Grade changes possible in system

A change in the grading system from the current letter grade system to one that uses decimals is being considered by an investigative committee at Highline Community College. The proposed change would involve using a decimal system that assigns grades on a scale of 0.0 to 4.0, with 4.0 being the highest possible grade.

The investigative stage of the proposed change began in fall of 1979. The committee, consisting of students and faculty members, was formed to look into the feasibility of implementing a decimal grading system at Highline College.

The committee's primary concern was to determine whether the proposed change would be beneficial to the students and the college as a whole. To this end, the committee conducted a survey of faculty members and students to gather their opinions on the proposed change.

The results of the survey indicated that there was a majority of support for the proposed change. The majority of faculty members believed that a decimal grading system would provide a more accurate reflection of a student's performance. Students, on the other hand, favored the change because it would make it easier to compare their grades with those of other students.

The committee also considered the expectations of students and employers. It was noted that many employers use a decimal grading system when evaluating job applicants. Therefore, the committee believed that adopting a decimal system would prepare students for the job market.

However, some concerns were raised about the proposed change. One of the major concerns was the potential for increased student confusion. It was feared that students might have difficulty understanding the new grading system.

The committee also considered the financial implications of the proposed change. It was noted that the change would require additional funding for the development and implementation of the new system.

In conclusion, the committee recommended that the proposed change be implemented. They believed that the benefits of a decimal grading system outweighed the potential drawbacks. The final decision will be made by the administration after considering the committee's recommendations.
President at Highline High School, with the District, a member of the Highline School Council, and was Student Body representative on the council earlier this year.

CAMPAIGN STATEMENT
I feel that my experience as a representative and president in the HSU will be beneficial to my performance on next year's staff. I want to remain involved with campus activities by attending meetings and relating to students, HCC has much to offer and I wish to help make students aware of what is happening in the college.

A graduate of Mt. Rainier High School, Cheryl was active in Honor Society, was Vice-President of her class and an A.S.B. representative. Cheryl maintains a 3.3 grade point average at Highline and has 25 total credits. She is currently the president of the HCSU Council, having been a representative on the council two years.

CAMPAIGN STATEMENT
I feel the greatest threat to the college today is apathy. The shortage of candidates in this year's council election is further evidence of this growing concern.

As a concerned student and active journalist, my goal as HSCU council representative will be to act as a liaison between the council and the press. I am convinced my involvement with the HCC publication, Thunderword, will enable me to act as an effective medium between the student government and the students themselves.

Pam is a graduate of Mt. Rainier high school, where she carried a 3.5 GPA and was a member of the Mountain Club, the Vocal Ensemble, and was secretary of the Foreign Exchange club. she entered Highline in the Fall Quarter, and has accumulated 31 credits, with a GPA of 3.2.

CAMPAIGN STATEMENT
Student involvement on the Highline College campus has been at a minimum. One must only to attend the activities to the Lecture Hall to realize this fact. I would like to see, if I am elected, more involvement in campus activities.

As a member of the HCSU I would be able to bring new and fresh ideas to the council. I have been a student here at Highline for a year, and as a student I am aware of needs and concerns. I feel I would be able to effectively represent the students.

Jan has graduated with a 3.67 GPA from Glacier High School, where she was active in Honor Society and lettered in swimming.

She has a 3.4 grade point average at Highline and has earned 26 credits. She is currently an HCSU representative.

CAMPAIGN STATEMENT
Being on the HCSU council this year has given me experience that will help me do an even better job next year.

My goals for next year are to obtain more student feedback and let that feedback into use at the various committees I will be attending; and to become more involved here at Highline. I feel that being on an HCSU representative will accomplish these goals.

Greg entered Highline in January of this year after seven years in the Coast Guard. He was a county Crisis Clinic phone worker for one and a half years and has spent three years as a drug and alcohol counselor. He is currently a King County Volunteer Fire Fighter and Emergency Medical Technician.

Greg has earned 29 credits at Highline with a 3.3 GPA and has earned an additional 22 credits at Seattle University.

CAMPAIGN STATEMENT
To be the voice of the students by personally getting involved with students and getting ideas and putting those ideas into action.

Lori graduated from Tyes High School with a GPA of 3.4. She was awarded journalism excellence awards and was quite active in the school newspaper, year book and school government.

Lori currently has 25 credits here at Highline and a GPA of 3.2. She is news editor of the Thunderword.

CAMPAIGN STATEMENT
I am running for a position on the HCSU council because of my interest in student opinions and student needs. I believe in the council's involvement in their student government and keeping up to date on the issues and actions that concern them. Through my work and involvement with the Thunderword, I feel I can successfully serve, inform and relate with the students here at Highline. I think I can be useful to the students through the double representation of the government and the press.
Students consumer help offered with HCC office

Students having problems as consumers can now turn to Highline College's Student Consumer Services office, which is run by Mike Walters, a legal assistance student.

"We are trying to help students with their consumer problems and spread information through posters, literature and films," Waters commented on the role of the office which opened Feb. 12 of this year.

"There is a need for consumer awareness by students. They have a lot of questions, and need help to avoid being taken advantage of," Waters stated.

He hopes to make students aware of consumer fraud, as well as help them if they are victims.

"We are working in conjunction with them on their consumer problems, in order for students to be able to handle these problems in the future," Waters explained.

Student rights in renting or leasing property and information about insurance problems, either buying or dealing with the companies, are two major areas where the service can help students, according to Waters.

Advice is given to help students decide what is best for them and where the service can help students, according to Waters.

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Commentary

Life in Saudi Arabia has problems — Volland

Special to the Thunderword from Glenda Volland, chemistry instructor, on leave from Highline College, she and her husband are staying at King Saud University in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, through the College of Medicine and Medical Sciences.

I apologize for not having written sooner, but will write now. We are making a more or less normal, American life here for our family, but it does require time and effort.

We live in Al Khober, a town of about 80,000 located on the Arabian (Persian) Gulf. Darman, population about 100,000, is about 12 miles north and Dhabran, about 60,000, is about eight miles west. For some reason, Al Khober almost never appears on maps of this region although both other towns usually do. Al Khober has a large Western (Europe), primarily U.S. and U.K. citizens.

There are large numbers of Koreans here with Hyundai construction company and large numbers of Indians and Pakistanis here who work in the various businesses and for the Saudi government and municipalities. Al Khober is very private and most of the garbage is collected twice a day, seven days a week, by trucks crossing the city spraying insecticide to keep down the flies. Most of the streets are also lined with trees. The greenery is most welcome among the arid country is sand.

It looks a lot like the scene at the beginning of Star Wars where C-3PO and R2D2 trudge over the bones before being captured by the Jawas.

Shopping is easy although expensive. We buy our groceries at Al Sawan's market which opened last October. It is owned by a Californian woman and her Saudi Arabian husband and caters to U.S. customers and former Americans. Everything I buy at Al Sawan I can buy cheaper here (in town). Kava coffee has been off the shelves since December. The hang-up has to do with the government requirement that all goods coming into this country must have dual labeling of at least must be labeled in Arabic. Al Sawan's is buying direct from suppliers in the States, shipping whole containers from Houston and then applying stick-on labels in Arabic here so the products come in.

They have groceries on the first floor of the building and a little bit of everything on the second floor: a Hallmark shop, toys, art and craft supplies and Stanley tools, Rubbermaid stuff, etc. More or less a small Sears.

A large supermarket has just opened at Dhabran, its twin is to open in a week here in Al Khober and a third is due later this month in Dammam. These markets are managed for the Saudi owner by representatives of a British food store chain and cater somewhat more to British taste, although they also carry a considerable inventory of U.S. foodstuffs.

We are all waiting to see the latest addition to the local supermarket scene: SAFeway. The building is about ready but the warehouse is still being constructed.

Reminds me of the Safeway at Factoria Square: one story store with a mall off to the left to house smaller shops. Of course, the Safeway here for adoption at Highline College. It has been prepared for inclusion in the school catalog of the 1979-80 year.

"Any academic standard of policy should be reviewed at all times, but I don't see the need for any immediate changes in the new degree," stated Shirley Gordon.

Education is for everyone. Young and old. And one of the best ways to save for it is with U.S. Savings Bonds bought through the Federal Savings Plan, where you bank. When it comes to college, they're one smart move.
Dear Editor:

The word may already be circulating that, on March 26th, Highline Community College entered into what is officially termed the University's "Transfer Guide." This is a statement of agreement between the University of Washington and Highline Community College. This agreement is the result of discussions between the University and the community college system of Washington over the past year. It was signed by Highline's President Shirley B. Gordon on March 26th, 1979, and on transfer to the University of Washington. Thereby Highline students who follow the AA degree requirements as recently adopted for the 1979-80 catalog will find that list of courses and have 20 credits for each of the broad areas (humanities, social sciences, and math/natural science) plus a 2.75 can be assured of admission to the University of Washington with junior standing. The community college system has worked out this agreement. The effect should be beneficial to students who transfer from Highline Community College to the University of Washington. There is a guarantee of equal opportunity and information available to plan while at Highline the courses necessary to achieve junior standing on transfer to the University. Copies of the agreement are being printed and will be available to anyone interested at the Admissions Office or from Counseling.

Robert McPike
Dean of Instruction, Highline College

UW transfer degree not gold

Dear Editor:
The process of transferring credit, which is often an arduous task, has been simplified in the recent 修改 to the University of Washington's catalog. A student may be assured of admission to the University by earning a cumulative grade point of 2.75 or above without requiring pre-college test scores. This modification, which constitutes the only real change, improves the opportunity for high school graduates who have earned 75 credits of transferable work.
Legislation affecting colleges 'hanging in air' — Newell

by Tim Kelly

As the Washington state Legislature heads into its special session, most bills which would effect community colleges have not passed, according to Ed Newell, Highline College Education Association legislative representative.

"Everything's sort of hanging in the air right now," said Newell of the legislation.

One of the bills that seems to be held up is Senate Bill 2386. This bill would give workers the right to negotiate input on educational programs.

"We need to see that the increase is over the entire fiscal period of the state, at the per year wage hike is eight and one half per cent.

"This is a sure subject to me and other teachers," he said. "Over the past seven years, salary increases kept up with the cost of living only once."

Even with the 17 per cent increase over the biennium, Newell feels that instructors are "getting the shaft again, because we're trying to fight double digit inflation with single digit wage increases."

Newell and others involved in the subject feel that the increase will go through if it makes it to the floor. The state budget, which contains funding for community colleges, has just passed the House and has been sent to the Senate, where it remains at this point of the special session, so the final amount of support for schools is not known.

One item which Newell is unhappy to see die is an approximate 14 per cent tuition increase for college students.

"The tuition increase is probably dead," he reported. "The state is budgeted up with a higher revenue estimate, and the extra money from a tuition raise is not needed. We're pleased, because we like to see education stay available to people."

HCC Student Programs suffer from apathy

by Craig Steed

The student programs office has had a 99 per cent increase in the number of students assisting in programming this quarter over last. This quarter there is one student assisting, last quarter there were none.

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Koenig appointed student activities assistant

by Melodie Steiger

Laura Koenig has been appointed the new student activities and programs assistant of the Highline College Student Union. Filling the position left open on January 31 by the resignation of Ray Gruver, Koenig was chosen by a committee of students.

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HAPPY EASTER

HCC students successful in job placements

by Mike Menalla

The annual follow-up of graduating students of HCC is completed with positive results, according to Dr. Robert Beardemphl, Director of Occupational Programs for HCC.

"Eighty per cent of the graduating students of 1978 are employed in the fields for which they trained, 19 per cent are employed in better positions than what they trained for, and the other one per cent are unemployed," Beardemphl said.

Several programs were completely successful such as the diving, surfing, fashion merchandising and market and sales programs, all of which held a placement rate of 100 per cent.

This record reflects past placement records for the early part of the 1970's, when the records did not drop below 60 per cent even with the economic slump that was occurring at the time.

"Our placement follow-ups are one phone call shots. So the present figures could change from day to day," Beardemphl said.

"We are readily abilant for those students graduating this year, and the outlook is getting better," said Beardemphl.

"I feel that the outlook for students regarding jobs is exceptional. There are more jobs this year than there were last year and there are more positions open especially in industries like Boeing," Beardemphl said.

"Persons with special skills are going to benefit the most this year as more and more employers are looking for skilled workers, rather than workers who carry degrees."

"People are discovering that it's the skills, not the degree that count," Beardemphl noted.

Those who are receiving degrees should be sure that there is a position for them after they have graduated. "We need to be realistic and get back to skills. Degrees should be given in areas where jobs are available and not for areas where there are no jobs," Beardemphl said.

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Handicap presents challenge to Maryann

by Scott Schaefer

Having multiple sclerosis for 23 years is obviously a tough handicap. But for Highline student Maryann Lohdeill, being handicapped doesn't present much of a barrier, she says.

"Life's exactly what you make of it," Maryann said. "I'm happy with what I've been able to do."

That challenge was conquered and now Maryann gets around campus in a motorized cart, which she finds much easier and more acceptable than a wheelchair.

Maryann's determination to do what she wants stems from her understanding of people and psychology, an area she has always been interested in. She also has an urge to write a book on her experiences to help other M.S. victims.

She feels comfortable at Highline now that students and teachers treat her like any other person.

"At first when I came here, I was a bit apprehensive about being different, but that disappeared after my first class," Maryann said. "The barriers broke down, and some people even joke with me about my cart—I enjoy people more than I used to." Maryann is perfect example of how to cope with life's problems—be happy, do anything you want to do. She can funnel her energies into constructive things as well as understanding people and their reactions.

"You must remember that everyone has a possibility of getting a handicap," she stated. "But you must turn a negative attitude into a very positive one and do anything and everything you want to do, even with a handicap like mine."

"At first I was very ashamed of myself being in a wheelchair," she said. "But I had to accept it as a friend and myself as a worthwhile human being. It took a lot of time to adjust, but when I got the motorized cart three years ago, I was able to get out and do what I wanted much easier."

Maryann's lifestyle took a turn for the better after she got the cart and her husband bought a specially designed van with hand controls, which allow her to go almost anywhere.

Maryann demonstrates how she handles her specially designed cart and van.

Gordon given another honor

Dr. Shirley Gordon, Highline College president, was one of eight outstanding women honored by all King County chapters of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, last month.

The educational organization was celebrating its 50th anniversary.

At the presentation, they spoke of Gordon being in the ranks that gained the original legislation and authority for the college. She then worked in the initial planning and was one of the four pioneer teachers and administrators of HCC.

Last year she was honored as a Woman of Achievement by Matrix Table, an annual honors event sponsored by Women in Communications, Inc. She will be attending the 1979 Matrix Table April 17 as one of the past honorees.

She has served national and state committees for junior and community colleges. She is currently serving on three committees for the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges.
Fashion Class ‘Say It With Music’

With the sound of disco music over the loudspeakers, members of the Highline College Fashion Show Production Class held their annual Spring Fashion Show Mar. 7 at the airport Hyatt House. After weeks of preparation, they moved on to the stage to show off the latest Spring fashions provided by some greater Seattle and Tacoma area retailers.

Twenty-three second year fashion majors modeled 73 different outfits in an evening filled with music, dance and laughter. (A related story appears on page 12)

Photos by Jim Frew

Text by Ric Browne
Tremor felt on campus caused by ‘Epicentre’

by June Hoyt

An epicenter is the part of the earth’s surface directly above the focal point of an earthquake. Epicentre, up and coming “funk/soul” band, was the source of the quake that shook the Lecture Hall Wednesday, March 28.

The band was scheduled to play at 11:45 a.m. but lost some of their audience to a late start. They opened at 12:05 p.m. with a characteristic “funk rock” sound, embellished by lead and bass guitar solos.

“Have you heard, high morning? If you’re not, we’re gonna get you high,” voiced Bernadette Bacsom, lead singer, as she strolled onto the stage at the onset of the second song. Bacsom was the此内 that held the audience’s attention throughout the performance. She’s an excellent vocalist and her warmth was transmitted by her friendly voice and easy moving form.

Frequent eye contact with the audience and occasional trips up the aisles added to the flow of the performance. Other members of the band include: Rick Houston, clarinet and piano; Ron Harring, lead guitar; Ron Pooa, bass guitar; Rick Johnson, drums; and Rick Utley, organ.

Bacsom was up with the group People’s Choice when they released the million seller Don’t Ask Why in 1973. She was in the group Acapulco Gold for two years before joining Epicentre.

Houston played on one of Tower of Power’s albums. Harring was with Burgundy Express for nine years.

The group was planned with the Raiders, City Zoo and The Houstonians, under The Association for two years before joining Epicentre.

The band is good. There’s no doubt about it. Their going national confirms the band’s potential for future success.

They played more top-40 songs than they usually do in previous simply because they were performing for a college audience. Most of the songs were very good for dancing, although one did.

They were apologised for not being really together, as it seems as a bit early for vocalists and late night performers, but no apology was necessary. The show was enjoyable from beginning to end.

A slow but pretty song, Make me do for love… was such a new one, I would not do, was done for a former, but still loved band member, and featured a synthesizer solo by Utley.

Other songs included: I’ll be around, Holding on, You ain’t lost yet, Melody, searching, I need you, and Dance off night.

The band related often with the audience and at one point a row of preschool children was spotted by a band member who yelled out, “Check that I.D.!”

According to Bascom, the “special” sound that Epicentre exudes can be attributed to the fact that the band plays both basically rock music and Bacsom’s vocals are soul oriented.

The men are all white and Bacsom is black. The result is a funk sound, the top of a rock bed.

Of the songs on their usual repertoire, 75 percent are written and arranged by the group.

Saturday night, March 2, at the Aquarius Tavern, Epicentre was joined by Stevie Wonder, who played drums with theret (and not written by the group), and how long will it take for your love to now our love, a song composed by Wonder right there on stage.

Wonder asked Bacsom to write the lyrics for this new composition. The group will have to get their album which is in the planning stage now.

They are working on a deal for the album to be cut out by either Stevie Wonder or the Bell (as a label they have determined).

Bacson joined Wonder in Baltimore, her hometown, 15 years ago. At the time, Wonder, 16 years old, was playing dinner clubs.

“My friends and I spent a great deal of time following Stevie everywhere and making a game out of scanning people into letting us backstage,” stated Bacson.

In recent years Bacsom and Wonder have renewed their friendship and he has paid for vocal lessons with his teacher in Los Angeles for members of Epicentre.

Wonder wants Epicentre to go on tour of the West Coast with him as the opening act. The exact time of the tour has not been decided but it’s scheduled for the near future.

They plan on taking some time off the stage scene in a month or so to put their new show together and figure out what changes need to be made to guarantee success.

“The road, there’s a lot of competition,” said Bacson. She and the group plan on meeting the competition and coming out ahead by adapting their music whenever necessary.

Epicentre will not change radically for achievement’s sake, however, but no one thinks they’ll really have to.

“They (the band) amaze me every- where, and I don’t necessarily mean musically,” commented Bacson during the performance. The amazement and love the group feels for one another was evident.

Epicentre will be appearing in Vancouver, B.C. at Good Time Charlie’s on Saturday night and then in Seattle at Pier 70 for two weeks.

Greco dazzles capacity crowd in Lecture Hall

by K.J. Harmeling

Jose Greco and his dancing partner Nena Lorca captivated a standing room only crowd in the Lecture Hall March 29 with a dazzling display of Hispanic dance.

The show was not only a display of dancing technique, but a history lesson as well. As an introduction to his performance, Greco spoke for a short time about the history of Hispanic dance.

He explained that history and the constant invasions of Spain by different groups of people affected the way that dance has developed in the province of Spain so that each has its own unique style of dance.

To give an idea of how stylized Hispanic dance can become, Greco first danced a short selection from The Bolero by Ravel, a very stiff, formal and stylized dance, using a cape which he whirled about his head with no apparent effort.

Between dances Greco gave a brief explanation of the type, style, origin, and meaning of the selection. He was very effective in this as he related the story of each piece to the audience.

The best performance of the evening was saved for last. Greco and Lorca danced was more dusty than the last, as they changed from the 18th century dances of the Spanish aristocracy to the stylized dances of a Spanish cowboy, to the colorful dress of the rural mountain people.

While Greco and Lorca changed costumes, the audience was entertained by Greco’s plant and a flamenco guitarist. The guitarist received an especially enthusiastic response and was called back for an encore before the audience let him go.

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The final number, with the fast pace of a flamenco, rounded out the show and ended the evening with a note of excitement.

Art gallery and museum opening
Movie Review

'The Promise' — a love story that will please

by Ric Browne

Love stories have always been big draws at the box office. Many are not very-calibre to justify this but, The Promise, definitely deserves attention.

The film brings to mind some of the finest love stories that came out of the 30's and '40s that were vehicles to stardom for Olivia De Havilland, Bette Davis and others.

Although this film does not have big names like those mentioned above, it definitely is in their league.

The film, which stars Kathleen Quinlan (who received an Oscar nomination for her role in Rose Garden), Stephen Collins and Beathrice Straight, is the story about a young couple, Nancy (Quinlan) and Michael (Collins)

Michael wins a necklace for Nancy and they marry and decide to get married.

Over the objections of his mother (Quinn), they decide to go to the finest love stories that came out of the 30's and '40s, definitely deserves attention.

Meanwhile, Michael gets a job in the city and the same city as that is when all the fun begins.

You have seen it all before and heard it all before but what makes the difference, is the direction of Gilbert Cates.

Cates, who produced and directed the 1976 film I Never Sang For My Father, strives hard to keep the film from becoming bogged down in clichés and voice acting.

The direction, is fast paced and energetic. Cates keeps the movive rolling and gets the most out of his performances, making his young talent well with his veteran performers.

Kathleen Quinlan, who must play a dual role as Nancy and Marie, is outstanding. She must play two entirely different personalities. Her performance is believable and not over done.

Quinlan, who is a very conscientious actress, comes across very well talking with plastic surgery and others and then she shows the psychological and physical effects on people whoocation meaning, plastic surgery. From her performance, she obviously did her homework well.

Stephen Collins who portrays Michael, is perfectly wicked. His performance perks up the audiences attention...you love to hate her.

Record review

Harrison's newest — a big disappointment

by Ern Oxlady

George Harrison's latest release, simply titled George Harrison, is a terrifically composed album.

After waiting nearly three years for a new release, the most one could expect would be some different material. Instead this album gives the listener a refreshing of his old tunes. With this album Harrison has come up with a cut which seems to portray his lack of originality: Here Comes the Moon. Although, it sounds nothing like it, its famous counterpart, does present a double threat- repetitious choruses and boring lyrics.

Just remember folks, this double packed planetary wonder came from one of the Beatles or at least keep telling yourself that this man has sold millions of records—you'll be happier for forgetting.

It kind of makes one ponder what's next for the ex-Beatles in the atonement section. Former Harrison bandmate Paul McCartney writes about Wings and Starr as being the two best he has heard, at least they are in tune. Let's face it, although Paul and Ringo are the two best he has heard, it would be listening to Here Comes the Sun. With the exception of that point there is honestly nothing interesting about this song.

In the track Sweet Dark Lady Harrison seems to be trying to upgrade the quality of his album, but it doesn't work. This love song does have its positive points though. Harrison does some excellent guitar playing in the bridge and the harp playing in the background is pleasant.

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Life in Saudi Arabia has its problems, cont.

displays architectural touches characterizing the Islamic influence, but it is a
front that reminds one of the Pacific
Ocean. We find small fish in the
water at ARAMCO, the Arabian-
American Oil Co in Dhahran.
ARAMCO operates offices, work
areas and a large residential com-
ponent in Dhahran. They get distilled
water as a by-product of their air-
conditioning systems, which have enough
for everyone, it seems. This "sweet"
water is piped in the homes in Dhahran
in the ARAMCO compound and is also
available at an outside tap.
Greg, age 4, goes to a pre-school in
ARAMCO and then to a nursery in the
afternoons. He enjoys being with other kids
and having the chance to get out to play. Forget to
tell you, we live in an apartment in Al
Khobar.
Kirk, age 9, attends the Saudi Ara-
bian International School on the Ameri-
can Consulate in Dhahran. He is active
in Cub Scouts and played a season of
Little League last November and De-
cember. Cuba is really a big deal here and the
boys progress through the ranks at a
faster rate than they do at home. We've
always asked for Arabian kids, there are fewer
things for them to do here. The Pack
has 68 boys in Cuba.

There is a fairly sizable Scout troop,
too, as Girl Scouts and Brownies.
The parents have organized after-
school activities at SAS, too. Just
finished T-ball and now the sign-
up sheet for soccer has come home.
The PTA at the school is a vigorous
group, again I think because there are
fewer parents for things to do parents.
There are about 1500 kids in grades K-
9 at SAS so that makes a lot of parents
to do things to keep the PTA going.
We get the important U.S. news: TV
from Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Delta,
Quatar with English language news.
There are two English language news-
papers published in Saudi Arabia and
we also get the Zurich edition of the
International Herald Tribune about
two days late.
We heard about the November snow in
Seattle, the February wind storm
and the sinking of the Hood Canal bridge
and the unfortunate accident involving
Willing Unooshol and the stu-
dent from Evergreen on Mt. Rainier.
Also that the Dodgers beat UCLA in
basketball and that the Sonics are not in
first place in the division.
Yesterday (March 9) we had the
Rose Bowl game on TV. Friday
here is like Sunday at home so
there are afternoon sports shows, bas-
ketball and the NBA championships
when we first arrived and now football
since December. On New Years we
watched the first Husky football game
of this season.
The rest of TV is a conglomeration
to the very old: Bonanza, The Saint, The
Avengers, Adam-12, Emergency, and
the not so old: The 6 Million Dollar
Woman, The Bionic Woman, Barret,
Quark, The Hulk, Sandberg's Lincoln,
Daniel's Street and of course, cartoons
in both English and Arabic.
The 6 Million Dollar Man has just
been cancelled. Too many kids were
jumping out of windows and trying to
stop cars. The government objected
to the continuation of the show.

Best wishes for a good year. Gloria

LETTERS

Rock is crap, cont.

from page 4

that article. And 1978 saw more than
Pete Maravich arrive on the jazz scene.
Also to come out in 1978 were two fine
blues albums by John Lee Hooker and
Albert King, but you won't hear that on
your FM radio.

I could go on listing jazz albums
that came out in 1979 that show more
talent and variety than anything Van Halen
or Foreigner could do.

So may I suggest that you turn off
your radio and open your ears. Any-
way, if this letter makes it far, I
thank you for taking the time to read it.

David K. Smith

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Sports

Women's tennis coach predicts winning season

by Bev Joseph

Although the Highline College women's tennis team had a losing season in 1978, head tennis coach Norma Kay Adamson expresses much optimism for a winning season this year.

"I've learned from my last year's mistakes," Adamson said. "It's my fault. I didn't set up the doubles teams early enough."

"We played much of the season mixing-up partners of doubles teams," she continued.

To rectify this, Adamson plans to establish the doubles squads no later than the second match of the season "hoping that no injuries occur to disrupt that."

The season opened for the T-birds on Tuesday with a match against Fort Stellacs on the Raider's home court. Results were unavailable at press time.

Adamson is encouraged by her team's prospects.

"I feel that this year we'll be very competitive with the teams in the league because we have a lot of strength and potential on the whole team," Adamson exclaimed.

The principle strength of the team lies in the first through fourth singles players, says Adamson, and the first and second doubles teams.

During a match, each school competes in six singles matches and three doubles matches.

Adamson emphasizes that the strong point of the team is her players' ability to "play both ways which will be beneficial in case of injuries or illness."

"We're trying to pace ourselves during our doubles practice and catch play so we'll be peaking, hopefully during the middle of the season, and still be up by the time of the tournament," the HCC coach explained.

This year's team of ten players includes only one returning player, Rhondi Adair.

One of the more promising factors is Joanna Kallman, who was recruited by Adamson and is playing in a scholarship.

The women's team is a member of the Coastal League which includes seven other community colleges.

Highline will play each team twice during the one and a half month season.

The main goal for the teams is to play in the Northwest Community College Women's Sports Association (NCWSA) Tournament held this year in Spokane on May 17-19.

"The tournament is really what the season is about, we're striving for that," concurs Adamson.

When not practicing at the HCC tennis courts, the team utilizes the Tennis World facility in Seattle where Adamson is a full-time teaching tennis pro.

The T-birds will host Clark this Monday and Centralia on Tuesday. Both matches will begin at 2:00 p.m.

Swimmers break team records in Portland

The Highline College aquatic T-birds finished their season March 11 at Portland, Ore. in the Northwest A.A.U. Region 12 Championships.

Region 12 is composed of University, College and AAU teams from Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Alaska.

"The team did extremely well for having only four swimmers in the meet," swim coach Andy Hathaway said.

The four members of the team were Mark Amberson, Jon Veery, Tim Mahaffie and Randy Terlicker.

They scored a total of 41 points for 19th place out of fifty teams in the meet.

A total of six team records were broken, two by the relay teams and four by swimming sensation Mark Amberson.

Amberson broke records in the 400 yard freestyle with a time of 3:53.3, the 200 yard individual medley in 2:00.8, the 200 yard butterfly in 1:58.7 and the 100 yard butterfly in 53.3.

Amberson got most of the team's points by placing 13th, 14th and 16th in the events he set school records in. He also helped the relay team in setting two other school records.

The other members of the relay team, Mahaffie, Veery and Terlicker lowered the school marks in the 400 yard relay in 2:20.1 and 800 yard relay in 7:25.2.

"We lose only one swimmer in Mahaffie, but indications are that we will get someone to step in as a freshman and we should be able to improve on our record," commented Hathaway on next year.

The Portland meet wrapped up a very successful season and a forecast for next year looks equally optimistic.

Highline tracksters excel in Wenatchee meet

by Rod Weeks

The Highline College track team has made great strides in preparation for the conference championships in May, setting some good performances in the Wenatchee meet March 24.

In the meet, which involved participants from Wenatchee, Green River, Olympic, Everett and Bellevue, the T-birds posted wins in five events.

HCC, which has six outdoor meets remaining this season, will travel to Portland tomorrow for the Lewis and Clark University of Portland Invitational Meet.

The meet will begin at noon.

In Wenatchee at T-birds gained first place honors.

Mark Amberson won the three mile run with a time of 15:03.

Seventh grader Greg Kangas was victorious as he posted a 1:19.0 time in the 880. Kangas then tied with two teammates, Randy Gherta and Bill Allen, as Highline won the mile run with a relatively slow time of 4:53.

Several of the running times in the meet were Outland standard as the wind became a factor.

"All the times were slow because it was very windy," said assistant track coach Bob Maplestone.

Maplestone, however, was pleased with the team's performance. "If we keep doing a lot better than we did this year, we'll be in pretty good shape," he stated. "Most of the events we just ran to win. We used it (the meet) as a workout."

HCC's weak area on the team is in the field events where team members are scarce, but the talent of the athletes engaged in the events is not.

In Wenatchee, Steve Tulip won the high jump with a leap of 6'6" and barely missed clearing a height of 6'9".

In the long jump, Gary Robinson captured a first place with a 22-foot jump.

Other T-birds who placed high were Ben Inman, who took second in the 400 (50.4) and Dean Koehler who finished third in the same race with a time of 50.8.

The mile relay team, consisting of Inman, Koehler, Gherta and Bryan Mahaffie placed third with a time of 3:27.8.

Maplestone believes that the team has potential but it is "not all that good".

"Right now, our weakest points are in the field events where we can't pull an edge," he continued. "As far as the people we have, they're pretty solid."

We've got those events (where there are no competitors) covered pretty solidly.

The only two events that HCC is hurting badly in the javelin and the 100 meter sprint, where the team has no entrants.

"Wenatchee didn't tell us a whole lot, but where we're at," Maplestone added following the Meet. "The importance of the meet. We're going to stick with our basic training plan."

T-birds' next meet in Portland will be important to the squad as it is a scoring meet.

"Hopefully, we'll do as well as we did in Wenatchee, but I don't know what the competition is like down there," Maplestone commented.

The tracksters next meet following tomorrow's will be the Olympic Invitational in Bremerton on April 1.
by Kevin Stauffer

Highline College tennis player Rocky Durane has never had a losing season since coaching at HCC and doesn't expect this season to be any different.

"This team is very good. We have some strong players on the team. We should have another winning season," Johnson said.

Unfortunately for HCC the season hasn't started out as Johnson predicted for them.

The T-Birds opened the season with two easy victories over Spring break.

They beat Fort Steilacoom, 6-1, and Everett, 5-2.

But last week turned into a nightmare for coach Johnson's team as they dropped their first match Wednesday to powerhouse Green River, 9-0.

Then came the teams from east of the Cascades: Spokane and Columbia Basin. Spokane upset the T-Birds, 4-3, and CBC knocked them down, 5-2.

"Expected Green River to be tough, but I thought we should have beaten Spokane and Columbia Basin," Johnson said.

The season dropped the T-Birds record to 2-5. The team took on Centralia Tuesday and Mt. Hood Thursday. HCC takes on the Clark College Penguins here today at 1:00 p.m. in a Region II contest.

The T-Birds are dotted with first year players this season, but coach Johnson calls this the deepest team he's ever had.

One of two returning lettermen on the squad is Rocky Durane. Durane will be playing number one man for the team in both singles and doubles.

"Durane has good potential and can possibly be the best in the league of his age," Johnson said.

Playing in the number two spot will be Jeff Gross. Durane's first year man out of Federal Way High School.

"Durane came to me and said he'd like to play singles," Johnson said of Durane's return. "I didn't have anything to do with it; it was his decision."

Although the exact circumstances surrounding Durane's second arrival at Highline are still cloudy, the important fact is that Durane is once again on HCC court, and perhaps in better condition than the state champ Durane of two years ago.

"His play is more mature; his serve is a little stronger, which is hard to do because it was good before," Johnson said.

Durane's serve and game has improved to the point where he is building a reputation for breaking tennis balls.

"I break more strings on my racquet than I do tennis balls. The balls could have been bad or something," Durane said of his destructive habit.

Putting the accumulation of tennis balls aside, Durane is thinking positively about both his own and his teammate's play thus far.

"I feel pretty good about my game," Durane said. "We've got a good assistant coach, Kurt Beckman, who helped me with my game."

"We've got a good team; it's got depth. We should have a real good crack at state if we keep practicing, and get guys in the right positions."

Johnson speaks slightly less optimistically about the state possibilities but still feels that Highline will be in the thick of things when the season draws to a close.

"I think we can be in the top four teams; there are some awfully tough teams. You have to face the fact that Green River has already beaten us, 9-0."

The tournament is a completely different story because you have to face different teams," Johnson commented.

Johnson also foresees a difficult road ahead of Durane if this attempt to repeat as the state champ.

"He's got some pretty tough competition," Johnson said. "There are probably three players of the same caliber in the league. He hasn't played tennis all winter, either."

"He's a good tournament player, and that's what counts," Johnson said of the one advantage Durane may have over his competition. "He's good in a tournament situation."

By May 19, the final day of the conference tournament in Yakima, Highline will know if they have a twotime state tennis champ in the form of Rocky Durane.

Johnson optimistic about netters' season

by Tom Bettesworth

Highline College men's tennis coach Dave Johnson has almost three more weeks of this season since coaching at HCC and doesn't expect this season to be any different.

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