



Transfer policy changes stuck in committee

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Staff Reporter

With the end of the academic year close at hand, many Highline Community College students will be planning to transfer to four-year colleges and universities.

At HCC, there are two ways of transferring to a university. The first is to earn the Associate in Arts Degree-Option A. This program is designed for students whose major area of study falls into the area of Arts

and/or Science. Option A satisfies freshman and sophomore liberal arts requirements of most colleges and universities. This is the transfer option most students choose.

The second way is to earn the Associate in Arts Degree-Option B. This program is intended for highly specialized majors such as Engineering and other pre-professional studies. This program applies only for specified students to specified schools. It is designed by the student and advisor for the school the student is planning

to attend. The student must know what major he or she is taking.

Another degree offered at Highline is the Associate in Applied Science. This degree is to educate the student for employment in a chosen field and does not transfer.

Currently, there is a proposed bill to update the transfer policy which would guarantee the transfer of all undergraduate courses. The bill is currently in committee and is not expected to pass.

Another issue is the 90/90

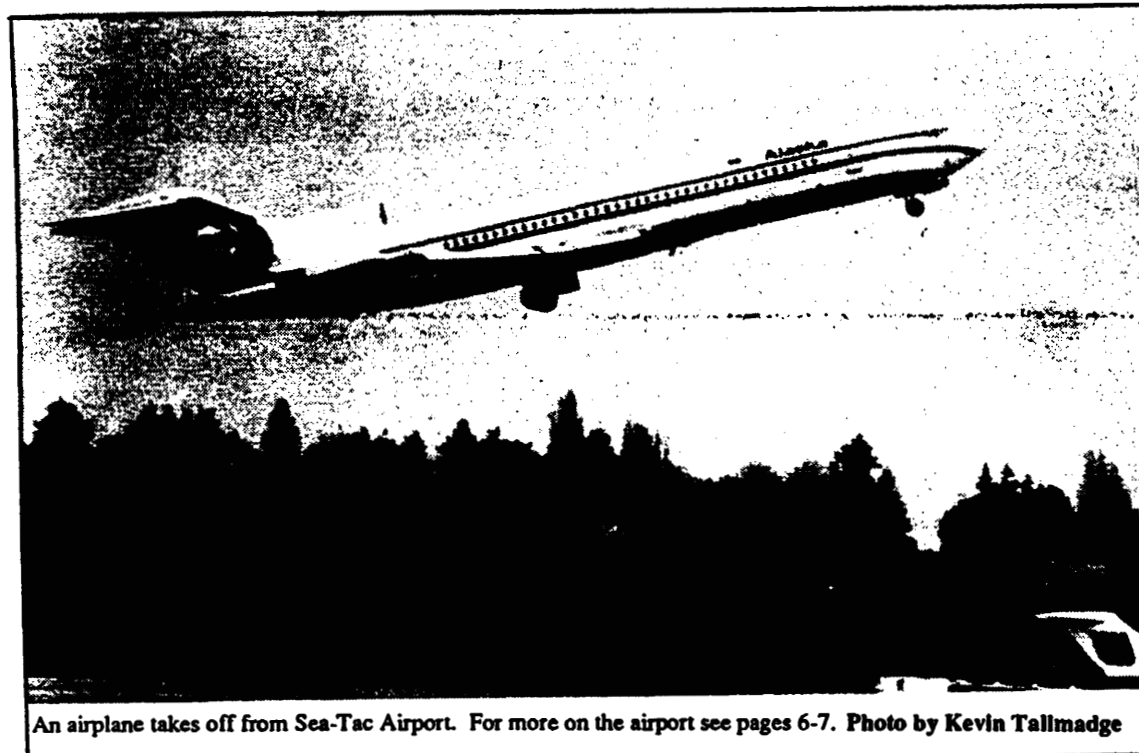
credit split. When transferring to a four-year university from a community college, the university will accept 90 credits of undergraduate studies. In order to earn a Bachelor of Arts or a Bachelor of Science degree, 180 credits must be completed, 60 of which are upper-level classes. If, for example, a student earned 120 credits from Highline, the University of Washington would only accept 90 of those credits.

That leaves 30 credits of undergraduate studies to be made up

by the student before beginning upper-level classes.

In contrast, if a student from Central Washington University completed two years of school and earned 120 credits, the University of Washington would accept all 120 credits.

Owen Cargol, Highline's dean of instruction, said that the Instruction Commission has proposed that the universities do away with the 90/90 split. The Washington Association of Community College Presidents is looking into this issue.



An airplane takes off from Sea-Tac Airport. For more on the airport see pages 6-7. Photo by Kevin Tallmadge

German teachers visit Highline

Steve McClure
News Editor

Highline Community College and the Northwest International Education Association played host to a group of vocational teachers from Bad Homburg, West Germany. The group of German educators visited HCC to look at the vocational programs offered here and at other community colleges.

Gunther Hesse, the leader of the group, said there is a difference between students in Germany and those who attend HCC. In Germany, students sign a contract with their employer, then go to school two days a week to learn the theories in their occupation. One similarity between the two systems is they both can be used as stepping stones into the universities.

The group of instructors

range in their field of study from business, political science, German and English to hairdressing. Hesse noted that some of his colleagues have never been to the United States. They also enjoyed the fact that they are not just German tourists but visitors.

Hesse has enjoyed his visit to HCC. "Even in the rain it's wonderful," he stated. The group has also visited Lane Community College in Eugene where Hesse taught in 1986, Portland Community College, Clackamas Community College, and the University of Oregon before making its way to Seattle.

Hesse is responsible for finding jobs in Frankfurt for students participating in the International Cooperative Educational Program. The ICEP headquarters is located on HCC's campus.

Branch campus debate heats up

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In the heated argument over whether the University of Washington and Washington State University should establish branch campuses, the issue of funding continually rises to the top. Both the state House of Representatives and the Senate are looking at bills that would establish branches of the two major institutions in Tacoma, Bothell, Vancouver, Spokane, and the Tri-Cities.

Legislatures supporting the branch campuses argue that "Much of the state's population... has insufficient and inadequate access to upper-division baccalaureate education." This was published in a pamphlet put out by the Higher Education Coordinating Board

(HECB). It was pointed out in the pamphlet that of the six state schools only two have 10 percent of the population within 30 miles of the campus.

Community colleges are worried that the more than \$150 million requested by the state's two largest institutions of higher learning will come out of funds that could go to the community colleges. According to David Habura, deputy executive director for the State Board of Higher Education, "...the Governor's budget didn't fund what we requested; branch campuses will be competing with community colleges for money for funding."

Charles Collins, chairman of the HECB, told the House Higher Education Committee that he does support branch campuses, but their number one

priority should be to provide adequate funding for existing campuses before funding branch campuses.

An article in the Jan. 27, 1989, issue of the Thunderword stated that four-year colleges in the state of Washington currently receive 67 percent of the higher education budget, while community colleges educate 55 percent of the full-time students.

Dr. Ed Command, vice-president of HCC, agrees that existing schools should be funded first. He added that all the schools need more money, kindergarten through college. According to Command, there is no immediate solution to the problems that institutions of higher education are suffering. He said more answers are needed before moves are made.

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Busted? Morris goes to jail for good reason



Ed Morris gets cuffed by his captors. Photo by Bill Brown

Steve McClure
News Editor

Ed Morris, Highline Community College's math division chair, was sort of arrested by sort of police officers and sort of thrown in jail. Morris was charged with walking too many laps around the pool and physical abuse by the American Cancer Society (ACS) during its annual "Jail and Bail" fund raiser.

The unknowing victim was captured outside his office

March 28 and taken to his cell at the Sea-Tac Mall. His bail was set at \$300 and he was given a few hours to call friends to help raise the money. The bail is usually \$250, but Morris admitted that he probably "mouthed off too much to the judge." In reality the bail is a tax-deductible donation to the ACS. Morris and his HCC colleagues raised more than \$400.

The arrest came as quite a surprise to Morris. "I didn't believe they were going to take me," he commented. He added

that he accused everyone from Dr. Shirley Gordon, HCC president, to Mary Lou Holland, the school nurse. He now knows who the culprit was, but that person "will remain nameless until after retaliation," Morris said.

This is one of the Society's main fundraisers. "Jail and Bail" has been around on a national level for 25 years but has only been in the Seattle/Federal Way area for three years.

scholarship available to artists

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Interested in going to Highline Community College for three free quarters? The Music and Art foundation of Seattle has provided two tuition scholarships, one for an art and one for a creative writing student to attend Highline Community College next year. During each of the scholarship quarters, the scholarship winners must be

enrolled in an art class or a writing class at Highline.

All participants must be 21 years of age or younger, an American citizen, and a resident of Washington State. To enter bring or mail a portfolio which includes standard two and three dimensional areas: paintings, drawings, printmaking, photography, graphics and commercial art, glass ceramics, jewelry and sculptures; or stories, a selection of a novel or scripts, a selection of poetry or

a combination of three genres.

The two dimensional works may not exceed 2'x2'x2'.

The name of the artist must be firmly attached to all portfolios.

The winners will be chosen by members of the art faculty at HCC and announced May 22. Applicants must pick up their portfolios before June 8. For more information contact Hellyn Pawula or Lonny Kaneko 878-3710

Krutz educates parents

Stephanie Aspelund
Senior Reporter

"Parenting is a job," said Jackie Krutz, advisor for Highline Community College's Parent Education Department.

The department, which is celebrating its 50th Anniversary this year, offers classes in parenting to allow parents to feel good about being a parent. Both parents and their children attend the classes. The department is a laboratory for parents to observe, discuss and work

with their children. Many locations include HCC, the Federal Way Center and churches in the community.

Currently there are approximately 500 families in the program at HCC, and 2,000 in the State of Washington.

The Parent Education classes are credit classes and the fee is equivalent to HCC tuition. The lab setting is supported by parent fees in the place of tuition. The classes run quarter by quarter, but many parents and children continue for one or more years

Many controversial issues such as loneliness and isolation, nutrition, personal safety and abuse of children are covered in the classes. The classes are set up to be flexible to current issues which the parents would like to discuss.

The class times differ depending upon the age of the children. Parents with younger children and infants meet once a week for two hours. As the children get older, the sessions increase.

PTK takes trip to Atlanta

Diana Baumgart
Staff Reporter

Community College Honor students all over the country gathered this past weekend to consider the nature of leadership. The "Character and Climate of Leadership: Old Frontiers and New Frontiers" was the 1988-89 Phi Theta Kappa Honor Study topic.

The highlight of every PTK convention is the awards presentation, where individual fraternity members are recognized for their significant achievements. Highline's Pi Sigma Chapter, for the second consecutive year, received the top chapter award for the "Phi Theta Kappa Honors Course." This award is presented to the chapter which has promoted an outstanding honors course related to the study topic of the current year. The award includes a scholarship to this year's PTK Honors Institute at Ottawa, Canada. Throughout the year HCC combined the study topic with seminars and guest speakers for all HCC students and community members to attend.

"I am extremely proud of all Pi Sigma members who helped with this year's honor course," commented Dr. Joan Fedor, Washington State Coordinator for PTK and advisor of HCC Pi Sigma.

Pi Sigma Chapter also received third place in the Freeman Science Research Paper competition, with its entry "The Rise and Fall of American Manufacturing Production"

Three honors students represented Pi Sigma Chapter at the convention: Dara Laggart, Diana Baumgart and Helen Anderson.

"National Convention should be experienced by all Phi Theta Kappa members. You'll never forget it," summed up Dara Laggart, treasurer Pi Sigma.

The 71st National Convention held in Atlanta, Georgia, March 30 through April 1, gave individual members a chance to learn more about the dy-

namics of leadership. The four days of seminars, workshops, caucuses and socializing included guest speakers Chief Justice Thomas O. Marshall of the Georgia Supreme Court and John Clemens, director of Hartwick Humanities Management Institute. The speakers addressed the topic "Leadership and You."

David Swanson, a motivational speaker specializing in career development and life/work planning seminars, spoke about "Powers and Penalties of Leadership" during the general session Friday.

Marvin Kalb, chief diplomatic correspondent for NBC, shared his knowledge of nearly three decades of diplomacy. He introduced the new 1989-90 honors study topic, "The Americas: Distant Neighbors Building Bridges." Kalb explained that his three main concerns for the future of U.S. leadership are U.S.-Soviet relations, the historically high budget deficit, and the environment, particularly the deteriorating ozone layer.

"You are responsible to force the people in Washington to work for you and not to settle for anything less," Kalb challenged Phi Theta Kappas.

The installation of newly-elected national officers followed the award presentation. Dr. Shirley B. Gordon, president of HCC and chairperson of the national Pi Theta Kappa Board of Directors stated, "This is the most inspirational group that I have been associated with. It is truly inspiring to look out over this convention and see 20,000 plus students, all leaders..."

Jonathan Henley of Beta Tau Chapter from North Carolina became the new national president. Members of his chapter describe him as having outstanding leadership abilities and skills that will benefit all members of PTK. HCC Pi Sigma will be working closely with Devin Helland of Alpha Epsilon Rho, Bellevue Community College, who was elected West/Northwest Region vice president.

Corrections:

In the March 10, 1989 issue of the *Thunderword*, the story "College staff tenured" incorrectly identified those teachers who are in their first year probation period as being part-time teachers. The *T-Word* strives to remain error free, yet is not afraid to admit they made mistakes.

Student Survey of Instructors: Shows Effectiveness or Ineffectiveness?

In an effort to determine whether Highline Community College has been offering its students the highest quality of instruction, the Journalism 210 class conducted a survey of the student body. The survey was conducted on March 1 and 2, 1989. One hundred and twenty-two students waiting in line to register were given a questionnaire consisting of both open and closed questions. Survey questions were:

1. Do you know most instructors at HCC aren't required to have student evaluations? Yes___ No___

2. Do you know there is a student grievance policy against instructors at HCC? Yes___ No___

3. How many of your teachers at HCC have been effective?

All___ Most___ Some___ None___

4. Have you had an ineffective instructor at HCC?

Yes___ No___

Circle all which apply; Here we gave examples:

- a. No syllabus
 - b. Lacks organization
 - c. Tests don't cover material
 - d. Poor lecturing
 - e. No show for class
 - f. Not available to students
 - g. Doesn't cover necessary material
 - h. Bad attitude
 - i. Makes sexist remarks
 - j. Grades unfairly
 - k. Other___ for individual comments.
5. Should ineffective instructors be retrained_fired_other___?
6. Should students have the opportunity to evaluate instructors for every class?

Why_____

Why not_____

Student Demographics:

Full time___Part time___Age___

Male___Female___G.P.A.____How many quarters here?

The survey's first question shows that 17 of the 122 (14%) the students knew most instructors were not required to do evaluations.

The second question on whether students knew about the student grievance policy concerning student/teacher discrepancies found that 94, or 78%, of the students didn't know they could effectively make a stand for their rights. The Students Rights and Responsibilities Code Handbook is supposed to be given to every student on entering HCC. On page 4 in the handbook there are 17 lines devoted to the student's rights if he/she has a problem with an instructor, while 16 pages are devoted to the rules for students at HCC and disciplinary actions.

To the third question measuring teacher effectiveness at HCC, 17 responded all, 35 responded some, 81 said most, and 2 said none. These

category ran from being shot to having a supervisor monitor next quarter for improvement. The students surveyed were in favor of retraining and giving teachers a chance.

In question 6, "Should students evaluate instructor?" over 95% (117 of 122) of the students surveyed stated they would like to evaluate their instructors. The reasons included: "We should have the opportunity to get the best

change their teaching methods. After all, that's their objective: to teach so students learn. There is always room for improvement in any working situation. If teaching was any other job, incompetence would not be tolerated."

Brian Hosey, an instructor, tutor and student at HCC, said, "I personally feel students should have input, and evaluations are a tool. I care about teaching and evaluations can help you see how

unannounced basis. "This should especially be done if there were a number of complaints against an instructor," said Voelker. She also felt strongly that tenure pretty well guaranteed instructors a job whether they are ineffective or effective, and only by doing something immoral would they be dismissed.

Class size may be a factor in whether a teacher is an effective or an ineffective teacher in an evaluation by students. An article in the Journal of Chemical Education said, in regards to evaluations done by chemistry students, "The aim of the present work is to help upgrade teaching quality by providing data that indicate that certain faculty may be a factor in whether a teacher is an effective or an ineffective teacher in evaluations by students."

The demographics of the T-Word upgrade teaching quality by providing data that indicate that certain faculty may be a factor in whether a teacher is an effective or an ineffective teacher in evaluations by students.

The demographics of the T-Word survey were as follows: Average age-23.3, Average G.P.A. 3.2, Average number of quarters at HCC-3.7.

1. Do you know most instructors at HCC aren't required to have student evaluations? Yes___ No___	e. No show for class
2. Do you know there is a student grievance policy against instructors at HCC? Yes___ No___	f. Not available to students
3. How many of your teachers at HCC have been effective?	g. Doesn't cover necessary material
All___ Most___ Some___ None___	h. Bad attitude
4. Have you had an ineffective instructor at HCC? Yes___ No___	i. Makes sexist remarks
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d. Poor lecturing	Student Demographics:
	Full time___Part time___Age___
	Male___Female___G.P.A.____
	How many quarters here?

education." "So the Dean can tell if an instructor is effective;" "So the instructor can change," and "We're paying for an education and we deserve the best." Those not wanting to evaluate said they thought the instructor's peers should do the evaluations rather than students.

Currently the only division on HCC which requires its instructors to conduct student evaluations is the Business Division. Dr. Carol Warden-Tamparo, Business Division chair, stated, "Student evaluations keep them on their toes in a non-threatening way." She added evaluations should be used over a long period, because sometimes an instructor may encounter a class of students which is very difficult, and nothing they do may seem to work. Dr. Tamparo also said, "Teaching is like owning your own store; you must get feedback to know if you're keeping your customers satisfied."

A U.S. Government document for the Department of Education says, "For assessment as learning, feedback becomes a critical component. It is the teachable moment, the opportunity for change. An instructor needs to know if students are learning, and what they are learning. If students are not learning or having a problem, they should

you are coming across." He also felt administrators could use evaluations in an abusive way, and he would not like to see this happen. He said some teachers view evaluations as personality contests and get very defensive about them. He finds them helpful.

Currently at Highline there is a committee researching evaluations. Ron Burke, math instructor, is on the Committee for Formative Evaluations. He said, "This committee has put together a proposal for a policy for teacher evaluations. The evaluations are intended to be used as a tool for improvement by which teachers can get feedback to enlarge and expand their teaching skills."

Connie Voelker, an adult honor student said, "Teachers should be evaluated by students because they might not even be aware there is a problem with them being ineffective." She also mentioned she thought it was a good idea that if an instructor is found to be ineffective they should be monitored by a peer or administrator on a drop-in,

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Oops

"We're sorry we spilled 10 million gallons of oil in Prince William Sound," says Exxon to the residents of Valdez, Alaska.

"Our home will never be the same. It will take 1000 years before Prince William Sound is the same again," retort Valdez-ians.

"We'll pay for it," Exxon says.

"All the money in the world won't fix this!"

"Gee... we're sorry."

Boy, that's a big comfort. I spent some great times fishing for salmon in Prince William Sound. I remember the sea otters floating within 10 feet of

the boat, breaking clam shells with rocks while lazily floating on their backs. I remember how clean and unspoiled Valdez and the sound was.

Now I can just picture the sea otters, not to mention every other form of life within miles, drenched in oil. The oil is the consistency of mayonnaise on the top of the water. The front page of the Tuesday, April 4 issue of the Seattle Times shows rescue workers picking up and bagging dead sea otters. Is Exxon going to pay for that loss? How about the loss of tourism, fishing (commercial and recreational), aesthetics, etc...

"Gee... we're sorry."

It's not like this was an unavoidable error. The captain of the fateful tanker, Joseph Hazlewood, was hopelessly smashed. His blood alcohol level was ridiculously over the legal limit. The SOB turned the reins over to a third mate that was not qualified to navigate the ship, so he could go down and sleep it off. The Coast Guard said that a child

could have navigated the ship through the 10-mile strait.

Now he is being charged with a misdemeanor. A misdemeanor?! My God!! The man has just pulled off the worst offense in "Driving while intoxicated" history. Hazlewood and his good buddy Jack Daniels have single handedly destroyed an ecosystem that took centuries to create.

Lawyers for the prosecution against Hazlewood call the disaster the worst man-caused catastrophe since Hiroshima.

To me a misdemeanor is joy-riding your dad's car. But causing one of the worst man made disasters of all time is hardly a minor offense. The man should be hung from his heels in the middle of Valdez and let the residents there work out their frustrations on him.

As far as Exxon paying for it, how can you put a price on what has happened. Exxon is worth 400 billion dollars. Perhaps if they are really interested in helping out they could sell off all their assets and give the money to someone who could competently help

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE PUBLIC

On March 24, in the early morning hours, a disastrous accident happened in the waters of Prince William Sound, Alaska. By now you all know that our tanker, the Exxon Valdez, hit a submerged reef and lost 240,000 barrels of oil into the waters of the Sound.

We believe that Exxon has moved swiftly and competently to minimize the effect this oil will have on the environment, fish and other wildlife. Further, I hope that you know we have already committed several hundred people to work on the cleanup. We also will meet our obligations to all those who have suffered damage from the spill.

Finally, and most importantly, I want to tell you how sorry I am that this accident took place. We at Exxon are especially sympathetic to the residents of Valdez and the people of the State of Alaska. We cannot, of course, undo what has been done. But I can assure you that since March 24, the accident has been receiving our full attention and will continue to do so.

L. G. Rawl
Chairman



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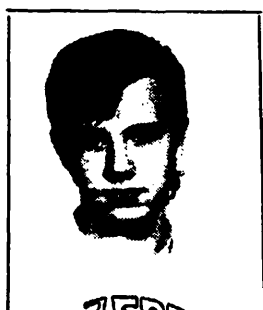
Exxon will do "all they can" until the media uproar dies

down, then quickly slip out of town.

"Gee, we're sorry."

Further adventures in telephoning

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by Kallen
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You remember that annoying blurb that seemed like it came out of your radio and television at least three times an hour: "Reach out, reach out and touch someone..."

Yes, AT&T is dissolved as a monopoly, but their long-distance service jingle lives on forever in deep-drawn scars on the soul of every true American. I was sitting at a friend's house the other night, drinking and being bored. We were trying to think of something to do that would cause positive vibrations to ebb and flow throughout the world. The conversation went somewhat as follows:

"What can we do... we're almost out of Green Death and we still haven't been the cause of a major war or police action — how mundane."

"Hey, let's reach out and touch someone."

My friend reached out and knocked the chair I was occupying over backwards. I recovered without spilling a drop.

"That's not quite what I had in mind... let's call someone."

It was his phone bill... what the hell. We dialed the operator and requested his overseas counterpart. He came back: "What long distance carrier do you have?"

Huh? It took me a minute to realize what was going on. I told the operator we had MCI. He gave us a number.

We hung up and dialed the MCI overseas operator. "MCI Overseas, how can I help you?"

"I want to call the Kremlin... yes, in the Soviet Union... thank you..." There was a long pause and a thick accent came through the line.

"How may I help you?" I was talking to a Russian... a real live Russian.

"Yes, I would like to speak to the Kremlin please."

"Please hold the line while I transfer

to someone in the public information office?"

"I'm sorry, that office is closed. What information do you need?"

My plans had fallen short. I was now panicked. "Yes, I was wondering what the official response to the Valdez, Alaska oil spill was."

There was a short pause. "I'm sorry, you'll have to call back when the information office is open... <CLICK>"

Hmm... so much for improving Soviet/US relations.

My friend took a shot at the Vatican, but there was no answer. Strike two.

I grabbed the phone as soon as it hit the cradle. I punched in the series of numbers and told the operator I wanted the American Embassy in El Salvador.

Much to my surprise the phone actually rang and a voice answered, "American Embassy El Salvador, Master Sergeant Johnson speaking."

I identified myself as a not-so-upstanding member of the journalism community and asked to speak to the ambassador, public information office, or similar persons of high standing

the foreign service.

"I'm sorry, all the offices are closed."

"Okay, maybe we could get your opinion on something then. We're working on deadline here."

"I'm afraid I can't give my opinion on anything — it's against the rules."

"Well surely you could at least give your opinion of the situation in El Salvador."

"I'm sorry, I'm not allowed to do that, sorry."

"Do you mean you don't have first amendment rights?"

"No comment."

"Is the sky blue?"

"Well, sure."

"There, you've just given me your opinion." I had him where I wanted him now; as I was about to ask a remarkable follow-up question, he interjected.

"If I can take a message, I can have one of the ambassador's secretaries return your call. They'll be glad to answer your questions."

"Like I said I'm on deadline."

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Why must men always foot the bill?

LARRY SNYDER, JR.
Staff Reporter

Dear Uncle Larry:

Unless prior arrangements have been made, is it true that the man should always be responsible for paying when out on the town? The reason I ask is last Friday night I went out to dinner with a man who thought I was going to pick up the dinner tab of \$60. When I refused to pay he stood up, told the waiter that I would take care of everything, and stormed out of the restaurant. Being a student without employment, I lacked the funds to cover such an expense. This was the most embarrassing moment of my life. The manager asked me to call my parents, whom had to be paged at the bowling alley. When my father showed up two hours later he was so mad, he put his fist through the front door of the restaurant and off to the hospital we went to put his arm in a cast. Uncle Larry this was the worst day of my life, please help me.

Dad's mad

Dear Mad:

Your first question has two answers. First, no, the man should not have to pay for everything all the time. Because the United States population is made up of more women than men, it only makes sense the women should pay at least

every other time or whenever the bill is greater than \$20. Secondly, prior to leaving your driveway on your next date, look over at the man taking you out and tell him how much you appreciate this date with him. His reaction will tell you whether you have a winner or a poverty-stricken student like yourself. By the way, why don't you have a job? By all means, consult the Sunday paper and start looking for work. One more thing, don't ever interrupt mom and dad's bowling night.

Best of wishes,
Uncle Larry

Dear Uncle Larry:

Do you think it's alright for my parents to charge me rent to live at their home while I am attending college? I guess the thing that bothers me so much is that for the \$450 per month they charge me, I could rent an apartment of my own. I really like my parents but I feel that they are milking me for money so they can feed their Longacres habit. What would you do Uncle Larry?

Paying through the Nose

Dear Nose:

I don't know whether you have ever sat down and figured it out, but you are spending \$5400 a year on rent. I would say that as soon as possible you need to

have a talk with your parents about two very important subjects. The first, why are they spending your hard earned money at the track and secondly, how can they justify this amount of money per month. I have heard of severe parents, but these folks are brutal. Do yourself and the rest of America a favor and stop letting your parents spend your inheritance.

Good Luck,
Uncle Larry

Dear Uncle Larry:

I have a dilemma that has been bothering me for some time now. It has to do with the parking situation here at Highline. When I registered, the nice lady at the desk asked me if I wanted parking. I said yes and paid my \$8. When the first day of school came around I decided I would get here a bit before my 10 a.m. class to be able to find my class and not be late. As I entered the east parking lot I discovered a sign that said 'LOT FULL PARK AT MIDWAY DRIVE-IN'. Well, Uncle Larry, this is where my dilemma started. It was pouring down rain sideways and I was not about to park at the Midway Drive-In. To make a long story short, I parked on the sidewalk. I tried to pull

as far over so my fellow students could walk by. After an enjoyable first day at school I came out to find my car missing. When I called the campus security to report my car stolen, all I got was a good chewing out from the officer. To this date, Uncle Larry, my car is still missing. What should I do?
Walking takes to long.

Dear Walking:

Boy, what a hot button you have hit here. I now know the reason why all those people walking across Highway 99 have such grim looks on their faces. Because I am not one to condone driving on the sidewalk I am forced to present you with a few alternatives. First and most importantly, DO NOT PAY FOR PARKING. Why should we as students pay for something that was paid for a long time ago. The Midway Drive-In was paid for prior to the conception of my life. Alternative number two, to save you the anguish of commuting in traffic try getting here when they open the main gate to campus. Be sure to bring your coffee and morning paper because they open the main gate at 5 a.m.

Your good friend,
Uncle Larry

Software and the strategic defense

Bryan Smith
Staff Reporter

Many people are still questioning the operational feasibility of laser and particle beam weapons, sensing and guidance devices, battle management stations and other system hardware which intercept and destroy enemy missiles before they reach the U.S.

What has been overlooked is the software needed to run such a system. This software program will be required to run flawlessly the first time out. Since when does the first version run without any software bugs? Even after countless computer simulations of

Global Thermal Nuclear War, I do not feel it will be able to work and run clean.

The software's task is to work with hardware limitations and identify, track and then destroy thousands of missiles and tens of thousands of warheads in less than 30 minutes. This task is going to require the largest single computer program ever written. To run such a program will take approximately 20 to 35 million lines of code. A standard data base or word processor program contains around 5000 lines of code.

By current estimates, it will take at least 50,000 man-years of programming. The more programmers working on the system the greater the chances of

errors. Even if 50,000 programmers manage to get their own module to work without errors, new errors will arise when the modules are put together. An estimated 34,000 unknown errors will exist when the first version is done.

When the navy tested its first version of Aegis, which was designed to defend navy ships from attack, the system missed and failed to stop six of 16 incoming targets.

Eventually most software bugs are found and corrected, but there won't be a second chance with the Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI). Creating such a program to defend against a massive nuclear missile attack is SDI's greatest

stumbling block. Can it be done? Some top officials working on the project think that it may be achievable, given enough time.

But because of the extreme demands on this system and the inability to truly test it, I personally do not have the least bit of confidence that the system will succeed.

Computer happenings: Microrim, Inc. and R:Gang invites everyone to preview "Atlas", Microrim's next generation DBMS at 7:00pm on Wednesday, April 19 in Wright Auditorium, Childrens' Hospital, Seattle. For more information please call Richard Traband, 481-2947.

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Sea-Tac has grown since this 1959 photo was taken.

LARRY SNYDER, JR.
Staff Reporter

KARLA OLSON
Staff Reporter

Airlines, which brings 5,500 passengers daily during the winter and spring months, and 10,000 during the summer months, according to Frank McNulty, United Airlines public information officer.

Only two airlines make their home in Seattle — Alaska Airlines and Horizon Air, both part of the Alaska Air Group.

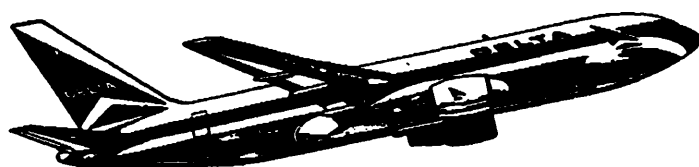
Alaska concentrates most of its routes on West Coast and Alaskan destinations. In 1987, Alaska flew 1,259,400 passengers through Sea-Tac, and they are expecting to increase that number with the recent acquisition of Jet America Airlines.

The other leg of the Alaska Air Group is Horizon Air. As a commuter airline, Horizon serves numerous destinations in Washington, Oregon, and Idaho. Horizon's fleet consists mainly of DeHavilland turbo-props and a few small jets. Its busiest routes are the Portland and Spokane shuttle which leave on the half hour from Sea-Tac and are ideal for business people with tight schedules.

Internationally, Sea-Tac is the closest major airport in the continental United States to Pacific Asia, via the great circle route. Japan, Northwest Orient, Thai and United Airlines offer regular non-stop service to Hong Kong and Tokyo.

All international passengers landing at Sea-Tac must first clear U.S. Customs, which is located in the south satellite terminal. This is also the location for paying duty on items brought into the United States. International passengers are responsible for a \$7 international landing fee. In November, 1988, 86,000 international passengers traveled through Sea-Tac, an increase of 14 percent from November, 1987. International tourists contributed \$1.7 billion to the King County economy in 1986, making it the second largest county industry.

Sea-Tac's growth is having an impact



"Several of the teachers said it has made all the difference in the world," said Robin Fritchman, facilities and operations director at HCC.

For Highline Community College students, the airplanes flying in and out of Sea-Tac International Airport are a constant interruption. Teachers and students are silenced in mid-sentence as classrooms vibrate with the roar of jet engines. With 750 flights arriving and departing each day, these mid-sentence interruptions can become an irritation.

HCC spent \$638,000 last summer on a sound improvement project. An acoustics study was done on a typical classroom on campus and the average aircraft noise recorded was 71 decibels, which is equivalent to normal street noise. The generally acceptable noise criteria for the classrooms is 30 to 40 decibels, 40 being equivalent to the rustle of leaves or light rainfall.

The project at Highline included replacing old windows with new thermopane windows and adding thick draperies in several of the buildings on campus.

An Historical Perspective

In 1987, 472 million passengers nationwide took to the air. Compared to 242 million passengers in 1978, when deregulation took place, air traffic has shown a significant increase. By the turn of the century, the projected figures show 800 million people crowding the skies and airports. In 1988, 14.5 million of these people passed through Sea-Tac. By 1999, Sea-Tac will have reached its capacity of 20 million passengers.

The idea for another major airport, in addition to Boeing Field, first took shape in the early 1940's. The army requested the Civil Aeronautics Administration (CAA) build an airport to handle commercial operations then being handled at Boeing Field.

The construction of the airport was funded by \$1 million from the CAA. The CAA approached the City of Seattle and King County, but neither was able to assume sponsorship. Finally, the

Seattle Port Commission agreed to sponsor the airport. At that time, airports were not self-sustaining.

The present site of Sea-Tac was chosen for several reasons: location, elevation, weather conditions and, most importantly, the site was clear of dangerous obstructions.

On Dec. 31, 1942, ground was officially broken for airport construction. The entire project took almost two years, and the new airport was completed in October, 1944.

The first passenger air carrier to land at Sea-Tac was United Airlines in 1944. Northwest and Western Airlines began regular service in 1948. International flights began in 1959 when Japan Airlines made its first touchdown at Sea-Tac.

National & International

Air Carriers

Today, Seattle-Tacoma International Airport boasts 23 major air carriers, including 12 international airlines and several charter air companies. The greatest percentage of the annual air passenger volume is created by United

Security Concerns

Airport security is of major concern to all international airports with the recent bombing of the Pan Am flight which went down in Scotland. Recently, Seattle's airport has been added to

... THE SKY'S THE LIMIT?



International arrivals going through customs.

the list of international airports which have been given the category X, meaning it has a higher risk of international terrorism.

"Since the bombing, the Federal Aviation Administration has not asked us to make any specific changes, but individual airlines have taken special security measures," said John Eliadis, public information officer for the Port of Seattle Police Department.

Sea-Tac has an impeccable safety record in comparison to

other major airports. "We take additional security measures above the requirements set out by the FAA," said Eliadis. On a normal day the Port's police force is staffed with a minimum of seven officers. Possibly all officers will be called in, if an unusually large crowd is expected for a special event. The Port of Seattle officers are aided in airport security by four dogs; three of the dogs are used to sniff explosives, and the fourth is a narcotics dog.

Employment & Economic

Boosts

The Port Police Department is just one of many sources of employment for which the Port is responsible. The number of jobs directly related to Sea-Tac has an immense impact on Puget Sound's economy, with more than 37,000 people employed through airport operations. The salaries for these employees infuses \$900 million into the local coffers. The largest group of people to benefit from Sea-Tac is the visitor and tourism industry. Direct and indirect jobs, such as hotels, motels, car rentals, and restaurants number about 152,000 and create \$442,000, which is circulated into the local economy. Sea-Tac is also quite a source for state tax revenue. With a total business of almost \$2 billion, the State Department of Revenue collects \$176 million from airport sales.

The economic forecast looks quite encouraging with the continued growth of Sea-Tac, according to the 1988 Sea-Tac Master Plan Update. The master plan provides guidance for continuing to develop the airport as a responsive, efficient, economical, flexible and aesthetically pleasing facility.

According to the public information office at the Port of Seattle, which forecasts 20 million passengers by the turn of the century, expansion of Sea-Tac will increase the size of B, C, and D concourses to handle a higher volume of passengers. Many other expansion projects are in the works, including the addition of five new gates in the C and D concourse, construction of a con-

solidated airport maintenance facility, and numerous other projects. Each expansion project at Sea-Tac will allow the airport to serve future passengers in a more efficient manner, according to the Master Plan Update. The Master Plan will also allow Sea-Tac to expand economically, thus creating an even stronger base of jobs and revenue for the Puget Sound region.

The Port of Seattle was the first to establish a noise remedy program with the communities around Sea-Tac in 1975. Over the past 14 years it has been updated to what is known as the present Noise Remedy Program. The program is designed to aid in the insulation of homes affected by continuous aircraft noise. Long-term homeowners are given help in the selling of their property. Over the past 12 years, the Port has bought 1,030 homes in the high noise area at the cost of \$63 million.

As the air traffic and expansion of Sea-Tac continue to grow, port officials are looking at many alternatives to deal with the challenge. Some of the alternatives include adding a third runway on the west side of the present two and diverting some commercial flights to other airfields, such as Paine Field in Everett.

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The Port of Seattle

Past, Present and Future

1942 - Ground broken for construction

1944 - First air carrier lands at Sea-Tac

1959 - International flights begin

1975 - Port establishes Noise Remedy Program

1988 - 14.5 million people pass through Sea-Tac

1999 - Estimated capacity of 20 million passengers reached



A 727-200 takes off from Sea-Tac International Airport.

THUNDERWORD



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ATTENDANCE POLICIES:

Who needs 'em?

Attendance policies at the community college are unrealistic. Many teachers have adopted attendance policies that penalize students who do not attend class every day. This kind of policy is not practical at the community college.

The majority of the students who attend Highline Community College lead two lives, sometimes more. In addition to school, many have part-time or full-time jobs and are parents besides. Too often these lives overlap. An attendance policy punishes students when this happens.

In many academic classes the material covered can be learned from the book. If this is the case then students who can cover what happened in class should be allowed to miss class without fear of a lower grade.

There are exceptions. Foreign language classes, for example, require conversing, and attendance is helpful. If this is the case, then the grades of the student will reflect it. The ability to pass or fail should depend on the student's ability to complete the assigned work and should not be jeopardized by his ability, or inability, to make it to class.

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Getting involved with your legislature

Guest shots



by Jack Kniskern

Trustees, administrators, faculty, staff, and students all have a vital interest in the future of education. I am convinced that education is the most important investment to be made for the benefit of individuals and our community.

Community colleges are a bargain for the student and an investment for the taxpayer. Community college teaching and training respond to community needs and contribute to the economic development of every community in the state of Washington. But, since 1980, enrollment at the state's community colleges has not kept up with the population growth and the community college system as a whole has been forced into an unacceptable non-growth policy. As individuals and as a state, we must make the commitment to increase the quality and quantity of education.

Every serious citizen — and that includes the community college student — can respond to the educational funding crisis by contacting his or her legislators and emphasizing the importance of adequate funding for all segments of education, particularly for community colleges.

The Legislative Hot Line, 1-800-562-6000, is an easy way to get your message to members of the State Legislature. Get involved in the democratic process! The process responds to the degree you contribute.

Blood, sweat and learning

Well, the enthusiasm was to be expected. After all, I was about to embark on a new journey of intellectual and spiritual enlightenment. I was traveling down the unbeaten path of the road diverging in the yellow wood. I was about to write for a bonafide college paper.

Everything was going smoothly as planned. The first paper of the quarter was completed and displayed with minimal discomfort to Journalism 101 students.

And then scandal struck. Our Thunderword paper, serving Highline Community College with excellence, had in

actuality been serving the college with excellence. That's right, hopes and dreams of a lifetime (well maybe only 15 minutes), your aspiration of grandeur as a result of working for a perfect paper, running abruptly into the sharp face of reality and futility.

Things progressed from bad to worse. Comments and fan mail poured into the regional offices of the Thunderword staff, pointing out the errors of our ways.

Well, now that one sits down and thinks about it, one mispelled word on the front of a paper is not bad. In actuality, the majority of the readership failed to catch the mistake the first two papers of the

Winter quarter had blatant misspelled words mangling the masthead. Imagine the pain, the disappointment. All the themselves until it was pointed out. And when engrossed in reading, many will find it hard to recognize where the dangling prepositions are at. Granted there were a few grammatical incorrectnesses, but grand proportions?

I guess that is what I learned the most. I learned how to make mistakes. Actually, making the mistakes is the easy part. However, when they are made, the key is to remember why they were made. After all, it's only a learning experience... Hopefully.

INCOMING!

WAVING THE FLAG

Dear Karla Olson,

It is a pleasure to read your article about our nation's flag in the March 10 edition of Thunderword. I am sure your words are appreciated by many, especially by those of us who have served our nation in peace and war. Continue to march!

Very Sincerely,
Jack W. Jaunal
Sgt. Major USMC, Retired

Editor's Note: Jaunal teaches History at HCC.

A smoker's plea

Dear Editor:

Smoking on campus is not allowed except outside. I think that policy should be changed. I am a smoker, and I don't like being made to feel like a wrong-doer because I smoke. Having to smoke my cigarette in the rain or in the chill of winter is very uncomfortable.

I do understand that some people who don't smoke find it offensive. Having our own area to smoke wouldn't impede on their wishes.

I think my suggestion of having a designated smoking area would be appreciated by other smoking students as well. We wouldn't be bothering any non-smokers, and the number of people smoking in doorways would decrease. There is already a section of the cafeteria that is enclosed. The area that has the soda and chips machines could be changed to a smoking area with very little effort, except to put in a fan.

Sincerely,
Gloria Munji

Editor's Note: Highline's policy is a result of state legislation which prohibits smoking in public buildings.

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Carousel still Kicking

REGINA HUENING
Staff Reporter

Puget Sound Musical Theater is now presenting Rogers and Hammerstein's musical Carousel.

On Friday, March 31, I had the distinct pleasure of attending the opening night performance and was deeply impressed by the professional enthusiasm of the entire theater group. The 71 cast members plus the orchestra bring the music alive for the audience. Diane Sweeney, who plays the role of Julie Jordan, gave a certain sweet appeal with all of the devotion to her leading man Alan Mc Eachern, who portrays Billy Bigelow. Mc Eachern, who has never been cast in a role prior to this one, makes

his character come to life while you love him and hate him at the same time.

Anna Persha in the role of Louise Bigelow brings the performers together in a beautiful finale. The songs are touching at times brought alive by some wonderful dancing. The direction, choreography and the production itself make you laugh, cry and

feel good about life before you leave. In this critics opin-

ion, Carousel is worth seeing and enjoying with the whole family. It will be playing every Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. through April 16 at Decatur Performing Arts Center, 2800 S.W. 320th, Federal Way.



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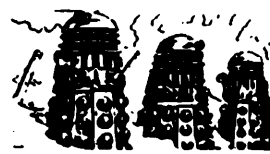
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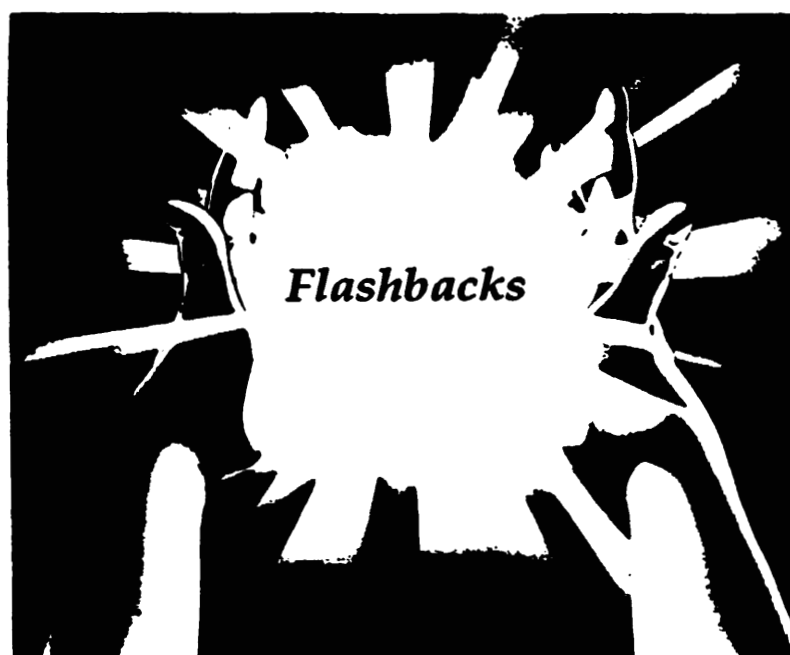
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M*A*S*H :Vintage TV

Marty Pierce
Entertainment Editor

To include M*A*S*H in a series called "Flashbacks" may not serve the purpose of the idea of a flashback. The "King" of TV syndication can be seen in most cities twice a day in repeats.

However, to exclude what many consider the greatest half-hour network comedy series of all time would certainly not serve the purpose.

M*A*S*H was a reaction to

the Vietnam era that could reflect the cruelties of war without touching the sensitive subject of Vietnam itself, using black comedy without stepping on the borders of poor taste.

The series was set in Korea in 1950-53 during the Korean conflict and lasted more than 10 years. It is probably the only series that has endured major cast changes and not only survived but perhaps exceeded the success of the original cast.

Only Hawkeye (Alan Alda)

and Hodlips (Loretta Switt) remained constant throughout the series. M*A*S*H junkies banter back and forth in their views on who was better: Trapper vs BJ. . . Col. Blake vs. Col. Potter. . . Frank Burns vs. Charles Emerson Winchester.

Clearly, the early years of the series mirrored the times. In the early seventies we were asking, "Why? What happened?" in the wake of Vietnam. M*A*S*H attempted to answer those questions but never did. It did, however, challenge us to contemplate how we could treat each other so brutally.

As the show entered the 80's and the attitude of the nation became more superficial, so went the series. The story lines

seemed more like Cosby in a war zone. But even in its declining years it still set the standards for TV.

The characters in M*A*S*H surely will be firmly implanted in the psyche of this generation and the next. It is a totally unique series in an era of carbon copy sit-coms. If you aren't already a M*A*S*H junkie, it is clearly a sufficient alternative to being a drug junkie...and it's cheaper.

Hot Tuna made hot tunes

Kallen Jenne
Editor-in-Chief

Hot Tuna... the name is a strong indicator of the music quality within.

Hot Tuna is a band formed as an artistic off-shoot of Jefferson Airplane. Jorma Kaukonen, the lead guitarist from Airplane, and Jack Casady, the Airplane's bassist, formed the group in 1969 to fulfill their creative desires — which they felt were being stifled in the Airplane. In an Associated Press interview

Kaukonen claimed the band was formed "because of the kind of music I wanted to play, and the Airplane's musical nature didn't permit playing it. It was stuff I'd been doing before — with more traditionally oriented folk roots, finger-picking stuff."

For an example of a Jefferson Airplane song that sounds like a *Hot Tuna* song, one could suggest "Embryonic Journey," off of *Surrealistic Pillow* (in the same album with "White Rabbit" and "Plastic Fantastic Lover").

Their debut album, *Hot Tuna*, was recorded live in Berkeley and released in July 1970. The album was received nominally well and includes several traditional blues songs.

Jorma and Jack seem to always bring out the best in each other, and recent reviews in *Dead ReMix* (a Grateful Dead/San Francisco sound fan mag) of recent shows note they have returned to the acoustic sound, after departing for the advantages of electricity for the decade and a half in between. Also look for their other albums:

Electric Hot Tuna, Burgers, Phosphorescent Rat, Amer-



ica's Choice, Yellow Fever, Hoppkrov, Double Dose, Splashdown, and Historic Live Tuna.

Calendar of Events Board Activities

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| Tuesday, April 11 | Events Board Open House
Refreshments, Entertainment, Give-a-ways
Building 8, Student Lounge
10:00 am- 1:00 pm |
| Wednesday, April 12 | International Cinema Film Series
Film: "Aguirre, The Wrath of God"
Directed by: Werner Herzog
Building 7, Artists-Lecture Center
12 noon and 7:00 pm
Cost: \$1.00 per person |
| Wednesday, April 12 & Thursday, April 13 | Spring Quarter All Campus Blood Drive
Times: 9:00 am - 12:30 pm and 1:15 pm- 3:00 pm Plaza near Building 8 |
| Thursday, April 13 | Thunder Music Concert Music Series
Deems Tsutakawa- Seattle Jazz Musicain
Building 8, Student Lounge
11:00 am to 1:00 pm |
| Monday, April 17 | Performing Arts Series 1989
Bochinche 10 piece ensemble playing Latin-Salsa music and the HCC Jazz Ensemble- Directed by Ed Fish
7:30 pm, Building 7, Artists-Lecture Center
Admission: \$3.00 Students & Seniors
\$5.00 General Admission |
| Tuesday, April 18 | Poetry Reading by Madeline Defreeze
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| Thursday, April 20 | Open Discussion on Dramatic Poetry with Jack Thomas, Bldg. 7, Artists Lecture Center, 1:00 pm |

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- Tickets at HCC Bookstore

Karate kicks off at Highline

DAVE GAUSE
Staff Reporter

The Kingdom wasn't the only place filled to capacity this weekend. The pavilion at Highline Community College also was filled for the 16th annual Shorin-ryu Karate Tournament.

The Shorin-ryu Tournament, was sponsored by Jerry and Dianne Gouly. Almost 300 competitors and at least 250 karate fans packed the pavilion.

Competitors competed in three different divisions: kata or open handed, weapons kata, and fighting. Ages in each of these divisions ranged from eight to 35.

In the kata division, competitors were judged by a panel of five. There are approximately 15 basic kata routines, but each competitor has a different variation. Each routine is given a score of one to 10 based on the difficulty of the maneuvers and the ability to perform them gracefully.

In the weapons kata divi-



Yakima's Kari Erickson practices with the bo for the weapons competition.

Photo by
Duane Hamamura
Valley Daily News

sion, the competitors are judged in much the same way. Each individual chooses a traditional martial arts weapon with which to perform. Some examples

are the bo, a long stick used for harvesting rice in Japan; the sword, a traditional weapon used by the Samurai warrior; and the jute, which is used most

often by the police in China to disarm assailants.

The fighting division is by far the most popular. The fighting is light contact; you can only hit your opponent with controlled punches and kicks. Points are scored when a vital area of the body, such as the face, groin, or kidney, is hit.

Safety and sportsmanship are stressed most heavily in this division. "The purpose is to demonstrate skill, not for people to get hurt," said Ken Shug, one of the tournament organizers.

The objective in the fighting division is to be the first to score three points in the a single two-minute round.

The division is broken into four classes. The divisions, based on the belt color worn by the competitor, are white, green, brown and black. White is the color worn by novices while the most experienced wear black.

The styles used in this division are almost as numerous as the competitors. Some of the different styles used are Shi-

toyu and Dochinkan from Japan, Isioyinyo from China and Kaju Knubo from Hawaii.

The tournament ended at 8:00 p.m. with the battle for the prized Shorin-ryu trophy. In the men's black belt fighting division, Randy Bartley defeated Scott Webster in less than two minutes.

Even for someone who is untrained in the martial arts, the tournament represented a pleasant alternative to watching the Final Four.



Rain 4. Softball 0

Softball team undefeated in season play

Dave Wellington
Sports Editor



Laura Bovee improves her swing in the Pavilion batting cage

Photo by
Kevin Tallmadge

Standing with all of our technology on the threshold of the 21st century, we still, as Mark Twain so aptly put it, can only talk about the weather.

Highline Community College's softball team has been left with as many choices. Rain has kept the team from practicing on the field and forced the players into the pavilion for the first half of the season.

Fortunately, indoor practices have not hindered the performance of the 13-member team. In its only pre-season tournament held in Yakima on March 18 and 19, the Thunderbirds successfully ousted all three of the competing teams. They soundly defeated Grey's Harbor 29-7, South Puget Sound 2-1 and 6-4, and

Yakima 17-0.

Head coach Kelly Beymer is pleased with the pre-season performances. "I was anxious to see how they would do. They had a tough season last year. Now we have success. I'm really excited for them," she said.

One positive factor leading to the early success could be the overall experience level of the team. Five of the players are returning veterans while four others were recruited from high schools around the state.

So far the experience and skills demonstrated in the pre-season play have been limited to the pre-season. As a result of the weather and the failure of some of the competing schools to pull a team together,

the girls have not been able to hone their skills in seasonal competition.

Summing up the general feeling of the team, several members admitted it was "frustrating" not being able to compete. Veteran Shannon Kussman looked on the positive side. "Well, at least we started out on a positive note. We're looking forward to getting out on the field and playing," she said.

That chance may come this weekend when they're scheduled to compete against South Puget Sound. The game will take place (weather permitting) on Saturday, April 8, at South Puget Sound Community College.

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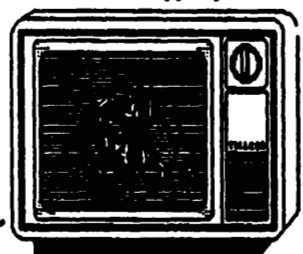
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HCC's Ben Sauvage finishing the men's 5000 meters in the Central Washington Invitational. Photo by Tim Vandervlugt

Paige Kerrigan
Sports Editor

Central Washington University held an invitational track meet in Ellensburg Saturday, April 1.

The teams competing were Whitworth, Whitman, Bellevue Community College, a few members from the University of Washington, Central Washington, and Highline Community College.

A few outstanding statistics for HCC were the men's pole vaulters. Garth Willard and Ron Johnson both reached the 15-foot mark. The next closest jump was from Whitworth's Meiji Yugawa, who jumped 13 feet 6 inches.

In the men's 400-meter run, HCC's John Armeni ran a 51.6. Central's Thomas Harris placed second with a 52.8, and Whitman's Doug Cogle placed third with 53.2.

In the men's 1,500-meter run, Carl Buena from HCC ran

a 4:02.7, coming in second place after Buck Jones from an unattending school. Jones ran a 3:55.2 in the 1,500 meter.

In the men's triple jump, HCC's Armon Williams jumped 45 feet. Coach Don McConnaughey said it was an incredible jump.

Other events in which HCC placed fairly high were the men's 3,000 meter steeplechase. Terry Cushman came in first place with a time of 10:04.3. Armon Williams jumped 6 feet 2 inches in the men's high jump.

The event which netted HCC's runners the most places was the men's 400-meter hurdles. Allen Goans came in fourth, with HCC runners Carl Middleton, Terry Cushman, and Ozzie Williams following closely.

This weekend, April 8, HCC men's track team heads to Bellingham for the Western Washington Invitationals.



Russ Capps hurls the discus for HCC.

Photo by Tim Vandervlugt

Where are the women?

Paige Kerrigan
Sports Editor

Highline Community College lacks a women's track team. We have a strong men's team of 28 athletes, so what happened?

Don McConnaughey, HCC track coach said, "We don't discourage women, but we don't recruit either."

Women don't seem to be interested. This season one woman showed up, realized she was it, and was never seen again.

We seem to have company when it comes to a low count on women's track. Green River Community College has only three women running.

"Women have other interests," said McConnaughey. Those who run track usually end up at four-year colleges. "They join track because they enjoy it and are looking for a future in track."

The track conditions are invariably a reason to scare off willing participants. HCC has a cindered track which makes for a lot of mud during the rainy season.

If we had an "all weather track" we might attract more women interested in track said McConnaughey.

McConnaughey said he doesn't want to push too hard for a new track because the state won't give the school enough money for it. The only other place the money could come from would be the student activities fund. According to McConnaughey, if we took money out of the student activities fund for a track, there would be no money left. It looks like a new track is out of the question for now.

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