GPA in order to be enroll in Co-op.

For students who not currently working, the Co-op program is a good way to get introduced to a job. Also if you're not sure in what area you will work in the future, some work experience may help you to decide. Just sign up at the Co-op office for a 10 minute introductory seminar. If you are still interested fill out the application and a resume. It is the students' own responsibility to check the student employment job boards and other employment resources.

Why add another weight to your studies? Well, according to Lewis: students who mix theoretical and practical work gain a wider understanding. It all comes together well as a concept and makes understanding easier.

Many graduate students have set off to work applying with their new diploma only to find out that hands on experience is required. Without the experience, it difficult to get hired, and without being hired, how can you get experience? Starting out in the Co-op program might give you the necessary experience it takes to land that job.

The average co-op student makes \$8 an hour. Which give the employer young motivated labor at a low cost. Isn't there a risk of exploitation? The situation has occurred, says Lewis. But it is the school's responsibility to prevent that from happening. There are a few examples of when the school has rejected employers on that basis. But basically, according to Lewis, the employers provide a great work experience. Some of the Co-op working partners are Boeing, Weyerhaeuser, Federal Aviation Administration and United States Geological Survey.

Harvest Moon Luncheon At Noon

November 4, 1997, in the S.O.B. Room there will be the first ever "Lunch Box" auction here at Green River from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

At 11:30, feel free to view the lunches for auction. Bidding will begin at 12:00 (noon).

Now is the chance to meet new people here on campus. Come join us, have fun, and hope to see you there!!!

All proceeds will be donated to a local charity for the holidays!

GRCC visited by Gary Justice

By Douglas A. Cöcké

Former KIRO Newscaster Gary Justice gave a lecture at Green River Community College on Oct. 21. He dissected his television career and spoke about his life after television.

Justice drew a timeline on an easel board outlining his career. He first entered the television business in 1965. After graduating from University of Washington, Justice worked for KMI television in Yakima. He said "I did everything from writing my own news to filming." As Justice described his work at KMI, he paralled the history of television news. He said television news changed the way people obtained their news. Justice stated, "Television news did away with many afternoon newspapers."

Also, one of his revealing opinions was television news didn't mix the medium and the message enough. "The medium, the television show, and the message, the news, need to be presented equally to be successful. I believe the medium is presented more than the message," Justice stated. He said this one of the reasons he left the television news industry. He explained another reason he left the television news industry for a career with the James Feek Corporation as a fund-raiser was, "I was no longer serving his community."

As Justice described the excitement of covering many social issues in the 1960's such as the Vietnam War, and the Civil Rights Move-

ment, he said money was to be made in television news. He stated improved technology allowed television news to bring the Vietnam War

Feek, approached him about raising millions of tax dollars for the local community. He decided to stay at KIRO after they offered to increase their budget and allowed people like himself to make decisions on how the money be spent. This offer led to KIRO television's success he emphatically stated.

In 1986, he said television news changed its direction by cutting back on people and increasing technology. Justice defined the importance of technology with the arrival of live television news in 1989. He stressed this led to fierce competition in the television news industry. The reason why was the opportunity to

make a lot money reassured Justice.

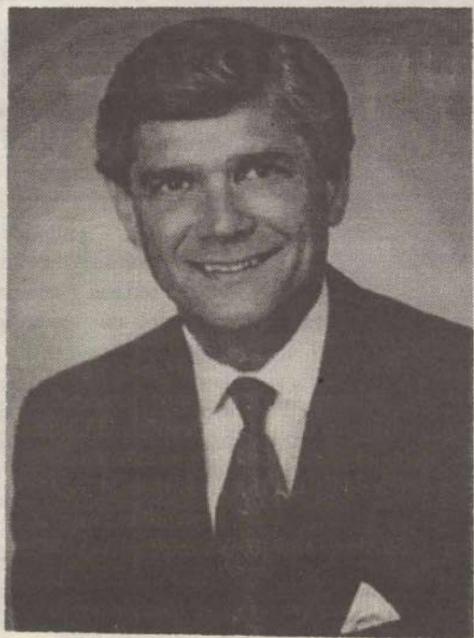
During the question and answer period, a GRCC staff member asked Justice to define news. "News is what is overwhelming interest to the person your delivering it too and how they select it," he responded.

The lecture took place in the Glacier Room in the Lindbloom Center in front of 40 people. The lecture was sponsored by Campus Colloquiums. Dan Morris, who works for Student Programs, introduced the 1995 Silver Circle inductee. The Silver Circle honor is for Washington State television broadcasters who have distinguished themselves serving more than 25 years in the industry.

to the home. This made hard for people to not want the news on television instead of newspapers he reiterated.

After serving in the army in 1968, he joined KING Television as a broadcaster. Justice spent three years with KING until he said, "KIRO stole me from KING." He continued to work for KIRO for twelve years. During that span, he helped bring KIRO to the forefront of television news in the nation. In 1984, KIRO Television was awarded the Outstanding Local Newscast in America by United Press International for their 5pm Eyewitness News show.

In 1979, Gary Justice almost left the television business for a fundraising job. His friend, Jim



Former KIRO TV news anchor, Gary Justice

KGRG rocks GRCC

By Kristin Moore

Green River Community College will be thumping on November 7 as KGRG hosts their annual benefit concert. The concert will be a "pop show" featuring the bands Goodness, Micro Mini, Severna Park and special guests Tube Top. This is one of few all-age venues that most of these bands play at.

Goodness is a band that's very hard to get a hold of said Sanrica Marquez, Assistant Program Director of KGRG. The band has been played on KGRG and KISW for the past two and a half years and has just recently released their second album, Five Song EP. "I've gone to 26 of their concerts and I still never get tired of listening to them," said Marquez.

The band Micro Mini has an alternative pop sound to it, but is very "chic-oriented," described Marquez. Although this band plays mostly to the women in the audience the two females in the band are a definite draw for the males added Marquez.

Severna Park is a local band that is just now starting to have people buzzing about them. They are very "Beetlesk" described Marquez, they wear suits and have a very local sound. severna Park has just recently gotten a little coverage on KGRG and 107.7 The End, but the band is still very new.

As special guests, Tube Top intends to make an appearance at this benefit too. Tube Top is composed of ex-members of bands such as Posie, Superdeluxe, and other local bands. "They'll really help to round out the sound," said Charlie Harger, Program Director of KGRG.

"It should be appealing to a wide variety of people," said Marquez. This benefit is supported by the community because it is a nice, safe place for a concert and it will be over by midnight so that everyone can attend added Marquez.

KGRG has been working on putting this benefit together since late August and is excited to see it fall into place, said Marquez. "All

the bands we wanted to have at the benefit just fell into our lap," stated Marquez. Goodness called KGRG asking



to play at the benefit. Goodness also lined up the other bands for KGRG.

The benefit will be the first of four annual benefits put on by KGRG to help keep the station running. The benefits have "far-reaching effects," said Marquez. The money that the benefit brings in helps provide up to date equipment, making the station more like a commercial station and giving it's students real world experience. "The money that this benefit brings in helps keep this station on the air, improves the quality of the stations sound, and pays for the things that are given away to the listeners," said Harger.

Plus benefit will be held in the Lindbloom Student Center in the Green Room. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and the show begins at 7 p.m. The cost of admission is \$7 with a can of food and \$8 without. More information is available by calling 833-5004 or 924-0180 ext. 2189.

Local crisis centers offer support for sexual assault

Compiled by Douglas A. Cöcké

Sexual assault is one of the fastest growing crimes in America with more than 700,000 women assaulted each year. There are many safety guidelines people should be aware of to combat an assault.

Facts show 84 percent of people who are raped are assaulted by people they know. Usually these people are friends, a dating partner, a classmate, a co-worker, an employer or a recently met acquaintance.

In general, people should know the different limits with different people. These limits should be communicated as clearly as possible by using words and actions.

Trust your feelings and know when you are pressured into sex. People must be assertive and must get angry when someone does something that makes you uncomfortable.

When at home, people should have doors and windows locked. In your car, check the interior of your car before you get in. Have your car keys ready at all times when you go somewhere. When out on a date, people should deny anyone taking advantage of them physically.

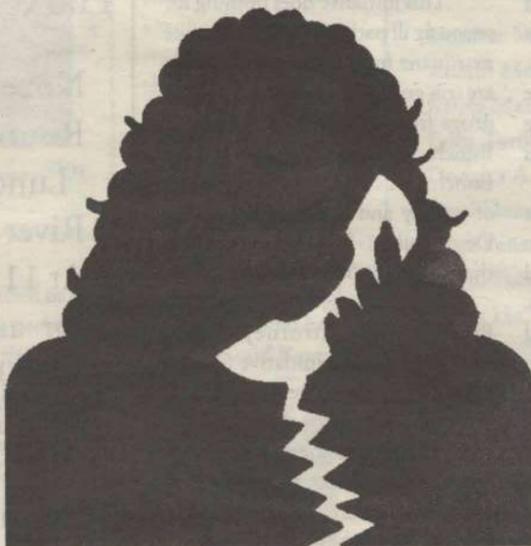
Studies show that 57 percent of rapes happen on dates in America. One study shows that 39 percent of teen boys and about 15 percent of teen girls believe that it would be OK for a guy to force a girl to have sex if he spent a lot of money

on her. Also, the same study showed the same percentage of teen boys and teen girls believe it would be

OK for a guy to force a girl to have physical evidence. The best ally

when assaulted is a friend. They can help you with support by listening, caring, and reassuring them they are not to blame. Friends can help by reassuring the victim they will respect their privacy.

Many agencies locally offer tips on personal safety such as the King County Sexual Assault Resource Center. The center provides a 24-hour crisis line, and advocacy programs including crisis intervention and counseling. The crisis line is 206-226-7273. Also, the center provides education services such as community presentations, and professional consultation.



OK for a guy to force a girl to have

physical evidence. The best ally

Goodness gracious, get ready GRCC

By Matt Phelps

On Nov. 7, one of the best kept secrets in the Northwest will be in the LSC Building.

Goodness is one of the most talented and energetic bands to come out of the Seattle area in a long time. They have decided to come back and play GRCC for a second time with the help of KGRG.

"We chose to come back and play Green River because of all the great support that KGRG and their listeners have given us, plus we love KGRG" said lead singer Carrie Akre.

Their persistence and all around love for playing music shows through, not only on the bands self titled debut album, their new five-song ep, but also with their incredible live performances.

"Through all the stress of the last year we just wanted to get away from all of the bullshit and just play", Akre said about their up coming shows.

Akre said they don't play many



all ages shows like at GRCC because "there are just a lot more clubs than there are all ages venues. We can't play Rock Candy every weekend".

Goodness's new ep marks their return to record stores in more than a year.

"The songs on the ep are a good mix. My favorite song is Queen" said Akre.

"I love playing all the new stuff but I also still love to play the old stuff as well, like Labor-day and Run around" said guitarist Danny Newcomb about playing the songs from the new ep.

Goodness's Five Song Ep was a long time coming and a hard journey for the band from their first release. Along with more harmonies between Fiiia McGann and Akre, and great guitar solo's their new ep is jam packed with catchy melodies.

The new ep also gives Akre a chance to venture into new uncharted territory live, by playing guitar on "Queen gassoline", along with singing.

Their ep release party seemed to be the beginning to a new chapter for the band with friends, family and fans cheering them on.

Referring to the way that people act and perceptions people take on in general of other people Akre said Goodness's success and any changes in their lives is "all still like Junior High. Life, is like Junior high".

With different tastes in music

"This is a call to all of you...so come on."

ranging from Fiona Apple to AC/DC, top 40 to jazz it's amazing that Goodness even has ground to come together on.

But Goodness has one of the most original sounds because of that, and they still manage to keep that traditional rock edge that is lacking from the bombardment of synthetic alternative music heard on the radio.

"Come out and see the show and just have a good time" said Akre.

Between the bands dominating stage presence, vibrant and melodically seductive vocals of Akre, the rhythmic punch of drummer Chris Friel, strong backing vocals and bass lines of McGann, and the siren-esk guitar playing with a groovin drive of rhythm from Garth Reeves and Danny Newcomb, Goodness will keep people moving and rock'n the whole night long.

Don't miss this chance, and maybe the last chance to see them at GRCC for only \$8 and \$7 with a can of food. It may not be to much longer before the rest of the world finds out about them and they go from Goodness to Greatness.

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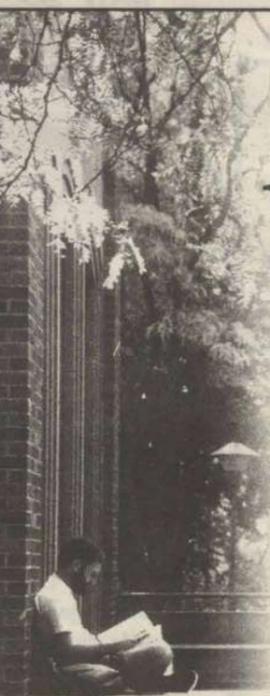
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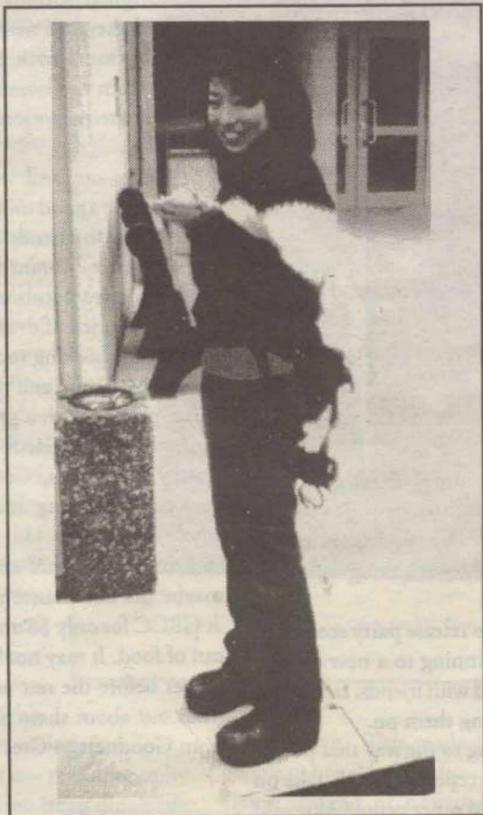
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FALL f@shion



By Ingrid Polston

Fall is in full swing

and the fashion police are on duty. Everybody wants to look their best, but even the most fashion-conscious people still have trouble deciding what to wear. Avoiding fashion mishaps is not as difficult as it seems, though. This fall, fashion is all about individual style. Clothes in stores this fall will suit just about anybody's personal

tastes. Earthy, punk, sleek, sporty, classic, hip-hop, sophisticated, wild...it's all out there.

At it's best, fashion compliments a person's individual style. It shouldn't define who someone is. This season's newest clothes and accessories allow the flexibility and creativity that defines a personal style. Being fashionable this fall is as simple as choosing the clothes that feel good.

WHAT'S HOT & WHAT'S NOT

A list of what GRCC students are wearing this season, and styles they think should be forgotten:

HOT

Corduroy
Boot-cut pants
Sweater vests
Hemp
Silver jewelry
Natural colors
Hawaiian Shirts
Flared-leg jeans
Retro clothes
Chunky shoes

NOT

Saggy pants
Sweats
Flannels
Hotpants
Cowboy boots
Green lipstick
Tight, short skirt
Keds
Tapered-leg pants
"No Fear" shirts
Moon Boots



FOR THE GUYS

New for the guys this fall is a streamlined old-school style. Those old-fashioned polyester gym pants and jackets have been modernized. Look for hooded nylon jackets, quilted coats and retro track-style pants. These look great with old-school style Nike or Adidas sneakers. For the really daring, there are some great rubberized pants out there.

The classic look is still great this season. Simple v-neck sweaters and sweater vest are everywhere, paired with either jeans or corduroy pants. Hiking-style boots still go great with just about everything. Ski sweaters with stripes down the sleeves and across the chest are a must-have, and available in a huge variety of colors.

Turtleneck sweaters are perfect for a more dressy look. Try a black turtleneck with a black double-breasted suit as a sophisticated alternative to the shirt and tie. The turtleneck also looks great under one of the new tweed or corduroy jackets paired with flat-front trousers.

FOR THE GALS

Influences from the 1920's, 70's and 80's are everywhere. Masculine-style pants and jackets with a softer, feminine cut are new this season. Look for leather, pinstripes and tweeds in both neutral colors and jewel tones like plum and burgundy. A tweed skirt paired with a turtleneck sweater and leather loafers or knee-high boots is a great classic look.

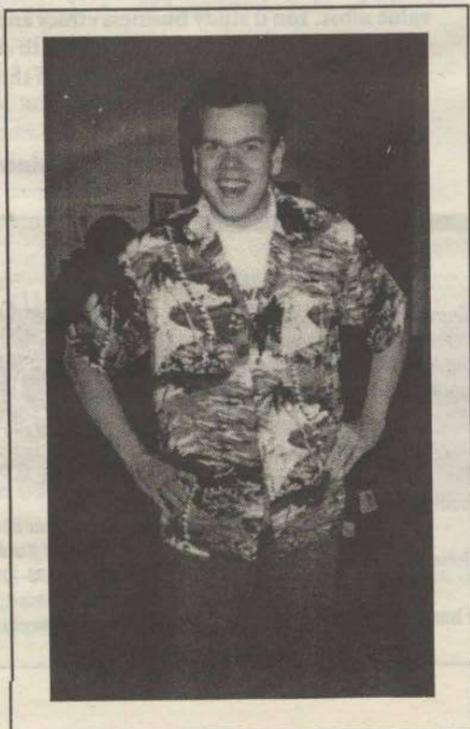
Simple v-neck sweaters and ski sweaters are everywhere and go great with jeans or corduroy pants. A cardigan sweater looks great over a scoop-neck t-shirt.

The absolute must-have this season is a pair of black chunky-heeled boots. They come in all styles, shapes and heights, and go with everything. Wear them with jeans,

boot-cut pants and even skirts.

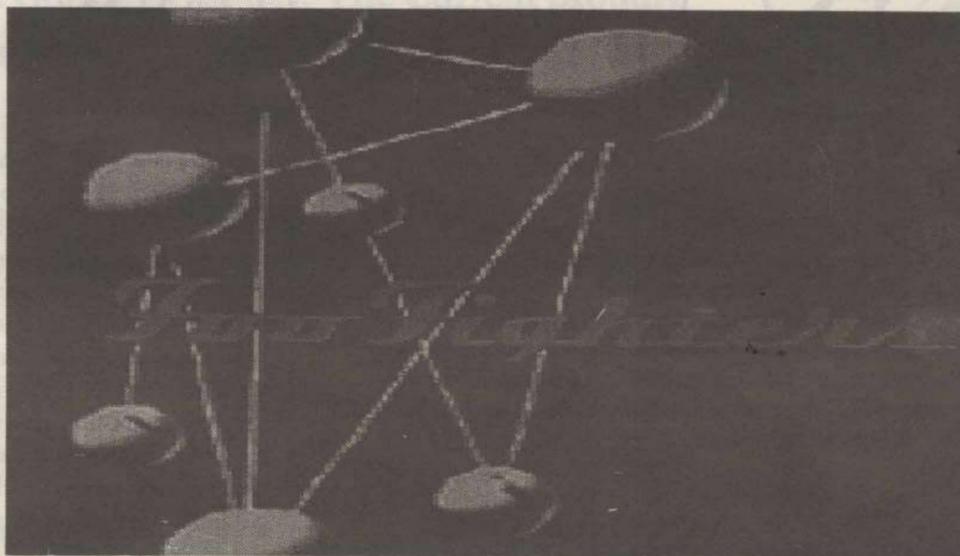
Metallics are great for those who prefer a wilder, brighter look. Ski jackets, skirts, shirts and even stretch pants come in sporty styles and a variety of metallic colors. The old-school style nylon pants and jackets that are popular for the guys are also great for girls.

Beaded and bright are the key words for this season's formal wear. A sheer, beaded camisole looks great with pants or a slim skirt. Mini-skirts are back, in dazzling colors and with leg-revealing slits. Dresses and skirts are being made with every type of material imaginable. Snakeskin, fake fur, velvet.....as long as it catches the eye. Simple black, however, is still as fashionable and elegant as ever.





Foo Fighters "The Color and the Shape"



By Matt Phelps
 "The Color and the Shape," the sophomore effort from the Foo Fighters, is a charged-up, raw, emotionally based album with "cigarette lighter" songs scattered about. This album is unmistakably the Foo Fighters. The 50's style pop riffs, coupled with a driving chorus powered by growling distorted guitars has definitely become their trademark.

Melodic vocals so sweet the listener needs a tooth brush, and the unmistakable caveman-like style of David Grohl's power packed drumming gives yet again a great contrast

to their music. But this album goes beyond their first release, in that it has very few, if any songs that drag on. Plus, "The Color and the Shape" is more diverse in styles.

Grohl's emotional shrieking scream, missing from their first release, gives a caffeinated spirit to this album. Unlike their first effort's mindless babbling, "The Color and the Shape" actually has good lyrics that seem to have thought behind them.

"February Stars," the 10th track on the album, has a calming beginning and honey-like drip to the vocals. The song builds into a thun-

derous emotionally spent climax that can be felt as well as heard. "Everlong," the second single off of "The Color and the Shape," could possibly keep it in the charts for awhile. This song is so addicting and original that even people who hate the Foo Fighters love it. "My Poor Brain" like most of the songs on this album, is hard to sit still to, or at least tap a foot to.

This album is also so complete that fast forward buttons may lose their job.

Although "The Color and the

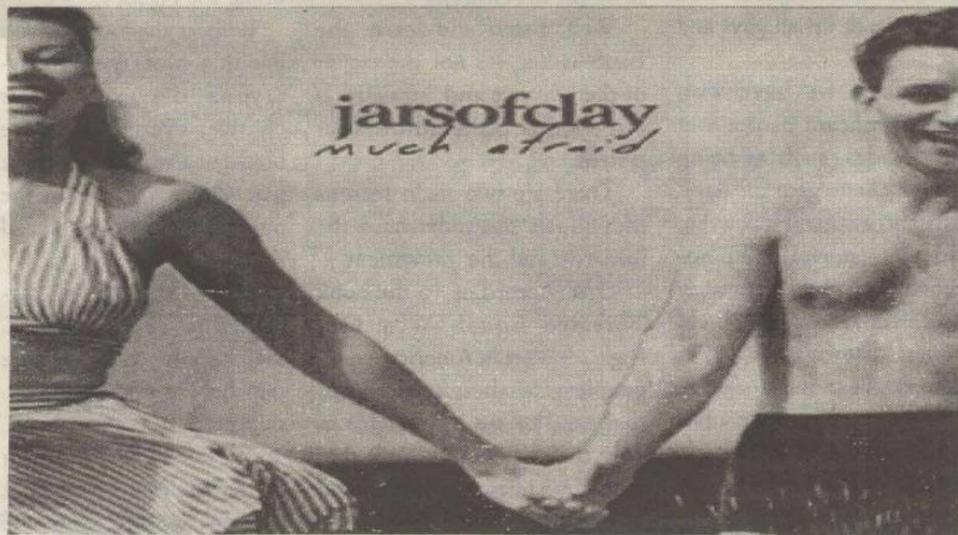
Shape" has a lot of originality, this album also holds a lot of copy cat song writing. "My Hero" could have easily been written by the Stone Temple Pilots. Unmistakable influences such as the Smashing Pumpkins and Mudhoney are touched on throughout the album. It seems that most music in the post-Nirvana era, with a hard edge that can still hold a pop sound is compared to them. But, "Enough Space" REALLY sounds like Nirvana. But at least Pat Smear (the rhythm guitarist in the

Foo Fighters) and Grohl were members of Nirvana.

"The Color and the Shape" is also jam-packed with catchy one-liners that the listener could still be hearing in their head for days.

With the exception of "Everlong," and possibly "My Poor Brain" this album as complete as it is, has very few singles with good staying power, and may fade from public memory very fast.

Jars of Clay, "Much Afraid"



By Matt Phelps
 Be much afraid of this album. The much anticipated second release from the Nashville-based band Jars of Clay could have waited longer for a better producer, and some originality. An overpowering sense of nausea from bubble gum lyrics and cotton candy vocals kills this album.

The acoustic solo's and distortion on "Portrait Of An Apology" and "Overjoyed" is so plastic that the producer, Stephen Lipson should be ashamed. On a few tracks I had to make sure I wasn't listening to Air Supply, cause it was so cliché and sappy.

The track "Frail" sounds like a cheap dime store version of "Silent Lucidity." From the uncanny resemblance of the guitar, the

effects in the background, and a mysterious man talking in the middle of the song.

This album is good for falling asleep to, either because its so boring or just the fact its all been done before, take your pick. The only redeeming quality to this album is that it will cure insomnia.

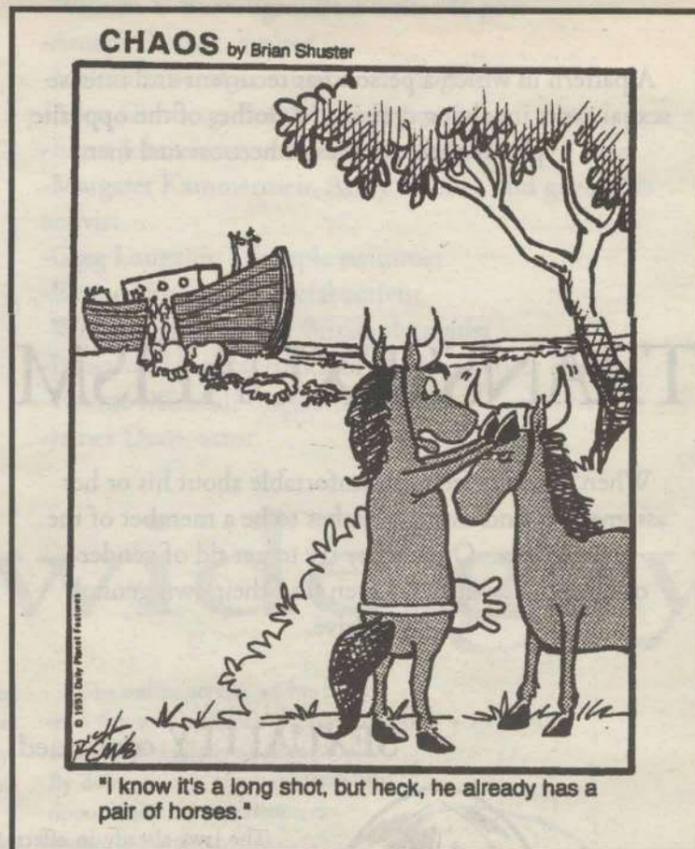
Jars of Clay should be ashamed for stealing James Taylor's style and voice because although "Five Candles" and half the album sounds like Taylor, it does him no justice. "Fade to Gray" might sell a few copies of this album and its a good single, but most of the other songs sound the same, boring. If someone actually gets a copy of this album, tell me if that is a bass on "Truce" or some great microphone work on a very talented person, who

has bad gas. Whoever put together the accompanying booklet should be shot for stupidity. They actually wrote out "repeat chorus two times," like its not totally obvious by listening to the songs, or being a human.

Second releases don't usually live up to the success of the first album. Especially when the first album is as great as Jars of Clay's first effort, but this is bad.

CDs TO BE REVIEWED ON NEXT ISSUE

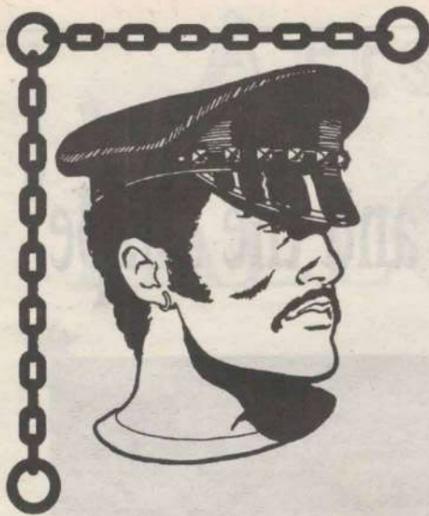
EVERCLEAR



"I know it's a long shot, but heck, he already has a pair of horses."

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Sexuality congeals up different images for everyone. Some consider it as something which is bad, never spoken of, while others don't see it as any problem at all. Unfortunately, since there are so many different people in the world, there are just as many different definition of different sexualities. Perhaps, with some clarification of differing sexualities, the people can be more accepting of one another.

HOMOSEXUAL

Having a sexual attraction to people of the same sex.

HETEROSEXUAL

Having a sexual attraction to people of the opposite sex.

TRANSVESTITE

A pattern in which a person has recurrent and intense sexual urges involving dressing in clothes of the opposite sex. Typically these people are heterosexual men.

TRANSSEXUALISM

When a person feels uncomfortable about his or her assigned sex and strongly wishes to be a member of the opposite sex. Often, they try to get rid of gender characteristics and may even find their own genitals repulsive.

SEXUALITY continued



The laws already in effect such as: the employers right to not provide benefits to the partner of the worker whether heterosexual, or homosexual, still apply. Also conduct rules and dress codes still apply to the workplace, as long as the rules apply to the whole workforce. Quotas or preferential treatment is not required. This is not affirmative action.

The opponents of I-677 have a couple of main concerns. One concern is that ho-

Commentary

"STRAIGHT" IS JUST ANOTHER PLANET IN THE SOLAR SYSTEM

By Ryan Duerme

Throughout the Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights Movement our goal has always been for "Equal Rights" never what our opponents call "Special Rights" Why is it so hard for many Americans to understand this relatively simple concept that even today this misconception is still used as valid approval to discriminate against homosexuals?

Looking back a half century, gays and lesbians followed the pioneer work of blacks and women in the fight for civil equality. Our movement took root after the famous Stonewall Riots of '69 when police raided an unlicensed New York City bar, the Stonewall Inn.

Raids of gay bars have occurred routinely prior to Stonewall; the police did not expect any resistance much less the birth of a movement when they randomly pulled people out of the bar and into paddy wagons. The riot lasted for three days. It left a lasting mark on all gays and lesbians.

Though we have won some significant battles over the decades, such as being able to congregate on days/nights other than Halloween, and the removal of homosexuality from the American Psychiatric Association's list of mental disorders in 1974, there is still much to do before we can achieve civil equality.

Here in Washington, that fight continues. Contained in the Nov. 4 ballot is a Measure (Initiative-677) that would

include "sexual orientation" in the docket of race, creed, color, national origin, sex and so forth, as characteristics in which discrimination would be prohibited.

Those who oppose the ballot claim that "Homosexuals have exactly the same rights every employee has..." and that "Initiative-677 gives special rights to homosexuals, bisexuals...solely on sexual practices [we] choose to engage in." (Quote taken from Statement Against, page 9 of the Voters Pamphlet)

If those who oppose the initiative can read, they'll see that no where in the Initiative does the word "homosexual" appear. Sexual Orientation refers to everyone, straight, gay, bisexual, transgendered. It is *not* giving special rights to anyone because the Initiative would protect everyone from discrimination.

The people who see "homosexuals" written everywhere on this initiative are homophobic. They call it "special" because they never see themselves as having sexual orientation. Their belief is that straight is the only way to be (in the Army).

Well, listen and learn, the Earth is flat, it's not the center of the universe and "straight" is just another planet in the solar system.

There are two main reasons individuals misunderstand the initiative and the movement.

One. According to the book "Created Equal: Why Gay Rights Matter in America" when people gain their own rights, they tend to see these rights as only theirs. People think that individual liberty is limited and by extending it to other people it takes away from theirs.

In fact, the price tag of enjoy-

ing your own personal liberty is to recognize that other people, especially people you might not like to identify with, have equal claim to the same liberty. Basically the only reason homophobes call it "special" is because the same rights are extended to people they do not like.

Two. Most homosexuals see themselves as victims of an unfair society. I disagree. We are the survivors-and homophobes are more the victims. They are the drowning victims of the American Melting Pot (which wants everyone to be the same). They have drowned their sense of individual--fearing those who are different, and labeling them "special."

The solution. America is not a "melting pot." We don't want everyone to be the same, especially when we pride ourselves so much about the individual liberty of our "free" society.

Diversity is what makes us strong. Sameness is what broke the Nazis.

Respect the fact that you live in a country where everyone deserves a fair chance, even if they are black, or a woman, a Jew, or gay. Other wise you are the ones receiving the "special rights."

Learn from the gay lawyers who defend K.K.K. members in court because they believe in this very basic American principal.

No one needs to drown in the Melting Pot. Think free to be free, and the lifejacket is within arms reach.

mosexuality will be taught in schools. Most students in high school are required to take a class where sexuality is discussed. Not just homosexuality, but heterosexuality. Another concern in that this initiative gives homosexuals special rights. These rights are special because they are equal, finally.

"Initiative 677 is a great idea. People should be judged on their work performance, not their sexual orientation," says Nikki Thompson, freshman.

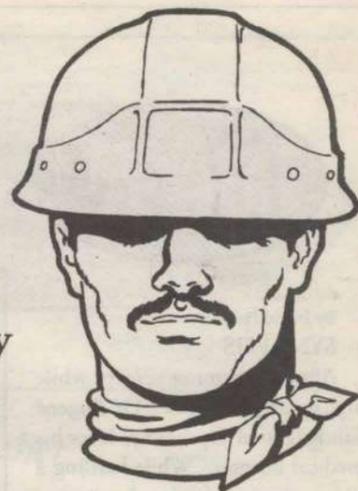
Being fired for bedroom behavior is not equal rights, no matter

what opponents say. Heterosexuals are not fired because of the partners they choose to associate with, why? It would not be a fair or equal practice. Yet this still exists, homosexuals can be terminated from jobs because of their sexual orientation. This initiative would simply protect the workers rights, homosexual or heterosexual. "I-677 gives people more equality in the workplace - which is the way it should be," says Erik Levin, sophomore.

Equal protections for all in the workplace is right, vote Yes on Initiative 677

For more information call: (206) 323-5191 > For I-677 or (360) 805-1217 > Against I-677

OUT of this world



In celebration of Coming Out day, The Current proudly dedicates this page to a few of the lesbian, gay and bisexual men and women who have influenced our lives.

It is important that people are aware of these extraordinary individuals. They provide role models for gay, lesbian and bisexual youth, as well as educate others, (gay and straight) about the diversity of people who have made lasting contributions to our entire culture.

THE LIST

(Courtesy of GLAAD {Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation})

- Sappho, Greek poetess
- Socrates, Greek teacher & philosopher
- Plato, Greek teacher & philosopher
- Alexander The Great, Greek Ruler & Conqueror
- Wu, Chinese Emperor
- Leonardo da Vinci, Italian Renaissance Artist, teacher, scientist & inventor
- Michelangelo, Italian Renaissance artist and sculptor
- Montezuma II, Aztec Emperor
- Peter the Great, Russian Czar
- Lord Byron, British Poet
- Hans Christian Andersen, Danish poet & writer
- Henry David Thoreau, Euro-American poet, naturalist, and peach activist
- Walt Whitman, Euro-American poet
- Herman Melville, Euro-American writer
- Chief Crazy Horse, Oglala Sioux Chief
- Peter I. Tchaikovsky, Russian composer
- Oscar Wilde, writer & dramatist
- Edward Carpenter, British author & gay rights pioneer

POPE FICTION

(These Pope's had something to confess)

- Pope Benedict IX
- Pope John XII
- Pope Julius III
- Pope Leo X
- Pope Paul II
- Pope Sixtus IV
- Julius III

- Willa Cather, Euro-American writer & critic
- Gertrude Stein, Euro-American writer
- Bessie Smith, African-American Blues singer & entertainer
- E.M. Foster, British Writer
- Virginia Woolf, British writer
- T.E. Lawrence (Lawrence of Arabia), British soldier
- Cole Porter, Euro-American Composer
- James Baldwin, African-American writer & Civil Rights activist
- Tennessee Williams, Euro-American dramatist
- Federico Garcia Lorca, Spanish poet & dramatist
- Audre Lorde, African-American writer & Activist
- Martina Navratilova, Czechoslovakian-American Tennis Champion and Activist
- Andy Warhol, Euro-American Pop artist
- Frieda Kahlo, Mexican artist & activist
- Sandra Bernhardt,
- Leonard Berstein
- David Bowie, musician, singer & actor
- Marlon Brando, actor
- William S. Burroughs, Beat writer & poet
- Amelia Earhart, aviator
- Melissa Etheridge, musician & singer
- Allen Ginsberg, Beat writer & poet
- Elton John, musician, singer, performer
- Margaret Kammermeir, Army colonel, and gay rights activist
- Greg Louganis, Olympic swimmer
- Eleanor Roosevelt, Social activist
- William Shakespeare, British dramatist
- Langston Hughes, African-American writer & poet
- George Micheal, singer
- James Dean, actor

The world wide gay

By Erica Torheim

The new gay online service, Gay.Net offers a variety of features focusing on gay-friendly activities and information.

Gay.Net will offer free accounts to college students anywhere in the world. The service which is accessible on the World Wide Web normally cost \$9.95 a month but will be offered free for registered college students until the end of the 1997 calendar year. Gay.Net will provide access to all content sections, chat groups and an unlimited Gay.Net email account.

Bringing together the best of interactive technology, Gay.Net offers the broadest of gay content anywhere on the Web, mixing extensive entertainment with news and

community features. It took over two years to develop Gay.Net this is because of all the special features offered by the service. Features allow members to chat, see photos of each other, view and participate in live broadcasts, Email, launch private chats, and check out who is online. Gay programming runs the spectrum from daily "hosted chats" to Webcasts of important gay events.

Features also include the news and entertainment content generated by the world wide gay press. With more than 65 US publications, international guidebooks, directories and magazines already online, Gay.Net offers up-to-date gay news.

Also featured is travel and content provided by Damron Publica-

tions, publishers of the renowned gay travel guides. The gay databases let members search for gay and gay-friendly vacation spots, restaurants and bars.

"I remember what it was like being gay during college. And while campuses are now more progressive, they still can be very isolating, particularly for students who may not have access to an openly gay community," said Andy Cramer, chief executive officer of Gay.Net. "Gay.Net is a great place for gay students to meet each other in a safe, anonymous online space. so whether you're still exploring your sexual identity or you're spearheading gay issues on campus, Gay.Net can be your place to connect with guys all over the world."

The online service wishes to offer a fun and safe way to privately meet other similarly situated people. By doing this, it offers students an opportunity to experience exposure to people around the world without fear or a sense of insecurity.

Gay.Net is an adults-only site, and college students will need to verify that they are 18 or over. a Gay.Net preview, visit Gay.Net at <http://www.gay.net/college>.





Fox Mulder plays God

By Ingrid Potston

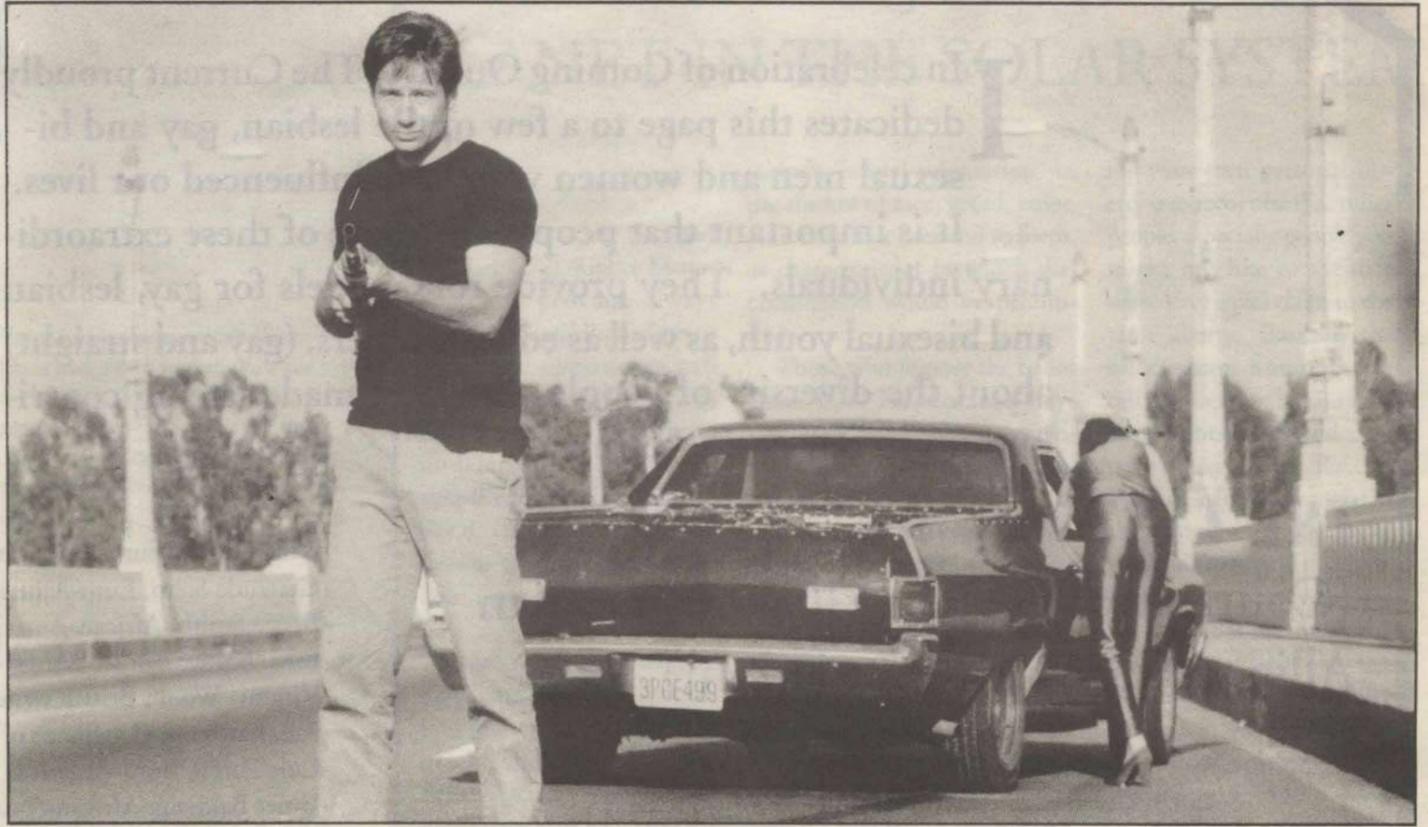
SYNOPSIS

After performing surgery while high on amphetamines, Dr. Eugene Sands (David Duchovny) loses his medical license. While battling a severe drug addiction he crosses paths with a ruthless criminal, Raymond Blossom (Timothy Hutton). Raymond hires Eugene to treat associates who have been injured and cannot risk going to a hospital. Eugene finds himself falling deeper into the criminal underworld and growing closer to Raymond's off-limit girl friend, Claire (Aneglina Jolie). Eugene is forced to face his demons, and must decide whether to continue living a life of crime or take control of his destiny.

REVIEW

Directed by Andy Wilson. "Playing God" is a funny, action-packed story with believable characters and lots of twists and turns. A thrilling, dark comedy, this film has an unreal, cartoonish quality at times. The characters are very real and complex, however, and the story has a message.

This film is a story of a fundamentally good guy who makes the wrong decisions. Eugene's addiction to prescription drugs is a result of his compulsion to do good, be a hero, save lives. He relies on drug to give him the energy he needs to save lives. The side effect of this need to be "God" to his patients is that he loses everything that was ever important to him.



Eugene Sands (David Duchovny) playing God.

photo by Richard Cartwright

When he is given the chance to be a surgeon again he cannot pass it up, even though he could go to jail for doing so.

This film raises an interesting moral question; is a criminal's life valuable? Does a criminal deserve to be saved? To Eugene, the answer is yes. He knows firsthand that a person can do horrible things, but that doesn't make the person any less valuable.

David Duchovny is great as Dr. Eugene Sands, bringing a heat-warming sensitivity to the troubled character. His dry wit is the best part of the film.

Timothy Hutton is amazing as the villain Raymond; completely ruthless and insane, yet intuitive and passionate. He knows how to get exactly what he wants.

He's a tough criminal, but his one weakness—he's madly in love

with his girlfriend Claire. It would absolutely kill him if anything happened to her. Eugene's growing relationship with Claire enrages Raymond, and eventually leads to his downfall.

This film is visually beautiful, filmed in a style that hasn't hit mainstream since "Pulp Fiction." Wilson makes use of slow motion and bizarre camera tricks to bring a dreamlike quality to certain se-

quences. The character's wardrobes are colorful and hip. The artistic use of lighting and music also appeals to the viewer's senses.

Overall, this film is exciting and a pleasure to watch. The unique use of humor and complex characters make it stand out from other action thrillers. Recommendation: Spend the seven bucks.

Brad Pitt is a Nazi Buddhist?

By Ryan Duerme

SYNOPSIS

Based on the memoirs of Nazi officer Heinrich Harrer. "Seven Years in Tibet" is directed by Jean-Jacques Annaud and stars Brad Pitt.

The movie starts with Harrer running away from his wife and his unborn child. He leaves his family on the brink of World War II and ventures on "man's" quest of being

on top, literally, as he plans to climb one of Himilaya's highest peaks. He does this for the glory of all Austrians. What a guy!

His quest however, takes him on a different path. A path that eventually leads him to Tibet and the city of Lhasa, home of the still-young Dalai Lama.

Harrer spends his next "seven years" in Tibet becoming the Dalai Lama's mentor and best friend. He teaches the young leader about the outside world. In turn Harrer learns about universal truth, and the *inside* world that is everyone's heart.

In the course, he also saves a few worms, eats off of dog platter, and still has time to ice skate.

REVIEW

I came into the theater totally stoked about watching Brad Pitt on the screen. I was particularly excited about this project because I knew Brad wasn't going find some picture perfect girl to fall in-love with. Sappy love stories are always distracting, and ruin any film that has a potential to be good.

If you are the type to watch this flick only to see Brad fall in love, you're gonna spend the two and a half hours bored. It's good, if you only want Brad Pitt. Hopefully

though, you can not only appreciate Brad's beauty, but the beauty of the setting and the story.

This movie gets kudo points on cinematography. There's a lot of amazing shots of the Himilayan mountains, and the Tibetan landscape. You almost want to go spend a vacation there, totally forgetting how difficult and unforgiving the land truly is.

The Tibetan culture also comes alive thanks to the photography. You'll get a lot more than just a bunch of bald monks in burgundy robes ohming. The portrayal of the Tibetan people was brilliant.

The only thing I didn't like about this movie was Brad Pitt's attempt at an accent. It's very noticeable in the beginning, but if the story grabs you, it will go fairly unnoticed.

Moving on to the story, I don't know how accurate it is (knowing Hollywood) but the plot really got to me. I'm sure I wasn't the only one in the theater that left with a broader view of a culture we are not familiar with. This film portrays how different, unique, and wonderful it is, especially compared to our sh*tty suburban-microwaved-three-pieced-suit existence we have come to know and appreciate.

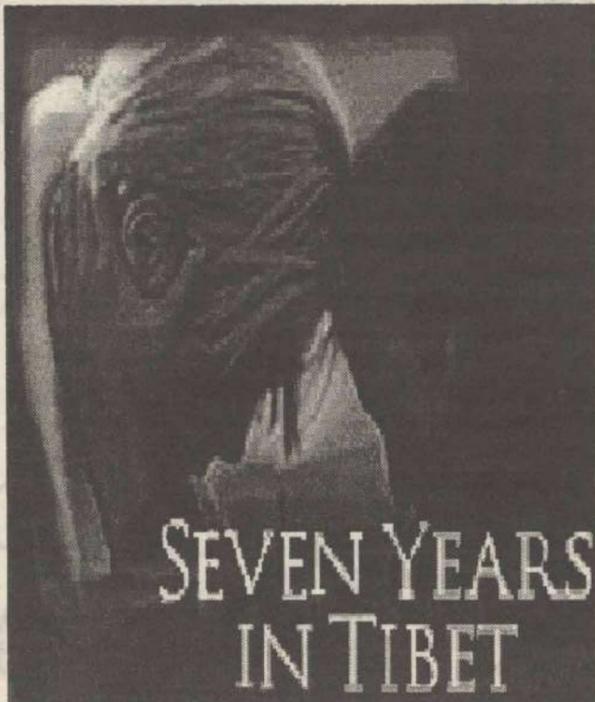
There's a lesson to be learned in this movie. No matter how isolated and perfect a world you might live in, the sunshine world of politics, greed and power will conquer.

However, hope is not lost. The individual has to stay true to himself and fulfill his duty to live peacefully with others, accept pain and loss, then move on. If you accomplish this you will be happy in your next life, or better yet be enlightened, and become one with the universe—concepts that have been dissected, synthesized, and mass produced in 30-minute workout videos and psychic hot-lines.

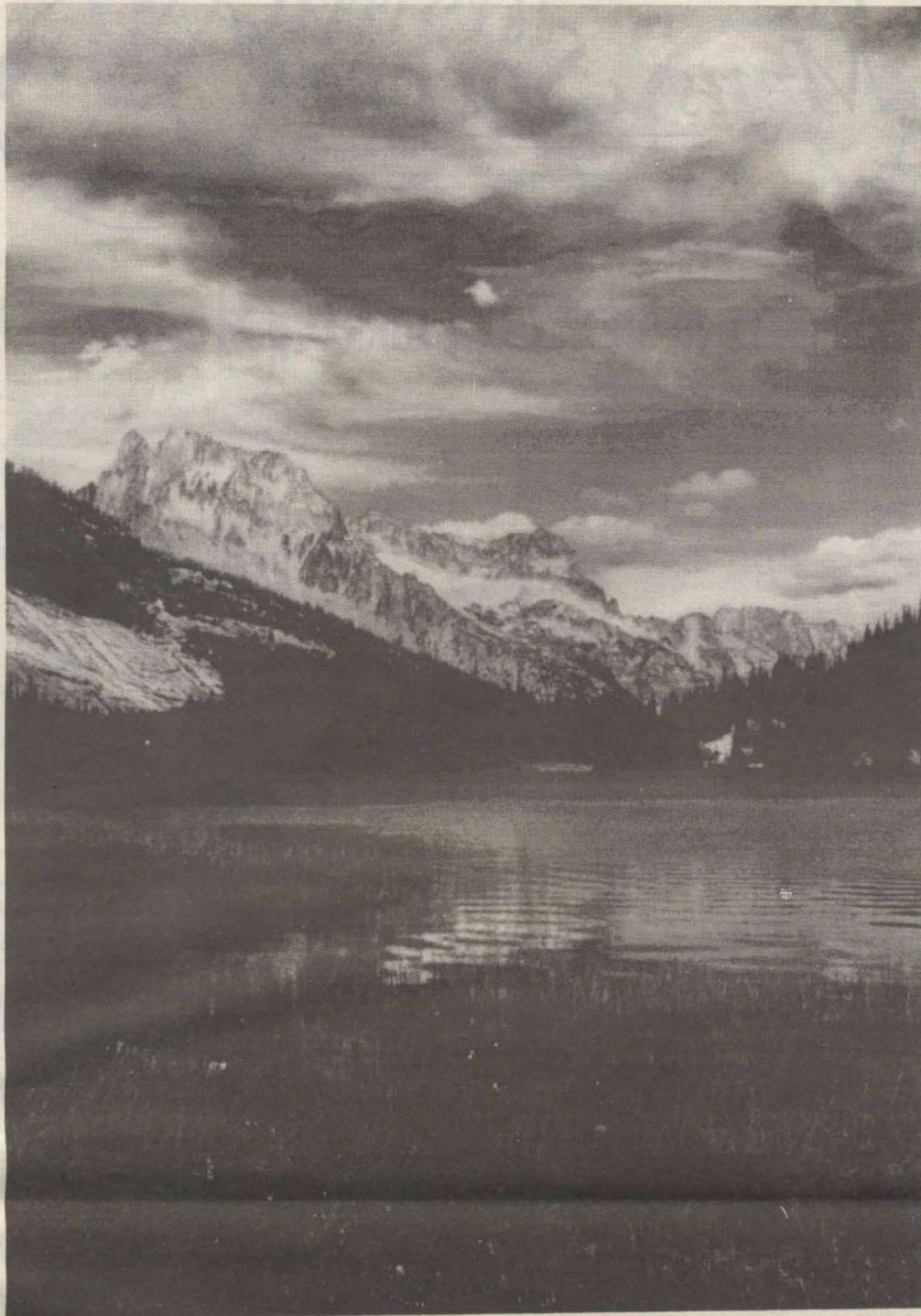
Go see this movie. Not only will you see Brad Pitt but also understand a whole new world you probably didn't know was there.

If you don't like Brad Pitt, well you probably will never see this movie. Nothing can escape the fact that he is the star of this flick. Unless you are brave and willing to take risks, hopefully you'll get over the Brad Pitt bit, and like the story.

However, you don't have to take my word for it. I can't say I would like it if I wasn't a Brad fan. I'm biased and would never be on his jury, if he ever decides to murder Gweneth (his ex-fiance). :)



Brad Pitt is Heinrich Harrer in "Seven Years in Tibet"



Student Works

My Father

Taipei, the main city of Taiwan,
a memorable place I lived in
for seven years.
I was a naughty kid:
but everyone loved me.
I liked playing marbles
and eating cotton candy in the streets,
with my sister,
until night.
My mother would be angry if we were late,
but I wasn't afraid of her
or afraid of anyone - except my father.
Each time I saw him
coming from Hong Kong
I thought, 'The Giant is back'.
He was so tall so strong,
so powerful, so sacrosanct.
When he spoke,
the words were just like a commander
speaking to his underlings,
Loud and Clear.
But he would also bring me
some presents from Hong Kong,
so I thought he was a 'Santa Claus',
too.
Now I understand.
He is not a giant,
He is not Santa Claus,
but My Father .

by Diana Hu
Sept, 95.

Photos by

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THEATER

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• Wed. Oct. 29 The Broadway Center for the Performing Arts presents "Solus with Seamus Egan" at 7:30 p.m. at The Rialto Theater with tickets costing \$18, & \$20. For more info call (253) 591-5894.

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at (206) 269-1901 ext 264.

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• KGRG Benefit Concert Nov. 7 at 7 p.m. in LSC Building.

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Sports Editorial

Tradition is painful

By Douglas A. Cöcké

In sports, tradition is one of the most sensitive issues. When someone talks of changing things such as the realignment of Major League Baseball, people are affected by it. When an individual or team quickly rises to the top such as the success of the Florida Marlins in baseball, people are affected by it.

These changes dismantle our sacred order of what fairness is in sports. When some of the Major League Baseball owners tried to switch teams in both the National League and the American League, all hell broke loose. People felt violated. How could the Chicago Cubs be in the same league as the Chicago White Sox? The Mets and Yankees in the same league? Or put the Cincinnati Reds, the oldest team in the National League and Major Leagues, switched from the National League to the American League?

Most Sportswriters in the newspapers wrote opinions against realignment. Many fans argued on radio talk shows and in bars across America that realignment will ruin the tradition of rivalries that have taken place over a hundred years. People who were born and raised in St. Louis to root for the Cardinals knew they had an exact order of who to hate. They were going to the park for these past decades to give teams such as the New York Mets a searing hell. Even some owners raised cane such as the Reds organization who said they believed in the tradition of the game and would stay in the National League.

Realignment would gore our traditional baseball skin. Realignment would scrape off our traditional baseball taste buds. Realignment would crucify our traditional baseball sight. So, when the Major League Baseball owners met on Oct. 15, the pressure was on them. The only decision to come out of the meetings was Milwaukee would be the only team to switch leagues. They would go from the American League to the National League. The owners, who said realignment was needed to cut down on travel, also suggested Detroit would move from the American East into the American League Central to replace Milwaukee. Tampa Bay, the expansion team, would move into the American East to replace Detroit. Of course, this decision is waiting approval by the players union.

The irony is, the Milwaukee Brewers are owned by Bud Selig. Bud Selig is currently serving as the interim commissioner of Major League Baseball. Mr. Selig must have felt the people's contamination. He was the only one who offered a sacrifice. Most Baseball fans will be able to accept this lamb. Some in Milwaukee might be affected by this offering. But, most people in America will probably accept this compromise.

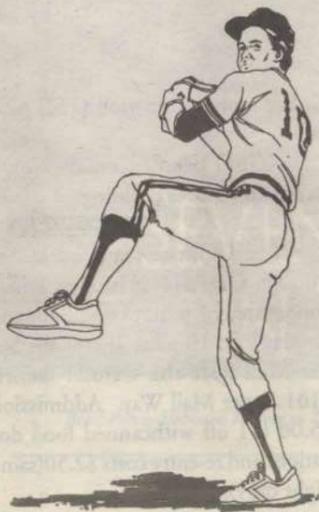
Fairness in sports means another type of tradition. In Major League Baseball, tradition means suffering. When the Florida Marlins stormed into the Fall Classic, people were affected. We were shocked the Marlins could reach the World Series after only five years of existence. We sat speechless as the Marlins took the first game from Cleveland 7-4. This upset our sacred order of tradition.

Should the Marlins suffer like the teams who have been in the Major Leagues longer before getting to the Fall Classic? Some teams like the Mariners have never reached the Classic after 20 years in the league. According to tradition, people in Miami and Florida should face misery like people have in Seattle. They should see the fans weep in solitude and see the tears running down their face. They should taste the salt in those tears.

Should the Marlins be allowed to win the World Series only after five years in existence? According to tradition, people in Miami and Florida should experience some type of punishment like the Chicago Cubs, Boston Red Sox, and Cleveland Indians. These teams haven't been to the Fall Classic in many years or let alone win one for many decades. The Marlins should feel the pain of not winning like these teams. They should feel the pain

of not winning like aluminum foil pushed against a filling. They should feel the pain of not winning like hearing the chalk screech down the chalkboard. These aches are similar to what the Cubs, Red Sox, and Indians have felt after not winning.

Tradition in sports has a natural order. Tradition in sports is measured in how much you have suffered. We are affected by changes to our sports tradition. Change shatters our innocence. We must have tradition to keep our sports pure.



Sports

Mens Soccer



Victory drives Gators into first place

By Douglas A. Cöcké

The Men's Soccer Team dominated Spokane 5-0 on Sunday, October 11th at Southwood field in Enumclaw. The Gators used intensity on both offense and defense to win the game.

Cory Armstrong, who is from Kent, led the Gators on offense with four goals. Armstrong's torrid drive toward the net left Spokane defenders in a fog. Coach Dan Keane said, "Cory played a very inspiring game." His attacking fashion led to a spectacular header over the outstretched arms of the Spokane goalie in the first half.

He also added three more goals in the first half. Armstrong said, "I never had a game like that so far this season." He said the keys to victory were the team's intensity and aggressiveness.

On the defensive end, the Gators pounded Spokane, not letting them get many shots off. Goalie Jason Amundson stopped the opponent cold. Jason was aided by a stiff backfield who pounced on Spokane attackers everytime they entered the Gator zone. The Gator defense only allowed one shot in each half. Defender David Vestal



Brian Thompson charges the net.

continuously used barrel-chested stops on Spokane charges. Vestal added the fifth goal of the first half with a header into the far post.

Keane was impressed with the communication on offense and defense throughout the game. He said, "We communicated very well on both sides." This win made Green River the best team record wise in the NWAACC with a 8-1-1 mark.

On Saturday, Oct. 11th the Gators defeated Grays Harbor 11-0. The Gator goalies, Jason

Amundson and Spencer Jewell, combined on the shut-out. Armstrong added a hat trick against Grays Harbor. The Gators continued their winning ways by beating Edmonds 1-0 on Wednesday, Oct. 15 improving their record to 9-1-1 and putting them in first place in the Eastern Division of the NWAACC.



Cory Armstrong storms past Spokane defender.



Late Scores

The Gators tied SW Oregon 1-1 on Saturday, October 18th.

Men's Soccer Standings as October 15, 1997

Northern Division	W-T-L
Skagit Valley	8-2-1
Edmonds	6-2-2
Shoreline	5-3-2
Everett	2-8-1
Grays Harbor	0-9-0

Eastern Division	W-T-L
GREEN RIVER	9-1-1
Highline	8-2-0
Spokane	6-4-0
Wenatchee Valley	4-6-0
Bellevue	3-8-0

Southern Division	W-T-L
Clark	6-3-0
Tacoma	5-2-2
SW Oregon	5-5-0
Pierce	3-6-0
So. Puget Sound	1-10-0

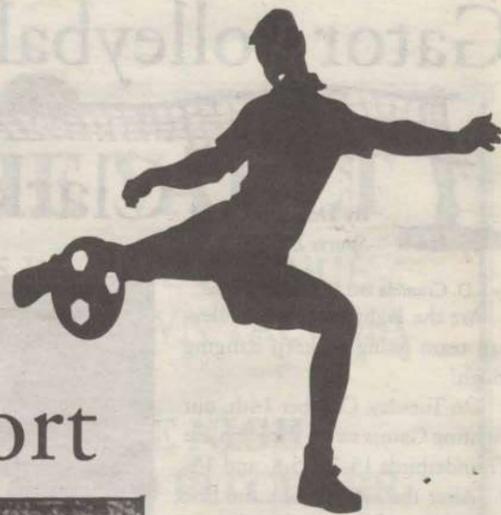
Upcoming Games	Date	Location	Time
Shoreline	Sat. Oct. 25	Seattle	1:00
Wenatchee	Wed. Oct. 29	Home	3:00
Tacoma	Sat. Nov. 1	Home	3:00
Skagit Valley	Wed. Nov. 5	Mt. Vernon	3:00

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Sports

Womens Soccer



Gators pull off courageous effort

Fight to the end with nine players

By Douglas A. Cöcké

The Women's Soccer Team pulled off a valiant effort on Sunday, October 14, 1997. The Gators played with only nine people against Highline's eleven. They almost pulled off the victory losing 1-0.

On a crisp-partly cloudy day, the Gators were under constant attack from Highline. However, every time Thunderbirds entered the Gators zone they were grounded. The Gators got physical and held Highline scoreless until late in the game. Finally, victory was snatched from the Gators' jaws. Highline was able to score from a hard blast fifteen yards out. The shot was put high into the left corner of the net.

Goalie Faira Nevill, who made nine saves, got a hand on the shot, but the ball deflected off her hand into the net. The agony of defeat showed as Nevill lay motionless for few moments on the wet soaked ground. Nevill said, "(We) pulled together as team and played well." She said she was lucky to get even a hand on the shot that beat the Gators.

Coach Yorke was proud of the effort. He said, "That is the best we've played all season even though we lost." The Gators had some excellent chances to score. While the overconfident Thunderbirds pushed forward, the Gators ambushed them. Wendy Wells and her teammates counter-attacked.

However, the Gators could not convert any those chances. Wells said, "We played with heart."

She said they knew Highline was overconfident at the start of the game. Wells said, "We were motivated playing with only nine players."

The Gators are still alive for a playoff spot. The top three teams go to the playoffs. Wells added, "We need more people to come out and cheer us on." The next day, the Gators played with eleven players and no substitutes. However, they suffered another defeat losing to Spokane 6-1.

The Gators have added two new players. Taira Nevill will be playing midfielder position and Beth Sloan will be playing midfielder position. Next up for the Gators is Columbia Basin on Friday, Oct. 31 at Brannan Field in Auburn. The Gators are one point out of a playoff spot.

Photograph by Douglas A. Cöcké



Tina Berggren stops the Highline attack.



Player Profile

Name: Wendy Wells
 High School: Thomas Jefferson
 Hometown: Auburn
 Position: Midfielder/Defender
 Year: Freshman
 Stats: Scored five goals and has three assists total for year.
 Major: Physical Therapy Assistant
 Hobbies/Interests: Camping, Dancing, Hanging out with friends
 Goals: Good job & make money

Late Scores

The Gators defeated SW Oregon 1-0 on Saturday, October 19th.

Women's Soccer Standings as of October 15, 1997

Southwest Division	W-L-T	Northeast Division	W-L-T
Lower Columbia	7-1-0	Spokane	7-1-2
Tacoma	6-1-2	Highline	4-1-4
Edmonds	3-6-0	Columbia Basin	5-0-3
Skagit Valley	2-3-2	Walla Walla	4-0-2
SW Oregon	2-5-1	Green River	2-6-1
Shoreline	0-8-0	Wenatchee Valley	0-7-0

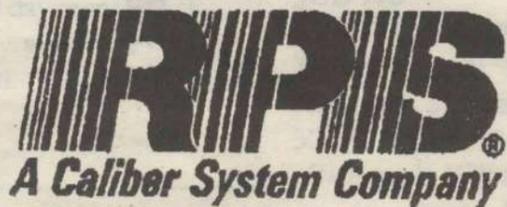
Upcoming Games	Date	Location	Time
Columbia Basin	Sat. Oct. 31	Home	3:00pm
Walla Walla	Sat. Nov. 1	Home	1:00pm
Wenatchee	Fri. Nov. 7	Wenatchee	3:00pm
Spokane	Sat. Nov. 8	Spokane	5:00pm

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Sports

Gator volleyball



By Douglas Cöcké
Sports Editor

Clark sweeps Gators

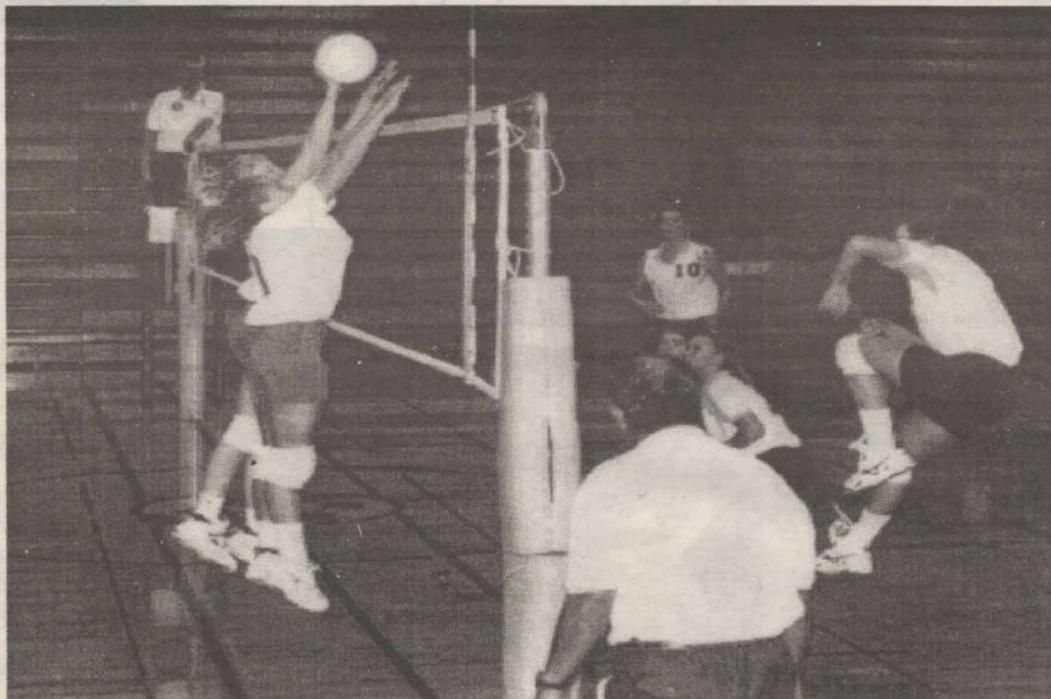
By L.D. Crumble and Douglas A. Cöcké
Are the Fighting Gators volleyball team going to keep hanging tough?

On Tuesday, October 14th, our Fighting Gators swept the Highline Thunderbirds 15-2, 15-8, and 15-9. After the Gators took the first set, Highline fought back in the second set to 6-6. However, the Gators called time-out and went on eight point spree to win the set 15-8. In the third set, Highline lead 6-9 when the Gators came back to win 15-9.

The following night, the Gators faced the Clark Penguins. Clark, currently in second place, defeated the Gators 11-15, 6-15, and 4-15. Coach Carr said, "Some of the keys to a victory would be to pass real well, force errors, and keep our serves in." However, the Gators fell short of their goals. The first set the Gators held tough. With the score 10-11 in favor of the Penguins, the Gators lost the serve. Clark took over and pulled out the set 11-15.

In the second set, Clark took it to the Gators. They dominated the set winning 6-15. The Penguins finished out the match by taking the third set 4-15. After the game, Carr said, "We are a young team and no one step-up to lead us." Carr said there was no communication between the players."

Clark was led by a consistent serving attack. Coach Robin



Erin Ray spikes the ball against Spokane.

Kaemer for Clark said, "One of the reasons we won is our serving was consistent." The Penguins' Feldman had five aces. Also, they passed very well. Kerry Miles had 14 assists and M. Perry had 12 assists.

Green River was led by Kala Lutes and Heidi Deford. Lutes had 25 assists, four aces, and two kills. Deford had seven kills and seven digs. Lutes, the Gators setter, said,

"We didn't pass or talk. We get down and have a hard time coming back." Lutes was referring to two calls in a row that did not go the Gators way. Carr said, "After the two bad calls, the team did not shake them off and play ball."

Lutes, a freshman from Kent, said the whole season the Gators have played up and down. She said, "We need to work together. When

Upcoming Games	Date	Location	Time
Grays Harbor	Wed. Oct. 22	Aberdeen	7:00pm
Pierce	Mon. Oct. 27	Tacoma	7:00pm
Lower Columbia	Wed. Oct. 29	Home	7:00pm
Spokane CC	Fri. Oct. 31		
Crossover Tour	Sat. Nov. 1	Spokane	2:00pm
Tacoma	Fri. Nov. 7	Home	7:00pm



Player Profile:

Name: Kala Lutes
High School: Kentwood
Hometown: Kent
Position: Setter
Year: Freshman
Ht.: 5'3"
Major: Flight Attendent
Hobbies/Interests: Pat Luther
Goals: To get AA degree.



New golf coach at Green River

By Douglas Cöcké

Joe Bauman, head professional at Jade Green Golf course in Auburn, has been named coach of the Green River Community College men's and women's golf teams.

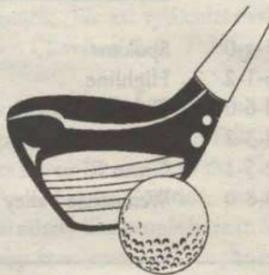
Bauman replaces Mike Fosnick, who resigned to devote more time to his non-coaching career.

"It's a challenge I'm really looking forward to," Bauman said of his college coaching debut. He has previous coaching experience at Auburn Riverside High School, where he will continue his duties. Auburn River-

side plays a fall schedule. Green River competes in the spring.

Bauman, who became a pro four years ago, has a long family history in the golf profession. His father and grandfather were course superintendents. His grandfather worked at Meridian Valley Country Club, Green River's home course.

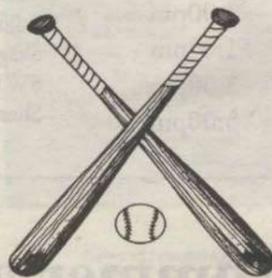
Coach Bauman can be reached at (253) 833-9111, extension 2480.



Sports extra

Did you know???

Green River Community College has won a total of thirty-six NWAACC championships.



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Men's Basketball
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Women's Basketball
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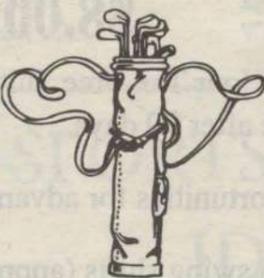
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2. Who holds the American League record among outfielders for Gold Glove awards? How many?
3. How many NWAACC championships has Green River won?
4. What is the nickname of the new hockey team in Tacoma?
5. Who won the Apple Cup last year?
6. Which college football team home field is known as Death Valley?
7. How many leagues are there for Women's Professional Basketball?
8. Who was the Most Valuable Player in the World Series in 1988?
9. Who won the Ryder Cup this year in golf?
10. What was the nickname of the Seattle baseball franchise in 1969?
11. Which country won the Men's Soccer World Cup in 1994?
12. Which country won the Women's Soccer World Cup in 1994?
13. What is the name of the national syndicated sports cartoon by Jeff Millar and Bill Hinds?
14. Name all the sports offered by Green River.
15. Who won the 1919 World Series?
16. What was the name of the team accused of "throwing" the World Series in 1919?
17. Who was the first track person to officially run a mile under four minutes?
18. Who is the famous baseball player whose nickname was the Georgia Peach?
19. Who won the 1997 National Invitation Tournament in Men's College Basketball?
20. Who were the four teams to reach the 1997 Women's Basketball NCAA Tournament?

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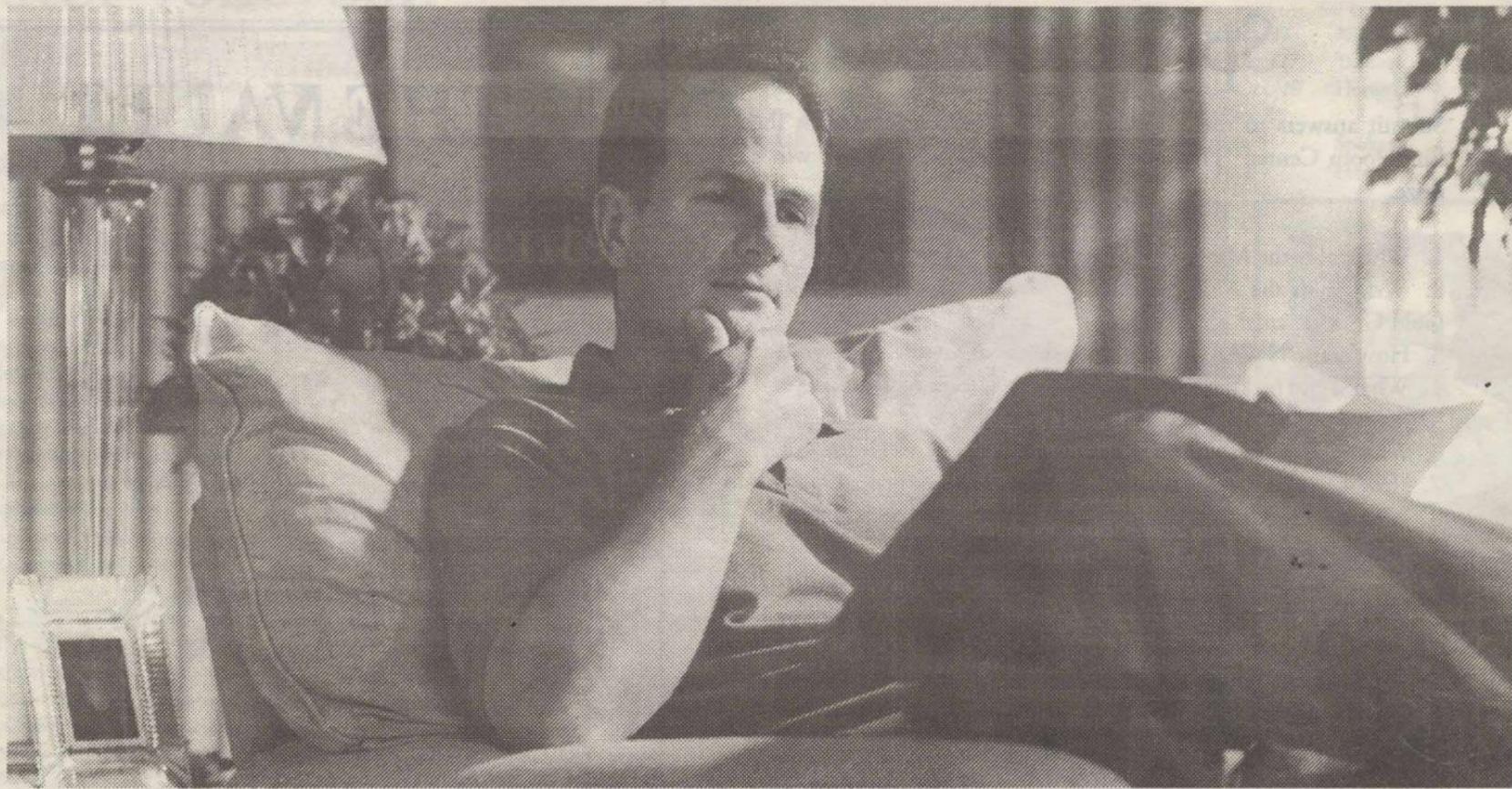
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