

GRCC TENNIS COACH STEVE SAUERS PASSES AWAY

Steve Sauers, longtime tennis coach at Green River CC, passed away December 17 at Valley Medical Center in Renton from a massive stroke he suffered the previous weekend. He was 64.

Sauers arrived at GRCC in 1966 as an instructor in the Business Education program. He began the men's tennis program in 1970 and the women's tennis program in 1979. The Gators captured 19 NWAACC men's championships and 16 women's titles. His teams also had 14 runner-up finishes and he had an overall record of 920-171.

With 34 years of coaching and an overall total of 35 NWAACC titles, no one, in any sport, coached in the NWAACC longer or won more championships than Sauers. He earned over 20 NWAACC Coach of the Year honors.

Steve is survived by his wife, Deb, and two sons. A memorial service will take place on December 22 at 2:00 at Weeks Whitmore Funeral Home in Buckley.