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PARKING FEE STRUCTURE RAISES CONCERN

By Ingrid Polston

The new parking system raises a variety of concerns among Green River students.

Beginning this quarter, students pay for the right to park on campus in the form of a facilities fee included in their tuition payment.

In previous years parking permits were bought on a quarter-by-quarter basis only by students who wished to park on campus. With the new system all students pay the facilities fee, which includes a parking permit, whether they park on campus or not.

The amount paid for the facilities fee by each student is determined by the number of credits the student is taking for the quarter. Students pay \$2 for each credit, a minimum of \$10 up to a maximum of \$20.

Funds from the facilities fee go toward a number of things including maintaining security, parking lot improvements, security equipment, and student work-study programs. Income from parking permit sales in previous years also funded security, parking lot

improvement and maintenance.

Students must also now register their vehicle's license plate number with security in order to park on campus.

According to Fred Creek, Director of Parking and Security, a database of 6,134 student vehicles has been created for security officers. Officers utilize this data base for any reason they may need to track down the owner of a vehicle parked on campus.

The data base is "more of a service to students

rather than a way of enforcement," says Creek. He stresses that the security department at GRCC is an organization that strives to meet the needs and concerns of students, not just to enforce parking regulations and punish violators.

Many students, however, feel that the choice to pay for on-campus parking should be left up to each individual. "I feel like I'm already getting bombarded with costs like the technology fee and books," says student Kelli Williams. Others think in the long run the

new fee will be beneficial to the school.

Returning student Isaac Miranda admits that he was not in favor at first of the technology fee imposed on students beginning in 1996, but now feels the new technology brought to the school as a result of the new fee, including many new computers, has been beneficial. He believes the same will be true of the new facilities fee: "If it increases safety, then it will benefit the students," he says.

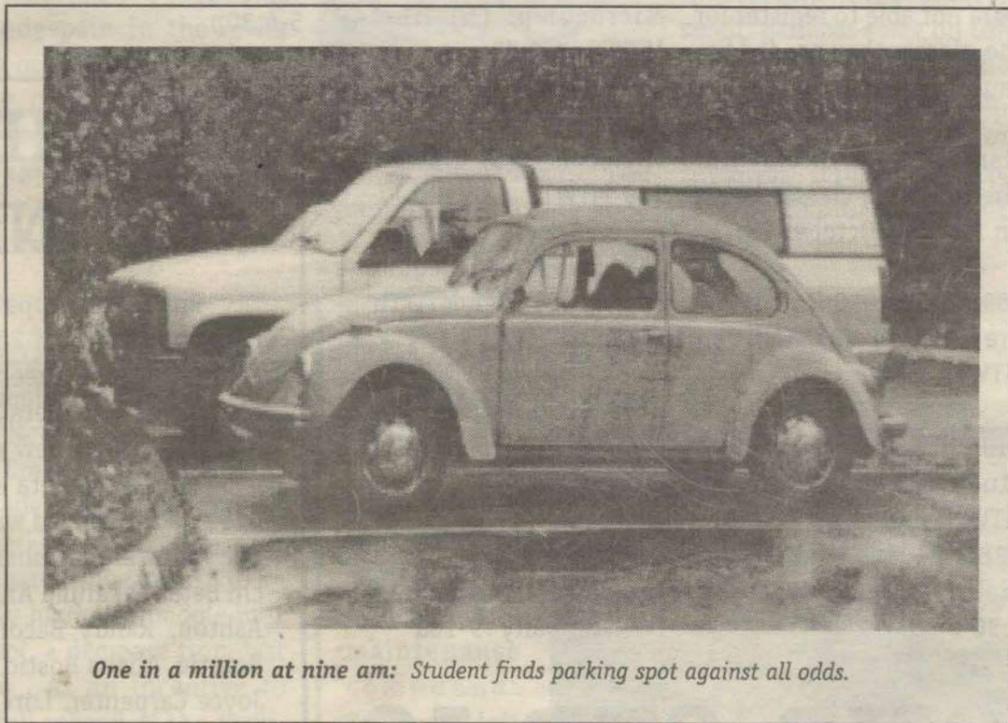
Another concern brought up frequently by

Green River students is the problem with crowded parking lots and the difficulty in finding a parking spot. "I feel like the people parking has doubled from last year," says Kelli Williams.

Many believe that the new mandatory parking fee contributes to this problem. "It's hard to find parking when everyone has the opportunity," says new student Kandi Willoughby.

For students who don't drive to school, a discounted Metro bus pass is being offered. A large sum of money from the facilities fee along with a contribution from Metro has been set aside for those who choose to ride the bus. The program allows \$35 toward any Metro bus pass for 300 students each quarter. "Green River has formed a great relationship with Metro," says Bonnie Fox, Coordinator of Transportation. "We're hoping to continue this in the future." There has been a positive response to the bus pass program according to Fox, and there are still passes

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One in a million at nine am: Student finds parking spot against all odds.

RUNNING START ENROLLMENT ON THE RISE

By Jorge Peña

Participation in the Green River Community College Running Start program has exploded to more than 500 students this fall.

The program, which was mandated by the Washington State Legislature in 1990, allows academically qualified high school juniors and seniors to take college courses for both high school and college credit. Program enrollment has more than tripled since the program began at GRCC with 128

students in 1992.

GRCC attracts students from more than 40 high schools in the 19 school districts it serves. Students enter Running Start for a variety of reasons ranging from the desire for a challenge or a change of atmosphere, or to avoid conflicts at their high school.

Jordan Miller, a high school junior from the Federal Way District, came to GRCC seeking help that Thomas Jefferson High School would not give him. Based on testing that

showed he was able to take classes just as any other student could, the school decided to overlook the fact that he needed some assistance. With ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder), Jordan has difficulty keeping organized.

His first day here at GRCC, he got exactly what he needed: a basic college syllabus. When he had asked for a monthly calendar from his classes at TJHS, he never got one. That addition, along with being able to write in his

books, highlight and make notes, has given Jordan, a fresh running start.

For students like Jordan, Running Start is the opportunity for educational achievement. For others, it can have a more limiting effect. For example, Running Start students have the opportunity to enroll prior to incoming students, limiting the available time slots for certain classes that fill quickly. Time scheduling is important for the Running Start students because they often

participate in sports and extracurricular activities, hold jobs, and of course, still have parents that don't want minors out late. Five seats are held at the beginning of the registration process for Running Start. This may be new to students around campus. Students often beat the problem of full classes by attending the first registration date on the calendar.

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LATE START CLASSES OFFER SECOND CHANCE

By: Erica Torheim

In a continuing effort to better serve the students of Green River Community College and the surrounding community, GRCC will be offering several late start fall quarter classes. Late Start classes will run through the end of the quarter, December 11. Enrollment for the classes is open to new and currently enrolled students. The classes were instituted to give students a choice of new classes if they had dropped a class during the first week or two of school. The classes are also meant

to benefit students who were not able to register for the classes they needed because they were full.

Enrollment in the late start classes is encouraged. The following classes begin on Monday, October 13:

0090 BASIC 050 D G E D Preperation (3) RLC-134 MTWTh 2-4p

1196 BEHSC 100 E Study Skills (5) RLC-173 MTWTh 2-3:30p

1286 BIOL 100 E Intro. Biology (5) STC-17 MWTh 3:30-6p

1465 BUS E 100 F Fund'ls of Microcomp. (5) HL-149 MTWTh 1-2:30p

1973 CIS 100 F Fund'ls of Microcomp. (5) HL-149 MTWTh 1-2:30p

1481 BUS E 101 D Beginning Typing (5) BI-1 MTWTh 2-3:30p

3721 GEOG 100 V Intro to Geography (5) IVA-108 MTWTh 7:30-9p

5101 MATH 097 J Intermediate Algebra (5) IVA-108 Daily 9-10a

5193 Math 107 C Contemporary Math (5) SMT-111 Daily 11a-12p SMT-110 F 12-1p

6305 P SCI 101 U Pric/Prob of Governing (2) SS-2 Tth 5-6:30p

7997 PHIL 120 F Intro to Logic (5) STB-1 MTTh 1-3:10p

0221 ANTHR 201 B Physical Anthropology (5) SS-9 MTWTh 2-3:25p

PHI THETA KAPPA NEW INDUCTEES

Phi Theta Kappa held thier Spring Induction Ceremony on May 28 in the Lindbloom Center. Alpha Chi Beta, Green River Community College's chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, welcomes and congratulates their new members.

Alpha Chi Beta encourages all new members to become involved with the activities of the club. The following members were inducted into Alpha chi Beta: Takafumi Ando, Sherrie Appleton, Sharon Ashton, Randy Bacon, Christine Barney, Barbra Beattie, Alisha Bostic, Scott Bradner, Lexi Brester, Joyce Carpenter, Lori Cox, Tracy Jo Elliott, Cyndi Fairchild, Randy Falkenhagen Jr., Eron Gouw, Paul Grove, Jane Hainsworth, Larry Holbrook, Joyce Huntley, Yong Im, Jerry Jensen, Sharon Kendall, June Knight, Autumn Labrecque, Josh Lagasse, Coleen Lisoski, Gari Manning, Jennifer Massie, Ellen McKamey, Mary Molina, Todd Moser, Lindy Mouracade, Patricia Navarro Villalon, Sandra Nguyen, Marissa Peterson, James Riccardo, Ann Settles, Heather Sherrard, Miriam Smith, Gary Snyder, Kathryn Sprigg, Kellie Starowski, David St. Martin, Debra Tarver, Pohan Tawan, Johanna Taylor, Jeff Templeton, Jim Welch, Veronica Whitehorn, Sandy Williamson, Angela Wiswell.

Alpha chi Beta held elections for new officers on June 3. The following members were elected: Lindy Mouracade; President, Alisha Bostic; Vice President, Denise Brewer; Secretary to the Advisor, Christine Barney; Public Relations Officer, Joanne VanDeugen; Communications Officer, Gail Manning; Recording Officer. These are the new officers for the 1997-1998 year. Alpha Chi Beta wishes all new officers much suces and luck with their new positions.

TEST YOUR STD IQ

More than eight million people under the age of 25 have a sexually transmitted disease (STD). Thinking there is no risk? Think again. Many people's knowledge of STD's is probably based on fiction more than on fact. Many people don't know what's true, what isn't, or how you can be protected from getting or transmitting an STD. Answer fact (true) or fiction (false) to the following questions and find out if your STD IQ is high enough to help keep you safe. Whether you pass or fail, a trip to the student health center will help with the latest information on STD prevention and treatment.

1. I can't get a sexually transmitted disease if I don't have intercourse (penetration).
2. All types of birth control will protect me from STD's.
3. The most common STD on college campuses is human papillomavirus (HPV), the virus that cause genital warts.
4. AIDS is not a problem on college campuses.
5. Viral STDs (like genital warts and herpes) cannot be cured.
6. Condoms provide 100% protection from HPV.
7. All STDs have symptoms.
8. If I get an STD, I'll never be able to have sex again ever.
9. Women are at greater risk than men for STDs.
10. You can have only one STD at a time.

Some of the most common sexually transmitted diseases are AIDS, Chlamydia, Genital Herpes, Genital warts, Gonorrhea, Pelvic Inflammatory disease, Pubic Lice or Scabies and Syphilis.

AIDS is a specific set of symptoms caused by a severe infection of the human Immunodeficiency Virus. It takes two weeks to six months for HIV infections, AIDS may occur anytime after infection. The symptoms include tiredness, trouble breathing, weight loss, diarrhea and purple or brown spots on the skin. There is no vaccination or cure for AIDS.

Chlamydia is a bacteria which causes infections in the urethra and cervix. It takes seven to 21 days to cause the infection. Symptoms include unusual discharge or burning feeling from the genitals. Antibiotic medicine cures the disease.

Answers to STD quiz:

1. Fiction. Some STDs can be spread by genital to genital or hand to genital contact with an infected area.

2. Fiction. Birth control devices devices, like pills and foam protect against pregnancy only,

3. Fact. Nine percent of all college students have HPV.

4. Fiction. Risky behaviors increase chances of AIDS.

5. Fact. Viral STDs can be treated and managed but not cured.

6. Fiction. Viral STDs can

be transmitted by skin-to skin contact.

7. Fiction. Many STDs initially cause no symptoms, especially in women.

8. Fiction. Some STDs are curable.

9. Fact. Because of their anatomy and physiology, women are at greater risk than men for aquiring STDs.

10. Fiction. You can have more than one STD

at a time.

give yourself ten points for each correct answer. If your score was 90 % or higher,

congratulations, you are informed. If your score was under 90 %, call the national STD

Hotline (800/227-8922) or see a professional at the college health center for more information.

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STD continued...

Genital Herpes is a virus which causes sores on sex organs or mouth which appear within 21 days after exposure. The symptoms are small, painful sores on genitals. There is no known cure for herpes.

Genital Warts is a virus which infects the sex organs. The symptoms of small bumps may appear within one to 20 months after infection. There is no known cure for wart virus. Gonorrhea is a bacteria

which most often infects cervix and urethra. It takes two to seven days for the symptoms of unusual discharge and burning to appear.

Pelvic inflammatory disease is an infection of the uterus, fallopian tubes and ovaries in women. Symptoms include pain in the lower back or abdomen. May have fever, nausea and vomiting. symptoms can occur two to 21 days after infection. Antibiotic medicine cures the disease.

Pubic lice, or Scabies are small insects that live on



skin in pubic area. The symptoms are itching and

rash. Symptoms occur three days to several weeks after infection. Treatment is medicated lotion or shampoo.

Syphilis is a bacteria which causes infections on sex organs and will spread throughout body if untreated. The first stage is small, painless sores on the genitals or mouth. The second stage is a rash, swollen glands, fever or tiredness. If untreated may damage brain, eyes, heart

and other organs. Symptoms can occur within ten to 90 days. Antibiotic medicine cures the disease. The only sure way to avoid an STD is not having sex. You can reduce your risk by using a condom, having regular check-ups.

In case of infection see your health care provider, family planning/STD clinic or health department as soon as possible. Stop having sex until the problem is fully treated. Talk to your partner as soon as possible.

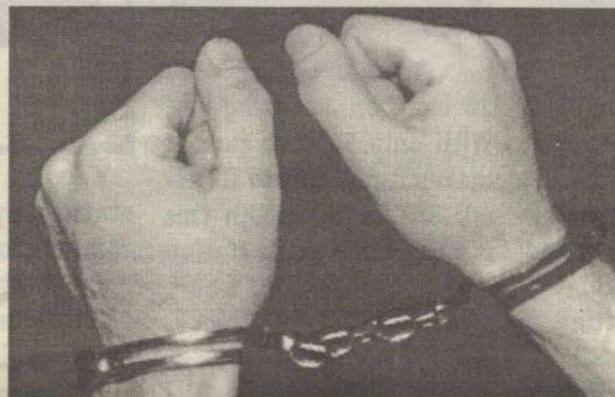
Parking continued...

The Administration staff is employing some new tactics to try to ease the crowding. New parking lots are a possibility, but according to Fred Creek no definite plans have been made. "We have some ideas floating around," he says. The number of carpool parking spots on campus has been doubled from last year, increasing from 32 to 64 spots. In addition, a car need only have two people in it this year to be considered a carpool, a decrease from last year's minimum of three people. As an incentive to carpool, the school is offering a full refund of the facilities fee to any student who turns in 32 validated carpool permits by the last day of the quarter. Also, security officers now direct traffic at the three-way intersection off campus during busy times of the day. This is an effort to decrease the traffic build-up caused by students leaving the campus. According to Creek, traffic direction will continue as long as big traffic back-ups do.

SECURITY BLOTTER

September 17

A green adult tricycle was reported stolen from behind the maintenance compound. The owner left the bike on the morning of the 17 and upon arrival on the 18 discovered the bike was missing. The bike was



found two days later in front of the Holman Library.

September 18

During a general security check on Holman Library the south exterior door was found unsecured. The interior doors of HLB 117, HLB 116, Gallery and an office were also found unsecured. No one was found inside the building and nothing seemed to be missing.

September 22

A student broke his finger while attempting to catch a ball on the ball field. He was taken to Auburn General Hospital due to a compound fracture of his finger.

September 23

A day planner containing \$245.00 and a parking sticker was taken from the restroom in Lindbloom Student Center when a student left the planner in the restroom.

September 25

Upon returning from class a student found that another vehicle had run into her Chevrolet Corsica, denting both driver-side doors and depositing a yellow paint transfer. Driver of the responsible vehicle left no contact information. Damage is estimated to be in excess of \$200.00.

Running Start continued...

Running Start students most often enroll in the same courses as freshman or sophomores here at GRCC, and fellow students or teachers have no way of distinguishing between a college student and a Running Start student. In order to enroll, students must take courses numbered 100 and above, along with completing the COMPASS and being eligible to take at least Math 102 and/or English 110. Although the tuition is free, books, supplies, lab fees, transportation, and parking fees are the responsibility of the student. Students receive both college and high school credit when completing classes. However, the grades they receive also affect their high school and college grade point average. Students do not receive any extra attention from faculty that any other student would. The faculty are not informed about which students are Running Start, and so expect the same level of classroom participation and quality of work as from the adult college students.

Due to the growth of enrollment from Running Start students, the demand of classes has increased. However, the money that the Running Start Program brings to Green River Community College, has not increased the budget. The money that has come in goes directly back into the Running Start Program for expenditures including high school relations, part-time faculty, educational planning support, billing support, part-time advising, books and transportation, ADA requirements, and supplies and materials. The demand for additional class openings has resulted in more English, math, and history classes.

There are both strengths and weaknesses in enrolling with the running start program as listed in the Running Start Handbook. Some of the strengths include:

- * Students have the opportunity to take courses that may not be offered at their local high school.
- * Academically qualified students have an opportunity to take advanced level courses.
- * Students can earn up to two years of tuition-free college credit, getting a head start on college.
- * Students may have the opportunity to take more diverse elective classes than provided at the HS.

The weaknesses are:

- * Students may not be on the maturity level needed for college.
- * Students who are academically ready may find the independence and the speed of college classes overwhelming and would benefit from remaining in high school classes. Examples: a HS math class would take one year to cover, while in college it would take 10 weeks; a five credit class will have approximately ten hours of homework each and there will be no classroom time for homework.
- * Due to being off of HS campus, students may miss information about HS activities and/or deadlines for scholarship applications.
- * The scheduling of college classes may conflict with HS classes or extracurricular activities.
- * Holidays and vacation periods may be different. Students are expected to attend college classes even though their HS is not in session.

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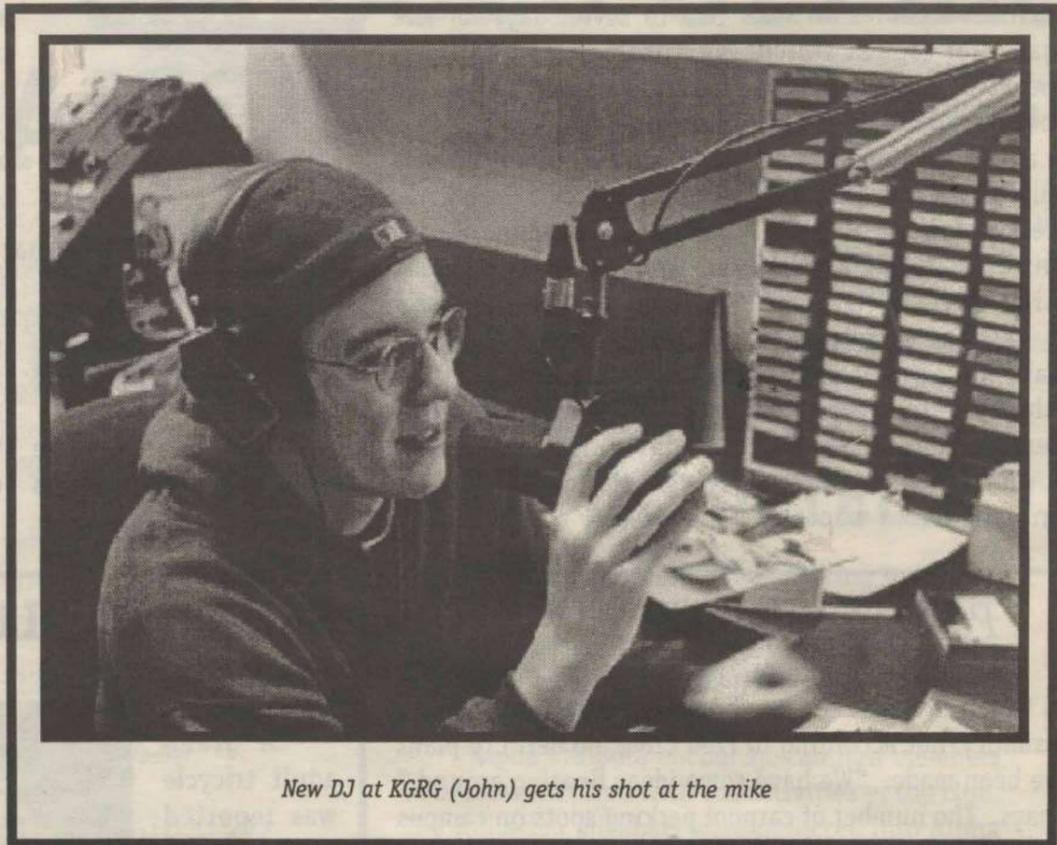
REAL ALTERNATIVE RADIO WITH SOME LOCAL FLAVOR

By Matt Phelps

When most students think of Alternative music stations they think of 107.7 The End. But a REAL Alternative radio station is right here at Green River Community College in KGRG (89.9FM). This quarter, under new program director Charlie Harger, KGRG has made a commitment to Alternative radio. To do this KGRG has done away with the music like Peter Gabriel and Sting, along with keeping their commitment to local and Independent music. Local Motion hosted by Matt Warren is a great example of the support that KGRG has given to up-and-coming local bands. It gives these independent bands a chance to be heard and more importantly for the listener, it provides a chance to find out about great local music before

anybody else. KGRG also has seven other specialty shows such as "Ear to the Street", a hip hop oriented program hosted by DJ Crush, and "Hedonistic Nihilism" an industrial-oriented show hosted by Joshua Brian Hammack. Last quarter KGRG started a morning show 5 days a week that they have continued into this quarter because of its great success.

With the stations growing success comes problems such as a record number of students trying to get into the program. This quarter there are 28 new students to KGRG and 10 more on a waiting list. With only 56 time slots it makes it difficult to fit every one in. Although this is a problem for the station the listener tends to benefit from the enormous desire to be on the radio. It raises the standards of the



New DJ at KGRG (John) gets his shot at the mike

station by having more competition for air time. Being that KGRG relies on the listener to keep it going through fund drives and concerts, listeners won't

hear the usual onslaught of commercials that they might on other stations. Coming up on November 7th KGRG will be putting on another concert at GRCC. They

have been talking to several major bands for the headlining spot but nothing had been confirmed as of press time.

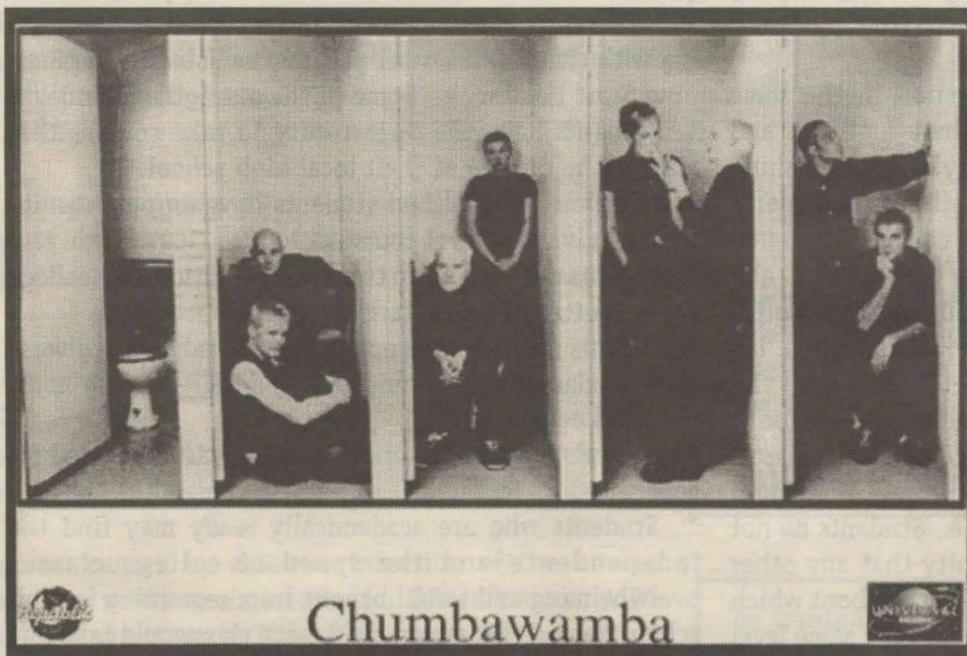
CD's to be reviewed in next issue include:

- (Hed)pe
- Jars of Clay
- Plumb
- Foo Fighters

Clubs at Green River Community College 1997

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Teachers of tomorrow
East Indian Club
Native American Club
Ski Club

CHUMBAWAMBA ANYONE?



By Erica Torheim

If you are a diehard End fan or if you flip through the radio stations constantly and happen to land on 107.7, you may have heard the song "Tubthumper." The song is a single off of Chumbawamba's album Tubthumping.

The eight-piece

group consists of Lou Watts on vocals/keyboard; Danbert Nobacon, vocals/keyboard; Boff Harryhamer, drums; Alice Nutter, vocals/percussion; Paul Greco, bass; and recent addition of Jude Abbott on trumpet/vocals.

Chumbawamba proved their non-conformism when they started their own label, Agit-Prop. On

Agit-Prop, Chumbawamba produced six albums, of which only five were released. The group then signed with EMI Europe and Republic/Universal Records in the United States. The authentic "Tubthumper" single is a trouble maker's melodic wet dream. The album is full of dance beats and rousing pop choruses.

Songs like "Amnesia" and "I want more," are an irresistible invitation to strut, while quiet contemplative "small town" blows away the idea that drum n' bass can't move the heart as well as the feet Tubthumping bravely steals from every musical genre and surpasses its influences.

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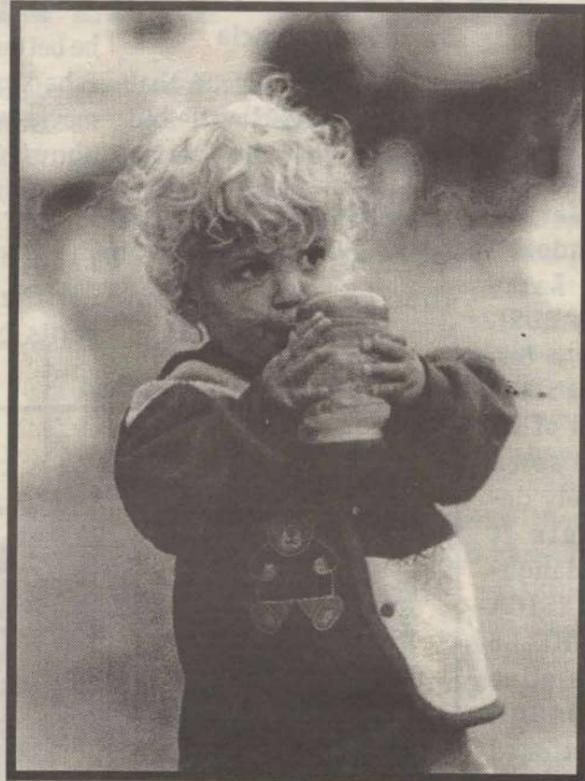
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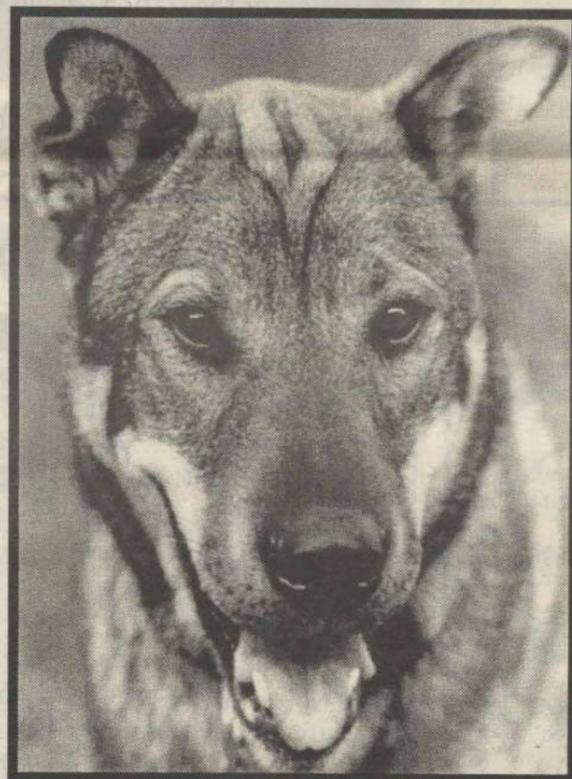
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"Wonder Child" (By Krista Martinson, 1997)



"Rudy" (By Krista Martinson, 1997)

she even likes the Cranberries

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of the happiness I once had

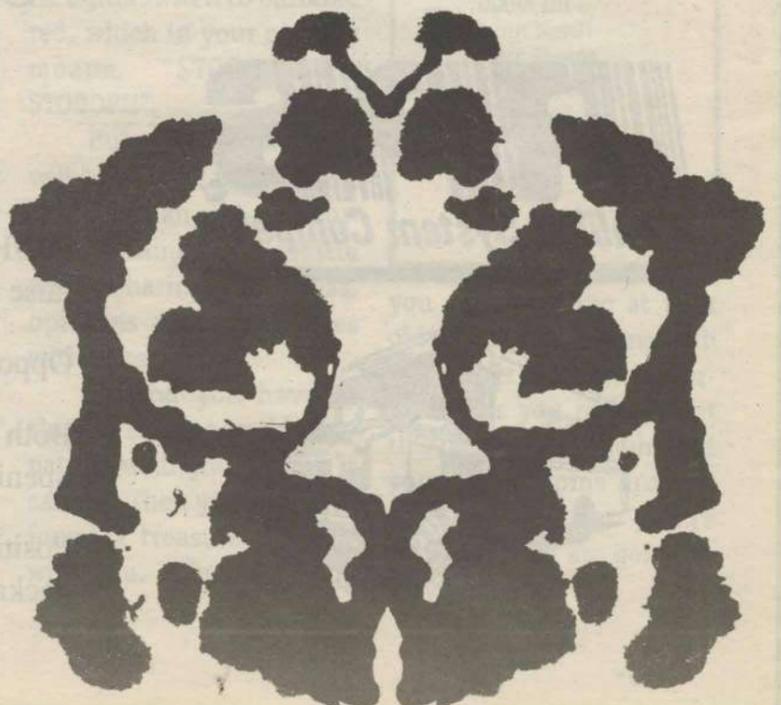
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to be wanted
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caught up in something
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if he really understands
what is going on
between her and I
I have that desire again for
someone I
cannot have-
and I am sad

James Winkelman
July 23, 1997

Um...what
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will publish the
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"A THOUSAND ACRES" CAN WAIT TILL IT'S ON VIDEO

SYNOPSIS

"Based on the Pulitzer-winning best-selling novel, "A Thousand Acres" follows the saga of the Cook family, headed by the indomitable patriarch, Larry Cook (JASON ROBARDS). Cook's kingdom is a fertile farm that spans 1,000 acres, but the seed of its destruction are sown when he impulsively decides to distribute it among his three daughters, Ginny (JESSICA LANGE), Rose (MICHELLE PFEIFFER), and Caroline (JENNIFER JASON LEIGH). The apportioned land soon begins to divide the family. Long-guarded secrets, unspoken rivalries and denied desire,

By Ruben Valencia

I guess it's true, that you can have it all and experience the same problems everyone else seems to have to deal with. "A Thousand Acres," (directed by Jocelyn Moorehouse) turned out to

be better than I anticipated. I had no idea what this movie was supposed to be about. It began with a woman named Ginny Cook, played by actress Jessica Lange (who was the narrator in this movie). She starts by speaking about

how respected her and her family was in the small town of Zublan county.

Ginny Cook's family consisted of her father, her two sisters, and her husband. They all lived within walking distance from one another on this

thousand acre farm.

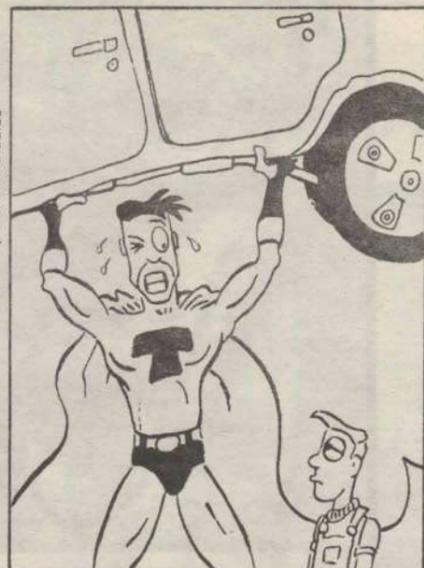
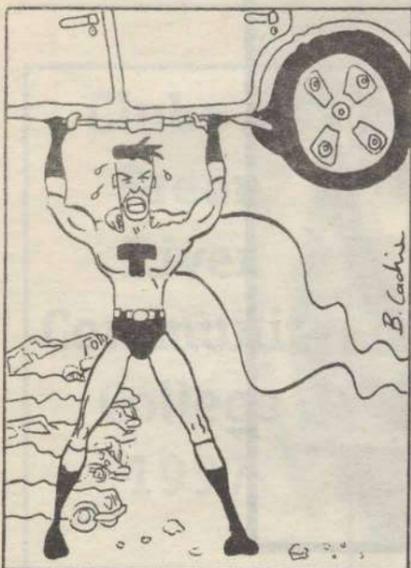
The father decides to sign the farm over to his three daughters and their husbands. The youngest of his daughters did not accept the offer right away, which aggravated him. After the incident the family started to expose most of their very shocking problems. These included adultery, molestation, a few cases of drunk driving, the father trying to sue his family in order to get the farm back, breast cancer, and a couple of episodes of death. In my opinion, the movie in general was put together very well. This movie was one of the few that did not leave me wondering very much.

I wouldn't save my money to go see it a second time. So I guess if your going to go and see this movie I guess it would be alright to leave one eye open. Bring a box of Kleenex with you too.



Ginny (JESSICA LANGE) and Rose (MICHELLE PFEIFFER) share a tender moment from "A Thousand Acres."

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Opinions

CAMPUS IS NOT EXEMPT FROM HARASSMENT

By Kristin Moore and Heather Meier

From classrooms to the workplace, women and men are being sexually harassed, every day, everywhere. The college campus is not exempt from this type of harassment.

Walking through the student center it is not unusual to hear whistles and receive leering glances from the men, especially around the pool tables. Men report being shouted at with remarks such as "faggot" as they try to walk up the stairs in LSC. Harassment also occurs in class and work. The school seems to look the other way about these things.

We asked many students around the campus to define sexual harassment. Almost all of the men we asked agreed that sexual harassment only occurs

when a woman has said no and the man persist with his actions. Most of the women we surveyed responded that

"Most women believe that sexual harassment is anything that makes them feel uncomfortable and is sexual in nature."

sexual harassment is anything that makes them uncomfortable and is sexual in nature.

This variance in definitions of sexual harassment presents a problem because many students do not know how to respond to sexual harassment and are usually embarrassed and ashamed that it has happened to them.

The legal definition of sexual harassment, from the US Equal Opportunity Com-

mission is, "unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature when submission to, or rejection

of, this conduct explicitly or implicitly affects an individual's employment, unreasonably interferes with an individual's work performance, or creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive work environment."

A student who believes he or she has been harassed has several options. One option is to report the harassment to a school official. However, when looking into this at GRCC we en-

countered many obstacles.

When we began to ask around no one really knew who to report the harassment to. The Information Department didn't know, even the Women's Center wasn't sure.

We were finally directed to the Human Resource department which took more than five minutes to dig out any information from its files. That policy pertained to staff. After persisting even further we were eventually directed to a locked complaint box with forms, next to the Health Center in the Lindbloom Student Center.

As students we wondered how any one actually troubled by harassment would deal with all these obstacles. If it was either one of us we would probably have given up long ago.

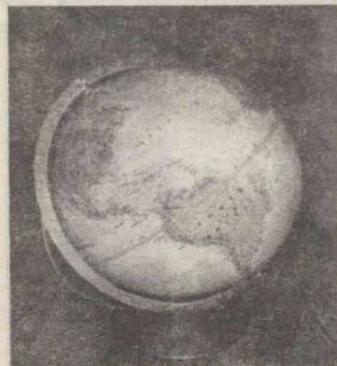
Looking from the outside this experience would

make some wonder about the schools position on this issue. Given that many of the key employees at the school appear so unclear about the policy on sexual harassment.

Despite the fact that it may not appear to be taken seriously, it is. Just recently three campus employees were suspended for two weeks without pay for behavior that was offensive and harassing in nature.

Having experienced sexual harassment in our own lives we realize the need to report it. We encourage all people to report sexual harassment. We encourage everyone to treat people with respect and decency and to help end this trend of sexual harassment. Many people pay lip service to how serious they think sexual harassment is, but lip service and action are two distinctly different things.

THOUSANDS OF MILES FROM HOME



By Karin Wallstrom

Many people want to broaden their horizons. One effective way is to leave your home, become independent, and take the plunge into becoming an exchange student, to pursue a dream and leap into a unknown future.

If you were to ask an exchange student why they chose to go to America you

would probably get a variety of answers, but mostly it is to experience another

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culture, learn to speak a language and just for the fun of it!

Although some students prepare for years to study abroad, some make up their mind in a minute.

When you have your mind made up, the practical planning part starts. Getting your funding together, applying to the school, deciding who is going to have custody of your goldfish

while you are gone. Making travel arrangements. Finding a place to live. Say-

ing goodbye to your friends and check their addresses once more..

Then there is the airport goodbye, which is never fun, but somehow it always seems as if the sad feeling starts to transform during your flight, being replaced by a new feeling of excitement.

Then the adventure begins. Sometimes it can be a struggle to get acclimated, for instance, you know that you are still new when you:

...tell your friends directions to your house and they end up in another city...

...play Jeopardy with your friends trying to fig-

ure out what actually hides in the plastic food containers in the food store...

...walk in on the wrong side of the counter, just to find the cashier looking at you with a strange expression...

...always pay the double price on the bus because you have not quite figured out the price system...

...start hopping across the street with your shopping bags because the traffic lights switch to blinking red, which in your country means, "STOP, STOP, STOOOP!!"

But pretty soon you will have it all figured out.

Being an exchange student, I think, is as mostly about sharing your ideas, opinions and experiences with others.

And you have to think if this is a world compatible with you. Maybe it can be. Then you will have found a treasure to carry with you. It is the feeling

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Opinions

WHY MEDIA FAVORS ROYALTY

By Jorge Peña

Diana, Princess of Wales

Princess Diana died in a car crash in Paris, France on the evening of August 31, 1997. Her life will be forever in the hearts and minds of the people she cared for and those who cared for her. The legacy of Princess Diana will live in everyone she inspired and many people she never got to reach.

Coming from a status of a royal outcast into the royal family helped her discover what she wanted to do as a contributor, to help those who were rejected by society.

Diana supported close to a hundred hospitals, charities, civic groups, and humanitarian organizations by using her position of royalty and wealth and her great desire to help others.

Her efforts brought to

those organizations an estimated \$459 million each year.

Her most popular contribution helped AIDS sufferers, lepers, and landmine victims.

In 1987, Diana offered her ungloved hand to an AIDS sufferer in order to show society to not fear AIDS as a disease that is spread by casual touch. Diana did this on more than one occasion, in 1993 in Nepal she reached out to touch lepers.

The most recent of her charity benefits was the auctioning of her dresses at Christie's, which raised \$5.7 million.

Throughout the seventeen years of being in the spotlight, it never changed her desire to aid the most vulnerable of this society. That is what has made her the people's princess.

VS?

Why do you think Princess Diana received more attention from the media than Mother Teresa?

Mother Teresa, Saint of the Gutters

Five days after the Princess' death, Mother Teresa died of a heart attack. Without popularity and wealth, Mother Teresa devoted her entire life to helping the needy.

Early in her life she made four vows. One was a vow of poverty, she gave away all her possessions. Two, a vow of chastity, she was the Bride of Christ. Three, she took a vow of obedience to her church, her Christ and her God. Her fourth vow was to serve the poor.

Within in the 87 years of her life she has won nu-

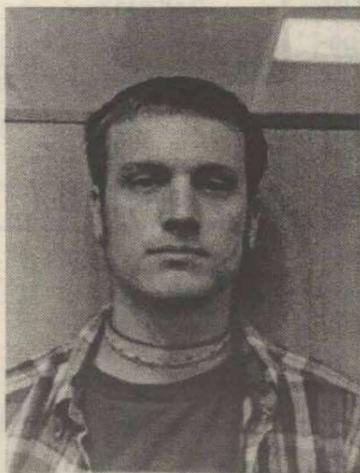
tual writings, and had founded many foundations that serve the poor.

With money that she received from awards such as the Albert Schweitzer International Prize in and the Nobel Peace Prize of 1979, she established leprosariums, schools, and food centers for the destitute.

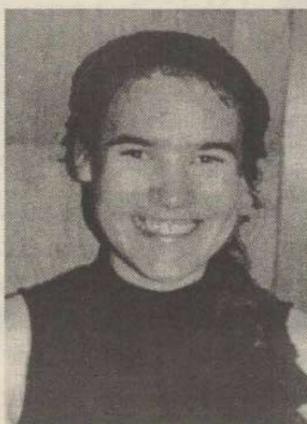
She also received the Peace Prize from Pope John, the Prize of the Good Samaritan, and the Kennedy Prize all in 1971, along with the Honorary Order of Merit in 1983, the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1985, the Woman of the Year

Survey says...

Andy Lambert, freshman, fully expressed by saying, "My opinion on Princess Di is that she was an annoying slut who actually didn't really do that much except donate dresses to people to sell after she wore them once then donated the money to charity. Well who cares!! Mother Teresa, however, donated her whole life to serving others. She grew up on the streets and then lived a life solely in poverty to help other sick and poverty stricken people that in my opinion deserves a ton more attention than Princess Di. Princess...an annoying slut. Mother Teresa ... a Saint."



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Sophomore, Amanda Levie said, "Besides riding on the already overwhelming publicity of the royal family, Princess Diana was more photogenic. Is that why her picture was plastered over all the newspapers for a week, why Mother Teresa got one day of memorial? Makes you wonder."

Wendy Livezey, Freshman, said, "The world is obsessed with secular events. i.e. Diana's life whereas Mother Theresa, a godly woman, concerned her life with godly works. The world doesn't want to acknowledge the existence of God and would rather concern itself with its selfish ways."



Freshman Aimee Shea replied, "Princess Diana got more attention because she had gotten more publicity in life and spoke against the media and their practices and therefore was a more interesting target for the media. Yet Mother Teresa did more for the people, go figure!"



A&E HOROSCOPES

By Ryan Duerme

LIBRA (Sep. 23 - Oct. 22)
"Shawshank Redemption"

Your current dilemma is universal; feeling that you are begin punished for a crime you didn't commit. You also are discovering other people's crimes, but feel that you can't expose them or help them. Well, everything is going to be all right. All you have to do is dig a hole through the wall. This process might take a while so stay patient, keep cool, and go incognito about your secret plan. Then, when the time comes...freedom, and maybe even a friend for life.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)
"To Wong Fu; Thanks for Everything, Julie Newmar"

You've always wanted to win a beauty pageant; feel like a winner, and maybe get in-touch with your feminine/masculine side. Well, first get some inspiration (Julie Newmar, and Marlene Dietrich recommended). And if the mood takes you, dress the part. Then, rent a car, go on a little road trip, and maybe even attend a Strawberry Festival, whatever. Don't forget to do something good for the Earth, or man/woman kind. People will see your good intentions, and in turn will make you feel good, all you need to earn your princess points. The sooner you get started, the sooner you'll be on your way to becoming a full-pledged DIVA.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) "Goonies"

You need a little old-school flashback; revisit your youth. You need to go on an adventure, maybe chase your childhood "One-eyed Willie" obsession. Go for it-feel like a kid again. Chase that dream that maybe you never got to wake up to. Start by jumping on your parent's bed, and before you know it, you'll find yourself on a treasure hunt. Oh, Cindy Lauper is in this film, so maybe you can get inspiration from her.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) "Star Trek, The Motion Picture"

For the past decade your life has been a very successful 60's TV sitcom. Special effects are kind-of "B" rated, but filled with

pretty good story lines and nifty uniforms. You feel pretty universal, well-rounded, with friends from different planets. Now (after many reruns), it's time for the big leap....a movie. What the near future holds for you is an epic adventure through time and space. You are in command of the USS Enterprise, the greatest vessel in Star Fleet. Time for you "to boldly go where no one has gone before."

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) "The Sound of Music"

Music is missing from your life. You feel that whenever you enter a room, music should be playing. Well, you're not going to find it at your present location. Where you will find it is in the hills. Don't forget a your guitar and a bunch of your Von Trappe friends. My main point, you have a great hunger to run away from your abbey-like-life. Well, take advice from your reverent-mother, and don't let anyone stop you from "climbing every mountain," and "following every rainbow." **WARNING:** If you find yourself singing "doe-a-dear" on the streets of Auburn, you have gone to far.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - Mar. 20)
"Rebel Without a Cause"

Does the 90's seem more like the 50's; still suffering from post-atomic-war-syndrome maybe? Well confused-and-rejected-one, I suggest that you stick to your idealism. Pull a Jimmy Dean. Be a rebel and actually live for yourself. I don't suggest "chicky-runs, or ripping your grandmother's portrait, but maybe a fire-red jacket and a trip to the planetarium. Keep it real, don't try so hard to get in touch with your generation, like I'm doing.

ARIES (Mar. 21 - Apr. 19)
"Ferris Beuller's Day Off"

Like Libra, your current angst is also universal. All of us in our coming-of-age can relate. You feel that life has become dull, and meaningless. Well, all you need is a "day off." Go find your bestest palls and take

a trip to the city or the country, whatever. (oh...I don't suggest stealing daddy's car, just borrow it, or use your own.) Then, find a place where you can be the center of a parade; on top of the float. And if you still have time, do a number, and help out your best friend. You'll find that the next morning, waking up early, or waking up at all won't be so bad. It's important we have days when we can feel special.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 - May 20)
"Full Metal Jacket"

All your life, you feel that you are fighting a senseless battle. A war you don't understand and don't know how you ever got involved. There's probably contradiction in your life; a feeling of wanting peace vs. feeling like you were "born to kill." Well, congratulations...your human. Everyone has these battles inside them. That's a constant war that goes on throughout our lifetime. Advice: Trust yourself, know that what you are doing is for you.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 20)
"Vertigo"

Your life is a Hitchcock classic. Life is causing you to develop social phobias and moments where you feel as if you are spiraling down an endless void. Or maybe you feel like you are not yourself, that your life is being lived by someone else. Your life is cool, but not healthy. What you need to do is find someone who is suffering from the same affliction, maybe an acrophobic, or someone with split personality. Together you create great chemistry, and solve life's mysteries.

CANCER (Jun. 21 - Jul. 22)
"Strictly Ballroom"

You have been sitting this one out. It's time for you to put on those dancing shoes, and hit the floor. You need some movement, rhythm, and a Cindy Lauper song in your life. I suggest talking Ballroom Dancing, if not, just rent the movie and take lessons on life. This will give you

confidence, grace and harmony, and maybe even romance.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22)
"Alive"

Your life is a plane crash. You're trapped on top of the Andes Mountains. Your sense of direction is shot, and your starving to the point of (and I'm talking metaphorically here) cannibalism. Stop! Don't go any further. There is hope in the horizon. It's important you get this out of your system or else you're going to get "eaten-up" literally by others or by your-starving-self. Make sure you talk to someone who you trust, and you know can give good advice, or just a good listener. This will give you direction, and hope to get you down from the mountain. With a little

psychiatric help, you'll be once again about to join society.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sep. 22) "Scream"

Life lately has been kind of paranoid. Though you are pretty confident about your ability to get out of-trouble with witty lingo and "invincibility-teen-age-complex" you are still-susceptible to outside conflict. Your paranoid about the people around you, wondering who is "good" and who is "evil." The answer, life is not so black and white. Sometimes you just have to sit back and laugh for thinking life was so screwed-up and deeper than it looks. Remember to always have a sense of humor in the end, or else you'll give yourself to the mainstream (murderers) and never see life for what it really is.

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Sports

Sports Editorial

By Douglas Cöcké

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OUR NATIONAL PASTIME

By Douglas Cöcké

I want to apologize to my instructors, bosses, and family.

Every few years when the leaves fall off the trees and the sun has disappeared until spring, I put everything off for the Baseball Playoffs. I find a TV, radio, or walkman and hide for a month. I miss class, miss work, and miss those sunsets. Even if I go to class, I still hear the sizzling crack of Wade Bogg's bat, I can taste the clean dirt of a Pete Rose head first slide into third. I can smell the smoke of a Randy Johnson fastball. I can't remember lectures, what I did at work, I can't even remember where I went on a date the other night.

I was reminiscing the other day while listening to the Marlins and Giants game in the newsroom. I remember the homer by Fisk in 1975 in Game Six against the Reds. How about the error by Buckner in 1986 in Game Six against the Mets? Oh, and who could forget the slide by Griffey in 1995 in Game Five against the Yankees? Come to think of it, I can't remember class, work, or anything from those days either.

So, forgive me. Someone tell my instructors, bosses, and family why I didn't show up in October. Forgive me if I do show up and I have a wire from my jacket pocket to my ear. I feel it is our duty to celebrate the National Pastime in October.

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Mens Soccer



The Men's Soccer Team is picking up where they left off last year. The Gator Men are 4-0-1 so far this season in the Eastern Division. Last year they finished in the Final Four of the NWAAC. Sixth-year Coach Dan Keane believes his team's ability to possess the ball is one of the main reasons of their early success. Keane said, "We have good kids who work well together. We are sharing the ball very well."

Although Keane feels his team needs to finish goal opportunities better, he said timing is usually a problem at the start of the season. The Gators have a nice mix of sophomores and freshman. They have seven Sophomores and eleven Freshman. Many of the Gators have played together before coming to Green River. Some have played on the same club teams in the area. Keane said the Gators have good chemistry because of they've played together on these

club teams.

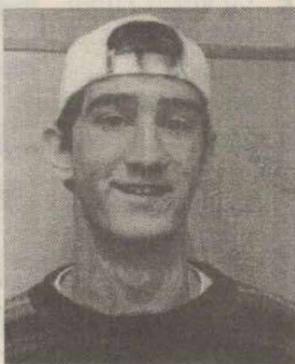
Despite being small in size, Keane said, "We make up for lack of size with good quickness and skill." Keane was excited about their ability to play together and share responsibilities. "We have no star," added Keane. This philosophy has been the reason Keane, assisted by Tim Aguilar and Bill Jeg, has gotten the Gator Men in the play-offs four out of the last five years. Keane said he emphasizes the importance of academics for the players. He said he believes in developing the athletes for the four-year colleges.

The Gators defeated Everett by out scoring them 4-0 on October 1st, however, they suffered a setback on October 4th losing to Highline 4-0. The Men's next home game is Saturday, October 18th at 3:00pm against Southwest Oregon. See the Gators play their games at Southwood Field in Enumclaw.

Upcoming Games

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Wed. Oct. 15	Edmonds	Edmonds	4:00PM
Sat. Oct. 18	SW Oregon	Home	3:00PM
Sat. Oct. 25	Shoreline	Seattle	1:00PM

Men's Soccer Player Profile



Name: Bryan Cunningham
High School: Kentwood
Hometown: Covington
Position: Sweeper
Year: Sophomore
Height: 5'7"
Team Stat: Team only allowing one goal per game
Major: Business/

Communications
Favorite Soccer Player: Rees Bettinger
Hobbies/Interests: Music
Goals: Win championship, Play at a four-year school, Promote concerts, Be happy

Roster

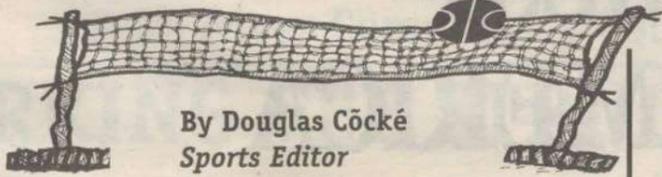
Name	Position	Hometown
Spencer Jewell	Goalkeeper	Spokane
Yan Saechao	Midfielder	Maple Valley
Reid Roberts	Forward	Maple Valley
Jared White	Midfielder	Anacortes
Hiroaki Okuyama	Midfielder	Japan
Jason Thorne	Defender	Maple Valley
Will Edwards	Midfielder	Maple Valley
Jason Smith	Midfielder	Maple Valley
Stas Kutzel	Forward	Russia
Cory Armstrong	Forward	Kent
Joe Wentworth	Defender	Salem
Brian Thompson	Defender	Puyallup
Scott Sandin	Midfielder	Kent
Brian Cunningham	Defender	Kent
David Vestal	Defender	Auburn
Jesse Hodge	Defender	Buckley
Jason Amundson	Goalkeeper	Kent



Sports

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Gator volleyball



By Douglas Cöcké
Sports Editor

The Green River Gators are sprinting to the top of Western League of the NWAACC. Despite a roster dominated by Freshman, the Gators are 4-1 in Non-League play, and 2-1 League play. Coach Marla Carr and Assistant Cathy Hanus said their team strength is passing and hitting. Carr, who played at Green River 1984-1985, said, "we have been stressing consistent passing and hitting in practice everyday."

"However," added Carr, "we still have to improve on running a quicker offense." Carr also feels that the Gators must adjust their defense quicker to an opponents' offense. Also, the Carr said the team must maintain their composure after they lose a few points in a row.

Carr said she teaches intensity, discipline, lifeskills, and the importance of education. She believes these factors breed success. Carr played at Green River and Eastern Washington University.

She also coached one year at Eastern Washington University.

Carr said the goals for this year is to become the best passers and hitters in the league. So far, the Gators are measuring up to Carr's goals.

Things have been tough for the Gators

lately. The Gators lost to Lower Columbia on October 1st at Lower Columbia. They also were defeated by Pierce, 3-14, 15-3, 5-15, and 13-15 on October 6th.

The Gators will play in the Lower Columbia Crossover Tournament October 11th in Longview. They will play their next home game Tuesday, October 14, at 7:00 against Highline.

Volleyball Player Profile:



Name: Heidi Deford
High School: Yelm
Hometown: Yelm
Position: Outside Hitter
Year: Freshman
Height: 5'8"
Major: Undecided
Favorite Volleyball Player: Jose Loiola
Hobbies/Interests: Basketball
Goals: To make it the state (NWAACC).



First year Coach Bryan Yorke's realistic goal for 1997 Women's Soccer Team at Green River is to make the play-offs. The Gator Women are driving towards that goal with a 2-3-1 start in the Northeast Division. Yorke stated, "Our strengths are switching the field of play from defense to offense." "We have the ability to score a lot of goals," adds Yorke. He feels that these ingredients and their ability to play well together makes the play-offs a realistic goal.

However, Yorke believes they have some things to improve on. The Gator Women only have 12 women on the team. He said this has hurt their teams' fitness level. Their lack of fitness could be the reason they have had trouble. He said, "We have to get better at our transition defense." He added, "But, we will improve because we will get in better shape as the season goes along." Yorke said their losses so far this season are based on mistakes the team has made. He stated, "We have basically beat ourselves at times."

The team started with 19 players. However, some decided to leave for four-year schools, not make grades, and some decided not to turn out.

Yorke said he still trying to get some players to turn out. He said it is not too late. Anyone interested contact Yorke at 833-9111 extension 2480.

Yorke, who played professional soccer in New Orleans last year, believes in getting numbers into the offensive attack. "We want to push forward as much as possible," stated Yorke. He likes to play a controlled style of soccer. Also, he said the team must defend together at all times. Off the field, Yorke is placing the importance of academics.

Yorke said Highline, Spokane, and Tacoma are some of the tougher teams in the NWAAC. The Gators were defeated by Highline 4-0 on Saturday October 11. The Gator Women play their home games at Brannan Field in Auburn.

The next home game is Saturday, October 18. They will play Southwest Oregon at 1:00pm.

Soccer Player Profile:



Name: Rebecca Mauk
HS: Thomas Jefferson
Hometown: Federal Way
Position: Midfielder
Year: Sophomore
Height: 5'11"
Major: Physical Therapist
Hobbies/Interests: Soccer

Roster

Name	Position
Faira Nevill	Goalkeeper
Stephanie Sawhill	Midfielder
Holley Runnels	Forward
Tina Berggren	Midfielder
Wendy Wells	Mid./Def.
Kelle Whitley	Defender
Rebecca Mauk	Midfielder
Stephanie Hamilton	Mid./For.
Amber Brooks	Defender
Jennifer Peters	Midfielder
Kristine Nass	Def./Mid.
Sheris Arneberg	Defender

Upcoming Games

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Oct. 18	SW Oregon	Home	1:00pm
Oct. 25	Lower Columbia	Longview	1:00pm
Oct. 31	Columbia Basin	Home	3:00pm

Team Roster

Name	Position	Hometown
Noel Norsworthy	Hitter	Buckley
Molly Tanner	Hitter	Enumclaw
Kala Lutes	Setter	Kent
Erin Ray	Hitter	Buckley
Aleana Headrick	Hitter	Renton
Heidi Deford	Hitter	Yelm
Robin McNett	Hitter	Federal Way
Kristin Sandberg	Hitter	Federal Way
Danielle Dickinson	Hitter	Kent

Upcoming Games

Date	Vs.	Where	Time
Oct 14	Highline	GRCC	7:00PM
Oct 15	Clark	GRCC	7:00PM
Oct 17	Centralia	Centralia	7:00PM
Oct 22	Grays Harbor	Aberdeen	7:00PM
Oct 27	Pierce	Tacoma	7:00PM

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