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Club Awareness Day

By Scott Hovet

A "Club Awareness Day" will be held in the lower level of bldg. 8, on Feb. 18 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"The focus of this event is to help the students become more aware of the activities going at HCC that might interest them; ones that they can participate in," said Russ Walker, Clubs and Organizations Liaison for the Highline College Student Union. "We are very anxious to help the students get involved."

HCSU contacted all 11 clubs and organizations on campus, and invited them to heighten their profiles through a Club Awareness Day.

"This will definitely provide an excellent opportunity for students who are interested to discover what kinds of activities are available to them here at HCC," said Monika Delle, Chairperson of the Executive Council. "This will also be fantastic exposure for the clubs and organizations."

Included among the 11 clubs and organizations at HCC are: Advocates for Children's Rights, Eating Disorders Support Groups, HCSU Events Board, and Phi Theta Kappa.

"It's been a very long time since all of the clubs and organizations have gotten together," said Delle. "Now they have a chance to congregate for the sole purpose of exposing their functions to the students and describing exactly what they have to offer."

According to Walker, HCC students are relatively unaware of what is going on in the clubs and organizations scope of the college.

"When students become more deeply involved in school activities," said Walker, "they seem to have a tendency to be more organized, and to get more out their educations as well."

"I need to stress that the clubs and organizations on campus are not cliques," said Delle.



Chris Cushing of the Thunderword team is seen in the water skiing picture. Cushing is one of 11 T-words to qualify for the World College Championships in Portland, on Feb. 19, 20, and 21. He is one of the top performers for HCC. See page 11 for more.

Legislature considers budget

By Ed Stein

After the gavel fell to open the 1987 Legislative session on Jan. 12, Washington's 49 senators and 98 representatives began their 105-day regular law-making bout in Olympia.

The State Board of Community College Education's request for \$600 million for the 1987-89 operating budget is \$95 million above the 1985-87 budget, however, Gov. Booth Gardner's proposal calls for an increase of only \$44 million above the 85-87 level for the biennium.

If the Board's request is approved, it will raise about \$30 million for HCC to meet projected funding needs.

The Board's major request is a 12.8-percent salary hike for administrative staff and faculty. HCC's portion would total \$2.3 million to fund those salary increases over the next two years.

In a summary of the budget request, a Salary Task Force concluded the salary increases are necessary to equal the salaries of general faculty members employed by Washington community colleges with those of peer schools in other states.

In the 1985-87 budget, faculty didn't receive a salary increase the first year, and only a 3-percent increase the second.

An additional \$8 million in the Board's budget would give Highline approximately \$400,000 to help achieve salary equity among full-time faculty and give some instructors with advanced educations and teaching experience some extra pay.

If Gardner's salary proposal of \$26 million is adopted, no provisions would be made to place salaries on a par

with peer institutions, but faculty salaries would jump 8-percent the first year, and 4-percent the second. Administrators, on the other hand, would receive a salary hike of about 3-percent the first year, and 4-percent the next.

Dr. Edward Command, vice-president of HCC, said salary increases are necessary to keep teachers in the classroom.

"It's becoming increasingly difficult to keep teachers teaching when they can make more money in the private business sector," Command said.

In other budget areas, Highline could receive almost \$500,000 for facility maintenance. The Board is requesting a total of \$11 million for facility maintenance to address the backlog of work needed throughout the 23 community college districts.

Some of the money marked for maintenance at HCC could be used to equip classrooms with noise reduction devices to abate the noise of jets arriving and departing from nearby Sea-Tac International Airport. Abatement devices include double-pane windows and sound-absorbant panelling which are being tested in a classroom on campus.

"We've been examining these possibilities to help lower noise levels in classrooms, and are still in the testing stages," Command explained.

The Basic Skills and Adult Literacy programs here could receive about \$600,000 from the Board's \$17 million request to fund those learning areas. These courses include helping people overcome functional illiteracy, completing high school graduation requirements, and helping foreign-born students improve their command of English as a second language.

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European spring tour planned for seniors

By Diana Baumgart

Senior adults have the opportunity to study in Austria for three weeks beginning May 7 through the Continuing Education Program.

The three-week cross-cultural tour will encompass travel through six countries, including Germany, Italy and Liechtenstein.

Specially created for the active senior adult, the tour will include highlights of historical interest in the various regions.

The total price is \$2,692. The tour package includes such things as air

transportation from Seattle to Vienna and return flight from Munich to Seattle.

Also included are a continental breakfast and full-course dinner each day, tour guides, luggage portage, tips to bus driver and guides, plus \$100,000 flight insurance.

"Already, 26 senior adults have signed up to go, and there are some people on the waiting list," said Mary Anderson of Continuing Education and Self-Supporting Programs.

HCC is also planning a tour of China sometime in March or April of 1988.

"This trip is expected to fill up

fast," said Betty Colasurdo, director of Continuing Education and Self-supporting programs.

Plans are made for a five-day cruise on the Yangtze River. There will be time in Beijing, Hong Kong and a number of other cities. The timing is right to avoid the summer rush of travelers, and the climate in March and April is usually good, plus, the flowers in each region should be at their peak.

Intropa International Tours is handling all the travel arrangements for HCC. The agency is designing the trip especially for HCC.

The tour is limited to about 35 people, 55 years or older. The cost of the China trip has not been established, but arrangements can be made to pay in advance by installments.

The idea of the trip is not to be in a different place each night. Plans are to settle in and make side trips from one base location. A person can get the feeling of the culture of the region. Participants won't have to unpack their luggage every day. There will be time for relaxing, too.

The hotels are carefully chosen for their character and are not the usual tourist stops, Colasurdo said.

"These are places where the people of the country stay," Colasurdo added.

The China and European tours are especially created for the active, mature, intellectually-curious senior adult. There are opportunities to attend concerts, enjoy local entertainment and experience some personal adventure.

It has been suggested travelers have about \$20 in currency before leaving the U.S. Other money should be in the form of traveler's checks.



A former HCC student Eleanor Lambert, senior college assistant, will be the college representative during the tour. Lambert has a Master of Arts degree in social gerontology, and cross-cultural and aging women's studies. She is a well-traveled senior citizen, having been a flight attendant in her youth.

A mini-course at HCC will be offered Spring Quarter to tie in with the tour. The class will be taught by Gisela Schimmelbusch, HCC foreign language department coordinator, teaching the human culture side, and Kay Gribble teaching the history portion.

Colasurdo said, "They are putting this class together and sharing in the teaching of it. The class is open to the public, not just those registered for the tour."

Tour registration can be made through the Continuing Education Department, HCC, P.O. Box 98000, Des Moines, Wash. 98198-9800.

Computer specialist program to be offered soon

By Carol Nelson

A new vocational program, Micro-computer Information System Specialist, will be offered to students at HCC this fall.

The program will offer an Associate of Applied Science degree requiring 90 credits for completion, as well as a certificate program which requires completion of 19 credits.

Upon graduation, the two-year student should have the skills to advise users on the selection of hardware and software, write user documentation, interface microcomputers with mainframe systems and understand software licensing agreements.

The student with the certificate should be able to install software and hardware, understand and explain vendor documentation and troubleshoot hardware and software problems.

This will be a vocational program, separate from the data processing program being offered now which emphasizes computer programming.

The use of microcomputers within business and industry is growing rapidly, according to industry sources. There is a growing demand for people who possess the technical skills to assist end users in the support, operation and maintenance of microcomputer information systems.

"There are special organizations, like the Data Processing Management Association, which is developing curriculums to train people to meet business's needs," said Angela Parsons, coordinator of the computer science department. "The DPMA has seen the need for this type of position and has developed a two-year curriculum."

HCC's program has been adapted from the DPMA's curriculum.

"We want to train people to solve business problems with microcomputers, not just train end users," said Parsons. "The two-year program trains the support person, and the certificate program would ideally be taken by the end user who is his own support person."

A two-year graduate could run his or her own consulting business, she added.

"A person in just about any program on campus could easily pick up a microcomputer certificate and have that to enhance their degree," said Carol Stams, data processing instructor. "It would work very well with an accounting, business, library technician or technical writing program."

Aside from the technical skills required, good written and oral communication skills will also be needed by those entering the field because it is such a people-oriented profession, Stams said.

"We've had a real good response from the people we have contacted personally and described the program to," Parsons explained. "The people we've talked to in mainframe computing see the user's support departments growing, and are interested in attending night classes."

According to the timetable for phasing-in the program, night classes won't begin until February 1989.

The new program will require an increase in the number of faculty, more computer hardware and a lab to allow hands-on training, plus, installation of a computer designed to use the Unix operating system.

More information about the new program is available by contacting either Parsons at ext. 271 or Stams at ext. 488.

Writers encouraged to submit essays

Attention all writers: Women's Programs is sponsoring an essay contest about women and their relationships to each other, family, the world and cross-cultural experiences as part of International Women's Day on March 10, 1987. The theme is "All Our Relations: Sisters of the World." Women's Programs invites interested students (anyone registered for Winter Quarter), both men and women, to enter the contest.

Essays are not limited to any topic, but suggested themes are motherhood, poverty, wives, second-class citizens, and women's human rights.

500 words is the limit. The essays are due Feb. 18, 1987, with a prize of a dinner for two at an ethnic restaurant.

Essays should be given to Lee Piper at the Multicultural Student Services office, Bldg. 6, room 221. For more information contact Piper at ext. 296.

The winner will be announced March 10 at the celebration in the Artists-Lecture Center.

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Poet makes students aware of literature

By Amy Tsuruta

Ann Spiers, a published writer of more than 50 poems, is a poetry and fiction writing instructor here at Highline.

A member of the faculty for five years, she is committed to her own writing after teaching hours, and specializes in poetry and experimental prose.

A writing veteran of 20 years, she has written full plays which have been produced not only in Seattle, but in New York City in the Off, Off Broadway district. Three of her plays are *Chainsaw*, *Startup*, and *Water-system*.

Currently, she is working on a new reader-theater piece entitled *Fireweed* which is based on the diaries and memoirs of pioneer women of the

Northwest, circa 1840-1910, and their reactions to the new frontier.

A beginning short story writer, her work has appeared in such publications as the *Seattle Review* and the Oregon-based feminist journal *Calyx*.

"My short stories are written in experimental prose and I find my viewpoint and strong central characters have to do with themes about women," she said.

"Teaching and talking about writing helps sharpen my own writing skills," Spiers said, regarding her instructional hours at Highline.

A King County Arts Commissioner for the past year, Spiers commutes to HCC each day from her Vashon Island home which she shares with

her husband, David Frank, and family, Bo, 15, and Wiley, 9.

She admits being influenced by works such as T.S. Elliot's *Waste-land*, Louise Bogan's poem, "Women", and especially Yugo Betti's play, *Crime on Goat Island*.

Another literary art form that interests—and affects her work—she said, are surrealistic plays done by several South American writers.

She encourages her writing students to realize what kind of literary art forms are open to them, beyond the traditional ones. Spiers noted some of those forms are collaborations with other media such as tv, video, dance, music, visual art, and architecture.

At 8 p.m. on Feb. 23 Spiers will be reading several of her works, along



Ann Spiers

Photo by Tom Clark

with HCC writing instructors Lonnie Keneko and Paula Jones, at 239 Savery Hall on the University of Washington campus.

Highline library member of WLN

By Karen Cooley

In July of 1986, the library expanded its inter-library loan system by placing its cataloging computer on-line with the Western Library Network database.

Although Highline has been a WLN member since 1985, it didn't have direct on-line computer access to the network's vast database. The library used its computer mainly to catalogue its own books and periodicals, and used the mail as its information search and exchange system with other network members. Now, thousands of books, periodicals and documents can be shared with other state-affiliated and public libraries faster because locating the information is now almost instantaneous, said Georgia Turley, the library technician who operates the terminal.

The two new computer terminals allow communication with other libraries not only in Washington,

but in Idaho, California and Alaska.

The library is able to request items from other network members, and loan materials to other WLN members.

The computer service is available free of charge to all faculty, students and employees of HCC.

The computer speeds communications between the members, and aids in the location of hard-to-find materials.

For those who cannot find a specific book, periodical, or reel of microfilm, the electronic database can be used to pinpoint a copy of the material and have it sent to the requesting source.

To take advantage of the system, a person must fill out a form which is available at the reference and circulation desks. Turley then uses one of the two terminals to search for the material in the archives of the member libraries.



Georgia Turley

Once an item has been located it can be sent to HCC, or the student may go to the designated library which has the material.

If the item is to be mailed to HCC, it is sent by either private mail carrier, or transported by the Washington Community College Computing Consortium. The Consortium is a shuttle system which operates between community colleges in the state.

Since the Library of Congress is also a member of WLN, information

can be accessed from the hundreds of thousands of documents in its database and retrieved for students' use here.

According to Tony Wilson, coordinator of the library technician program here at Highline, it costs about \$10,000 annually to operate the system.

"The system gives students a tremendous information resource, saves search time for data, and lessens the workload of HCC's librarians," said coordinator Wilson.

Turley noted that each network member has its own set of charges it makes to users of the system for each search conducted in its archives. She said some libraries don't charge anything while others charge may charge \$10 per minute, or more, depending on the depth of the search.

"I try to search all the free ones first before starting a search someplace like the University of Washington," explained Turley.

Donor goal surpassed in recent blood drive



Donors give blood during visit of Puget Sound blood mobile Jan. 20-21.

Photo by Diane Baumgart

By Kris Lundeen

Eighty-six people donated blood during the quarterly visit of the Blood-mobile to HCC Jan. 20-21.

This topped the goal of 80 donors. "It's a constant battle to keep the supply up," said Rebecca Mottle, assistant supervisor of the Puget Sound Blood Program. "The need is always there and it's increasing because of the population expansion, and advanced medical and surgery procedures."

According to the PSBP, at least 500 donors every weekday are needed to provide blood for patients in 40 hospitals and clinics throughout an eight-county region.

Blood drives are scheduled on a daily basis throughout the area at businesses, schools, churches, and civic organizations to help meet the need.

The American Blood Commission reports that more than 95 percent of those who reach age 72 have needed

a transfusion sometime during their lives.

The four major reasons for transfusions are treatment of cancer, heart and blood vessel disease, diseases of the gastrointestinal tract, and emergencies such as car accidents and burns.

In 1971, the program eliminated its blood replacement fee, a charge to blood recipients, because it was too costly and complicated.

The current PSBP replacement policy asks blood recipients to only pay for the costs of collecting, processing, and distributing blood obtained from community volunteers, and are not required to make arrangements to replace the blood they use.

According to the PSBP, since early 1982—when Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome began receiving widespread publicity—blood donations have been decreasing.

Mottle assures potential donors that only sterile, disposable equipment is used, which makes contraction of AIDS by donating blood impossible.

Careful screening and health checks of individuals are performed before every donation, she affirmed, and tests are done on every unit of donated blood, including a screening

test for the antibody HTLV-III, the virus that causes AIDS.

Units of blood containing the AIDS antibody are immediately discarded, Mottle assured.

Many scientists across the nation are convinced the AIDS antibody test is highly effective. PSBP statistics show approximately one out of every 5,000 units of blood donated tests positive for AIDS.

A positive test result doesn't mean a person has AIDS, but does indicate previous exposure to the virus.

Some restrictions apply to donors. For example, homosexual men, intravenous drug abusers, and hemophiliacs are barred from donating blood, as are their sexual partners.

Others banned from donating blood are pregnant women, diabetics on insulin, and people who have had hepatitis or jaundice.

The tentative date of the Blood-mobile's return to HCC is April 22.

There are three Puget Sound Blood Program locations in the Seattle area: 130 Andover Park East, Southcenter; the corner of Broadway and Madison streets in central Seattle; and at 925 116th N.E. St. in Bellevue.

Questions or comments should be directed to the PSBP by calling (206) 292-6500.



Photo courtesy of HCC Public Information Office

Hendricks to chair applied science

By Gerri LaMarche

Ruth Hendricks, has been appointed Division Chair of Applied Science for HCC.

The division encompasses the physical sciences, including chemistry, biology, engineering, and data processing.

"At this time my plans are to bring division members together for a positive exchange of ideas," Hendricks said.

Members of the department nominated Hendricks in December for appointment to the post after it was vacated by Roger Powell who left HCC to accept another position, said Linda Felts, the division secretary.

Powell was nominated to the post last June.

Hendricks said her immediate plans are to examine ideas for better coordination in the math department, and preparing the Spring Quarter schedule for her division.

Our society is becoming more technical, and we need to train students to cope with and understand that technology, she explained. Applied science supports all technological innovation, and we must meet that challenge by adequately training our students to effectively deal with all aspects of technological change.

Right now, however, a lot of her time is being spent learning her new responsibilities, and about the challenges the departments under her direction face.

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POSITION AVAILABLE — Production Assistant of the Lyric Theatre & Conservatory at Highline Community College. Contract position, flexible hours, commence April 15 thru August 15, 1987. Position involves publicity, box office supervision, advertising, contract writing, liaison with Artistic Director, Community College, and Board of Directors. Contract amount approximately \$2,200. Include resume and letter indicating interest. Send to: Lyric Theatre and Conservatory, Attn: Ione N. Kniskern, P.O. Box 98337, Des Moines, Wash. 98198. Send letter before March 6, 1987. For more information call 878-4722.

Specialty scholarships available

By Amy Tsuruta

Highline Community College offers need-based scholarships and grant assistance through state and federal funding. To apply for these programs, students need to complete a financial aid form.

Money received through scholarships and grants may be used for tuition and other education-related expenses and does not have to be repaid by the student.

Each quarter, HCC offers 10 academic (merit) scholarships in the amount of tuition. These scholarships are based on academic achievement rather than financial need. Special interest scholarships are also offered by several off-campus organizations.

FOOD SERVICE/ HOSPITALITY SCHOLARSHIPS

Administered by the education foundation of the National Restaurant Association, this year scholarship awards are sponsored by the International Foodservice Manufacturers Association, the H.J. Heinz Co., Joseph E. Seagram & Sons, Inc., The Harman Management Corp., and the Casa Grisanti Restaurant. These awards cover all undergraduate and graduate levels as well as a variety of foodservice and hospitality majors.

Details and eligibility requirements for all of the awards are explained in the scholarship kit. The completed application form applies the student for all awards for which he is eligible. It is not necessary to submit separate forms for each award.

Applications and supporting documents must be postmarked no later than March 1, 1987.

WILLIAM E. WEISEL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The William E. Weisel Scholarship, through the SME Manufacturing Engineering Education Foundation, will be awarded annually to a worthy, full-time student seeking a career in robotics/automated systems.

Limited to United States and Canadian citizens, each scholarship will be \$1,000 and awarded in spring for the fall term of the award year. The funds will be given directly to the student for his own use. The recipient is asked to contribute \$1,000 to the William E. Weisel Scholarship

fund at some time in the future as his career becomes successful in order to guarantee the same educational opportunity to other students.

Applicants must be full-time students in an engineering or technology program seeking a career in robotics/automated systems. The student must have completed a minimum of 30 credits and possess a 2.75 or higher grade point average.

RITA LOWE SCHOLARSHIP

The Rita Lowe Scholarship will be granted to students who are seriously considering a career as a teacher of mathematics.

Selection criteria includes:

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT (40 points) A transcript or other certified documentation of the applicant's academic achievement from ninth grade to the date of application.

INTEREST IN MATHEMATICS EDUCATION (30 points) A summary of not more than 300 words written by the applicant containing their experience with and interest in mathematics. The summary should summarize the applicant's interest in and reasons for considering teaching mathematics as a career.

ACADEMIC POTENTIAL (20 points) The Washington pre-college test scores in both verbal and mathematics categories must be included in the completed application form.

CHARACTER AND LEADERSHIP POTENTIAL (10 points) Two letters of recommendation, at least one of which is from a mathematics teacher under whom the applicant has studied.

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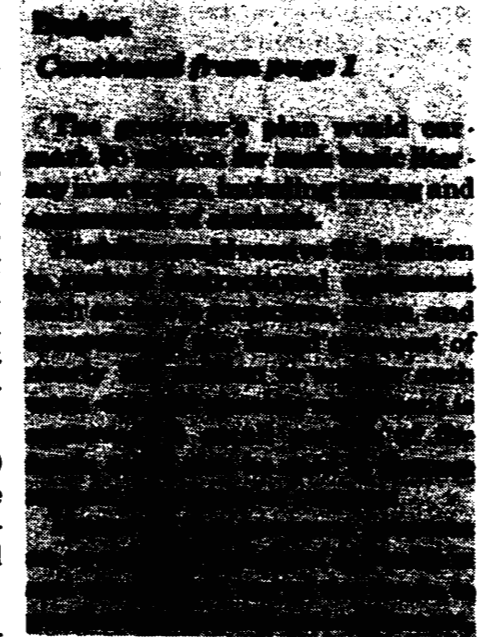
The scholarship committee of the MANA-Northwest chapter will award a scholarship to any Hispanic-American woman. Community activities and investment, educational and career goals, scholastic competence, financial need and motivation and interest in supporting MANA goals and objectives will all be considered.

The scholarship application contains four questions, each having a one-page maximum limit.

One question is to briefly discuss how your activities, community services, educational objectives, and career goals reflect and/or foster MANA goals.

MANA-Northwest Chapter goals are "...promoting our own sense of identity, professional development and personal growth as Mexican-American and Hispanic women. We shall act affirmatively to achieve full and equal participation of Hispanic women in the political, social, and economic life of this nation. Further, we will enhance and enrich the quality of life of this country through the active sharing of our Hispanic cultural heritage."

For a complete listing of available scholarships and information on how to apply, contact the financial aid office in the upper floor of Bldg. 6.



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Grant awarded in marijuana study

By Scott Hovet

In September 1986, a three-year, \$300,000 grant to study the effects of chronic marijuana use in adults was awarded to Dr. Roger Roffman, associate professor of social work at the University of Washington. Roffman's is the first large study of its kind in the nation.

A specialist with 20 years of experience in the field of research methodology and program evaluation of alcoholism and drug abuse, Roffman first proposed a grant to the National Institute on Drug Abuse in June 1985. The NIDA was not convinced a "chronic marijuana user" could be specifically defined, and turned down Roffman's request.

Determined to receive the grant, Roffman advertised last spring for

individuals who were concerned about their marijuana use to telephone him anonymously and describe the problems they experienced as a result of their drug habits.

Over the following two weeks, Roffman received phone calls from 225 people in the Seattle area who were using marijuana daily. The callers reported multiple problems, including impaired thinking and memory loss.

"Most people who called explained that their marijuana use was interfering with family relations, with their jobs, and that it was impairing their general mental functioning," said Roffman. "These individuals defined themselves as chronic users."

When Roffman presented this information to the NIDA, they reviewed his proposal further and were satisfied that his research was necessary.

Last summer, Roffman learned he had been officially awarded the grant.

"In the late 60's and early 70's, marijuana was a very important cultural symbol for some individuals. They felt it was a token of membership within their common circle," said Roffman.

"Now these people are in their 30's and 40's," he added, "and stopping is very painful for them. It's like letting go of part of their identification, but they know they have to quit."

Although marijuana use has declined over the past six or seven years, the problem has far from disappeared. Roffman explained that there are at least 30,000 to 50,000 tons of marijuana smuggled into the U.S. each year.

"There are roughly 20 million people in this country who smoke marijuana, and 2 million who can be considered chronic users, or those who use the drug at least once a day," said Roffman. He stresses that the chronic user is the focus of his research.

According to Roffman's statistics, 18 to 25-year-olds are the most common among marijuana users. Roffman indicates, however, that there are many people in their 30's and 40's who smoke it regularly.

"Certain researchers believe marijuana, as a stepping stone to harder drugs, is an implicit physical process," said Roffman, "but I find no truth to that allegation."

For example, most people who use heroin have used marijuana in the past.



plans to assign his research subjects to one or two types of treatment, then determine whether or not one form is more effective than the other. Roffman also hopes to discover whether or not certain types of people respond better to treatment.

Because marijuana is an illegal substance, confidentiality is very important. Roffman applied for and received a Federal Confidentiality Certificate, which protects his research data from subpoena.

"From the date of application, it took about a month before I received my confidentiality certificate," said Roffman. "But I saved a great deal of time by referring to an example my colleagues had."

Roffman believes society's response to the delinquency of chronic drug users has a great affect on the chronic user's psychological and sociological balance.

"Much of society views drug users as deviant street hustlers," said Roffman. "But a majority of marijuana users do not have that kind of self-image."

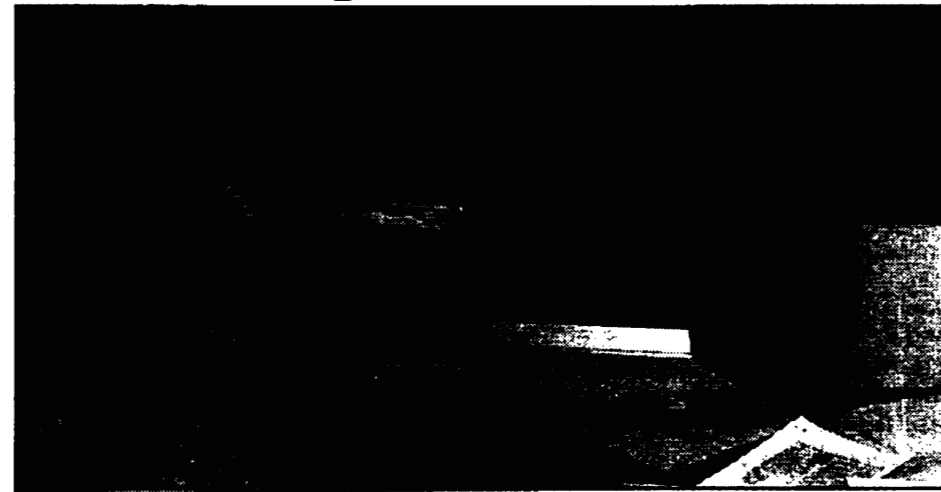
"I have the suspicion that when society over-penalizes drug users, there is a tendency to create an alienated pocket of people who respond negatively to the rest of society," said Roffman. "My attention, as a professional in this field, is focused on the treatment of people who experience severe problems as a result of drug use; not on the punishment of these individuals."

In 1982, Roffman published a book in Seattle called *Marijuana as Medicine* in which he reviewed all of the research of medical uses of marijuana, to include moderating nausea caused by chemotherapy and relieving pressure as a result of glaucoma.

Before Roffman can proceed with his proposed research, his goal is to recruit 200 adults who define themselves as chronic marijuana users to be used as subjects in his study.

Those individuals, 18 years or older, who are having trouble with marijuana use and who wish to participate in this treatment study may contact The Center for Social Welfare Research Annex at 543-2201. Complete confidentiality is assured.

Booth computes career change



Larry Booth

Photo by Robin Butterworth

By Carol Nelson

Larry Booth, new part-time teacher in the data processing department, made a mid-life career change and started his teaching career through his connections as a student at Highline Community College.

Right before his graduation from HCC in 1984, computer science department head, Angela Parsons, approached Booth with a tip that Green River Community College was searching for someone to teach a computer class part time. Until then, Booth had never considered teaching as a career.

He was accepted at Green River and taught data processing classes there for several quarters.

Originally a 1972 graduate of the University of Washington with a degree in architecture, Booth began his career as an architect just as the economic climate of the Seattle area hit an all-time slump.

Unable to find employment, he started his own construction business remodeling and designing new homes, but dissolved it four years later.

Booth discovered his interest in computers when he went to work for a local construction company as vice-president. He set up a computer system for the company and taught himself how to program.

Realizing he needed more instruction in programming, Booth enrolled in some night classes at HCC.

"I chose Highline because it was close to home," said Booth. "It wasn't until I did some checking around

that I found out it had an excellent reputation."

A growing weariness with the construction business, spurred on by his growing interests in data processing, aided his decision to leave his job and enter HCC as a full-time student. It wasn't an easy decision to make with a wife and family to support, he said.

"I'm a firm believer that you should do the type of work you enjoy," said Booth.

Booth's wife, Kathy, returned to work to generate extra income. In order to enable him to continue his studies, Booth used his spare time, to working for himself in the construction business.

Booth not only teaches a programming course at HCC, he also teaches two data processing classes at Bellevue Community College, where he is the director of the microcomputer lab.

He still keeps his hand in the construction business by designing and remodeling several homes a year.

Booth believes HCC's data processing department turns out highly skilled students with a good basic background in data processing that meets the demands of the business community.

He advises students preparing for a data processing career to possess good problem solving skills and good study habits.

"I like teaching," Booth said. "I enjoy explaining complex subjects, and the interaction with the students. I also enjoy the academic atmosphere and the learning process."

There are roughly 20 million people in America who smoke marijuana.

"Only a tiny fraction of those who smoke marijuana go on to eventually use heroin. The thesis of cause and effect is not supported," Roffman said.

Roffman's goal is to develop and organize more comprehensive and effective drug abuse treatment programs, though specifically for chronic marijuana users.

"It will take a lot of careful thinking," said Roffman, "but I believe that as a result of this study we will be able to contribute to a greater understanding of the problems faced by chronic users."

As a result of his research, Roffman anticipates publishing a book, as well as articles in specific drug abuse journals, where he will discuss his findings.

To assist him in his research, Roffman employed a part-time staff of 13 people which consists of doctoral candidates and undergraduate students in the field of social work, as well as local therapists. He also hired several work-study students to help perform administrative functions for the team.

In one facet of his study, Roffman

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Editorial

Gardner presents tax plan

Gov. Booth Gardner recently announced a plan to raise \$190.2 million in higher education funding with \$44.7 million slated for community colleges.

How does Gardner propose to raise these funds? By raising taxes, of course. Gardner proposes to slash the state sales tax from 6.5 percent to 6 percent, but fill the money vacuum created by this reduction through taxation of previously exempt services such as barbers and cable television vendors.

Enough already! Why is every campaign to enhance a vital human service within Washington paralleled with the creation of a new tax or the increase of one which already exists?

Granted, revenue must be raised, and taxes are a sure-fire money maker. But it seems that Washingtonians are over-taxed right now, and there are rumblings from Washington D.C. which indicate federal taxes may be raised by eliminating state-level tax exemptions.

Money is, and will continue to be, at a premium. The revenue earning solution which fulfills Washington's budget requirements lies in equitable adjustments in the tax structure and through intelligent spending of existing funds.

The level of taxation in America has reached the level which existed before the Revolution. If Gardner, with his Harvard business degree, can't figure out how to raise revenue without over-taxing the citizens he represents, he will soon find himself in hot water. It won't be a jacuzzi, and it won't be a tea party either.

Students should respect library

The HCC Library Advisor Committee, made up of students and faculty members, is set up to keep the library staff on top of any problems the library has, such as not enough books on a certain topic or theft.

At a meeting held last week Raeburn Hagan, Director of the Library, stated that cases of vandalism and theft are rising.

Theft of books or any other material cause higher budgets for the library which most students pay for through taxes.

Vandalism, whether it is in the library or in a city, is a senseless act perpetrated by individuals with little or no respect for another person's property. Students pay for the vandalism also through higher taxes or maybe a higher tuition next year.

The staff of the Thunderword believes the library should be used and respected for what it primarily is, a learning place.

Olympics, elections compete

By Matt Esget
 News Editor

In 1988, South Korea will host the 24th Olympics. At the same time elections to choose a new president over President Chun Doo Hwan, whose term expires in 1988, are slated to occur.

Hwan has held office since the 1960 revolution that toppled the Syngman Rhee government. Now, the South Korean people are becoming disillusioned with the Hwan government and show their discontent with demonstrations and protest rallies.

Their discontent with Hwan was demonstrated further during the 1985 elections when the opposition party won over 100 of the 276 seats in the National Assembly.

Korea has expanded its high-tech industrial base in the past eight years—to the point where it rivals Japan in the middle 1970's. Korean factories are pumping out millions of consumer-oriented electronic goods, small appliances, and now cars, namely Hyundais. These goods are manufactured primarily for export. The Koreans, who work vigorously, for low wages, have begun to taste the fruits of their labors: Korean goods enjoy world-wide popularity.

Critical of the U.S.

For the first time in 40 years, the South Korean people are becoming highly critical of American policies because they fear U.S. protectionism will put a damper on their expanding economy and allow the North Koreans an opportunity to strike again.

of violence will also increase. As long as Hwan holds power, there will be feelings of unrest.

The Korean election year is not too far off in the future to become a present crisis situation.

The question is, should we hold the Olympics—a symbol of unity among all the peoples of the world—in a nation that could explode at any time into a civil war or be invaded by a hostile neighbor?

If the South Koreans cannot prove, within the next year, that the political situation in their country is stable enough to promote a harmonious atmosphere, the Olympic committee should look at alternative sites for the games.

A better solution would involve the free governments of the world exerting pressure on the Hwan government to hold

"In the past 30 years the U.S. has committed support to unpopular and repressive governments in an effort to 'keep the peace'."

According to a 1985 Amnesty International report, the number of political prisoners in South Korea has increased nearly 70 percent in the last four years, causing even more chaos and unrest among the population.

The disillusion with these oppressive policies has manifested itself especially among the younger segment of the Korean populace. College students stage anti-government rallies on a regular basis. These incidents often turn violent.

Protests on the rise

At the beginning of November 1986, at Konkuk University, in Seoul, 2,000 students occupied five buildings for four days to protest President Hwan's policies.

The students barricaded stairwells and threatened to set themselves on fire if police tried to remove them.

At the end of the week, 8,000 riot police moved in and regained

control of the University after a two-hour battle with the students. Forty-two students were injured in the battle and 1,400 were detained.

The Koreans are not only discontented with their own government and its policies, but with the American government as well.

The South Koreans remember fighting side-by-side with American forces in order to repel the North Koreans, Chinese and the Soviets, but now they see the U.S. creating protectionist policies instituted against the industries of S. Korea.

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Letters and comment

Teachers need new education strategies

By Linda Baker
Mass Media Program Coordinator

It is not an easy time to be a teacher. Salaries, mediocre to start with, are falling more and more behind increases in the cost of living. Public confidence in the competence and professionalism of teachers is eroding, so we lack prestige. Students are coming to us more ill-prepared than ever and with large personal and financial burdens to shoulder which interfere with their learning and our effectiveness in the classroom.

Many continue to teach in the face of these problems because they love it and believe in the value of education to enrich both personal lives and the public consciousness.

They are rewarded when the smile of insight breaks across someone's face, a former student writes from a distant place, or they meet a satisfied graduate in the workplace whose life has been changed for the better by what they've learned. All of these things help, but it's still hard going.

Having more money might help, so teachers support Booth Gardner's tax proposal to generate more income for education. But more money will *not* make things easier if it is spent in the same old ways on the same old things.

Before spending any funds forthcoming, teachers need to seriously reevaluate what it is to educate people in this changing society and what skills and methods they will need to do it.

The U.S. is now an 'information' based economy, where the processing of information and providing of services fuels the economy rather than industrial production. Coming with this economic change is *vast social* and political

change on the scale of that engendered by the Industrial Revolution, most of which we are only beginning to see and evaluate.

But we can make some guesses about what students will need to operate in the world of the future which teachers can use now to change what they teach and the way they teach it, and make a difficult job easier.

First, quit decrying the fact that students are visually-oriented rather than literate and use pictures, still or moving, to teach.

Because teachers are linearly oriented does not mean it is the best way to impart information to others. A picture is indeed worth a thousand words and one videotape presentation may be worth a thousand lectures, particularly in 'dry' fields where material has been divorced from the context and emotion which gives it relevance and excitement.

Students of the future will have to be 'visually literate'; able to produce and evaluate images as effectively as teachers now try to teach them to produce and evaluate words.

Quit emphasizing memorization and start emphasizing information retrieval.

As the information explosion continues, students will be inundated with information they will need to know how to evaluate, categorize and personalize. They will be able to put their hands on almost any information they want. As long as they know how to access it, they don't need to memorize it.

It is the *configuration* of facts that is essential to knowledge, not the facts themselves. Teach them how to draw relationships between things and to trust their OWN judgment on how things could be related.

Put what is known about individual variation in learning styles to work in the classroom. Do not expect everyone to learn in the same way any more than you now expect them to learn at the same pace. Use more than one style of presentation in class and allow your students to do the same. Accept term photo essays, term videotapes and term oral reports as well as term papers.

Become a guide to knowledge rather than a source of knowledge for students. Tell them the major problems to be solved in each field, the major areas of study historically and presently, and the main research tools. Give them projects to explore these areas and then wait. They can tell teachers what they need to know to explore and be told where to find it. Then evaluate what they've found.

How to do all this? Teachers need to become students again themselves. They need to learn computers for information retrieval, grouping and individuation skills.

Teachers need to learn to use videotapes, films and photographs in class materials. They need to stop lecturing, perhaps altogether. Make all classes 'lab' classes in which hands-on learning is preferred to 'second-hands-on' learning. They need to find out how their students learn about things they are interested in and let them use the same methods to learn about new fields. They need to let them teach each other in group exploration and problem-solving.

These changes might help bring the excitement, prestige and reward back to teaching, and not incidentally, the money, as teachers gain skills associated with more highly-paid professions and regain public confidence.

Smoking ban silly

By Bill Stevenson
Thunderword Staff Writer

On Jan. 20, the United States Gypsum Accoustical Products gave its employees and ultimatum: either quit smoking or pack up and find employment elsewhere.

The company also announced they would no longer consider applications submitted by smokers.

That's right, U.S. Gypsum employees will be dismissed if regardless of where they smoke. If you smoke, you need not apply for employment with this firm.

The smoking ban is a good idea if it were restricted to the workplace. Non-smokers shouldn't have to inhale second-hand tobacco smoke. But when an employer institutes such a sweeping ban, it over-steps its right as an employer.

The company spokesman was reported to have stated that non-smokers have less absences from their posts.

If attendance is the case, then U.S. Gypsum should tighten their attendance policies, rather than restrict the extra-work activities of their employees.

The big issue is freedom of choice. As Americans, we have the right to choose what we do. If we choose to slowly undermine our health through the use tobacco products, then we should be able to carry out our wishes.

Freedom of choice is crucial, no

matter what the choice concerns.

If U.S. Gypsum is truly concerned with worker health, then the company should be more thoroughgoing.

Diet-related heart diseases are a number-one killer today. Why doesn't the company force those workers with high-risk diets to purge the fats and cholesterol from their diets or be purged from the company?

The biggest question is: how could such a measure be enforced? Will U.S. Gypsum hire breath sniffers and post them at the front door? Urinalysis and blood tests?

Actually they intend on using mandatory lung examinations. By finding the the lung capacity they say they can determine if you smoke or not. Other tests to be used have not been announced.

How about the fatty-food ban? How would such a measure be enforced? The U.S. Gypsum secret diet police? Incentive programs which offer big cash bonuses to spouses and children who fink on their cheeseburger eating parents?

It's frightening to think that an employer could choose its employees free-time activities.

Employment plays a major role in the lives of Americans. Granted, it is imperative to the economy for the American work force to remain healthy and productive, but it is also imperative for Americans to retain their freedom of choice.

Letters

Thanks from Women's Funding Alliance

A special thanks to you for a generous contribution to the Women's Funding Alliance through the Washington State Employee Combined Fund Drive. Your sharing and caring have helped the Combined Fund Drive surpass its goal here in King County. Thanks to you, the Alliance was the third top charity amongst state employees in King Co.

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The Alliance is showing that there is another way...a new way...a woman's way to change the lives of women and girls.

Thanks to you, the Alliance is being seen as an important new source of money for our member organizations through both workplace solicitation as well as individual donors. Together we do make a difference.

It's your support that keeps the Alliance going. Your gift will make a difference and mean so much.

No single gift will help so many women in so many ways! We are on our way—thanks to you.

Sincerely,
Dyan Oldenberg,
Executive Director

Arts and Entertainment

'At Last We Meet,' say Scully & McAllister

By Kathryn Paul

At Last We Meet is a play presented by Highline Community College Children's Theater. This play is full of fun, excitement and danger.

Although it's geared toward children in kindergarten through sixth grades, there's something for everyone in this adventuresome play. The play is scheduled to premiere at Mt Hood Community College in Gresham, Oregon during the Northwest Drama Conference, from Feb. 13 through March 5. It will then make an appearance here at HCC from March 5-7 and March 12-14.

The authors of the play, David Scully and Anna McAllister, spent last spring bouncing around play ideas before settling on *At Last We Meet*.

"David and I work well together," McAllister said. "David has good ideas and is impressive to work with."

Scully was responsible for last year's Children's Theater hit *Ozmosis*, a takeoff of *The Wizard of Oz*. Because of the success of *Ozmosis*, Scully asked director Jean Enticknap if he could write this year's production. "David is creative and works well with Anna," said Enticknap. "This is a good experience for them."

Scully believes the play works because it combines fun, danger, and a small element of weirdness to keep the interest of the audience. "I got the idea from *Chitty-Chitty Bang-Bang*, and my interest in continuing stories," he said. Scully added that he likes the idea of being able to



L-R: Jennifer Hopkins, Danielle Reboli, David Russo and Joe Foster getting ready to kidnap the grandmother.

Photo by Tom Clark

write a continuation of a previous story line.

This is McAllister's second year at HCC. She plans to study drama at a four-year college.

Enticknap, the play's director, is pleased with the outcome of the storyline and is looking forward to the Oregon premiere. "The writers did a fine job and the cast works well together," she said.

The play is about the Smith Corona family and there are 14 members in the cast. Albert the inventor, Samantha, and the grandmother

(Danielle Reboli).

McAllister is currently working on a production to be completed this summer. "I wanted to write something for a mature audience," she said.

Scully wants to earn his degree in dramatic arts, and would like to be a Broadway star someday. Currently taking a break from his studies and devoting time to his work, he is just 15 credit hours short of earning his associate's degree in drama.

McAllister, the co-writer, is mainly responsible for the play's smooth flow. "McAllister has good creativity, and has a good grasp of the language, which is important," Enticknap said.

McAllister also has a part in the play as one of the Smith Coronas. She plays Samantha Smith Corona,

the daughter of Albert Smith Corona, the inventor. The inventor is played by Mike Flint.

The villains are Sidney Worst (David Harvey) and the Three Hoodlums (David Russo, Jenny Hopkins, and Joe Foster).

The storyline is about Albert who invents a time machine that transports people back in time, but his brother Sidney steals a magic watch needed to complete the time machine. The play involves a search for the missing watch by the Coronas, the Three Hoodlums and the Talking Moosehead.

The moral of the play is for the audience members to focus on their own faults and not those of others, clarified Scully.

The writers, cast and directors can be reached at 878-3710 ext 279.



L-R: David Harvey, Jeff Brown, Michael Shinafelt and Trent Ventors as "The Bobs," in Sidney's (David Harvey's) TV studio.

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Arts and Entertainment

New Woody Allen creation nostalgic look at old radio

By Karen Cooley

Radio Days. Written and directed by Woody Allen. With Seth Green, Mia Farrow, Julie Kavner, Dianne Wiest, Michael Tucker.

I'm not old enough to remember classic radio programs such as "The Masked Avenger," "The Lone Ranger" or the little-known radio ventriloquist show from the 40's. But that doesn't mean I am too young to enjoy Woody Allen's new, nostalgic film *Radio Days*.

Based on Allen's own childhood memories, *Radio Days* stars Seth Green as Joe, a young Allen growing up in Rockaway, New York, with his "poor but happy" Jewish family. Allen was also a Jewish child, who grew up in Flatbush, New York, in the 40's, and there is a remarkable likeness between Green's big ears and boyish grin and Allen's sophisticated -yet- neurotic gaze.

Most of the film's humor is spurred from Joe's odd family and their favorite radio programs. Joe's discontented mother escapes into the glamorous world of the radio as she listens to "Breakfast with Fred and Irene," Aunt Bea dances around the house to romantic tunes of the era, Joe's uncle Abe worships the sportscasts and Joe listens faithfully to "The Masked Avenger who bravely calls, "Doers of evil everywhere—beware!"

Radio Days begins with a lot of fun and humor but seems slow toward the middle as Allen tries to show a more serious side of the 40's radio scene.

The spoofs of the radio shows bring laughter to audiences of all ages, and the lives of the radio stars add an ironic twist to the film. While the Needleman family is worshipping the fame and fortune of the radio stars, the big names such as "Fred and Irene" are partaking in adultery and witnessing murders.

The cast is full of regulars from previous Woody Allen films, such as Julie Kavner (*Hannah and Her Sisters*), Dianne Wiest (*Hannah, Purple Rose of Cairo*), Michael Tucker (*Cairo*), and of course Mia Farrow, who has starred in three other Allen films.

While *Radio Days* is about remembering the past, its message is comparable to the present importance placed on television rather than radio. In the film, Joe's parents are concerned about how often their young son



L-R: Julie Kavner, Seth Green and Michael Tucker, cast of Woody Allen's "Radio Days."

listens to the radio. According to their rabbi, the radio and "The Masked Avenger" are corrupting the youth. However, "The Masked Avenger" makes an important discovery when he says, "...It doesn't matter how important we are ... in several years they won't remember who we are."

Although it may not be Allen's best, it should attract those who enjoy Allen's work as well as those who remember the radio shows of the 40's. But whether you were born in 1936 or 1963, the film offers a funny, thoughtful look into the past.



Photo of Wallace Shawn by Jim Ball.

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Arts and Entertainment

Highline to put on the ritz with local band Strypes

By Daniele Tezana

Highline students and others, get set for the hottest event of the season! Friday, February 27, HCC Events will present its first Semi-formal/Formal Dance ever.

The chic and sophisticated setting will consist of romantic nightclub furnishings and elegantly dressed waiters and waitresses, who will be serving a wide array of Mocktails (that is, non-alcoholic cocktails). And for the final nightclub touch, Jeff Young, a celebrated Northwest comedian, has been specially invited to entertain the guests from 9:30 to 10 p.m.

Dance the night away with STRYPES, which is recognized as one of the hottest and most exciting bands in the Northwest. Listen to the latest and most upbeat top 40 dance hits on the radio today.

Strypes has recently released its debut album, *The Difference*. The newest addition to the band is former Heart bass player Steve Fossen.

The dance starts at 9 p.m. and ends at 1 a.m. It will be held in the Student Lounge, Bldg. 8. Tickets will be available in the cafeteria, Bldg. 8, February 25, 26, and 27 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. for \$3 with HCC I.D., \$5 without. Tickets will also be available at the door for \$4 with HCC I.D., \$5 without.



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LAST LECTURE SERIES



Bill Hofmann

lectures

This involves an HCC instructor presenting an hour lecture, as if it were his last address to an audience. The topics are open and determined by the instructor. We encourage controversial issues, personal opinions and thought-provoking dialogue. In doing these lectures, we hope to enhance the intellectual atmosphere here on campus. **Featured this week: Bill Hofmann, HCC writing instructor.**

Wednesday, February 25
Noon—1, Artists-Lecture Center, Bldg. 7, free

literature and fine arts

Wednesday, February 25
Seattle Mime Theatre Mask Workshop
1:30—2:30 p.m., Little Theatre, Bldg. 4, room 122
Open to all HCC students and staff
Thursday, February 26
Poetry Reading (poets to be announced)
Noon—1 p.m., Artists-Lecture Center, Bldg. 7

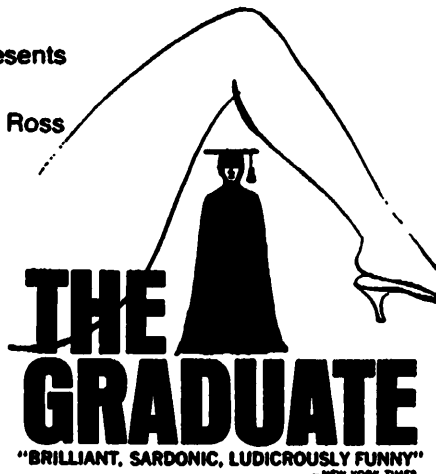


films

Wednesday, February 18
The Human Comedy Film Series presents *The Graduate*, from 1967, starring Dustin Hoffman and Katherine Ross
7 p.m., Artists-Lecture Center, Bldg. 7.
\$1 students/staff/senior citizens
\$2 general public

Tuesday, February 24
Film: *The Gods Must Be Crazy*
Two showings: noon and 7 p.m., Artists-Lecture Center, Bldg. 7.
\$1 students/staff/senior citizens
\$2 general public

Wednesday, February 25
The Human Comedy Film Series presents *Morgan*, starring Vanessa Redgrave and David Warner
7 p.m., Artists-Lecture Center, Bldg. 7
\$1 students/staff/senior citizens
\$2 general public



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recreation

Friday, February 20
Friday Night on the Slopes
Alpentel. 2:30/5:30 p.m.—11 p.m.
\$16 includes lift ticket and transportation
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Wednesday, February 25
Pool Tournament—Double Elimination
Noon, Student Lounge Games Room, Bldg. 8
Trophies to be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place
\$2 entry fee, sign up by noon Tuesday, February 24 at the student lounge desk

Friday, February 27
Friday Night on the Slopes
Alpentel—3 Area Pass
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Sports

U.S. Figure Skating Championships

HCC skaters sparkle in Nationals

By Diana Baumgart

HCC students Scott Williams and Scott Kurttila won third and seventh places, respectively, at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships at the Tacoma Dome on Feb. 6, 7 and 8.

Other competitors included four world Champions: Debi Thomas, Cindy Bortz, Rudi Galindo, and Brian Boitano - winner of the men's singles competition.

During his performance on Saturday, Williams had the crowd cheering and clapping along as he skated to the theme from *Zorba the Greek*.

"This is the first year I've used this program music. It seems to work for me. I wanted to do something and work with a theme instead of just jump and flip," explained Williams.

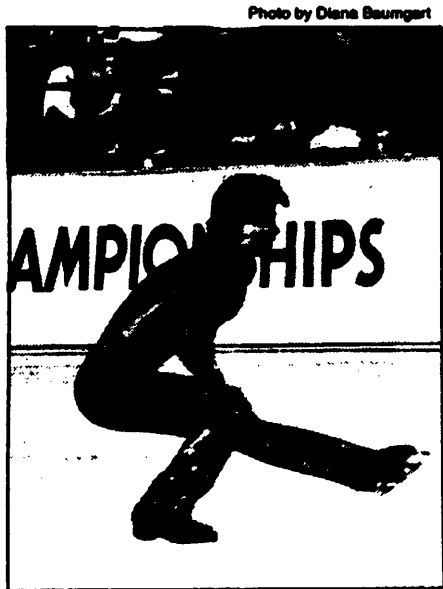


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Williams executes a spinning maneuver.

"I want to be a masculine person with style and skate that way."

His third overall finish landed him a spot on the World team for the third consecutive year.

Williams was impressed at the 1986 World Championships, by the European and Russian skating themes. From this, he had a vision of doing a theme for himself.

"I am excited about going to the World Nationals. We have great fun and make a good team," said Williams. "I don't feel pressured. World judges have more definite ideas of what they want. It will be more challenging as they look for differences."

"When I put on my costume, I become a different person. Robert Graham designed it. I just told him what I wanted and he took it from there." Williams said, "I'm proud of what I am and do. I would like to encourage more young people to come in to this sport and to feel the same way."

"I would like to encourage more young people to come into this sport..." Scott Kurttila

No sooner had Williams spoken these words, when a little girl, who had waited 45 minutes, approached Williams and requested his autograph.



Photo by Diana Baumgart

Coach Kathy Casey, "I am proud of both my boys." Her boys, Scott Kurttila and Scott Williams placed seventh and third respectively. Both are students at HCC.

Williams signed her program and asked, "Are you a skater?" "Nope," she replied, "but I'm gonna be."

Williams attends HCC part-time this quarter. The skating rink where Williams practices is close to campus.

Williams attends Business classes and hopes to work his studies into his skating career.

"I don't want to skate with the Smurfs, but would like to do a program like that," said Williams.

Scott Kurttila placed seventh overall in the competition. He was also the third place winner in the Nutra-Sweet Giving it 100 percent Award.

This award is given in recognition of exceptional achievement, stamina, and dedication to the sport and art of figure skating.

Kurttila began skating when he was 11 years old. He likes competition because it gives him a chance to travel and meet people.

He is a 1983 graduate of HCC but currently attends a calculus class on campus.

The past months have been given over to practice, getting ready for the exhibition. He has plans to attend full time Spring quarter.

"Training is very hard and strenuous. Although it has its ups and downs, Kathy, my coach helps me keep going on a steady even level," said Kurttila.



Photo by Diana Baumgart

Scott Williams had the crowd on their feet with his energetic long program on Sunday.

"I have worked with Scott Williams since July, officially," said Kathy Casey, Kurttila's coach of three years said, "Previously we had worked together off and on for two years. I am proud of both my boys"



Photo by Diana Baumgart

Winners of the Mens Singles U.S. Figure Skating Championships competition in the Tacoma Dome. From left: HCC's Scott Williams (third), Brian Boitano (first), and Christopher Bowman (second). Persons in suits are officials of the event.

Sports

Swimmers put Evergreen under water

By John Batinovich

The HCC men's and women's swim teams, in a dominant display of power, swept past Evergreen State College by a final score of 128-41 on Feb. 6 at Highline.

Michelle McConnell swam to three victories for the ladies while Jerry Ferrell won three for the men. Tyler Patterson and Chris Cushing, both had two victories apiece for the T-birds.

The Thunderbirds got off to a fast start in the 200 yard freestyle when Leigh Norling won with a time of 2:15.29 for the women, while Ferrell turned in a time of 2:04.61 for the men, six seconds better than the 2:10.56 registered by Jake Towle of ESC.

In the 50 yard freestyle Tyler Patterson won with a time of 24.04. Swimming a strong race, Patterson literally blew away the rest of the field. He finished a full 15 yards ahead of second place finisher Dave Wheatman of HCC.

Patterson also won the 100 yard freestyle with a time of 54.11.

Cushing was next up and he won the 200 yard individual medley with a time of 2:09.89.



Chris Cushing

Photo by Robert Antonelli

The individual medley is a particularly difficult race because it demands that the swimmer be versatile in four different strokes: the freestyle, the backstroke, the butterfly and the breaststroke. It was evident that Cushing is exceptional in all of these strokes.

In the women's 200 yard individual medley, McConnell swam a powerful race and finished with a time of 2:38.95. From the start, McConnell gave the other swimmers in the field no chance. She swam a strong race from start to finish.

In the men's 200 yard butterfly Ferrell won his second race with a time of 2:25.34.

For the women, Norling won the 200 yard butterfly with a time of 2:47.89.

The men's 100 yard freestyle race saw Patterson winning his second race in 54:11. In the women's 100 yard freestyle, McConnell edged teammate Pam Caviness in 1:01.20. Caviness finished in 1:03.89.

In the men's 500 yard freestyle, Ferrell won his third race. He displayed powerful strokes which enabled him to blow off the rest of the field in a time of 5:38.23. Ferrell's winning time was a full twenty seconds ahead of the second place finisher, whose time was 5:58.36.

On the other side, the lone bright spot for ESC was Max Gilpin. Gilpin was actually the only swimmer on the Evergreen team to win a race, and win he did. In the 200 yard breaststroke, Gilpin turned in a time of 2:27.14. Gilpin is a fine breaststroker and he showed it in his victory. Using textbook form and showing a lot of determination he pulled steadily away from the rest of the swimmers throughout the race.

Of Highline's victory, Head Coach Milt Orphan said he was both pleased



Photo by Jeff Henaley

Highline's Michelle McConnell has been turning in winning performances all season.

and surprised.

"I didn't think we'd win by such a big margin," Orphan said.

Highline managed the win without the services of two of its better swimmers. Fraser McDonell, who recently suffered a broken hand, and

Photo by Robert Antonelli



Leigh Norling

On a less positive note, the University of Oregon trounced the Thunderbirds 147-80 on Jan. 24 at Highline.

Led by Rex Watkins the Duck men overpowered the HCC men by a

Trevor Kanno, who could not work a balance between his school and work schedules and aren't with the team score of 89-25. The women fared a little better, falling by a score of 58-55.

Watkins won three races, none of them by less than six seconds. In the 500 yard freestyle he beat teammate Josh Oken by 21 seconds with a time of 4:59.25.

Because the Ducks are one of the best teams in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics, Coach Orphan hadn't expected a win. However, he was disappointed by the men's performance.

"The men didn't swim well at all. They dropped 25 points they should have had," Orphan said.

On the other hand Orphan felt that the women swam as well as could be expected, swimming against a more powerful opponent.

Upcoming on the schedule for Highline is the Small College Championships, for which 11 Thunderbird swimmers have qualified. Those who qualified include Cushing, McDonell, Patterson, Kanno, Bruce Bryant and Ferrell for the men, and Caviness, Norling, Brenda Lilly, Karen Shaw and McConnell for the women.

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Michelle McConnell swam to three victories over Evergreen CC.

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Sports

Women hoopsters vying for league title

By Jeff Hensley

The Thunderbird women hoopsters were anxiously awaiting their confrontation with Edmonds on Wednesday, Feb. 11. This game was to be a 'big one' for both teams as the league championships was hanging on the line.

Head Coach, Dale Bolinger predicted it would be "a heck of a game."

Although Edmonds previously dealt the T-birds their only league loss this season, with over-time, HCC's past records show the team should be able to rise to the chal-

lenge. In the past two seasons, the league championship was also decided in the last game of the regular season. Both times the T-birds were victorious over Skagit Valley.

Both teams entered the high-stakes game with one loss.

Highline has swept through ten straight games, handily defeating its last two opponents. These were Shoreline Feb. 4, (71-54) and Skagit Valley Feb. 7, (79-62).

The victor of the league championship will automatically advance to the conference championships

while the loser must first topple two other opponents in playoffs to advance to conference. The Northwest Athletic Association Community Colleges Conference tournament is scheduled to take place Feb. 26, 27, and 28 at Green River CC.

looking to revenge their loss to HCC in the two teams' other match-up.

Ellen Kernan, a starting guard from Kentridge HS, led the T-birds in scoring with 17 points. Also in double figures were Bonnie Vorwerk (Jefferson graduate) 12, Michelle

The Thunderbird women hoopsters were anxiously awaiting their confrontation with Edmonds on Wednesday, Feb. 11.

Highline was in a three way tie for first with Edmonds and Bellevue at mid-season with 6-1. Since then, HCC continued its win streak with four additional wins.

Bellevue was batted out of league contention by HCC when the T-birds squeaked over a late BCC rally to hold on in the Jan. 31 contest. Highline had a 15 point advantage before Bellevue suddenly rallied off

Spurr (Auburn) 12, and Kathy Brumley (Federal Way) 10 points.

Brumley led HCC's scorers with 16 points against Skagit in the Pavillion, Feb. 7. Brumley also led the team in scoring against Shoreline with 18 points.

Vorwerk and Spurr trailed close behind with 14 points each to aide in the 79-62 win.

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14 straight to close the gap within one. The final score showed the T-birds atop by a tight 69-66 margin.

"They (Bellevue) really went after us. I was really proud of the gals," said Bolinger. Bellevue not only wanted the win to remain ahead in league positioning, but were also

Tina Washington (Evergreen), and Chere Burbridge (Bethel) added eight points apiece. Highline's other scores came from Tracy Brown (Ocosta) seven, Ellen Kernan six, Bonnie Rempher (Inglemoor) three, Kris Foster (Mount Rainier) two, and Barb Buck (Fife) one.



Federal Way graduate Kathy Brumley flies down court on a fast break for the Thunderbird women hoopsters. Brumley, a starting guard, led the T-birds in scoring against Shoreline Community College on Feb. 4 with 18 points. She also led HCC scorers with 16 in a game with Skagit Valley, Feb. 7



Tracy Brown fights to get clearance for a shot in the T-bird women's basketball team's victory over Olympic, Jan. 24. Highline has rattled off four straight victories since to extend their win streak to ten.

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Sports

Spurr shows promise on B-ball court

By Kathryn Paul

This may be Michelle Spurr's first year with the HCC women T-birds' basketball team, but the 18-year-old is no stranger to the court.

With four years of experience to her credit, the 5'11" T-bird believes the present team has a good shot at the championship since it currently has a 10-1 league record.

"It's really the team's chemistry together that gives us the winning edge over most teams," Spurr said. "Highline isn't a very tall team, but we play hard and work as a team; that's why we win," she said. Coach Dale Bolinger reinforces the team attitude that has made HCC a winning team with a lot of patience during the losses as well as the wins.

In a game against one of Highline's toughest rivals, Bellevue Community College, Spurr scored 30 points to assist in HCC's win over BCC. Although she believes rebounding and defense are her strong points, she thinks she's made improvements in her offense and would like to improve in shooting, speed and jumping.

"Spurr is a key player," said Bolinger. "She works well with the other team members."

According to two of HCC's start-

ing guards, Kathy Brumley and Ellen Kernan, Spurr has good team spirit and shows good leadership.

Spurr's good grades as well as her athletic talent helped her receive two scholarships. One for a \$150 tuition waiver through the athletic department at HCC and the second from the Nellie Martin Carmen Scholarship Fund for \$1000 a year. In order to maintain this scholarship, Spurr must

also has a good academic program."

Beginning at 2:15 p.m., Spurr spends from one and a half to two hours in team practice. She also finds time on her own to practice.

Spurr said she does most of her studying at home, not on the road, where the mental demands of basketball are great. She said in order for her to play sports she has

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achieve at least a 3.2 gpa for the year.

Spurr places her grades first and feels that students shouldn't be allowed play if they have poor grades.

"Some athletes were able get other students to take their SAT's for them, but now they ask for a driver's license," Spurr said.

"I chose HCC to attend because I wanted to play basketball in my freshman year where at a four-year college I probably would have to be on the bench for most of the first year," Spurr said. "Highline

to work around her academic studies.

Spurr copes well with the disadvantages of being tall and says she has always been tall, but now she doesn't feel very tall or as awkward. She attributes this largely to her mother's encouragement to feel good about her height at a young age.

Spurr's future plans and goals include earning a degree in secondary education and to teach and coach at the high school level, but she would like to play in a league in Europe before she begins her career.



Michelle "Spurr is a key player," said Head Coach Dale Bolinger. Photo by Jay Fosberg

She plans to attend a four-year college with a first division team after finishing her studies at HCC. Eastern Washington University and Gonzaga University have shown an interest in Spurr.

Varsity soccer program to be added

By Jeff Hensley

The possibility of adopting a varsity soccer program at HCC was discussed during the Jan. 23 open meeting of the Service and Activity Program Review Committee.

On Jan. 30, the S & A Budget Committee met and approved the favorable recommendation passed to them by the program review members. The budget committee made preliminary evaluations on the financial likelihood of adding the sport.

Revenue estimated wrong

"We estimated wrong on our revenue," said Bruce Mackintosh, coordinator of student activities.

"We are now looking at restoring budget cuts," he added in reference to an earlier 14 percent financial cut to all Student Activities programs, including sports.

With potential additional income to be generated by a tuition increase in the fall, of a 'conservatively' estimated \$20,000, Mackintosh expects there will be a surplus of cash, even with funds fully restored to present activities. This should leave enough to begin a varsity soccer program at HCC which has been estimated at \$11,000 for start up costs. The budget committee approved up to \$10,000.

Ed Newell, HCC math teacher and coach of Highline's current soccer 'club,' said he figured even the requested \$11,000 would be tight, but the athletic department will find a way to operate the new team with

the money that is provided.

Soccer neglected

"Soccer has been neglected for a long time," claimed Athletic Director Don McConnaughey. He said a number of talented soccer players around the campus area have chosen to attend other schools because Highline doesn't presently offer a varsity soccer program and would like to see these 'backyard' people attend HCC.

McConnaughey added that some players are attending Skagitway Community College so they can participate in that school's soccer program, although HCC would be more convenient for them.

According to Newell, nearly every community college in the state has a varsity soccer program, with the exception of Seattle schools.

Highline does have a sports club team, however, HCC is the only community college team in the league. The others are mostly business sponsored groups. Newell said the program has been in existence for about five years.

Only one obstacle remains to be the effort of establishing a varsity soccer program at HCC: The Board of Trustees. When they meet in June, they could decide to reject the proposed budget package.

The budget committee members prepare the individual items to be presented in the total package.

With final confirmation from the budget committee that they will support a varsity soccer program, preparations can begin. Items to be dealt

with include: finding coaches, a usable home field, purchasing uniforms, and registering with the athletic commission.

Field a mess

Location of the team's home field was a topic of discussion at the program's review meeting. McConnaughey is firmly in belief of HCC's existing field. His support for the field is generally based on keeping athletes on campus and encouraging support from the community. McConnaughey also expressed some concern that team members would be treated as "second class citizens" if the field was moved to a more familiar location.

"The drainage is a disaster," Ed Newell said, regarding HCC's field condition. The club plays during Winter, but uses the field for home games are at

"The field has been dry in 25 years," Newell admitted.

Some work has been done in the construction of the field. Correcting the drainage would cost approximately \$50-60,000, according to McConnaughey.

McConnaughey pointed out that the field is usually "pretty good" through the end of October. He further stated that approximately half the season would be over before the field started to become sloppy. The team's remaining home games could be on rented fields.

Newell would like to see either Federal Way or Highline Stadium used for the games. Rental of the fields would cost \$22 per game and do not include locker room priviledges. The team would be required to provide a field for approximately eight home-games a season.

Newell said he would like to see the club continued, even if a varsity program became available. One eligibility change for players would be that varsity members would not be allowed to play on the club team. This would let the people become involved, and allow more opportunity for lesser skilled players to enjoy the sport.

Potential for quality

"I think the potential is there to get a good quality program," Newell said, adding it might take a couple of years to build up.

Newell sees talent in some of the members currently on club team. It may take some time to retrieve members who have already been competing for other schools though. But, he feels the high school teams around HCC will provide a consistent source of talent.

Highline's current two Fall Quarter sports have already proven to be top quality programs as the Cross Country team and the Volleyball squad won their respective conference championship titles this past season. Highline's strong sports record could grow even further with the addition of varsity soccer.

Sports

Thunderbirds hooped by No. 1 Cardinals

By Todd McDonald

There is no room for hospitality when the number one team in the league comes to visit.

On Saturday Feb. 7, HCC's men's hoop team was a little too hospitable, losing at home 92-73 to the Skagit Valley Cardinals.

With Highline coming off an impressive 40-point victory over Shoreline, and Skagit losing its first league game in their previous outing, the game had all the makings for a good old-fashioned shootout.

Highline forward Isaac Alvear pointed out that coming off the big victory over Shoreline could give the T-birds the extra incentive they needed to get by the tough Cardinals.

But it still proved to be not enough. From the very beginning, the high-flying Cardinals were in orbit as they jumped out to a 28-14 lead and never looked back.

A tough Cardinal defense forced multiple Highline turnovers, and capitalized on them for 10 points, increasing the margin to 38-15.

Milt Grant, Highline's fine point guard, consistently attacked Skagit's zone defense by driving to the basket, accounting for six of his 10 points. However, Highline couldn't get the ball inside with any regularity and was forced to shoot from outside. None of the T-birds could seem to find the range though, and they went into halftime trailing 49-26.

Trailing by 23 points at halftime, the T-birds were down but definitely not out. The pace of the game seemed to pick up, and get a little more physical as Highline scored the first hoop of the second half.

On every loose ball there was a Highline player making a valiant effort to get it. Tom Betti began to find the range, and hit for 12 of his team-high 14 points, but the T-birds could not cut the gap any lower than to 19.

In spite of the hard aggressive play by the T-birds, Skagit kept the margin of victory at a constant 20 points, holding on to win by 19. Skagit now has a solid two game lead over the rest of the league with one game remaining in league play.

The win by Skagit assured them first place in the league standings and an automatic berth in the state tournament to be held in Bellevue. Highline, on the other hand, will play Olympic in a loser-out game, with the winner playing the victor of the Bellevue-Everett match-up. The winner of the four team tournament will then advance to the state playoffs.

In the last three weeks the T-birds have been up and down, winning three and losing four, bringing their league record to 6-5.

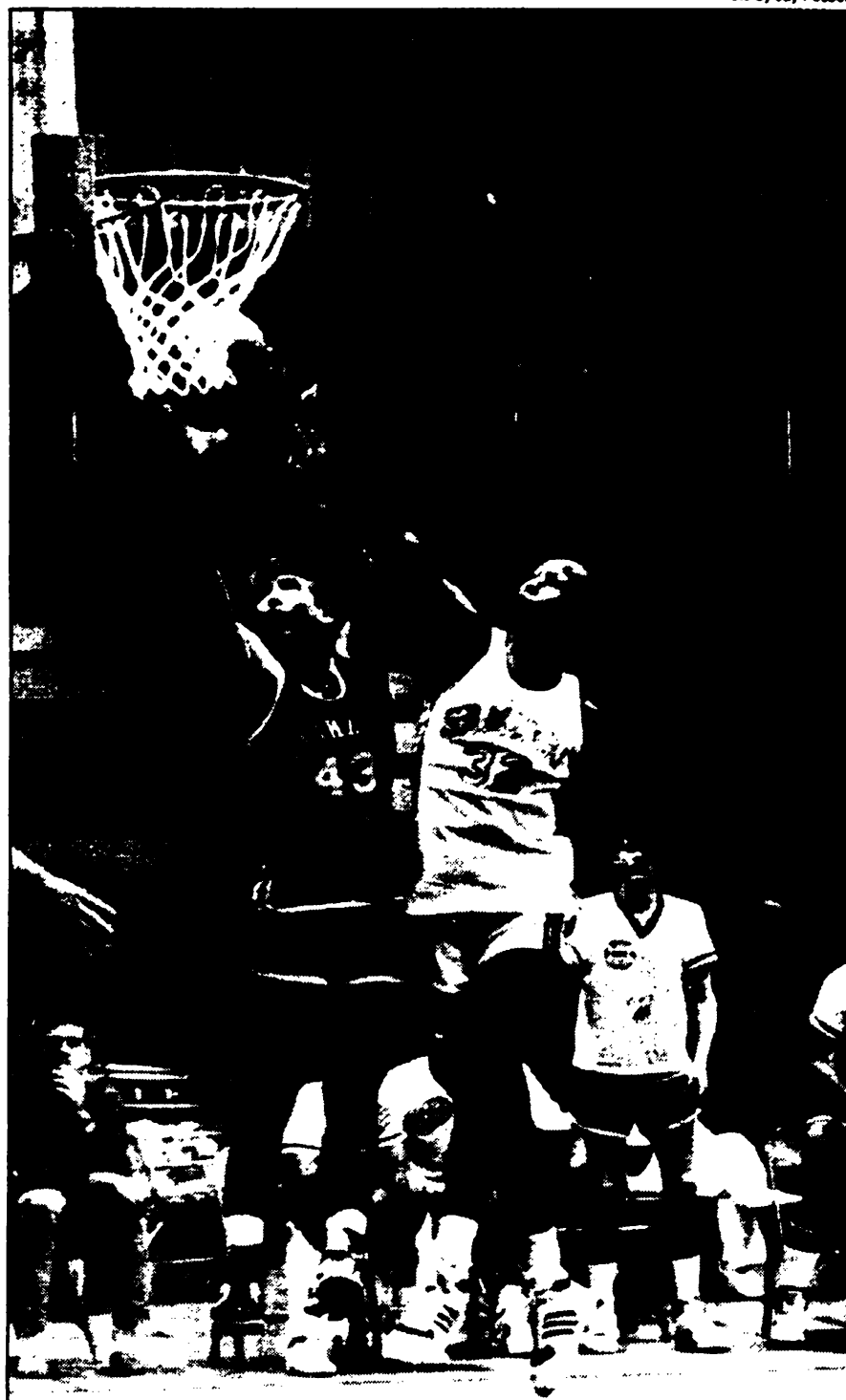
Forward Bill Hart scored 19 points and grabbed seven rebounds, leading Highline to an 88-70 victory over Everett. Fine games were also turned in by Co-Captains Betti and Greg Sparling, shipping in 16 and 13 points, respectively.

In an earlier meeting against first place Skagit, the Cardinals thwarted a late Highline rally to hold on and nip the T-birds 71-65. Once again Hart led all of Highline's scorers, throwing in 16 points. Brian Berndt also added 15, including two 3-pointers.

Five players scored in double figures as Highline whipped Olympic 86-72. Reserve forwards Todd Rollman and Alvear each scored 13, while Berndt led all scorers with 17 points.

In an overtime game against Bellevue, guard Grant exploded for a season-high 25 points. Betti and Sparling also helped the cause, adding 16 points apiece, but it wasn't enough as Bellevue out-scored the T-birds 12-4 in overtime for a 92-84 final victory.

The loss to Bellevue, and to sixth place Everett 77-66, meant the T-birds needed to dig deep and see



Bill Hart was one of seven Thunderbird scorers in double figures against the Shoreline Samurais when HCC accumulated a total 129 points.

what they had in their bag of tricks. What they found was a 40-point victory over the Shoreline Samurais. Highline erupted for 129 points, their highest point total this season, slicing and dicing a whopping 58 percent from the field as seven players scored in double figures, led by Sparling's 26 and Betti's 21 points. Grant also had an outstanding game, dishing out 10 assists to go along with his 12 points.

Highline stood fourth in the league standings with a 6-5 record with results of their Feb. 11 contest against

Edmonds not available in time for publication.

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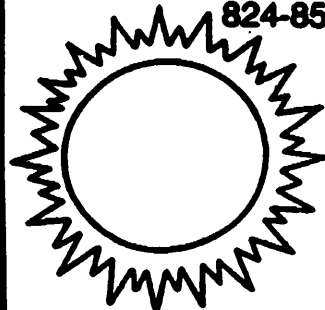
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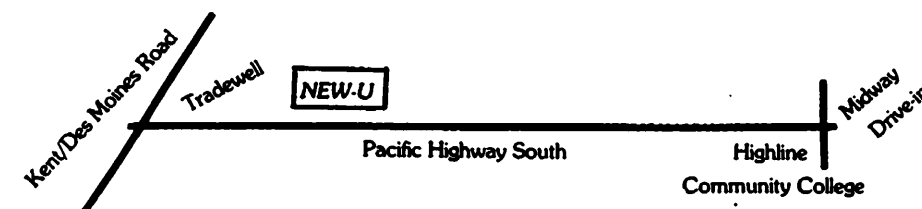
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