PARKING CRUNCH HITS RESIDENTIAL AREAS

by Dave D. Jensen

Residents of the Delrose Manor area, including Dr. Dumming and Mrs. D. R. F. W., say they have been receiving complaints about parking problems in the area. Residents say they have received calls from people who are upset at the parking situation and that it is making it difficult for them to find a place to park.

The local has recently been opened by Habitat for Human Race, a group that builds homes for people in need. The local has been well received by the community, but some residents say they are not happy with the parking situation.

The increase in parking problems has been caused by the increased number of students living in the area. According to a survey conducted by the Student Affairs Council, the number of students living in the area has increased by 20% in the past year.

The council has been working with the city to try to find a solution to the parking problem. They have suggested that students be allowed to park in the local on weekends and holidays, and that the city consider building a parking garage.

The city has been hesitant to consider building a parking garage, as it would be expensive. The council is hopeful that the city will consider their suggestions and find a solution to the parking problem.

Thunder word

STUDENT WAGE INCREASE TO BE DECIDED DEC. 15

by Kevin Stanford

The Student Affairs Council has decided to recommend a wage increase for student employees at Highline Community College. The council has been working on the issue for several months and has received input from students, faculty, and administrators.

The current minimum wage for student employees at Highline is $2.65 per hour. The council is recommending an increase to $3.00 per hour.

The council has been working with the administration to try to find a way to fund the increase. They have suggested that the administration consider increasing tuition or cutting other expenses.

The administration has stated that they are committed to providing the best possible education for their students and that they will do everything they can to make the increase possible.

Weekend college opens

by Walt Under

Highline Community College has announced that they are opening weekend classes for the fall semester. The classes will be held on Saturdays and Sundays and will be available for students who are unable to attend classes during the week.

The classes will cover a variety of subjects, including English, Math, and Science. They will be taught by experienced instructors and will be offered at a reduced cost.

The college is hoping that the weekend classes will help to increase enrollment and provide more opportunities for students to earn their degrees.

The classes will be held at the main campus and will be available for both day and night classes. They will be offered in the mornings and afternoons.

The college is encouraging students to take advantage of the weekend classes and to contact their advisors to discuss their options.
Honors Program alters emphasis

by Chris Campbell

Once again Highline is offering an Honors Student Program, including lectures from outside speakers and seminars on math, science, and the humanities.

However, the program has not received as much response from college students as its directors would like it to.

The Honors Scholar Program was first implemented this Fall Quarter, after the college discovered that the entrance exam scores of high school students in the area inside Community College District #4 (which includes the Highline, South Central, and Federal Way school districts) were higher than the national average.

The college felt that an honors program like the present one would help in fulfilling the needs of the community.

The program is open to those students who have a 3.5 grade point average or higher, or a 3.0 GPA in a particular skill when that skill or area is covered by the program (or that instructor's permission).

The program is divided into two main categories—those the student must take to complete the program and those the student may take as electives.

This quarter the the directors of the program concentrated on announcing the program to high school honors students.

This has apparently given the average Highline student the impression that the program is open only to incoming freshmen who wish to graduate with honors. This fact is born out by the limited enrollment of long-time students in Honors Program classes.

However, this quarter program information is aimed more towards the regular student than to the past.

"The classes are open to people who qualify and are interested," states Joan Fedor, program coordinator.

The classes and seminars are designed to augment the average student's present studies. They are planned specifically for the Program. A good example of this would be Math Honors 199. It was specifically developed by instructor Ron Burke for the program and has never been taught before.

"Able students seem to choose courses more toward their prospective occupation," Dr. Catherine Harington, an honors writing instructor, said. This pressure to push toward immediately getting a marketable skill hurts the humanities and liberal arts programs.

However, the Honors Program could supply many benefits for the interested student who takes the course.

"The classes are better, stimulating classes. Having a Honors course listed on the student's transcript will look better," Fedor commented.

"We feel that these classes would give the honors student a more enriched education." Fedor added.

For those who are interested and can qualify, there are still openings in some of the classes offered. The coordinators would also like some input for future classes. To get on the type of program they would like to see. For further information contact Joan Fedor in Faculty B-205 or pick up one of the Honors Program information booklets in the Counseling Center.

Smart shoppers save bucks at market

If you are like most other people, you're probably spending more money than you need to on frozen and other grocery items, says Jan Grant, King County Extension Agent for Washington State University.

Grocery shopping good merchandising—what means aiming at the impulsive buyer. The table of juicy caramel apples greeting you at the front of the store is no accident. Nor is the fact that most customers are usually placed in the rear of the store—inviting shoppers to wander through and pick up other items on their way.

Impulsive buying can cost you money more money than you need to spend.

Here's good advice on how to cut down on your grocery bills:

- First of all—plan your buying needs by using a shopping list and sticking to it. This will minimize your impulse buying.
- Mrs. Grant suggests trying the lower-priced store brands—see if your family even notices the difference. Quality and cut may differ, but nutritional values are about the same.
- Read the product labels to make the right choice. Use unit pricing to figure the cost per ounce and purchase according to weight and food value rather than size.
- If you can, leave the kids at home when you go shopping. They tend to run up the food bill and make it hard for you to concentrate on what you are buying.
- Watch out for those supposed bargains and sales. A sale price may or may not mean a lower price.
- And pick up other items on their way.

Flourescent bulbs save power, money

Save energy without sacrificing the light you really need in your home, says a recent release from Washington State University's King County Extension Agency.

It's as simple as switching from incandescent fixtures to fluorescent. A warm white 40-watt Deluxe Flourescent tube gives as much light as five 60-watt incandescent bulbs.

Fast food outlets to open near Highline

A Skipper's Fish, Chips and Chowder House and a Baskins-Robbins Ice Cream Parlor is scheduled to be completed and open early next year near the service entrance east of the Highline College campus.

"We don't anticipate any construction problems and we should be done by the second week of January," stated Robert Mair, contractor.

The complex will when finished cost $18,000.00.

"The Skipper's and Baskins-Robbins are being built because of a void in this area," commented Jim Hendahl of Inten Corporation, developer for the project.

"They also anticipated business from the college and from the heavy traffic which travels along Pacific Highway South," added Hendahl.

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Recycled families ‘new’ trend

Somber or later, one out of every three marriages ends in divorce. Of these divorced persons, four out of five remarry. These statistics mean that one in every four married couples involves formerly married people.

According to Margaret Movius, King County Extension Agent for Washington State University, remarriages often produce recycled families. The odds are high that at least one of the remarrying persons will have children by the previous marriage. Perhaps they both will. And, perhaps these remarried persons will have their own children.

Recycled families are different from the nuclear families produced by first marriages. The complicated mix of rights and responsibilities when two families come together may lead to serious problems. According to Movius, the problems, generally involving money, ex-spouses, in-laws and/or children.

For example, the problems with children may be particularly disturbing. Although the remarrying couple may choose each other, the children may not feel they have chosen the new parent. Children’s feelings of resentment about new persons joining the family can easily lead to behavior that is often long-standing myths about “the wicked stepmother” or “the cruel stepfather” are not much help either.

“Persons, who are considering remarriages which include blending two families, may wish to carefully consider the emotional, financial, and legal issues involved. Persons who may take a long time—perhaps years—before the problems of the recycled family are resolved.

Marine reef proposed

by Leslie Waubansee

A $400,000 artificial reef and pier have been proposed for the Des Moines Marina under the auspices of Highline Community College and the City of Des Moines.

The undertaking, if it comes about, will be funded by a federal grant.

Stan McNutt of Des Moines is the project director and HCC biology instructor Chris Schwalm is the artificial reef coordinator. Labor for the project will be provided by students from the HCC diving program.

Both the college and the city will benefit from the project. Schwalm says that marine biology classes would make use of the reef, to study the growth rates of organisms and to learn at marine life.

The reef will also encourage a higher fish population in the marina, including perch bass and salmon. The area is not productive at present since the shallow bottom does not provide any decent hiding places for fish. The bottom will be designed to be between 30 and 50 feet if the reef is built.

In the past a number of accidents have occurred in the area. The pier would provide extra lighting from the shore, helping boaters to dock safely. It would also give spectators a closer look at underwater sites in Puget Sound.

The project must be built before the reef can be started. The structure is necessary to support the creosote and other heavy machinery necessary to build the reef.

Faces in our crowd

Strehlau: the force behind HCC media

For many students who have passed through the classrooms and laboratories of Highline College, she will be a much more permanent fixture than the new library or the bit of rising tuition costs.

That is probably fitting. Those who stay the longest are said to linger the longest in the memory, and Highline College journalism instructor Betty Strehlau has been here as long as anyone.

Since 1961 Ms. Strehlau has been advisor to the Thunderword, annually turning out some of the best journalism students (who turned out some of the best college newspapers) in the Northwest.

“I like having summers off,” Ms. Strehlau laughs, explaining why she went into teaching after a long career in the professional media.

Part of the reason for the Thunderword’s success, and the success of her students can be attributed to her hands-on philosophy of teaching.

“That’s a real good method Betty has,” says Virge Steiger, HCC public information officer and former Strehlau student. “She gets them (the students) right there and gets them going.”

Journalism students here start right off working for the Thunderword.

The early-start emphasis may stem from Ms. Strehlau’s own beginning.

“I was a reporter for the Camqui Hill Times in sixth grade,” she says, adding that she got paid for bringing back school news to the paper.

There’s no telling what year that was. Ms. Strehlau student. “She gets them right there and gets them going.”

All of that adds up to quite a bit of professional experience, at least some of which she has been able to pass on to her students.

One other thing we didn’t ask in this non-interview was when Ms. Strehlau will retire.

Betty Strehlau has produced any other journalism instructor in the Northwest.

When (and if) she does, she will surely leave a hole in the faculty behind her larger than the basement of the new library.

Like all good things, she has gotten better with age, and age is beauty.
Floods show need for better planning

The Puget Sound region has once again paid the price of its proximity to the Cascade mountains. For the second time in three years warm weather melted the early-season snow pack, causing massive flooding at both sides of the scenic range. Fortunately, this year’s flooding didn’t wreak nearly as much damage as 1975. That year high water drowned 2,000 head of cattle and caused $29 million property damage in Snohomish County alone.

Toral figures for this year’s flood are not in, but damage will run into the millions. Also, four lives were lost.

All this points to the need for a comprehensive state-wide flood control plan. At present, flood-fighting forces include a hodge-podge of state and county emergency agencies, the Army Corps of Engineers, military reserves and legions of conservation districts. Governor Dixie Lee Ray must take the initiative to tie these agencies together into an organized force that can efficiently prevent a maximum amount of flooding. This would in turn minimize the economic damage and property loss caused by flooding.

An alliance with the power to mobilize all means that flooding is imminent would alleviate much of the personal and financial suffering caused by the overflowing rivers.

In addition, Gov. Ray has a responsibility to initiate long-range flood control planning. An investigation to pinpoint the numerous weaknesses in the state’s flood control capabilities is the first priority.

The state can ill-afford to have a majority of it’s mountains pass down by slides. And to let flood waters continue to rip western Washington farmlands will only drive down property values and drive out farmers.

Next year might be try like last, or a disaster like 1975. But at least in common we have the shadow of a powerful mountain range, and we can’t afford to continue to treat it’s power lightly.

The state’s flood control agency, the Army Corps of Engineers, is moving to cut back its mostly re-routed program in favor of a new program which would primarily involve maintaining the flood control dams already in place.

An ability to predict and prevent flooding is a major move forward in controlling the flood waters that have caused millions of dollars worth of damage in the state.

In the sports-crazy northwest, schools are able to attract students in the shadow of a powerful mountain range, and we can’t afford to continue to treat it’s power lightly.

Athletic teams bring recognition to HCC

The Highline Community College athletic teams did it again: Fall Quarter. The men’s cross-country and women’s volleyball teams captured their respective conference titles for the second straight year, cementing Highline’s dominance at the top of the NWAACC.

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Sincerely,

Mike Carchesio
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History of concrete valley

by Kevin Stauffer

Taking a ride the Green River Valley area the other day, I noticed something quite strange. I was riding through the valley.

There used to be a time when you couldn’t do that. Floods would bring HCSU President

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Students join advising debate

by Chris Campbell

Several new members have been added to the HCC Advising Program Study Committee, according to George Donovan, Assistant Dean of Student Services.

The members are students who attended the committee's last meeting, held last Monday, Dec. 5, in the Gold Room in the Performing Arts building.

More students showed up at the lengthy meeting last Monday than showed up at the hearings held last month.

Each of the committee members attempted to bring a student.

"Issues really came into focus at this meeting," Donovan said. He added that it was the first time the committee received the amount of student input they wanted.

Several students pointed out that they liked the present system because it treated students as being responsible enough to plan their own education.

The point was ventured that maybe the advising system is a scapegoat of student errors made from their neglecting to attend to their education.

There appears to be a split in the committee as far as opinions on the present advising system go.

One side favors a system that assigns a student to a specific advisor, Donovan expressed concern that trying to please everyone could be a problem.

Uwe Uwe & Lure haw to identify the student that needs an advisor and should have a good strong relationship, while at the same time provide flexibility for other students to do their own planning.

While last two hearings were basically fact-finding gestures, the committee is now ready to start discussing solutions.

A new angle to the advising problem has recently emerged in the form of the State Council for Postsecondary Education's report on articulation between colleges and problems for students wanting to transfer between colleges.

"Recommendation E" of the report reads: "Administrators and faculty recognize that effective academic advising is paramount in resolving transfer problems and that ways be found to ensure it takes place."

This report is now being reviewed by all the colleges in the state, and will go to the legislature after the colleges and the council are done with making changes, if any.

It is highly probable that the HCC Advising Program Study Committee will review the report.

WINTER WORKSHOPS

Several workshops are being offered this Winter Quarter by the counseling center, open to people of the community and students of the college.

Jo Matsumoto, head of the program, said the classes center on problem areas.

Small groups of not more than 15, led by counselors, share on an intimate, personal level.

Many of the workshops concern themselves with the questions often asked by people in crisis. Who am I? What do I want? And how do I get it?

Two new programs, Change is Normal and Where Am I Going? and Questioning Life's Myths are being introduced to help the individual cope with the outside world.

The Change is Normal course is offered from Jan. 10-30 on Tuesdays from 9-11 a.m. at the counseling center. Other programs include Parenting Hi8, Hers, and Him, offered at night from 7-9 p.m. Jan. 10 to March 7. Stress Without Disguise, Being and Caring, Women's Support Group: Coping with College, How to Talk to Strangers, and Managing Personal Stress.
Tolo's Ark would never be found. Home owners, gasoline attendants, and others are busy trying to dig out from under overwrought this past week. A heavy snowfall has already created a huge snowstorm. While the local river is threatened, the Chinook continues to rise, the form of major disaster. Insurance companies are assessing damages and monetary losses.
Reflections for the holidays

I was critically ill, although that never really registered with me. The doctors told me that I would not live to see Christmas, but I refused to believe them. Death. I even understood the word, much less associate it with me. The possibility of me actually dying seemed so distant, yet it was really going to happen. I suppose I did accept the prognosis, but I couldn't accept the outcome. I thought, I can show those doctors that they were wrong, and far, far I would be around for Christmas. All they could say was, "Well, you never can tell." And as I sit here and write this little reflection of that Christmas, I become increasingly obvious that I really did prove these to be wrong.

We performed... Dec. 21 an incredible welcoming party, and on Christmas Day I went to church for the first time since I was admitted to the hospital. I could feel one tear trying to push their way up to the surface. But I was too happy to cry. The tree in our living room seemed so beautiful, so alive, like me. I began to notice things about Christmas that I never realized before. It felt so good to just be there, sharing my thoughts with my family. Our four-room apartment brought me as much closer to my family. The presents that year were so insignificant, I just wanted to be with my family. I was so happy. Christmas took on a whole different meaning. It makes me feel great; that's the way I get a few days before the 25th, completely ignoring my flat wallet and worn out shoes. I know this Christmas will be no different, even though I feel like a Scrooge right now. That will change as Christmas Day draws nearer, and I get more into a holiday frame of mind. MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!

Beautiful music fills the air at Christmas

Story by Carolyn Willsman

It just wouldn't seem like Christmas without all of the beautiful music of the holiday season. From the cathedral choirs singing hymns, to children singing Jingle Bells to Elvis and Bing and their special blue and white singing Jingle Bells to Elvis and Bing holiday season. From the cathedral Christmas, all kinds of music contribute to the holiday glow.

Some of the songs of Christmas were heard yesterday at noon when the combined Concert Choir and the Vocal Ensemble gave a concert in the Lecture Hall.

This free concert will be repeated at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 11. Although it is John Lennox and symphonies with all kinds of music to suit every taste, it is the songs of Christmas that one remembers that year.

There will be a number of opportunities to hear both professional and amateur groups sing Christmas music in the next few weeks. Even the whole lot of us could be so callous and misery not to give Jingle Bells and Silver Night a good try. And in so doing warmed by the glow of the yule fire and inspired by the sparkling of the Christmas tree dream fast our real calms the City's Christmas tree dream fast our real calm is not just jingle Bells and Silent Night but to the great songs of Christmas performed by the biggest and best choirs.

Well this year at least part of that dream can come true for those who have $3.95 or a group of fifteen or more $4.95 is enough. For now the decades of the sit-ins and the stand-ins have evolved into the sing-ins. On Dec. 19 at 8 p.m. in the Seattle Opera House there will be a sing-in of Handel's "Messiah." That is right, bring your own music and for the price of admission you too can be one of 3,000 people singing the chorus of "The Messiah." This concert must be one of the biggest participation programs around for singing Christmas music but whether it is at the Opera House, or at church, or just with friends carding in the neighborhood, music is a joyful way to celebrate the holiday season.

What a nice tradition those angles started in Bethlehem so many many years ago, when they sang, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."
Santa Claus: a happy history

story by Diane M. Brown

Just as the early German immigrants brought the Christmas tree to this country, the Dutch settlers of New York brought Santa Claus with them. He established himself in the little island of Manhattan and slowly he has spread himself all over the country. Originally, Santa had his very own day. It was marked during the observances of the Dutch festival. But soon he was in all the round isles of children with gifts on New Year's Eve, and then before anyone knew it he had transferred to Christmas Eve, where he's been for centuries.

Some time during the middle of the 19th century the artists of America took 'Saint Nick' under their pencils and he soon became the fat, pot-bellied, jolly old man from the North Pole, whom we all know and love so well.

Santa is most accurately described in Clement C. Moore's immortal poem, titled "A Visit From Saint Claus."

He had a broad face and a little mud
That shook when he laughed, like a bowlful of jelly,
He had a boundless store of eccentricities, yet retain a measure of respect for the dear old gentleman.

There is of course the .other side of the matter—the disbelief of a growing boy or girl.

A favorite cartoon of mine is the one pictured here. A big question sits before them: Is Santa Claus a real person? I believe he is—and he lives not at the North Pole, but in the hearts of each one of us.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Shopping madness opens before Christmas presents

by Vicki Whitney

The joy of Christmas. The excitement of Santa Claus, stockings and stringing popcorn; Christmas trees, carols, candid camera mementos and cookies. Mistresses, managers, mistresses and pies and the madness of holiday shopping.

The investigating committee—Santa Claus to the bar, is he a real person?

He was dressed all in fur from his head to his feet.

He had a broad face and a little round belly.

That shook when he laughed, like a bowlful of jelly.

He was chubby and plump—a right jolly old elf.

And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself.

Year by year, we funny people of the funny people, take to Christmas shopping. We know that the day after Thanksgiving is one of the biggest shopping days of the year. So we try to make the best of our shopping enthusiasm.

This year is no exception. The days of the year when the customers come around are known as the best of their ability.

This year the day after Thanksgiving saw a record number of shoppers drawn to Northgate shopping mall, where many merchants felt that the heavy snowfall helped encourage indoor shopping. Because of the overcast and drizzle Santa couldn't even land by parachute as planned.

Merchants in downtown Seattle were disappointed with sparse crowds in the rain but every mall was jammed with screaming kids, pushy parents and hurrying passersby.

Customers are always looking for something special for the someone who has everything and merchants spend huge amounts of money displaying their products to the best advantage.

As long as the consumer spends much on this day, the stores will advertise and prepare for it to the best of their ability.

This year promotion of Farrah Fawcett-Majors' posters had the same results.

Toy stores have taken over the Farrah Fawcett-Majors and Charlie's Angels boom this year with dolls that slightly resemble the stars.

One mother I talked to was amazed at her daughter's Christmas list. It included The Bionic Woman Doll, in a caricature of Jamie Sommers, Silor, a green gloop that glows, and a Darth poster, the movie star of Star Wars.

Wishing you a white Christmas

story by Shawn Powers

Christmas carols are temporarily replacing tree buying and grocery store bashing. Christmas trees basking in their own individual light display are selling Christmas trees.

Trees are being decorated with lights, wrapping paper and candy canes. The liquor cabinet is suddenly beautiful.

Christmas is getting the red carpet welcome this year, most likely in anticipation of the proverbial "White Christmas."

Not only will the mountains be wearing a glittering white gown, but there is a good chance the communities of midway will don a white apparel also.

Houses adorned with colored lights, nativity scenes or Santa Clause figures become more brilliant in the snow. Baskets, holly and candles are equally vibrant when garnished with snowfall.

Sleighbells, snowmen, snowball fights, spectacular snowfall and white Christmas provide a delightful break from the usual routine.
Christmas is Santa Claus, and Santa is love

Christmas has once again come to the Seattle area. The shoppers are out in full force, piled high with packages, bags and boxes. Strains of the "First Noel" and "Jingle Bells" mingle with the ring of cash registers and friendly greetings. There is a special feeling, an air of anticipation and excitement. It feels good just to be alive.

There are lines everywhere—to the gift wrap counter, the checkout counter, to the bathrooms, even to the door. But in almost every department store there is a very special line of patients who wait patiently for just a few words from one very important man.

This is Santa Claus. The man children of countless generations have believed in and loved. He's a hero, an idol, a fantasy come true, a great historical image who makes miracles.

Santa Claus is a symbol of love. His name is synonymous with giving and sharing, rewarding those who deserve it, yet not neglecting those who are less than perfect. Santa is an example of the happiness that can be created by learning to give of yourself and your talents from the heart. It doesn't take much imagination at any age to believe in Santa Claus.

The idea of a man who devotes his entire life to making children of all countries happy is a beautiful one, and all the more real when seen through the eyes of a small child. The way that his small face lights up is a pleasure to watch.

He's as much a part of the season as candy cane or the angel on top of the tree. His laugh and generosity are legendary. His presence is a long upheld tradition. It doesn't matter that he's old or 50 pounds overweight. He always looks the same—smiling, happy, eager to be a part of this mystical magical world called Christmas. He delights little children with promises of presents and reminds those older of what it meant to be young, and to believe in SANTA CLAUS.
Operation Christmas students still care

story by Robert Fass and Lee Frante

Each year, just before Christmas, a converted Greyhound Bus filled with food, toys, singing high school students and Santa Claus, makes the rounds in the Highline School District bringing food, clothing, and toys to people in need.

Operation Christmas brings help to the needy, in this difficult time of year.

Operation Christmas has been a part of Mt. Rainier’s tradition since the school began 19 years ago.

The project is divided in two phases: money is raised by the students to purchase food or condiments, then a toy, clothing, and canned food drive is held.

One of the major fund raising activities is the Annual Fish Fry. This year the Annual Fish Fry was held Nov. 10 at Saltwater State Park. After presale of tickets for $2.25, a fish dinner, complete with beverage and dessert is served while students provide entertainment and service. The menu includes Delicious Fried Apple Rings, a confection for which Operation Christmas is famous. With the help of Dan Beckwith, a local businessman, the students put on the fish fry themselves and later sell the apple rings to the school during lunches. This is the major source of income for the operation.

After the Fish Fry, the Food and Clothing Drive is held. Students cover all of the houses in the Mt. Rainier Service Area and each one takes an assigned area to make sure that no house are doorbelled more than once. The students take any thing given them and anything extra that is not used in the way of toys and clothing is donated to appropriate agencies for distribution. The Food Drive collects the majority of the canned food used.

After the food drive, the leaders of the project interview the people to be helped to determine the needs of each one. Then the food and clothing is apportioned according to the people’s need. Toys are wrapped with a special paper prepared by the art students. Every effort is made to make the Operation a personal expression of concern.

Maybe not a white Christmas but...

story by Terry M. Sall

One Christmas pressure for the whole Northwest this year may be lots of snow in the mountains.

Unlike those scenes taken last year at Snoqualmie Summit, heavy snowfall in this area, some of which covered the campus yesterday, Dec. 6, should provide nice scenery and excellent skiing in the Cascades this season.

The snow will also provide enough water for power and irrigation through the summer months.

Last season ski resorts here suffered through their worst season ever, as did Northwest skiers. And ski groups have been accustomed to some of the finest skiing in the country.

Already this season, Crystal Mountains, Big Andy, Alpine, Snoqualmie Pass and Hyak ski resorts, among others, have already been open at various times this season.

Reports from those who have been on the slopes, as for this year vary from average to not so hot, but it’s early yet. Perhaps there will be a white Christmas this year.

But most importantly, there will be a white winter in the mountains, happy skiing, and merry Christmas.
Hannukah: a time for joy

story by Gene Crane

While Christians celebrate Christmas as their most sacred holiday, the Jewish people celebrate Hannukah—also known as the Festival of Lights.

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If all our festival days had to be given up except one, people around the world would doubtless pick Christmas. After all, there would be no school and no work. Anyhow, the days would have to be spent filling in time with a lot of good food.

Much has been said and written about Christmas in the last fifty years. Much has been said and written about the celebration of Christmas in the last fifty years. But who would really want to miss something resembling Christmas, the weeks of preparation, the rare family get-togethers, and the spirit of good cheer and a good year to come.

In England, the Englishmen, Santa Claus is known as "Father Christmas" or "Father Christ." Henry VII in the 1400s introduced to England the wassail bowl which was a combination of ale, spices and apples. This drink today symbolizes good cheer and a good year to come.

In Scandinavia, the Scandinavians decorate their Christmas trees with lights and candy. They make a rice pudding which contains one almond. They believe that whoever gets the almond will get married before the next Christmas. Many Norwegians do not open their presents until New Year's Day.

In India, several important Hindu holidays are celebrated in India. The Hindus at the end of every year have the "Diwali Festival." The yur day of the festival is determined by the Hindu calendar but the day usually falls somewhere between the end of October and the beginning of November.

During the festival, the Hindus light their lamps and put them outside their houses to give light to the dark. The light is supposed to chase all darkness and evil. Also characteristic of the Diwali Festival are fireworks, a feast prepared by the men and the worship of the Hindu Gods.

Christmas toys should challenge children

Kids like to write down long lists of toys they want for Christmas. Unfortunately, kids sometimes get bored with these toys right after Christmas, says Margaret Miroco, Washington State University's King County Extension Agent. According to the chairman of the Federal Trade Commission, there are as many as 20 commercials each hour on some television programs aimed for kids. The FTC, and many parents, worry about the practice of encouraging kids to act as substitute toy salesmen by asking, "Mama, do you want a certain toy?"

The fact is, kids are not critical of the toys they see advertised. The toys look fun, but the kids cannot adequately judge their play value. Often, these are the toys that wind up being discarded and unused on the floor very quickly.

Many modern toys are colorful, noisy, exciting, and action-packed. That's their attraction. But, if any of these are more fun to watch than they play with. Kids tire quickly of toys that just have a button to push.

A long-lasting toy requires more of a child. Most kids like to make their own sound effects. They like to make the toy move, too. The more a child has to do to make the toy work, the more play possibilities the toy has, and the longer it will be enjoyed.

This Christmas, when you're choosing toys, remember what the toy can do isn't so important. What the child can do with the toy is what counts, says Miroco.
The devastation was not enough. Reconstruction efforts were hindered by snow and rising waters. Further flooding was not an impossibility.

"It looks like the aftermath of an earthquake," one shaken homeowner commented while salvaging personal belongings. "To think just last week this was my home. At least the people in Seattle won't have an electricity problem."

Sympathy was all that could be offered to the hearty inhabitants of the once bustling pass town.
Oh, God
Burns, Denver in a divine movie

by Kevin Stauffer

Oh, God should be considered somewhat of a landmark film. It has managed to do what few if any of the other films of its genre have done, combine God and humor without becoming sacrilegious.

“I don’t do miracles anymore. They’re too flashy. The last miracle I pulled was the ‘69 Mets. Before that you have to go back to the Red Sea.” All these statements are spoken by God. Or is it George Burns? Or God through George Burns’ voice? Or George Burns as God? Or God as George Burns? Or...

Actually, it’s a little of all of them. Burns does a fine job of what would have been a near impossible job for any other actor.

John Denver makes his — or acting — debut as Jerry, a grocery clerk who turns into a 20th century Moses. Jew is instructed by God to spread the word that God is still alive and well in the modern world.

Jerry wonders how he is going to make everyone believe he has seen and conversed with God. “Show them this,” says God, and hands him his calling card. Appropriately enough, the card is simply inscribed with one word: GOD.

And so begins Jerry’s mission, which leads him to skeptics, fanatics, and a slightly puzzled clergy.

Bums has received critical acclaim for his cinematic debut. As Burns puts it, “You know, Denver’s a good actor. But then it’s not everyone who gets a chance to co-star with God in his first picture.”

Director Carl Reiner has done an admirable job of handling what could be considered touchy material. The film is not without its controversial moments. When asked if Jesus Christ is truly his son, God states that not only is Christ his son, Muhammad, Buddha, and everyone else are his sons also.

But, despite a difficult subject to handle, Oh, God comes across as one of the year’s best films.

And how is it doing in the theaters? I’m a big hit. Socko! Boffo! You tell ‘em, God. Or is that...

Take it from God: Liner at the box office.

From sound to sine waves

"Sound, Music and Mathematics" is the title of the Honors Colloquy to be led by Ron Engstrom winter quarter. It will meet at 10 a.m. on Tues. and Thurs. from Feb. 7 to March 9.

What is a colloquy? According to Webster’s dictionary it is a mutual discourse, a conversation. So the exact content of the class will depend on the interests of the students who take it, but Engstrom met with the honor students Nov. 30 and gave them a preview of some of the areas they might explore.

Some of the questions they could look at might be: What causes the differences in pitch, loudness and timbre? How harmonics can be described as sine waves? What are harmonic distortions and reverberations?

“Pythagoras discovered when he played two notes that if the ratio of their strings were whole numbers the notes sounded good,” he told the class.

Engstrom, who teaches math at HCC, plays several musical instruments, has studied musical theory, and is interested in recording.

Until the 18th Century music was considered a part of math but there is a lot more mathematics used in music than just finding the ratio between the length of the strings in string instruments.

Students not enrolled as Honor should take this colloquy. For more information about this colloquy or any of the others contact Joan Feder in Faculty B.

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Cinema hits come to Highline

by Kevin Stauffer

This year, as was so in the past the Highline Community College Fine Arts department has shown a variety of films on the Highline Community College campus.

But where do these films come from, and why have they been selected? Highline6选择's films from ten different film companies on whom their catalogs are offered to the public.

According to Bruce Mackintosh, the curriculum director of student programs, the selection of films follows the interests and desires of the students who present them to the publicity office. To the film, and the director is committed to offer films which contain what is believed to be a significant element of humor.

One of the things that Rick is trying to do is to show films that will supplement classes, added Ray Greenwalt, activities and programs assistant.

This is the idea behind All the President's Men, which will be shown during the Winter Quarter. This film should prove to be a successful supplement for political science classes, as well as media-related classes. Along with All the President's Men, which is tentatively scheduled for Jan. 11, the following films are scheduled for viewing during the Winter Quarter, Courtesy, Feb. 1, Dr. Strangelove, Feb. 8, Bulletin, Feb. 22, Images, Mar. 1, and Sometimes a Great Nation, which had no date set at press time.

Recent prices vary from film to film. The highest rental price this quarter is for All the President's Men ($60), a low rent for Bulletin and Cour (50).

"One thing that's pretty standard is that we can't advertise films that we can't advertise off campus," informed Mackintosh. "We're supposed to compete with the movie houses.

If you enjoy viewing the films on campus, you might also want to visit the film houses which movies will be presented. "If anybody wants to be on the film committee, we're welcome to come in to the student programs office and talk to Rick or myself," encouraged Mackintosh.

"If we can get some people on the committee, we could produce films, video tape or otherwise," said Mackintosh.

'Moon' not made of cheese

by Chris Campbell

Ring Round The Moon, a play by Jean Anouilh and the Highline Community College Drama Department's full production, promised to make people laugh, and laughs abounded at the opening night, Dec. 3.

The play is set in early 20th Century France, and concerns two brothers who are identical twins but are quite different in nature.

Hugh is the clever and cool headed brother, and Frederick is the shy and warm hearted brother. Both are well played by Byron Ellis, and the staging of the play almost completely the audience that there are actually two twins brothers on stage.

At one point in the play when both brothers are supposed to appear for the grand finale, I caught myself actually looking for the second brother to come out on stage!

Although most of the humor in the play is subtle and based on the unique and well portrayed characters and aschrophobic acting ability of the opening nighters, there are really funny times. The best of these was the scene when the two brothers, played by Michael Gately and Mark Brown, are counting money.

When she learned of one of the brothers being a homosexual Sunday morning she replied "If a working man can't look after himself on Sunday morning we might as well give up counting money!"

One of the characters who had few lines but triggered many laughs was Joshua the butler, played by George K. Larson. Many of the things he said, such as trying to put up decorations on a shaky step ladder and look dignified and respectable at the same time, were otherwise non-humoruous dialogue.

The lead character, Isabelle, a poor and proud country girl brought to the Deconomos household by Hugh to engage in conversation, was well portrayed by Cullum Presty and is the most memorable humorous or eccentric character in the play.

The play was supposed to be the gem of a high class party, and make Frederick's fiancée, a saucy and snobbish rich girl named Diana (played by Kayre Ann Geary), jealous.

Isabelle and Diana are as different from each other as Hugh and Frederick are. I don't imagine one would have to guess too hard about the conflict and potential romances brought about after the two girls discover each other.

During the big party, in the second act, Patrice Bombelles (played by Tim Siciliano) and Lady India (played by Connie Dorn) do a dance and speech routine that is well done and funny. It has to be the highlight of the show.

Other characters who were well portrayed were Capulet, the Desmortes maid, who is really excited about the party and the other people's romances, and Menarcheims the houseman, Diana's father, who eats nothing but plain boiled noodles, without any butter or salt or sugar, what a holiday!

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Mackintosh was played by W.C. Buck KI, and Capulet was well played by Cindi Koch.

If you would like to see some really good acting and be amused by light and comedy, then Ring Round The Moon is the play you want to see.

You can see it tonight and tomorrow night at the Little Theatre in the Performing Arts building. The doors open at 7:30 p.m. and the show begins at 8 p.m. Admission is $1 for students and $2 for non-students. Refreshments will be furnished during intermission by Phi Beta Kappa.

The local scene

The local scene is a listing of arts and entertainment events happening off campus in the Seattle area. If there is an event that you would like to have included in the next issue of the Sound, bring the pertinent information to the Thunderword office (Building 19, room 109) or call 878-3710 ext. 292 at least one week before the event.

The Puppet House, 1206 Western Ave., 612-1889, will show several programs over the Christmas holiday this year.

First off the Wisdom Marionette Theatre will present What the Christmas Tree Said, in which a Christmas tree belonging to Santa's elves is enchanted by an angel and comes to life to tell the traditional Christmas story. Six singing carols are included in the performance.

The show will be performed Dec. 9 and 16 at 8 p.m., Dec. 10 and 17 at 7 p.m. and Dec. 11 at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m.

The Wisdom folk will also show How the Man Got to the World, Dec. 11, at 7 p.m. at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. for those who want to see the good old Red Ridinghood and the Wolf.

The Puppet House also will show Miss Piggy's Christmas Special on Dec. 15 and 17 at 8 p.m.

Tickets are $4 for adults and $2 for children.

Messiah sing-in...

Fifteen Puget Sound area choirs under the direction of Matthew Mattingley, director of The National Chord Council, New York, will lend of a community-wide "Messiah Sing-in" during the 1977 Christmas season. The audience will be the larger of those at this festive occasion, to be held at Seattle Center Opera House, Monday, Dec. 19, at 8 p.m.

The non-profit NCC, sponsors of the "Sing-in," have arranged for each choir to present a different chorus from Handel's most famous work while the audience of music lovers sings. Mattingley is William Livingston, Seattle Opera tenor, who has also performed with the San Francisco Symphony Opera and Houston Grand Opera, and Carnegie Hall, Seattle Opera, who has appeared with the Philadelphia Orchestra and Symphony and the New York City Opera as well as Allied Arts Orchestras and Choirs, Seattle, Kittenvale, Kenneth Kavan, accompanist, will be the organist.

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The tourney sweep left HCC with a 5-0 record heading into action against Green River CC at the pavilion, Wednesday, Dec. 7. Results of the battle, HCC's past for nine days before a fourth game road trip, were not available at press time.

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Volleyball team ends long season

by Carole Calvin

The Highline Community College women's volleyball team has a long season ending weekend but still managed to place sixth at the Northeast College Women's Sports Association Volleyball Championship. The tournament was held Dec. 1, 2, and 3 at Edmonds Community College and besides teams from Oregon, Idaho and Montana took part in the tourney.

After winning their first three matches, the ladybirds were knocked out of the championships by consecutive losses to Spokane Falls and Clark.

In their first match, Thursday evening, Highline faced Wenatchee Valley and came out on top 2-1. After a slow start, the ladybirds came back to beat WVC behind some good saves and excellent spiking by the T-birds. The second match pitted the T-birds against Bellevue. Highline beat Bellevue in the Northwest Community College Women's Conference Playoffs and again in the first round of these play-offs. The first game had some good spiking by Lisa Gibbs, Ely Bruggi and Beth Strayer. The T-birds fought out to win the second game 16-14. The second game was also a tough one, and HCC came out on top 13-6 decision.