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Media spotlight student government

by R.W. Davolt

Media coverage of the recent budget rally held at Highline has thrust college students and their elected student leaders into the public eye like nothing since the general campus unrest of the late sixties and early seventies.

Elsewhere in the state, university presidents hold regular press conferences and college organizations are taking unprecedented measures fighting for the funding of higher education. A new activism is on the rise.

As a result of this recent attention the question has been raised as to how well the Highline College Student Union Council is equipped to handle the challenge of these bleak economic times. What can HCC leaders do and what will they do in response to the changing mood in education.

Three documents govern Highline student government: The HCSU Constitution (last revised Spring, 1980), The HCSU By-laws (last revised Spring, 1976), and the Students Rights and Responsibilities Codebook (last revised in 1971). Nowhere in these three guidelines is there a specifically stated purpose for the HCSU.

Although talk of revising these codes has persisted for years, there are no specific suggestions for change.

Article II of the Constitution provides for an annual determination of objectives. There has been no such concrete statement of objectives since the adoption of the constitution, according to available records.

The HCSU Council of Representatives are, in fact, paid employees of the students of Highline College, employees with no formal, written job description. Council members receive a minimum wage salary, set by the Council itself. The money for salaries comes from the Services and Activities (S & A) Funds.

Without formal guidelines for the purpose

and the role of the Student Union, those matters are open to opinion and interpretation.

Most administration and student leaders agree that the HCSU serves to represent the student's point-of-view on various boards and committees, and to oversee the S & A Fund.

Disagreement seems to occur over what extent the Union's role is in policy making. Theoretically, the Student Council pulls as much weight as any other bureaucratic arm of the system. Realistically, its influence depends largely on the skill and resourcefulness of the individual members.

Regarding the role of the HCSU in policy-making, Dean of Students, Jesse Caskey said, "When the time comes that we don't listen to the students' point of view, we are not meeting the needs of the students."

Caskey said many finer points of administration "are not a responsibility of student government."

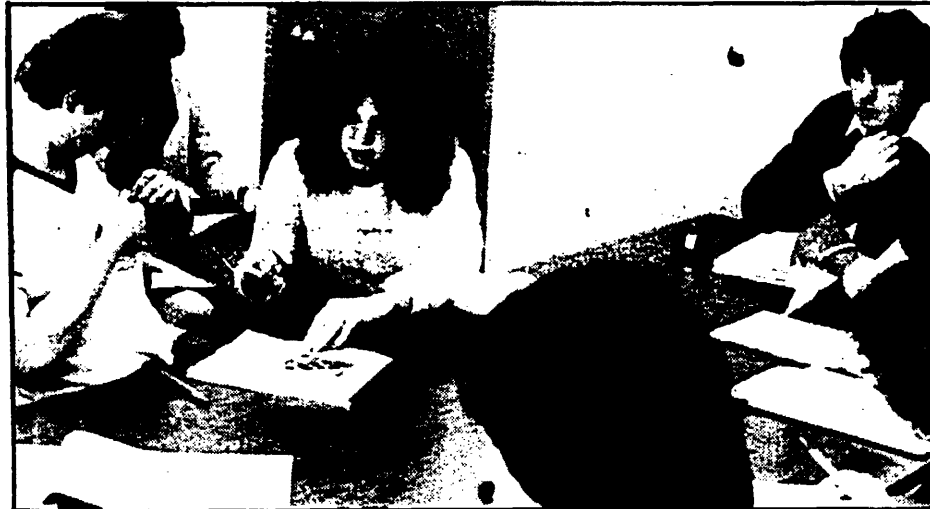
HCSU Council Advisor Bruce Mackintosh said that the Council's role should be one of an overview. "Administering a particular program is not their job."

Council Representative Tom Jackson has a broader view of council participation, including watchdog functions, expanded input into the administration, and even "veto power."

"A lot of people are getting our money," said Jackson, "and we're not getting a lot back."

One area where Caskey and Mackintosh agreed that student government should stay out of in most cases is personnel. However, Council members including Chairman Joe Elston could not see "any area—tenure, instruction, even maintenance" where the HCSU should not be involved.

Mackintosh cites time as another area of concern. "Each Council only has nine months to operate and to achieve whatever it is going to achieve. In reality there is a lack of continuity (because HCC is a two-



Student politicians Keith Johnson, Diane McCoy and Joe Elston. How much influence do they have?

photo by Larry Jones

year school) and the Council has to rely quite a bit on its advisors."

Mackintosh did not feel this concentrated too much power in the hands of the advisors.

"It might if the Council had any real power. They do have influence. There is a difference between power and influence," he said.

In spite of the difficulties, the HCSU added some impressive achievements to its credit in the last year.

According to a *Thunderword* article of December 5, 1980, nearly \$20,000 in misappropriated S & A funds were recovered from the General Fund. Last winter when the discrepancy was discovered it was determined a "matter of principle" despite the fact that the Services Fund could absorb the loss better than the then beleaguered General Fund.

The first three weeks of this academic year were primarily committed to the joint rally with Green River Community College, which the Council considers a "qualified success."

The HCSU Council is now studying the

funding of the Health Services Department, investigating the possibility of underwriting another full-time nurse out of S & A monies.

The HCSU Council works with the Instructional Council, and other boards and committees, including the Student Affairs Council (SAC) to forge policy decisions.

However, the Student Affairs Council, an integral part of student-administration relations, has yet to meet or organize this quarter. The SAC, consisting of the Assistant Dean of Students, Dean of Instruction, and other Student Services Staff, has one, non-voting student "observer."

HCSU Chairman Elston and the Representatives learned that the students have no vote on the SAC, he said he was "very upset." He called the SAC a "key link in the system." The HCSU is discussing ways to change the rule.

Highline President Shirley Gordon summed up the administration view in a recent *T-word* interview, "Student Government is just what the students want to make it."

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U.W. cuts back

by Ina Latuseck

A special legislative session for mid-November has been called by Governor John Spellman to deal with a shortage of state funds.

Unless the special legislative session significantly improves the University of Washington's financial circumstances an enrollment reduction of nearly 4,000 students will begin the Winter Quarter of 1982 and is to be fully accomplished by Autumn Quarter of 1983.

Governor John Spellman requested on September 17 that all state agencies reduce their budgets by 10.1 per cent.

According to a letter sent to Highline President Shirley B. Gordon from the University of Washington's Provost, George M. Beckman, admission will be closed to any new students beginning Winter Quarter 1982 in order to meet the requested 10.1 per cent reduction in operating budgets.

It is also expected that admission of any new students will remain closed in Spring Quarter 1982 unless there is a significant improvement in the University's budget.

John Gardner, Assistant Provost for Operations, U of W, stated that "budget cuts amount to 33 million dollars; approximately 19 million dollars cut from outside the instructional program and 14 million dollars involve the instructional program."

The special legislature will meet the middle of November making it too late to do anything about Winter Quarter 1982, even if a solution to the budget cuts was

decided upon, according to Gardner.

"It even would be too late for Spring Quarter 1982 because it takes a few months to put such decisions to work," said Gardner.

Except for a very small number of students to whom firm commitments had been made prior to September 21, 1981, it is expected that the University of Washington will admit no more students in this academic year.

Should the University's financial situation not improve, admissions for Autumn Quarter 1982 will most likely be reduced sharply from the Autumn 1981 level, though every effort to accept community college transfers who are at or near Junior class status will be made.

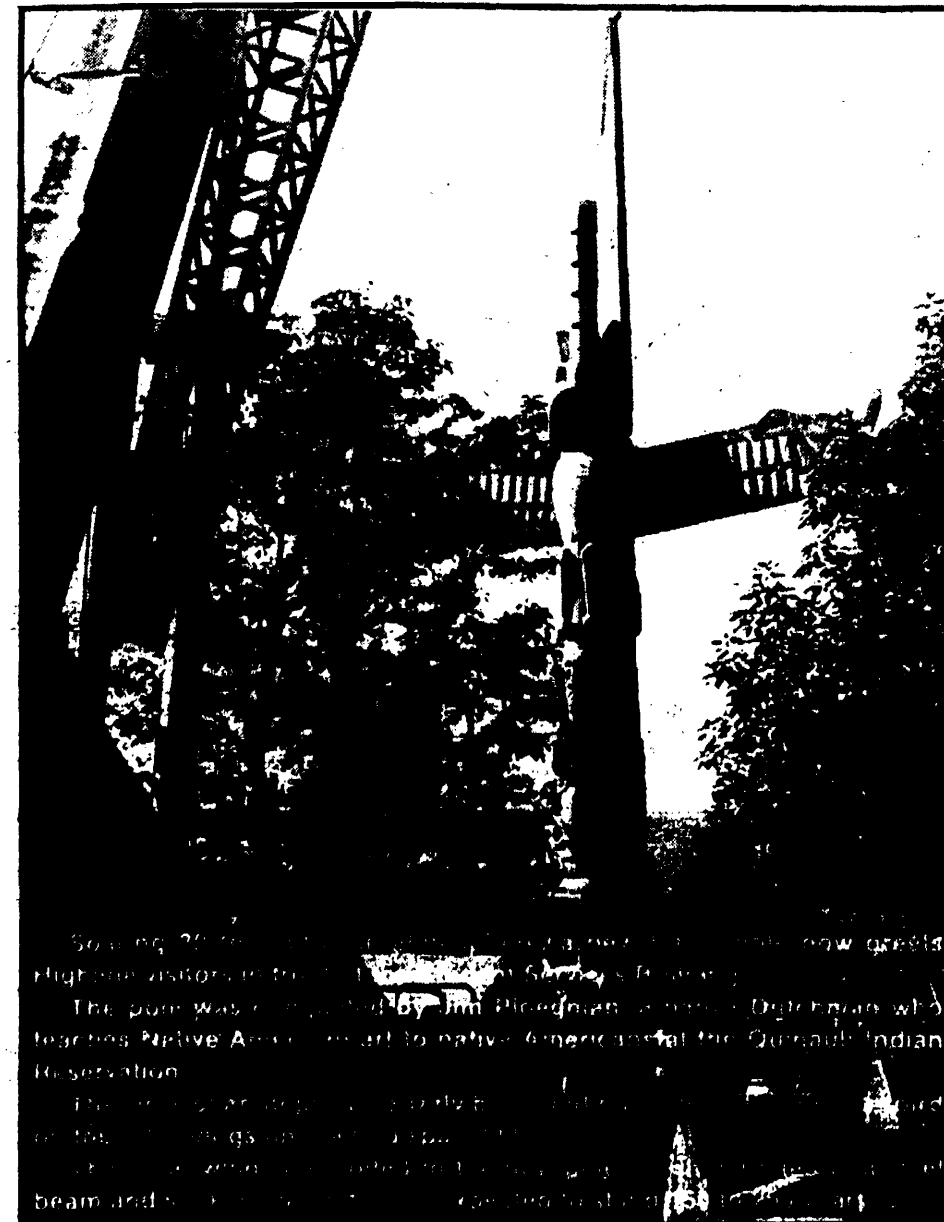
Plans for Winter and Spring Quarters 1983 are not yet clear, but it now seems likely that admission will again be closed to new students in those quarters.

Gardner said that the implied cuts for Autumn 1982 and Winter and Spring Quarters 1983 are indefinite at this time and could be altered depending upon the outcome of the legislative sessions.

Any student who wishes to attend the University of Washington in the future should send in an application regardless of these developments and the University will reply to each request, stating the status of the enrollment circumstances at that particular time, according to Gardner.

Editor's note:

Spellman announced Tuesday that he will recommend to the special session that higher education be cut only 4.5 per cent.



Gordon sworn in for nat'l commission

by Ron Del Mar

In light of her appointment to a national commission, Highline's President made a trip to Washington D.C.

Dr. Shirley Gordon was appointed to a National Commission on Excellence in Education.

Gordon was asked to serve on the commission last August and her recent visit to the Capital constituted the first meeting of the 18 member commission appointed by U.S. Education Secretary, Terrel H. Bell.

The charge of the commission, according to Gordon, is to make recommendations to the nation regarding means of promoting excellence in the American schools. Although the emphasis is to be chiefly focused on junior and senior high schools, she explained that all levels of education will be considered.

"It is so important for young people to realize that their job while they are growing up is to become educated," Gordon stressed.

The commission was broken up into two groups, each with its own specific responsibilities for carrying out the mission. Gordon said she was impressed with the quality of the commission and described it as an "august group."

Gordon's goal in the project is to involve community college students in conveying the importance of education to others. She feels that many of the nation's nearly five million community college students are people who are combining work and study and ones that are returning to school



Gordon is hoping the commission will be able to make key findings that will better education during the next 18 months.

photo by R.A. Smart

because they now realize the importance of education.

"What better group to promote the need for excellence in education," Gordon said.

She was particularly impressed with the points expressed by two of the other commission members.

Minnesota Governor, Albert H. Quie, emphasized that along with intellectual, physical and psychological development,

spiritual development must be a part of total education.

Jay Sommer, recently honored as teacher of the year, explained that while other country's schools focus on the excellence of their respective schools, the U.S. is inclined to dwell on the system's shortcomings. Gordon described each of these statements as "food for thought."

While in Washington, Gordon was introduced to President Reagan following

taking the oath of office from Secretary Bell. She said this meeting increased her sense of responsibility and determination to give the assignment her best effort.

"The conference table was complete with place cards, tablets and pencils for each one, and yes, even two large jars of jelly beans," Gordon recalled.

"President Reagan came in, we were each introduced and the Secretary (Bell) made a comment about each of us," she continued. "My particular identification was that I was the only woman president of a public college in the Northwest section of the country."

"To which the President responded, 'That's great,'" Gordon said.

The President then talked to the commission concerning his interests and aspirations for the project, according to Gordon. He spoke of the need for excellence and challenging students to achieve.

Gordon is thrilled with the opportunity to serve on the commission. She is hoping that many of the ideas received by the group will be ones that she in turn can bring back and apply to Highline.

"I'm humbled by the honor, but determined to devote my best effort," Gordon stated.

Given their orders, each member is now expected to pursue the objectives on their own. Gordon said she has been doing a lot of reading and "keeping my eyes open."

She acknowledged that she has already received numerous literature from interested individuals concerning successful programs. She will meet again with the commission on November 6, in New Orleans to exchange initial findings.

Metro nears sewer decision

by Randy Akimoto

Metro Wastewater Management's proposal to construct a massive sewer outfall off Seahurst Park awaits approval from the Metro Council, Department of Ecology and the Environmental Protection Agency on November 5.

John Lesniak and Gunar Sreibers, Metro Wastewater representatives, gathered with their water quality committee and voted 7-4 in favor of the proposal.

Lesniak and Sreibers then exchanged recommendations the next day with opposition spokesman Bruce Bowden, Highline Community Council environmental committee chairman, at a debate held last Friday in the Artists Lecture Center. It was sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa.

The debate began when Lesniak said Metro recommends discharging effluent (treated sewage) from the Renton Treatment Plant into Puget Sound by way of Seahurst Park.

"We have to expand Renton's Treatment Plant for the next 20 years," explained Lesniak. "It's designed to treat 40 million gallons per day."



Gunar Sreibers John Lesniak

His point drew applause from the majority of the small gathering.

He said Metro's ultimate goal is to reach a capacity of 144 million gallons daily.

Recommendation for the Seahurst plan resulted from the Renton 201 study which looked toward alternate sources for effluent discharge. Presently the Renton Treatment Plant is discharging into the Duwamish River.

The DOE studies show effluent levels in the Duwamish far exceed the minimum dilution ratio of 20:1. Steelhead and salmon runs are thus endangered by Renton's discharge, according to Bowden.

With the alternative to construct a tunnel from Renton to Seahurst Park for effluent discharge comes the same problem, he argued.

"First of all you don't know how long the effluent level will remain," Bowden stressed. "Effluent dumped at Seahurst will travel south endangering already seriously contaminated waters."

He said that only after currents flush the effluent south, will it then reverse its course and head north out of the Sound.

Lesniak is convinced that the effluent level will be no problem in Puget Sound.

"This planning process has been going on for two years," Lesniak reasoned. "The effluent is treated at a high level."

"We could continue to discharge into the Duwamish River but we must stick to our recommended program of 340 million dollars," he continued.

It is in July 1986 that Metro hopes to begin discharge into Puget Sound.

Bowden mentioned that the EIS said Seahurst Park faces major disruption because the outfall project will include a noisy pump station near the parking lot.

Sreibers said the construction of a pump station would be of no major concern. "A pump station may be visible but we will still have access to the park during construction," he assured. "However parking will be limited."

Bowden's closing arguments summed up his opinion. "It took many years to recognize what we (Metro) were doing at Lake Washington. Metro says we're overloading the Duwamish River and now they propose to move the problem to Puget Sound."

Registration reduces hours

by Mary Dickinson

In order to save money, Highline's Registration Office will be closing one hour earlier during the week.

As of last Monday, it will be open until 7:30 p.m. according to Booker Watt, Registrar. Previously, the office was open to 8:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and Friday from 8 - 5 p.m.

"We feel we can still provide the service, but there isn't much business after seven in the evening," stated Watt.

"I was reluctant to close at seven because most evening classes start at that time, and 7:30 p.m. is easier for the students," Watt explained.

The new hours will be in effect until November 19th. When registration for Winter Quarter starts on November 23rd, the office will be open until 8:30 p.m.

"The Registration Office will only be open to 8:30 p.m. for peak registration hours," stressed Watt.

Registration for Winter Quarter will be from November 23rd to January 14th.

Appointment books for registration will be on campus, in various places, around the ninth of November. This is approximately two weeks before registration. The class schedules will be available November 19th.

There is a total of 9631 students on campus this quarter and registering for classes is always a problem.

Watt feels, "it is important to come in on your scheduled day. If we could get this cooperation from the students, there would be less problems."

According to Watt, the campus and the Registration Office will be closed from December 21st to the 27th for Christmas break.

In view of the break, grades for Fall Quarter will not be sent out before December 27th.

Non-matriculated fighting disadvantage

Highline students who are not matriculated into the system will find themselves at a disadvantage if they plan to register for Winter quarter, according to Sandy Curtis, Director of Admissions.

Matriculated students are those who have filled out an application with Admissions and were given an appointment for registering. However, Curtis pointed out that many students signed up for their classes under open registration.

"It would be to the advantage of these students to fill out an application with Admissions as soon as possible," she stressed.

"Many students don't feel it is worth their time, but any student who plans on attending more than one quarter at Highline should go to the trouble of getting fully matriculated," she added.

After becoming matriculated, the student will be given a white registration packet and assigned an advisor. The student will also receive an earlier appointment for registration, allowing him a better choice of classes.

"The time taken now will really simplify registration in the future. I urge every student to become matriculated just as soon as possible," Curtis stressed.

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What a pity

by R. W. Davolt

Let me confess right from the beginning that I have never been in prison. I did spend four years in the Navy, does that count?

Last week a Boston judge awarded over two million dollars in compensation to prisoners who endured the "less than humane conditions" of a Boston jail. This, added to a chorus of protest from inmates around the country, paints a very bleak picture of the American corrections system.

Well, let us see.

The average prisoner in this country is provided free room and board and \$26 a day. I started with the U.S. Navy with the same arrangement and 25¢ an hour.

What about the specifics of the Boston suit? Prisoners complained of bugs in their cells and in their food. If you see a man check his tossed salad carefully for cockroaches before eating it, odds are better than even he was once a destroyer sailor. Old habits are hard to break.

The suit mentions inmates sleeping in cells with inches of standing water flooding the floor. On a small ship it is considered reassuring just to be able to

feel the deck somewhere beneath the water.

The legal action also charges that the prisoners were not allowed proper recreation. Tell me what kind of recreation one can get on a 214-foot tin island on patrol in the middle of the Pacific, with the possible exception of deep-sea fishing.

Other prison complaints include having to wear uniforms instead of their own clothes. Naval working uniforms even look like prison blues.

Inmates and servicemen both suffer roughly similar bad food, restricted freedoms, lack of privacy and personal safety, rampant drugs and long separations from loved ones. For some reason the serviceman rarely riots or files suit.

There is something wrong in giving compensation to criminals for conditions that are suffered in silence by thousands of selfless members of the armed forces. Duty and service to country may sound corny to this generation that emerges from high school miraculously knowing all, but the fact remains that there are real people out there, everyday making the sacrifices that the rest of the country refuses.

But the serviceman volunteered, it was his choice.

And the criminal volunteered, it was his choice.

Nelson draws for personal enrichment

by Bob Ridge

For Gary Nelson, the instructor of Highline College's production illustration class, one of the finest goals in life is an appreciation of art.

"People need art as a personal enrichment process," said Nelson, "in order to better understand and deal with the real world around them."

Nelson is no stranger to the art world. He has spent the last 15 years as a freelance artist and commercial illustrator. His success has resulted in two annual shows at suburban art galleries, one located in Redondo.

For the last four years Nelson has worked in the production illustration department teaching young artists the techniques of commercial and industrial art.

"It's a demanding class, but no more so than working for a major company," he said. For two years Nelson has illustrated the annual Puget Power Christmas card. His major style of personal art is the traditional landscape and seascape paintings.

"I love architecture, old buildings, barns, anything like that," he said.

Nelson receives a good reaction toward his work from both critics and the public. Recently, however, he sold four paintings at what he terms, "too cheap of a price."

His advice to artists is to "maintain a realistic attitude toward what they do and how it fits into business and society. Remember, art is a business."



Gary Nelson

The future of art is impossible to predict, but Nelson sees a very lucrative field opening up in the abstract world of fantasy art. "Western art is also good. It's typically American," he said.

Nelson likes his work at HCC but harbors a secret dream. "I would like to travel around the world to exotic places and paint beautiful, wealthy women," he said with a grin. "Like Gogan, I'd paint and drink for the rest of my life."

Carbonado beckons lovers of nature

by Larry Jones

With the autumn season upon us, there is a chance to see nature in one of its more colorful moods.

As students, or visitors to the Highline College campus, we have seen the trees on campus change from their summer green to the autumn reds, browns, and yellows.

For those who want to see more colors and enjoy the smell of wood smoke or leaves burning, a drive to the country is in order.

A nice three to four hour drive could take you south to Puyallup, then east to Buckley and south again through Wilkeson to the town of Carbonado.

The Carbon River was so named in the 1860s when coal was discovered along its banks.

Carbonado was founded in the 1870's by the Pacific Coast Coal Company as a "company town" with paved streets and sewers which, to the present day, still have wooden manhole covers.

The company also repainted the homes in the town and rented them for \$14.00 per month.

In the late 1920s, the Pacific Coast Coal Company discontinued operations in their

mines around Carbonado and when the pumps used to keep the mines dry were removed, five miles of collieries were

flooded beyond reclamation. Today's primary local industry is lumber.

Approximately two miles beyond



Carbonado blends in beautifully with nature

photo by Larry Jones

Carbonado is a narrow, one lane bridge which is about 300 feet above the Carbon River which affords a spectacular view of the Carbon River valley.

Yet another 12 miles past this point brings you to the Carbon River Ranger Station and a very pretty picnic area and campground at Ipsut Creek which is at the foot of Mt. Rainier.

Almost the entire trip is through wooded areas and small, picturesque towns where there are many interesting things to stop and see. Make sure to bring a camera along to record the sights; then some cold winter day you can pull out your photo album and recall your trip to the country and to Carbonado.

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The bomb is
not our friend

by Ross Guffy

The deployment of atomic weapons in Western Europe is an issue on which two opposing viewpoints exist.

Some, mostly those in power, hold that Europe needs to be protected by the most advanced and revolting nuclear weapons the United States has to offer, and that a tough, decisive America is Europe's only salvation from a holocaust.

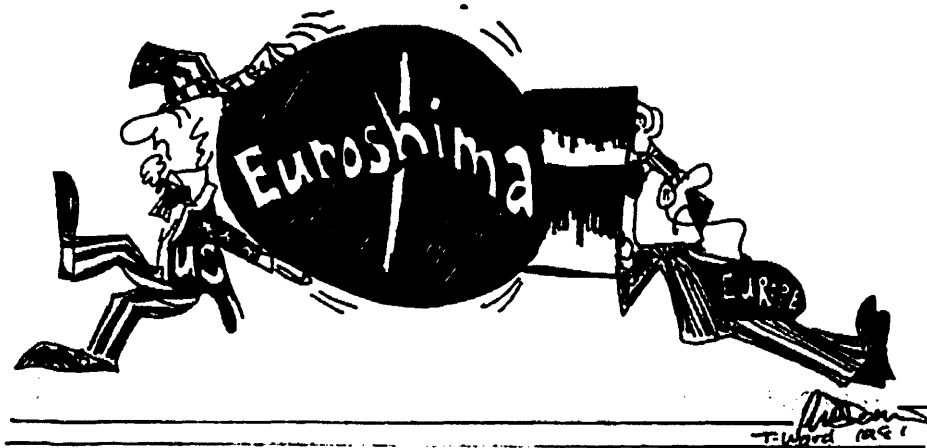
Others see the presence of atomic weapons as an open invitation for the U.S. and Soviet Union to use Europe as a nuclear battleground. Most notably the estimated 350,000 demonstrators who turned out in London and Rome to protest the policy of arms deployment.

Socio-economic difficulties in the major industrialized countries and crisis in the third world countries aggrandize the political tensions which fuel the insane arms race.

With each passing year both power blocs invent new and improved horrors, and in greater numbers, thus increasing the possibility of an accident or a miscalculation.

Proponents of deployment assume that the two superpowers are on a direct collision course, being kept in check only by something called "deterrence." They insist that more bombs will make the world safe for peace, and that the technology of mass-destruction must take precedence to all domestic problems. Their vernacular consists of euphemisms such as "defense" and "deterrence" used to extol the "virtues" of their bombs.

People in Europe know what war is all about. Having had two major wars in this century alone, they want nothing more to do with it. This is why the anti-nuclear movement in Europe is so great. They know that Europe is the logical place for the U.S. and U.S.S.R. to stage a war. Not only because neither side wants to fight in their own back yard, but because Europe is a large peninsula, it can be invaded by a sizable military force on short notice.



Here at home we are coming dangerously close to a mentality which might best be described as "The bomb is our friend."

Both superpowers are playing a game of nuclear leapfrog so as to prevent the other from using its weaponry. In the spirit of defense more efficient weapons are contrived, smaller and "cleaner" than ever before. The neutron bomb for example. All this makes the concept of a "limited" nuclear war more and more acceptable to the general public. These paradoxical practices can only be leading to the actual use of nuclear weapons, in a war which would not be worth winning, assuming it could be even won at all.

This is not a bright scenario, especially considering that SALT II is out the window.

In view of the considerable economic problems in this country and in the Soviet Union, an arms race, with all its astronomical expenses is clearly not in the best interests of the people.

Being that this is one of the most crucial issues in world history, it is obvious that those in power cannot be trusted with the urgent task of disarmament. Their pro-bomb philosophy is devoid of any and all logical consistency. The responsibility lies in the hands of the Americans and Europeans to free the world of these obscene weapons.

Don't send the sheep
to slaughter

Russian goodwill can prevent war any better than the current nuclear numbers game.

Choose your insanity—the precarious balance of our bombs versus their bombs or the dull madness of sheep inviting the slaughter.

Relying on the inherent goodness of Man has a rather bad track record. Man is a creature that will behave himself only when threatened, whether by eternal damnation or by the possibility of atomic annihilation.

The nuclear arms race serves to threaten man to behave, he does not dare do otherwise.

No one is for war. It is a reality that a thinking man accepts as inevitable and strives to deal with.

How ironic that the same cries that condemn the Reagan administration for being "reactionary" also call for return to the pre-atomic days of innocence. The genie has been out of the bottle since 1945 and no amount of well-intentioned wishing will ever take us back in time.

Re-examine the question in the cold light of reality, instead of the misty vision of how we would like the world to be. Europe is a geographic and historical battleground, and disarmament is no more realistic now than it was after World War II. The United States is protected by two oceans, the missiles in Europe serve to protect the Europeans, not America. Concern for the world situation should be based in fact, not wishes.

by R.W. Davolt

Europe is protesting the deployment of NATO missiles on their continent, the same Europe that sought to appease Adolph Hitler by handing him Austria and Czechoslovakia. This is the same Europe where rows of white crosses mark past American rescues of disastrous European idealism.

American lives have bought and paid for the voice that the United States has in European strategy.

It is ridiculous to assume that the Soviet Union will not deploy thermonuclear missiles along what it considers a hostile border with Western Europe. It is naive and dangerous to assume that the unilateral disarmament of NATO nuclear deterrent forces and reliance on

A letter of praise

The rally held on Tuesday, October 13, was a very fine event. I am especially impressed by the quality of your questions and comments.

Even though it wasn't a Highline student who pointed the finger of blame at the presidents, I want to say that I'm glad the students spoke up. A forum such as this should provide opportunity to share different ideas and perceptions. I know comments such as the one about administrators making the wrong choices will certainly intensify my own decision-making as it relates to you and Highline.

Our student officers demonstrated very dramatically the influence that students can have. I hope that the event will maintain student interest in the current situation and perhaps stimulate interest and concern in other legislative issues. Those who are enjoying educational opportunity have, I believe, a great responsibility to be well informed and to participate in the decision-making that affects us all.

Shirley B. Gordon
HCC President

HCSU Column

HCC triumphs

by N. Scott Stewart

I ran for student council because I was upset at the way the two year colleges were presented to the surrounding community. One Seattle newspaper editorial described the community college as, "A location where bored housewives go to learn cake-decorating and basketweaving, at the taxpayer's expense." In times of budget cuts, this type of publicity did our college no good.

But Highline students retaliated against the bad press. Last year Phi Theta Kappa invited local legislators to our college for a luncheon. At the luncheon the legislators listened while students from different aspects of the college told them what Highline meant to them.

This year the Highline College Student Union worked with the Green River student government and held a student rally. Local legislators were invited to the rally where they heard the students' comments regarding what was happening to our colleges.

Both of these methods had some effect on what our legislators thought of the community college. But we must not stop now. Governor Spellman has called for a special legislative session. This session will convene on November 9th. We, as community college students, should take advantage of this session by contacting our state senators and representatives, telling



N. Scott Stewart
them what the community college means to each one of us.

For a list of the state legislators' phone numbers, contact me in the student government office. Also, to show your support, there will be a joint rally between the state four year universities and community colleges on Friday, November 13 in Olympia. Transportation will be provided and more information can be obtained in the student government office. Please go and support your college!

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Scott Stewart at the Student Program Office (Bldg. 8, room 201) ext. 255. His office hours are 1 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and Friday 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.

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Original HCC'er Merryman to retire

by Will Hartley

Florence Merryman, Highline Presidential Secretary and staff member for more than 20 years, will be retiring on November 30.

Merryman joined the Highline staff in 1960, when the college was with the Highline public school district and she was secretary for the district attendance officer.

"When the college first started, Leonard Johnson asked if I would help," Merryman recalled. "The first thing I knew, I was drafted into registration. I also worked in admissions and generally where help was needed."

In 1962, Highline's first official president, Dr. M.A. Allan, needed a replacement for his secretary, Arlynn Knutson, who had to take a leave of absence. Merryman was asked and "gladly accepted" the position.

Since then, she has worked with Dr. Allan and his predecessors, Dr. Orville Carnahan and Dr. Shirley Gordon.

"All three of the presidents have been good to work for. Each had a different administrative style that fit the times," she said, also pointing out the differences between the 60s and the present.



Florence Merryman

"The campus was in a stage of heavy growth and heavy unrest among students and staff. Now with the budget difficulties, the emphasis is more on legislative activity."

Born in Dayton, Wa., Merryman received her education at Central Washington University and the University of Washington. She has been a resident of Three Tree Point for the past 26 years.

Prior to joining the Highline staff, Merryman had been secretary for the King County Auditor, the President of Overseas Airlines and held various positions with the Highline Public School District.

According to Merryman, her job here has been enjoyable to say the least.

"Colleges have a wonderful atmosphere for me because I like people very much. One couldn't find a better job than here."

"The other colleges don't hold a candle to Highline," she added. "I say that because I know the people here and what their attitude is. They're concerned and try their hardest to do their best."

On top of her secretarial work, Merryman also serves on the King County Woman's Board, and plans to put more time into the board after November 30.

What does retirement life hold for one of Highline's original staff members?

"After being here at the college for 21 years, I think I'll spend some time with my grandsons before they go to college," she replied.

"And on the first icy day, I won't have to worry about getting up the hill by my house. I can just sit by the fire with a cup of coffee and relax."

Switzerland-fairytale becomes reality for Wasner

by Jeff Andrews

When Highline College student Tom Wasner arrived in Europe last June, it was like being in a dreamland, but the dream quickly became a reality.

As part of the Cooperative Education overseas program, Wasner went to Switzerland to work. His employer was the Migros Corporation.

Migros is a chain of supermarkets, the one Wasner worked being in Bern.

Wasner earned his job in Switzerland because of his proficiency in the German

language. Fluency in a foreign language is a requirement for those students wishing to participate in the overseas program.

Despite his expertise in German, Wasner had a long period of adjustment to the language, because a Swiss-German dialect is spoken in the country.

"It wasn't until the last couple of weeks that I finally caught on to Swiss-German, and by then it was almost time to come home," he said.

Wasner spent a total of 14 weeks in Europe, spending 10 weeks on the job in Bern. He devoted the remaining four weeks

to travel throughout Switzerland and Germany.

During his travel, Wasner had to quickly learn survival skills.

"There were some nights when I wasn't sure where to sleep. I would try and find some of the cheapest hotels, and sometimes just sleep outside if there wasn't anything available."

One of the cheapest accommodations was an International Youth Hostel. They were nice, but had some disadvantages, according to Wasner. They closed at 10 p.m., and all travelers had to be out at 9 a.m.

Throughout his trek, Wasner used several modes of transportation. While in Bern he rode a bicycle to work. To get anywhere else Wasner used a bus, train, or his thumb, to hitch a ride.

Wasner's leisure time was limited especially in Bern because of work, but he frequently found time to catch some German films.

While traveling abroad, he spent some time skiing and hiking. At various stops he also enjoyed going into town to taste European beers and meet people.

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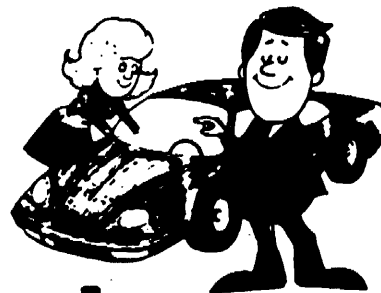
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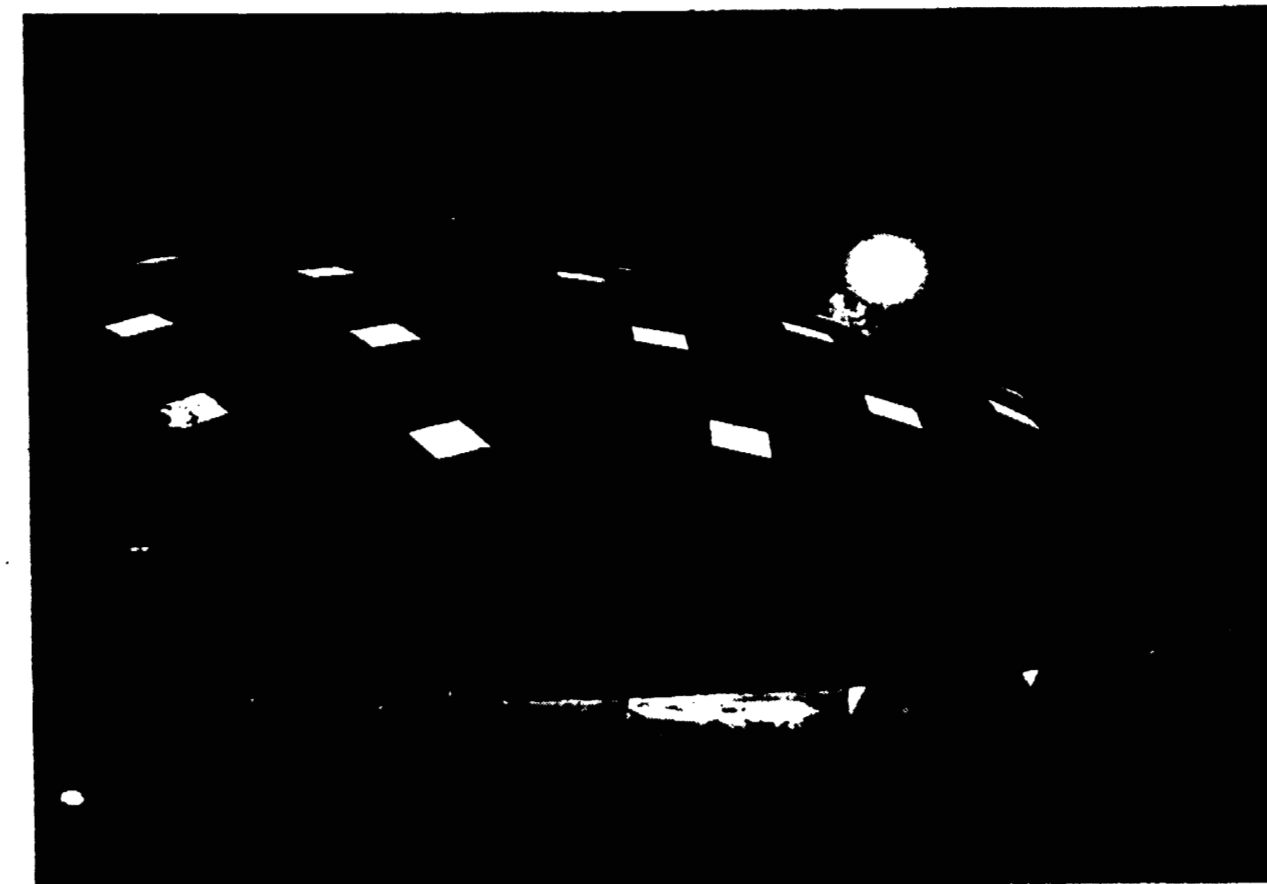
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A photographic essay by Scott Swab

The campus of Highline Community College holds the reputation of being one of the most beautiful in the state. On a sunny day, the hilly grounds reflect the groundskeepers handiwork.

But night falls and reveals a side of Highline not seen by many of the daytime students. The large white buildings become illuminated monoliths defying the darkened skies. The sheen of wet walkways is accented by a well placed series of white lights.

Bring a friend some night and have a look at the dark side of Highline.

'Rich and Famous' — pointless and aimless

Rich and Famous starring Jacqueline Bisset and Candice Bergen, is presently playing at the Music Box Theater. The show is rate 'R' due to subject matter.

by Will Hartley and Teresa Joslin

What happens when you place one Candice Bergen, one Jacqueline Bisset and a script of unbelievable dialogue onto a couple hours of celluloid? You get *Rich and Famous*, the end result of a bad recipe.

With the film world's recent swing towards the adult film, such as *Gallipoli* and *Chariots of Fire*, veteran director George Cukor attempts his ride on the windwagon. Unfortunately, *Rich and Famous* makes for a bumpy trip.

The big draw for the film is undoubtedly Jacqueline Bisset and Candice Bergen—together on the same film. True, the duo is not wooden like a lot of their male co-stars (i.e. David Shelby), but the believability of their characters left a lot to be desired thanks to script writer Gerald Ayres.

Candice Bergen takes on the role of a semi-rich Malibu housewife, envious of her old school chum turned acclaimed writer (Bisset). Bergen eventually makes it big writing trashy, gossip novels and thus enter the basis for the title *Rich and Famous*. She also periodically engages in obviously scripted squabbles with her



Jacqueline Bisset and Hart Blochner do some window shopping in *Rich and Famous*

friend (?), Bisset. How a woman of the dumb housewife stereotype is able to rattle off appropriate responses with split second timing is beyond comprehension.

Bisset, meanwhile, engages in various gratuitous sex scenes, probably interjected for a change from the negative aspects of the rest of the film. Eventually, she falls for a young writer and goes to Bergen for

advice. For the first time, Bergen's otherwise dingbat character, displays an ounce or two of wit.

It appears that the two are together again and will live happily ever after, but HO! Another scripted argument extends the film another half an hour. Jackie and Candi eventually make amends, much to the relief of the audience.

Of the above mentioned sex scenes, the airplane encounter is the most memorable. After several complimentary drinks, Miss Bisset heads for the restroom to meet up with her travelling companion for a scene paralleling sex to the landing of a jumbo jet. This is the best of Bisset's few comedy contributions to the film.

Booze, an overplayed element in the movie business, is taken to an extreme in *Rich and Famous*. When things get tough, our heroes and heroines, especially Bisset, hit the hooch. When it's time to celebrate something, such as the finding of a bottle, it's booze time. Getting thirsty? Have a drink. Whether this is Cukor's attempt to portray the ugliness of alcoholism or a plug for the liquor cartel is left up to the discretion of the viewer.

The noticeably redeeming value of the film is the wonderful scenery shots. With all the ugliness going on with the people, the landscapes provide an occasional nice contrast.

As a whole, *Rich and Famous* is not hard to understand as to what is being said and done, but why things are said and done are somewhat a mystery.

This film was the opener for the 25th International Film Festival in San Francisco and appropriately so. The west coast fiasco has always reputed to open with turkeys.

Highline Happenings...

Bo Dudley...

One friend and a couple of bucks still can make for a fine Friday evening. *10*, the movie that made Bo Derek a household word will be playing the Artist-Lecture Center, November 13 at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Admission is \$1.00.

Blacks meet...

Black students are having a meeting, Tuesday, November 3, at noon in Building 6, Room 201. All black students are urged to attend.

Veteran's Day...

Just a reminder, there will be no school on November 11 in celebration of Veteran's Day.

Colloquy counterpoint...

"A Defense of Theism" is this week's Colloquy topic. Robert Briesmeister will be speaking in counterpoint to last week's "A Defense of Atheism", Nov. 4, at noon in the Artist-Lecture Center.

And films...

Alfred Hitchcock's *Lifeboat* (November 4) and Yves Rovert's *The Tall Blond Man with One Black Shoe* (November 18) continue the Artist-Lecture Center film series. Both films run at 2, 5, and 8 p.m. with no admission charge.

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Team play leads to winning ways

by Jeff Andrews

With a consistent, total team effort, the women's volleyball team upped its league record to 6-1, compiling an overall record of 17-3.

The T-birds have won six straight matches, three of which have counted towards league standings.

Highline started its win skein with a victory over Olympic Community College on Oct. 14. The T-bird women won three straight games with scores of 15-2, 15-4 and 15-11.

The team played lackadaisical against Olympic because of low competition according to coach Eileen Broomell.

"It was a slow match. In the third game

I started to play my bench players," Broomell said.

Highline traveled to Shoreline Community College on Oct. 16, continuing its winning ways.

This match featured some outstanding spiking by the Thunderbirds. Kari Lee led the way with 16 kills, while Kathy Simeona and Val McReynolds each contributed six. Broomell added that Vicki Rydbom was outstanding in the serving department.

The next match for Highline was a non-league encounter with Fort Steilacoom Community College. The T-birds had an easy time, defeating them by scores of 15-2, 15-5 and 15-11.

Everett Community College was the

Thunderbird women's next opponent and they fought hard to the end.

"Everett was a scrappy team," Broomell noted. "They fought for every ball."

Outstanding players for the match were again McReynolds who led the team with 11 kills followed by the six for Simeona.

"All the girls have been playing good off and on, but Simeona has been playing consistent all season," Broomell said.

In a non-league contest, played Oct. 23, the T-birds journeyed to Lower Columbia Community College.

Broomell described the match as the "hardest ball we've ever played."

"Everything went right, serving, blocks, kills, it was just a fantastic match," she said.

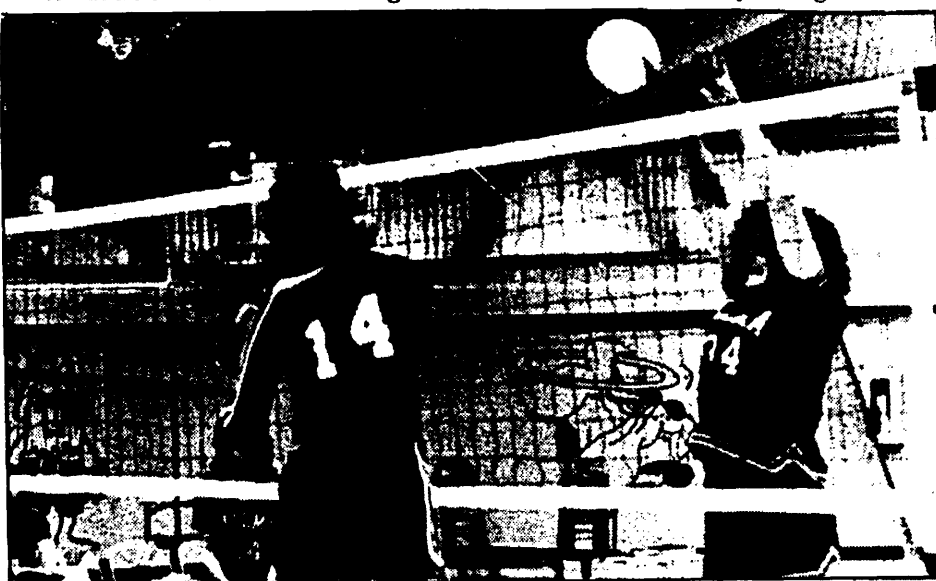
Broomell added that she couldn't set any one player as being outstanding against Lower Columbia because she felt they all played exceptional.

Team play has become more consistent as more individuals start to improve. One such player is the 5'11" spiker, McReynolds.

"Val is really starting to hit that ball now. Before she used to just dink it over, but now she's really blasting it," Broomell explained.

In an afternoon contest Monday, the Thunderbirds met Tacoma Community College in non-league play. Highline had no problems in defeating T.C.C., the scores being 15-2, 15-5 and 15-0.

The T-bird women will continue league play with a match Friday, Oct. 30 in Skagit Valley, and Wednesday, Nov. 4, against league leading Edmonds, here at the Pavilion.



Kathy Simeona (14) smashes a spike past a Tacoma opponent

photo by Jeff Andrews

T-birds place second

by Mark Keaty

Sophomore Jon Hansen once again led the Highline College cross country team to a strong second place finish in the Highline Invitational meet at Fort Dent.

Hansen won the four-mile race in a blistering time of 21:10. At one point in the race, his nearest competitor was clocked at 20 seconds behind him.

Teammates Brad Adams and Todd Henry also ran a good race, posting times of 21:59, and 22:14 respectively.

Jan Griffith was top finisher for the women, covering the three mile course in a time of 19:11.



The weekend of Oct. 17, the Highline harriers traveled to Gresham, Oregon to participate in the Mt. Hood Invitational.

The T-bird runners finished third place out of 14 teams, led by Hansen's fourth place finish in the men's division.

Highline's next meet is the Clark College Invitational this weekend in Vancouver.

Coach Tom Frank is looking past this meet and towards the state championship meet.

"That's the one we are shooting for," Frank added.

The state championship will take place in Redmond on November 13.

HCSU analysis: have a cliché

by R.W. Davolt

The problem with getting involved with the student government at Highline is that by the time you think you know what's going on, it's too late to make a difference. Therefore, most people don't bother.

The people who end up elected to the HCSU Council usually didn't know what they were getting themselves in for and spend most of their terms too overwhelmed to act.

This makes for a rather muddled group of leaders.

There is nothing that can be done about the time factor involved in representing a two-year institution, except recognizing the limitations it poses.

Not being one to criticize without suggestions for improvement, here are

some old clichés that still might work.

- 1) *Put your own house in order.* The governing rules of any organization must be relevant and useful. Revise the Constitution or the By-laws so that what is down on paper can be of some good to the running of the daily operation.
- 2) *Go by the book.* Once you have rules and guidelines established, stick by them. It's amazing how easy things are when you read the instructions.
- 3) *Play the game.* Anyone who says that a college is not a political arena is a fool, a liar or seriously uninformed. If you have the slightest hope for success, learn to befriend the powerful, curry favor with those you detest and to invest influence to buy powers. Reading Machiavelli is helpful but not required.

- 4) *If you can't stand the heat, get out of the kitchen.* Public service is no place for a coward. David Lloyd George once said, "Don't be afraid to take a big step if one is indicated. You can't cross a chasm in two small jumps." If you're going to take a chance you might as well risk all the marbles. Even if you flop, people will not so much remember the flop as how grand it was. In public life, as in painting, it is the bold stroke that gets the attention.
- 5) *Above all, remember who the boss is.* You work for the people, no matter how insignificant the position may seem. You are in the public trust. Never lose sight of the purpose behind your job or the fact that if you violate that trust there will be lots of angry people looking for you.

Student visits Switzerland

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"I spent a lot of time just talking and meeting people, mostly girls," he recalled.

Wasner had little to complain about Switzerland and its people, and in fact found the surroundings to be pleasing.

"Switzerland is a very clean, well kept place," he said. "The houses in the village were very beautiful, and well built."

Wasner added that the houses in the



Tom Wasner

villages are built very close to each other; the communities are "very tight."

The towns in Switzerland contain a lot of tourism, one of the country's largest industries. Wasner expressed his dislike of tourism though, trying to stay away from it as much as possible.

Wasner encourages all eligible students to apply as he feels there are many benefits. "Most important, I improved my proficiency in German, but almost as important I gained self understanding about the international world," he said.

He saw differences between European and American people. Wasner feels that Europeans are more aware and more political minded.

"Over there everybody is ready for war. They are ready for it, and fear it, so when I was over there, I feared it too," Wasner explained.

Those students who are interested in a chance to get an overseas job must be fluent in a foreign language. Any eligible student can then fill out an application;

which must be turned in by December 4.

A processing fee of \$300 is also required. A \$100 deposit is to be paid when the application is turned in, the balance to be paid by March 1, 1982.

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Eric Berg



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Vipi Stoutenberg



"Wrong. It perpetuates violence which is already too high in our society. Since our judicial system is imperfect, the wrong person could be killed—a mistake impossible to correct."

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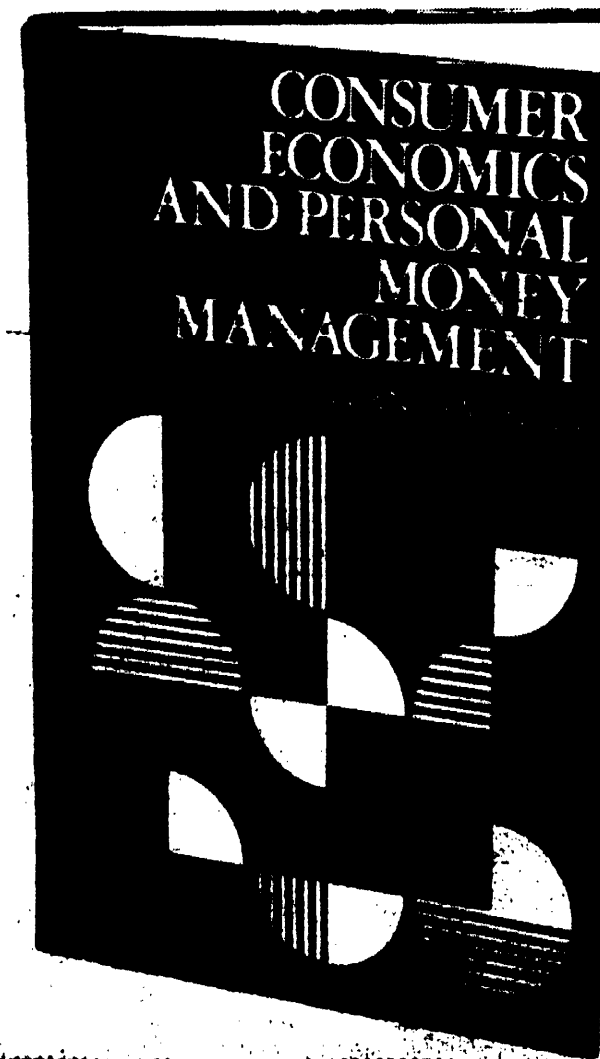
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