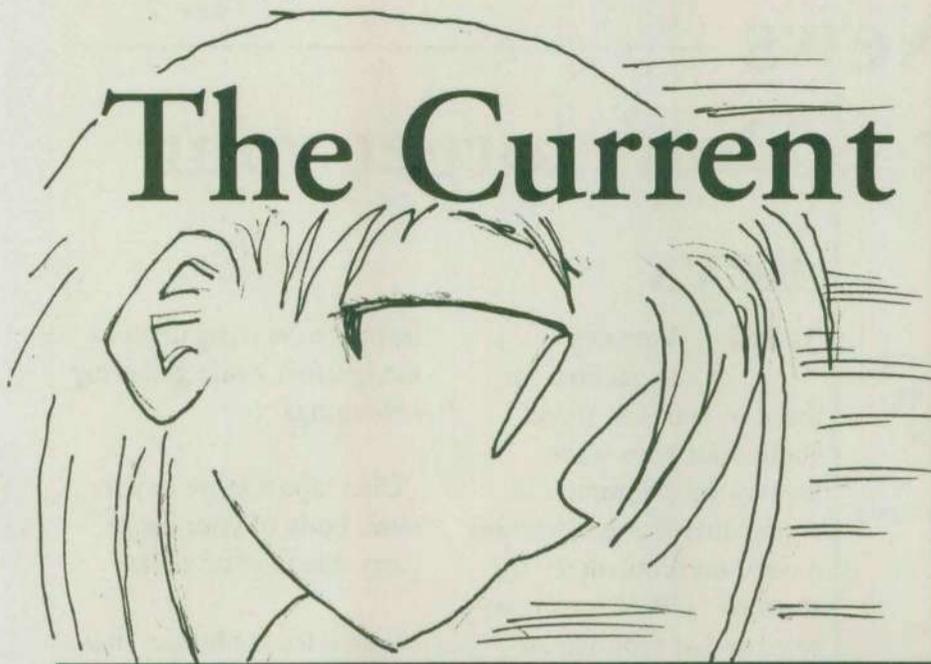


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Some students can't work at GRCC

Four students injured on I-5

By: Telley Wormley

On January 17, 1999, four of GRCC's students were involved in a one car accident on I-5 leaving one fatality.

Apparently the driver lost control of the car sending them into a solid object on the side of the Interstate missing traffic. Many are guessing the wet weather we have been having played a key role.

Out of the four students involved in the collision, two of them

remained in the hospital.

Unfortunately the student that was reported in as being in critical condition died January 24, 1999 at 6:25 p.m.. Her parents arrived in Seattle last week and were at her side during her remaining time.

The four Indonesian students were returning home from a peaceful Sunday at church. Many Indonesians from other Community Colleges gather there as well to practice their religion while they are away from home.

Where to park?

By: Telley Wormley

There seems to be some confusion with the student parking arrangement at GRCC.

Students seem to be receiving parking citations as warnings and some have received actual tickets. Fred Creak, head of security, believes that the majority of the citations are parked improperly not illegally.

However a good portion of the citations are for parking in a designated area for car pooling or just

simply blocking another student in their stall.

This is illegal and you will receive a ticket from the campus security but, it gets worse. If for some reason you did not register your automobile when you paid for your classes at the beginning of the quarter, the security officers will not attempt to find you. They will simply tow your car. Now you have a pretty expensive ticket for parking improperly, and, a hefty towing bill to get your



Sometimes it's hard enough to find a parking spot, and now there are even more limitations

car back!

To park in the Car pool zones on our campus you must stop at either of the two security booths at the parking lot entrances and ask for a parking pass. You stop and get the card punched everyday you want to park in the car pool zones.

Once you reach thirty-two punches on your card you are eligible to receive a refund of \$20, the amount that is automatically added on to your tuition, back at the end of the quarter.

So please be aware of where and how you park.

Students who can't work in the U.S

By: Telley Wormley

When a student enters another country under an Exchange Student Program, they can not become employed during there stay here unless they apply for a Workers Permit.

If you fail to apply for the permit, some countries consider that to be illegal and you will be arrested. The United States is one of those countries that dose not accept undocu-mented workers very well.

The weekend after New Years, a total of eleven

students were arrested from a local restaurant for work- ing illegally. Four out of there eleven were GRCC students. They actually have a court hearing in early March.

Exchange students who attend GRCC are allowed to be employed on campus with out being illegal. Unfortunately outside jobs are not legal with out the proper permit. Whether the eleven workers were aware of the permit policy is unknown.



Don't forget your keys

By Telley Wormley

A special note for those of you who forget about your keys when leaving your automobile. Apparently this is becoming a constant problem for the students. GRCC's campus security has reported an increase in students who lock there keys in the car. When students arrive or leave in the mid mornings that is usually what the security officers are re- sponding to when seen in the parking lots with stu- dents.

The current totally understands how "One of Those Days" can be like. So here are a few helpful tips to lower the odds of it happen- ing to you.

- When you turn off the car place the keys in your lap

instead of leaving them in the ignition while gathering belongings.

- Duct tape a spare key to outer body of your car or carry one in your wallet.

- Listen for the buzzer that tells you that you have left your keys in the ignition. (If your car has this feature.)

- If you spend a portion of your lunchtime in your car, place the keys in a place where you can't help but see them or somewhere that you would automatically take them with you like a book bag or purse.

- If all else fails and you become a repeating of- fender...

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News

Campus crime report

By: Telley Wormley
Campus Crime Report

Everything has been rather peaceful on campus since winter quarter began.

January 7, 1999

- Student found with minor injury. Not an injury from assault.

January 19, 1999

- Security observed two people sticking a wire object in one of our candy machines near the P.E. building. One of the officers approached the two individuals and asked

them for I.D. Soon they found that a citation was served for trespassing to one of the two offenders on August 23, 1998. King county Police responded to the situation but no trespass citations were written

January 21, 1999

- A rather large Ford F-150 and a red Ford Escort collided once passed securities C booth. The truck was trying to make a left hand turn to enter into one of the parking lots with his turn signal on when it hit the side of the Escort. There were no injuries but

both automobiles were not as lucky. Car-right front quarter panel and popped

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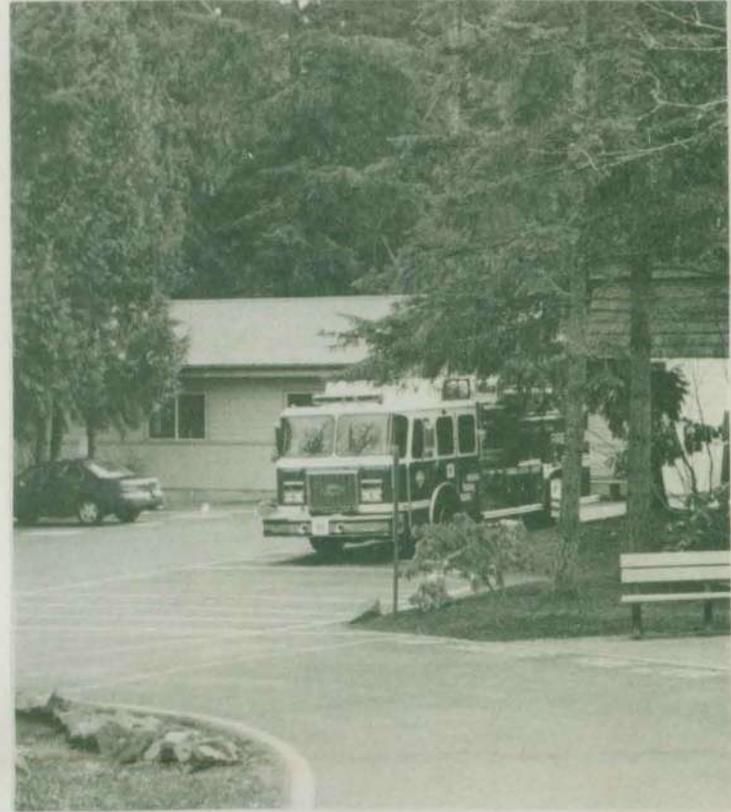
By Telley Wormley and Scott Spivey

They help save people from fires, cats in trees, and maybe the squirrels. They are the firefighters from our local Station #91 and they are here to pump up. They try to be here every day. They are still on duty while they are here. If a call comes in they must respond. They have a Emergency Dispatch Pager which tells them all the information they need to know right down to the location of the call, and what kind of call it is.

When they come here to work out in the Wellness Center, they have the best parking spot anyone could ask for. The main reason why

they keep coming back for more is because there is no waiting for a machine there is always one available, said John one of the local firefighters. They do take advantage of our convenient Nature Trails but they have strict policy among themselves to stay close to the vehicle. So they can not jog off too far in fear of receiving an emergency call and having to sprint a half a mile or more back to their unit. The Fire Chief will not allow his men to go to Downtown Auburn and work out at one of the gyms there because, they would be too far away to respond to their calls in the proper amount of time.

"The main thing that we like about using the facilities at GRCC is the relaxing atmosphere." John also



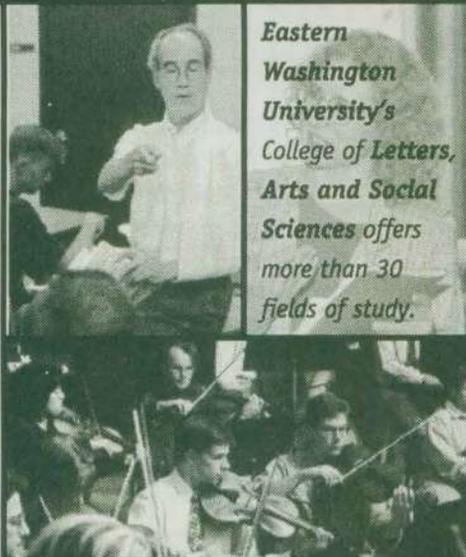
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mentioned to our reporters that there are no ego trips over who's body is the bomb. This helps these officers unwind even more not having to worry about upholding a particular image. There are free weights at their station located down the road from GRCC, but they prefer to use our facilities when they feel that urge. These firefighters come in to our rescue when there is an incident on campus as well. There have been

a few times that an emergency call has been placed on campus and the officers are already here! On a high average the officers receive one emergency call per week during their relaxing work out. The officers also help our campus with fire codes and occupancy levels. There is a CPR training that is also available and is taught on campus. Aside from the madness in the firehouse, there are an estimated five or six officers named Jeff!

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Arts & Entertainment

John Travolta takes "A Civil Action" in theatres

Review By: Scott Spivey,
Assistant Editor

John Travolta portrays Jan Schlichtmann in the true story about the pollution in Woburn, Massachusetts.

Robert Duvall co-stars as attorney Jerome Facher defending one of two corporations. John's partners in the film include, William H. Macy who plays James Gordon, and Zeljko Ivanek who plays Bill Crowley. John Lithgow also make an apperance in the film as Judge Skinner, the judge in the case of Woburn. The movie is directed by Steven Zaillian who is most known for *Searching For Bobby Fischer*.

Set in the 1980's, "A Civil Action" chronicles the legal crusade that attorney Jan Schlichtmann waged on behalf of eight families in Woburn, Massachusetts against two of the nation's largest corporations, W.R. Grace & Co. and Beatrice Foods. The families claimed that the companies



Jan (John Travolta) Schlichtmann in Woburn, Massachusetts investigating the fowl wells.

contaminated their town's drinking water with chemicals ultimately leading to the leukemia deaths of their children. Most lawyers wouldn't have considered staking large sums of money and their careers on this type of case due to the odds of winnng against a corporation. By any measure it was a very difficult case to win. Schlichtmann had to prove that

the companies dumped toxic solvents on the ground, which entered the drinking water by seeping into nearby wells, and reulted in fatal illnesses. As the story goes Schlichtman finance the case himself. he spent more than \$2.6 million on medical and scientific tests.

The movie portrays the true story. The lawyers and people actually

involved with the case made their way on the set and verified most of the information. The movie was based on the book of the same name that told the full account on the story that happened.

The film presented a real court room feel, unlike most of the recent "legal" films. Dan Hedy had the very convincing portrayal of one of the company owners who didn't want to tell anything. Dan Hedy is most recently known for *Joe Vs. The Volcano*, *Alien: Resurrection*. Due to the fact of the films real feel on how court cases really work, and it help that this was a true story, it makes it worthwhile to see it. Definatly add to the John Grisham collection.

Are you a good roommate?

1. You are thirsty. You notice a carton of milk in the refrigerator. Do you
 - A. Take a gulp and put the milk back in the fridge.
 - B. Use a cup but leave it on the counter for later.
 - C. Use the cup and wash it out when you are done.

2. It's the end of the quarter and you want to throw a party. Do you
 - A. Invite the entire student body without talking to your roommate.
 - B. Invite everyone you know and call your roommate to let him know that they will be over at eight.
 - C. Talk to your roommate first.

3. It's valentines day and your significant other is over. You want some "time alone". Do you
 - A. Do it right there on the couch.



4. It's Friday night and you are going out. Your roommate is at work but you know he/she has the perfect shirt for the occasion. Do you
 - A. Go in their room and borrow it, they won't mind.
 - B. Borrow it and leave a note.
 - C. Call them and ask.

5. You're out of shampoo and you notice that your roommate has a large bottle of Suave. Do you
 - A. Use it. share and share alike.
 - B. Use it but tell them first that you are using it.
 - C. Run down to the store and buy a bottle.

6. Do it in your room but let all the noise be heard for miles around.
7. Stay in your room and try to be as quiet as possible.

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6. You just got a page from your significant other. Your roommate is on the internet. Do you

- A. Pick up the phone and screw up their connection.
- B. Tell them you need the phone and to hurry up.
- C. Let them know that you got a page and need the phone when they are done.

7. You and your roommate are being held hostage. If you run they shoot him/her are being held hostage. If you run they shoot him/her and visa versa. Do you

- A. Run, you are the cute one anyway.
- B. Try to shoot the terrorists and hope they don't kill your roommate in the process.
- C. Wait it out, it's not worth risking either of you lives.

8. After a party, you notice that there is dirt and crumbs all over the carpet. Do you

- A. Pretend it's just a design in the carpet.
- B. Let your roommate know so they can take care of it.
- C. Vacuum.

9. Your roommate's mother calls from New York but he/she is in the shower. Do you

- A. You tell her he's busy and hang up.
- B. You tell her he can't come to the phone and leave a message on the fridge.
- C. You knock on the bathroom door and let him know she's on the phone.

10. It's finals week and your roommate is studying. Your favorite song comes on the stereo. Do you

- A. Crank it and scream along, dancing on the furniture.
- B. Turn it up, but not deafeningly loud.
- C. sing along a nice level, as not to disturb your roommate.

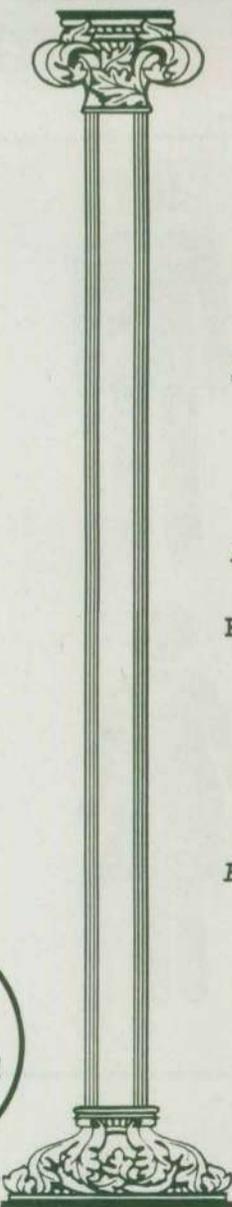
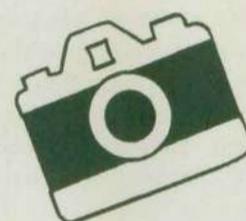
If you answered mostly A to all the questions, I'd start

looking for a one bedroom place. No fear however, you can fix your problems. Just think about what you are doing before you do it and take other's feeling in to consideration.

If you answered mostly B to all the questions, you are an average roommate. There is room for improvement. Consider the cliché do on to others as you want them to

do on to you.

If you answered mostly C, you are the perfect roommate. Rock on, keep doing as you are and you should have nothing but a pleasant time being a roommate.



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Corporate Muscle is Flexed Again in the WWF

By Ben Evenhagen

Royal Rumble 1999 began the same way it ended, a team corporate member getting the best of another WWF wrestler. Everything else in between, same story:

The Owner of the WWF, Vince McMahon, finally got rid of the thorn in his side. Against all odds Mr. McMahon, the second entry into the Royale Rumble, was the last man standing in the ring after the other 29 were eliminated. However, his planned ambush of Stone Cold Steve Austin that sent Austin to the hospital almost backfired. Stone Cold hijacked the Ambulance on the way to the hospital and drove back to the arena. Since he had not been thrown over the top rope and been eliminated, he reentered the Rumble and almost won his title shot at Wrestlemania. But Austin didn't win and McMahon didn't have to pay out the 100,000 dollar bounty to any other wrestler for eliminating the thorn in his side, Austin. How he can split the check with his corporate buddy, The Rock. It was The Rock who distracted Austin while Mr. McMahon knocked him over the top rope from behind, eliminating Stone Cold. McMahon's strategy of foul play paid off. Now instead of Austin getting a

shot at the WWF title, the owner of the WWF has the right to square off for the belt at the biggest wrestling event of the year, Wrestlemania. Something isn't right with that picture, but that is how it goes with the corporation.

In the title match for the night it

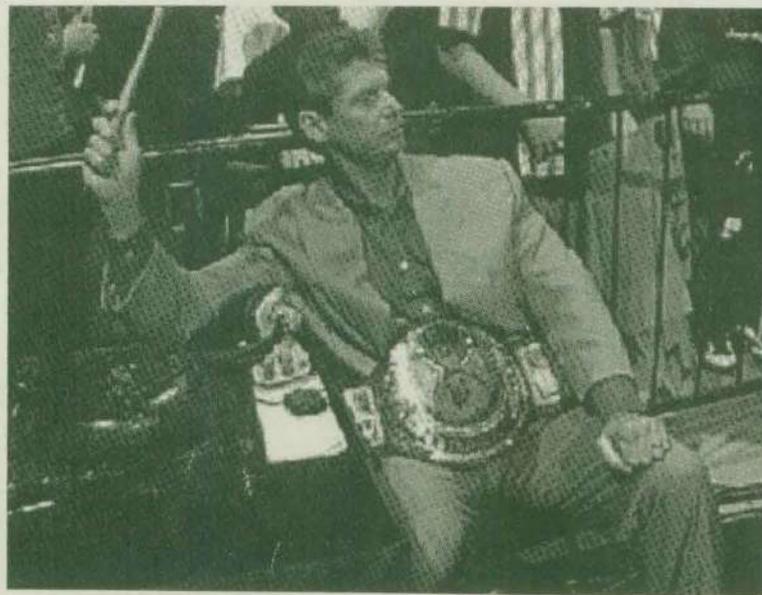
was the former champ, The Rock, against the current champ Mankind in an "I quit" match. The first man to make the other one say "I quit" would go home with the WWF title. Mankind was brutally beaten by The Rock with chairs, stairs, ring bells and eventually he was tossed off a 12-foot

high ledge on to some electrical equipment. At the end of the match a bloodied, handcuffed and probably unconscious Mankind supposedly said, "I quit". But the "I quit" heard over the stadium speakers was an obvious recorded "I quit" from an earlier Mankind interview. So chalk up another fixed or interfered with victory for the Corporation.

Next on the corporate team's hit list was Degeneration X member Billy Gunn. Corporate member Ken Shamrock got his revenge on Gunn for mooning his sister on national television. Shamrock viciously pounded on Gunn's ankle until he finally submitted. Shamrock got his revenge on Billy Gunn and at the same time retained his Intercontinental Title.

Adding another victory for the corporate team was the Big Boss Man. He pinned the Hardcore Champion, Road Dogg, in the only real clean match for the corporation all night. Luckily for The Road Dogg the match-up was a non-title bout.

In all, the 1999 Royale Rumble was the night of the Corporation. WWF wrestlers beware, Vince McMahon has built himself a force to be reckoned with.



Is the owner of the WWF, Vince McMahon, the real champ?

Houston, We Have No Problem

Editorial by Mike Mondt

Now that the lengthy NBA lockout is finally over, and the free agent frenzy has passed, who is the league's favorite to win a title? Many of the NBA's best players switched cities in the last few weeks causing a widespread confusion that left fans wondering, "who plays where"? Coming out on top of this money spending free-for-all was the Houston Rockets. Adding Scottie Pippen to a roster would make any team an instant contender. Adding Scottie Pippen to the Houston Rockets roster makes them the favorite for the 1999 NBA Championship.

The Houston Rockets stand alone as the only team to possess three of the "50 Greatest Players" as selected by the NBA in 1996. Hakeem Olajuwon, Charles Barkley, and Scottie Pippen bring an enormous amount of experience and veteran savvy to one team. Combined, these three have played

in 433 playoff games, 30 all-star games, won 8 world championships, and won 4 Olympic Gold Metals. Add Eddie Johnson and Antoine Carr to this trio and they have 625 playoff games and 69 NBA seasons under their collective belts. This group has seen everything.

Scottie Pippen might emerge as the best player in the game today now that he is out of Michael Jordan's shadow in Chicago. Pippen is a perennial all-star and all-NBA first team defensive player, a member for six consecutive years. Scottie has all of the tools and intangibles that make a great player. Pippen played on all six NBA Championship teams with Jordan. In Chicago Pippen played ten seasons alongside the greatest player the game has ever seen. Some of that magic has to rub off.

As his playing years wind down, Hakeem Olajuwon looks for his third world championship.

Olajuwon has solidified himself as one of the premier centers in the history of the NBA. Hakeem is the all time NBA leader in career blocked shots. Not only did the Rockets win back-to-back titles in 1994 and 1995, Olajuwon was also voted MVP of both championship finals. "The Dream" as he is known, elevates his play in the clutch.

Charles Barkley completed the Rockets wish list after the lockout ended by resigning with them for one year. Not only did he resign, but demanded only one million dollars pay, a surprisingly low amount for a player of Barkley's caliber. Barkley can see that the opportunity to win a title is best in Houston. The final piece to Barkley's NBA puzzle could be found with a title this year. You know Chuck, he'll do anything to get it.

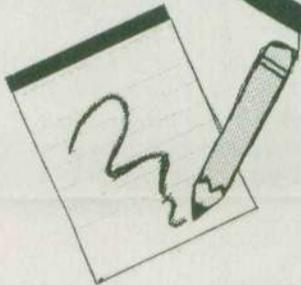
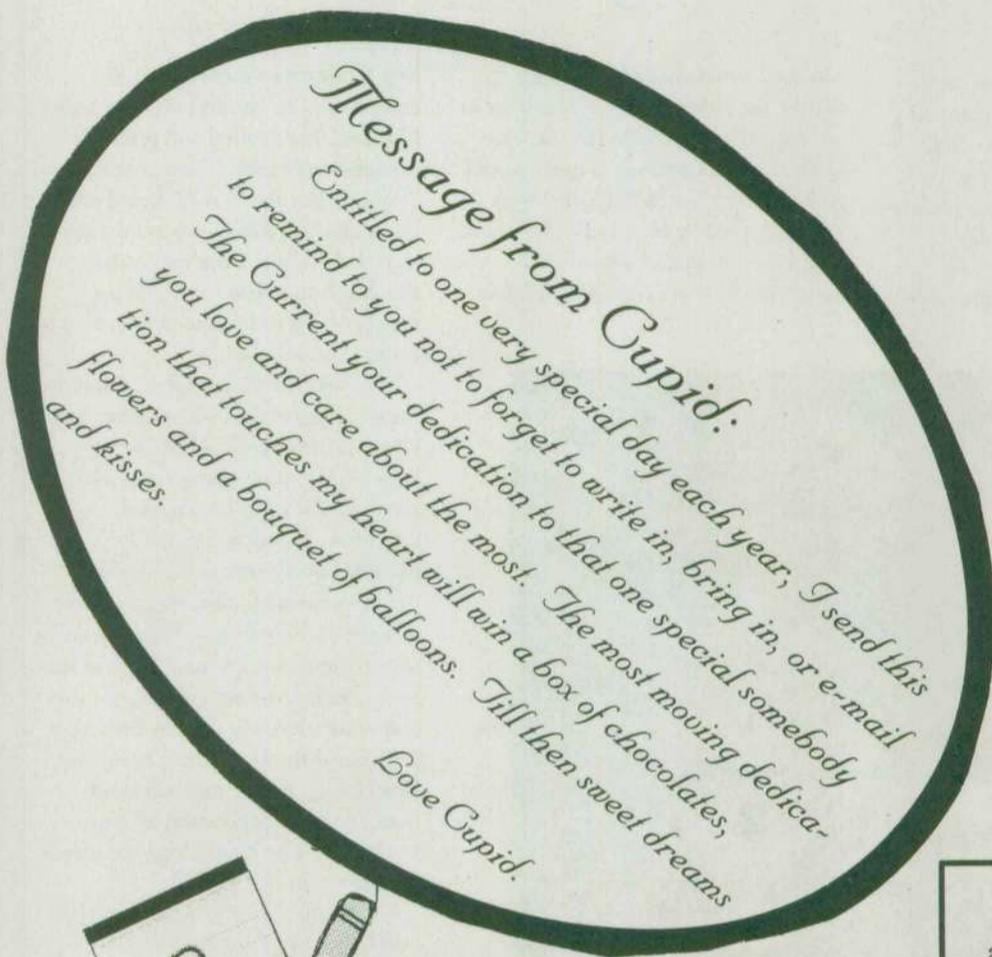
The only obstacle that could

derail the Rocket's plan to win a title would be injury. Having players with a lot of experience also means that the players are getting old. Pippen, Olajuwon, and Barkley each have reputations for injury. The 50 game schedule this season is in favor of the Rockets. Less games will mean fewer opportunities for injury and less trips down the court for the weary legs of a 36-year-old-veteran. This is Houston's year to win.

I apologize to the New York Knick, Phoenix Sun, and Seattle Sonic fans who disagree with this prediction. If injuries do take their toll on the Rockets either of these teams will have an opportunity for a championship season. If the Rockets stay healthy though, they will not be beat in a 7 game series. With Scottie, Hakeem, and Charles, this will be a season to remember for Houston. No Problem.

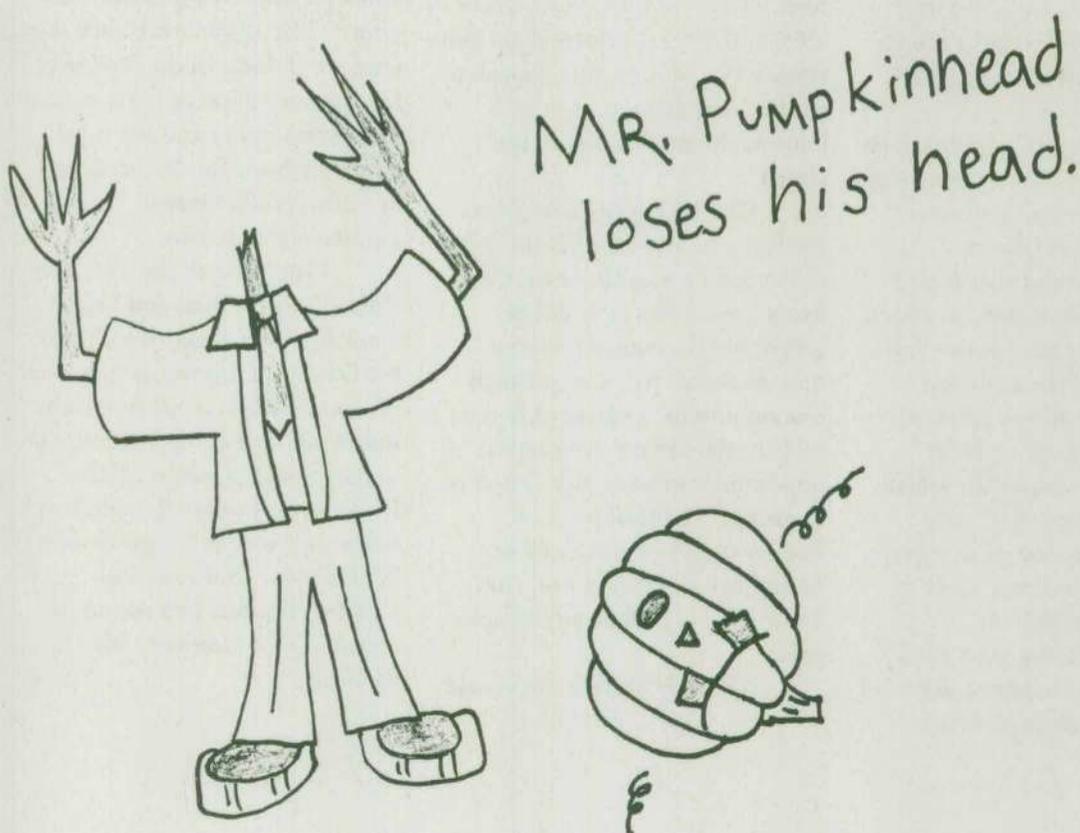
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Hoops Briefs

Women's

The GRCC women's basketball team improved their division record to 4-2 by beating Tacoma 95-68 on the 24th. Jamie Smith lead all scorers with 27 points in the Gators victory. Angie Payne had fourteen points and pulled down 11 rebounds and Stephanie Imhof dished out 15

Men's

The men's basketball team did not fare as well as the women's team against Tacoma on the 24th. They lost 103-71 and dropped to a 3-3 record in NWAACC division play. Greg Swain lead all Green River scorers with 23 points. Colby Nicholason added 13 points and David Ratcliff grabbed 12 boards. The men take on Clark at