Transfer policy changes stuck in committee

By Bethany Morris
Staff Reporter

With the end of the academic year in sight, many Highline Community College students will be planning to transfer to their four-year colleges and universities. Although the issue of transferring to a university can be frustrating for some students, many are excited about the possibilities that come with continuing their education.

The HCC Instruction Commission has proposed a new transfer policy that would allow students to transfer more credits from community colleges to four-year universities. The policy would be based on the number of credits the student has earned, rather than the institution they attended.

The new policy would also allow students to transfer more credits from community colleges to four-year universities. This would be beneficial for students who have completed their general education requirements at a community college but need to complete their major coursework at a four-year university.

However, the new policy has been met with mixed reactions. Some students have praised the policy for its flexibility and fairness, while others have expressed concerns about the potential for increased costs and decreased access to financial aid.

Despite these concerns, the new policy is expected to be implemented in the fall of 1999. Students are advised to speak with their academic advisors to determine how the new policy will impact their individual academic plans.

German teachers visit Highline

By Steve McClure
News Editor

Highline Community College and the Northwest Regional Educational Association recently welcomed a group of German education leaders to the area to tour HCC and other area community colleges.

The group was comprised of Dr. Gunther Hesse, a professor at the University of Magdeburg, and a group of his students and colleagues.

Hesse and his group were impressed with the quality of education offered at Highline and other community colleges in the area. They also enjoyed tours of the campus and the surrounding area.

Hesse is responsible for international programs at the University of Magdeburg and was pleased to visit HCC and other area community colleges.

Branch campus debate heats up

By Steve McClure
News Editor

As the fall semester approaches, the University of Washington and Washington State University are once again facing off in the debate over whether to establish branch campuses in the South Puget Sound region.

Washington State University has proposed a plan to establish a branch campus in the area that would offer a variety of educational programs, including community college courses.

The University of Washington, on the other hand, is also interested in establishing a branch campus in the area, but has yet to make a formal proposal.

The debate over branch campuses has been a contentious issue in recent years, with both universities seeking to expand their educational reach.

The issue will likely be a major focus of the upcoming legislative session, with both universities hoping to secure funding for their respective branch campus proposals.
Busted? Morris goes to jail for good reason

Steve McCoy
News Editor

Ed Morris, Highline Community College's math division chair, was so arrested after being charged with walking too many laps around the pool and physical abuse of the American Cancer Society (ACS) during its annual "Jail and Ball" fundraiser.

The unknowing victim was captured outside his office March 24 and taken to his cell at the Sea-Tac Mall. His bail was set at $500 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 "wasted 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 we were going to take me," he commented. He added that he accused everyone from Dr. Shirley Gouston, HCC president, to Mary Lou Holllard, the school nurse. He now knows who the culprit was, but that person "will remain nameless until after realization," Morris said.

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

Steve McCoy
News Editor

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 honor award for the "Phi Theta Kappa Honor Courses." 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 students and guest speakers for all HCC student and community members involved.

"I am extremely proud of all Pi Sigma members who helped with this year's honor course," commented Dr. Joan Fodor, Washington State Coordinator for PTK and advisor of HCC Pi Sigma. "Pi Sigma Chapter also received third place in the Free-man Science Research Paper competition. It is a cleverly titled "The Rise and Fall of American Manufacturing Production."

Three honors students represented Pi Sigma Chapter at the convention. Dara Laggert, Diana Baumgart and Helen Anderson. "National Convention should be experienced by all Phi Theta Kappa members. You'll never forget it," summed up Dara Laggert, treasurer Pi Sigma. The 71st National Convention held in Atlanta, Georgia, March 10-12, 1989, offered all Phi Theta Kappa members the chance to learn more about the dynamics of leadership. The four days of seminars, workshops, castings and socializing included guest speakers Chief Justice Thomas O. Marshall of the Supreme Court and John Clements, 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 planning seminars, spoke about "Powers and Penalties of Leadership" during the general session Friday.

Marvin Kalb, a diplomatic correspondent for NBC, shared his knowledge of the U.S. presidency and the historical high budget deficit, and the environment, particularly the detection of ozone layer.

"You are responsible to the people in Washington in what you do and not to write for anything less." Kalb challenged Phi Theta Kappas. The honor course, a 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 Henry of Beta Tau Chapter from North Carolina became the new national president. Members of his chapter described him as having outstanding leadership abilities and skills. The new president is all members of PTK. HCC Pi Sigma will be working closely with Dr. William S. Young, Alpha Epsilon Rho, Bellevue Community College, who was elected West/Northwest Region vice president.

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

Krzutz 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 150 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 testing is supported by parents' 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.

Correction:
March 10, 1989 issue of the Thunderword, the story "College staff tension" 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 when it makes 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.
5. Should ineffective instructors be retrained, fired, other.
6. Should students have the opportunity to evaluate instructors for every class? Why, why not.

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 teacher/student 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 change their teaching methods. After all, that's their objective: to teach so you a supervisor monitor next quarter for change their teaching methods. After all, that's their objective: to teach so you are learning, and what they are learning. If students are not learning or having a problem, they should change their teaching methods.

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Thank you Exxon

by Mary Pierce

Ours: "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," resort Valdezians. "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 remember the sea otters floating within 10 feet of the boat, breaking clam shells with picks while lazily floating on their backs. I remember how clean and unpolluted 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 begging dead sea animals. 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 faulty tanker, Joseph Hazelwood, 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 out of the worst offense in "Driving while intoxicated" history. Hazelwood and his good buddy Jack Daniels have single handedly destroyed an ecosystem that took centuries to create. Lawyers for the prosecution against Hazelwood 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 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 speak to someone in the public information office.

"Gee...we're sorry," Exxon will do "all they can" until the media uproar dies down, then quietly slip out of town. "Gee...we're sorry.

Further adventures in telephoning

by Kallen Jenne

You remember that annoying blurt that seemed like it came out of your radio and television awhile three times an hour: "Reach out, reach out and touch someone...

Yes, AT&T is dissolved as a monoply, but their long-distance service jingle lives on forever in deep-drawn scars on the soul of every true American. I was sitting as 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:

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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 know that our sports heroes--the Exxon Valdez, hit a submerged reef and lost 280,000 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.

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Why must men always foot the bill?

Bryan Smith
Staff Reporter

Many people are still questioning the feasibility of laser and particle beam weapons, sensing and guidance devices, battle management stations and other systems which intercept and destroy enemy missiles before they reach the U.S. There has been less overlook the software needed to run such a system. This software program will be required and flawlessly the first time out. When does the first version run without any software bugs? Even after countless computer simulations of Global Thermal Nuclear War, I don't feel it will be able to work and run clean.

The software 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 minutes on a computer.

A standard data base or word processor program contains 10,000 to 20,000 words. 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 Argus, it 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 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 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: Micron, Inc. and R.Grant involve everyone number two, to save you the anguish of committing in traffic try getting here when they open the main gates to campus. Be sure to bring your coffee and morning because they open the main gate at 5 a.m.

Your good friend, Uncle Larry

Software and the strategic defense

LARRY SNYDER, JR.
Staff Reporter

Dear Uncle Larry,

Unless prior arrangements have been made, it is true that the man should always be responsible for paying when you call my parents, whom had to be paid. Being a student without employment, I lacked the funds to cover such an expense. To call my parents, whom had to be put his arm in a cast. Larry Snyder, Jr., my life, please help me.

May the United States population is made up of more women than men, it only makes sense to pay for everything all ability to lancard particlbeams, sensing and guidance devices, battle management, and stormed out of the restaurant. Being a student without employment, I lacked the funds to cover such an expense.

To make a long story short, I came around I decided I would get pay foreverything all ability to lancard particlbeams, sensing and guidance devices, battle management, and stormed out of the restaurant. Being a student without employment, I lacked the funds to cover such an expense. To call my parents, whom had to be put his arm in a cast. Larry Snyder, Jr., my life, please help me.

Please call Richard Groff, 786-1711.

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 $450 per month they charge me, $5400 to cover the entire year. Secondly, prior to the first day of school came around I decided I would get pay foreverything all ability to lancard particlbeams, sensing and guidance devices, battle management, and stormed out of the restaurant. Being a student without employment, I lacked the funds to cover such an expense. To call my parents, whom had to be put his arm in a cast. Larry Snyder, Jr., my life, please help me.

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

**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.

**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. By 1999, Sea-Tac will have reached its capacity of 20 million passengers.

**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 Airlines, which brings 5,300 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 Alaska 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, $6,000 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.

**Security Concerns**

Airport security is of major concern to all international airports with the recent bombing of the Pan Am Flight 103 that went down in Scotland. Recently, Seattle's airport has been added to...
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 infuse $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 consolidated 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 afflicted 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.

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 727-300 takes off from Sea-Tac International Airport.
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.

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 at first. The first paper of the quarter was completed and displayed with minimal discomfort to Journalism 101 students. And then scandal struck.

The ability to pass or fail should depend on the student, not be jeopardized by his ability, or inability, to make it to class.

Community colleges are a bargain for the student and are 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.

Blood, sweat and learning

Getting involved with your legislature

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

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!

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 much.

Very Sincerely,
Jack W. Jurman
Stg. Major USMC, Retired

Editor’s Note: Journal Headlines History at HCC

A smoker’s plea

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 included. The area that has the soda and chips machines could be changed so a smoking area with very little effect, 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 HUENNING
Staff Reporter

Page 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 McEachern, who portrays Billy Bigelow. McEachern, 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 critic's opinion, 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.
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 noon, 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 "Also Suggested Pillow" (on the same album with "White Rabbit" and "Plastic Fantastic Love").

Their debut album, Hot Tuna, was recorded live in Berkeley and released in July 1970. The album was received nominally well and included several traditional blues songs. Jorma and Jack seem to always bring out the best in each other; and recent reviews in 

"King Relix" (a GratefulDead fanzine) show how now 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: "Phosphorescent Rat," "Hoppin' Double Dose," "Spinal Tap," and "Historic Live Tuna."

**Flashbacks**

Flashbacks is a look back at some of the best music, TV, or movies from our past. This is page one in a five part series.

**Calendar of Events Board Activities**

**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**
- 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 Taylortime-Seattle Jazz Musician
  - Building 8, Student Lounge
  - 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

**Monday, April 17**
- Performing Arts Series 1988
  - Bochinche 10 piece ensemble playing Latin-Salsa music and the HCC Jazz Ensemble-Directed by Ed Fish
  - Building 7, Artists-Lecture Center
  - Time: 7:30 pm
  - Admission: $3.00 Students & Seniors
  - $5.00 General Admission

**Tuesday, April 18**
- Poetry Reading by Madeline Defnice
  - NW Poet Bldg., 7, Artists-Lecture Center
  - Time: 12 noon

**Thursday, April 20**
- Alaskan Radio Comedy Featuring
  - Jack Thomas, Bldg. 7, Artists Lecture Center
  - 12 noon

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- Tickets at HCC Bookstore, and the door

This performance funded in part by the King County Arts Commission.

**Friday, April 28**
- **Boat Cruise '89**
- A Night on the Sound
- Boat Cruise and Dance, Pier 55-Seattle
- Featuring prizes and the American Dance Machine's
- Music and Video System
- 8:00 pm Boarding time
- 9:00 pm Sailing time
- 12 midnight Docking time
- Cost: $1 with HCC ID
- $3 without HCC ID
- $5 couple without HCC ID
- 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, sponsored by Jerry and Diane Goule. Almost 300 competitors 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 division, 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 jutte, which is used most often by the police in China to disarm assailants. Japant, Isioyinyo from China and Kaju Kudbo from Hawaii.

The fighting 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 Shito-ryu and Dobokkan from Japan, Isioyinyo from China and Kaju Kudbo from Hawaii.

The tournament ended at 8:00 p.m. on Sunday for the priced Shorin-ryu trophy, in the men's black belt fighting division, Randy Barley defeated Scott Webster in less than two minutes.

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

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Softball team undefeated in season play

Dave Wellington
Sports Editor

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Summing up the general feeling of the team, several members advised it was "frustrating" not being able to compete. Veteran Shannon Kustman 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.

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Track team clears hurdles

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Sports Editor
Central Washington University had an invitational track event 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 Miki Yugawa, who jumped 13 feet 6 inches.

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

In the men's 1,500-meter run, Carl Bucu from HCC ran a 4:02.7, coming in second place after Buck Jones from an unattending school. Jones ran a 3:23.2 in the 1,000-meter.

In the men's long jump, HCC's Alen Williams jumped 49 feet. Croix Williams, also of HCC, jumped 5 feet 2 inches in the men's long jump.

The event which affected HCC most places was the men's 400-meter hurdles. Allen Goans came in fourth with HCC runners Carl Midleton, Tony Cushman, and Ozzy Williams following closely.

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

Where are the women?

Paige Kerrigan
Sports Editor
Highline Community College boasts 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 spring our women's teams entered the meet, but no girls came.

We seem to have companies 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 probably because they enjoy it and are looking for a future in track."

The track conditions are completely an excellent track field. It's all we have. There is no end in the same track, which means it's a lot of work for the same money."

If we had an "all weather track" we might attract more women interested in track and field, said McConnaughey. "But we can't afford it."

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, the student activities fund is the school's only source of money, so there would be no money left. It looks like a new track is out of the question for now.

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