

Highline Student Council votes to join CORP Bruce Mackintosh, coordinator of

by Judy Elrod

Highline College Student Union Council of Representatives voted unanimously on November 6 to join the Council of Representatives and Presi-

HCSU members feel the move will be a betterment for the future of Highline students, according to ence the decisions of the Council of

Many uses planned for new Natural Sciences Division greenhouse

by Ron Del Mar

The Natural Science Division of Highline Community College is making plans to improve its program in the form of a new greenhouse.

The greenhouse has been in the planning stage for about one year. The Natural Science Division just received special funds from the Legislature to remodel the biology lab and construc-

The project is still under bid from several construction companies. Gina Erickson, director of the Natural Science Division, is hoping that the construction of the greenhouse can begin sometime during Winter Quarter and will be ready for use by the spring

The proposed site for the new greenhouse is adjacent to the biology lab. This new greenhouse will supplement an already existing greenhouse, which is described by Bob Wright. biology instructor, as being inadequate and too small.

The new greenhouse will provide a controlled atmosphere. The environment in the old greenhouse is uncontrollable and dehydration is a common problem. Temperature, humidity, and light conditions will be easily controlled with the new system, according to Wright.

Space is also a major problem in the outdated greenhouse, which allows for only 450 square feet of bench space. The new greenhouse will be 30 by 50 feet in dimension with a much improved 2800 square feet of bench

"The new greenhouse will give us an diverse," Wright explained.

DSHS alters child care payment system

by Melodie Steiger

A revised system of payment through the Department of Social and Health Services is being implemented in the Child Development Center with unfavorable results, according to Linda Kays, CDC coordinator.

Effective Nov. 6 of this year, welfare payments to the Center have been transferred from Title XX to Title IV. section A for parents enrolled in approved non-work incentive programs and who are eligible for Aid the Families with Dependent Children. What this means, according to Kays,

CDC workers.

"When the parents get caught betis that the CDC will no longer receive Inside this issue: RAMY DAYS ---for a look at Fall, turn to the centerfold

"It will give the students opportunities in horticultural careers, where opportunity to expand our curriculum as before they might not have consiby making our class offerings more dered horticulture as a career possibil- the greenhouse can be opened up for involved and the sacrifices they ity," she remarked.

plants alive while gathering data from them throughout the course. Erickson also feels that the modernized greenhouse will benefit students tremendously.

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Student Programs, explained that CORP has had influence on tuition cuts

CORP has 12 community colleges

currently in membership with five

This will be a particularly vital year

to join CORP because of the legislative

session to be held later this year,

according to Mackintosh. This year's session will involve many student

concerns including tuition cuts as well as developing the State General Fund Budget for the next to years.

A strong issue in the council's decision to join CORP is the cost of \$533 for membership which will last until June 1981, according to Mackintosh.

The cost is based on a \$150 base fee, with an additional 8¢ per full time equivalent student. The money would

be budgeted from the Service and

Activities Budget, set up for HCSU

"We were concerned about what

sounded like a large amount of money

to pay for membership," stated

Steiger. She explained that Highline's fee will be considerably more than that of

smaller community colleges, and that HCC will still be allowed only one vote

"We felt that if we pay more and

represent more students that the

HCSU should have more votes," the chairperson continued. "We took our

example from the U.S. House of Repre-

Lynn Bishop, CORP president, at-tended a HCSU meeting and influenc-

"We realized that besides represent

ing more students, we would be be-

nefiting more students," Steiger ex-

plained. "We concluded that the fee is

justified, and we wanted to go all or

This is the first time Highline Col-

There were a variety of reasons for

the HCSU's non-involvement with the

organization, but, according to Bruce

Mackintosh, the main reason was a

combination of high cost and lack of

"CORP is a very worthy organization

organization," stressed Mackintosh.

Their strength lies in the

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others planning to join by winter.

in the past.

Melodie Steiger, HCSU chairperson. "We can see a lot of good coming from the move,"she stated. "It will be important for Highline to be represented in the state's decisions."

CORP represents community college students' concerns and views to state organizations. They try to influ-

Post Secondary Education, the Legislature, and state boards. The monthly meetings also allow CORP to aid individual community

colleges should the need arise. With the group's influence in the Legislature, CORP, a non-profit organization, is able to act as a legislative liaison on propositions concerning community colleges.



ent for this greenhouse is still under bid from several construction staff photo by Randy Lidral

Wright further revealed that the future botany, biology, and genetic classes will provide each student with actual experience in greenhouse setup and plant experiments. Future classes will be based more upon practical applications rather than theoretical studies. Students will try to keep their

Erickson affirmed that the greenhouse will be used primarily for student research in botanical functions. However, the maintenance crew at HCC will also be able to make sufficient use of the new greenhouse.

A section of the greenhouse will be set aside for use by the maintenance crew. The crew will actually be able to save themselves money by growing many of their own plants rather than having to buy from nurseries, according to Erickson.

Erickson is hoping that eventually community use.

direct payment from the DSHS. Pa- ween buying groceries and medicine rents will be required to pay for child care at the beginning of each month, and will be reimbursed by the organization at the end of that period.

This will necessitate funding from finances that parents on welfare don't have, she explained.

The new system also requires that the parent declare his or her program or major and follow through to its

Kays pointed out that the statewide process may cause more than mere inconvenience for both parents and

or paying their CDC bill, more than likely the bill gets paid last," she stated. "Some centers need that income

They cannot afford to work with bill collectors and can't collect the money themselves. These programs may flatly refuse to accept children of parents on welfare," explained Kays.

The system change was designed in the face of state budget cuts made by Governor Dixy Lee Ray, according to sources at the DSHS. The payments are now considered to be income maintenance rather than a social service.

The CDC coordinators were told in late August to expect welfare pay-ments to be cut totally by October 31 in the face of these reductions.

The center was informed in late October that the new system had been devised and would go into effect on November 5, leaving the parents to pay for two days of child care from their own funds.

"Most of the parents affected were in their second year of college," commented Kays. "It imposed an incred-ible amount of tension-all of a sudden they were told to sink or swim on their

"Several parents who were already enrolled in college called up to say that they couldn't pay, couldn't take the pressure. We lost five families that way," she said.

There are five children presently attending the Center who are included in this program. The new limitations, however, are waived in certain cases, including:

School-age parents taking the General Education Degree or high school completion; residents of federally recognized Indian reservations; and participants in the Indo-Chinese Refugee Program.

There are eight children this quarter who fall under one of these categories. Kays pointed out that the Highline

CDC is in no danger of running out of customers, with a long waiting list to work with. The coordinator also expressed sympathy with the Department of Social and Health Services, which she labeled as "understaffed and having a tremendous work load."

"But I do have empathy with parents trying to get off the welfare system, who are trying to get back into the job market," she added. "This program says to let only the middle class or more affluent persons be able to come to college."

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Highline Headlines

Lean days ahead for community colleges

by Sarah Lee

The recent elections left many on campus with mixed feelings as to what the results meant to community colleges.

"Just the fact that there are more conservatives in power means it is generally not good for education," Davidson Dodd, Highline College political science instructor, explained.

Jack Pierce, president of the Faculty Senate, felt that federal funds may become harder to obtain.

'Reagan was against the establishment of the cabinet post of the Department of Education, a post in which (President) Carter was instrumental in getting established this year," Pierce said. "It looks like it (the department) will be either ignored or dismantled."

Dodd felt that the economy is the critical factor. If Reagan helps the economy, more revenue will pour into the state. But if the economy stays at the present level, according to Dodd, colleges will be subject to cuts.

On the state level, Pierce emphasized, Jim McDermott's unsuccessful campaign for the governorship was for full spending for community colleges and the "open door" policy.

"John Spellman (governor-elect) said he was for the 'open door' policy too, but how much that will mean in terms of money remains to be seen,' Pierce said.

Pierce added that until state committees are made up in the legislature, it will be hard to tell exactly if and where cutbacks will occur.

"The kindergarten through grade 12 education will probably put more pressure on us," Dodd said. "If more is spent on them and since we don't have as much clout as four-year schools, we're a little vulnerable."

"I don't perceive anyone against us, but they are going to be belt tightening, and we are one of the notches on the belt," Dodd continued.

Although Dr. Shirley Gordon, HCC President, sees increased tuition and restricted enrollment ahead, she is optimistic concerning support for community colleges.

"We have a very fine group of representatives and senators in the 30th, 31st, and 33rd districts who will try to do their very best for education," she said.

Both McDermott and Spellman had

seemed very supportive of community college education, according to Gor-don, but she added that it remains to be seen how many dollars will be actually seen in support.

"I think John Spellman will be very supportive to extend all the help that he can. I know that he's talking about reduced taxes, but I hope he looks at the value of higher education and give it the importance it deserves," Gordon explained.

The HCC President stressed that now is the time for students to let their representatives know how they stand on community college education.

"Students are the key: I can tell governor-elect Spellman how important it is to be funded, but if students tell him it makes it twice as important.

"I think representatives are beginning to realize that there are 200,000 students enrolled in community colleges," Gordon concluded.

Smoke-out featured at HCC

by Shari Day

"Don't add to the ash" will be this year's theme for the Great American Smokeout sponsored by the American Cancer Society. In conjunction with the smokeout, the ACS will conduct a free quit smoking clinic on campus.

The smokeout is a lighthearted attempt to encourage smokers to quit smoking for at least a day on November 20.

A recent Gallup poll revealed that 67 per cent of all smokers would like to quit. The Smokeout encourages these smokers to join together to kick the tobacco habit.

To assist Highline College smokers in quitting, Mary Lou Holland, coordinator of Health Services, will aid the ACS in presenting a free two hour quit smoking seminar to students.

This session will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the cafeteria on November 20.



A positive educational approach to quitting smoking is what the seminar is all about. The session will offer smokers aids and suggestions to kick the habit.

Holland offered several suggestions to students who would like to quit smoking but are unable to attend the seminar.

"First of all, start off with a positive attitude; a smoker must really want to quit," she said.

Secondly, the smoker should consciously analyze the urge.

Research has revealed that by analyzing the smoking process, smokers find they "light up" when they are nervous or fidgety, Holland continued.

She also suggested smokers chew gum when they get the urge to smoke. Smokers' first aid kits, containing sugarless chewing gum and a sheet of quit smoking hints, will be distributed around the campus for student and faculty use.

Although the college doesn't have a specific goal, Holland said the ACS would feel very fortunate if 200 people quit.

"If I had the power to do one thing for mankind, I would wish for no smoking--- it's that bad," Holland stressed.

McLarney named to head Continuing Ed. Division

by Cindy Smith

Don McLarney, Highline Community College history instructor, has been named to replace Fred Martin as the new coordinator of the Continuing Education Program. Martin retired last vear.

In his new position, McLarney will be working with courses dedicated to community services, such as conversational foreign languages, adult basic education and short course seminars. "Everyone has their own opinions of what continuing education is," McLarney explained. "Anyone who is returning to HCC to enrich his life, expand his job skills, or broaden his own horizons is part of continuing education." Having such a broad range of possibilities enables this program to reach a wider range of people than a full vocational or academic program, he added.



Piper teaches dance to children

When fifth graders from Seattle's Dunlap Elementary School visited the Southwest King County Art Museum on November 4, they were treated to an unexpected bonus.

The added attraction was an impromptu lesson in Indian cultural ways, drama, and dance taught by Lee Piper, director of Multicultural Student Services at Highline Community College.

The sessions were conducted at the HCC Plaza on a record 71 degrees day.

Piper explained Indian cultural ways to the youngsters and taught them Indian dances including a stomp

The children toured the American Indian Collection of Catherine Herrold Troeh.

The American Indian Collection will be on display until December 14 in the Southwest King County Art Museum on the fifth floor of the HCC Library.

Although elementary school youngsters have been touring the Museum, this is only part of the planned involvement. Adult groups such as the workshops and civic, fraternal and art groups as well as individuals attend, especially at night and on weekends.

Coming attractions include an Indian basketery workshop under Pip-

Most of the continuing education courses are night classes and many are taught at off-campus locations.

'We hope to begin relocation to the north end of the Federal Way Shopping Center, 312th and Pacific Highway South, starting Winter Quarter, but these things don't happen overnight," said McLarney. "We hope to expand the facilities of HCC to reach a wider area of people."

General fund budget cuts have made it necessary for many continuing education classes to be placed on a selfsustaining basis. This means that the student often pays directly for the college's services. These courses generally are offered with students receiving no college credit for completion of the course.

"We hope there won't be further cutbacks because of impending budget restrictions," McLarney concluded.

In 1960, McLarney began teaching at HCC as a part-time instructor of Pacific Northwest History. He became a Don McLarney

full-time instructor in 1965, teaching courses in Western Civilization, Pacific Northwest History, Afro-American History, and Economic Geography. He has served as a chairman for social sciences between 1967 and 1971 and director of the evening programs for the college.

dance, a round dance and a grass dance.

During the dance, the participants reach down and touch the earth. This aspect of the dance has a special meaning to it, according to Piper.

"To touch the earth is to remind the earth that we are indebted to the earth's substance for our survival and we say thank you," she explained.

er's direction and taught by Betty Sieber which will be featured on December 10 and 11. Harper described Sieber as a fantastic weaver.

Dottie Harper, director of the Southwest King County Art Museum and president of the Southwest King County Art Council, invited Piper to participate when a larger number of children arrived than expected.



'Don't take this for granted' Exchange instructor impressed with HCC

by Betty Brunstrom

"I have never met him. I live in his house. I drive his car. We have written letters and talked on the phone, but we will never meet," exchange instructor E. C. Hamm explained.

Hamm, a business administration instructor from Tidewater Community College in Virginia Beach, Virginia, is currently walking in Gerald Tremaine's shoes at Highline College.

HCC business administration instructor Tremaine set up the volunteer exchange.

Hamm volunteered to come West with his wife who is on leave of absence from her library position at Tidewater College.

Tremaine worked very hard to arrange this exchange, according to Michael Cicero, chair of the Business Division.

"Such exchanges also provide an opportunity for college faculties to learn how other campuses deal with common problems," he added.

The faculty at the Virginia college is interested in Highline's use of the "Scantrou" machine grading process for objective exams, Cicero noted.

Contrasting with HCC, Tidewater does not have extracurricular activities, is not club-oriented, and there are no athletic teams.

"I think you get a more well-rounded person (at Highline) than from a system that is purely educational," Hamm said.

"We put our money into faculty," Hamm continued. He estimated that the campus where he teaches has approximately double Highline's faculty.



In Virginia, 80 per cent of the community college budget is for salaries.

"The philosophy there (at Tidewater) is to build buildings just for classroom instruction," explained Hamm.

"You guys (Highline students) live in heaven!"

Tidewater College encompasses three campuses with a total enrollment of about 14,000. Of this number, 8,000 are on Hamm's campus. The other two sites are 25 and 40 miles away.

The southern college has better audio-visual facilities with closed circuit television in every classroom, according to Hamm.

Although the exchange instructor has been on all 23 Virginia community college campuses, he feels that High-

One of the largest High School-

College Conferences being held in

Washington State will take place at

The event is expected to draw some

2,500 students from 14 local public and

private high schools. It is sponsored by

the Washington Council on High

Representatives from 24 institutions

of higher learning will be at HCC to

provide information about programs,

registration, enrollment procedures,

financial aid, admissions policies and

All public and private four-year

universities and colleges in the state

will be represented. Local community

colleges, vocational, fine and perform-

costs at their respective schools.

Highline College on November 19.

School College Relations.

HCC hosts H.S. Conference



line overall is better than any of these. "You guys live in heaven! We have no swimming pool, no pavilion. Your library is much larger... Don't take this area for granted." Hamm emphasized.

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serve Officers Traiining Corps) are

Highline College will be one of the

colleges conducting meetings at the

conference. Highline students will be

speaking to the high school groups

which attend its meetings, according

to Jesse Caskey, dean of student ser-

invited to attend the sessions on a walk-

Highline College students are also

High school juniors and seniors

together with their teachers and coun-

selors have been invited to particiap-

ate in the conference, which will

consist of six sessions lasting from

9:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

also sending representatives.

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in basis.

Matriculation fee lifted

by Dixie Rector

The \$10 matriculation fee for new students has been eliminated, according to Booker Watt, Highline College Registrar.

The fee, lifted as a result from a change in the state's new budget plans for schools, was the first of such fees to be banned.

In the past, the fee was an addition to the budget granted from the state. Now the tostal intake of the fee is subtracted from the school's budget.

"We would have to estimate the number of new applicants, take the projected amount of money, submit it to the state, and they would subtract that amount from the grant we would receive," Watt explained. "When we fall short of that estimate, is when it hurts us."

Out of the 11,000 students enrolled at HCC, 6,000 of these have gone through the matriculation process and the other 5,000 had to settle for what Watt describes as a "potluck" of classes.

Watt projects that the eliminated fee will probably only prompt another 3,000 students to complete the matriculation process, consequently making the classes more competitive.

The non-matriculated student who has attended HCC for two to three years will have to register after the new matricultated students, according to Watt.

Special course fees such as lab fees, will be eliminated on a selective basis, said James Sharpe, manager of Business and Finance.

Also, the fee for materials in art courses will be lifted, requiring the students to purchase their own supplies.

"We're also hoping to eliminate the graduation fee. But at this point, the matriculation fee is the only one lifted. We're working on the other fees," Sharpe stated.



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Staff opinion and comment-Media demotes voters' will

Freedom of the press is a deserved right in this country-a right that can be taken too far.

Such was the case in both national and statewide elections held on Nov. 4, when television networks announced a presidential victory for Ronald Reagan three hours before the polls closed in the Western states.

The loser in this situation was not only President Jimmy Carter, but the block of voters in Washington, Oregon and California. We were, in effect, told that our ballots were inconsequential in the light of more important considerations, like poll projections and time zones.

The press has made itself the champion of voter turnout, constantly demanding Americans to vote. They then make it unnecessary for us to do so by creating a winner out of opponent. The press has reached its full potential, however, when the Presi-

someone who has yet to defeat his

dent himself believes in his own defeat enough to announce it to millions who have not had a chance to contribute to it.

We have been cast as the silent minority, ignored by larger-thanthou organizations who have altered their faith from the people to the projections.

The accuracy of those predictions have become subdued by their own injustice. And who is to say what effect the President's submission had upon close races across the country? It is sad that the media, the eye of

the world, has closed itself upon those for whom it is to see.

And, in so doing, it may have just elected itself a president.

Leisure space needed

There comes a time in the life of every college student when he or she needs a place to unwind, shoot the bull with a classmate, have a bite to eat, and run over some notes for an upcoming test.

Highline Community College offers the following inadequate sites to provide for this need: the Student Lounge, featuring the crash of pool balls, the buzzers and bells sounded by the local pinball wizards, a billow of smoke reminiscent of an atomic cloud, and the roar of rock and roll. Then there's the lobby of Building 6, the gateway to the campus and the media center for student traffic.

example of a quiet student lounge. The Hilton, specializing in "gourmet" hot dogs, french dip sandwiches, and some of the accessories offered in the cafeteria, was a nice, out of the way, enclosure where students could chat, drink coffee, but was still (unlike the cafeteria) quiet enough to study.

Unfortunately, the Hilton closed at the end of last year because of insufficent funds, with the room becoming the English as a Second Language Center, later replaced by the Childhood Development Center.

HCSU Column Voice your concerns

by David Hymes

It has been almost a year since I wrote my last Highline College Student Union column for the Thunderword and I have seen a lot of changes over the months.

Community college students have become concerned about the crucial issues that will affect them during this school year. But, it is not enough just to be concerned; you need to get involved and play an active part in the decision making process on campus. The Highline College Council of

Representatives has thus far been working on the issue of budget cuts that Governor Ray's Office of Financial Management has proposed for Post-Secondary Education in the state of Washington.

If these recommendations are approved, the average student at Highline will be paying over \$132 a quarter for tuition during the 1981-1982 biannual. This is a 36 per cent increase over the 1979-1980 biannual.

If that's a surprise to you, waitthere is more. That same community college student may not get the classes he or she wants because of budget cuts so large that classes will have to be cut and students turned away.

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dismal scenario for the future. But, it is my goal to get students involved in what is happening on campus. As students we have the power to affect changes at Highline that will benefit all students.

To do my job better I need your suggestions and feedback. If you have something that you would like to talk about, please feel free to come to the HCSU office and we will discuss it. My office hours are 12-2 p.m. Monday through Friday.



Pop is a flop

Dear Editor,

I have one question to pose, after the fact, in reference to the "Meet the Candidates - Issues and Answers" student forum held Thursday, October 30 at noon in the Lecture Hall.

Why couldn't Phi Theta Kappa, the organizers of the forum, keep the

candidates' introductory speeches to

Dear Editor, In these days of rising costs and etc., I can understand the endurance of lesser materials to benefit a greater need.

However, this is not an excuse to achieve monetary gain in situations which would put students on the losing end of the transaction.

This attitude, unfortunately, has come to light in the cafeteria-we are having to fork over 40 hard-earned cents toward a sub-standard brand of

three minutes (as they had promised) so that students having a one o'clock class could have asked questions on the issues, instead of having to head for class right after the 50 minute "Introduction?"

Sincerely, **Keith Johnson** HCC Student

Sincerely,

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HCC student

We are, of course, still able to obtain decent tasting drinks from the food counter, but not at all hours of the day. We are quite often forced to go to the machines and receive cheap substitutes.

And quite often these are labeled to be their more prestigious competitors-false advertising in the truest sense.

The cafeteria has managed to combine costly and cheap at the students' expense.

The cafeteria features the clatter of plates and .a bigger chatter of mouths.

The library is a good, quiet place to study (most of the time), but isn't designed as a leisure lounge where Highline students can eat and relax.

There you have the all-star lineup, making it obvious that this much needed facility does not exist on campus. And it appears even more obviously that the time has come to establish one-or more.

The Hotdog Hilton, formerly located in Building 19, was the perfect

And the students of Highline Community College were left without a quiet student lounge.

Efforts have been made to acquire another room, but the student council of representatives has had several road blocks thrown in its pathpossible locations are scarce and more discouraging than that, full.

Even the acquisition of one lounge will not solve the problem-it will just provide the space for possibly 30 students.

It seems rather ironic that the college, with record enrollment this year, cannot provide leisure study space for its students.

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Not just a play-for-all Preschool brings parents and children together

by Sarah Lee

The Preschool Cooperative is not just a "play-for-all," according to Barbara Urbauer a student in the program.

The co-op, sponsored through the Family Life Program at Highline College, involves children from birth to four years and their parents in preschools throughout South Seattle.

The main difference between co-op preschools and their privately-run counter-

plained. "Every penny we actually see."

Each parent who signs up is required to attend the one parent meeting per month and to work in the preschool one day per week.

At the meetings, parents learn about parenting. "We learn what to expect

from a four-year old, and can tolerate more by knowing why they (the children) act the way they do," Urbauer said.

But much of the learning is done with the children, both Peter and Urbauer said.

"We're so excited about this (program). We feel a part of this preschool," Peters said.

Every parent holds a certain position in the preschool, according to Peters, who, as parent-coordinator, makes up

"So often there is a bad connotation associated with a teacher. This way, they aren't afraid of teachers," she said. The preschool is not really aimed at being academic, according to Peters.

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The program has a Parent

Advisory Council which has a

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month.

hats."

work schedules and is the gobetween for the teacher and parent.

Other positions include chairman of the group, secretary, treasurer, science person, who is charge of any animals in the school, the librarian, and one parent in charge of funding.

Each preschool has an advisor to help guide the classes and check up on students.

"We're required to have at least 12 persons to have a class," Peters said. "The advisor makes sure that we do have the required number and that we also work one day per week."

She added that the advisor is also the "peacemaker" and the resource person for ideas.

Silverman explained that there is a need for programs like the co-op because, in general, there is very little preparation for parenthood.

"So many families are not near their extended families," she said. "Many parents need support groups. It's comforting to know that your kids are the same as everyone else's kids."

Parents exchange ideas in these groups, the coordinator added, and help each other through the early years of parenting.

"I learn that I'm not alone," Peters said.

Another advantage of the co-op is the facilities and equipment that is available, according to Peters.

"How many parents would allow their kids to take apart a typewriter?" she asked. "But Joyce Riley, our teacher, gave them the typewriter and the tools, and they took it apart.

are also evening classes.

"We also have activities to get working fathers involved." said Peters.

She cited one example of when the dads and their kids went to the pumpkin patch for Halloween. Then the fathers came and helped carve the pumpkins.

Children love the father image at the preschool, she noted.

Although many co-op preschools meet in churches and schools, one called the "store front" preschool because of its temporary housing in a store, will be moving to new quarters in January, according to Sil-

The new building, located across the mall from the temporary quarters at the Federal Way Shopping Center at South 312th and Pacific Highway South, will house a lab like the one at HCC, classrooms and offices.

The Family Life Program receives many requests from the community for instructors to speak on parenting topics, Silverman said.

"They learn to play together. My two children once went to separate preschool so I could keep them apart. But if they can't get along, they can't. get along in life," she said. At the Panther Lake Preverman. school, which Urbauer and



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Parents learn with their children at the preschool co-ops.

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with their children. "Parents assist the teach-Charlotte Silverman Darent Education coordinator, explained. "It's an opportunity to observe and practice parenting skills." Angela Peters, a student in the program, added, "We are the students and the kids are students under us. It's a learning process for parents as well as children." The preschool concept started in 1942, originally being part of the Seattle Public School District, according to Silverman. About 10 years ago, community colleges in Washington began to sponsor the co-op preschools. "The object is to have centers in the communities," Silverman explained."With the gas situation, this is becoming even more important." She noted that the Federal Way School District's enrollment is booming, and this means that the number of children in Highline's service area is increasing." Parents can earn two to four credits in the program at the many off-campus locations. Instead of paying Highline tuition fees, parents pay \$21. per month for three days per week, or \$14 per month for four days per week. The fees go toward the self-supporting program.

an area. We interact with the kids, and we learn how to break up fights positively,"

"We have a say in how the preschool is run," Peters ex-

"Each mom is in charge of

Parents learn what to expect from a four-year old.

There is no spanking as discipline, according to Peters.

"You just talk quietly through your teeth," she said.



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Peters added that children are given real hammers and nails to pound into boards. She feels that this gives the children a wider experience and opportunities that are not available at home.

The class also uses the lab at HCC as a learning experience. Parents watch from an observation room with a one-way mirror as their children play with other children. The children also benefit

from the program, according to Urbauer.

"They learn how life is. In life, you don't always get to do what you want," she explained.

Peters and Urbauer agreed that children that have been in a preschool program have an advantage over those who haven't attended one.

"These kids (those in the preschool) can handle transitions 100 per cent," one parent said. "The other kids can't handle it."

Silverman noted that it was big brothers are invited to attend," she explained. a good experience for the children to get exposed to many adults.



Preschoolers at the Panther Lake Preschool visit Gumdrop, the resident rabbit.

school in the co-op. The councils' function, according to Silverman, is to raise scholarship money for parents who can't afford the tuition.

held in March or April.

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Co-ops aren't just for moth-

'Fathers or grandparents or

For the single parent who

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ers with children, Urbauer

"Guilt and Self-Esteem" will be the topic of the next program with speaker Margarita Suarez. Urbauer said that she mis-

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ses working with one of her Included in the fund-raisers will be an annual Chilchildren who is now too old to dren's Fair and the first Famiattend the preschool. ly Life Fun Run, which will be

"Now I just send her to school— it's just like someone took a part out of me," she explained.

photos by A. T. Wolfe

Autumn: a turning point in life and time



A small raindrop hangs precariously on the end of a leaf, glistening like a jewel.



The evening sun silhouettes a tree with its last remaining leaves of Autumn. • •

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Summer turns to winter, lonely Autumn days blow in, chilling hearts and dampening spirits. Eerie dark mornings of empty silence , awaken to a cold, distant sun, never warming, never reacturing, the spirit which lies witihin. Unfriendly trees casting gloomy shadows across the path, the constant rain-pour washes away friendly faces

leaving only sullen strangers



A lone jet, as it seems all things do in the fall, leaves in a beautiful but cold sunset.

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huddled beneath their umbrellas,

And yet a flicker of life remains, deep within the ground, deep with a the print, waiting for the warmth of spring, waiting for life to return.



Autumn is a time for feelings to turn inward, searching the heart, searching for the life that remains.

Photos and poem by Brian Morris and Judy Elrod.



as a sentinel, the totem pole awaits the oncoming winter.

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Jewelry instructor Pawula earns artistic fame

by Donna Pearson

Helen Pawula, Highline Community College jewelry instructor for the past twelve years, is internationally recognized for her work.

She has had exhibitions regionally, nationally, internationally and has toured Europe. In 1978, she was an inresident artist at the Athens School of Fine Arts and one of her pieces, a sculptural box, was chosen for a collection, "Objects USA", which traveled all over the world.

She is currently the president of-Northwest Designer Craftsman, is on the board of directors for the Northwest Craft Center, and is a member of the Society of North American Goldsmiths.

Pawula received a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the University of New Mexico with distinction, and a Master of Fine Arts degree from the University of Washington.

Her first year at the University of Washington was spent as a teaching assistant, the second year in the graduate research fellowship in lost wax casting. Since 1968, she has been teaching full-time at HCC.

She has also traveled, studied and lectured in England. When traveling, she takes slides of metalwork for the collection here. "A lot is not available to buy commercially here, so I've had to do it," remarked Pawula.

When asked what her specialty is, Pawula answered, "My real love is container forms. I like to explore different types of boxes, bottles, and bowls.'

Pawula sells most of her "one of a kind,"specially designed pieces mainly for museum or gallery exhibitions.

In the last year and a half she has become much more commercially involved.

"I have been consulting and troubleshooting some shops in the trade, as well as involving myself with the familiarity of the more complex period techniques," said Pawula. About the jewelry department here,

Pawula exclaimed, "We have a tremendous facility, one of the best equipped in the region. It has much versatility in that we can do many different techniques."

Her students range from graduate students from universities to students she's had for three or four years in a row who have made jewelry making their avocation. No previous experience is needed to take beginning jewelry (Jewelry I).

Pawula stated that the students she teaches now fall into three categories: 1. Those taking the class for personal enrichment. 2. Those who come to her for skill level help. 3. Others who use it as an artistic and creative expression.

"The department here also serves a fair number of people that have developed small businesses of their own in what I call the 'cottage industry'," she pointed out.

"There is a definite demand for trained jewelry workers, but at the present time, it isn't oriented directly for that; it isn't being taught at HCC as a commercial training program."

For those interested in jewelry and metal work as a career, Pawula advises, "A career in jewelry making requires that a person be patient, tenacious, skilled with their hands, and ultimately able to develop speed with execution. Good jewelers need design and aesthetic awareness.'

There's something for everybody in this program, according to Pawula.

"About three years ago I started giving concentrated workshops on weekends in different jewelry and metal techniques . I consider them to be very successful and very fulfilling because so much information and so much work can be accomplished. I feel they have reached a lot of the community. And there is an opportunity for people to take the class without committing themselves to a full ten weeks.'



Internationally recognized jeweiry instructor Helen Pawula assists a student.

staff photo by Jack Holtman HCC alumnus McQuinn nominated for Pulitzer Prize

by Linda Pollinger

To most writers winning a Pulitzer Prize is the greatest accomplishment an author can achieve. Former Highline College student Don McQuinn, whose first novel Targets was nominated for the prize, is just happy that the book was nominated.

staged in Siagon, where McQuinn was stationed with the Marine Corps as an intelligence officer.

"Targets is in some respects a catharsis," the author explained. "I had some things to say, so I said them. The book is not exclusively about Vietnam.'

While discussing the Vietnam War,

lishers.

The novelist believes that criticism can be very beneficial to a writer and that everyone should try and learn from it.

"Copy editors are to a writer like a lifeguard is to the beach," he said.

McQuinn grew up in East Texas and then came to Washington to go to great it really is here," he added.

McQuinn is a resident of Normandy Park, is married and has three sons. He is currently working on a second novel about the intelligence trade which is due before Thanksgiving.

The author says that his lifestyle hasn't changed too much since he wrote the bestseller and was nomi-

'I'm proud, but anyone with any sense of proportion has to be appalled by something like that," McQuinn stated. "I'm trying to be very objective and realistic about the whole thing."

McQuinn admits that the competition in the race for the Pulitzer Prize is tough.

"The competition is ferocious and I'm aware that I have shortcomings," he said. "I'm elated that anybody thinks enough of me to put me in the ballpark with these people."

Targets is a novel about people under stress during the Vietnam War. It is

McQuinn said that his quarrel about the war is that it was done poorly.

"It was a political watershed," he emphasized. "Things happened politically to this country that had never happened before."

"I think it is necessary for our country to protect our own interests," the novelist stressed. "If we make a moral issue a matter of national interest then we are obliged to protect that too."

While writing his novel, McQuinn had to accept a lot of criticism about his book from copy editors and his pubschool. He spent one year at Highline, where he took jewelry classes. He then went to the University of Washington and majored in creative writing.

The author thinks that Highline College is a fantastic school and that he learned a lot here.

"It is a pleasure to address myself to the people here," McQuinn said. "The faculty has helped me a lot."

"When I left here after I graduated I never wanted to come back, but as I knocked around the world I saw how

nated for a Pulitzer Prize

"Nobody asked to interview me before I wrote the book," McQuinn commented. "It is very flattering and exciting."

McQuinn explained that hard work is the key to success and the harder a person works the luckier he'll get.

"You have to understand that it (success) will end if you don't continue to work for it," he stressed.

"I've been extremely fortunate. My point is it is there for all of us," McQuinn concluded.

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'Anthology' Performances...

The Drama Department's Spoon River Anthology will continue its run with performances tonight, Saturday night, and 20, 21, and 22 in the Little Theatre. The curtain rises at 8 p.m. and tickets are available in the bookstore and the door, with the cost \$1 for the general public and 50¢ for students and senior citizens.

Single's Meetings...

The Single Parents Support Group is meeting every Wednesday at noon and 1:30 in the Women's Resource Center in Building 6 to offer support and aid for single parents. Information is available by calling 878-3710, ext. 365.

Skip School... Thanksgiving, an event featuring

massive food consumption, gathering together, old pilgrim flicks and football, is scheduled throughout the land, pre-empting regularly scheduled school on November 27 and 28.

Head Talk...

Dr. George Ojemann, neurosurgeon fromtheUniversity of Washington, will speak at noon in the Lecture Hall on November 26. The program is presented by the Honors Colloquy.

Stan and Ollie...

Laurel and Hardy's March of the Wooden Soldiers will be playing at various times in the Student Lounge on November 18, 19, and 20.

Symphony Tickets...

There are a limited number of student tickets available for Wednesday evening performances of the Seattle Symphony. Tickets are \$2.00 each and can be purchased in Building 8-210.

Fraud Prevention...

Kim Klose will discuss "Check Fraud and related Bilking Prevention" at 9, 10, 11, and noon in the Lecture Hall on November 18.

Dick and Liz...

Richard Burton domesticates Elizabeth Taylor in The Taming of the Shrew at 2,5, and 8 p.m. in the Lecture Hall on November 19. Bread and Chocolate, starring Nino Manfredi, will play at the same times on December 3. Both films are part of a free series offered by the HCSU.



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At the Movies

'Fade to Black' pales to stale parody

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This "horrifying" moment was nawith the biggest roar of laughter of the night by the audience

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Rambler band sets Highline feet a stompin'

by Linda Surface

The Apple Blossom Rambler band performed feet stomping bluegrass music in the Lecture Hall at noon on Nov. 6.

The country flavored tempo warmed the hearts of the audience who sat in complete attention.

The group consists of four men and one woman on the bass fiddle.

"We got together five years ago," one member explained, "We were on my friends houseboat and he decided that he wanted to start a group, so he pulled out his black book and called the first four musicians in it."

The group has since gained and lost 10-15 members for various reasons. All of the players are also in other bands. The group has performed all over dolin. It is an older form of music which only uses amplified instruments and not electric.

The numbers they chose to perform all had strong down beats which provided the fast moving rhythm. Audience members could be seen keeping in time with the music by the bobbing of their heads, and tapping of their feet.

The players talents were displayed in the song, "I shed no tears," by the late Earl Scruggs. The fast cut time posed a challenge to the furiously strumming guitar and picking banjo, but they kept the tune alive and moving. The fiddler's hunched body helped him to freely glide his bow back and forth, while the mandolin players face revealed the complete concentra-



Western Washington and at the King County Arts Commission.

Bluegrass music developed in the Southeast part of the United States in 1940, by a man named Bill Monroe who is the original founder.

The music is slightly different from country music in that it only contains five standard instruments- a banjo, a guitar, bass fiddle, fiddle, and a mantion he had as his hand avaricious. ly strummed the strings.

Two male voices dominated the vocals and occasionally all four men sang at once. The woman on the bass fiddle plucked away and provided the background rhythm for the instruments.

The group was clad in dark green blouses with yellow flowers imprinted at the top.

The Apple Blossom Ramblers perform bluegrass to a Highline audience in the Lecture Hall. staff photo by Barry Hockett

The audience was thoroughly impressed with the Apple Blossom Ramblers

and responded enthusiastically when their pieces were finished.

by Linda Surface

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His high pitched trumpet sound climbed up the music scale and slowly settled on the top of the bands achieved note.

Allan Lamon has played with the HCC stage band for over a year, holding first chair in the trumpet line since he came.

His trumpet career started 10 years ago when he joined a beginning band at Manhatten Elementary school and started out on the cornet, which is a smaller trumpet.

"I also had a private instructor until I got to be better than him," Lamon exclaimed.

Lamon went on to participate in bands while he was in junior high and high school. Now, while attending Highline, he takes band class as an elective.

"I want to go on to the University of Washington with a Business transfer,"

Lamon keeps in tune with campus music

staff photo by Randy Lidral

he said. "I only want to continue my music as a hobby. Work and studying make it hard to fit in practice time."

Lamon's most inspirational teacher was his band instructor at Mount Rainier High School, Mark VanGasken. "He must have encouraged me because he kept yelling at me for all the things I did wrong," he explained.

Lamon is presently in a group called "The Blues Boys", which performed at the Des Moines Waterland Festival for the past two summers.

His favorite music is slow jazz and songs played by Maynard Fergusson and Chuck Mangione, which contain high pitched trumpet solos.

"My favorite concert was one that the HCC band played last year," he recalled. "It was great because everyone sounded together."

Lamon believes this year's HCC stage band has potential and hopes that they will have an opportunity to do more concerts.

Sports

Men harriers capture second at finals



Harrier Dave Dzewaltowski (right) ran through a rain-eceited course to grab 14thplace in the AACC finals. staff photo by Barry Hocksti

by Steve Walters

Highline Community College's men harriers ran to a second-place finish out of seven teams at the Athletic Association of Community Colleges Conference Championship at Fort Steilacoom November 7.

The women T-birds, in their first year as a full-fledged team, placed fourth out of six community colleges at the meet.

Coach Tom Frank expressed his satisfaction of his team's performance.

"We accomplished our goal (the men finishing second)," Frank stated. "We wanted our women to get into the top three so they could get a trophy, but that was as good as we could do. The team ran really well."

Freshman Jon Hanson led the T-bird men by finishing fifth out of 50 runners in the five-mile race. He also beat teammate Larry Kaiser for the first time.

"He was getting better all season," Frank commented. "It didn't surprise me one bit. He also finished higher than any other freshman."

After Hanson, came Kaiser (sixth

place), Dave Dzewaltowski (14th) and John Bandur (17th). Rounding out HCC's seven men runners were Don Young (26th), Ray Kraugna (31st) and Greg Stark (34th).

Bandur told his feelings of his teammates' performance.

"I thought the team ran really well," he remarked. "I was very pleased with Hanson's showing."

Freshman Janet Griffith ended up ninth of 38 runners in the 3.1-mile race to lead HCC women's team to a fourthplace finish.

"Griffith really did a good job, as usual," Frank observed.

First-year harrier Chris Beatteay ran just behind Griffith through the rain-soaked course finishing in 11th place.

Michelle Denniston, a 1980 Evergreen High School graduate, placed 20th while Karen Winkler and Paula Noyes crossed the finish line in 35th and 37th place, respectively.

Next year, Frank will lose three men from this year's team. The entire women's team will return next season.

"We're going to be tough, especially if we can get a couple good recruits out of high schools," he boasted.

Quickness should strengthen cagers

by Roger Haight

Team speed is the major ingredient of the women's basketball team as it prepares for the 1980-81 season.

Coach Dale Bolinger said that his squad is deep in quick, ballhandling guards and that even the tallest players, Sue Armstrong and Debbie Borland, have good quickness for their size.

Bolinger, in his fourth year as the women's coach, is working on developing offenses that will be best suited to the personnel of the squad.

"I have more options to go with than in past seasons," he said. "Because of the team quickness we'll press quite a bit and we'll fast break."

There are five returning sophomores from last year's team among the 15 squad members. They are Armstrong, Tammy Bailey, Diana Bergstrom, Linda Fromhold and Linda Stamps aged by the performance of his team in practices so far.

"I think this team has better shooters than I've had in the past season," the coach said, but he noted that the true test if shooting ability comes in game situations.

Bailey is a very good jump shooter, according to Bolinger. Another experienced returning player is the 6'1" center, Armstrong.

"Sue has made good progress," Bolinger said, referring to her development as a player.

Physically, the coach said that his team would match up pretty well with its opponents at guard and center, and that the forwards might be a little bit small.

Last year the team finished the season with a 16-9 win-loss record. At one point, the Thunderbirds were 7-6, but then won nine of their last 12 games to finish in second place in Region II.

The second place qualified HCC for a

"We have the potential to go to the tournament again this season," Bolinger said.

His team will open the season as part of a doubleheader December 3 at the Highline Pavilion. The women will host Bellevue at 5:30 p.m. and the men's team will play Shoreline at 7:30 p.m.

Next, Highline will hold the Thun-

derbird Tournament December 12 and 13. The other teams in the event will be Skagit Valley, Everett and Columbia Basin community colleges.

Coach Bolinger served seven years as assistant men's basketball coach, including one year under the present coach, Fred Harrison, before taking over as women's coach.



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Other players are Jacalyn Bjornstrom, a sophomore who has played previously at Western Washington, Borland, Patty Davidson, Kathy Janders, Julie January, Kelly Lyons, Valerie McReynolds, Gayle Peters, Robin Rowland and Linda Swain.

Bolinger said that he is very encour-

spot in the Athletic Association of Community Colleges post-season tournament, but it lost two straight games to finish the season with a 16-11 mark.

There are three regions in the AACC and Highline is one of six teams in Region II. Eight teams will qualify for the post-season tournament from the three regions.

The woman's basketball team has begun preparing for the 1980-1981 season and will have its first game on December 3. staff photo by Gary Serrett

Griffith takes running in stride

by Bryan Jones

To many people distance running may seem like a painful experience, but for freshman harrier Janet Griffith running the long distances is a pleasure.

Griffith consistently placed near the top in every race she participated in on her way to becoming the Thunderbirds' premiere distance runner for this season.

At the Mt. Hood Invitational, she placed 14th from a field of 66 runners. In the Western Washington meet she crossed the finish line 13th out of a 63 runner pack.

In her first league meet at Bellevue Community College she placed 20th with a time of 21:08. Most recently she placed ninth at the Athletic Association of Community Colleges Conference Championship held at Fort Steilacoom, Tacoma.

Her efforts went toward a team score only once as Coach Tom Frank

was unable to put together a woman's

team large enough to compete as a unit. Frank hopes to have a complete Cont. on page 11





Tourney-bound netters 'looking good'



HCC netter Nancy Snyder (23) rips a kill into Olympic's back court as Vickle Rydbom (center) and Myrna Jacobson (left) look on.

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Freshman Debbie Patton is becom-**Debbie Patton** ing a very promising spiker and setter for the Highline College volleyball team, according to coach Eileen Broomell.

"She is always where she is supposed to be," Broomell stated. "She is very dependable; it's a shame that I can't use her more."

Patton, a 1980 graduate of Glacier High School, has been participating in

by Troy Christensen

As the season progresses, the Highline Community College women's vollevball team continues to improve their scores.

A 9-0 league record has Coach Eileen Broomell looking forward to the Athletic Association of Community Colleges State Championships to be held in the Pavilion December 4, 5 and 6.

"We've still got two matches left in league play before state," stated Broomell. "But we're looking very good."

It seems that the T-birds can beat almost every team except Spokane Falls. This proved to be true once again as the netters competed in the Spokane Falls Crossover Tournament held at Spokane on November 7 and 8.

"I don't know what it is," stated Broomell. "But every time we play Spokane we play like we're mesmerized.

"We just stand there and watch, we stop executing," she continued. "It's kind of difficult to play a team like that when four of their six starters stand over six feet tall. It gets very discouraging when most of our spikes get blocked back into our faces."

The tournament, consisting of eight teams, was the second of its kind held this year. Highline played well, winning four of the five matches.

They defeated Walla Walla 15-0, 15-10; Clark 15-5, 15-4; Big Bend 15-6, 15-11; and Centralia 15-3, 15-8.

In the past few weeks Highline has continued its dominance over its league counterparts.

They defeated Centralia 15-5, 14-16, 15-3, 15-2 on October 29. In the second game, which they lost, the second team was substituted in and did very well, according to Broomell.

The netters showed another fine performance by defeating Olympic 15-1, 18-16, 15-3 on November 5.

"We played well and there was some extremely good spiking by Myrna Jacobson and Sandy Stone," the coach said.

Myrna Jacobson, Nancy Schnieder, Sandy Stone, and Luanne Sinkey all continue to play exceedingly well, according to Broomell. All are currently working on transferring to a fouryear college where they can play volleyball.

Barb Moores, a second-year starter, has been trying out with the University of Oregon soccer squad. She hopes to play goalie next year.

Patti Davidson, a freshman from Federal Way High School who is attending HCC on a basketball scholarship, will be sidelined for the rest of the season because of injuries. She suffered torn ligaments and stretched cartilage in a knee that she injured a year ago in a basketball game.

Highline's last two league matches of the season will be against Lower Columbia on November 19 and Clark on November 21. Playoffs will be held November 24 through 28 with the state championships following on December 4, 5 and 6.

"We're looking forward to playing Spokane Falls in the state finals," Broomell concluded.

Giffith running cont.

women's cross country team next season, which will be led by Griffith.

A 1980 graduate of Lindbergh High School in Renton, Griffith ran track at the school for three seasons.

She focused her talents primarily on the 2-mile run. She set the North Puget Sound League record of 11:26 at that distance.

Frank explained that her success is the product of superior effort.

"She always gives 100 per cent no matter what it is, whether we're practicing or in a meet," Frank emphasized. "Last year when I was recruiting

people to run cross-country for Highline I was told by her coach that she would be an excellent choice because of her attitude as well as her ability," Frank explained. "She kept proving over and over everything that was told to me and more."

Currently she is preparing to run in the 26-mile Seattle Marathon.

"I've never run at that distance," she admitted. "But I have practiced between nine and 15 miles before. '

Griffith has no long range goals for the future just yet. It is more than likely though, that once she sets her goals she's sure to attain them through determination and effort. A future which Frank heartily assures.



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stressed. "It'll be tough, but we can beat Spokane and Edmonds if we play

al classes at Highline and is planning to transfer to a four-year institution. The netter would like to major in computer

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Essay comparison study deemed a dramatic success

by Melodie Steiger

Success, as it has often been said, can be measured by many methods. It may be indicated by wealth, or happiness, or simply by a lack of ulcers.

For the Highline College Humanities Division, success has been determined by an essay comparison study indicating an 80 per cent improvement rate among its students.

The experiment, conducted in 1979-80 Winter Quarter, involved the comparison of sample essays from 52 students enrolled in Writing 101 courses.

Each student wrote two essays, one at the beginning of the quarter and one at the end. Then the 52 pairs were submitted to a judging panel made up of Highline's writing instructors, with no indication given concerning which essay was written at what time.

The findings revealed that the overall superiority rate of the second paper over the first was approximately 79 per cent (41 out of 52 second efforts were deemed superior by at least six readers).

In addition, the papers were rated in specific categories, including content, organization, development, sentence structure, and word choice and mechanics.

In 31 cases out of the 52, the later paper was judged by most of the readers to have improved in all six

New services offered veterans at Highline College

by A.T. Wolf

The Veterans of Foreign Wars will be offering new services at Highline Community College this quarter by giving assistance to both Highline and South King County area veterans.

The new services are scheduled to begin next Tuesday in a temporary location in the Veterans Affairs Office in Building 10, from 12 noon to three p.m.

The VFW is an organization whose main purpose is to help veterans with benefits that are available to them and make sure those benefits are not taken away.

VFW State Service Officer Ted Robertson will be the Highline College representative and he will be available to veterans with any problems they might have concerning their benefits.

"One of the biggest problems I find is that many veterans do not know what benefits are available to them," explained Robertson. "This will give the veteran with a problem a place to go."

The emphasis of the new program will be on outreach and assistance. Services offered will include assistance in preparation of cases for DD-214 corrections, determining if a veteran is eligible for service related disability benefits, and information on possible upgrading discharge ratings.

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categories. In five other pairs, the later paper was judged as improved in every category but one. The average rate of improvement in the overall category was 78 per cent.

The test, conducted by writing instructors Dick Olson and Jim Smith, employed contributions from 143 different sections and nine different instructors, with four papers coming from each section. Each paper was read by 11 Humanities instructors.

"We were somewhat surprised at the 80 per cent improvement rate," stated Catherine Harrington, chairperson of the Humanities Division. "We weren't sure of ourselves, and would either be overly optimistic, or go the other extreme.

Harrington cited inter-division discussions as one of the most beneficial side effects of the study. The results and goals derived from them generated a common dialogue within the division, she explained.

"The experiment also helped confirm our philosophy of giving the instructor the ability to work with the changing student and their own ideas of language and composition," Harrington added.

Olson agreed that the findings established greater confidence in the divi-

"Lots of times we're not sure whether the student was actually writing better," he stated. "We often just had

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on a trial basis for three to four months

done on a much more informal basis,

"I think this is one of the best things that has happened to us," stressed HCC Registrar Booker Watt. "Being able to provide a better service to our vete-1 rans community." Any further information about this

thing would sink in."

new program can be obtained through the Veterans Affairs Office in Building 10. Hours of the VA office are Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and on Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Dick Olson, left, and Jim Smith, conducted the survey of essays.

however, and was not considered conto tell ourselves that eventually someclusive, according to Olson. "Now we don't have to be that "The first papers were compared in tentative about what we're doing. We a discussion manner, which was undeniably useful," explained Harrington now know that there there is a general tendency for the students to im-pr'ove," he continued. "But we decided that the study would be far more useful if it had been kept This was the second time around for controlled and uniform. For instance, the project, as it was attempted once would we give the class forewarning before in Spring Quarter of ⁷79. It was about our testing? What would be our standards of judgement?"

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