Highline's budget takes another cut

by Ron Del Mar

Highline Community College is feeling the blow of the economic crunch as it has been asked to reduce its annual budget by one million dollars.

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AWACS sale--Preserve American interests

by Will Hartley

Recently, President Reagan and his administration have been hard at work attempting to persuade congress towards the $5 billion sale of the AWACS (Air Warning and Control System) aircraft and eight KC-707 tanker, both Boeing-built. AWACS, a Boeing 707 packed with sophisticated computer equipment and a radar dome mounted towards to the tail of the plane, has the distinct advantage of being able to detect enemy aircraft at a range of 250-500 miles as opposed to the 50 miles of guidance of a radar. This is attributed to the inability of radar to travel over the earth's curvature.

With such a great defense potential, there is no logical reason why the Saudis shouldn't have the AWACS. But the AWACS has the offensive abilities of monitoring enemy aircraft activity and the equipment to coordinate large-scale air battles. This is where the controversy comes in.

Why sell the Saudis some airplanes, missiles and fuel tanks and upset the "balance of power" in the Middle East? What will we hurt the new strategic and military agreements recently made with Iran? Will American interests be damaged in such a case?

The "balance of power" won't be upset, the new agreement with the Saudis will benefit the United States. The Saudis will now have the ability to keep their own skies safe from any attack and protect their petrodollars. It is a win-win situation for both nations involved.

Last year, American personnel could manage to keep only 53 per cent of our AWACS fleet in operating condition. If Saudi Arabia is lacking in the personnel to keep such equipment going and would probably pull technical staff off of other vital military areas to work with AWACS jets. That being the case, the balance of power may be upset in favor of our allies north of the Sinai.

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Staff opinion and comment

Help wanted!

by Joe Elston

For those of you who aren't aware, Highline Community College has a Student Government. The H.C.S.U. (Highline College Student Union) represents students views and concerns to the various decision making groups on campus.

In the past the committee has been assisted by an advisor. This committee by the HCSU and are handled by a Programs Board at two levels. The first is the students involved with the programs board and committee. The second is the lack of support from the student program board and committee. These interested but not dedicated and therefore dropout of the committee. These interested but not dedicated and therefore dropout of the committee. These interested but not dedicated and therefore dropout of the committee. These interested but not dedicated and therefore dropout of the committee.

When there have been social events provided, the attendance levels have been poor. This year's Student Council hopes to overcome these problems. With your help, we're committed to becoming directly involved with the programs board and at this time are looking for students who would like to be a member of the committee.

We welcome all news, letters and criticism from the campus population. Letters should be kept to a 250 word maximum and letters longer are subject to editing.
Barbara Jane Berk
A void left at HCC
by Ina Latusek

Barbara Jane Berk, age 50, instructor at Highline Community College for the last 16 years, died August 24, 1981 at a Seattle hospital, of leukemia a cancerous disease of the blood after six years in a period of remission.

Berk was a graduate of the University of Washington with a Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts Degree. She taught for two years at Cuddington College, an Episcopalian college, Liberia, Africa before coming to HCC.

Berk taught literature and writing while at HCC. She was responsible for starting a class at HCC which was an elective on writing family memoirs.

Catherine Harrington, Chairman, Humanities Division and long time friend of Berk, said, "Berk reached not only the younger students but all people with whom she came in contact. She will be missed by many people.

"Ms. Berk helped the students retain their confidence," stated Harrington. "She found within each student the best they could offer and helped them develop confidence in themselves. She had a good rapport with her students.

Many people will remember her for her fondness of animals." Harrington said. "She found within each student the best they could offer and helped them develop confidence in themselves. She had a good rapport with her students.

Berk had adopted a wolf as a pet in Montana. Harrington said Berk did a colored photo which she treasured, "of her wolf."

Chuck Miles, speech instructor at HCC, told the story of Berk's two dogs and also taking over the responsibilities of the adopted wolf.

Barbara Jane Berk

Berk was also known for saving many of the trees on the HCC campus. She belonged to the Audubon Society and the Wildlife Organization.

Miles, friend of Berk, stated that "she became involved with each student's life. She was also involved with the beautification of the campus."

Services were held for Berk at Christ Episcopal Church, University District, August 28. According to Harrington, "the church was full. People even came from Grays Harbor remembering Barbara when she taught there years ago."

A Memorial Fund in memory of Berk will accept donations. Address donations to The Office of the President, Highline Community College, South 240th and Pacific Highway South, Midway, WA., 98031. Make checks payable to Highline Community College and also indicate that it is to go to the Barbara Berk Memorial Fund.

Selective Service compliance level running low

It was ignorance, not protests or demonstrations, that accounted for the poor compliance level of draft registration, according to State Director of the Selective Service System, Bob Logan.

Compliance levels in the initial 1980 registration drive of young men born in 1966, 1967, 1968 reached as high as 92 per cent, while current registration figures of young men recently turning 18 are running 69 per cent of total compliance. Although unable to give specific figures, Logan told, in a telephone interview, of "substantial improvement" in the last six months due to a stepped up publicity drive. Through publication, posters and personal contact, Logan says the statistics are now "coming up to expectations."

When asked of prosecution for those failing to register, Logan, a presidential appointee now working on a strictly voluntary basis, revealed a commitment on the part of the Selective Service and the Justice Department towards "active prosecution." Legislation is now in Congress to compare Social Security files with Selective Service files and come up with violators. Failure to register if so required is punishable by a $10,000 fine and/or five years in prison.

Three hundred and fifty names have already been supplied in this region alone by "concerned individuals" which Logan says has resulted in "86 young men receiving notices of prosecution from the Department of Justice."

Once a paid position, now volunteer with no staff, the Director terms his job as this point as "mostly public relations and information."

In spite of a couple of crank letters and a crank phone call received by his wife, Logan says this job has been a "gratifying experience. When I took the job I expected flack, but really had no problems over all."

New refund policy adopted

A simpler refund policy has been adopted by Highline for students who must reduce credits or withdraw from school.

If complete tuition and fees have been previously paid, a student will receive a 100 per cent refund by requesting withdrawal before the close of business on the fifth instructional day of the quarter. A 50 per cent refund will be granted to those requesting a withdrawal between the fifth instructional day and the close of business on the thirtieth calendar day.

Under the old system, 10% was taken from the tuition, then a percentage was also subtracted according to when the withdrawal was made.

"The old system was here when I started ten years ago," Highline Registrar Booker Watt said. It was more stringent than required by law, he explained. "The legislature has certain guidelines to follow, and each school makes its own system under those guidelines."

There should be no significant financial impact on Highline because the tuition dollars are forwarded to the state. HCC benefits in that the calculation of how refunds to students has been simplified.

If the old system was still in effect, a student who withdraws during the first week of school would receive a refund of the full $137, only $80 of $147, or $117.

The return of Oz

Well, good-by yellow brick road.

Adding two growing lists of experts that already includes redwood root tube and Mediterranean fruit flies, California now exports city nicknames to the rest of the country. In a recent report to the California State Senate, a committee is recommending that the Californians come up with the moniker "The Emerald City" for Seattle, a writer noted, no less Sarah Sterling-Franklin, who seems to be a city decided on one last name, became the grand prize winner of the Seattle-King County Convention and Visitors Bureau's "Give-the-city-a-middle-name" contest. According to one report, Seattle is as big as Seattle officially "The Emerald City," marketing personnel from the Visitors Bureau were excited over the choice, visualizing green-paved streets and a Wizard of Seattle..."her name was the fact that she left the interview singing "If I only had a brain..."

Meanwhile, the Kansas Senate Soviet Council wants cities of Oz. Oz is in the right to call a town "Oz" or an old lady "Auntie Em" or give town through "Scarecrow's House" to compare the two operators of roadside tourist-traps. Each is required that with exclusive rights to the Oz fantasy and all it evokes they can make a fortune on travelers who will come to buy their overpriced hot dogs and souvenir ash trays. This is, of course, a totally unrelated story.

On the other side of the west, Disney productions announced that it will begin work on "Return to Oz," promised be, not another sequel to the 1939 film, but a "totally new movie." The MGM classic, "The Wizard of Oz" is the only book in the Oz series that Disney does not own the movie rights to. It is believed that now is the right time to ride on the Oz mystique to save the sagging Disney movie division.

Still a totally unrelated story.

L. Frank Baum, creator of the Wizard of Oz and associated witches and creeps, once said, "I have learned to regard fame as a wild-o'-the-wisp which does not to please a child is a sweet and lovely thing that warms one's heart and brings it's own reward." Frank must be happy, and he and his selfless ideals have been all but forgotten in the rush to make a buck off his material. "To please your balance of payments is a sweet and lovely thing that warms one's arithmetic and brings in local education."

Do we really need a middle name? Was there a terrible void in your life before some told you that you now live in "The Emerald City"? And if we had to have a middle name, why couldn't we all be from Seattle's natural assets instead of some kid's book by the Dr. Seuss of the ninethentury century? I suppose it fits, though. They have magic, we have arithmetic. They have a cowardly lion, we have Ron Ductape.

But if you ask me, someone has been sitting in the poppy field much too long.
One of the highlights of the summer was the Bellevue Jazz Festival. The festival was held on the campus of Bellevue Community College. Stages were set up at both ends of the common area with another stage set up in a small patio area.

Groups played simultaneously on the three stages as people walked by listening to the different types of music being played. Gospel, fusion, blues and dance band music surrounded the people. Red Kelly and his Roadhouse Band were up from Olympia, while Overton Berry played to a stand-up audience.

Thousands of Jazz patrons attended the weekend happening, helping to make the festival another success.

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Gallipoli provides a refreshing relief

by Will Hartley

After a summer of money-making movies that bomb, okay, the realistic quality with fantasy, flesh, gore and a John Williams soundtrack, it's very refreshing to wrap up the season with a film centered more around artistic quality and realism. Without meaning to sound like an elite snob, who refuses to have his intellect questioned by a film not receiving the highest acclaim by Pauline Kael or Hex Reed, I must say that Gallipoli is a refreshing change—much like iced tea after a triple-thick shake.

Set in 1915, Gallipoli basically covers the story of two young Australians, Archy Hamilton (Mark Lee) and Frank Dunne (Mel Gibson), their developing friendship and adventure. Archy, a babyfaced, energetic farm boy enters a regional running race where he competes against Frank, a street-wise, young man usually on the borderline of trouble. Archy fails to get into the cavalry because of his mere 18 years, so Frank offers his help, and the friendship begins.

But Frank fails to make the cavalry and winds up in the infantry. The separation of the duo is put in to make the reunion all the better. The strengthening of the bond of friendship is conveyed superbly. I and I'm sure many others in the theater experienced the good feeling that director Peter Weir screwed for.

Coincidentally, the basic plot could be looked at this way: a young farm boy, tired of the monotony of farm life, years for the adventure of the military world. He gets some training from an older gentleman of the white hair and beard genre and teams up with a slightly older, cautious, street-wise guy. Together they head out to battle a common enemy. Sound familiar?

The light humorous moments of Gallipoli are not based on a joke about gas accidents or unreal people of pre-written wit. It's something that could and did happen. The humor is kept at a level not so to not distract from the rest of the film.

The battle scenes toward the end of the movie provide a refreshing relief from the overly pompous symphonic scores that almost distract from visual content. The mixture of contemporary keyboard and the World War I era is noticeable, but very enjoyable. The number of accidents or unreal people of pre-written wit. It's something that could and did happen. The humor is kept at a level not so to not distract from the rest of the film.

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Volleyball team meets Skagit Valley tonight

Women's volleyball coach Eileen Broomell has had some very successful teams in recent years -- regional champions the last two years, no losses in regional play since 1978. But she's more excited about the 1981 team.

"This is the best team I've ever had," Broomell said.

What does the coach have to back up that statement? The season is young, but the facts are impressive.

Highline hosted a volleyball tournament here September 17 as a warmup for the regular season. The other schools involved were Fort Steilacoom, Centralia and Grays Harbor.

"We played four matches and won all twelve games," Broomell said of the tournament. "The T-birds are up against Skagit Valley at 7 p.m. in the Pavilion.

Six sophomores are returning from last year's team which was Region II champion and the fifth place finisher in the AACC state tournament. They are Val McReynolds, Missie Castanzo, Vickie Rydbom, Debbie Patton, Kristi Rasmussen and Deanna Jeffries.

There are also six freshmen on the squad. Diane Whale, Kathy Simaeno, Kari Lee, Christi Ryan, Tarie Keller and Colleen Berry are the first-year players.

"We've got a pretty tall team this year," Broomell said, "and they're all good workers."

"The players coming out of high school now are getting better and better," she added.

The Thunderbirds played at Tacoma on Monday night. See late results for the match score. In future action, Highline visits Edmonds at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, participates in a 12-team tourney October 9 and 10, and comes home to play Olympic CC October 11 at 7 p.m.

Cross country faces tough competition

Coming off a second place finish in the state cross country championship last year, the Highline team is aiming for more.

Bellevue (last year's champion), Spokane and Everett will be the toughest competition for the T-birds according to coach Tom Frank.

"Bellevue and Spokane have some real good runners," Frank said. "They have a lot of people too. That's our only weakness: we don't have the depth that those schools have."

The coach currently has a shortage of women runners. The four on the team right now are Janet Griffith, Chris Beatteay, Michelle Denniston and Teresa Fenske. Five runners are needed for team scoring.

"We've got the men in real good shape and the girls are really good too. That's our biggest advantage."

The top five men distance runners are Jon Hansen, Kevin Syrstad, Todd Henry, Greg Stark and Brad Adams. Two other team members, Don Young and Rich Hanlon, are currently injured.

Last weekend Highline ran in the Lane Invitational at Eugene, Oregon. "We continued to make some improvement," Frank said, "although we didn't do as well as I'd hoped."

Tomorrow the Thunderbirds will run at the Fort Casey Invitational on Whidbey Island. On October 10 they travel to Bellingham for the Western Washington University Invitational.

"The team as a whole has a very positive attitude," Frank said. "Everyone is working hard everyday."

We think we're on schedule for a good performance at the state meet which is November 13."

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