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The men's basketball team prepares for the upcoming tournament. See Sports on page 8 for more details.



Medical assistants can now work and get their degree. For details of this new program see page 2.



What are the secrets of success in the bakery business? Read of Gai's Bakery's rise to prominence in the Northwest. See page 4 for the story.

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Registration appointments for enrolled students will begin February 26. Registrar Booker Watt encourages students who will be graduating soon to turn in their graduation application

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Power problems close school

Alan Brozovich
Scene Co-Editor

Classes at Highline Community College were cancelled Tuesday, Feb. 20 after all power to the upper campus was shut off at 8:52 a.m. The shut-off cut off all heat, electricity and telephone services on the eastern side of HCC.

According to Stan Shaw, supervisor of plant operations, part of campus lost power earlier due to a bad T-splice off a main power loop. The splice, which was located below the east entry to Building 6, blew around 7:50 a.m. and burned out one of three fuses that control the upper half of campus.

Jimmy Rogers, an HCC student, found the electronic doors to the building closed when he returned from the parking lot after getting something out of his car. He forced the first set of doors open and saw a section of the floor between the two sets of doors "lifted up."

"I was about to step down,

but I always look where I'm stepping," Rogers said. "It (the floor) was just sitting up." After reporting the incident to Campus Police Chief Jack Chapman, Rogers returned to the east entrance. "It was smoking bad then," he said.

Security notified the fire department and closed off the entire building. Puget Power and Potelco, Inc., a private company contracted by HCC for electrical maintenance, were also notified. Potelco, however, did not arrive until after Chapman and Shaw authorized Puget Power to pull all three upper-campus fuses. The fuses were pulled to allow the high-voltage T-splice to be repaired safely. Power was restored to the entire campus by 5:40, but night classes were cancelled because classrooms didn't have time to heat up.

For now things are back to normal, but there is no guarantee how long the remaining two T-splices at Building 6 will hold out. "They might last up to 10 years," explained Chapman. "Let's keep our fingers crossed."

Teachers protest peanut paychecks

Christina Shires
Staff Writer

About 13,000 teachers walked out of their classrooms on Feb. 13, in a statewide protest to demand higher salaries and more money for education.

Schools in approximately 35 districts -- including Seattle, Shoreline, Northshore and Kent -- were closed because of the walkout, leaving about 200,000 students either in day-cares or with babysitters for the day. Several other districts, including Bellevue and Issaquah, scheduled half-day walkouts.

According to the U.S. department of statistics, an average teacher's salary is \$29,176 a year. Although the Legislature approved a 10 percent pay

increase last year, the teachers' association is demanding another 10 percent pay boost.

Teresa Moore, communications director for the 49,000-member Washington Education Association (WEA), feels that something needs to be done to "improve the situation" and that the current protests were a step in the right direction.

Moore felt the walkout was "tremendously effective. There have been telephone calls, letters to editors, rallies, and people writing and calling legislators. It was very, very successful."

On the day of the walkout, approximately 50-60 kindergarten through 12th grade teachers gathered at the state's capital to sing songs and give

A touch of spring



Photo by David Wellington

Signs of spring survive a late brush with winter's fury. The snow teased people throughout the week before dumping up to 10 inches around the Seattle area.

speeches. They hoped to convince state legislators that they are in need of a pay raise. Some teachers took a recent television commercial that declared "Washington teachers don't get apples anymore... they get peanuts" a little further by passing out small bags of peanuts that said "Washington teachers don't want to work for peanuts."

One woman went as far as to wear peanut-shaped earrings.

Nancy Lennstrom, president of the Highline College Education Association (HCEA) was among the two busloads of teachers from the Highline and Renton school districts that attended the protest. While Moore found that teachers created a "tremen-

dous showing of unity" and the public was equally supportive, Lennstrom found that the protest "probably was not too effective. Teachers went with hopes of finding out if there is going to be action right now. They didn't get an answer."

According to Lennstrom, legislators basically said there simply isn't enough money to go around. With so many different sections and people competing for the money, there isn't ever enough. "They mentioned that jails, welfare programs and child-care facilities are all competing for it. There were people there that have been hearing the same thing for years. I'd say the odds are on for a state-wide strike, maybe in the spring or

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Medical assistants get help with degree



Photo by David Wellington

Students take notes on the world of medical assistants.

Rich Erickson
Staff Writer

Highline and Olympic Community colleges (located in Bremerton) are working together on a project to provide employed and experienced medical assistant personnel in the South Puget Sound area with a two-year degree program.

The proposed project would give people who are currently employed with a physician a chance to take the National Certification Exam (CMA) and to earn their AAS degree. The examination is put together by the American Association of Medical Assistants (AAMA).

One must have taken medical assistant college-level courses to be eligible to take this exam. Completion of this exam provides assistants with credentials and gives them highest priority in promotions. Once individuals have completed this exam, it shows physicians that they are qualified to do all the jobs that a medical assistant must do.

Medical assistants are multi-skilled individuals, usually female, who are employed in physicians' offices. According to Medical Assistant Instructor, Billie Lindh, their duties range from doing administrative work in the

office, to assisting the doctor in minor surgeries and physicals. They can take vital signs, administer electrocardiograms, draw blood and administer drugs under the doctor's orders. All medical assistants must be registered under the physician's name in Olympia by the Department of Licensing, as the doctor is liable for any lawsuits which may occur.

Lindh would like to see the program up and running by fall if possible, but she doubts this will happen. She says that once the program gets funding, HCC will meet with other educational facilities to evaluate the curriculum to see how the classes compare. Highline, "would be the first school in the area that has this type of program," Lindh says. Highline wants this program because people who have taken community surveys have expressed a need for these types of classes.

The program would award credit at the rate of one credit for each 20 clock hours of documented training. Interested persons should contact Billie Lindh at 878-3710, Ext. 372 or Carol Temparo at Ext. 491.

Search is on for new president

Steve McClure
Editor-in-Chief

Dr. Shirley Gordon will retire June 30, 1990, as president of Highline Community College and the word is out about the vacancy. John Hurley, HCC's director of personnel, is expecting that approximately 120 applications will result from more than the 400 brochures mailed out this first week of distribution. The brochure outlines the criteria and application procedure for the position.

With ideas from faculty, staff and administrators, the Board of Trustees came up with a list of criteria which include two years of experience at the dean level or above and successful teaching experience, a doctorate is preferred.

The school had roughly 60 inquiries regarding the opening before the brochure had even been made public, said Hurley. He added, "We want to get as many applications as we can, we want to look at as many people as we can."

Hurley believes the college has developed a good reputation which has increased the number of people who have

applied. One applicant identified HCC as "the flagship of the community college system in Washington."

A screening committee will review all the applications and compare applicant's qualifications to the criteria set in the brochure. This committee, consisting of faculty, staff and administrators, will narrow the applicants to fewer than 20, Hurley said. From there the applicants will send a video interview to the college, which will help the college lower the group to between four and six applicants.

These candidates will be invited for a campus visit. They will be interviewed by members of the Board of Trustees, and by students, staff, and administrators. These people will be able to send a written response to the Board regarding the candidates. The Board of Trustees will make the final decision.

"We hope we can end up with a super president," Hurley concluded.

The finalists will be on campus in late April or early May, with a final decision hopefully coming on May 14.

Matsukawa brings advice to HCC students

Richard Kelly
Staff Writer

Lori Matsukawa has been named permanent relief anchor for week-night newscasts and the primary reporter for "KING 5 News." As primary reporter, Matsukawa will report live in the 5 and 6 p.m. editions of "KING 5 News." She will cover major breaking stories and concentrate on issues such as growth, with particular attention to East King and Snohomish counties, and on people in community at risk.

"This is a great chance to get back into daily reporting on a regular basis and to cover those stories that deserve more attention—particularly issues such as growth and people at risk," says Matsukawa. "Plus I look forward to anchoring the evening newscasts on a regular basis."

In an appearance at Highline Community College Matsukawa offered this advice to the Television Production class: Get as much experience as you can. Get an internship if you can. Get experience doing camera work and editing/post production.

"You can only get better

by working with the equipment and getting hands-on experience," says Matsukawa. Watch what the professionals are doing and pay attention to their techniques.

Matsukawa feels that journalism is the most important job there is, because news brings information to the public about what is happening in their community and around the nation. "The people want to know what is happening in their community, and it's the journalist's job to bring them the information."

According to Matsukawa, television networks are cutting back. They have closed some foreign bureaus, and they have reduced staffing. The local affiliates are becoming more important to the networks. They have not cut back on the local affiliates, but they are having the stations do more work. They make the local stations cover the big stories in their region, including video and most of the information, and then transmit the information to where it is needed.

The affiliates have to make their stories more interesting so they can get higher ratings,



Lori Matsukawa discusses her career with journalism students.

which in turn the can sell more ads.

According to the American Society of News Editors, minorities are in high demand in the journalism field. Minorities represent 21 percent of the population with 6.3 percent of them in journalism. In Seattle minorities represent 20.5 percent of the population, with 9 percent of them in journalism.

Matsukawa joined KING 5 in June 1983, as co-anchor and reporter for "Top Story," the in-depth daily news program produced by KING 5 News

until June 1988. Matsukawa was then named anchor of "KING 5 News" at 6:30 p.m. and in October 1988, when that

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Lori Matsukawa, KING 5

program was discontinued, she moved to "KING 5 Morning News."

Matsukawa will continue to co-host "Celebrate the Dif-

ferences," KING's weekly community affairs program which focuses on issues of concern and interest to the Northwest's minority communities.

Matsukawa is planning on staying with "KING 5" for a while. "I will stay as long as they will keep me," says Matsukawa. Matsukawa's favorite stories are the ones that change from minute to minute, like the Bangor murders where the sailor's bodies were found; later the suspected murderer's body was found. "I also like to cover the human interest stories, such as people overcoming challenges, like handicapped people," she says.

In the future Matsukawa would like to share with others all that she has learned being a reporter/journalist. Not as a school teacher but possibly in the form of a book, television, or public speaking. "I just want to share with people my experiences and all I have learned spending time and working with people."

Matsukawa is happy with her career right now. "It's great to get paid to do something you love to do so dearly."

Rosee brightens winter months

Mersi Schorran
Staff Writer

Moods and skies may have been concrete gray, but for those attending an afternoon concert on February 15 in the Art-Lecture Center all was "Rosee."

Roosevelt "Rosee" McQuarter, custodian supervisor at Highline Community College gave a resounding gospel music concert as part of Black History Month. His wife Jessie accompanied him.

Introduced by Patrick Robinson, president of the Black Student Union, McQuarter sang gospel music and a medley of old-time spirituals.

Of Black History Month, McQuarter says this is "a time set aside to be aware of the accomplishments, achievements, and contributions of the black community over a period of time. Yet, I think that all the time is the time to be aware of what we have accomplished. Now is the time to know what we can be. We must never forget, or relinquish who we are."

Born in Mississippi and raised in Louisiana by his grandparents, McQuarter said, "I grew up with the separateness. I knew segregation. I grew up with the knowledge of the limitations of where I could go, and what I could do. However, my grandparents owned their own property, a farm. We raised just about anything you can think of. We were self-sufficient and not beholden to anyone for anything."

Looking back at his early childhood memories he said, "I had a happy, normal childhood. My sister and I were kind of envied by the other kids as we were bright kids. We were at the head of the class and usually one of us was at the head of the spelling line."

At age 20 during the Korean War, he joined the Army. He was sent to Korea and while



Photo by David Wellington

Roosevelt McQuarter hits just the right note during his recent concert

there sustained a facial injury when his tank was hit. As a result of this injury, he lost about 25 percent of the vision in his right eye. He was given a choice to come back to the United States after he was injured or to finish his tour overseas. He opted to finish his tour of duty in Germany.

"I didn't experience any racism while in the military. We all got along. We were all there with a common purpose. It was a way of life," he said.

After his discharge from the Army in 1954, McQuarter came to Seattle where he met and married his wife Jessie. They both sang in the church choir and as the children came along, they too joined their parents in the singing. The family became known as the McQuarter Singspirations. They were invited to sing at churches throughout the Pacific Northwest. McQuarter reflects, "We've gone full circle. Now that my children are grown and gone, it's me and Jessie again."

McQuarter says that it has been a good life, "I have no regrets. I raised nine children. Education has always been important to me." His chil-

dren have gone to become engineers, musicians, educators and athletes. My two youngest sons play excellent football and my youngest daughter was Washington state champion for track and field. "Yes," he continued, "I've gotten out of life what was there for me. I've achieved what I set out to achieve."

One change McQuarter would like to see at HCC is more Blacks on the faculty and in administration. He said he felt qualified Blacks should be given opportunities in the world of academia.

McQuarter hopes he will live to see the day "when we look beyond the color of one's skin and see the humanness of each other."

McQuarter will continue to work at HCC for another five years then looks forward to retirement.

Advise or die

Sean Owsley
Staff Writer

At Highline Community College it is mandatory to have an advisor to graduate. In reality the goal of an advisor is to make students' college careers easier by informing them of the minimum class requirements for their particular field, how to organize these classes, and other critical information necessary for graduation.

Kristi White, a second-year student at Highline, said, "An advisor removes the frustration from selecting classes. My advisor pointed me in the right direction, which has made my college education much easier."

The easiest aspect of an advisor is obtaining one. All it takes is a few moments of familiarization with a member of the faculty. This includes revealing to the advisor one's identity, career goals and a need for counseling.

In addition to the faculty advisor, there are two other types of counseling at HCC. There's the Advising Center, in Building 6, which answers questions about university brochures as well as other minor questions. The Counseling Center, also in Building 6, offers advice, by appointment only, on meeting admission requirements of four-year colleges.

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fall. There are a lot of tired and angry teachers out there."

Although a poll taken by a conservative parents' group showed that the majority of citizens oppose the protesting, Lennstrom believes they really don't oppose the protesting; they just don't like the idea of a strike.

"Teachers don't like it either, but they are sounding a little desperate," Lennstrom says. "If you can't offer de-

cent salaries, then people will go somewhere else, and we'll lose a lot of qualified teachers."

Lennstrom says that overall she felt discouraged. "I didn't know if I was wasting my time. A lot of other teachers felt that way also."

According to Moore, everything is "up in the air" for the next two or three weeks until the legislative session. "We'll just have to wait and see what happens."

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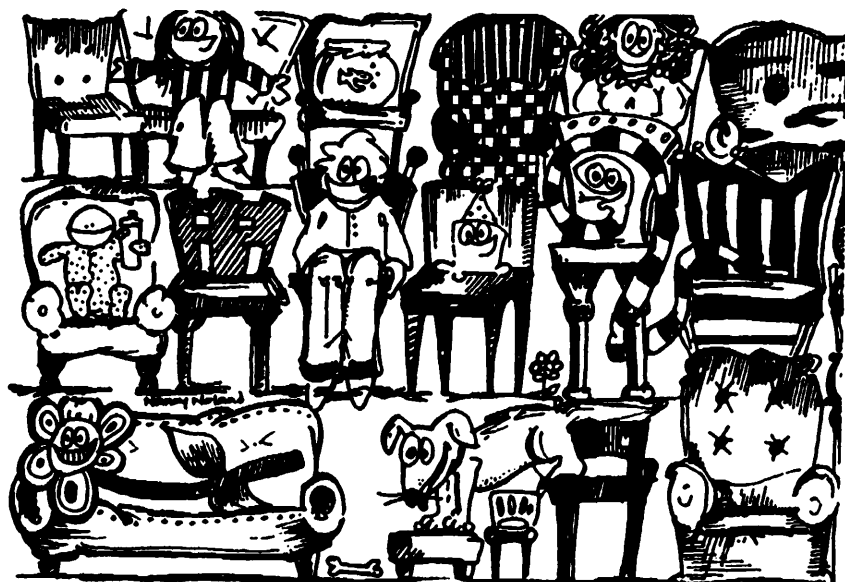
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Gai's: makin'

Family-owned bakery climbs to be a leader in the Northwest.

Laura Buttitta
Staff Writer

As loaves are pulled from mammoth ovens and a bakery door shimmies shut behind the curious clientele, a tantalizing aroma of sourdough induces mouth-watering responses. Moisture beads form on the bags of previously baked loaves, assuring their readiness and enticing customers to dig in.

This scene is typical of Gai's Bakery—a local family-owned business which has risen into a winning industry in the Northwest. Seven years after Giglio Gai moved from Rocchella, Ionica, in southern Italy, he sent for his two sisters under the condition they bring with them an Italian bride for him. The two, Giglio Gai and Cecilia Surace, were married shortly after her arrival in the United States—the land of opportunity.

The couple moved into a house off Rainier Avenue in 1911 and began baking by night and delivering bread by day. Some of their original customers were neighbors and eventually farmers from South Park (the 1990's Southcenter). This was the start of Gai's Bakery.

The company changed as the years went by. After Giglio and Cecilia died, their three children took over the business.

The family was expanding with the business, with the third generation consisting of eight children. Don Gai, one of the eight, was taught early that cleanliness was an important part of the baking business. Don says, "I think one of the reasons the business was so successful is because my dad and my uncle would work so close with these people. Henry would work side by side with the bakers, and Phil would work side by side with the drivers."

Semi-trucks were necessary, and in the early 1970's it became apparent that Ron Gai was going to be the one to specialize in the care and operation of the trucks themselves.

GAI'S ERUPTED WITH EXPANSION AND GROWTH:

In 1977, a three million dollar expansion took place.

Langendorf Baking Company was purchased by Gai's in 1980.

In 1985, Gai's Seattle French Baking Company purchased the Venice Bakery, becoming an international entity.

Gai's made a trip to California to solicit the McDonald's business in the Seattle area. The key to the business was the fact that Wonder Bread had refused to provide McDonald's with the plastic trays they required for their hamburger buns. They knew this was the crucial issue involved. In a bit of a coup, Phil and Louie boldly visited McDonald's headquarters and offered to provide plastic trays as opposed to cardboard. In one strategic move, Gai's had captured the McDonald's business, adding to their Dag's and Dairy Queen orders.



Today, Gai's Bakery is run more as a large business rather than a family-operated proprietorship. Don, vice-president of the company says, "The third generation's job is to maintain the bakery."

Gai's currently supplies grocery stores such as Quality Food Center, Safeway, Albertson's, and Associated Grocers. Many major restaurants such as the Space Needle, Ivar's, the Edgewater, the Columbia Tower, Elliot's, the Sheraton, and the Westin are serviced by Gai's. Seattle Sourdough, Pier 57, and Northwest Baking Company in Sumner are a sampling of Gai's private bakeries solely in business to make and sell bread and bread-related products. In all, there are some 4,000 accounts, making Gai's Bakery one of the largest independent bakeries in the northwest, next to national competitors such as Ralston Purina's Wonder Bread and General Food's Oroweat.

"Expanding the operation, consolidating the product line to gain efficiency and reviewing cus-

One of Gai's employees sorts buns as the product nears packaging completion. The main plant at 2006 South Weller street is a productive jungle of people, machinery, flour, trucks, ovens and racks.

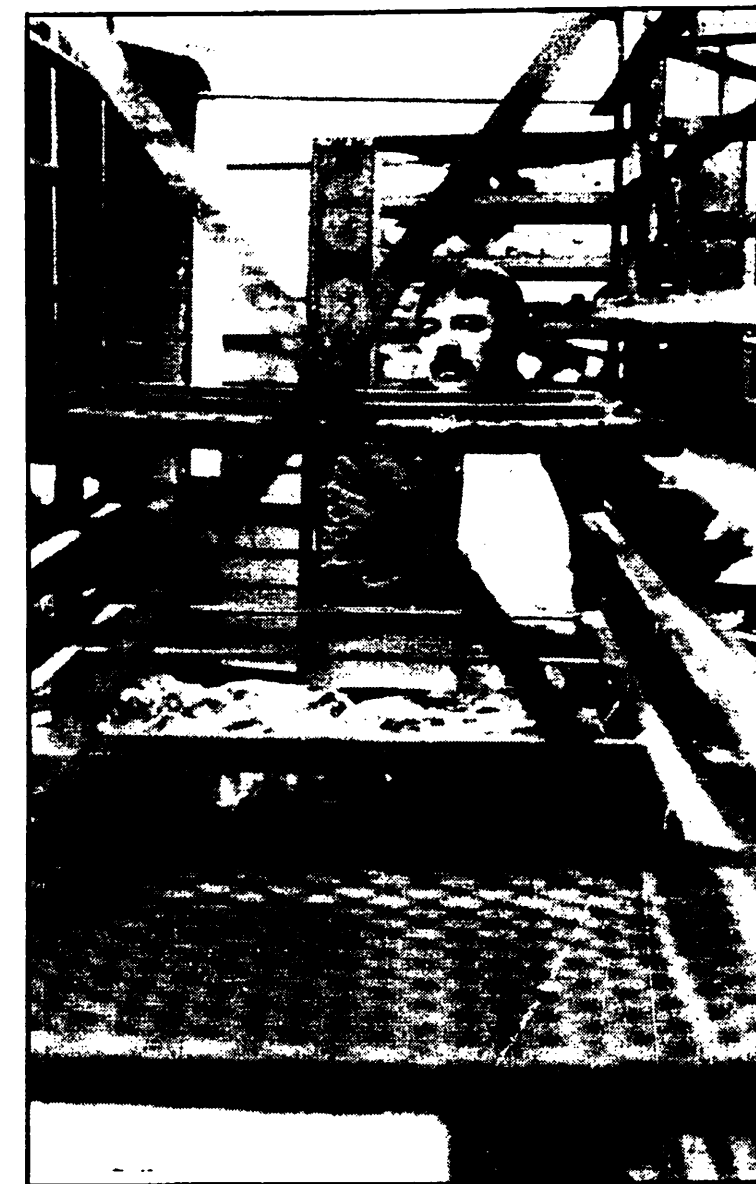
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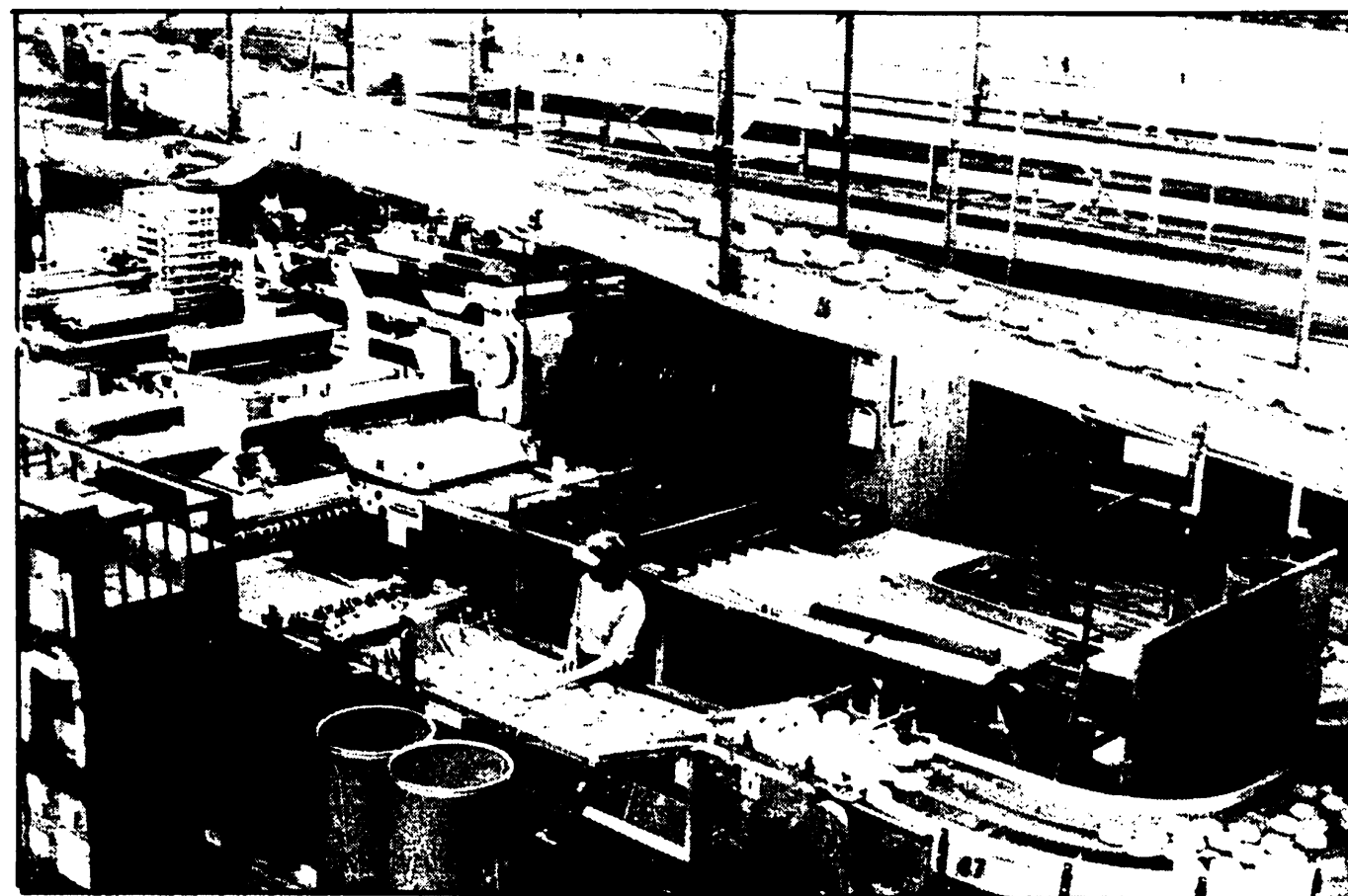
Care is still an essential ingredient of a quality product, as these two bakers ready dough loaves for baking.

tomers trends," are future goals for Gai's Bakery. But they haven't changed from the original goals. In addition, as new restaurants open, Gai's plans to aggressively seek out owners and chefs "to develop a product to suit their needs," and of course, to obtain their business.

The recipe for a successful business hasn't changed either. The ingredients for Gai's business like the bread are simple. Don Gai says, "You have to have a good quality product, good people working for you—those who are willing to work hard, commit to your business, show initiative and communication, and pride in what you make."



Drivers deliver Gai's foods all over Seattle, arriving in red and white trucks full of bread, pastries and other products.



The conveyor belt is one of many paths these rolls will travel in order to meet customer demands.

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Think of loved ones year round

In February, Americans set aside one 24-hour period of an entire year to impress the ones they love with cards, flowers and candy. We as Americans have lost sight of a very simple yet so complex issue: how to get along.

Even families don't seem to be able to "bury the hatchet" on issues that happened years ago. Now that the divorce rate in America has reached 55% the red light is flashing that something has definitely gone wrong.

The residual affect of the skyrocketing divorce rate will haunt us for many generations in the future. Children are beginning to see that divorce is something to be expected rather than avoided. The only answer is to either make getting a divorce more difficult legally or prevent vulnerable marriages from happening in the first place with intense counseling.

Should we really be suprised we have a national drug problem with our youth, when record numbers of children live with one parent who is at work all day? The youth of this country are at a loss for parental direction almost exclusively because of our alarming divorce rate.

What each American needs to do is take a hard look at the way the decisions they make today fit into the big picture we call the future. It's high time this country wakes up and smells something burning.

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Affirmative action necessary for balancing the workplace

Colleen Little
Opinion Editor

It's easy to forget our country was built by slavery. After all, it was two, three hundred years ago.

It also seems easy to forget events which occurred only 25 years ago, occurred during some of our lifetimes: the civil rights marches, the Civil Rights Act, affirmative action.

On Sept. 24, 1965, then-President Lyndon B. Johnson issued an executive order requiring federal contractors "to take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed...without regard to their race, creed, color or national origin."

With these words, only 25 years ago, our country began the slow process of overcoming three centuries of oppression and discrimination.

Yet many of us act as if racial discrimination were a thing of the past delegated to yellowing photographs and

19th century novels. We thought the Civil Rights Act would, if not wipe the slate clean, make attempts at reparation. Some even thought, "Now that we're equal under the law, why affirmative action?"

The answer is simple — affirmative action still has a big job to do. Only one Black leads a Fortune 500 or Service 500 company. Less than 1 percent of the corporate vice-presidents of these same companies are Black. This translates into earning potential. The net worth of Black households is one-eleventh of white households.

Critics say affirmative action isn't working. They cite the small percentage of Blacks earning degrees in engineering, computer programming and science. They complain about minority managers being pirated away by companies desperate to fill quotas. They say Blacks are being hired for

the color of their skin instead of their ability. With disbelief and shock, they claim reverse discrimination. To protect what they fear will be taken, they form neo-Nazi groups.

Ironically, these objections make an eloquent argument for affirmative action.

Even Donald Trump, billionaire and business wunderkind, has said if he could do it all over, he would like to be Black. Today, young Black men have the greatest opportunity, he said.

So, Mr. Trump, you'd like the distinction of being the second Black leader of a Fortune 500 company?

It's important for us to look at this realistically. Affirmative action doesn't guarantee a minority instant employment or instant preference, but it does guarantee opportunity.

It took us 300 years to abolish slavery. Let's not give up on affirmative action after only 25.

Toughen teen trials

Steve Thorp
Staff Writer

Two boys, one 14 the other 15, were out for an average day of local teenage terrorism on the afternoon of Nov. 20, 1989. They decided to throw rocks at an innocent bystander. This kind of behavior might be fairly normal for a pair of adolescents looking for identity and attention but then one of them pulled a gun and shot Brett Tolsted dead. They "didn't like his looks," they said.

King County Superior Court Judge Norman Quinn tried the two boys that took Tolsted's life as juveniles instead of adults. As a result of the good judge's decision, the teens won't be inconvenienced by having to do much more time than an average first-time

drunk driver, according to the King County District Court.

I could use softer words like "appalled" or "incensed," but the truth of the matter is this incident makes me madder than hell. Two punks, because they didn't like the way someone looked could, whether they intended to or not, kill someone with no more regard for life than turning off a light switch. Unfortunately for Brett Tolsted, the switch can't be turned back on.

The sad truth of this is that these "juveniles" who committed a capital offense are going to receive punishment that amounts to no more than a firm slap on the wrist. How long is the American public to endure this type of so-called "criminal justice"? The laws must change to accommodate

our new breed of young outlaws.

According to Beverly Ikces of The Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs Uniform Crime Report Program, in 1983 the number of violent crimes committed by juveniles in Washington, including murder, rape, robbery and aggravated assault, was 15,750. By 1988 that figure soared to 21,040. This increase in violent crimes committed by juveniles resembles a wildfire in a dry grass field. We as the public have no choice but to demand new guidelines to prosecute this criminal element; if not, I'm afraid before too long the predictions portrayed in George Orwell's novel "1984" may be just a little closer to home than anyone might be willing to admit.

Letter to the editor:

Student appreciates humanitarian article

Dear Editor,

I am a student at Highline Community College. I enjoy reading issues of the Thunderword when they are published. The past edition, volume 29 issue 7, contained an article in the feature section I really liked. The article was on page six and was titled Overcoming Obstacles. It was one of the stories regarding the HCC humanitarianism awards.

Your staff writer, Rose Sikorra, did an excellent job covering the story. She unfolded the story of why Ariel Mitchell was one of the recipients of the award, and kept me following along with her. One thing in particular I liked about this story is that it was a news story about goodness. I get tired of always reading about the crime and damage in our society. It seems as though the majority of the news emphasizes these subjects the most. I think your choice of placing this article in the paper is a nice change from all that. Please keep articles like this one coming. The whole news staff has been doing a great job. Thank you.

Kate Koskovich
An Appreciative Student

Brains bust out HCC student to play in Symphony

Bill Urlevich
Staff Writer

Since this is Black History Month, it's only fair to salute the inventors of American hardcore / reggae. The Bad Brains, a group which hails from Washington, D.C., has been churning out its bone-crunching rock about 10 years now. The band has released only four recordings in its 10-year reign. The 1981 ROIR cassette and 1987's "I Against I" are masterpieces. Not only do the Brains play harder, faster and with more emotion than any other rock band on the planet, they do so with diversity, mixing punk, reggae, funk and metal.

Guitarist Dr. Know straight-up serves any guitarist in the field in terms of passion, riffs, and originality. Know's solos are tight yet hog-wild, out of control and over the edge.

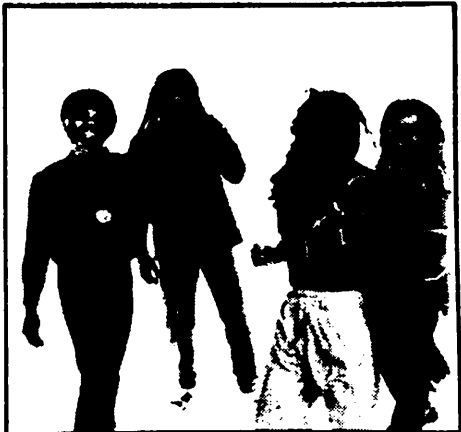
In the bass department, the work of Darryl Jennifer is the steady heartbeat of the Brains. Jennifer meshes reggae, funk and metal to keep the Brain's truth and soul focused.

Earl Hudson is the man in charge of drums who keeps his pounding beats spewing forth. Hudson can slow down his playing for a tribute to Jah Rastafari and then righteously bust out.

Finally there's vocalist, H.R., the prophet of the Brains and an intense presence live onstage. On the albums,

H.R. is credited as the throat, and use his throat he does. One minute H.R. will be as high pitched as an opera singer, then quickly he'll switch to tones as low as the growling of a canine.

It's funny that groups such as 24-7 SPYZ and Living



The Bad Brains, originators of American hardcore reggae, still crunch after 10 years.

Colour have their names and pictures splashed all over in record stores across the nation and get considerable airplay. Vernon Reid, the lead guitarist of Living Colour, said his direct influence came from the Bad Brains. The Brains busted out onto the scene ten years ago with music that was way ahead of its time. Praise should be given not to the innovators but to the originators.

String bassist Kelly Severson sits in with Seattle Youth Symphony Orchestra

Daniel Schultz
Staff Writer

Highline Community College student Kelly Severson will be performing with the Seattle Youth Symphony Orchestra (SYSO) on Feb. 25 in the Seattle Opera House.

Severson, who is attending Highline on a music scholarship, has been playing string bass for about ten years.

Besides playing for SYSO, she plays with the Highline Jazz ensemble, the Northwest Symphony Orchestra, and the Bellevue Philharmonic Orchestra during the summer. Severson also plays the electric bass guitar in a "basement folk rock band" with former HCC student Lisa Vandervelden.

Severson works with the orchestra, ensemble and her group along with raising her two-year-old son Jory. Due to her busy schedule, she finds little time to practice for lessons. Severson said, "I go to about three or four re-

hearsals (for SYSO) and then the concert and that's all the practice I get." Performing arts Instructor Ed Fish said, "What's paying off for Kelly is all the work she put in (to her music) earlier in her life."

Fish, who has known Severson for about three years, said "Kelly is a very good string bassist and a joy to work with."

Severson started playing the string bass in fifth grade. She picked the bass because it was the only instrument left in her school orchestra.

Her favorite classical pieces to play are "Marriage of Figaro" by Mozart and "Pines of Rome" by Ottorino Respighi. Yet one of Severson's favorite groups is the rock band Led Zeppelin.

Severson said of her future music goals, "I would like to get more involved with my folk rock band and also keep playing classical string bass."

The pieces that will be performed at the Opera House will be Copland's Appalachian Spring in D minor and Iaphmaninoso Symphony #2 in E minor.

The concert will last about two hours. The tickets prices range from \$6 to \$14 dollars. To get tickets call 362-2300 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Subtitles don't hinder *Cinema Paradiso*

Jason Prenovost
Staff Writer

Cinema Paradiso is an award winning film. It won the Golden Globe Award for the Best Foreign Film, the Special Jury Prize at last year's Cannes Festival. It was also nominated for an Academy Award as Best Foreign Film.

Director Giuseppe Tornatore loosely based the film on his own experiences as a young boy growing up in a small Sicilian town and the effect cinema had on the town's people.

Philippe Noiret portrays the illiterate, loveable Alfredo, the town projectionist who befriends young Salvatore (Jacques Perrin). Salvatore is a young Sicilian whose love for the cinema takes him to Rome where he seeks his destiny in the film industry. Circumstances even-

tually bring an older Salvatore back to his village and the people of his past.

The road from Salvatore's childhood to his adulthood is paved with funny and moving moments.

The acting was believable and energetic. At first, the idea of reading subtitles, because the dialogue was in the Italian, did not appeal to me. But I found myself for-

getting about the subtitles and enjoying the wit of the script and the characters.

barrier, though close attention was needed at the end to fully understand the plot. The use of subtitles opened up a new world for me; in the future I plan to enjoy the works of foreign productions more often.

Cinema Paradiso opened Feb. 16 and will have about a month-long run at the Egyptian Theatre (see map inset).

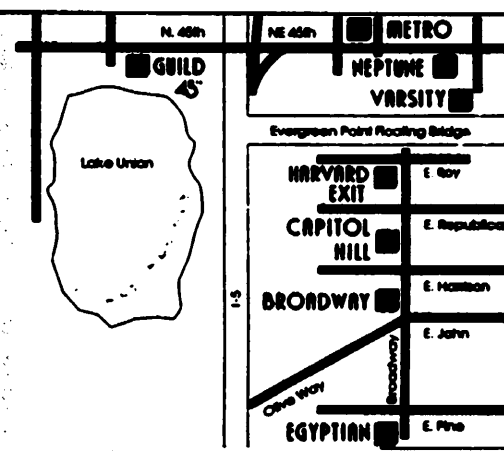
Options to AMC, SRO

I can go watch the Coca-Cola Co.'s idea of a good movie. Four times out of five, their idea doesn't agree with mine and I end up feeling like I paid about \$3 dollars more for my movie than I should have. Fortunately, Seattle and the Seven Gables Theatres are only 30 minutes away.

The Seven Gables, a locally owned chain of theatres, don't exclusively show smaller releases. They offer a broad range of films. Some theatres, like the Metro, do play some of the same blockbusters that clutter most silver screens. Others, like the Neptune, spe-

cialize in smaller, more obscure American films and a variety of foreign releases.

Cinema Paradiso was surprisingly easy to follow, considering the language



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Women end second

Kelly Anderson battles an opponent for the ball.



Photo by David Wellington

Stephen Duncan
Sports Editor

Highline Community College women's basketball coach, Dale Bolinger, is optimistic about his 17-10 Lady Thunderbird team's chances come playoff time and believes, "on any given night we could compete with most anyone we play."

Bolinger says his Lady T-birds are "in a good position" to be a participant in the North Western Athletic Association Community College's Northern Division Championship.

The Championship game will be held this Saturday.

The Lady T-bird's team-average score for 1989-90 was 71.1 a game; the team gave up only 60.4. Leading scorer for the Lady T-bird is Kelly Anderson with an 18.2 point average. Nancy Geisler comes in second on the team's scoring list with a 12.1 point average. Rebounding honors go to both Missy Reimer and Anderson, both with a 12.3 average. Marylynn Walbaum leads the team in assist, distributing 5.7 a game.

HCC wrestling coach to retire

Mike Agostini happy to have been HCC's wrestling coach.

Julie Maggiasco
Staff Writer

This season Mike Agostini, Highline Community College wrestling coach for five years, is retiring. The 29-year-old Lakes High School history teacher said it is hard to be a part-time coach when you have a full-time teaching job 30 miles away in Tacoma.

Agostini has enjoyed being an HCC wrestling coach, stating that this job "helped him grow" as a coach and person. Agostini also greatly appreciates the support he has received from Athletic Director Don McConaughy, who gave more attention to the wrestling team than former athletic directors.

Agostini's most memorable moments when Mike Carey took sixth in the nation in 1987 and Scott Smith took fifth in 1988, both receiving All

American titles. This season he looked forward to the National Junior College Tournament, NJCAA, which was held on Feb. 19 and 20. The tournament took place in Bismark, N.D.

The hard part of coaching, for Agostini, has been his busy schedule. He has to travel from Tacoma to Highline each day after his last class at 2:30 p.m. Since there is a four-month season and then a four-month recruit, he remains this busy for most of the year. Another reason for his leaving wrestling is to spend more time with his wife Chris and their three children, Andrew 4, Colin 2 and Kilie 6 weeks.

Agostini does believe the next coach should be someone who desires to coach and has the time. He also believes the coach needs to be someone who can find, and work with, quality kids to get them to nationals.

McConaughy has contacted two or three people about the job and hopes to find someone who is as good as Agostini. McConaughy said he "hates to see him go."

Zocco's hard work pays off

Jim Reitz
Staff Writer

Highline Community College wrestler Chris Zocco is expected to do well at this year's Nationals. In fact, H.C.C. wrestling coach Mike Agostini says he is positive Zocco will place...and he would be surprised if he doesn't win Nationals.

Zocco has been wrestling since seventh grade when he lived in Anchorage, Alaska. He says he knew he had a knack for wrestling right away.

He moved to Seattle his freshman year and attended John F. Kennedy Memorial High School. Zocco played linebacker for the J.F.K. football team where he earned a spot on the All-State team.

However, his true sport was one thing to do and he gets it done."

Zocco says he's pretty much a seasonal wrestler, although he does wrestle in the summer.

wrestler largely due to all his experience.

This is Zocco's third year wrestling at H.C.C. He was red-shirted his first year due to mononucleosis.

"He's a real hard worker. It's a lot of the basic things that make Chris a good wrestler." -Mike Agostini

In his spare time he likes to "water ski, snow ski, and do regular outdoor recreational stuff like fish and hunt."

Agostini describes Zocco as an "honest and straightforward guy, an outstanding youth. A lot of wrestlers aren't the type of person you would want your daughter dating, but Chris is a real trustworthy guy." Agostini feels Zocco is such a good

Agostini added, "He's a real hard worker. It's a lot of the basic things that make Chris a good wrestler. There's certain things, like balance, you can't coach. Chris is naturally good; he's a good athlete."

Zocco says that this will be the last year he will wrestle. He plans to finish his education by getting a master's degree and major in finance.

Men's team closes regular season

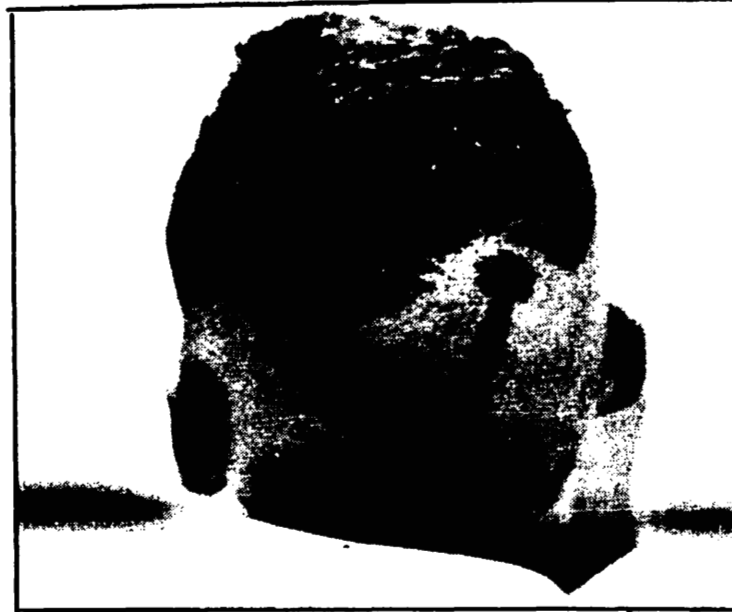
Richard Erickson
Staff Writer

Highline Community College's men's basketball team finished this year's season with a record of 16-10, but this could change depending on whether they win or lose Thursday night against Skagit Valley. The winner of Thursday's game will be eligible for a playoff spot in the final eight.

Head Coach Joe Callero says, "I'm moderately pleased with the team at this point of the season. We're in a position to make it into the final eight in the Northwest. We feel we can beat Skagit Valley. The players are confident that we can win Thursday night, and that would be a nice reward."

Head Coach Callero said that the weak points of the team was the ability to concentrate on a day-to-day basis due to the lack of early season chemistry and a number of changes on and off the court.

Callero feels that the team



Jason Swan shows off his 'airdo.' Photo by Steve McClure

has both strong points and weak points. "I think our strong points are that our players are physically and mentally mature. In the middle of the season we were in fifth place, and we pulled together as a team and got a chance at a playoff spot."

According to Callero, HCC's most praise-worthy player this year was 6'1" Mark Schelbert. "He was asked to

play a number of positions. He moved from small forward to off guard to point guard." Callero adds, "He keyed late season success by handling the key point guard position."

Next year HCC will lose starters Schelbert, Trent Menees, Thor Atkisson and leading scorer Jon Beauchamp. Who averaged 15 points a game this season.



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