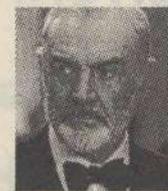




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## Reservists could go to Kosovo

By Cameron Probert  
News Editor

On April 28 President Clinton ordered 33,102 reservists from various national military bases to serve in the Kosovo air campaign.

The job of these reservists is to provide services such as clerical work, communication support, and military police for the

force now engaged in the area.

Sgt. 1st Class David Espinoza, an Army reserves recruiter who is responsible for recruiting at GRCC, said the activation of reservists has not deterred any new recruits.

"Most reservists sign to honestly serve their country," Espinoza said.

Fred Creek, the director of

Security and an army reservist, said if he is ordered to go, he will go.

"I'm very patriotic. I really am," Creek said.

Espinoza said people have not reacted badly toward the armed services because of the short duration of the conflict in Kosovo.

In his 16 years of military

service, Espinoza has never served in a military conflict, he said.

"Your chances of going are as good as your chances of not going," Espinoza said.

Espinoza said he has never encountered any reservist unwilling to go into combat if necessary.

While there are five bases

with reservists, a New York Times article said none of the first wave was being deployed from Washington state.

John Ramsey, director of Public Information, said that as of May 6, no GRCC student had asked for a refund of their tuition because they had been called to military service.

## Facilities searches for a new roofing product

By Sarah Dillon  
Staff Reporter

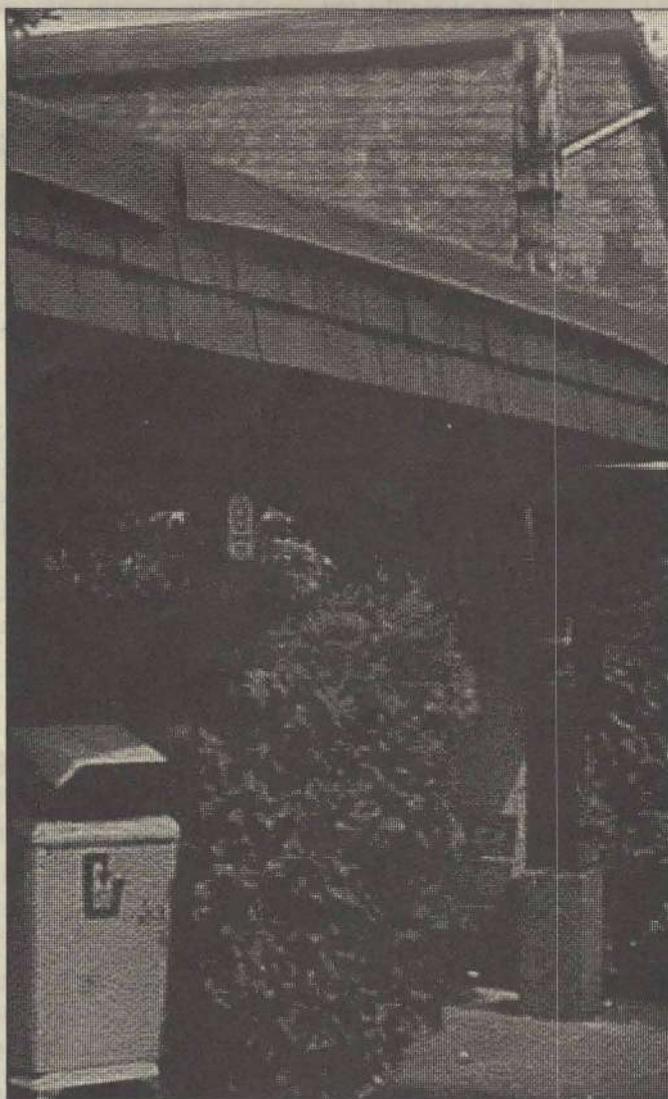
Due to years of deterioration, the GRCC facilities department is in the process of repairing the roof of the RLC building.

"We have a goal of finding a roof product which will have a strong endurance to the weather changes, does not require a lot of maintenance and yet the outcome still keeps that natural shingled look," Mike Bingisser, the project manager, said. "This is a huge investment. We are being very cautious with the next brand we choose because we want to be sure it will hold up and last."

The Facilities team has tried many weather and sun tests. As of now, they are in the process of experimenting on the smoke shack and the guard shack located by C parking lot.

Bingisser said he has invested his time and energy into a slate and resin product called Murivista. It has been on the smoke shack for 10 months and, so far, he is not happy with the results.

"It is very cost prohibitive," Bingisser said. "Since the change in weather, the Murivista product has expanded an inch due to the



Margaret Rzymowska/Current

The smoke shack roof needs replacing after only 10 months sun and has become very brittle. the experiment on the guard

Bingisser said the result of

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## College to stop sending grades through the mail

*'It is kind of redundant to mail grades and post them electronically—so the government told us to cut costs.'*

Julia Nations  
Credentials Evaluator

By Charles Fleming  
Staff Reporter

Starting next quarter, GRCC will not send grades to students via mail to cut costs.

"We are one of the last colleges in the state of Washington to stop mailing grades and to switch to this system," Credentials Evaluator Julia Nations said.

"It is kind of redundant to mail grades and post them electronically — so the government told us to cut costs," Nations said.

Students looking for their grades will be able to access them through GRCC's Internet home page.

Students can also access their grades through the touch-tone system.

They can listen to the user options menu for information about how to receive grade information.

"Students can obtain their grades on the student

kiosk through the Internet using any computer on campus," Credentials Evaluator Tammi Wren said.

"Students can have an unofficial copy mailed to them, if they request one, or they can get an official copy at the enrollment services window," Wren said.

Students can access the GRCC home page by typing [www.grcc.etc.edu](http://www.grcc.etc.edu). From there, click on the student information kiosk link.

From there, students can click on the degree audit hyperlink.

To access grades, type student ID number, student PIN (birthdate), and desired year.

After reaching the degree audit page, students may choose one of the programs offered in the catalog to run their degree audit.

# Lower turnout for art auction

By Ryan Dacey  
Staff Reporter

On Saturday, April 24, GRCC hosted the Green River Community College Arts Department Auction, which was held in the Lindbloom Student Center.

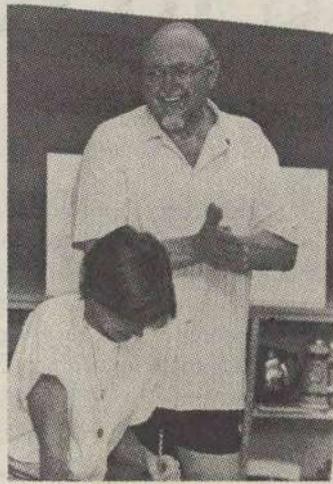
The auction featured art created by instructors and students, which was auctioned to raise money for art department scholarships.

The event, which was organized by Bernie Bleha, was the first of its kind in 30 years, which along with the beautiful weather, did not help draw as many people as expected.

"We were killed by the sun," Bleha said, when asked about the attendance.

Organizers of the event not only invited faculty, students and the public, but also sent invitations and press releases to professionals in specialized fields such as interior design and architecture. News releases were also sent to local newspapers. Bleha said there were several confirmations who did not show up. Approximately 65 people attended.

Bleha said he knew it was going to be "just a fun event." Professional auctioneer Brian Orwiller and his partner Dave Ryckman provided the fun. For many, it was the first time to hear a live auctioneer, and for many others, it was the first time to hear an auctioneer hag-



Public Information photo  
Bernie Bleha prepares for the art auction earlier this quarter

gle a crowd to make a sell. Orwiller struggled to get bids from the small audience but managed to auction the majority of the art.

Although Bleha was disappointed with the outcome of the event, he felt the small attendance in no way represented Green River's or Auburn's awareness of the arts.

Bleha said this event will be held every three to five years.

The auction raised a little more than \$5,000, which was enough to cover costs and add \$700 to the Jared Gordon Memorial Scholarship.

Much appreciation was expressed for all the hard work students, staff and faculty expended in preparing and conducting an auction that included priceless artworks.

# Schools differ in way they treat school safety

*'There is no greater rallying cry than the right to bear arms.'*

**Kat Warner**

Sociology Instructor

By Cameron Probert  
News Editor

The dress code in the Federal Way school district now includes a ban on dark or black trench coats in reaction to the Columbine High School shooting.

This is one of the many reactions that have shown up in school districts across the country.

This is a consequence of information about the two people involved in the killings.

John Ramsey, the director of Public Information for GRCC, said the college does not have the ability to be as restrictive as a high school because it is an open campus.

Kat Warner, a sociology teacher at GRCC, said there is more to this violence than the clothes that the perpetrators were wearing.

"We tend to look for simplistic answers, and the answer is complicated," Warner said.

Warner said the schools' reactions to Marilyn Manson and the trench coats were "lightning rods" that "attract attention, and that's not what our attention should be on."

Warner said one of the only places where people are looking for more complex answers is on talk shows.

"It tends to get some discussion going that otherwise might not go on. Certainly the shows I've been watching have been more likely to say it's complex," Warner said.

"It's not just guns, it's not just parents, it's not just society, it's not just the fact that they were outcasts," Warner said.

Warner said there is a historical culture of violence that comes through events like the American Revolution, and the Wild West.

"There is no greater rallying cry than the

right to bear arms," Warner said.

Ramsey said the shooting has increased awareness of school violence on campus.

Yet, on a campus of 9,000 students, there is always the chance people could be carrying guns, legally or illegally, Ramsey said.

"We need to be proactive and we need to be preventative, and we need to make sure something like that doesn't happen at the college," Ramsey said.

Ramsey said even security guards did not prevent violence from occurring at Columbine.

Warner said she applauded the efforts of schools in Southern California that gave out cell phones so students can call 911.

"It's not a weapon, but it's something to access help if you need it," Warner said.

# Election results in

By Tony Tsay  
Staff Reporter

On May 4 and 5, student elections were held at GRCC. The new president next year is Terry Chhoeun. The vice president is Gina Gray and the two senators are Shy Williams and Lorin Schliesman. The student government, is the link between students and the administration.

# Slocum visits GRCC

By Kristen Jensen  
Staff Reporter

Eric Slocum, KOMO 4 news personality, said he's had a fascination for current events since he was a child growing up in Texas.

At age 14, Slocum said he lied about writing for his school newspaper so he could meet his favorite news anchor.

"I was a stalker, a 14-year old stalker," Slocum said.

Having never attended college, Slocum said he's very lucky to have a career in broadcast journalism.

His career began at 17 as a teleprompter operator at a local television station in Lubbock, Texas. Slocum persuaded his employer to let him make a tape of himself and perform odd jobs around the station.

Soon Slocum had made enough contacts and gained enough experience to become a news anchor and reporter.

Slocum labeled journalism as the most exciting and rewarding career in the world.

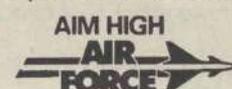
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# GRCC provides new challenges for mothers

By Cindy Hutchings  
Staff Reporter

Mothers face many challenges in their pursuit of a college education.

They manage their homes, children, and work while maintaining a high priority on their educational goals.

Jeanne Garrison, 49, has attended GRCC for three and a half years. Garrison originally went to school in the '70s, as a single mother.

She earned a 1-year degree in metrology calibration.

Garrison employed babysitters to take care of her children while she was in school. Garrison worked in the automobile industry after completing her degree.

She moved back to Washington and lived with

her brother because she was laid off when the automobile industry deteriorated.

She started doing the bookkeeping for her brother's business, which led her to GRCC.

"I came back to school to learn how to run a computer," Garrison said. "In the fall of '97, I started my accounting series of classes."

Garrison takes classes in the morning and works in the GRCC Help Center as an accounting tutor.

"I do all my Internet research here because we don't have Internet at home," Garrison said.

"After dinner, I pack up my books and I go out to a travel trailer, and that's where I study," Garrison said.

Garrison has her own

bookkeeping business, completes all of the household chores, and maintains a 3.8 GPA as she works toward a bachelor's degree in accounting.

"I'm a habitual organizer. Everything has its time slot," Garrison said. "If I have to give up something, it's sleep."

Teri Pelkey is another student mother attending GRCC.

She went to college 16 years ago taking parent education classes. She has attended GRCC for two years now, and is working toward an associate of arts degree.

She intends to receive her bachelor's degree in liberal arts, and then a teaching certificate.

Pelkey is a single mom

and has her 13-year-old son living with her.

She also has a 21-year-old son who does not live at home.

"I study before dinner, during dinner, after dinner and while I'm cooking dinner," Pelkey said.

She said she feels she is a positive role model for her children while attending school.

"It helps my younger one to get good grades," Pelkey said. "He hates missing school now."

On the weekends, Pelkey sleeps in, studies most of the day and cleans house with her children.

"We work as a team to get the house clean," Pelkey said. "My family is my first priority."

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shack in C lot has not turned out so well either. Bingisser is testing an Alcoa aluminum product. Unfortunately, Alcoa held too much moisture.

According to maintenance documents, they have tested around 300 roofing products.

"We have tried interlock [turned down]. With tile and cement, they hold moisture. Now, we are looking into treated and true wood products and lightweight composites," Bingisser said.

"To repair the roof of the RLC building, the cost is estimated at \$90,000. We want to start with the worst ones first, then move on to the others. The PE building may be the next candidate. It will probably take 20 years, and \$2 million to \$5 million to repair and finish the campus roofs," Tom Weisweaver, director of facilities, said.

# GRCC teacher is selected to serve on Clinton panel

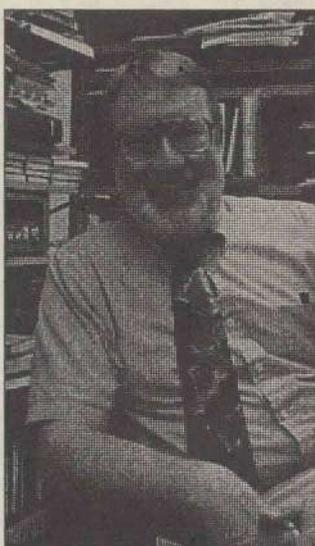
By Kara Banville  
Staff Reporter

GRCC instructor, Roger Knutsen, was recently selected to serve on President Clinton's 21st Century Workforce Commission.

"Are people getting well enough prepared?" Knutsen asked.

The Workforce Commission was designed to determine whether the upcoming generation has enough technological skills to advance in the workplace. The newly created commission will conduct studies and observations of matters relating to the technology workforce in the United States.

The commission will examine the qualifications needed to enter the information technology workforce and ways to expand the number of skilled workers.



Margaret Rzymowska/Current  
Roger Knutsen will leave temporarily to serve on the Workforce Commission

The commission is somewhat short-lived and will hold three meetings within the next six months and report their findings to President Clinton as well to Congress.

Knutsen will bring an education and technology point of view to the commission. Business and labor are the two other main fields that are represented. Knutsen has served as the president of the National Council of Higher Education of the National Education Association since 1995.

Knutsen has been a teacher at the college since 1972, teaching classes such as microcomputers, word processing and chemistry. He previously taught chemistry and physics at Glendale College, Citrus College, and Pasadena City College in California. Knutsen received a bachelor's degree in chemistry from Earlham College and a master's degree in organic chemistry from the University of Southern California.

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## 'Star Wars' is just a menace

By Christina Jackson  
A&E Editor

As movie theatres, the media and "Star Wars" fans all swoon over George Lucas's upcoming movie, I feel the strong desire to hurl.

Unfortunately, walking around Green River, I realize that even our proud school does not escape the insanity that follows those who have become victim to what I will call "Star Wars" hype syndrome.

"Star Wars" hype affects fans around the nation, causing them to sleep on sidewalks and dog poop while waiting in line to buy tickets one week early.

Those afflicted with "Star Wars" hype have the brainless loyalty of a cult.

They spend paycheck after paycheck supporting their leader (George Lucas) in his time of obvious monetary need.

Similar to a cult member, the "Star Wars" fan self-righteously believes that she or he does not need a job, a car, a life, or an education as long as he or she has "Star Wars."

George Lucas leads this cult with the tenacity of David Koresh in a thinly veiled attempt to make even more money off of the blind admiration of his followers.

For some reason, they hold the belief that this new movie is anything but a hype filled, substance-lacking piece of garbage.

Unfortunately, "Star Wars" fans do not hide away in a Texas compound as their leader blatantly claims to be the resurrected savior of mankind.

Lucas has a larger purpose, resurrecting a movie that was as dead and dull 20 years ago as it is now.

According to some experts, one characteristic of a cult member is "extreme intolerance."

*Similar to a cult member, the Star Wars fan self-righteously believes that she or he does not need a job, a car, a life, or an education as long as he or she has Star Wars.*

The easiest way to distinguish a "Star Wars" hype addict is their inability to listen to anything that does not praise and glorify George Lucas, Star Wars.

The amount of money they continuously pour out on "Star Wars"-related merchandise and movies.

Mention once how you fell asleep trying to figure out what was happening in the "Star Wars" movies and watch as the fan's face becomes red as they say something like: "George Lucas is a genius, he ..." (At which point it is best to tune them out.)

The biggest problem I have with "Star Wars" is the fact that no one stands up to the insanity of it all.

Hype alone has carried "Star Wars" this far and will continue to do so.

"Star Wars" has the ability to make crazed fans drool now, after only three movies.

Think about how bad it will be 20 years from now, when Lucas (who had himself frozen while waiting for a cure to complete greed and self-absorption) comes out of the freezer to declare he wrote more scripts.

One of which is called "Star Wars: completely worn out and overused but still a money maker part 543".

## Cinco de Mayo lost in a haze of alcohol

By Matthew Strako  
Staff Reporter

Is Cinco de Mayo celebrated in its true form in the United States?

Is this just another reason for Americans to hit the bars and local supermarket beer sections?

Does anyone know what Cinco de Mayo truly means, what it's about or where it came from?

Some might say it is a Mexican holiday, or you might hear just May 5. Only a few people actually know what this celebration is.

For those of you who were wondering why you get intoxicated every

May 5, here is the reason Mexicans celebrate this alcohol-consuming holiday. Cinco de Mayo is a national Mexican holiday to celebrate the defeat of the French in the battle of Puebla in 1862.

So, you see, it's not the founding of Corona beer or the discovery of tequila. For some people, there is a significant piece of history behind this day.

So, next Cinco de Mayo, when you are on your way to the liquor store or pounding down Dos Equis, thank the Mexican nation for another excuse to get down and party.

## Makah 'tradition' a whale of a fish tale

Make waves. Rock the boat — Great cliches, but with this new wave of political correctness that has infected so many of the citizens of this country, fewer people are willing to make even the smallest of ripples against that which is obviously incorrect. It is this fear of being thought discriminatory that has been especially prevalent around the Puget Sound the past few weeks. In fact, it seems nearly everyone has fallen victim to this society-plaguing virus. One facet of this illness entails biting one's tongue while the Makah Indian tribe unnecessarily "hunts" gray whales.

One must, however, give the Makah some credit. This group obviously consists of brilliant tribesmen under some very sagacious leadership. They have known enough to jump aboard the political correctness bandwagon and are now riding, or hunting it, for all it's worth. They have come to the realization that should they mention the words tradition, spirituality, ancestors or ceremony in any public plea, their actions will go unquestioned and they will gain considerable political and economic ground, as well as myriad of special privileges.

At one time, the killing of the gray whale was an extremely spiritual and vitally essential act. The whale was key to Makah survival in that the meat provided a source of food, and the fat allowed for the Makah to heat homes. Once a whale was captured, it was towed back to a somber group who respected and honored the whale for the sacrifice it made for their community.



Chelsea Henderson  
Opinion Editor

and ceremonial carving. If this was actually the way the hunt went down, few could argue with the apparent imbedded tradition. However, the fact Nike-clothed tribesmen were towed around the ocean by a motor-powered support boat, used guns as their main weapon, cell-phoned to say the hunt had gone well and brought the whale back to a jubilant group who had been able to watch the entire hunt live via television raised more than an eyebrow of the politically incorrect. Many questioned the significance of jumping and sliding off the whale after it had been towed to shore. I doubt this was the ancient way respect was paid to the sacrificed whale.

When live Internet coverage of the "hunt" is available, perhaps it is time to realize times have changed. Yes, at one time, the hunting of whales was a meaningful and necessary tradition. But today, a few sacrifices may be necessary for all nations and species to co-exist peacefully. You can't have your casinos and eat your whale, too.

Last week, we watched as the Makah set out to regain their rights. We saw tribesmen paddle out to sea. Like their ancestors, they heaved harpoons at passing whales. They successfully hunted down a whale and brought it back to the reservation for a spiritual ceremony

## GRCC the best option for many

The choices that the younger adults have today are admirable to the point of knowing there are choices open to them. As for older adults, the choices are fewer.

By Berta Lopez  
Staff Reporter

Compare the choices of university and community college life and the differences between the two as far as education and learning are concerned. This question is not for everyone.

Some students are a bit older and really do not have that choice to make, maybe because of financial issues, or not being able to just get up and move.

Some students don't even think they have a choice of a university or a community college. Some students are lucky to be accepted by a college. When they approach the end of their degree, they find that things start to change.

The choices I face now are what universities will accept me and which ones have the courses I need.

The choices that the younger adults have today are admirable to the point of knowing there are choices open to them. As for older adults, the choices are fewer.

The difference in the two is

like day and night. The young adults don't know how lucky they are to have parents who care enough to support them in their choices.

Some older adults do have children who can support them morally and emotionally.

The financial aspect of the matter is a different story.

Some of older adults have children who depend on them for financial support. Those children still live at home with a job that only pays enough to just get them by for gas, clothes and books.

Still, there are parents in school who need financial help from their children.

Some adult students will never live in a dorm or sorority house.

Society is so mixed up and crazy that we find it hard to keep focused on moral standards and how to keep our priorities in order, or even what our society's priorities are.

Americans are finding it harder and harder to become self-supporting and independent.

## Where have all the students gone?

By Current Editorial Board

Hello? Are there any students out there? The turnout, or lack thereof, at the recent student government elections suggests a complete absence of school spirit and participation.

On a campus of 9,000 full and part-time students, a whopping 152 made their way to the polls on election day. For the mathematically challenged readers, that is in the vicinity of 1 percent of the total student

population. This lack of participation has plagued the members of The Current this quarter as well. It is difficult to create a college newspaper when so few students find the time to read the newspaper let alone send in thought-provoking letters to the editor.

Nevertheless, we congratulate new Student Body President Terry Chhoeun, and send our hopes for a more spirited campus next year.

## Tailgaters better back off

By Sarah Dillon  
Staff Reporter

Why do people tailgate? That's my question for the day. When I'm driving down the road and I look in my rearview mirror to find that some punk driver thinks he or she can drive as close to my car as he or she wants, it drives me insane.

Here's a real life scenario that happened Monday, April 26, 1999. I left for school at 7:35 am. I jumped on Highway 18 going east. I happened to look in my rearview mirror to see that the driver of the car behind me was way too close for comfort, automatically getting me steamed because I really hate tailgaters. I felt as if the driver was invading my space. My speed was between 60-65 miles per hour and I was not going to go any faster for him. Just to spite him, I started to slow down, hinting that he should back the heck off my car.

I take the first exit off the highway, leading me straight to Green River Community College. As I am driving up the hill toward the light at 124th, I see that there's a line of cars not moving, so I slow down. I'd also like to inform you that the driver

behind me was still tailgating me, making me more irritated every second. As I am inching forward, I find there was an accident. The cars ahead of me are driving slowly while passing a fire truck. Anyone with common sense would know that in this type of situation, it is smart to be little more alert and cautious. There were people on the side of the road and firemen walking around trying to keep the cars moving at a slow and steady pace.

The pace had stopped due to a red light. It had turned green. The car in front of me inched forward, so I do the same. Suddenly, I looked in my rearview mirror and saw the idiot driver was coming at least 20 mph at me. I heard him crash into me. After that, I had an "out of body experience." I was fuming. I got out of the car and yelled a couple of adjectives. All I could see was red. I was so pissed. I couldn't think straight. How dare someone hit my baby.

My point is that if the other driver hadn't been so close to me, or if he'd had his head screwed on straight, the whole accident could have been avoided. Tailgating is an annoyance for everyone.

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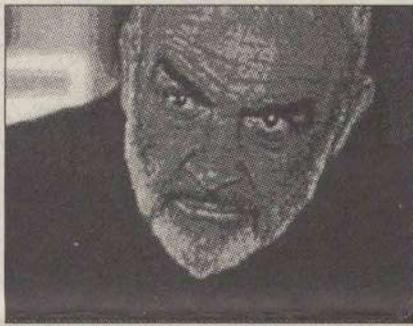
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# 'Entrapment' full of thrills

By Hannah Whitten  
Staff Reporter

"Entrapment," starring Sean Connery and Catherine Zeta-Jones, is the closest thing to a good, old-fashioned spy movie I've seen in a long time. It combines mystery, romance and plenty of "Mission: Impossible" style action that leaves you envying the lifestyle of an international thief—but only if you aren't caught.

Zeta-Jones plays Gin Baker, an insurance agent who has been on the trail of a master thief for almost five years. She is obsessed with catching



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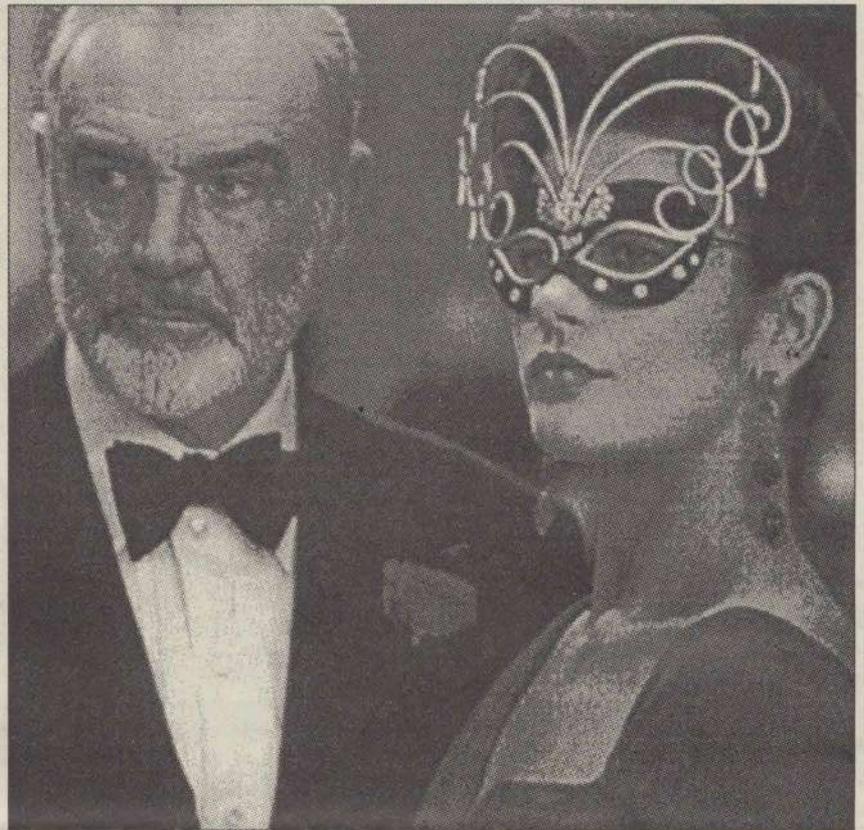
Connery stars in 'Entrapment'

him, and when a priceless painting is stolen in an impossible heist from the 70th floor of an office building, she knows it's her guy.

Connery is Mac, the art thief Gin is after, who steals for the thrill of it. He turns the tables on Gin after he finds her spying on him, and she reveals her bait to catch him. She calls herself a thief, and asks for his help planning the theft of a gold mask.

The fun of "Entrapment" is that it keeps you guessing until the end. When you think you've got it figured out, a character isn't who they seem to be. Or they are, but their motive isn't what you thought. Or, it's changed at some point through the movie, except you don't know when or why. All the little things get explained at the end, but it does leave you wanting to see it again, if only to catch all the plot twists.

Zeta-Jones does well opposite Connery, but throughout the movie, you see them together and keep thinking she should be playing his daughter, not his love interest.



Courtesy Fox Pictures

Catherine Zeta-Jones and Sean Connery conduct espionage in 'Entrapment'.

## Division IX shakes walls at Northwest heavy-metal festival

By Matthew Strako  
Staff Reporter

Division IX played at the Northwest Metal Festival May 2 at The Mothership in Milton.

Foul language, loud guitars and raging drums filled the air as they shook the walls of the giant white dome. A variety of lights danced on the stage and illuminated the smoke pouring out from behind the drummer. Truly a spectacle too spectacular to go unnoticed.

Dave (Cid) Tripp (vocals), Mark Harding (guitar), Dan Breshears (bass) and Rich Hanson (drums) created the music that makes their unique industrial sound.

The band said they find it difficult to write material because they've been playing shows every weekend for the past two months.

"We have lots of stuff in the works," said Breshears. "But we don't have much time to work on anything."

Before shows, the band wears T-shirts they sell to make money for studio time they hope to use to make a CD. But on the stage, they wear other bands' shirts to show their support of the local scene.

"We show a lot of support for a lot of the other local bands," Tripp said.

This was their first time appearing at The Mothership, but they have played several shows across the street at Planet Hotrod. Their next show will be at Planet Hotrod June 11.

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# 'Mummy' no dummy of a film

By Melina Elder  
Staff Reporter

The story begins in Egypt, 1719 BC, when the high priest Imhotep (Vosloo) has an affair with the pharaoh's mistress Anck-Su-Namum. When the pharaoh discovers the affair, Imhotep kills the pharaoh in a fit of rage, and for Imhotep's crime, he will face a fate that is worse than death.

The best part of "The Mummy" is the special effects, because it is not afraid to show anything. The movie shows mummification, rotting corpses, torture procedures and death. I would not recommend this movie for the squeamish.

"The Mummy" held the suspense of the crowd in the movie theater. This movie was a thriller that definitely held a captive audience.

There is only one complaint about this movie: the constant array of semi-humorous jokes.

At a serious or scary moment, someone in the movie would have to make a ridiculous joke. I think the movie should have been a little more



Courtesy Universal Pictures

Brendan Fraser plays a leading role in 'Mummy' after he escapes from the gallows to face danger.

serious. When an ancient evil is about to destroy the world, I would not think anyone would be making

jokes about it. The humor gives "The Mummy" a hokey aspect that I did not like.

"The Mummy" was not excellent, but it was definitely good. It had excellent special effects.

## 'Mummy': Overlook the cheese

By Tami Hursh  
Staff Reporter

In order to enjoy "The Mummy," you have to be able to enjoy special effects, and be able to overlook a few cheesy ones.

Most of the effects in this movie are top-of-the-line, creepy, high action effects, which makes it easy to overlook the few that the whiz kids at Industrial Light and Magic overlooked.

Although the trailers for the movie make it look like it is a special effects movie, that's not all it is. At 2 hours and 5 minutes, there's much more to it than effects.

Brendan Fraser, playing the movie's hero,

strolls through "The Mummy" with an arrogant smirk, similar to Harrison Ford's in the "Indiana Jones" series. That's because he's got nothing to lose.

Fraser was rescued while hanging from the gallows by co-star Rachel Weisz, because she believed he knew where in the Sahara Desert a lost city of immeasurable wealth is located.

So off go Fraser, Weisz, and her brother, played by John Hannah ("Sliding Doors"). They get there only to find that some American fortune seekers have followed them.

Of course, soon after arrival, a 3,000-year-old curse is unleashed, and the mummy (Arnold

Vosloo) is resurrected to destroy the world. It is up to Fraser and his band of half-wits to try to stop it from happening.

In the meantime, we see walls of sand swallow a plane, water turn into blood and flesh-eating bugs eating, well, flesh.

The plot may be a little thin, the acting may be a little cheesy and some of the special effects may be a little rough around the edges, but it's a well-made movie.

**Critic's Grade: 4 Stars**



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Imhotep prepares to resurrect Anck-Su-Namum.

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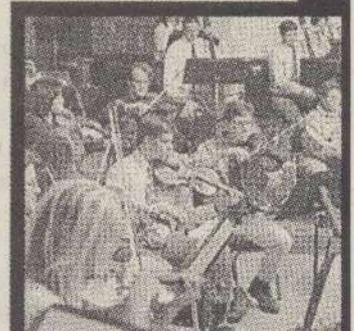
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# Decision time for the Sonics

By Gavin Anderson  
Sports Editor

Athletes want to win. The Seattle Supersonics are facing a dilemma. They want a championship, but at what price? One of the top guards in all of professional basketball wants the Sonics to be focused on winning. Gary Payton says that he'll ask to be traded if things do not change after next season. What he needs is for team president and general manager Wally Walker to listen to him—and for Walker to follow through with the team's needs.

We won't even touch the George Karl issue.

The Sonics want to be as "aggressive as (they) can be," according to head coach Paul Westphal, when dealing with free agency this off-season.

Two players that would fit right in to Westphal's system would be Toronto Raptor Doug Christie and Utah Jazz small forward Shandon Anderson. Christie is under contract until 2004 and Anderson is a free agent this summer.

Payton wants to win a championship. The entire organization wants a championship. He isn't going to stick around if Walker and owner Barry Ackerley take steps to show they are committed to putting a top basketball team on the floor every night.

Payton wants to stay in Seattle. He has the desire to win with the Sonics. He's looking for management and ownership to listen to his concerns and the general direction that the team is headed.

The Sonics are one or two players away from being a true contender. The shortened season did not help the Sonics. They did not mesh as a team.

The 1999-2000 season will be just another one of disappointment if the Sonics don't take the step necessary to be a championship team.

We'll end up losing Payton, too. It's time for Wally Walker and the Sonics to go out and get that championship, and keep Payton in Seattle.



**Gavin Anderson**  
Sports Editor

# Gators eye chance at an NWAACC title

## Solid hitting in lineup adds to team success

By David Kancianich  
Staff Reporter

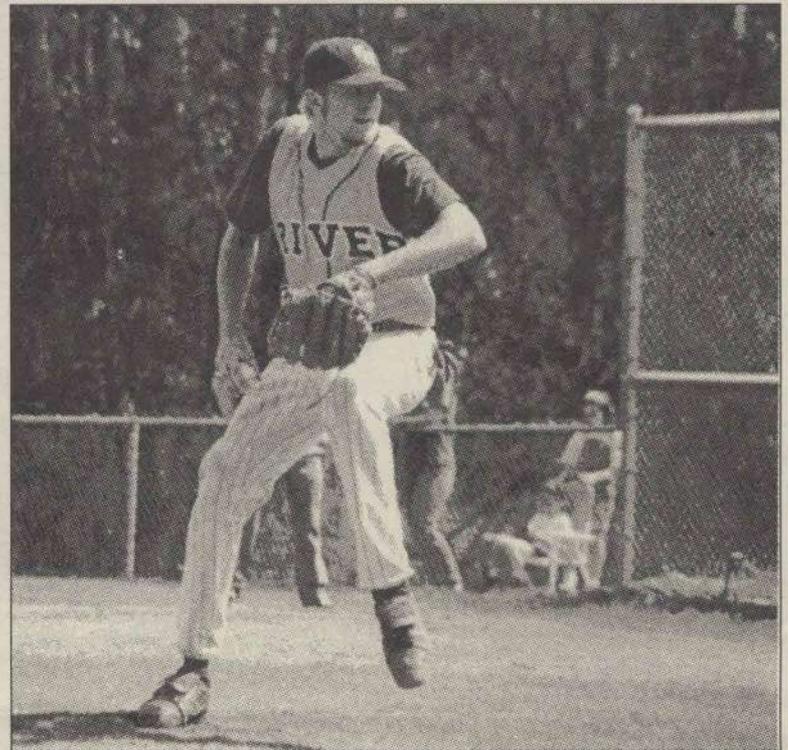
As the end of the regular season approaches, the Green River Gators baseball team focuses on getting into the NWAACC Tournament as the No. 2 seed in the Western Division.

With Skagit Valley, Shoreline, and Centralia colleges left, the Gators' schedule looks as if it shouldn't be hard for them to achieve their goal.

"Basically, we can control our own destiny," pitcher Kris Lamm said. "It is in the palm of our hands."

Up by two games over Tacoma Community College with four games to go, means that if the Gators can win three of those four games, they secure the lead and make it to the tournament.

"If we can take care of business this week, we will be on our



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Gator pitcher Kris Lamm pitches against Olympic earlier this season.

way [to the NWAACC Tournament]," captain Josh Burtis said.

Led by Burtis, Lamm and Tony Gagliasso, the Gators' pitchers have been very successful this year in keeping the Gators in the

games.

Very solid hitting by Rob Pogue, Lamm, Bret Larson, and Ryan Kohlmeier kept the bats alive.

Look for these Gators to heat up the NWAACC Tournament.

# Athletes should follow through

By Victor Rodriguez  
Staff Reporter

Athletes have a special responsibility to play sports the way they are meant to be played.

There are athletes who have not forgotten where they came from.

For some athletes sports is a way to escape hardship in their home land.

Dreaming of playing professional baseball, football, or basketball because, for most of them, it will be the only

way to escape poverty and take care of their families.

Sports are meant to be played by the best athletes from all across the world who are competing for a common goal.

The sports of today have their problems. As long as a team is winning, then everyone plays their heart out like they did when they were younger.

Players should perform up to par and forget about money.

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