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By Linda Bortwick

Teachers can be seen but not heard, could be the motto for Highline Community College. Unfortunately, students will soon be able to sit through an entire class without hearing the words or action of other students. Teachers and students are tests, a soundproof prototype classroom in Bldg. 10. The purpose of the prototype, according to Robert Fritchman, ICC facilities and operations director, is to test elements of the design that can get feedback from students and teachers before remodeling other buildings.

The $19,926 soundproof prototype room, better known as room 203, was the beginning of an extensive soundproofing project which may include a total of 11 buildings on campus.

Highline contract ed an architectural firm, Harris/Plaing, Inc., and an acoustic research and consulting firm, Dynamic Sciences, to measure and research sound levels inside the classrooms.

Measurements were taken during quarter 1986.

A 24 hour testing period the average noise level inside the classroom was around 71 dB, which is equivalent to average street noise.

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The HCC Board was established to write a master plan for Higher education in the state. It offers public buildings. The committee will consist of representatives from area high schools and universities, job training programs, and public libraries. The committee is scheduled to report on board at regular meeting.

The difference of opinion could be due to the material process according to Fritchman. "The human mind has the ability to react to the environment. If all noise is unpleasant, it will all the classrooms be "as good as room 203?" The present remodeling schedule includes buildings 2, 3, 4, 10, 12, 14, 17, 19, 21 and 22. Selection of buildings is based on location once certain buildings are completed.

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Assistant League For individuals of low and moderate income seeking education for better employment, but who have no other funding sources. Must be a King County resident, enrolled for 12 credits with a 3.0 GPA. Apply at least three weeks before quarter begins. This scholarship is available all year.

Central Washington University: No fee and merit scholarships are available to students who are attending Central Washington University. Deadline is December 15.

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Middle East conflict
Nuclear power is not the answer

By Michael Foote

The United States has subsidized blunder for common sense and the good President has taken another suggestion from those in the Pentagon that would lead us to test some of the high-priced hardware that all the workers have purchased during the recent Reagan Arms Build-up/Detente Reduction Plan.

The result is the installation of United States Navy vessels in that forgotten vacation spot that all of the people are talking about, the middle east.

Under the auspices of protecting the world oil supply from the intrusion of the evil forces of the Soviet Union, the United States has succeeded in doing something that no other country in the world can do.

The latest attempt by the United States to play policeman to the world is reminiscent in some ways to the fact of Theodore Roosevelt who sent the United States Navy around the world to announce our prowess on the high seas, the differences that is now, most countries know we have a Navy. The real question is will the vessels prove effective in case of attack? So far the jury is still out.

But if history has taught us anything it has shown that the best way to mobilize the American people to enter in unpopular war or "police action" is through the presence of the Navy to a trouble spot and the accidental or intentional destruction of a United States Naval vessel.

Yes the same accidental bombing that preceded the Vietnam conflict, the Spanish-American War, and the American entrance into WW I and WW II can with any luck drag us into the Great Oil War. Of course this war is not to be confused with the Gulf War of the late 60's early '70's. No this war will be better, this war offers the United States the opportunity to do something that no other country in the world can do.

The only thing that hasn't happened is the war hasn't escalated to the point were our fancy lasers and other sophisticated weaponry can be put to a test. That was the reason that we went there in the first place and we are going to stay until we can conduct some real test runs under the stress of real world conditions.

Dear Editor,

On Nov. 23rd, after invasions to the Legislative Luncheon (when faculty and administrators have the chance to meet with the students and express their concerns), I received the following reply, from someone on campus.

"I am sorry I can't attend as I will be out of town. My concerns: Educators are always talking about more!!! More pay! More funds! More education to others!! When will we learn economic efficiency?" I think about the problems we are facing. Can we give the people the education they need? And in what ways can we improve the system?"..."I am an employee of the university. I have a rather difficult task to perform."..."I am very concerned about the future of the university. It is possible in the future that there may be a deficit of funds."..."I am concerned about the future of the university. It is possible in the future that there may be a deficit of funds."

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Rumor has it, the Iraqis learned this trick from an advance party of Israelis who had been sent to Iraq to try to sell some of the weapons that the Iraqis had refused to buy since the Syrians sold everyone in the world about the "moderates" in the Ayatollah's government. It seems that some people in Iran were really mad that the cover up the "moderate" government was blown.

How can Iran even pretend to fight a Jihad with "moderals"? The only course of action is to let Iraq bomb us so that we would go back to the war against Iran. Thus showing the world that there were no "moderates" in Iran and guaranteeing the stability of the Ayatollah's government.

We have had a precedent of only siding with powers that bomb our ships in that area. This precedent was established when Israel boarded the USS Liberty for six hours in 1967. Of course we responded by shipping them greater and larger amounts of armaments and foreign aid. The logic of the United States is that they would do the same thing. And now not only are they getting protection and help from the United States but they were in the middle of it all.

The Soviets who used to be on the side of Iraq, and would have reflagged the Kuwaiti ships if we had not, and that established our presence in the Persian Gulf, have finally realized their differences with the Ayatollah and have just recently signed a treaty with him. Thus, establishing the presence that brought us in to the Persian Gulf so prevent. It is so evident all our goals in the Persian Gulf have been accomplished. The question now is are we planning on going back to the blackboard and keep giving lectures. The only thing that hasn't happened is the war hasn't escalated to the point were our fancy lasers and other sophisticated weaponry can be put to a test. That was the reason that we went there in the first place and we are going to stay until we can conduct some real test runs under the stress of real world conditions.

Don't worry, as soon as President Reagan says we will not be forced out of the Gulf under any circumstances, go down to the docks, the boys will be home within three or four days.
Grin to the Holidays

Hannukah, lasting 8 days, is the Jewish Festival of Lights, a Feast of Dedication beginning the 25th day of the Hebrew month of Kislev, usually in December. Gifts are exchanged and contributions made to the poor. A candle is lit each evening during the Feast.

In Seattle there are the Christmas ships, which sail Puget Sound, Lake Union and Lake Washington while carolers on board sing to people gathered around bonfires on the shoreline. It has become the largest Christmas flotilla in the United States, often numbering 300 ships.

The Belgian Christmas is a special time, with the Feast of St. Nicholas, in December, celebrated by children in Belgium and other countries as well.

Chinese New Year is celebrated with a parade led by a large colorful dragon and fireworks sparkle in the air. Every culture celebrates the new year uniquely.

Festive traditions bring joy to the Holidays

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Zalig Kerfeest * Belgium
Froehliche Weihnachten * Germany
Feles Nevidad * Mexico
Gledelj Jul * Norway
Joyeux Noel * France
Merry Christmas * U.S.

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Arts and Entertainment

Constitutional celebration
Schram to host campus forum

By Karen Cooley

As part of the constitutional celebration, Ken Schram of KOMO's "Town Meeting" will host a town meeting on campus regarding privacy in the workplace and the rights of employers and employees.

Originally from New York, Schram has been working for KOMO for over 30 years. His career began in 1972 when he worked for the Los Angeles and Spokane television stations. Schram, who is also the Director of Education for KOMO radio and KOMO television, has hosted "Town Meeting" for the past six years.

Throughout his career, Schram's work has received many honors, including several awards from the Broadcast Industry Conference. Throughout his career, Schram has received many honors, including several awards from the Broadcast Industry Conference. Schram was awarded the "Town Meeting" Award for 1987.

The town meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 4 at 11:00 a.m. in Bldg. 262, room 213, and students are encouraged to participate in the audience. The video tape will be available for student viewing in the cafeteria following the meeting.

Kon Schram, host of KOMO's "Town Meeting," will be on campus for HCC's own town meeting on "Privacy in the Workplace."

Puppet Theater company presents Russian love story

By Karen Cooley

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The Tears of Joy Puppet Theater, founded in 1971, offers musical interpretation of classic love stories. In a carnival when Petrouchka, a clown, magically comes to life and falls in love with a ballerina. But she is in love with the strong and handsome Moore rather than mock and gentle Petrouchka.

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Revenge: Women's Volleyball steals conference

By Johanna Strader

On November 27th and the 28th in Yakima the Highline Women's volleyball team won their third straight conference championship.

For the first time since the tournament inception, a team that placed second in their division won the conference championship. Surprisingly, HCC defeated Skagit Valley, a team that handled the T-Birds their only two defeats of the season. Not surprising is the fact that HCC won yet another conference title as their reign continues as the Northwest Athletic Association Community College Champions.

Fullington also believes that team depth will be a determining factor in the season's success. All fifteen players will be back and there will be no major changes to the lineup. "The biggest change we will see is the loss of Claire Stagner," Fullington said. "She was a key player for us in last year's conference run."

The coaches Littlman and Wilson did not have the same expectation for this year. They knew that the team was good enough to compete for a conference title, but they did not think they could win it.

On the first day of the tournament, Skagit lost to HCC 15-3. On the second day, Skagit lost to HCC 15-2. The T-Birds then advanced to the finals against HCC in a men's winner-take-all game. Skagit needed to beat HCC twice in order to claim the title, but it was not to be.

In the first game of the finals, Skagit defeated HCC 15-9. Then Skagit's dominance and intensity surfaced. The next three games were all lost by Skagit 15-11, 15-12 and 15-1, consecutively, with the last game being HCC's stamp on Skagit's hopes.

"After we beat Clark I knew we were going to win the championship," said second year player Tina Washington. "I looked around at the players and saw the look in their eyes. I knew we were going to win."

Our intensity level has been building since we started this season," said junior Kebbs. "We just kept playing well together as a team."

At the tournament's conclusion, the conference teams were posted. Among the players the coach had been on was HCC's own Krebs and freshman Gina Ball. Washington was chosen on the second team. As of today, those honors were not enough for Krebs and Washington were named to the Northern Region's first team.

"It's absolutely incredible the knowledge these men have of the game," says Krebs. "They really know what they're doing, and they know how to get us psyched up. We're a team that has an amazing amount of our resources in these men."

In the six year tenure as coaches Littlman and Wilson have taken HCC to six tournament appearances, with four first place, a second place and a third place finish.

Although the women spent a lot of their time trying to help their coaches, they laugh when they say the two men are like night and day. John Littlman is considered the "enforcer", while John Wilson is called the "motivator".

With the experience, the motivation, the MVP, and the monster, HCC was bored to have the right stuff this year. Ending the season with 10-2 regional record and 5-0 tournament conference record the coaches probably have some nice words to say about their women, too.

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