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New parking? Not in the near future

David Wellington
Staff Reporter

Spilling over onto the black-top of Highline Community College's lower north parking lot, the new dirt and gravel deposits have been the result of noticeably increased activity by dump trucks within the past several days.

According to Robin Fritchman, director of facilities and operations for HCC, the filling of the area running adjacent to the North parking lot exit has occurred approximately 10 years. The dumping has mainly consisted of several small loads. The last large scale filling occurred a couple of years ago when City Transfer brought up fill dirt from its excavation of an area on 247th for a Puget Power station.

The objective of the filling, as explained by Fritchman, is to extend the lower portion of the present lot and shore up the end for possible added parking sometime in the future.

The availability of free fill dirt provided for the increase in dumping activity. Central Bulldozing had been removing the dirt and sand from a site in Kent where

a new King County park is being built. Needing the free fill, Highline allowed it to be deposited on its premises.

Does the increased activity

mean that there will soon be relief to the overcrowded parking space problem? Probably not. According to Dr. Shirley Gordon, president of HCC, "Getting additional

parking is one of our top priorities." However, she went on to explain that no one had a final date when new parking could be created. Money seems to be the deciding factor. "The parking fees have no way of covering that kind of cost," Gordon said.

When compared to the amount of spaces added, that cost makes the plan for the extension of the North parking lot unfeasible according to Jack Chapman, campus police chief. A professional surveyor who inspected the grounds below the north parking lot before the recent fill, said the space would accommodate no more than 41 parking spots.

"Because it would cost approximately \$41,000 to install the 41 spots, and because only 30 new spaces could be provided, the extension plan is considered infeasible," Chapman said.



Anthony Ueggi / Thunderword
A Central Bulldozing truck navigates a speed bump on the North parking lot access road.

Campus visited by winter

Diana Baumgart
Senior Reporter

Who braved the cold? Even though Highline Community College was open Friday, Feb. 3, few would hardly know. Enduring icy streets and bitter cold, students stumbled, slipped and slid to the student lounge. The main topic was "Why are we here? How soon can we go home?" Although the campus was dusted as a white desert in quiet and beauty, most classes ran with less than 20 percent of the normal classroom load.

Ann Spires, writing instructor, said, "On snow days, coming in as a teacher is exciting. You know that those students that arrive are the fittest of the fittest."

But whether students came to school Friday or not, all students and faculty had two unexpected days off. In addition to Martin Luther King's Birthday Jan. 16 and President's Day, Feb. 20, Feb. 1 and 2 have become vacation days this winter quarter.

According to Dr. Ed Command, HCC vice president, the school year will not be extended to make



Diana Baumgart / Thunderword
The campus shows the effects of two days of snow.

up for the lost snow days. "If we did that we would have to do that for winter quarter, and that would extend into spring break. Spring quarter will be a different set of classes and students. It's not like the public schools. Let's just hope we don't miss any more days."

Not everyone missed getting to the campus on those snow days, however. The switchboard operator answered "lots of phone calls asking if we were open," said Ronda O'Brien switchboard operator lead. "Those of us who were here were very, very busy;

the rest of you were out playing in the snow."

The custodians came in on Wednesday to help out, as well as the maintenance crew. Together they fought the uphill battle of clearing snow from the walkways. "We went around making sure all buildings were locked and checked that the water was running so it wouldn't freeze up," commented Sonny Todd, a custodian.

Maintenance crews fought the battle of the snow with special ice scraping snow blades fitted to the two John Deere garden tractors HCC uses for clearing snow off the sidewalks. They also used some rock salt and a de-icer in spots. A new addition to the maintenance equipment this year was a one-ton dump truck also fitted with a snow plow. The truck plowed the parking lot and spread sand to make driving safer.

Gary Sampson, marketing coordinator, said, "I was particularly surprised when the college said that their natural gas supply was cut off."

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News

Inflation puts students in bind

Karin Weichert
Senior Reporter

The Federal Student Aid Program has not kept pace with inflation and the sky-rocketing cost of a college education. The Congressionally approved increases to financial aid programs have had little impact on college students.

Since 1980 the cost of attending an institution of higher learning has risen as much as 40.7 percent at private universities and 21.8 percent at the community college level. That is a rate of increase approximately 30 percent faster than family income and disposable personal income which have gained only 5.3 percent to 15.1 percent, respectively.

The federal minimum wage has not been increased to compensate for inflation since 1981. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, inflation has risen 29 percent since 1981, making the minimum wage of \$3.35 an hour in 1981 dollars worth only \$2.39 in today's economy. Many college students are forced to work these low paying jobs due to their limited educational background and time. For these students, financial

Jeff Abrahamson, Highline's Director of Financial Aid offers this advice to applicants "Students who want to be considered for financial aid for the 1989-90 school year should apply by our priority deadline of April 1st. I encourage students to file their 1988 tax return early and then complete the Financial Aid Form. Four year schools may have an earlier deadline. Students who are transferring will want to apply by the priority deadline of the school they will attend next year."

"If a student needs help completing the form, he or she can attend an application workshop or go to the sixth floor of the library and view a video tape on completing the FAF. If the Financial Aid Form is completed accurately there is less chance of delay in receiving funds."

According to the U.S. Department of Education and the Higher Education Coordinating Board, federal student aid has increased 24 percent since 1980, but a national profile of all states published by the college board in 1987 shows a decrease of 19.4 percent in federal grant aid, and a decrease of 22 percent in work study aid for the same time period.

source of increase in federal aid as loan programs: up 13.4 percent. (The figures shown are in 1982 dollars and if adjusted for inflation would appear even more discouraging).

According to Abrahamson, "There have been improvements in the financial aid delivery system. The system for the most part works well for students qualify-

ing for aid. Most financial aid offices have become computerized which has speeded up the up the application process."

Seventy-six percent of all financial aid received by students in Washington state is either appropriated or backed by the federal government. Although Washington state financial aid is up 179 percent since 1981, state aid

comprised less than 13 percent of all need-based, state-funded financial aid available in Washington in the 1986-87 academic year.

"There has been an increased emphasis on loans rather than grants or work-study during the past several years," said Abrahamson.

"I would like to see increased emphasis on grants and work-study rather than loans. Many students are getting to heavily indebted."

In the 1970s grants made up the largest part of all student aid. By 1986 grants in Washington State dropped to 34 percent giving way to loans which now make up more than 50 percent of all student aid in the state of Washington.

According to Abrahamson, loans may not be a feasible alternative for many students. "We have seen a significant reduction during the past two years of student borrowing because the Guaranteed Student Loan eligibility requirements have become more restrictive."

College students dependent upon federal funds for their continued education can only wait and see if President Bush's vision of a "kinder and gentler nation" applies to them.



/ P.I.O.

Jeff Abrahamson of the Financial Aid Department.

Snow blankets Highline campus

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HCC has a contract with Washington Natural Gas Company called an interruptible service schedule. This contract offers lower rates to HCC; however, this means Washington Natural Gas has the right, depending on the supply and demand of natural gas, to shut off service to HCC and all other customers holding this contract.

This was the first time since the mid 1970s that this contract has been enforced, but HCC was not caught off guard. With an underground oil tank which holds 10,000 gallons of oil, HCC switched to oil for heating on Wednesday. The supply lasts approximately seven days, with an average use of 1,200 gallons a day to maintain the heat in the 37 buildings on campus.

HCC did sustain minor pipe freezing problems but nothing major. With further thawing, HCC's maintenance crews are keeping their fingers crossed. "I would presume we would know by now of any problems, but there are always those hidden gremlins," Stan Shaw, grounds maintenance supervisor said. "Gremlins usually wait until the middle of the night and you are asleep. Then security gives you a call. And that's when gremlins change into monsters."

The weather reports that the worst of our cold weather seems to be over. "We are not forecasting any addition snowfall at this time," reported Doug McConnel of the U.S. Weather Bureau. "The total snowfall in the Seattle area was from three inches to nine inches. Temperatures are beginning to warm back up with mostly sunny weather for the next couple of days. We are not expecting any precipitation through Saturday," he said.

Despite the bitter cold and winds, this was the best snow for sledding we have had in a long time. But four people, a record number, died in sledding accidents—three in King County and one in Tacoma. The children in Tacoma were being towed by the father, and as the inner tube whipped around a corner it hit a fire hydrant. The accident in Auburn on 288th happened when a truck could not stop as the sled went through an intersection. The daughter of Norm Maleng, King County prosecutor, hit a parked car while sliding on an inner tube. A young girl in Shoreline hit a rockery and was thrown from the sled.

Closer to HCC, Linda Baker, journalism department head, experienced the trauma of this year's sledding. "Kids can get hurt before you know it and in ways you don't even expect," she said. "My three-year old slid under a parked car on her plastic saucer, injuring her head and back on the bumper

and tires even though there were two adults and five kids close to her. It happened so quickly. She was not seriously hurt, but that was luck. It could have been far worse."

Though no one is out sledding now, Mary Lou Holland, coordinator, health services, HCC nurse, advises people to take care when they're out, even with the sun shining. "Hats on the head, gloves on the hands, and proper footwear. Keep the heat in the body. Although it might not seem very fashionable for our young people to do that, when you protect the skin from the weather you maintain the integrity of the skin. You don't have to put up with later unhappy consequences," she said.

With the snow disappearing, those who didn't venture out will be doing so for the first time in a few days. Drive defensively, advises Ed Rector, campus police sergeant. "I'd tell everyone to use common sense when driving in winter weather with ice and snow. Slow down, excessive speed brings trouble," said Rector. "Watch out for the other fellow, assume the other driver is going to do something stupid." We have all seen the unhappy results of inattention and tailgating.

As for the lost snow days which students and faculty spent elsewhere other than in classrooms, Command said those days will have to be made up by the administrative classified staff in one of

the following ways: 1) They can take days as vacation; 2) If permitted by their supervisors, they can work different, extra hours to make up for the lost days; or 3) They can take the days as leave without pay.

When the college is open and people don't show up that's a different ballgame, Command said. Instructors of evening classes will be asked to extend their class-time hours. Full-time day instructors will be asked to meet with individual students to work out the best plan, "perhaps special study sessions," Command said.

Command stated full time instructors may contract with the students for make up time, either by special arrangements or extended office hours. It would be impossible for a day time instructor to extend day classes even 15 minutes, since it would overlap on another class. However evening instructors can easily extend class time hours 15 minutes each meeting to make up the lost time.

Science Instructor Brian Hosey stated that "as a person, I think the snow is wonderful. As an instructor I think the students deserve every hour of class time they pay for; part-time and full-time instructors should make this time up to the students." He added, "I feel the college should view the part-time and full-time instructors/students as the same entity."

According to a memo sent out

by John Hurley, director of personnel, the guidelines for administrators, exempt employees, and classified supervisors who were not required to work Feb. 1 and 2 are as follows: 1) They either can take annual leave or personal holiday or previously accrued compensatory time; 2) They can take leave without pay; or 3) They can make up work time lost during a 90-day period immediately following the suspended days of operation. Each area supervisor will determine how and when the time will be made up, with a record kept of the hours. Employees should submit their hours to their supervisors, and each area will be accountable for maintaining the records of this makeup time.

The cold spell of 1989 was a record breaker in more ways than one. Recorded temperatures for Seattle area were the following Coldest High Feb. 2-18%, Feb. 3-20%, Feb. 4-31%, Feb. 5-34%, the lows were Feb. 4-7%, Feb. 5-14%, Feb. 6-18%, Feb. 7-20%. Outlying areas were even more severe. February of '89' has left its mark.

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News

What's all this shakin' goin' on?

Leah Canton
Staff Reporter

On Feb. 5, in Skagit County, 60 miles north of Seattle, an earthquake measuring 3.6 on the Richter scale was felt by the residents of Burlington and Mt. Vernon.

On Jan. 30 a quake of 1.4 magnitude shook Kirkland. One person reported feeling it.

On Jan. 17 a quake centered in Kirkland jostled northeast Seattle and several Eastside communities at 5:55 a.m. It measured 2.8 to 3 on the Richter scale.

And on Jan. 13, 10 tremors occurred in the same Kirkland area. Of those 10, only three were felt. These quakes were recorded by the University of Washington Seismology Department.

Is all the recent seismic activity foreshadowing the impending "big one" geologists have warned us about? Washington has various faults crisscrossing the state. In the Puget Sound area there are several faults; the shallow fault zone believed responsible for the Jan. 13 and 17 tremors extends through Snohomish County to Lake Washington, as far east as Bellevue and Bothell, and south through Tacoma.

There is also a West Seattle fault, and on the more dangerous side there's the deeper Olympic fault which runs west through Shelton and Bremerton. This fault was responsible for the 1965 quake which killed six people and measured 6.5 on the Richter scale. It's likely that this fault will be the culprit when the next major earth-

quake rocks the Puget Sound area.

According to Bob Adams, Highline Community College geologist, "It's highly unlikely the tremors are anything other than a routine release of strain occurring on these shallower faults."

The pressure buildup of these shallow faults accumulate as the North American Plate (underneath Washington) and the Juan de Fuca Plate (in the Pacific Ocean) are constantly pushing against one another.

Despite the multitude of faults in the Puget Sound area, we seldom feel tremors. Apparently, cities and towns in Puget Sound such as Bellevue, Seattle, and Tacoma are built mostly on glacial till, the next best thing to bedrock. This muffles most of the vibration which occurs when the

plates rub together some 30 miles below our surface.

Adams surmises that a major quake will happen sometime within 10 and 15 years, with a magnitude up to 8 on the Richter

scale. That's something to be concerned about. The amount of energy released in a quake of that magnitude would equal 12,000 Hiroshima-type atomic bombs or about 240 million tons of TNT.

THE RICHTER SCALE

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TWO DAYS OFF...

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They have the gall to proclaim "Education is a top priority." Do you think your instructors will make arrangements to meet you at Denny's for the extra two hours of instruction they owe you? Not a chance.

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Too many students at HCC!

Beverly Ott
Senior Reporter



Long lines, already filled classes and 60 cancelled courses greeted Highline Community College students registering winter quarter. Did the administration at HCC plan for this enrollment glut? The answer is yes. Could they have done much about it? The answer is no.

Currently the administration estimates how many students will apply each quarter. So far, each quarter has exceeded estimates. Dr. Command, vice president of HCC, said, "Part of the enrollment problem is HCC's basic philosophy, which is anyone can apply, and that's the

way it should be. If you find a class, take it, although you may have to be flexible and take your second or third choices."

Owen Cargol, dean of instruction, said in the Federal Way News, "Legislators in 1983 agreed that university and college enrollment was getting out of hand, that the state budget could not deal with the demands. A resulting enrollment cap on colleges meant slicing the schedule."

A memo dated Aug. 2, 1988, from the State Board for Community College Education to Shirley Gordon, president of HCC, said, "In response to your request for additional 'upper tolerance' on enrollment going the second year of the biennium, Highline's new maximum level for the biennium is 4,651 FTEs (full time students), 46 addi-

tional. This is less than the 58 you requested; but is a share of the amount we had available within the total system 'tolerance pool.'"

Part of the increase in enrollment is because colleges such as Western and the University of Washington announced they were closing registration early for fall quarter, forcing more students to attend community colleges. There are 83,300 students enrolled in Washington's 27 community colleges.

With the increase being felt at all community colleges, the legislature should be persuaded to increase enrollment levels and spending. All concerned students and administrators should send their legislator letters stating their frustration and disappointment in the lack of support for community colleges.



Students still waiting since 1965 in registration lines for their classes. / P.O.

An ice way to meet people

David Wellington
Staff Reporter



I think everyone has fond memories of Mr. Rogers and his neighborhood. I know that I do, especially his golden rule. However, I always wish I could be wilder with that rule. One day he sang while making his sweater. "Won't you be my neighbor?" This past snowy Monday was given living examples of what he was asking. Community college over the state were getting a little closer to their fellow man. Without waiting for an answer to the now asked question, many began sliding dangerously near their neighbor's \$1400 paint job right at this moment.

It was rather surprising to note the difference in attitude in the attitude of the community. Actually, it does seem like they were all really lightens its attitude. "What do you mean do have insurance?" "I don't think I have one only because that's the way the total value of the other cars is then \$700. "Yes sir, I do have insurance," is

the most appropriate answer when the question has just stepped out of the State Patrol.

It is during friendly times like these that one learns the blessings of organization. While standing beside the undamaged car of the assailant, a number of unkind words form in your head as the other driver searches frantically in his glove compartment for the registration. The temperature never exceeds 20 degrees. You are probably standing outside of your car which is freezing over every time a breath of air forms soft crystals of ice delicately tangle your ankles.

Never does the insurance accident take place in a safe environment. While standing there looking at the other car's undamaged front end, you are whizzing by, shaking your clothing with a rush. You can visualize the unrestrained registration being pulled forth and deposited on the tire tread that has just been checked on your chest.

Of course, above situation only if you are driving your own vehicle. In an emergency scenario, many people find themselves confronted with

similar problems in a different environment, using one's car to move the car. In this situation, your motorist your aunt Bess, or your best friend, is the one to blame. You are blessed with an array of choices. You could keep on driving to the hospital and hope that the friend is so pleased to see you he forgets the debt. Or you could stop, cash your registration as if it's FBI identification, and pray the gentleman can't ask any questions. You can't, of course, but you can't think of a way to let the angry driver know that you and your aunt Bess are always the option of stopping by the body shop on the way home and letting the car be repaired. Unfortunately, not only did you spend your last dime on the registration but it will take a total of a week to repair the minor damage.

After rapidly sifting through all of the options, your time runs out. The man has just stepped out of the car with a baseball bat and is standing on your window. As you don't run, your only options are: get out and face the man or wait till the men in blue come along.

Editorials

Uncle George moves in

Kallen Jenne
Senior Reporter



It's finally happened—I am in love with a standing president. I was fairly concerned with the election of George Bush, but all of my fears have dissipated. I now have the clear vision of George Bush as a kindly uncle who comes to Christmas dinner, bearing apple pie and candied yams.

Sometimes he wears really horrendous plaid suits and mistakenly thinks it is Thanksgiving, but overall he's a real amiable guy. He agrees with everyone even if it is a bad idea and he isn't afraid to look stupid.

Aunt Barb is a kindly old lady with a slight mustache problem who always wears red, white and blue cotton dresses. She really doesn't have a bad bone in her body and volunteers to help the less fortunate. After Christmas dinner we all play pinochle and laugh at Uncle George's jokes about farm life in the Midwest.

And their kids are so kind and obedient, never talking back or stepping out of line.

Three days after Christmas, you are sure to get thank you



notes from each and every member of the Bush clan. They are all so adorable, you just have to like them.

Hey, and his politics aren't all that bad either. I mean what is a covert war or two? So what if he has expressed an interest in expanding the CIA's role in Nicaraguan government. I mean it isn't such a bad thing if he wants to do it by blowing off the heads of innocent civilians. I mean who really cares if the CIA becomes synonymous with the words "Gestapo" and "terrorism."

And hey, so what if he deals drugs on the side? I mean George Washington grew hemp, didn't he? I mean drugs are as American as apple pie, Chuv-it-or-leave-it-lay, and Barbara Bush's

red, white and blue. Isn't it just a slight bit ironic that he says that the American drug epidemic is a major concern of his administration and yet he has been linked with over 30 major drug dealers?

And who wouldn't entrust the Presidency to Uncle George, who once said to Ferdinand Marcos, the former president of the Philippines — and an all-around nice guy to boot — "We salute you for your adherence to the ideals of democracy." I mean Uncle George must have a grand vision of Thomas Jefferson, doesn't he? So what if he thinks the Constitution is only for the few and shouldn't exist at all if the NSC believes the country is in jeopardy?

And what's Uncle George's view on abortion? Well, if abortion is murder, it is obviously premeditated. And, in this country, we punish first-degree, premeditated murder with execution. Therefore, abortionists, and the women utilizing their services, should be sentenced to death. Nice. What about the men, accomplices to this dastardly deeds?

Well, we only have 1,460 days left until we can install a new dope in the White House. Just don't let it be Dan Quayle. PLEASE don't let it be Dan Quayle.

Letters to the Editor

Truman first to send troop's to Vietnam

Editor, THUNDERWORD
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Dear Editor:

The answer to the second question in the "HCC Thunderword Cultural Literacy Poll" (January 27, 1989) is debatable. President Lyndon B. Johnson is usually credited with sending the "first combat troops to Vietnam" in 1965. However, the first U.S. troops in Vietnam were the OSS teams (Office of Strategic Services) that parachuted into Indochina (Vietnam) during World War II, shortly before the death of President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Beginning with the Presidency of Harry S. Truman, the first uniformed U.S. military "advisers" or "military assistance" until President Johnson approved deployment of the 9th Marine Expeditionary Brigade to Da Nang on February 25, 1965—the first U.S. ground combat units in Vietnam. On June 26, 1965 General William C. Westmoreland was authorized to "commit U.S. troops to combat."

For more information about American troops in Vietnam, and to increase the percentage for question number 2, I recommend History 246, "Vietnam: The War Years, 1945-1975," scheduled Fall Quarter.

Sincerely,

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Prof. Donna M. Wilson
Guest Columnist



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1. enormous benefits to learn a foreign language which allows you to converse with new friends, to learn about a country's culture and some political structure. Speaking in simple phrases and being able to read a menu or newspaper in another language opens avenues of enrichment and opens minds to cultural differences.

Learning a foreign language does not have to be an aggravating experience if we can learn to think in the other language and to rely on this thinking process as a motivational factor in communication. Our ability to communicate in another language minimizes our measuring different global experiences by U. S. standards.

Studying a foreign language and using it correctly can strengthen inductive as well as deductive reasoning skills. Rigorous study and use of a second language can stimulate and sharpen skills essential to good scholarship: memoriza-

tion, analysis and creative thinking.

Documented setbacks which American students suffered in their efforts to read, comprehend, and use a second language have been attributed to several factors:

1. Most students enter the foreign language classroom with a limited knowledge of the language. They are often not able to connect and combine their knowledge of the language with their own communication skills. This could expose them to being as fluent as they are in their native language. They may not enroll in foreign language classes due to their negative experiences in language learning. Frustration to be avoided at all costs. A general frustration in learning another language can be best explained by not setting goals for yourself. If you anticipate spending some time in another country, it is advisable to spend some time in learning another language. The rate at which you acquire sound patterns, voice inflections and vocabulary build-up depends upon your own personal commitment and affinity to learning another language. Adult learners seem to master and retain more phrases when elements of realistic communication are taught. They cannot fully rely

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Through targeted exposure, students can learn a foreign language with minimal frustration and aggravation. By accepting initial obstacles, students can master elementary phrases in a few weeks. Mental and verbal comparisons to English can diminish to a point when an object is mentally selected and learned in the target language rather than being compared to English.

Here are some suggestions that can assist when learning a foreign language:

- Try to think in the target language and avoid interference.
- Concentrate on the whole of the phrase, not focusing on each word, you are less apt to compare to English.
- Pattern yourself in "doses." Do not study a foreign language as you have studied history or science. Participate actively!
- Think of situations common to you each day. Try to partially translate a phrase or two reflecting one of these.
- Set goals for yourself. You did not become fluent in your native language overnight. Initial frustration is common, but be patient with yourself.
- Most of all, have fun with your language learning.

Focus

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Kids are college students

too.



Lukas Augenstine gives a grin as he heads toward the day care.

Stephanie Aspelund
Staff Reporter

Children sing a song about alligators, others listen to a book read by a teacher and the rest of the children draw and create art projects. The Student Child Care Development Center at Hinds Community College is a place where children can learn, play, and grow. The center is located in Bldg. 18-4 and is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Children age three through six are cared for at the center.

The day care is run on "flex scheduling." The child is scheduled for during the hour(s) in which the parent signs up. During this time, the parent may have class or study time without worrying about his/her child. There is a three-member staff plus the director. The staff is responsible for the curriculum and all have received degrees in childhood education.

Joyce Riley, director of the center, earned a B.A. in Early Childhood Education and has been director for five years. Riley is concerned with the space available at the center. "We are only licensed for 45 children per hour. We need a larger facility to accommodate children of

students," Riley said. Because of the lack of room, children were put on a waiting list for winter quarter. The list consists of 20 children whose parents are interested in putting their children in the center.

The center is a part of the Student Services and users fees. The users fees are paid by the parents and are determined by how many hours the child attends at the center. The users fees are \$1.65 per hour for 10 hours or less per week. For more than 10 hours, the fee is \$1.65 per hour for more than 10 hours.

Reading, writing, science, social studies, dramatic play, cooking, music, and outdoor activities are all part of the curriculum of the education program. Other programs include "Cross-Generation" program where grandmothers from the community visit the day care center once a week to talk to the children and the "Co-op" program is also available for students who want to be involved in the day care.

There are two types of activity styles in the day care. The "child directed" consists of the child choosing the activity in which he or she would like to participate. The "child directed" style allows the child to express freedom of choice. The "teacher directed" style allows the teacher to decide what the children will do.

Kelley Bye, a student at HCC, takes her child to the day care while she has class. She believes her daughter enjoys the day care because "she talks about it constantly, positively." Bye is planning to start a co-op program and plans on opening her own day care center. Bye feels the day care provided is the most superior. "The curriculum is developmentally appropriate for children."

"I like to color on paper, and go outside and play on the swings," Kira says.



Natisha Addison scratches her head pondering, "Is this right?"

"I like to make fans," Walter says.



Amber Letavec enjoys her lunch.

Anthony Lieggi
Photographer

"I like to play in the art center," Jessica says.



Kristian Kapp studies her art with concern.



Stella and Steve Pirole enjoy a story by Kristi Fox.

Arts and Entertainment

A funny thing happened to Rick Ducommun...

Tom Hunley
A&E Editor
Dawn Humphries
Researcher

"I have no idea how I ever got this job," admits Rick Ducommun, Tom Hanks' sidekick in "The 'burbs'." "They're paying me more money than I should ever get in a million years. . . . I think I have a good agent."

"Being an actor is the greatest

job in the world," Ducommun told a team of five newspaper reporters in a press conference at Four Seasons.

Ducommun is being cast in his first big-screen starring role with "The 'burbs'," although he has made appearances in "No Small Affair" (1984), "A Fine Mess" (1986), "Spaceballs" (1987), "Die Hard" (1988), and the upcoming "The Experts," starring John Travolta, as well as television programs such as "Moonlighting,"

"Amazing Stories," "The Last Precinct," "227," and "Rock 'n' America," a syndicated late night show that he co-created, co-wrote, and starred in.

Ducommun leaped into comedy by appearing at a comedy club in Seattle in response to a dare.

Upon moving to Los Angeles in 1984, Ducommun began performing stand-up at clubs like "The Improv." He quickly rose up the comic ladder, becoming a familiar face on "Late Night with David

Letterman," "Thick of the Night," and "Star Search."

Formerly a mammoth 426 pounds, Ducommun has succeeded in shedding over 200 lbs. in a determined attempt to escape a fate of "stand-up, pull your pants down and fart gigs."

He sagaciously advises weight watchers: "Stop eating, you fat slob!"

Ducommun bills "The 'burbs'" as a "comedy/mystery kind of like Beetle Juice." "It's about people

who suspect something and are going to do something about it instead of sitting in their suburban cocoons," he commented.

Writer Dana Olsen referred to "The 'burbs'" as "Ozzie and Harriet meets Charles Manson."

"Hollywood affects a lot of people. They become arrogant and very condescending..." said Ducommun. "So don't call me Rick—it's Mister Ducommun, with a capital D. And get me a cold drink, will ya?"

Events board takes poetic license

Raleigh Cummings
Staff Reporter

"Thing Beside Thing Beside Thing" was the first line of Candy Street's poem "Hartebeest," a piece she read in an event board sponsored poetry reading on Feb. 6 in Bldg. 7.

Street read a different kind of poetry "not yet definable" in the estimation of Highline Community College writing/journalism instructor Susan Landgraf.

Using visual aids ranging from a fish bowl to an odd figure of a doll face with antlers protruding from its eyes, Street arranged her lyrics to produce meanings

ordinarily overlooked. The audience of 42 seemed energized and enthralled by the performance.

Lonny Kaneko, a writing teacher at HCC, said MacDowell artist colony bound Street was "kind of good with the instruments; they brought it back together—she was very musical."

Also featured was Highline alumni Phyllis Collier, a recent recipient of the \$20,000 National Endowments award. Her work differed from Street's in that she didn't use visual aids and read her poetry with a classic mastery of language, except for the one obvious blunder in which she mispronounced 'Lao Tzu'.

Collier's poetry was less es-

oteric than Street's. She spoke of roses, cottonwood trees and Oklahoma countryside, where she is from.

Both poets have earned Master's Degrees in Creative Writing.

The microphone was left open for anyone hoping to open the night of poetry. HCC sophomore Tom Hunley captured the audience's attention by throwing an inflated globe into the audience.

Heidi Hensen, a Writing 151 student read samples of her poetry, some of which has been featured on KLSY radio.

HCC student Kallen Jenne delivered a pair of poems, one derived from Roget's Thesaurus.



Poet Phyllis Collier pauses between stanzas.

Calendar of Events Board Activities

Monday, February 13 & Tuesday, February 14	Valentine's Day Flower and Balloon Sale Cost: \$1.00/flower \$2.00/Balloon, Building 8 Cafeteria 9:00 am -12:00 noon Comedian: Earl Reed A high energy stand-up comic from the Boston area 12 noon, Student Lounge, Building 8
Tuesday, February 14	The Great Directors Film Series Film: "Lifeboat" - Directed By Alfred Hitchcock 12 noon-1 pm, Bldg. 7 Cost: \$1.00/person
Wednesday, February 15	Performing Arts Series: Anzanga Marimba Ensemble Artists-Lecture Center, Bldg. 7, 7:30 pm Admission Charge: \$3 for students W/ID (H.S. & College) \$5 General Admission. Tickets available at HCC Bookstore and at the door.
Thursday, February 16	Holiday- President's Birthday No School
Monday, February 20	Lecture: "Israeli-Palestinian Conflict" Speaker: Roger Landrud, H.C.C. History Professor 12 noon, Bldg. 7
Thursday, February 23	Blue Monday Lunchtime Express Concert Belinda Bowler- Soft Rock/Folk Artist 11:00 am - 1:00 pm, Bldg. 8- Student Lounge
Monday, February 27	Double Elimination Pool Tournament Cash Prizes of \$75, \$50 and \$25 12 noon, Games Room, Bldg. 8 Entry Fee: \$5 Signup by 2:00 pm, Tuesday, February 28, at Student Lounge Desk, Bldg. 8. This tournament is open to currently enrolled HCC Students.
Wednesday, March 1	Performing Arts Series Repertory Theatre of America/Alpha-Omega Players Play: <i>The Diary of Adam and Eve</i> by Mark Twain 7:30 p.m., Bldg. 7 Cost: \$3.00 HCC Students/Seniors \$5.00 General Admission
Thursday, March 2	Dramatic Reading of <i>Fireweed</i> Part of HCC's Washington State Centennial Events 7:30 pm, Bldg. 7
Wednesday, March 8	Women's Programs Special Events INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY Featuring: Women in Music International Marilee Plaks, Soprano Margaret Maxwell, Alto Sandra Bleiweiss, Pianist 12 noon -1:30 pm, Bldg. 7
Thursday, March 9	Dramatic Reading of <i>Fireweed</i> Part of HCC's Washington State Centennial Events 7:30 pm, Bldg. 7

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Arts and Entertainment

Peter, Paul and Mary --The Return of Old Friends

Bev Ott
Senior Reporter

More than 3,000 people packed the Paramount Theatre to see Peter, Paul and Mary.

My husband and I were there because my friend Michael and his wife Mary invited us along. Michael and Mary are big fans of the trio. Michael has followed their trail since he was a 12-year-old boy in Australia.

The audience knew every song and clapped or sang the refrains as the trio performed a barrage of hits from the 60's and 70's.

It was a family show for all ages. The trio sang "Puff the Magic Dragon" early in case the kids fell asleep. Mary mentioned that there was still some controversy over "Puff" with some people alleging that the song promotes marijuana use but emphasized that it is, and was, a song written for a little boy.

During the show while tuning guitars or missing words on new songs, the band would say, "That's okay, we are all family. You'll understand." And that's how the audience came to feel like these were life-long friends returned to

This friendliness gave me the inspiration at intermission to send a note backstage and ask if the group would dedicate a song to my friend Michael or meet them personally. Michael has a progressive nervous disorder called Parkinson's disease which is life threatening, so I said it's now or never and hoped his wish would come true.

The response was overwhelming.

ing. During the show, Peter came out and found me in the audience (I had put my row number on the note). He said he'd "love to meet Michael" and we should come up after the show. Then he hugged me. I couldn't believe a world renowned singer was this warm and caring. He then went back and sang a song called "Put Your Face to the Wind," about a woman fighting terminal cancer, a song of faith and trust for all those suffering from life-threatening diseases.

Peter talked about how "He could not have written this song when he was younger." It touched people, especially my friends and I.

Peter told about his 19-year-old daughter who was graduating from Paris and interning at NBC and would be going to El Salvador with him and other songwriters to observe that country in the spring.

Mary not only told about her daughter and granddaughter but how she was helping to get a young Jewish man out of Russia to Israel. According to Mary, "We came from the folk tradition in a contemporary form where there was a concern that idealism be a part of your music and the music be part of your life... There's no schism between what you do on stage and who you are."

After the show Peter came down off the stage, hugged Michael and talked to him. By that time we were all crying. He made people feel like part of his family. Others came up, wanting to say "Hi" or "We remember when..." Peter said a few words to everyone and hugged each one. I will always remember this love and caring

every time I hear their songs.



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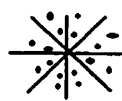
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Sports

A SHOT AT THE BIG TIME

Marty Pierce
Sports Editor

In November of 1981 in Missoula, Montana, Larry Krystkowiak was preparing for his senior season on the Big Sky High School basketball team.

I was greener than St. Patrick's Day working for the high school newspaper, the Sun Journal, while Krystkowiak was on his way to establishing himself as one of the greatest prep athletes in Montana's history.

On Jan. 29, 1989, Larry Krystkowiak was preparing for a pivotal game against the Seattle Supersonics as a key member of a formidable Milwaukee Bucks team.

On Jan. 29, 1989, I discovered professional basketball close-up as the sports editor from the Highline Community College Thunderword, covering the Sonics-Bucks game . . . and Krystkowiak.

I'm still green as St. Patrick's day as far as the professional level is concerned, but Krystkowiak has established himself as one of the up and coming stars in the National Basketball Association.

After the game my locker room pass opened the doors for me to interview pro athletes for the first time in my life. I was a bit less than confident walking through those doors, but I wanted to look as bored as possible so maybe somebody would think I was a pro reporter. I can almost guarantee that I fooled no one, but I didn't really care.

The interviews were almost more interesting than the game, a close 112-106 win by the Sonics. The first player I approached (I hadn't seen Krystkowiak yet) was Terry Cummings, one of Milwaukee's top players. I explained that I was doing a feature on Krystkowiak. Cummings looked at me, paused, then called out, "We got somebody on this team named Krystkowiak?"

"Yeah, I think so!" somebody called back. Laughter broke out. I felt pretty much like an idiot at this point, but I didn't walk out in the middle of this. "Yeah, I went to high school with him," I said, but shouldn't have.

Sometime during the interview Krystkowiak had come into the locker room, and Cummings yelled across the room, "Hey, Larry! Did you go to high school with this guy?!"

"Please Larry, don't be a jerk!" I thought, pondering what would happen if Krystkowiak decided to say no. He looked over, smiled, and shook his head yes. Finally the interview started to cover basketball. "He made all the shots that he had to make tonight," Cummings said of Krystkowiak's contribution. "He's a real hard worker. He takes a lot of pressure off of me."

I knew Larry was having a good season, but I was surprised to hear what his teammates and coaches had to say about him. Bucks' assistant coach Mike Dunleavy said, "He's been one of the big reasons for success." After the game the Bucks sat five games behind Cleveland, the top team in the league, in the Central Division, far exceeding most observer's expectations for the team. "He's only 24 years old," Dunleavy went on to say. "He's got a lot of time, and he's going to get a lot better."

Milwaukee head coach Del Harris, like Cummings, was tough to get through to. "I'd like to ask you a couple of questions about Krystkowiak," I said. "Where in the hell have you been this whole time, I gotta get outa here," Harris barked back. "What do you want to know?"

Again feeling like a fool, I simply asked him to describe Larry's season. "Obviously, he's had a wonderful year," he said. "He's been that extra ingredient for us."

Jack Sikma, the former Sonics hero who was returning to the sight of his glory days, as a Milwaukee Buck, was the easiest to talk to. "He's a big contribution. He's a key reason we've done so well," Sikma said. "He has played consistently, played hard, and sets a nice aggres-

sive tone. When he's out, we miss him."

The Seattle Post-Intelligencer, in its game coverage the next day, called Krystkowiak a "junkyard dog." P-I writer Kenneth Richardson told of how Krystkowiak had "bloodied his elbow in a first-period fall. By the end of the first half just about every Sonic had blood on his uniform."

I remembered how Krystkowiak played the same style in high school, but with a slighter bit of ease against prep competition; I knew most of the team was heading for the bus and I didn't have much time left to talk to Larry.

"Start asking questions," he said. I asked him what it was like to play in the NBA. "It's what I always wanted to do. When you set your mind to that and it comes through, it's real nice," Krystkowiak said, "It's not all the glamour it's racked up to be, but I wouldn't want to be doing anything else."

Krystkowiak described being a pro as a lot of hard work and traveling and tight schedules. . . quite a far cry from high school basketball.

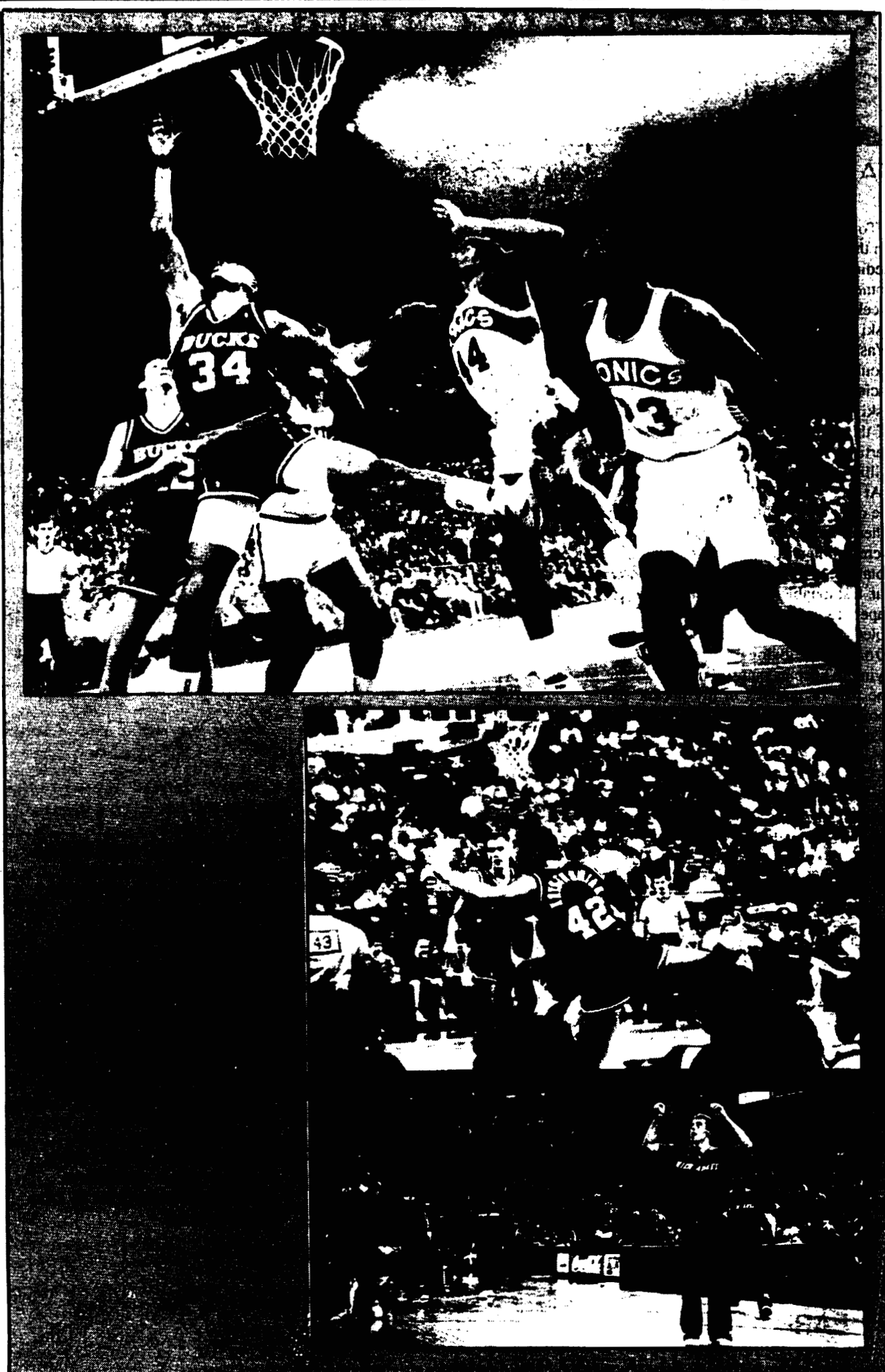
"All the glory and the fun will come in the future."

stkwski said. "Right now I'm concentrating on winning."

Krystkowiak had to leave, and one of the most memorable nights of my life was coming to an end. Even though I did manage to run into Dale Ellis, and get a brief chance to talk to him, the best moments had already been . . . and gone.

Before I left, I looked out on the dimmed and empty Kingdome, not the Sonics usual home, but due to a scheduling conflict in the Seattle Coliseum had ended up in the dome. I reflected back on the game. I remembered Larry leaving his mark in blood in the first half. I remembered seeing the elbows and slams underneath the basket from about three feet away. I remembered sitting so close to the Sonics bench I could almost count the beads of sweat on their foreheads. Most of all I remembered watching Larry play on a level of competition that seemed a million miles away from Class AA Big Sky High School.

I walked through the gates out the Kingdome, my press pass now worthless, but my shade of green paling just a little bit.



Sports

SKIING THE NORTHWEST ON THE RACING CIRCUIT

By Ryan Lockwood
Staff Writer

A hobby for most, skiing for some is a lot of hard work and dedication

To most people, skiing is a hobby. Something to do on the weekends. Other people are willing to dedicate their lives to this sport, similar to how some people play basketball or football on the weekends while others make professions out of it. I ski for Team Alpentel-Snoqualmie and travel all over Washington, Oregon, and Idaho to different races. I wouldn't say that my life is dedicated to skiing, or racing, because I have a lot of other hobbies too, but I ski an average of 20 days a month, from the opening of the ski areas to their close. Skiing, and racing in particular, is something that I enjoy and to which I am willing to devote a lot of time to try and become the best.

At times, when our team is training at Alpentel, we're the only skiers on the mountain. I remember one night when it was pouring down rain with 30mph gusts and we were training in this sloppy snow that resembled mashed potatoes. We were training slalom, so we were clad in all our fashionable armor (that's about as waterproof as paper) to protect ourselves from the rapid gates (flex poles). The coaches were yelling and screaming at the 10 or 15 of us, giving us countdowns in the starting gate, trying to keep us pumped up and having fun. I kept one pair of goggles in my pocket and another pair so I could switch going up the chair and always have an unfogged pair (sounds good, but after an hour they were both fogged anyway).

Even though I was miserably wet, it was fun being the only skiers on the mountain, blasting through cement that most people wouldn't, or couldn't, ski in. When we were through training, I went into the lodge, changed my clothes, wrang out my gloves and my "rain gear" and headed home. I felt good, like a little kid that had been out playing in the rain. Probably because that's exactly what I'd been doing.

It's stuff like this that makes racing fun. Not necessarily skiing in the rain but the adventure of it all, having an excuse to go skiing five times a week and travel over three states on weekend to race. Sometimes I'm even forced to miss school; it's a sacrifice, but I'm willing to risk it. I really do think school is important, otherwise I'd have taken the winter quarter off instead of loading myself up with seven credits, two of them being P.E. Anyway, I've only missed 14 days so far this quarter. School is a problem, but somehow I manage to keep turning in assignments.

Let me describe the racing scene. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights, about 15 of us in the "modified full-time" program (five nights per week) train at Alpentel. This is a lot of fun and a valuable experience because there usually aren't too many gapers (other skiers) on the hill, and there's a lot of personalized coaching available. Usually we run gates, unless



the weather's as "terrible" as it's been lately, then we all get up there as early as we can and go powder doggin' (powder skiing). (Remember, no friends on a powder day.)

There are several things that inspire young racers to continue competing. For one thing, just racing is a blast! It's even more fun when you finish well, or win. Although the pressures to perform become extremely strenuous at times, if you're always trying to have fun you do. I enjoy downhill the most; that's why I have my best results there.

Traveling is also exciting, you get to ski at many different areas. I'd never even heard of the Anthony Lakes or Cooper Spur ski areas until I raced there. Traveling all over the place develops strong friendships, not only with racers on your team but also with racers on other teams. I only see some of my friends on other teams a couple of times a year, but when I do I always get a warm greeting.

While racing has its ups, it also has its downs. Many competitors treat racing like it's all they have. I've seen younger kids collapse into tears in the finish area after they didn't do as well as they know they could have. Some of the older guys start throwing things and swearing. People have been banned from a few races for making too big a scene.

Even though most racers receive a minimum of 50 percent off on ski equipment, the average racer probably spends \$1,000 a year for equipment alone. After you lower your points to a respectable level, you can make up a resume and submit it to ski companies, asking for sponsorship. Younger racers are more liable to receive sponsors. They're available for skis, boots, bindings, eyewear, poles, and clothing if you're good enough. However, usually sponsors are only available for "hard equipment" (skis, boots, bindings). Even if a racer has full sponsorship, they still must pay for traveling fees, which are a major expense. The average week-long race costs \$200-\$300.

It isn't until you make the national team that things get a little less expensive. But it's a trade-off; life is a lot more hectic on the U.S. team. Those racers are hardcore. I've had a little taste of arriving somewhere at four in the morning and racing that day; I didn't think it was too cool. The guys on the national team do it all the time. I may spend a lot of time skiing, but the racers on the U.S. team ski about ten months straight. I raced against a member of the U.S. team (Joel Brazil) in Sun Valley, ID, a couple of weeks ago. Brazil's flight from Vermont arrived early Friday morning; he raced in the Sun Valley downhill Friday and the Super-G Saturday, and then flew to Jackson Hole to race in that downhill. Brazil placed second overall in the downhill after only having inspected the course and forerun it that morning. Forerunning means running the course before anyone else to set a track and insure that it's safe. Everyone else had taken three training runs and one race run. I was pretty impressed.

"Although the pressures to perform become extremely strenuous at times, if you're always trying to have fun you do." -Ryan Lockwood

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Everett grounds T-Birds

Gary D. Peterson
Senior Reporter

Highline Community College men's basketball team suffered its second league loss, losing to Everett Community College 80-74 on Highline's homecourt and dropping its league record to 5-2, 16-5 overall, thus creating a three way log jam with Bellevue and Shoreline Community colleges with identical 5-2 league records. With the loss, Highline now stands at seven wins and two losses at home; furthermore, Highline's road record is a sparkling nine wins and only three losses.

Highline could do nothing right against Everett in the first half, falling behind at halftime 41-30. However, Highline did outscore Everett in the second half 44-39 in a furious comeback attempt which fell short.

It's been 11 days since HCC has had a league game or practice that was wiped out due to mother nature. The league game against Edmonds will be rescheduled for Monday, Feb. 13.

"With 11 days off and no action I am ready to play some hoops," Jeff Colston said. "We haven't had any practice since we have played Everett."

Individual scoring: Highline was led by Paul Clark's 19 points, nine rebounds, and four assists. Jerry Bush chipped in 17 points and hauled down 12 rebounds. Tom Turcotte fired in 16 points and three rebounds. Jeff Colston scored eight points and had a game high 16 rebounds. Everett was led by Tim Cobbs having a game high 25 points, with Glance Chambers 16 points and Mark Nelson 15 points.

Highline did do something right against Everett by outmuscling Everett 45-23 in rebounding.

In other men's action:

Highline, in a matchup with the best front three in the league, squeaked by Olympic Community College 74-69.

"They (Olympic) by far have the best front three in the league," Coach Fred Harrison said. "They are so physical going inside."

Leading the way for Highline: Colston had a game high 25 points and six rebounds. Turcotte followed with 19 points. Bush had 14 points and a team high 11 rebounds. Clark and Trent Meneses both had eight points with Clark collecting 10 rebounds and Meneses with three rebounds respectively. Mark Schelbert had six assists and six rebounds but failed to score.



Jerry Bush and Paul Clark go up for a rebound against Everett.

Highline blows out Olympic 109-41

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Highline Community College women's team was playing the best ball of the season and did not need the inconvenience mother nature left in its wake by cancelling its league game against Edmonds. Highline was gathering momentum for the stretch run with five games remaining, the last three at home.

"It won't hurt us that much because everybody else has had the same amount of time off," Coach Dale Bolinger said. "Things like this happen and no way to prevent them from happening."

HCC women's team has had two consecutive blowouts: a 109-41 laughter over Olympic Community College and a 73-47 victory against Everett Community College, raising Highline's league record to 6-1 and 14-8 overall and a firm grip on second place in the

Northern Division. With back-to-back victories, Highline averaged 91 points per contest and allowed 44 points a contest.

With its 109-41 laughter, Highline led Olympic 55-27 at halftime which meant Olympic only scored 14 points the rest of the way and the rout was on for Highline.

Highline suited only eight players for the game against Olympic, and all eight scored with six in double figures. Sheri Johnson led the way with a game high 28 points and 13 rebounds. Angie Pellechia had 18 points and seven rebounds, along with Nancy

Geister and Kelly Anderson with 16 points apiece and five rebounds, eight assists and three rebounds respectively. Kris Foster and Marylynn Walbaum followed with 12 points and eight rebounds and 11 points and two rebounds and nine assists respectively. Highline outrebounded Olympic 48-37.

Johnson had a game high 19 points and eight rebounds, followed by Anderson with 16 points and ten rebounds, along with Walbaum with ten points and three rebounds and Missy Reimer with nine points and a game

high 13 rebounds. Highline outrebounded Everett 53-46 edge. Everett was led by Holly Scott with 20 points and six rebounds, Sharkee Niemi with 14 points and 11 rebounds.

Highline is averaging 69 points per game, while allowing 60 points per game through 22 games so far. Pellechia is Highline's leading scorer and rebounder with a 14.6 ppg and 10.3 rpg, followed by Johnson with a 11.9 ppg and 8.5 rpg. Anderson is averaging 11.6 ppg and 7.7 rpg.

Mary Force is having an all-star season with 9.3 ppg, 5.1 rpg and

leads the team in assists with four apg, and she's shooting remarkably well from three-point range connecting 28-49 for a whopping 57 percent.

Injury update: Mary Force, who suffered a stress fracture to her foot, may be back with the ball-club in next week's finale against Olympic Community College or before. Highline coach Dale Bolinger hopes Force can play at least one league game before the playoffs begin. This year's Conference Championships will be played at Skagit Valley Community College March 2-4.

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