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AIDS project initiated

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Members of the executive board of Northwest AIDS Project, incorporated, planned and initiated an AIDS education and awareness project. The project, called "Thundering Love Comes," is an increase in educational and awareness activities throughout the educational system and in the community.

The project will employ a five-month period funded by some volunteers, including Highline Community College students. The project is expected to receive a financial contribution of $20,000, with the bulk of the funding coming from the community.

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News

Workshop defines sexual harassment

By Laurel Ruizos
In an effort to comply with its policy to maintain a harassment-free work and study environment, HCC sponsored two two-hour sexual harassment prevention workshops on campus Jan. 13.

Susan Webb, principal of Pacific Resource Development Group, addressed issues such as what sexual harassment is, when it is unprotected, and what faculty and students can do to help students who come to them for help.

"There have been situations in which students dropped classes or dropped out of school altogether because of sexual harassment," stated Burr.

According to a study conducted by the Merit System Protection Board, 47 percent of the women said they had experienced sexual harassment. Fifteen percent of the men said they experienced it. Only two percent of men and women reported it, because they thought it would not help. The survey surveyed 19,500 male and female United States government employees.

In her presentation, Webb defined sexual harassment as a "deliberate or repeated behavior" of a sexual or sex-based nature which is unwanted, not asked for, and not recommended. The behavior can be verbal, non-verbal or physical. Verbal harassment includes sexual comments, jokes and innuendos. Non-verbal harassment can include suggestive looks, leering. Physical harassment includes pinches, accidental brushes against someone's body and "friendly" kiss.

Webb also stressed that everyone must be concerned about sexual harassment, because it is illegal under federal and state law. It is illegal for employers to require their employees to respond to their sexual advances in order to acquire a promotion or pay raise. In addition, those supervisors who know that harassment is occurring amongst their employees and do not take steps to stop it can be sued by the employee who is being harassed. Employees being harassed by supervisors may file suit immediately without allowing their employer to remedy the situation.

Losing a sexual harassment case is costly and damaging. The American Society of Personnel Administration found that there were 200 settlements or consent decrees between 1971 and 1982 totaling almost $25 million. The number of cases increased as the number of complaints increased.

According to the American Women's Legal Foundation, sexual harassment costs employers an estimated $1.5 billion annually.

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Aids program needs reform

"No other state has done this before. This project will make us great."

So began an introductory speech made by a representative of Highline College Student Union (HCSU) at a recent meeting to announce plans for "Something Love Can Do," a project to raise student awareness about AIDS.

Various local community colleges attended the meeting. HCSU hopes these schools would graciously agree to support "Something Love Can Do" and volunteer ideas and time.

When representatives of these schools said they already had AIDS projects planned on their own campuses and expressed doubts about their abilities to commit time and resources to HCSU's project, a member of the WCUU stated: "We don't want negative people involved."

The HCSU clearly did not have this meeting well thought-out. The project's organizers gave vague and sensitive answers to specific issues such as: from whom would funding come, how proceedings would be distributed, and what was to be accomplished (besides having names published in the Seattle Times.)

The logo itself indicates poor planning. "Something Love Can Do" is confusing and has several interpretations. The slogan could be interpreted as love causes AIDS, AIDS victims are not loved, or love can help solve AIDS. In any case, it means little.

Many things cause AIDS, love isn't one of them.

People representing themselves as campaigners for increased AIDS awareness ought to know specifics. According to the Seattle King County Department of Public Health, as of Jan. 4, 67 percent of AIDS cases are homosexual men, 25 percent intravenous drug users, 8 percent hemophiliacs, and 3 percent undetermined.

What is it that brings this recognition for initiating a first-time-ever project, but doesn't want criticism? The HCSU organizers interpret expectations for concrete answers as negative because they haven't done their homework and don't want to admit disorganization.

AIDS is a serious problem that affects us all. The time has come for a concerted and considered response -- not bandwagon politics.

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Opinion and comment

Supreme Court

Lessons in reality for high-schools

By Sandra Lemaire

In this great nation of ours we have a long history of leaving our gifts, as a society, to the young. In a period of war the young are left to fight the war. During times of youth the numbers are to aspire, and control. When compromise is the order of the day the youth must live with, and hope.

The years have come and gone, and many things have happened, some good, some bad, but the old maxim that "What it boils down to is the way we live with it, and hope." is still true.

The Supreme Court has recently been involved in a number of cases that have to do with the education of students. In the landmark case of Bethel School District v Frager, the Court ruled that a student's right to free speech does not extend to the use of profane language in the classroom.

In another case, Board of Education of Spring Arbor v. Demski, the Court upheld a ban on the use of commercial speech in schools.

These decisions have been controversial, and have led to a debate about the role of the Supreme Court in education. Some argue that the Court has overstepped its bounds in these cases, while others believe that the Court has acted correctly in order to protect the rights of students.

The Court's decisions have also raised questions about the role of the media in covering educational issues. Some担心 that the media is too focused on sensational stories, while others argue that the media is fulfilling its role as a watchdog for the public interest.

In any case, the Supreme Court's decisions on these cases have had a significant impact on the way that education is conducted in this country. The Court's rulings have led to a greater emphasis on the importance of free speech in schools, and have also highlighted the need for a careful balance between the rights of students and the needs of the educational community.
Health Service Center

How do you spell relief?

By Laurel Ruelos

Highline has what very few colleges offer—a health services center that gives students, faculty, and staff free health care.

Health Services, a branch of student services, provides care and treatments for minor illnesses and medical emergencies. Also provided are women’s health care and screenings for vision and hearing defects, mononucleosis, pregnancy, tuberculosis, high blood pressure and diabetes. Health counseling and immunizations are also available.

Another facet of the Health Service Center is health education through cassette tapes containing the latest health information and brochures, films, videos, and library materials.

Convenience and cost are two reasons the Health Service Center exists today.

“When you have a cold, nausea, vomiting, or think you are pregnant or have a sexually transmitted disease, you won’t be thinking well in your math class,” said Mary Lou Holland, coordinator and nurse practitioner. “If you can come to someplace convenient where you don’t have to miss two classes by going to a doctor’s appointment and paying a doctor what you’d pay to buy a textbook, it really helps the students in their academic.”

“It was convenient,” Debbie Fujita, HCC student said. “I went in for a throat culture and got the results and prescription the next day.”

“As a college health practitioner, Holland delivers primary, acute, or chronic care and conducts physical exams, lab tests, and diagnostic procedures. She also initiates selected treatments and refers patients to a physician or community health agency if there should be a problem in diagnosing an illness or something Holland just can’t handle.

“The diseases that affect healthy people aren’t that bad, so a nurse practitioner can handle that,” Holland said. “You don’t need a doc sitting around here.”

Other members of the Health Services staff include Sandra Hall, certified medical assistant and Dr. Robert Vance, medical consultant.

Holland mentioned only two schools other than HCC that have a health services center, Bellevue Community College and Clark College in Vancouver, B.C.

“When those who have services wouldn’t give them up for anything,” said Holland. “Every time they want to close that department down, the students get up in arms—it’s cheaper to walk in here, find out if you’re really dying, and if you’re not, it’s no charge.”

HCC’s own health services was also faced with the threat of closure following several budget cuts approximately five years ago. Health Services was forced to give up its evening hours and cut staff members.

The Health Services Center receives a set budget from HCC general fund monies, and does not receive money from student activities funds, which are mostly given to athletics.

“We would come into the department and say ‘I don’t play basketball and I don’t wrestle and I don’t have a child in the Child Care Center, but I do use Health Services and that’s where I would like my money to go,’” said Holland.

“We’re just on a set budget,” said Holland. “We’re on a budget line just like counseling.”

“Dr. Gordon realizes the importance of this department for academic success.” Holland said.

Health Services is located in Bldg. 6 Room 116, right next to Campus Security. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday with the hours of 8 a.m. to 12 noon reserved for “drop in” patients. The service is closed from 12 noon to 1 p.m. and open 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. for appointments only.

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Dave Wopat: Mr. High-Tech Entertainment

By Leah Whitsett

Although it was a relatively small crowd that gathered in the student lounge on Thursday, Jan. 14, by the end of the show Dave Wopat had developed an excellent rapport with his audience, and provided a wonderfully entertaining lunch break.

The high-tech, pop-rock style and personable nature of Wopat helped develop an audience participation that played a large part of his show. Participation went as far as to include two audience members doing back-up singing and dancing to Wopat’s version of My Girl. “First, I am an entertainer and then I am an artist,” said Wopat to describe his showmanship.

His casual manner was reflected through his blue jeans and red hair. Wopat introduced his back-up band, which was a Disk Drive Ensemble with eight programmed tracks, including “Deny” the computer drummer. This instrument makes his performance sound as if he has eight musicians on stage with him.

Wopat programs all of the tracks into the Disk Drive Ensemble himself, as well as performing much of the keyboards, guitar, and all the vocals to make this a genuine one-man band. His set consisted of several well-known favorites such as Howard Jones’ No One is in Blame, and Bruce Springsteen’s Trapped, along with many originals, including a few comic numbers. One of his humorous originals, I’m In Love with the McDonald’s Girl, described his love as “an angel in her polyester uniform.”

Wopat has been playing the college circuit since 1982, as well as being an opening act for such artists as Robert Klein and Louie Mandrell. In 1984, he was honored with the Campus Entertainment Award. The award, which was established by the National Association for Campus Activities, brings national recognition to performers in the college market.

Bob Smith and Livewire: A Message to Live By

By Tom Christian

On Jan. 28, motivational speaker Bob Smith teamed with the Christian rock band Livewire to turn the lecture hall into a forum for encouragement and entertainment.

Smith and Livewire took the stage for alternating increments of about 10 minutes apiece throughout the one-and-a-half hour show. This format was designed to keep the audience interested, and it seemed to work. Bob’s messages were succinct but thought provoking, and the band was high-energy, pop style with a bit of a blues feel.

Studying, HQS, Highlife concert and dance chair, was pleased with the presentation. “What I’m trying to do is offer concerts for everybody,” she declared, noting that Craig Carnes, a famous man student, has been booked for Feb. 9.

Smith, a former Highlife student, invited the audience to take notes during his lecture on goal-setting and positive beliefs. He cited at least five proven methods to support his plan for setting goals and believing that you can achieve them. “As a man thinks in his heart, so is he,” he quoted, and “a companion of fools will at num.”

His set consisted of several popular songs and up-tempo dance hits. The highlight of Livewire’s performance came near the end of the show, when the band played the hymn We Pray For You, ab t: Lord in choir, 1940s, 1950s beach, Nashville, contemporary versions, combining musical ability with acting talent.

The network newcomer’s most talented young news producer, Jane Craig (Holly Hunter), the charismatic, nearly perfect anchorman, Tom Grant (William Hurt), and a top reporter whose incendiality makes him a social outcast, Aaron Alman (Albert Brooks). The networks is an all-out fight for ratings, ready to do anything to increase their viewer count. Soft news stories are more frequently seen dominating the air space instead of the previous hard news specials. A new juicy opening theme is created. But with the hiring of a young, charming, handsome anchorwoman, the news turned into show-business with all its dazzle. This is the same situation television news broadcasting is facing today, and the basis of the story behind Broadcast News.

Broadcast News is not old-hat

By Diane Baumgart

Broadcast News was produced, written, and directed by James L. Brooks (Terms of Endearment, The Mary Tyler Moore Show). Holly Hunter, Albert Brooks, and William Hurt play the three leading characters. Audience of Terms of Endearment, Polly Plan (executive producer), Penney Finnelman (co-producer), Richard Marks (film editor) and Kristi Zea (an director) rejoiced Brooks to make this a successful production.

The plot centers around a network newcomer’s most talented young news producer, Jane Craig (Holly Hunter), the charismatic, nearly perfect anchorman, Tom Grant (William Hurt), and a top reporter whose incendiary makes him a social outcast, Aaron Alman (Albert Brooks). The networks is an all-out fight for ratings, ready to do anything to increase their viewer count. Soft news stories are more frequently seen dominating the air space instead of the previous hard news specials. A new juicy opening theme is created. But with the hiring of a young, charming, handsome anchorwoman, the news turned into show-business with all its dazzle. This is the same situation television news broadcasting is facing today, and the basis of the story behind Broadcast News.

Broadcast News finds its drama and comedy within the lives of its main characters in a dramatic triangle, where work, sex, and love get hopelessly confused.

Broadcast News is a very emotional and thought-provoking film. You find yourself rooting for first one and then another character. You feel as if you know how to straighten out this mess, but there is no way for it to work. Life just goes on and the answers don’t get any easier.
Thunderbirds suffer first defeat

By Teresa Nasb

The Bellevue Community College Helmsmen defeated the Highline Thunderbirds Saturday, January 23, in a close and well-played game before a crowd of approximately 300. The final score was Bellevue 82, Highline 76.

According to Coach Fred Harrison, the principle he has taught his team to play by is “save your best for the best.” Bellevue is indisputably the best team in the league, and while they are physically superior to the T-Birds and exceptionally talented overall, Coach Harrison believed Friday that they could be beaten.

Harrison’s strategy to control the tempo of the game was to force Bellevue to play defense. “We can’t allow them to run, and we can’t allow second shots.” The T-Birds were to play every shot, every drive and prevent the Helmsmen from fast-breaking north-south charges.

During the first half, the T-Birds were using this strategy successfully. Highline was playing a man-to-man defense. According to Harrison, “it’s too good of an offense to play zone.” Sophomore Matt Grant, no. 23, wasn’t able to maintain control of the ball twice from Bellevue, resulting in extra scoring.

The score at the halftime break was Highline 44, Bellevue 35. Bellevue was shooting 44% of their shots from the floor and 43% from the free-throws. Highline was hitting 53% from the floor and 67% from the free-throw line. Bellevue had two players, Maurice Riggs and Sheldon Baker, with three fouls against them. The Helmsmen came out of the locker room more than ready to take over. The T-Birds were caught unawares while the Helmsmen demonstrated their team in fast-breaking back-to-back goals.

From this point on, the T-Birds lost their edge and could never quite again control the game. With six and a half minutes left to play, the score was Bellevue 66, Highline 59. Crucial rebounding possession was not capitalized upon by Highline, and Bellevue retained control.

A foul at 20 seconds was the beginning of a string of errors that helped to defeat the T-Birds. The score of 79-72 was soon 80-74.

At five seconds, another foul by Highline brought the score to 85-76. A desperation last shot by Highline bounded high off the rim, giving no other chance for a score. Both teams were undefeated in league play leading into Friday’s game. Bellevue had been averaging 100 points per game, Highline 77. Highline’s opponents have normally averaged 67 points per game.

While there is no администрация changes to the games for students and children, attendance at community college games is notably small, comprised mainly of parents. Highline has a transient population, with kids in and out allegiance to the team. There is no drawing power, local interest.

Ex-Stars player Jim McAllister speaks at Highline

By Beth Holverstott

Jim McAllister, retired Seattle Sounder and MSL. Stars soccer player, appeared at Highline Community College on Tuesday, January 19, in Bldg. 7, to discuss the sport’s past, present and future hopes for the state of Washington and it’s evolution for the country.

Jim McAllister began his presentation to the small group of interested students and faculty who were there to listen to him, by showing a video which included excerpts from Seattle Sounders games and highlighted some of the excitement of the Stars 1986-87 championship season, with the best record of 18 wins on the road.

This year, as explained by McAllister, the Stars can’t seem to generate the motivation needed to win on the road. “A lot of times you don’t feel like playing,” McAllister said. “It’s a lack of motivation. Those who do play the better players are the ones who can spend time mentally preparing themselves, who have a positive attitude, and visualize themselves doing well.”

McAllister went on to explain how evasion is important not just for the player, but also for the fans and the entire community of Tacoma. He noted that professional sports has a big positive impact on the city’s local merchants and businesses, which is a major reason a city will fight to keep its teams in the area.

Although soccer has in recent years been dominated by foreign players, there is evidence that this trend is changing. For example, there are 77,000 youth signed up to play soccer through the Washington State Youth Soccer Association, and it is considered the number one participating sport in the state.

Good Hammer, a Highline accountant, explained that he enjoyed watching McAllister play because he is a local product, being raised in Tacoma, and it was always nice to see an American on the team in the midst of the foreign players. “He was a good player,” Hammond said, “it was patriotic in a sense.”

The interest in this evolving sport is not confined to just the younger generation. Washington state is the third leading state of adult soccer, behind only New York and California. However, Washington state has the highest ratio, five to one, of more adults actually playing than any other. “I have all the confidence in the world that soccer is going to continue to grow in popularity,” McAllister said.

McAllister feels that soccer at the college level could be a "tremendous sport" for local colleges. "The correct facilities would need to be provided for indoor soccer, as well as McAllister said. "Bellevue College could play at any time during the day giving many an opportunity to participate as well as providing extra facilities for other intramural sports."

He explained how indoor soccer is much more exciting than outdoor soccer because it's smaller, there are more power plays, and more goals are scored. The Tacoma Stars will be hosting the MISL All Star game on Feb. 17 at the Tacoma Dome. McAllister feels that this will be a real boost for Tacoma as the top players in the league from all over the U.S. come to share their talents.

There will be warm-up events the night before Feb. 16, including a star shot, the MISL equivalent to the slam dunk. It will highlight some of the skills of the players as they compete one on one for the most spectacular goal. There will also be a musical presentation by a variety of bands from local areas.

Northwest Umpires now accepting applications

The Northwest Baseball Umpires Association is now accepting applications for baseball umpires. These umpires call games at all levels including high school and college, from west to east. Applications must be in by February 19. For further information contact Phil Jordan at 327-6290.

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Former Olympic passes on experiences

By Ron Hansen
Jim Gardiner, art and photography teacher at HCC, knows it takes commitment and perseverance, in years past as well as today, to participate and succeed in an Olympic team.

In 1956, Gardiner competed in the Olympic Games in Australia as a member of the United States rowing team. He left the games with a silver medal.

A year later Gardiner won a national championship in the United States. The victory qualified him to compete in the European championships as a member of the first American crew team ever to compete in that championship.

Gardiner then trained for the 1960 Olympic trials. He took second place in the nationals, and went on to qualify to the games in Rome, Italy.

In 1968 he managed the rowing team at the Mexican City Games. "Rowing is kind of what we call a hidden sport," stated Gardiner. "There's no spectator appeal to it, and so it's a real tough sport."

Gardiner began rowing as a junior in college in Detroit, Michigan. Some members of a local rowing club, who were training for the 1952 Olympic trials, approached him and encouraged him to join.

For the next six months Gardiner trained for the Olympic trials in a sport he knew very little about. The team took a surprising third place in the United States nationals. "Looking back on it, it was pretty good. At the time I was a little discouraged. I thought we were going to get on the Olympic team."

Gardiner's encouragement convinced him to keep training in 1953, but the following year he came back and won a national championship. "I've seen the sport go from more of an amateur status to much more professionalism. It's much more organized, much more insane."

The chairman of the United States rowing team noticed him at the 1953 nationals and encouraged him to go into the service and be stationed where he could train for the 1956 Olympics.

"I've sem the sport change dramatically over the years. In many ways, he was part of those changes."

"The main emphasis around the boat room is that we train hard and have a great deal of spectator appeal to it, and so it's a real tough sport."

"We had the photo (the photo) is the luckiest thing to happen to me," said Headly. He was on top of the Space Needle on July 4, 1987 when he noticed a rainbow moving across the horizon and took the photo. "I was so excited I didn't know what to do."

"I think the value of competition is probably as good, a little bit better today than in my day. But in my day they were real good too. They haven't really surpassed that much." Gardiner coached crew for ten years at Seattle University. He believes there is a direct relationship between success in athletics and success in academics. "I think that if you work hard and persevere in athletics do well, so do those who put time and effort into studying."

"You kind of see that in the classroom. You see students who

HCC student profits from lucky photo

By Matt Eigert
Jim Headly, 19, has almost everything a person could want, a great poster that is selling around Seattle and Sea-Tac Mall, his own photography business, and all of it is because of a turn of luck.

"On the whole more good luck than bad has happened to me. But this (the photo) is the luckiest thing to happen to me," said Headly.

The luck was the a major contributing factor in taking the photo turned poster, said Headly.

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