Councll seeks funding for new construction

by Ron Del Mar

The Highline College Student Council (HCSU) is seeking funding for construction on the Highline campus and they are currently looking into the possibility of using a type of funding that would allow them to fund the construction.

According to Joe Elston, student representative, the council is looking to by-pass this step by using a law which enables students to use a type of funding that has been virtually nonexistent in recent years, due mainly to the cutback in funding for Highline's part of the state legislature. The Council hopes that its plan for alternative funding will allow them to keep submitting their proposals every two years, but it has just recently gotten put on the backburner.

The council will be mailing out surveys to several hundred students, asking for input, "We want to know what students want, not what we think they want," Elston said. "We just want to know if we and student representatives would like to see more of us on this campus." The council has three possible projects under consideration, according to Elston, and they have been several suggestions on other matters. The possibilities include an intramural building, a performing arts building, or an expansion of the cafeteria. There have also been proposals for baseball, softball, tennis and other construction. If student interest is not able to sustain the cost of the projects, the council would be willing to pay a few dollars more per semester to help fund one of the facilities. However, if interest is not able to sustain the cost of the projects, the council would be willing to pay a few dollars more per semester to help fund one of the facilities.

On the other hand, there is little that can be done. "It is built when the college was established, and there is little that can be done," Elston said. "It was built when the college was much smaller, and we are just too large to do anything but keep the roof on." The school would like to build an addition to the cafeteria, and according to Elston, a proposal needs to be written and submitted to the state legislature. However, there appears to be little chance of the state legislature doing anything about the issue. The council hopes that its plan for alternative funding will allow them to keep submitting their proposals every two years, but it has just recently gotten put on the backburner.

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Highline celebrates Black History Month

by Trish Armstrong

Black Student Union has the usual Petra Black History Month activities planned, February is the month for Black history, and Monday is the month for Black history. Monday's activities include the Black Student Union Program at Bldg. 1, at noon in the room 102, and the President's Reception at 6 p.m. in the President's office. On Tuesday, the Jason Lee Dance Institute presents a live recital at 6 p.m. in the President's office. On Wednesday, the Franklin High School students present a program at 6 p.m. in the Arts Center. On Thursday, Gospel music will be sung in the Roper Family Room at 7 p.m. The Open Mic will be held at noon in the Arts Center on Friday.

The Black Student Union members behind the Black History Month, from left to right, are Kimberly Barnes, Richard Smith, Cheri Johnson, and Jennifer McEdwards. The President's Reception will be held in the President's office. The Black Student Union Program will be held in the President's office. The Franklin High School students will present a program at 6 p.m. in the Arts Center.

Pottery disintegrates

by Bob Ridge

"I don't know how we're going to get the art students consent to do this," Elston said. "We've talked to the art students, and they said that they would be willing to pay a few dollars more per semester to help fund one of the facilities. However, if interest is not able to sustain the cost of the projects, the council would be willing to pay a few dollars more per semester to help fund one of the facilities. However, if interest is not able to sustain the cost of the projects, the council would be willing to pay a few dollars more per semester to help fund one of the facilities. However, if interest is not able to sustain the cost of the projects, the council would be willing to pay a few dollars more per semester to help fund one of the facilities. However, if interest is not able to sustain the cost of the projects, the council would be willing to pay a few dollars more per semester to help fund one of the facilities. 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Britain is only Miles away with 'Summer in England'  
by Randy Akimoto

Classe, tours, and free time will be the subjects of the third annual "Summer in England" program headed by Chuck Miles, humanities division chairperson and speech instructor.

The idea originated in 1978 when Mic Clorridge, former highline exchange instruc-
tor, and Miles agreed that such an oppor-
tunity would be beneficial. Miles feels the
rewards are many.

"First it's offered as a five credit course for humanities division and there are
specifically designed for the humanities division.

In spite of this, students can prepare
themselves for it by taking various courses
which involve the subject matter found in
the class.

For the next session Miles will be
offered by the local London museums and
students can prepare themselves for it by
visiting the museums which can be visited
during free time.

"It's simply indescribable," raved Miles.
He is ecstatic about the museums which
are really full of wonderful plays.

You can go to a pub for $2.75 and get
together with the city or just break into the
class. "They don't think of us backs."

"They're on right now and the Lon-
don Theatre is just full of wonderful
plays," noted Miles.

"It's very reasonable," said.

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includes many extras. The first 40 stu-
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Committee assesses S & A programs
by Donna Vert

The Services and Activities Budget Committee will have a better idea of the overall needs of campus programs this spring when it comes time to make budget decisions, due to the input of a new review board.

This new board, the Services and Activities Program Review, will gain a comprehensive look at program needs from meetings held February 16, 18, and 25 in room 114 of building 23, and will pass on its findings to the budget committee.

The S & A Program Review members are HC53 counselor Joe Eton, Highline Student Activities and Job Placement team member Angela Parons, and Highline student Steve Woodcock.

Grace period ends soon
Uncle Sam wants you, register for Selective Service ... or else
by Jeff Hermson

Men age 18-21 who haven't registered for Selective Service have until the end of February to do so.

"We performed eye and ear screenings on about 30 refugees last year," Warden said. "Students detected a hearing loss in one child and a vision impairment in another."

Parents of these children were unaware of this handicap and were encouraged to have it checked by their doctor. Within a couple of days, both parents called back and said that the detections were accurate," said Warden.

"The students received a sense of satisfaction and felt good knowing that they really helped someone. It was an ego booster," added Warden.

At the conclusion of the simulation, students will evaluate each other on how each person contributed to the simulation. They will also discuss what things they learned, the good points and the bad points of the simulation.

The process takes about five minutes. The process takes about five minutes. The process takes about five minutes.

In Washington State more than 10,000 eligible males have failed to meet this obligation. Nationally about 10 percent of the 18 year old men have not registered, according to Selective Service figures.

Washington residents can go to any post office and fill out a registration card which asks for name, address, telephone number, and birthdate.

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The idea of expecting college students to help bail out the state is absurd enough. But a Olympia wants to raise money--they might have better luck begging on the streeet than depending on this bill.

Given Highline as an example, 30 students took more than 18 credits last quarter. These students took anywhere from 19 to 25 credits. If these students would have had to pay an extra $15.70 for each credit taken over, they instead would have received a substantial revenue would have been collected. However, how many of these 300 would have taken the extra credits had they paid for it very very few. With the recent swing towards tuition increases, students will be rebuffed more than ever before to have to pay an extra $15.70 for each credit they have to.

The one possible positive effect that this bill might have is by draws a resume-ratias overlapping. A greater variety of courses will be offered. Students who register later, they don't benefit the same budget. That portion of 53.784 that allows the schools to charge for a minimum of two credits is worthless, to be kind. Highline officials have already stated that they will cease to offer one credit courses. This would rend the bill useless. If one credit courses were available, students would simply drop out or take at least two credits. There would be sense for them to pay only one credit they if they had to pay for at least two. How many students take only one credit anyway? I don't know any. If there is a legitimate reason behind this legislation, it is well camouflaged.

If S.B. 784 is an indication of our legisla-tion's ban on efforts to save our price from bankruptcy, then this state is surely in trouble. It seems that our officials actu-rally paid more of their time thinking between party lines. Have they forgeten why they are in office and who put them there? Politicians are supposed to repre-sent and serve the people that voted for them. Voters aren't really interested in the party platform. There is a very fine line between parties. Voters want politicians that will actually seek the best interest of those they represent. It is too much of a risk to ask.

It's time for our legislators to stop playing games. Granted they are part-time politicians, but that doesn't mean they should only put out a part-time attitude. I have attended consortium board meetings and have been in contact with various officials including Council-Member Gary Grant in the hopes of alleviating this situation. I will continue to voice my concern for the student body.

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**Editorial printed by R.W. Davolt's counterpoint in the Feb. issue of the T-Word.**

I'm responding to R.W. Davolt's counterpoint in the Feb. issue of the T-Word. I was a student on the H.C.C. campus in 1969 and 1979 and I WOULD NOT A FREAK OF NATURE then nor now. I have demonstrated in campus and we are concerned with the war and other injustices of the times. Maybe our small group of students didn't make a big difference in the problems of the era or any differences, but we did care. In my eyes it is better sitting on your hands and doing nothing. A small group of people can change what is happening in the world. If we stand up and protest with "fanciful" signs (this world and march much would be the same as it was when minorities didn't have equal opportunities and women hadn't fought for their equal rights.)

People get burned at the state bureau-ocracy only because one does not stand up with their signs and say this is wrong--let's change it.

I'd like to believe that other students of the 60's want more out of life than to just break even. I myself do.

Lynn Bennett Young

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New Extension of VA law seen as useless by vets

by Larry Jones

The Veterans Administration recently announced an extension of the delimiting date for certain qualified veterans.

What this means is absolutely nothing, at least for a majority of state veterans.

Figures provided by the VA show that this new extension will affect only 780 of the 204,000 Vietnam-era veterans in Washington State.

What this new law does is provide an extension of the delimiting dates for Vietnam-era veterans who do not have a high school diploma or who are not in need of vocational or on-the-job training because they are unemployed.

This will not greatly benefit any of the local community colleges or universities or their students.

The extension went into effect Dec. 31, 1981, and expires Dec. 31, 1983. That means if qualified veterans are not enrolled in an approved program right now, they may not have enough time to complete it in a two-year program.

HCSU Column

Be aware of student government

by Gary Fuller

I am one of nine elected student representatives, and it has come to my attention that many students still don't realize that we have a student government in which you can become very involved.

Sure that's their perspective but there are certain aspects that students should be aware of.

First I'll discuss money. Out of every $157 that each full-time student pays, $21.50 goes directly into what is called the Service and Activity budget. This budget is under the direct jurisdiction of the Highline Student Council. It adds up to somewhere near $250,000 with seemingly little or no help from the students it affects, and is allocated into support programs such as sports, women's services, films, lectures, and many other student activities and services.

Do we need student input regarding whether or not expenditures meet the needs of the student populace? Definitely!

Do we get the input needed to direct these funds properly? Definitely not!

Now how about student representation? This year's student council members have represented Highline students on committees from special events to S&A budget reviews. Also the faculty senate, and the graduation committee have been covered. Something that our average student may not know is that you can serve on committees and get involved in the inner workings of Highline. There are still openings for interested students in many...
Use imagination to save money on transportation

by Christine Valdez

Now by most students have probably noticed that the price of getting to school has risen almost as sharply as the price of going to school. Consequently, many of them have used their ingenuity to find less expensive options. Although a majority of students drive their own cars to school, car pooling, bus riding, walking, biking and even hitchhiking have begun to emerge as alternative modes of transportation.

Out of the 30 students interviewed here at Edmonds Community College, 11 of them, or 37 percent, have hitchhiked to school at least once. Chris Ward, one of the students who drives alone, seemed to express the sentiment of many of the students when she said, "Tic per car but I have weird hours and I also work/"

Convenience was cited by all of the 20 as an advantage of driving alone. However, disadvantages such as the price of gas, maintenance and parking were also mentioned.

For those students who are able to car pool, convenience, reduced costs and social experience can be a benefit. Some students have found car pooling to be a viable option. For example, one car pool of 4 students saves approximately $7-$8 per week. However, for students who do not have access to a car, finding hitchhiking to be a feasible alternative to the only expense they have is new steps.

Several Social Security benefits available

by Mary Dickinson

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Additionally, a student who is disabled can receive Social Security benefits. In order to be considered disabled, a person must have been disabled for at least 24 months and have a disability that is expected to persist or to result in death. The disability must also result in the need for medical care.

The benefits amount a student can receive will vary depending on the student's age, the amount of income from other sources and the amount of work already done.

In order to be considered disabled, the student must have worked for at least 10 years and have earned at least $1,200 in the year he or she becomes disabled.

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Thrift stores have large variety for low budgets

by Denise Chaney

The local thrift store may not be the first place that comes to mind when planning a Saturday afternoon shopping spree, but sometimes quality merchandise can be found at the least expected prices.

There are over 15 thrift stores in the Highland College area. It offers a variety of new and second-hand appliances, clothing and miscellaneous household items.

"An incredible amount of money can be saved by shopping at second-hand stores", claimed Ms. Duncan, a weekly thrift store bargain hunter.

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Housing problems lead to creative solutions

by Jeannette Damey

Population increases, housing shortages and financial strains equal a migraine headache for the college student in search of housing. The student should head straight for the Financial Aid Office and ask "Where can I find cheap housing?"

One will then find a selection of houses and apartments to rent or share. Varying in monthly cost from approximately $100 to $800. Also offered are some rooms that will exchange room and board for work.

This information can also be found in various newspapers that have housing classifieds. The Weekly is one paper with an elaborate housing section. Around 80 percent of the Weekly's distribution is in the Des Moines area.

If a student is interested in "room-mating", one would direct his/her energy towards finding a roommate equally compatible. One possible way to do this is through personalized roommate services.

There are several roommate services in the greater Seattle area. The service fees are under $50 and are only charged to the party with the housing available. The application process is elaborate according to Wanda Harrison, owner of Roommate Referral Service.

These are not dating services and people are carefully screened to determine the applicants' intention. Finding the best blend of personality often takes time but for the legitimate roommate seeker, it is a worthwhile service.

"People often call back and say they are interested in the applicants' roommates, they have found only one place to live but also a friend," said Harrison, "I get many of these assignments.

One of the two major services offered is Conventional Housing. This provides project homes for a minimal monthly cost with eligibility being determined by the applicant's family, income and other related circumstances.

The second service, Section 8, is limited to the Bellevue area due to budget cuts. This service allows the family to find their own housing and pay 25 percent of their income on rent.

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Computers are becoming much more a part of our life than ever before. Here at Highline, some faculty members and students are learning to use these complex tools. Memorizing the codes is an arduous task. The computer can do many things, but it has to be told specifically what to do. That's why the codes are used. They shorten a command 500 characters long to 5 or 6. It takes dedication and patience to learn, understand and apply these codes to certain operational functions.

"Stu Whipple, Director of the Print Shop, will be working with faculty helping them to develop a computer programming skill. There are limited spots and we will be filling our program;" said Doug. "Staff, students, even non-techs can work on the huge era of computers and learn how to think like other computer experts.
Co-op student fosters fish

by R.A. Smart

Paul Ducommun is a foster parent to one million newly-hatched rainbow trout. Currently participating in the Cooperative Education program at Highline College, Ducommun is planning a career in aquaculture. According to Normo, Ducommun first enrolled in the marine biology class taught by Gina Erickson. She told Ducommun about the Co-op, and he went looking for the job experience. With so many fish farms located nearby, Ducommun checked out the state-owned and operated Puget Sound fish hatchery and started working there in October.

At the hatchery, Ducommun works for Fred Norman, the manager there and 19-year veteran of the State Department of Game. As the manager, Norman has virtually complete control over what happens there. The position that Ducommun holds at the hatchery is completely voluntary. "I didn't call him," Norman said, "Paul called me." Ducommun is not paid for anything he does at the fish compound. "This is an in-service job for me," said Ducommun, "Nothing beats experience.

Upon completing his degree at Highline, Ducommun plans to attend the University of Washington School of Fisheries. According to Norman, the fisheries school is very specialized, and "you have to have the desire to get through it." Both Norman and Ducommun agree that a fisheries job might not be right for everyone. Said Norman, "I'll start them out with the worst stuff to do. If they stick through that, they must have the desire." Some days Ducommun said that he is so tired when he gets home, he takes a shower and just goes to bed.

Ducommun is working at the hatchery, Ducommun would like to work where he is best suited. "I'd like to be outside, but I suppose I could fly a desk for awhile," explained Ducommun, "but you can't just sit on your degree."

Raising fish isn't easy, according to Norman. The hatchery raises about 375,000 pounds of fish per year. Birds get their share of the crop by eating nearly 90,000 of the young trout and steelhead. "I can raise fish," Norman said, "but there's a lot of luck involved." The hatchery is operated by the State Department of Game and relies solely on the monies collected from the sale of fishing and hunting licenses. Both Norman and Ducommun say that the job is never ending and thankless, but you get a lot of personal satisfaction knowing that the job is worthwhile. When Ducommun was asked what it takes to stand the bottom of the rearing pond, Ducommun said that he is so tired when he gets home, he takes a shower and just goes to bed.

Desire is what it must take to stand alone in a cold check station, or to stand mid-ight in 46 degree water sweeping the bottoms of the rearing ponds. Waiting in the rearing ponds and raceways are nearly one half million rainbow trout and steelhead salmon ready to be planted in the lakes and rivers in Pierce and King counties.

The end result after the schooling and the on the job training is that Ducommun would like to work where he is best suited. "I'd like to be outside, but I suppose I could fly a desk for awhile," explained Ducommun, "but you can't just sit on your degree."

Foreign language

Highline proves superior

by Caroline Bleakley

Highline Community College has one of the top community college foreign language programs in the area, according to Ken Hoem, director of the foreign language department.

The program offers first and second year French, German, and Spanish, first year Japanese and Norwegian are offered on a rotating basis, by year according to Hoem.

"The language department has qualified instructors, that all have either M.A. or Ph.D degrees in their respective fields," Hoem said.

The language instructors have either lived or traveled in the country(s) whose language they teach, and all instructors speak at least two languages, according to Hoem.

The German Instructor, Gisela Schimmelbusch, is a native of Germany. The Spanish Instructor, Ephraim Gai Temline, is a native of Spain. Hoem himself spent many years in Japan and is of Scandinavian ancestry.

The department keeps up with the teaching methods and textbooks of other colleges.

Levy passes, schools benefit

by Deanna Warnes

Almost all public school districts passed their levies and will receive a considerable amount of money to expand the educational system.

Because of the state cutbacks last year, many of the area's public school districts have had to use their special levy money to fill the voids that were left after the cuts.

The Kent School District is using the money it received to support the programs that are not paid for by the state. These programs include the reading lab, special education programs, accelerated programs, for driving guards, and for bus monitors, according to a member of the Highline School District Administration Building.

The Renton School District is not using the money for anything in particular. They are using it to better the entire educational system, according to Dr. Kohlues, Superintendent of the Renton School District.

The state is considering another 5.2 percent budget cut. If this cut is put into effect, it will leave most of the public schools in bad shape, according to a member of the Highline School District.

Many of the students at Highline Community College attended school in either the Kent, Renton, or Highline School District. The amount of levy money and how it is used may make a big difference on the type of student Highline will have in the future.

Transfer topics

Western has advantages

by Denise Huston

Western Washington University has many advantages to offer when a student decides to choose a four-year college. Located in Bellingham, a city of 43,000, Western has the advantage of being bordered by both the Cascade Mountains and the San Juan Islands. The convenient location provides many opportunities for outdoor recreation.

Cost for the nine-month, 1980-1981 school year, for a single, Washington resident was:

- Tuition: $620
- Books, Supplies: 230
- Room, Board: 1,880
- Transportation: 360
- Personal: 660
- TOTAL: $3,750

Full Fall Quarter applications need to be in as soon as possible. Applications for housing and financial aid should also go in immediately.

Western's 1982-83 tuition will be approximately $842 for the academic year.

A student with a 2.3 GPA with 40 credits or more at another college, or a 2.7 GPA from high school if the student has less than 40 college credits at the time of transfer.

A few of the stronger programs at Western are the Industrial Arts, Education, and Music programs.
by Jeff Keenan

When author John Steinbeck felt the urge, he could be a true master of the understated absurdity. In its finest moments, director David S. Ward’s adaptation of Steinbeck’s Cannery Row brings to life these minor absurdities and allows the viewer a gentle laugh at human nature. This is not the type of film that will change anyone’s life. Nor are there any great moral dilemmas to be wrestled with here. In fact, this film has little to do with either present day reality or the reality of its 1940’s setting. But it is an easy-going, highly enjoyable story.

The action takes place on the brawling Monterey waterfront sometime after the local waters have been fished dry, forcing the giant sardine canneries to close their doors. What is left on Cannery Row is an assortment of bums and dreamers, all of whom upon Ward has bestowed hearts of gold. These are the drunks and floozies who, according to the narration, failed to notice when the town died.

In the middle of all this humanity is a love story. Nick Nolte plays Doc, an eccentric marine biologist with a hidden past, who meets up with Suzy (Debra Winger), a young drifter whose beauty and feisty straightforwardness lure Doc out of his self-imposed isolation.

The run-of-the-mill love story is made unique by the creative matchmaking efforts of the rather colorful populace of Cannery Row. Audra Lindley plays Fauna, the orange-haired madam who looks after the wayward girls of the bordello. M. Emmet Walsh is Mack, the motivating force behind any havoc that the local derelicts may inspire. Together, Fauna and Mack combine forces and lead their respective charges through frog-filled swamps, drunken brawls and parties inhabited by the likes of Snow White and the Seven Trees. All of this is financed by an inflationan currency that not only jumps, but criss.

The series of events all combine to bring together Doc and Suzy who, naturally, consummate their love inside an abandoned boiler tank. Naturally.

John Madden, M. Emmet Walsh and Frank McRae, co-starring as “gentlemen of leisure” stalk keeping currency in Cannery Row.

Despite all this down-home fun, the film does have some major faults. Much of the movie is episodic, so much, in fact, that Ward found it necessary to employ the gravelly voice of John Huston as a narrator to tie these scenes together. As a result, Huston gets some of the best lines in the movie, presumably since these are the lines written by Steinbeck himself.

Some of these episodes seem pointless, save to highlight Sean Nykvist’s enchanting cinematography, which is nice but not quite fascinating. Furthermore, most of the characters are never fully developed. All of the actors turn in fine performances, but their characters are essentially one dimensional. Only Doc really gets a chance to grow throughout the story, finally coming to grips with himself and his past. He eventually draws away from the inevitable comparison between himself and the shy and reclusive octopus he studies so intensely. Nolte’s relaxed, deceptively manner is amusing, although occasion a little repressed.

Debra Winger’s Suzy is an enchanting one, and her portrayal is most likable. But we never get a feel of who she is or just where the source of her inner strength lies. She teases us in a sense, because she is so delightful, yet remains such a stranger.

The rest of the players are, are, most likable but clearly lack the richness and texture that Steinbeck intended for them.

But nonetheless the world of Cannery Row is an easy one to slip into for a couple of hours and is surely four bucks well spent.
Thunderword FOCUS:
SW King County budget entertainment mecca

If you're one of those on the trickle end of the supply side and still have a taste for hearty entertainment, don't panic. With a little imagination and effort you can find delightful diversions to soothe your social ego without losing sight of your first born child.

by Jeff Keenan

The first step to an enjoyable evening on the budget express is careful planning. Check the newspapers. The Thunderword covers many free, or at least cheap, activities right here on campus. The events calendar on the back page lists activities ranging from movies to sports to self-help programs.

Here are a few local ideas to feed your head without pumping your piggybank.

Theater

The Highline area has some fine community theatre at about half the price of the downtown theaters. The acting is often surprisingly good and the selections are usually old favorites.

The Renton Village Theatre, located in the Group Health facility on 30th Ave., presents shows with a little more professionalism. The city is currently presenting "The Effects of Gamma Rays on Man-Kind, a monologue about the birth of the atom bomb," through Feb. 27. Tickets are $6.50 with a $4.10 discount available with student identification. The show begins at 8 p.m., and runs Wednesdays through Saturdays. Curtain time is 8 p.m. Advance tickets are available at the box office and cost $1.00 for adults, $0.50 for students and senior citizens.

Highline College's own Drama Department provides quarterly, quality productions. Studs Terkel's Who's Working plays the Little Theatre (Bldg. 4) March 11-13 and 18-20. Curtain time is 8 p.m. Advance tickets are available at the bookstore and cost $1.00 for adults, $0.50 cents for students and senior citizens.

Music

Have you run out of a fixed income, there's always music at Sea-Tac Mall. The movie theater shows double and triple features. Among the commercial theaters, the Sea-Tac Mall whips up a wicked margarita for only a buck during their Luke and Laura happy hour. That's right! Six drinks for $3.25 on Pacific Highway and 288th. Top Seattle bands play there during the week with no cover charge if you stroll in before 10:00 p.m. An added bonus is pitchers of beer for $1.25 on Thursday nights between 8 and 11.

For those with more classical leanings, the Highline Civic Symphony will be performing March 8 in the Highline High School Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. The community symphony will be performing Berlioz's Symphonie Fantastique and Aaron Copland's Appalachian Spring. A third selection will be announced later. Tickets are available at the door and cost $2.50 for adults, $2.50 for students/senior citizens.

Art

Art lovers will be happy to note that a frugal afternoon can be spent investigating some of the area's fine art galleries. The Buiern Littke Theatre, located at 221 S.W. 146th, displays paintings, sculptures and crafts by Northwest artists. They also offer art classes and workshops. The Sea- Tac Mall features the work of various Western Washington artists. Their latest production, "Something's Out There," by Paul Audette, opens tonight and runs through the next four weekends (Friday and Saturday) with a 1:30 p.m. curtain time. Tickets are $4. and $2. for adults, $1.50 for students and senior citizens.

Movies

There's no reason to shell out four bucks for a movie if you shop around a bit. The RCSU Film Series on campus usually offers movies for free. Some of the more current features may cost a dollar. Check out the events calendar.

Among the commercial theaters, the city of Renton leads the bargain pack. In downtown Renton, the Renton and Tacky Theaters show double and triple features respectively for only $1.50. Children under 10 get in for 79 cents. The Renton Village Theater presents a daily matinee for a paltry $2. A little closer to home, both the Sea-Tac and the Kent Freebank run twilight specials between 5 and 7 p.m. every day. Kent is $2, Sea-Tac a mere $1.80. Being tacky pays off Thursday nights at the Valley Inn Drive-in as prices are reduced to $2.

A loaf of bread...

Of course there are those who say, "Thats all fine and dandy, but where's the free lunch?" About the closest thing to it is Shakey's Pizza Parlor on Pacific Hwy., just south of 312th. Between 11:30 and 1:30 p.m. they offer an all-you-can-eat buffet for only $2.24. The smorgasbord includes two types of chicken, salad, rolls, bread, sausages, and, of course, pizza. Enough to last all day. Starting at 2 p.m., El Tacho in the Sea- Tac Mall whips up a wicked margarita for only a buck during their Luke and Laura happy hour. That's right! General Hospital on a big screen. When the show is over and you're wondering just where Laura disappeared to take advantage of the free taco buffet...

Wandering Players receive rave review and invitation

Left to right: Eric Berg (standing), Dan Bregel, Lisa Fredrickson, John Casey, Don Mahonstein and Terry Dubay performing a children's favorite, Gent John.

Gent John and The Three Little Tailors seem to get favorable reviews wherever they travel. The Wandering Players of Kent, Highline's children's theatre tour group, have received praise from kids and adults alike for their presentation of the two plays.

The fourth grade class of Springbrook Elementary presented the plays with about 50 favorable written critiques after a recent performance. Director Jean Enright added the importance of bringing theatre into the grade schools.

"PTA's are looking for free performance programs to help raise funds, especially in the arts," she explained. "We're also boosting theatre by developing an audience and inspiring actors for the future."
D & D controversy crawls out of the dungeon

by Lynne Luthi and Kevin Kerr

Hot on the heels of the video game controversy, is a pro and con war over the graph paper/video battles of Dungeons and Dragons. First, an explanation of the complex game is in order.

Dungeons and Dragons combines chance with strategy and fantasy. Everything depends on the roll of the dice. What happens to the player, is, how many treasures he/she receives, even life and death, is determined in a roll.

One can assume a large number of identities, from a high or evil goad.

Fascinated after Tolkein's Trilogy of the Rings, D & D was created by Gary Gygax. Gygax's first fantasy game, World of Greyhawk was such a success that he quit his job and started his own company that specialized in games of fantasy. Tactic Strategy Research - TSR.

The basic idea of the game is the constant, eternal battle between the forces of good and evil. This war can be fought in many places, including eight different heavens or the nine planes of hell. There are ten different character alignments, such as chaotic evil or chaotic good.

Once a character is chosen, the player must remain that character until it dies. Familiarity with the character makes the game more fun.

Classes on F & D are being offered Tuesday nights in the Everett Continuing Education curriculum. Bellevue Community College also offers a course on the ins and outs of stocking a dungeon with traps, tricks, and trolls.

Anyone from eight to 90 can start playing the game. The degree of difficulty depends on the player's wants. Ken Davis, dungeon master at Nobby's Tavern in West Seattle, recalled his introduction to Dungeons and Dragons.

"I became a dungeon master because I got killed on my first adventure out. This made me mad, so I invented another character and promptly died again. This happened six more times before I got through one adventure alive. By then, I was hooked."

Largest in the Northwest, American Eagles in North Seattle distribute over 2,000 D & D items including maps, monster figures and starter kits. Owner, Michael Edwards explained that anyone who can fantasize can get into the game.

"I think it's more habit forming than drugs," he added.

Asked if he feels that Dungeons and Dragons is dying out, Edwards replied, "As a businessman, I feel that there will be another four to five years of growth. Then it will die out. Right now though, Dungeons and Dragons has outsold Monopoly."

Various religious groups have registered complaints about the game. In Southern Oregon, the Moral Majority protested the parks department wanting to teach teenagers D & D, claiming the game was demonic because of the magic spells involved.

Edwards recalled being picketed by the Women's Coalition for Peace. "They said that it instilled violence in the young people who played."

Mike Malone, proprietor of the Heritage Bookshop in Boston, largest D & D outlet in the south end, disagrees with opponents of dungeonery. "There are always people who get upset about anything to an extreme. There has been an unfair amount of criticism from religious groups over the years I can't understand the criticism, but 99 percent of the people who play D & D know it is just a game. Most of those who criticize just don't know the game."

Video enthusiasts have their own version of Dungeons and Dragons. There are several computer games available, but none are the official D & D version. Any number of these "pro-games" can be found in local computer stores, but one must be cautious as one store can be more helpful than the other.

Of the three sea outlets contacted, Dave Walker of the Byte Shop was most helpful:

"Computer games are divided into two categories: Real Time and Word Type. Real Time programs are patterned after the arcade style games. They are the most common ones today. Word Type are the more intellectual games. D & D games are of this type."

Walker named several of the more popular games, such as The Temple of Thylph and Battles for Rye, both produced by Garrett Simulation Inc. Unfortunately, D & D is still behind the technical ones. The thrilling picture of Atari or Intellivision are still unavailable to the average Dungeons and Dragons player. Walker mentioned that Atari is developing adventure games with "sophisticated graphics."

One last source of computerized Dungeons and Dragons is available only to a select audience. This is the large, mainframe computer used by such giant conglomerates as Boeing and Control Data Corporation. These games are highly complex, very accurate simulations. They are also very expensive right now. Yet even the programs of the future, for even the most sophisticated of computers of today will be of such size and cost as to be affordable by the average home owner in the 1990's.

To sum up D & D in a word would be impossible. Fun is only a part of it, while excitement doesn't do it justice either.

Dungeons and Dragons is more like playing at life. As Davis said, it is "living out something you can never do." D & D is a fantasy, a chance to become an alter ego. Whether with pencil and paper or electronic wizardry, Dungeons and Dragons allows for escape to a highly pressured society.

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Assistant Coach Stamps collects victories
by Kelly Lyons

Steve Stamps is the Lady T-bird assistant basketball coach. Although this is Stamps' second year at Highline as a coach, he played basketball as a Thunderbird from 1973 to 1975.

As a 6'1 175 pound walk-on guard at Chelsea High School, Stamps played at Highline under Dale Bdinger, now the women's head coach at H.C.C.

In addition to playing basketball, Stamps earned an AA degree in General Studies at Highline, and went on to Central Washington University to earn a Bachelor's degree in Financial Management.

Eight months out of the year Stamps lives in Chelsea, where he and his father are partners in an apple corporation. As the vice-president, he farms 72 acres of apples and pears, producing approximately 75,000 boxes of fruit.

Stamps loves the outdoors, and likes being his own boss. When Stamps isn't in the orchards, he's water skiing Lake Chelan, or at the nearest ballpark playing third base for a Wenatchee softball team.

Before Stamps came over the mountains to Seattle to coach the T-birds, he was a full-time assistant men's basketball coach at Chelsea High School.

"But," Stamps said, "once you become involved in a women's program you don't want to go back to the men's.

He said that the biggest difference between coaching men and women, is that women are more receptive in the teaching and coaching, and that their personalities come out easier.

"It's revealing to see that you have helped somebody, whether it be on the court or off the court as a person," said Stamps.

The two years that Stamps and Bdinger have been a coaching team their record stands at 48-6. Stamps said this winning is because they complement each other well.

Selecting in Stamps' primary responsibilities, "Recruiting is the dating, you're in control, in the back of your mind there's always the thought of rejection," said Stamps.

Despite the fear of rejection, last year was the best recruiting year for Coach Stamps and Coach Bolinger.

The Women Thunderbirds have the best record in the state this year. "I think we can win it all this year," said Stamps.
WOMEN: Pull ahead of the pack, 22-1 mark

by Mark Keaty

Highline's women's basketball team is running away from the pack. In Region I play, Highline boasts the best record of 9-0.

With a 22-1 mark overall, the T-birds have beaten their last 20 opponents. Highline latest victim, on Feb. 13, was Skagit Valley.

WOMEN: Pull ahead of the pack, 22-1 mark

Out to a 10 point lead, Highline worked its way back to within one. Then at the 6:38 mark, a fast break jumper gave the Thunderbirds its first lead of the game, 21-20.

Skagit Valley answered right back with a field goal by Renee Carlier. That was the last time Skagit Valley had the lead. The T-birds ran the Cardinals ragged the rest of the first half.

In the second half, Highline kept the pressure on. They utilized court speed and height to gain command of the game. Highline worked hard but could not keep up with the T-birds fast pace offensive.

"We ran a lot better against Skagit Valley than I thought we would," said Coach Dale Bolinger. "They rebound so well, they are a hard team to run against."

Julie Janus had a game high 17 points. Trish and Jan Armstrong each tallied 10 points.

The T-bird women stayed with its winning ways by defeating the Shoreline College Samurai 63-43, on Feb. 10.

Highline had difficulty getting its offense started in the first half. "We were out of sync," said Coach Bolinger. "So we went in the second half to change the tempo."

The second group came in and swarmed all over Shoreline. Using a tough full court press, Highline started to take charge. Jane Snyder led the charge with eight first half points. She finished the game with 12 points.

Shoreline countered with freshman Muriel Fair and seven first half points. Fair got the Samurai close at the half 28-29.

Highline's board work in the second half took a 37-26 lead into the locker room.

"They (Shoreline) gave us a good battle," said Bolinger. "They used their quickness effectively."

Jan Armstrong topped the scoreboard with 17 points, while Debbie Berland totaled 11 points and ripped down 15 rebounds.

"Competed well enough to win," that is the way Coach Bolinger described Highline's 70-61 win over the Olympic College Rangers, on Feb. 6.

"Olympic played well, they shot well," he added, "They did some things defensively that gave us some problems."

The Rangers were in the lead most of the first half. Olympic took a five point advantage into halftime 31-26.

Midway through the second half the T-birds took control of the game. Olympic stayed close but Highline was just too much.

The T-birds had three players in double figures. Julie Janus led the scoring with 17 points. Trish Armstrong threw in 15 points and Berland added 11 points.

Olympic out shot Highline from the free 45 percent to 37 percent, but Highline had the rebounding edge 31 to 30.

Debbie Berland (30) plays pressing defense against a Shoreline opponent. Tough defense has helped the lady T-birds to a 22-1 record. photo by Jeff Andrews.

The T-bird swimmers outstroked Evergreen and Linfield colleges on Feb. 6, at the Evergreen State College pool.

The combined totals showed the Highline aquatic team ahead with 169 points. Next in line was Evergreen with a score of 126 points, followed by Linfield.

Two swimmers for the women finished in first place in all of their events.

Vickie Chovil gained top placing in the 200-yard freestyle, 50-yard butterfly and 100-yard fly. Her time was 2:14.26 in the 200 freestyle, 30.08 in the 50 fly and 1:07.60 in the 100 fly.

Another strong finisher for the T-bird women was Shawn Wall. Wall also outstroked her opponents in three events.

The T-birds had eight swimmers finish dual meet season, and only the Small College Championships are left. The Championship will take place on Feb. 19 and 20 at the Evergreen State College.

Winners of the 100-yard breast stroke and 100-yard freestyle. Korvas finished close in the 50 line and 100 free. Ingalsbe's efforts in the 50 fly and 100-yard back stroke earned him second place finishes.

The swimmers have finished their dual meet season, and only the Small College Championships are left.