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Enrollment reductions to hit HCC

Becky Bonus
Staff Writer

With the new biennium budget coming up for a vote in the next legislative session, there is a possibility that enrollment at Highline Community College, as well as other community colleges in the state, will be reduced. Higher education is one of the areas that could suffer a cut back.

Every two years the government enters into session to come up with the state's budget for a two-year period. The current revenue forecast for 1991-93 falls short of the originally

proposed budget; thus, the state's revenue will be less than the anticipated amount needed.

The proposed cut for the next budget is 12.5 percent. Such a large dollar size cut is equal to three and one-half community colleges. This means that 13,500 (FTE) full-time equivalent students in the state of Washington will be affected.

An FTE is defined as a student taking 15 credits or three students taking five credits each.

Rep. Lorraine Hine of the 33rd District has said that community colleges are vulnerable, the reason being that it is one of

the few areas not protected by constitutional mandates. On the other side of the classroom, K-12 classes are protected by the state constitution, and social services are protected by the

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Lorraine Hine

federal Constitution. Both automatically receive half of its funds for operation. The leftover money is divided into community colleges and other

programs, which include funds for the mentally ill and for abused children.

These simply "can't be neglected," said Rep. Hine. There are at-risk citizens that need to be taken care of, she said.

Hine said that Washington's Gov. Booth Gardner has asked that all state agencies find areas in which to save and to make sure money is being wisely spent.

Rep. Hine said that community colleges haven't been given the money which was taken away due to cuts in the 1981-83 biennium. The cuts

were made by the state's Appropriation Committee based on a reduction in adult enrollments at community colleges, while, at the same time, there was an increase in K-12 students.

The president of Highline Community College, Dr. Ed Command, has stated that the college is receiving five percent less money compared to 1981.

Presently, HCC may be affected because of a projected 728 FTE decrease in enrollment. This would be the fourth highest cut affecting community colleges.

High school program cut

Jancy Rehberg
Staff Writer

Highline Community College's High School Completion Program is in jeopardy. The State Board for Community College Education in Olympia recently conducted an audit update which led to a tightening up of regulations and a \$7,278 loss of vocational thrust, or disadvantaged money. As a result, the high school completion lab (which hosted classes in social studies, general science, literature, and Washington state history) has been cancelled for both winter and spring quarters in 1991; the afternoon reading lab has been reduced by almost seven hours per week; and the night reading lab has been reduced from four to three nights per week.

The High School Completion Program underwent a formal program review in November. The purpose was: to assess program quality, productivity, need and demand; to improve the quality of academic offerings; to ensure wise use of resources; to determine the program's effectiveness and consider possible modifications; to facilitate academic planning and budgeting; and to satisfy state-level requirements.

During the course of the review, hearings were held on campus Nov. 14 through 16. Anyone with an interest in the

High School Completion Program was invited to make a presentation either in person or in writing.

Alan Torgerson, review committee member and HCC instructor, commented on the hearings. He said, "Many interested parties provided valuable input regarding the High School Completion Program's quality, value, and future agenda. The hearings were excellent, with much support from students, faculty, and outside parties. There were numerous favorable teaching comments."

The formal review was ordered last year by Associate Dean of Students and Director of Counseling Michael J. Grubiak. "This was an ordinary management tool for taking the temperature of a program," said Grubiak. This type of review, he added, is normally conducted in preparation for the state-required accreditation review by the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the State Board for Community College Education.

This year's program review was also a planned response to budget restraints which surfaced recently and resulted in reductions in the reading labs and cancellation of the high school completion lab, according to HCC correspondence. The lab cuts are a direct result of the loss of vocational disadvantaged money, which has been the source of operational costs.

Torgerson explained that students qualifying for such money must meet three criteria. They must qualify for financial aid, be in educational peril (not succeeding scholastically), and have documented acceptance to approved vocational programs.

Regarding the cancellation of the lab classes, Torgerson reported that there is a possibility the situation is not irreversible for the spring quarter. He said, "There is an effort to reestablish the high school completion lab through adjustments of

other funds."

Torgerson added that students should know that two high school completion classes and the seminar are still available. The classes are United States history and lab science.

Until issues are resolved, however, the High School Completion Program will be operating on a reduced basis. The program in its entirety was an answer to adult high school education needs in the community. That is, persons who were not able to complete their 12th grade education had a second

chance to earn their high school diplomas at HCC. They had to take classes not previously taken in specific areas and in general fulfill the same requirements as regular Washington high school graduates. The self-paced high school completion lab provided a starting point for returning students to earn missing credits while building up long unused, or perhaps never developed, study habits.

Torgerson commented on the value of the program. He said, "The value is not only in the area of education and earn-



Barbara Stewart, a Highline Community College student, is picketing because she thinks individual citizens are being left out of the Middle East decision.

Photo by Kevin Tallmadge

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HIGHLINE UPDATE

Martin Luther King Jr. humanitarian award nominees being accepted

Highline Community College is accepting nominations for its second annual Martin Luther King Jr. Humanitarian Award. Nominee criteria are that people reflect Dr. King's principles of equality, justice, vision and promotion of non-violent change. Forms are available through HCC President Ed Command's office. Nomination deadline Dec. 13, 1990.

Apply now to see the world this summer

Northwest International Education Association is accepting applications for Summer '91 International Field Experience. Internships are available in: China, Germany, Japan, Philippines, Thailand, United Kingdom and Turkey.

For more information contact: Chris Miller-Panganiban, Bldg. 9 (lower level) ext. 413

Looking for an excuse not to go to school?

Snow-weather related school closure procedures will be provided when notice permits, and/or announced on local radio stations: KOMO, KING, KIRO, KVI, KMPS, KTAC, KIXI, KASY, KRPM, and KJR.

Recycle or die

The Highline Community College Recycling Advisory Committee to develop procedures is headed by Kari Lopez, Purchasing manager. Students, staff and employees are encouraged to submit comments and suggestions to the committee. Contact Lopez at ext. 210.

Hockey Tickets on sale

Seattle Thunderbird hockey tickets on sale through Highline Community College Events Board for Dec. 16 game against Spokane. Contact Student Activities, Bldg. 8.

The Scholarship Market

Highline Community College Financial Aid Office is sponsoring a workshop presented by a local non-profit organization on Jan. 14, 7-9 p.m. in the Artists-Lecture Center. Registration forms available through Financial Aid Office in Bldg. 6.

Seattle Opera Tickets

Tickets are available for the opera "Ariadne Auf Naxos" to be presented Jan. 25 by the Seattle Opera, at a special student price of \$10. Contact Eleanor Hartman in Bldg. 5 or at ext. 445.

Technical Center on schedule, despite problems

Bruce Bruns
 Staff Writer

"We've got an aggressive schedule that we've been able to hit within two days," said Rick Broom, referring to the completion of the new Highline Community College Technical Education Center. Broom is the job supervisor from Pease Construction, Inc., the general contractor constructing the multi-million dollar project.

The three-story center is designed to house the computer instruction labs for several of HCC's programs, along with "drop-in" computer laboratories, CAD (computer aided design) laboratories and a hardware lab on the second and third floors. The first floor will house the building's central heating and phone switch board and will also act as work space and storage for the campus Maintenance Department.

The building was designed by Waldron Pomeroy Smith Foote and Akira, Architects and is "stepped in" to the hillside on the north end of campus just above the north parking lot. "We are very satisfied with the architectural design and the work of the contractor. They've tried to handle this as a team project and have been very successful," said Robin Fritchman, the HCC director of Facilities.

Construction on the approximately 24,000 square-foot, \$2.5 million building began with a groundbreaking ceremony on May 17, 1990, and has gone well since. That's not to say there haven't been problems, said Fritchman. Only a few weeks into construction it was discovered that some construction debris



Photo by Dan Schmitt

was buried where the west wall was planned. The west wall is the most important because it is the largest wall in the building. The setback cost about \$30,000 and three extra weeks. But, according to Fritchman, "These are real, professional, competent journeymen (experienced construction workers)" and the project is back on schedule.

The roof on the building has just recently been completed, and there is a slight leakage problem, increased by the recent rainstorms. Besides large puddles (bordering on small lakes) inside the building and a slimy, muddy mess outside of the building as a result of the record rainfall.

Despite the nasty weather, morale of the crew is good, contends Fritchman. That, he said, is due to Pease Construction and, especially, the efforts of Broom.

Broom, a tall man with light brown hair (seldom seen due to his hard hat), has a ready smile and can often be seen joking with the men on his crew. When Fritchman approaches, he turns his hard hat sideways, stands at mock attention and takes on a sarcastic "yes sir, no sir" attitude that makes Fritchman grin. They discuss the project, the weather and the pizza that Rick McDonald, Pease Construction's project manager, is bringing the entire crew for lunch that day. "The company is going to try to heat the building for the crew" as well, said Fritchman. "That's something a lot of companies would not make the effort to do."

The project is slated to be finished by November 1991. But, according to Fritchman, work is ahead of schedule. Barring any other major problems, he said, "We could possibly occupy the building by the summer of '91."

Opinions vary on the Middle East

Craig Mulligan
 Staff Writer

Out of 20 students at Highline Community College who were asked how they felt about the threat of war in Iraq, seven responded. Most of the 20 did not want to respond because they didn't want to be quoted in the ThunderWord. But of the seven who answered, the answers went from a definite stand against being in the Middle East to a wait-and-see position to attack now and get the war over.

"If war breaks out I don't think America should be involved. It is just like Vietnam. They have their noses stuck in other people's business," Ignacio Trevino said.

"War should be our last resort," said Aileen Espinosa. "For one thing, America can get their oil from other countries. We should just concentrate on getting the hostages, and getting

out."

Gregory Holle said, "I think that if a peaceful solution can't be found, then war may be. I feel that war at this time could be justified, since the United States has the backing of

friends 100 percent even at the cost of war."

"I don't think America has any business being over there. We shouldn't be so dependent on other countries in the first place," said



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-Shawn Duchscherer

Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, and the United Nations."

"President Bush should wait until economic sanctions have a chance to take effect," said Shawn Duchscherer. "If after a few more months they don't work, the U.S. troops should send in all the troops and make it as quick as possible. We should stand behind our

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-Jon Springstead

home."

Self-labeled "American" Jon Springstead said, "I think that President Bush is doing the right job. You must stand behind your country. I just wish that we would attack them and get this over with. It's hot and our men are getting frustrated from the stall of war. Blow them up."

Jennifer Sheadel.
 "I think that Bush should concentrate on the problems in the U.S. economy instead of trying to divert attention to a war," said Joseph Hands. "Everyone thinks it's going to be an easy battle, that's what we thought about Vietnam until the body bags started coming

Advising essential help to HCC students

Kelly Kettner
Staff Writer

What classes do I need to take to fulfill the requirements for an AA degree? What classes transfer to the four-year institution I have chosen? What classes do I need to have for the specific program I'm involved in? For any Highline Community College student who asks these questions, the Advising Center in Bldg. 6 is the place to go to get the answers.

Curriculum Advisor Kay Salston said, "The Advising

Center has good information on how to get started and what the first steps are for choosing an advisor. The student must have a course selection in mind, and then an advisor can help them with the rules and requirements."

HCC differs from other local institutions in that finding an advisor is essentially up to the student. According to Becky Phillips, administrative assistant for the Educational Planning Center at Green River Community College, students

are automatically assigned advisors at GRCC. The field a student has chosen to concentrate in normally plays a part in who the advisor will be.

HCC tried this method in the past, but it became "difficult to enforce" said Associate Dean of Students Michael Grubiak. "Advisors help students to discover who they are and who they are becoming." He said that advising is "an umbrella word for several sub-tasks." The student must first have some idea of what field

they are interested in. They can then go on to find an advisor they are comfortable with, who can help them plan a schedule.

Julie Burr, director of Women's Programs, says that there are certain expectations of both advisors and students. "It's frustrating when a student comes in and asks: 'What should I take?'" Burr says. They are coming to the advisor for confirmation and should have an idea of what questions to ask. They should also be considerate and know that they have

to schedule appointments."

A student can expect things from the advisor as well, Burr believes. An advisor must have knowledge of the transfer system, enough so that he or she can direct students toward resources for further information.

The center is open Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Friday 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. The center has information ranging from transferring to certificate programs. For further information, call ext. 353.

The Fallen Angel's influence is on rise

Deena Anderson
Copy Editor

Satan has become a well-known figure lately. Stories about satanic cults, their practices and people who speak out against cults have been publicized worldwide and in our own community.

Within the last four years there have been reports of animal mutilation in Renton, Puyallup, Shelton, and Maple Valley. Horses were found with blood drained out of them and their penises cut off. These acts have been blamed by some to be the work of satanists.

A Maple Valley veterinarian who performed an autopsy on a horse that had been mutilated in this way said he didn't believe this was the work of satanists. He felt it was a "prank."

Pastor John O'Neal, who has an M.A. in divinity, a B.A. in philosophy, and two minors in religion and psychology, said, "If we are identifying serious mutilations of animals as pranks, then we are in big trouble."

O'Neal spends part of his time giving lectures about satanic cults, which are comprised of people who worship the fallen angel Lucifer. According to scripture (Isaiah 14:12-15) Lucifer was an angel cast from heaven for rebelling against God and for aspiring to be like God.

More than 150 students attended a lecture at Highline Community College in October by O'Neal on the history of satanic cults.

"Satan is the personification of evil," said O'Neal, who has served Grace Lutheran Church in Des Moines for the past seven years. O'Neal told HCC students that today's satanic categories include: organized satanism, which is dangerous and secretive; orthodoxed satanism, which is a more difficult organization to join; and multi-generational, where sexual abuse, torture and murder are practiced within families. Multi-generational is the



Ex-satanist priest Mike Warnke speaks out against Satan at the Tacoma Dome last October to a crowd of more than 3,000.

most dangerous since it is kept within the cult family and is reproducing, O'Neal said.

Christian comedian Mike Warnke, "40 something," he joked, was a high priest of Satan in 1965. He wrote "The Satan Seller" published in 1972. In this testimonial story about his conversion to Christianity from satanism, he reveals secrets and gives graphic details about what's involved in satanic worship.

Satanists believe they will go to hell and live in a special place that Satan has provided for them, Warnke has explained. When they sacrifice and drink blood they believe this gives them power and glorifies Satan.

Warnke wants people to know that Satan is the father of lies. "Satan doesn't want you to go to hell with him; he wants to destroy you," Warnke said. "He hates everyone."

Warnke was expelled from the cult when he had more than 1,000 followers but before he had made it to higher levels of priesthood.

After being expelled from the high priesthood, he joined the Navy and became a combat corpsman in Vietnam. His bootcamp roommates were Christians and told him about Jesus. After much physical and verbal resistance, he earned a Ph.D. in divinity and has dedicated his life to Jesus and his anti-occult work, known as the

Alpha and the Omega.

Warnke recently performed a concert at the Tacoma Dome for an audience of more than 3,000.

He uses his humor to spread the word of Jesus and to enlighten people about satanism in spite of the threats against his life.

He tells about satanic meetings held during a full moon in a barn in a secluded area. The brotherhood wore black robes. They were involved in sex and drugs and practiced witchcraft and rituals. A pentagram was drawn in blood on the stomach of a naked girl. They self-inflicted wounds, draining their blood and mixing it with priest's urine and wine, and drank it.

Animals were sacrificed, and human sacrifices included chopping fingers off and eating the flesh. Demons were called out on people with whom they had grievances, and the members of brotherhood dedicated their lives to Satan.

There is some evidence that worshipping Satan may have begun during the time period of the Old Testament, when some people worshipped a heathen god called Belial. People were baptised in the name of Satan as early as the 17th century.

During ceremonies and performing rituals the worshippers use Christian elements reversed. Examples include an upside-down cross, the pentagram (star of David) reversed (when turned around a goat or animal face can be outlined), black robes instead of white, black candles instead of white, and black masses and prayers repeated backwards.

In 1966 there was a renewed interest in satanism. This was the year when Anton LaVey founded the Church of Satan. LaVey wrote the "Satanic Bible."

When LaVey was 16 years old, he played the organ for carnivals and tent revivals. He saw the same men that were at the tent revivals lusting after the women at the carnivals. He said, "I knew then that the Christian church thrives on hypocrisy and that man's carnal nature will win out."

"Satan's goal is bent on destroying Christ's kingdom. His followers' beliefs are to overthrow the Christian God," said O'Neal.

Both Warnke and O'Neal say the motivation to be involved in satanism is "power and control." Warnke said, "people of all walks of life" are involved.

"There is no such thing as an unhealthy interest in Satan. God calls us to be well informed," warns O'Neal.

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JaToya Reed, a cute "almost 5" year old, wants a P.J. Sparkle doll for Christmas. This doll lights up in various locations on its body.

JaToya isn't worried about bills, finals, or inclement weather. Then again, she's five.

We could all use a little dose of her happiness however. Traditionally, the holidays are a depressing time for most, regardless of the "good will towards man" slogans we see everywhere.

And why not? Christmas isn't cheap. Presents cost mucho dinero, and they aren't getting any cheaper. College students especially feel the crunch around this time of year. Not only do we have to buy presents but most of us just had to register as well.

Don't let it get you down. The holidays are the traditional time for people to get into debt. Hey! You've got 11 months to pay off all those bills before next Christmas. So be happy. Take a cue from JaToya and have some fun.

I don't mean to bitch, but...

Kevin Tallmadge
Managing Editor

With the recent United Nations resolution directing Saddam Hussein to remove his troops from Kuwait by Jan. 15, 1991, it seems that President Bush will finally have a way to save face.

When Hussein invaded Kuwait, Bush felt it was necessary to commit an inordinate number of military resources to the area to protect Saudi Arabia from this "madman." In reality he was covering his butt after he and his predecessor, Ronald "I-don't-recall" Reagan, had turned the United States into a Middle East oil junkie. After the oil shortage in the '70's the US had started to realize how stupid it was to depend on foreign oil. The US congress started to make it easier to mine American resources; the Big Three American auto makers were making cars with decent gas mileage; and the American public was more conscious of its gas consumption.

Then, as the gas crisis slipped from everybody's mind, the cars got bigger and faster, the money for research towards alternative power sources, such as solar, electricity, and steam, dwindled as Reagan built up the American war machine.

In the '80's Reagan appropriated obscene amounts of money for such things as the Stealth Bomber, the MX—excuse me—the Peacekeeper Missile, and the B-1 Bomber, which the Air Force is finding to be one giant hydraulic leak—spending more time on the ground than in the air. While doing this, Reagan cut money for research into alternative power, along with social programs.

Now America will pay the ultimate price for Reagan's lack of vision. All this time congress should have been supporting research for alternative power sources to relieve America's dependence on foreign oil. Instead, the members of congress were more interested in their political careers, kowtowing to special interest groups which "donate"

money to campaign funds of the legislators involved.

It seems when the United States finally does go to war, we won't be worrying about a bunch of pacifists, and do it right. In a press conference last Monday, President Bush said that if one kid goes into battle he will have full support and the firepower needed to back him up.

Bush seems to making the moves necessary to back this statement up, sending more troops, for a total of about 400,000 and committing more airpower. All of this, plus the token forces from our allies, adds up to a very formidable force, which Saddam could never have imagined in his worst nightmare. If the US uses all of the military resources available, this "conflict" should last about a month.

After Bush gets his little war over maybe we can turn our attention and money to where it should be—looking for a way to avoid another situation such as this. Hopefully we can find a way to support our own energy habits.

Brutal sales tactics are abused many ways

Rhonda Earle
Staff Writer

I spent the most frustrating three hours that still has me steamed. Why is it that businesses think they can sucker people into joining their programs even if they are not interested? A friend invited me to his health and exercise club, as his guest, to relax in the jacuzzi.

I wasn't in the door of this local health club five minutes when I was asked if I was going to join. The receptionist must have had a "sucker alert button" under the front desk letting every employee know their next intended victim had just arrived.

The next thing I knew I was on a grand tour of the entire place,

which I didn't want or request.

After the "informational tour," the salesman left me alone. I was able to enjoy myself for a while. I realized there was a catch though; the receptionist had taken my driver's license "for identification purposes" when I came in. I had to ask for it when I was ready to leave. "Buzz Buzz" went the sucker button. All of a sudden the salesman was back. I found myself in a do-or-die situation. It was like having an emotional gun to my head, the pressure to join was so intense.

I was told that joining the club would get me in shape and would automatically make me feel better. I may need to get in shape, but who was he to tell me what I need

and how I need to do it?

Needless to say, I didn't fall for his spiel of sincerity. Actually I got very angry with him. He informed me that if I didn't join that day, as a guest, the price would go up considerably if I decided to join at a later time. I was forcefully told that was the policy. The salesman made it clear that becoming a member was pure privilege (one I would have to pay dearly for).

I think that some salesmen need to learn how to show a little consideration for their customers. As for this establishment, I think the sales people need a change in their policy on joining the club and their attitudes toward recruiting new members.

Salvation Army promotes community spirit

Deena Anderson
Copy Editor

When you give to a religious organization or television evangelist, are you sure where your money is being spent?

There are some that I have my doubts about, especially the rich guys. You know the ones: they have their own jets; drive fancy cars or have chauffeur driven limousines; build their own schools; and have luxurious homes.

We are all aware by now that Jim and Tammy Bakker used their church to build a small empire and gain wealth for their own selfishness. We're not talking a few thousand dollars either - more like millions.

The Salvation Army is an

organization that I'm absolutely sure about.

Several years ago my two children and I were traveling home to Washington from California after visiting my parents. I assumed I had adequate funds to see me home.

While in Shasta, Calif., I spent all my money on a few groceries and a tank of gas. I then knew I wouldn't have enough gas to get me the rest of the way home, but I kept driving because I wanted to get closer to home.

As I approached Salem, Ore., my gas gauge read empty. It was 1 a.m. I didn't know what I was going to do, and I was scared.

I drove into Salem and went to the nearest phone booth. I

called the operator; she sympathetically connected me with the Salvation Army Emergency Center. The Soldier gave me directions and I felt relieved as I drove to the center.

My children and I were accommodated with a private room with our own bathroom for the night. We rested securely and comfortably. And in the morning we were served a hot breakfast and given enough money to get home. One Christmas season an unknown person submitted my name to the Salvation Army and I was given \$100 in food and gift certificates. I will never forget that Christmas or what the Salvation Army has done for me and my children.

Salvation Army Commu-

nity Relations Director Cindy Cothorn of Northwest Headquarters says, "The holiday season is a time when scanners prey on the spirit of generosity." Yet, out of every dollar gifted to the Salvation Army, 89 cents directly goes to helping the needy; the 11 cents goes to further their mission.

"Our foundation is to meet human needs. The Bible has told us the needy will always be with us and so some way we will have to reach out and help each other," says Cothorn.

Cothorn says giving to the Salvation Army is "not a charity; it's a gift."

The Salvation Army uses gifts to provide emergency shelter and disaster relief, such as the flood that recently dam-

aged and destroyed homes in the Pacific Northwest. The Christmas Centers provide food, clothing and toys for children of needy families. Battered women's shelters and a men's transitional program provide counseling services. This Christmas season give to an organization that's taking care of people in need, instead of taking for its own selfish needs. People can donate a gift to a specific person or family in need, or to many different specific services.

For information call, 281-4610; to mail donations: The Salvation Army, P.O. Box 9219, Seattle, Wash. 98109.

Merry Christmas, Salvation Army!

Give equal rights equal time

Steve Thorp
Staff Writer

This is in reply to a recent editorial that dealt with one form of sexism from a woman's point of view. The article was the response of yet another crusading woman who, after listening in on the conversational betting between two men at the HCC cafeteria (about whether one of them would get a particular woman into bed), put one more "sexist" label on all men.

The writer of the article in question has a valid gripe. I, too, find the actions of the men in that article offensive. They showed a total lack of respect

for others and themselves.

Although I find their actions tasteless, I also have to defend their right to act that way. It's their own business, especially if both parties are consenting. The writer of the article wrote of the offensiveness not only to the woman of their discussion, but to womankind. The writer made little mention of the fact that even if the conversation was in a public place (the HCC cafeteria) it was confined to a pair of men talking, not mankind in general.

My anger is justified. Sure there are men who have given us good guys a bad rap: Atilla the Hun, the Marquis de Sade, Archie Bunker and every feminist group's favorite Andrew

"Dice" Clay. Please don't forget though, ladies, there are also men like me who believe in equal rights, equal pay for equal work and non-discrimination in work and living conditions for everyone.

Unfortunately, bigotry breeds bigotry; and because of this whole-scale labeling, decent people suffer. It's only human nature to look at things appealing to the eye; in this case a conversation between two individuals was overheard by one person and perceived, as if the act had actually been committed.

As for myself and other people who feel intimidated by the way different equal rights groups have been throwing val-

ues at us, remember this: we, too, are aware of the fact that the world is sometimes not a very nice place. Don't take it the wrong way when one of us good guys says "Hi" or maybe opens a door for you. It's not meant to rape womankind. One bad apple doesn't always spoil the bunch.

I admit I, too, am over-reacting in my response to the editorial in question; but my point has to be made before the self righteous nay sayers and witch hunters of the world gain complete control of those who already possess common sense and decency.

There are some good guys out there. Try us. You'll like us. Bet on it!

Assembly required; therapy not included

I was going to finish this project if it took all night. Luckily it didn't.

Cara Low
Staff Writer

How hard can it be, I asked myself as I stood in the laundry line, to put a "child's storage box" together. Weeks later... I've found out.

My five-year-old son was very excited as I lugged the unassembled "Little Tikes Box" up the two flights of stairs to my apartment. I was hoping the only type of screwdriver I would need was the phillips-head I had on my Swiss-army knife.

I pulled out the six large pieces that made up the box. No problem. Then I pulled out the tiny plastic bag with the 26 screws and eight snap-on pieces. This was the first inkling of the stress level this project would produce. I looked at Illustration B to see how to put on the "cap retainers" (which are clear plastic, great when you drop them) onto the eight long metal screws. Next I had to grasp the smaller end piece, at the same time holding the longer side piece while I inserted the capped screw.

"Advance screw enough to hold panels in place, but do not tighten snug," (See Illustration A)," the illustration instructed (which showed nothing of the sort). The best part was putting on the bottom — when I couldn't find the hammer. They were plastic nails, so I took a sauce pan and whacked each one in. (It reduced my stress-level.) This was a good thing, because this was when I discovered I had put the two cap-retainners on backwards.

This was after I had done Step 5, "Tighten all screws until snug." It was then after having worked on this project for more than two-and-a-half hours, that I decided I was going to finish this project if it took all night. Luckily, it didn't.

In the end, my son was pleased with his "Little Tikes Storage Box" and for the evening of "live entertainment" I had provided. The box instructions claim the box is built to last. We will see...

Happy Holidays to all you who will be assembling Christmas Toys!

Food drive crippled by student apathy

Steve Duncan
News Editor

If someone is looking for an example that gives a 'No one ever commits a selfless act' statement credence, they need only peer down into the empty food bank bins on the Highline Community College campus.

Last year's food drive to aid the Des Moines Area Food Bank, held over the 1989 holiday season, produced 130 bags of groceries and \$981; this year only 60 bags and \$40 have been accumulated.

Yogi Iodice, Maintenance mechanical lead and director of the food drive at Highline, said

a major reason for the apathy towards donating food at HCC could be because the "cost of living" has gone up. Between the costs of school fees and basic money needed to survive, it is hard for students and faculty to give.

While this may be a valid point, it speaks for but a fraction of those who attend HCC.

What may be more apt is a general non-caring attitude HCC students and faculty have towards school events. If you don't believe this to be true, ask Student Government about how many showed up to vote on the new proposed school constitution. The estimated turnout was a whopping 60 students out of

about 8,000.

Maybe a solution to HCC's apathy is to video tape a needy person crying for help and show it to students and faculty, to play on their emotions. But that might only evoke a sympathetic shrug of the viewers' shoulders. According to Iodice, some instructors are even offering a boost in student's grades if they participate in the drive. Sigh. Now we're reduced to bribery. Iodice says the community as a whole is doing better in its efforts; HCC isn't a fair representation of society.

Here's an idea. How about thinking of the food drive as not just another school function but as a rally call for the more than

2,000 hungry people in the Des Moines area who need support.

"If we could get at least a can of food from each person, I would have to use a truck to carry all of it out," Iodice said. He feels that if students and faculty participate in the food drive they might "feel a sense of joy helping the needy."

So, now it comes down to bribery and emotional manipulation to grab your attention. Has morality taken a backseat in helping your fellow man or woman? It's a sad commentary, but it seems to be true that when asked to give another help, students and faculty reply 'Whats in it for me?'

A concerned parent reponds with a letter to the editor

Why should we consider the rights of these criminals? They don't consider the rights of the children they violate.

Dear Editor,

Hey, you're wrong, Mr. Tallmadge. You said in your last, "I don't mean to bitch" article that sex offenders should not have to register their addresses to let the public know when they move into the neighborhood. Well, I'm a parent and I certainly want to know when there is a danger in my neighborhood.

Parents need to be informed of sexual predators living in their neighborhood. According to Chris Quinn-Brintnal, a Pierce County prosecutor, the percentage of sexual predators who continually commit this crime is extremely high. It seems that rehabilitation does not work. You made an example of this yourself when you stated the case of the little Tacoma boy who was raped, mutilated and left for dead. That boy's attacker had done these horrible sexual deeds to several other people before he so cruelly changed that little boy's life. Rehabilitation does not work and this little boy's story is living proof.

I'll give you yet another example of the so-called rehabilitated sexual offender. My own daughter was raped by a

person who had committed his perversion on two other little girls before he acted out his sick fantasies on my daughter. Counseling didn't help him with his other three offenses and it probably won't help now either. These predators fake their way through counselling, saying what the therapist wants to hear so they can be released from prison to go out and reperform their perversion.

Why should we consider the rights of these criminals? They don't consider the rights of the children they violate. When criminals take away someone else's rights, we no longer need to be concerned with their "basic constitutional rights to privacy." The victim of these horrible offenses has their whole emotional and physical life changed because of some sick crime by

a sexual perpetrator and their rights have been totally abused and taken away by their attacker. The attacker didn't consider his victim's rights at all, and I don't think that we, as parents, should be considerate of his.

What will help is stronger laws governing these offenders. Prison obviously does not help. I think prison is too good for them. I'm all for mandatory castration, myself. If they don't have the hormones, then they won't feel the need to go sticking their appendage where it doesn't belong.

No, Mr. Tallmadge, public knowledge and stronger laws for sexual predators are necessary.

The writer of this letter requested to remain anonymous.

Des Moines Area Food Bank offers a wide variety of services

HCC food donations will help the Des Moines needy this holiday season

Juli Jensen
Staff Writer

Every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, there's hustle and bustle on the lower floor of the Des Moines United Methodist Church in getting food ready by 10 a.m. for the Des Moines Area Food Bank clients (recipients). Many things happen at once, with volunteers working together as a team receiving food and bagging it into grocery bags. In the hallway, there are bulletin boards announcing different sources of help for the needy that range from alcohol and drug abuse counseling, crisis intervention, job training, aid to the abused and pregnant, and assistance on utility bills. There's a banner on the left wall: "I was hungry and you gave me food. I was thirsty and you gave me drink." Matthew 25:35.

The Des Moines Area Food Bank first opened in 1970 as the Neighbors in Need Pro-

gram, until 1983, and is now a non-profit organization of the State of Washington. This food bank serves the needy residents of Des Moines. It is run by Marilyn Orris and Carol Davis, co-administrators, and 155 volunteers. According to Davis, people who work at the food bank are volunteers. Most of the food at the food bank is bought by funds donated by individuals, schools, churches, and businesses. The rest of the food is donated by Northwest Harvest, Food Lifeline, Costco, Safeway, and community canned food drives.

The amount of food a client receives depends on the number of members in the family. A family of three gets 19 different items, and a family of four and above gets 22 items. The food items may include cereals, muffin mixes, soup, peanut butter, mayonnaise, dairy products, vegetables and bread. If there's a baby in the family, Similac, apple juice, cereal, Gerber Baby Food and diapers are available. The food bank also provides specialty

"I was hungry and you gave me food. I was thirsty and you gave me drink."

- Matthew 25:35

foods for diabetics and calorie conscious people. Food bank clients are those who have little or no income; they are people who have lost their jobs, are retired and draw-

ing inadequate income, or are on a food stamp program. According to the Department of Social and Health Services, the population of Des Moines in April 1989 was 14,820. The Des Moines Area Food Bank helps an average of 1,500-2,000 individuals per month (45-50 families a day), during Christmas this nearly doubles. The population of King County in April 1989 was 1,446,000 of these, 3.97 percent were on a food stamp program. If you add the aged, blind, disabled, refugees, and other programs of aid, the percentage of the population on a food stamp program goes up to 8.5 percent.

The United States Department of Agriculture determines who is eligible as a food bank recipient, and this determination is based on maximum gross income earned. For example, a one-member family must not make more than \$749 per month; for a four-member family, it's \$1,514 per month; a family of eight must not have an income of more than \$2,534 per month.

Tracy Day, Des Moines Area Food Bank client, goes to the food bank about every other



A food bank volunteer trying her best.

Photo by Dan Schultz

month. The groceries she receives lasts her family of six about two to three weeks. She has four children, who are between three to seven years old. At this time, she and her husband are unemployed and seeking jobs. Day hopes to find a job in a nursing home to help support her family.

Day says of the food bank, "If it wasn't for people like this, people like me wouldn't get help."

Another client, a Highline Community College student,

"If it wasn't for people like this, people like me wouldn't get help."

- Tracy Day

is "struggling," she says. With her son, nearly age three, standing close beside her, she tells of her plans to finish college at a four-year institute and obtain a degree in education. She is currently unemployed and is attending college on a scholarship.

"Thank you, it's a big help," she says, referring to the food bank.

Every year, HCC organizes its own food drive. This drive begins about two weeks before the holidays and ends just two days before Christmas. The food collected at HCC is delivered to the Des Moines Area Food Bank. "Yogi does a marvelous job," stated Orris of HCC's food drive Chairman Yogi Iodice. Food bins are located in Bldgs. 6 and 8, the library and in faculty buildings. "A plaque is awarded to the department that collects the most food," says Lee Hall, maintenance mechanic at HCC who also delivers the food to the Des Moines Area Food Bank. Money donations are also accepted. Those interested in donating money should see Iodice in Bldg. 24 or contact the Des Moines Area Food Bank at 878-2660.

Also needed this year are new toys. The head of the Christmas Toy Drive is MaryJo Rulffes, who can be contacted at the Des Moines Area Food Bank. "We need lots of new toys," said Rulffes. Last year they gave away 3,000 brand new toys. You can drop the toys off at St. Philomena Church or Masonic Home located on Marine View Drive.

No need to go hungry

Julie Maggiamo
Feature Editor

Northwest Harvest is the largest food distributor in the state of Washington. Their donations are remaining good this year, but they are "in a slight downturn," according to Assistant Director Rosemary Boyle.

"The problem is more people are earning minimum wage or losing jobs," said Boyle. The numbers of families in need have risen from 104,000 families last year to 130,000 this year. The number of single people in need have risen from 30,000 to 45,000 this year, stated Boyle.

Around this time of year it starts to get real busy at Northwest Harvest and at all the food banks. "It isn't that

more people are in need that it gets so busy; it's because people tend to think more about their needs during the holidays," Boyle said. At NWH the demand for food, in the month of December, raises from 150 million pounds a month to 2 million pounds.

NWH helps support 305 food programs around Washington and they donate to 55 programs in King County, including the Des Moines Food Bank.

NWH has been around since 1968. Usually in the past NWH ends up short during the holidays. "We have no way of telling if we will be short this year, we sure hope not to be," Boyle said.

Here are some King County food banks located near you...

Auburn Community Fund
Barbara Cooksey
P.O. Box 464
Auburn, Wash. 98071

Ballard Food Bank
Frank Cosman
N.W. Y.M.C.A.
1708 N.W. Market
Seattle, Wash. 98107

Black Diamond Food Bank
Lucille Myrick
P.O. Box 57
Black Diamond,
Wash. 98010

Holly Park Food Bank
Mary Williams
186- 36th Ave. E.
Seattle, Wash. 98122

Northwest Harvest
Ruth Serling, Exec.
Dir.
P.O. Box 12272
Seattle, Wash. 98102

Queen Anne Food Bank
Art Lambkin
435 Halladay
Seattle, Wash. 98109

N. Seattle Neighbors in Need
Kay Wagner
1717- 26th E.
Seattle, Wash. 98122

Burien Commodities
Mark Million
15820- 6th S.W.
Burien, Wash. 98146

Des Moines Food Bank
Carol Davis
P.O. Box 98746
Des Moines, Wash.
98188

Highline Food Bank
John Knox Presbyterian
Harry Schulze
109 S.W. Normandy
Seattle, Wash. 98166

Family reunites after 17 years of separation

Mary Alida Brisk
Advertising Manager

Over the Thanksgiving holiday I met my father for the first time in 17 years. I must admit, I was quite shocked. He wasn't what I had expected. He was heavier than I imagined. He walked humped over and he appeared older than he is.

My flight from Seattle to California was delayed; when I finally arrived in California I really didn't know what to expect. My eyes swept the crowd hoping to find someone familiar. I spotted an older couple standing near the ticket counter so I walked towards them because they told me that was how I could find them. So many thoughts were running through my head, what if it wasn't them? They looked at me with a puzzled expression and said, "Mary?" and I answered, "Yes?" We hugged awkwardly and my father introduced his wife Ursula. They asked me about my flight as we made our way to the baggage claim area. We made small talk while waiting to get my suitcase.

When we were riding the shuttle to their car, I began wondering whether or not I should have come to California. At this point I asked myself: What am I doing here? I felt strange. What were the odds of this happening?

On our first night together in 17 years, my father and I stayed up late and reminisced about my childhood, as we sorted through my old toys. His wife was amazed at how much I had remembered since my sister couldn't remember any of it. I remembered the lay out of his apartment and the park where we spent our summers. He had saved my tinker toys, the purple wind-up fish that swam, various stuffed animals and several other things. We popped open a bottle of champagne and toasted the reunion of father and daughter. My father soon retired to bed, and his wife and I stayed up to finish the champagne and talk about their life together, his life before meeting her, and my life without him. We did not talk about what interested me, more like what he had been doing between the time we were separated and Ursula came into



Father spends Thanksgiving with his now grown daughters.

his life. I also wanted to know if he had really made an effort to locate us and wondered if the separation was as hard on him as it was on my sister and

My father and I stayed up late and reminisced about my childhood

me.

Ursula and I didn't talk about those subjects and neither did my father and me for the whole weekend. Every time I mentioned my mother I felt I

was putting him on the defense. I asked him a lot of questions about when I was younger, and he answered me, but he also changed the subject. When he and I drove down to El Centro to pick up my sister, it seemed like he was more interested in talking about the fig trees instead of talking about our lives while we were separated. It irritated me that he didn't want to talk about it, but I assumed that he feels like we blamed him for not putting more effort into locating us.

We packed quite a bit into one weekend. My sister moved into my father's house and we had turkey dinner to devour. Melissa and I had our pictures made together and went out

dancing for an evening in Los Angeles. The family spent an entire day at Disneyland. Before I realized it, it was time to go back to Seattle. We were so busy during the three days that I didn't have to much time to think beyond the moment.

When I returned home I was totally exhausted. I was so emotionally confused I sat down on the couch and just cried. I had expected to get a lot more answers to my questions but I was disappointed. I have no idea how this relationship between my father and me will work out. I feel numb.

It is evident a lot of hostility between my mother and father remains. I feel like a little girl all over again caught in the middle of a battlefield between my parents. Now I had to come to another decision in my life: my life is my own and living away from both parties helps me maintain some control in my life. I love them both but the past can't be undone, and I have no intention of reliving that painful part of my life. Homecomings as festive as they are can make you reflect on the past realistically and make you cry.

Tickle Tune expresses valid concerns



Rose Sikorra
Scene Editor

Tickle Tune Typhoon has sold out all 700 tickets for its performance in the Artists-Lecture Center at Highline Community College on Dec. 11, 1990.

After advertisements were distributed to local daycare centers, sales went better than anticipated; and all available seats were purchased approximately three weeks in advance of the event. Consequently, Student Activities cancelled the order to design additional posters to promote the event in order to avoid turning away people at the door.

Michelle Davis, Student Activities chairperson of Children's and Community

Programs, contracted and scheduled the group's appearance.

Tickle Tune Typhoon is composed of singers, musicians, dancers, and actors. The variety of tunes include upbeat versions of children's classics to contemporary works of art portrayed through vocal talent and dramatic characters in brilliantly colored, lavish costumes.

The lyrics cover topics such as the environment, disabilities, nutrition, self esteem and respecting one's body. The group's musical director, Danny Deardorff, strums the guitar from a wheelchair while he sings "Everybody's Differently Able."

Tickle Tune Typhoon has won two awards: "Parents Choice" in 1985 and "Ameri-

can Library Association" 1986.

In honoring the group for its accomplishments, the Parent Choice Foundation has said, "This dynamic group draws the many concerns of all children into its exuberant embrace but never stops being thoroughly entertaining."

Tim Noah (originally in the group and now a nationally acclaimed children's music luminary), Lorraine Bayes and Dennis Westphall were the founders of the Seattle-based group in 1979.

Experience fine traditional Thai cuisine here

Stephanie Sturgill
Staff Writer

Dozens of Thai restaurants dot the map of the Seattle area. Most connoisseurs of the deliciously spicy food are hard-pressed to find one location that serves the very best dishes. If you've never experienced ethnic dining, or hesitate to try new foods, a trip to Bai Tong will be worth it.

Upon entering the restaurant, guests are led to one of two dining rooms (smoking and non). Both are clean, well-lighted and attractively decorated in soothing colors. Me-

mentos of Thailand complete the decor and set a mood.

The staff is courteous, attentive and helpful as you select from the ala carte menu boasting a wide variety of Thai food: soups, salads, entrees, and desserts all reasonably priced between \$4 and \$8 (a feast for two for under \$30).

For the benefit of novice diners, most items are prepared with relatively mild flavor. A variety of curries, chilies, and sweet and sour sauces are only a few of the seasonings that give these dishes their spiciness. Those with a more tolerant stomach may request a hotter fare by asking for one (mild) to four (spicy

or hot) stars.

A personal favorite is Satay, marinated slices of chicken breast served shish kebab style with a thick peanut sauce (spicy) and cucumber salad in a sweet vinegar dressing.

Bai Tong began with a subsidy from Thai Airways International so its air crew could get the food they were used to at home. Word has spread and the crowds are getting thicker. Expect a 20-minute wait at peak hours. I rate Bai Tong **** for delicious food, professional service and presentation.

Bai Tong Restaurant, 15859 Pacific Hwy. S., Seatac. Phone 431-0893.

Mentalist Craig Karges performs at HCC



Craig Karges levitates a table by means of extrasensory powers.

Ed Scheidt
Staff Writer

Acclaimed illusionist and mentalist Craig Karges was on the Highline Community

Karges continually stressed that "We only use 10 to 20 percent of our minds. Think about the capabilities that must lie in that 80 to 90 percent of our unused minds."

I left Karges' show a true

believer that extrasensory perception (E.S.P.) was the way for me.

As soon as I got home the first thing I did was try to levitate the kitchen table. Needless to say it didn't work. I later convinced myself I needed something that a beginner could handle so I focused all my extrasensory powers on a napkin. Again, nothing happen. Out of options, I turned to books about paranormal activities to help get off the ground, so to speak.

The first book I read was titled "Flim-Flam!" by James Randi. After reading only a few pages I could sense that it was Randi's mission in life to discredit any and all professed paranormal experiences. He cynically attacks everything from alleged photography of fairies to the Bermuda triangle. Randi ruthlessly challenges anyone who claims to have powers contrary to the laws of sci-

ence. "Flim-Flam!" categorically disproves all claims of E.S.P.

Almost totally exhausted of hope I went to my ace in the hole. I called the Psychic Institute-Church of Divine Man, explained who I was and that I was interested in the psychic powers of the mind.

"We believe that everyone has psychic powers and all that but we aren't willing to grant you an interview," said a woman identified only as Louise. Later I realized that perhaps Louise wanted me to interview her telepathically? My better judgment, on the other hand, told me that this wasn't the case.

It is my assumption that anyone claiming to have psychic power is a fraud. Misrepresentation and manipulation are their favorite weapons. View these people for what they are: experts of illusion and slight-of-hand.

Pajamas

Deepa Anderson
Staff Writer

My old red and white striped flannel pajamas remind me of Christmas as a child.

The tall pine tree, with the fragrance that overwhelmed my sense of smell, stood in splendor in front of the living room window. Shining glass bulbs, tinsel and bright lights decorated its branches; even brighter shone the star on top. Santa filled my stocking with fruits, nuts, cookies, candy canes and tasty fudge. Mrs. Claus's fudge tasted the same as mom's. Santa left me three colorful presents, very carefully wrapped with large red and green bows on top. In all my excitement I ripped them open to find a pretty bride doll, a coloring book, and a new pair of red and white striped flannel pajamas.

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Cara E. Low
Staff Writer

A Chinese Painting Exhibit, featuring the work of Siao-Nan Chen, is displayed on the fourth floor of the Highline Community College Library until Dec. 14.

The paintings are in the Lin-Nan tradition, which started in 5th Century China. The Lin-Nan philosophy of painting was the first style to use vivid colors and it is an impressionist-type style. There are four main subjects in traditional Chinese paintings: a person; mountains,

trees and water; flowers and birds; and animals.

The flyer announcing the exhibit features two birds; a bird is the symbol for long life. "This type of picture would be used as a gift for a birthday," said Chen. When she selects which pictures she'll include in a collection, Chen said, "I choose the pictures that I feel go together."

Chen's work has been exhibited in two Seattle art museums, The Fine Art Gallery in Greenwood and The Wing Luke Museum in Seattle. A calligraphy collection was displayed in Tokyo, and a collection of Lin-Nan pictures has been displayed in Belgium. Earlier collections of her pre-Lin-Nan era work, using darker scenes with

limited color, were displayed in Idaho, Wisconsin, and Texas.

For the past 15 years, Chen has been producing work in the Lin-Nan tradition. Chen's last three of five mentor-instructors have specialized in Lin-Nan. Her current instructor studied under a master who lives in Hong Kong.

Chen has a permanent display of her work in Taipei, Taiwan. In April of next year, Chen's work will be displayed in her hometown of Fuzhou, Mainland China.

"The works for this collection will be much larger than the works displayed in the U.S.; some will feature up to twenty flowers and will be wall-sized," said Chen.

Are resolutions needed?

Debbie Blankenship
Staff Writer

So, you haven't stuck with a New Year's resolution since 1979. You're not alone. Most people make resolutions that are either too vague (I'm going to fix-up the house); too ambitious (I'm going to lose 70 pounds by Easter); or just too silly (I'm never going to eat another potato chip again).

"I don't keep them (resolutions)," says Helen Skrivaneck, a general book buyer and clerk in Highline Community College's book store. "I've tried them, but I'm a terrible procrastinator and I really don't have the will power. I find it difficult to change what I need to change, so I don't like making a big promise to do it."

Brian Reagan, an attendant counselor in Seattle at the Fircrest School for mentally disabled people, shares some good ideas for those people who hope to succeed with New Year's resolutions. He suggests these simple behavior modification steps:

- **Accurately define problem.** Be specific; it's better to say "I'm going to lose five pounds" than to vow "I'm going to eat like a bird."

- **Be realistic.** Don't promise to jog 10 miles every day unless you need practice making up excuses.

- **Set a time goal.** When does bikini season officially start, anyway?

- **Use checkpoints and rewards.** Break up large resolutions into bite-size pieces; write down progress to insure a positive attitude, then reinforce those baby steps with appropriate rewards. (P.S. Eating an entire pound of M&Ms is *never* an appropriate reward.)

- **Use support.** Find a support person or partner with the same goals. You can support each other and even become competitive.

Ryan Braden, a Highline Community College student, feels resolutions are an excellent idea if you have a goal — whether it's to stop something or to start. Braden says his grandmother was successful with her resolution; she hasn't smoked a cigarette for 10 years. "You need something to get you started on a goal, and a New Year's resolution is one of the best ways to do it," Braden says. "I've had a few resolutions, and I kept a couple of them; one lasted about four or five months. My New Year's resolution is the same this year; I'm going to try again to keep it."

Elaine Cooper, assistant manager of Jenny Craig Weight Loss Center in Federal Way, felt there was a significant increase in enrollment (about 75 percent) after Christmas. She felt it was due to the combination of the holiday season ending and New Year's resolutions being made. "It's a big, big increase," says Cooper. But, though they are determined at first, most drop out after about four to six weeks, according to Cooper.

Mary Alice, a volunteer at Al-Anon in Seattle, says, "January is the heaviest month." Family and friends of alcoholics decide after the holidays that they can't take the emotional and physical abuse anymore.

From AA (Alcoholics Anonymous) in Seattle, office manager Angus Lamont says the volume of people coming to AA for help does not increase significantly during January. "Every day we want to get up sober, not only on New Years," Lamont says. He feels any increase in enrollment from November to January comes from the holiday season.

Another HCC student, Rocky Graham, feels he has made some pretty difficult resolutions in the

past. "I've tried to stay on a budget; depending on the situation, it's sort of hard. I have certain stores I go into where I like to spend a lot of money. Now I try to stay out of those stores."

Graham adds, "I think resolutions are a bad idea if you make them too ambitious, but I think it's a good idea to set goals for yourself, and New Years is a good time to do it."

"I think they're effective if you take the effort to make them effective," says Jenny Weaver, an HCC student studying to be a paralegal. "I guess I just haven't taken the time to do it."

Rachel Johnson is a student at HCC who is studying for her AA in accounting. She says, "Most people break their resolutions anyway, so I don't see the point of making them." She says her friends have made resolutions before. "Sometimes they say they want to get really good grades, and sometimes they do; but then other times they say they want to lose 50 pounds by summer, and they don't," says Johnson. She says resolutions are just for fun, so there is really no purpose to them.

Linda Baker, who is HCC's coordinator/instructor for Journalism/Mass Media at HCC, says, "I've made them in the past, and I've always been disappointed in myself when I didn't go forward with them. This year, I just didn't make any." Baker says they'd worked for a while when she'd done things like trying to lose the weight she had gained over the holidays.

"The only ones that I came close to actually doing better for a longer period were ones related to my children. They are a commitment to someone else rather than myself. I usually do a better job keeping those," Baker says.

HCC basketball opens victoriously

Becky Bonus
Staff Writer

The Thunderbirds of Highline Community College's Men's Basketball Team walked off with its first victory Nov. 23. Although this was a scheduled non-league game against Douglas Community College (British Columbia), the T-birds were victorious with an 86-80 final score.

Head coach Joe Callero said he was satisfied with the home opener of the year. "They played well enough to win."

Starting freshman Marc Callero came onto the floor playing strong and scoring the first seven points for the team. But that wasn't enough to keep the T-birds ahead. The first half ended 41-34 -- in favor of Douglas.

Although Douglas had a "strong inside game," according to Coach Callero, HCC

had a "hot second half." The team was successful with its three pointers, and returning sophomores Brian Isakson and Ryan Johnson came through in clutch situations at the end of the game.

After a cancellation on Nov. 24, the T-birds played the first of two games against Centralia Nov. 27. This was one of four games the T-birds faced that week, and the team fell to Centralia with an 108-102 loss.

"They gave up 108 points on home court. You will never win a game doing this," said Coach Callero. He added, on the positive side, that freshman Brian Herting shot the ball well as a starter, with game-high 23 points. Coming off the bench was freshman Wayne Bernitter, who added 13 points and 5 rebounds.

The following evening HCC traveled to Tacoma

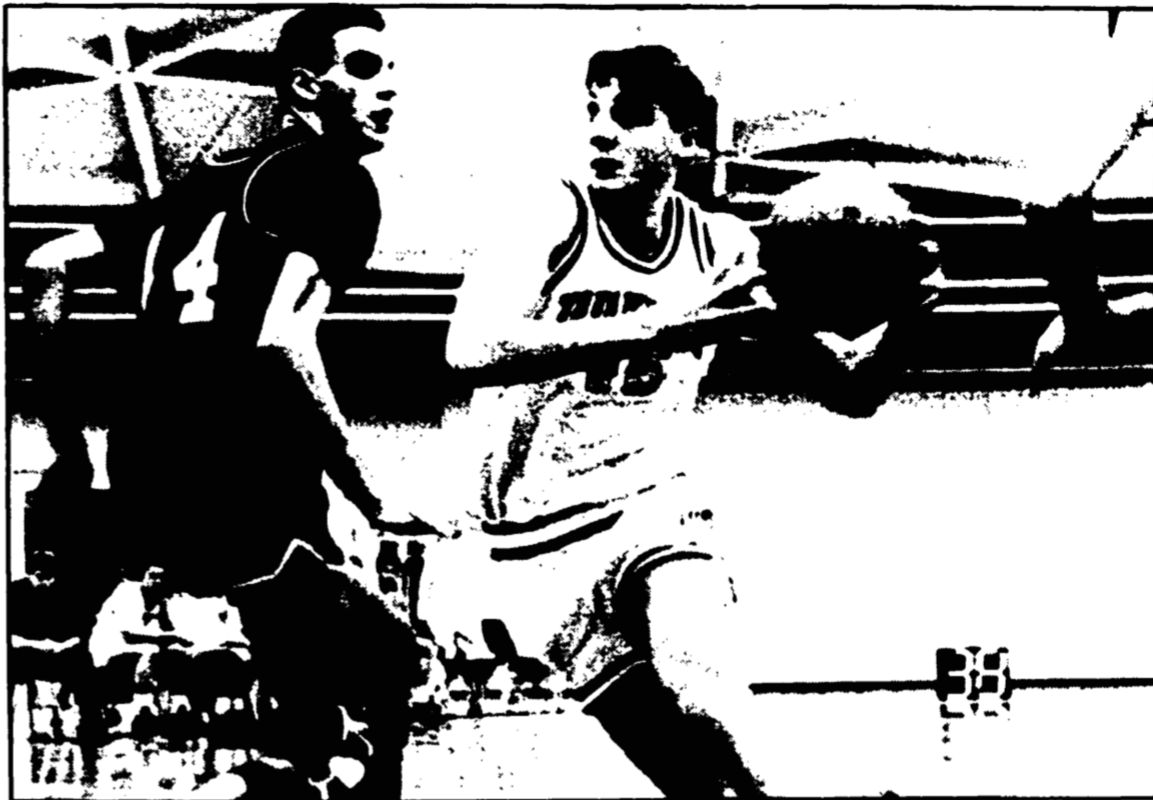


Photo by Kevin Tallmadge

Wayne Bernitter drives to the hoop against a Central Washington defender.

Community College to put a second victory on its record. The final score was 80-69.

The junior varsity team from Central Washington University came to the home of the T-Birds on Nov. 30. The T-Birds squeaked out a victory

with a 76-74 final score.

Coach Callero said he was reasonably happy with the win over CWU's JV but "we didn't play as well as we could have. We were sloppy."

After a long previous week the T-Birds played Green River

Community College on Dec. 5, a victorious event with a final score of 87-73.

HCC's basketball team stands at 4-2. The T-Birds face Pierce tonight and TCC on Saturday. Both games are being held at the HCC Pavilion.

HCC women's basketball keeps winning

Rhonda Earle
Staff Writer

The Highline Community College Women's Basketball Team had to prove it has the ability, on the court, to bring victories to the team's record. "We're such a new team it's going to take awhile for us to blend together," said Head Coach Dale Bolinger. After playing the first five preseason games, the team's record stands at 4-1.

On Dec. 5, the team traveled to Green River Community

College. The team won 52-49.

In previous action, the Thunderbirds battled Centralia Community College twice, winning both games. In the most recent game on Dec. 1, HCC dominated Centralia 74-62. High scorers for the T-Birds were Kristen Werkau with 17 points, Tamara Kittelson 16, Renee Nadeau 12, and Team Captain Jennifer Yount with 10 points. All four contributed a total of 36 rebounds for the team. Bolinger said that during the second half

the team played well and dominated the game.

HCC came out on top in the first game against Centralia Nov. 27 with a score of 66-62. "It was a close one," said Bolinger.

During the game Werkau stood out with 14 rebounds and 11 points. Kittelson and Christi Plummer had 12 points each, while Yount scored 14.

Tacoma Community College challenged the T-Birds but was unsuccessful. TCC fell to the T-Birds 81-52. HCC had

six players scoring in double figures. The team was striving for balance and felt it made good progress in this game, Bolinger explained.

In the T-Bird's first preseason game, on Nov. 23, the team lost to Wenatchee Community College 55-68. "Wenatchee has a good veteran sophomore team; that's why I wanted to play them early," Bolinger said. "We learned an awful lot."

Yount scored 20 points for the team, while Jennifer Westby

had 14. Bolinger added that sophomore Plummer showed some good defensive work to keep the T-Birds in the game. Bolinger said, "I was pleased the team stayed in the game as long as they did."

Tonight the T-Birds will host Pierce Community College at 6 p.m. in the HCC gym. League play will start Jan. 2, 1991, for HCC at Olympic Community College. Game time is at 6 p.m.

FINALS WEEK SCHEDULE FALL QUARTER 1990

Tuesday, December 11

8:00-9:50..... All 8:00 MWF & Daily Classes
10:00-11:50..... All 11:00 MWF & Daily Classes
12:30-2:20..... All 1:00 MWF & Daily Classes
2:30-4:20..... All 3:00 MWF & Daily Classes

Wednesday, December 12

8:00-9:50..... All 7:00 MWF & Daily Classes*
10:00-11:50..... All 10:00 MWF & Daily Classes
12:30-2:20..... All 12:00 MWF & Daily Classes
2:30-4:20..... All 2:00 MWF & Daily Classes
*Instructors may begin exam at 7:00 a.m. for student convenience

Thursday, December 13

8:00-9:50..... All 9:00 MWF & Daily Classes
10:00-11:50..... All 10:00 T-Th Classes
12:30-2:20..... No exams scheduled
2:30-4:20..... All 3:00 T-Th Classes

Friday, December 14

8:00-9:50..... All 8:00 & 9:00 T-Th Classes
10:00-11:50..... All 11:00 & 12:00 T-Th Classes
12:30-2:20..... All 1:00 and 2:00 T-Th Classes
2:30-4:20..... Reserved for unscheduled and conflicts.

ALL exams will be given in the regularly assigned classroom.

Evening Examinations (Including 4:00 p.m. classes) should be scheduled for the class period immediately preceding the last Thursday of the quarter (December 13). Instructors will announce dates and times.

HCC wrestling heats up

Cheryl Nordness
Staff Writer

The Highline Community College Wrestling Team has had its busiest week this season. The wrestling team had a dual match Thursday and today and a tournament scheduled on Saturday. Thursday was a home match against Lower Community College. Today's match is at Big Bend Community College, as is Saturday's tournament.

On Nov. 30 and Dec. 1 the wrestling team sent the eight-man team down to wrestle in the University Pacific tournament in Forest Grove, Ore. The team came back with three third places and one fourth place. Scott Denise, at 150 lbs; Mike Ramirez at 190 lbs; and Morris Keaton, a heavy weight, all received third places in the tournament. Morgan Rose, at 142 lbs, received a fourth place in the tournament.

This is Mark Brown's first year coaching the HCC Wrestling Team. There are a number of new athletes, who are "very good," said Brown. He says the individual members of the team will do very well in the division of the National Junior Collegiate Athletic Association. "We will find out in the Big Bend Community College tournament how good the guys are," said Brown. He says that his high hopes for the team might stem from the fact that this is his first year coaching HCC, and he does not know any better.

Mike Wooding, Gerald Carpio and Denise, who are all sophomores on the team, and Rhondy Dhoner, a freshmen, all have shown a lot of potential so far this season, said Brown. The wrestling team is fairly new this year. There are eight freshmen on the team; a number of the sophomores sat

out last season for personal reasons.

These men have gone up against Central Washington University and Pacific Lutheran University, which are within the division of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics. They had a number of new athletes, who are "very good"

Mark Brown

had a match against both teams a couple of weeks ago and beat the CWU varsity team and came close to beating the PLU varsity team. Their biggest tournament of the season on Dec. 29 is the Oregon Classic where they go up against the Russian National team, the University of Oklahoma, and many more.

"This is one of the best tournaments to compete in," said Brown.

Highline's cheerleaders want more participation

Steve Thorp
Staff Writer

Highline Community College's Cheerleading Squad will be kicking off the winter quarter with fresh, new uniforms, when the official basketball season starts Jan. 2, 1991.

Cheerleading Squad Captain Kristine Otani's educational goal is to become a CPA. Otani, attended Highline High School in Burien. She currently works on campus in Student Services.

Other members of the HCC cheerleading squad include:

Tameiko Davis, whose major is in business, plans to be a CPA. Davis went to Lindbergh High School in Renton. She is currently working at the HCC Bookstore.

Teri Plante's educational goal is to become a psycholo-



HCC cheerleaders practice in the multi-room for the up-coming basketball season, beginning Jan. 5, 1991.

Photo by Steve Thorp

gist. She graduated from Highline High School.

Christine Harm's major is in accounting, and her educational goal is to become a CPA. Christine attended Kentridge High School.

Lorena Gretan, who went to Kent-Meridian High School,

at present is taking general requirement courses for a transfer degree.

Kim Powell's major is in education. A Kennedy High School graduate, her goal is to become an elementary teacher.

Chantel Wingerter is taking general transfer courses

here at HCC. She went to Puyallup High School.

Karen Carsten is taking general transfer courses at HCC. Carsten went to Renton High School.

Megan Clark is taking general transfer courses at HCC. She went to Burlington-Edison

High School.

The HCC Cheerleading Squad hopes to get more fan participation by performing during HCC's basketball season.

WINTER SPORTS SCHEDULES

MENS HOOPS

Dec. 7 Pierce CC @ HCC
Dec. 8 Tacoma CC @ HCC
Dec. 11 Green River CC @ HCC
Dec. 15 Spokane @ Spokane
Dec. 18 Peirce CC @ Lakewood Community Center
Dec. 21 Clark @ HCC
Dec. 28 Chemeketa @ Clark Tourney
Jan. 2 Olympic @ Olympic
Jan. 5 Skagit Valley @ HCC
Jan. 9 Edmonds @ HCC
Jan. 12 Everett @ Everett
Jan. 16 Shoreline @ HCC
Jan. 23 Bellevue @ Bellevue
Jan. 26 Olympic @ HCC
Jan. 30 Skagit Valley @ Skagit Valley
Feb. 2 Edmonds @ Edmonds
Feb. 6 Everett @ HCC
Feb. 9 Shoreline @ Shoreline
Feb. 16 Bellevue @ HCC
Feb. 21 NWAACC Northern Regional Playoff
Feb. 28 NWAACC Championship Tourney

WOMENS HOOPS

Dec. 7 Pierce @ HCC
Dec. 8 Tacoma @ HCC
Dec. 11 Green River @ HCC
Dec. 14 Wenatchee Valley @ HCC
Dec. 18 Pierce @ Pierce
Dec. 20 Umpqua @ HCC
Dec. 27-29 Clackamas Christmas Tourney
Jan. 2 Olympic @ Olympic
Jan. 5 Skagit Valley @ HCC
Jan. 9 Edmonds @ HCC
Jan. 12 Everett @ Everett
Jan. 16 Shoreline @ HCC
Jan. 23 Bellevue @ BCC
Jan. 26 Olympic @ HCC
Jan. 30 Skagit Valley @ Skagit Valley
Feb. 2 Edmonds @ Edmonds
Feb. 9 Shoreline @ HCC
Feb. 16 Bellevue @ HCC
Feb. 21 NWAACC Regional Playoff
Feb. 28 NWAACC Championship Tourney

WRESTLING

Dec. 8 Big Bend Tourney
Dec. 13 Yakima Valley
Dec. 14 North Idaho College
Dec. 27 Clackamas C.C.
Dec. 28 Oregon Wrestling Classic
Jan. 4 Lower Columbia
Jan. 10 Pacific Lutheran Univ.
Jan. 11 Ricks College
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New Rating causing stir

Scott Games
Staff Writer

Imagine calling prostitutes social artists of evening pleasure. It still doesn't change the fact that they're hookers. This is the feeling that many directors and film makers have towards the new NC-17 "no children" film rating that the Motion Picture Association of America has created for movies that would otherwise be given an X rating. Many also feel that recently the MPAA been unjustly biased toward movies which have been made in the past year.

The MPAA, established in 1968, is made up of a group of parents with children under 17. The rating system used is devised by the MPAA and the National Association of Theater Owners. The system includes the G, PG, PG-13, R, and NC-17 ratings.

Ruth Hayler of the Seven Gables theater chain says the system is not intended to indicate if a movie is good or bad but to provide a guideline for parents to decide if a movie is suitable for their children. The system is voluntary for movie makers to use but is important in a film's success.

Highline Community College student Bob Braeden feels that generally, when a picture receives an X, the X rating kills the chances of the movie from doing anything financially great. Many movie chains will not screen movies with an X rating, and the majority of media sources will not display advertisements for them either.

In the last year, independently made movies such as "The Cook, The Thief, His Wife, and Her Lover" and "Tie me up! Tie me down!" were

branded with the X rating. After being given the X rating, the movie makers decided to release these movies unrated. Despite being released without the X rating, the two movies still had trouble getting advertisements. Hayler says, "The Seattle Times would take the title of the film but not the art work."

Doug Smallwood from Metro Cinemas adds, "If the movie is tastefully done, Seven Gables would consider showing the movie."

If movie makers don't approve of the rating given to their movie they can try to re-submit the movie or re-edit the movie to change the rating. The MPAA charges a fee to rate a movie each time it is viewed. Depending on a movie maker's budget, having a movie rated can be costly.

Since the vast majority of porno movies aren't rated by the MPAA, the NC-17 rating doesn't pertain to them. Marnie Haugen, also an HCC student, believes that when the ratings system was originally created the X rating signified that the movie was not suitable for children. Films such as the Oscar-winning movie Midnight Cowboy, which starred Dustin Hoffman and John Voigt, and the movie Last Tango In Paris were rated X.

Braeden feels that the X rating has usually stigmatized movies that have little artistic quality and are associated with pornographic and highly violent themes.

Leslie McKay, another HCC student, believes that eventually the X rating became tainted by the pornographic movie makers. She also feels that they gladly gave their movies X and

XXX ratings to make their movies look more smutty. It is possible for pornographic movie makers to rate their own movies with Xs because the X rating has never been copy-righted by the MPAA.

In July, 31 directors belonging to the National Society of Film Critics discussed with Jack Valenti, head of the MPAA, the idea of designing a new rating A for adult or M for mature. Among the directors present were Francis Ford Coppola, Ron Howard and Spike Lee.

Being under much scrutiny over the past year, the MPAA needed to make changes in its system.

Linda Baker, HCC teacher and parent of two children, believes the film "Henry and June" was the last straw to break the MPAA's back. This movie released by Universal Pictures, a major leaguer in the motion picture industry, originally bore an X rating, but the reputation of one of the industry's biggest film makers forced the MPAA to re-evaluate the X rating. This film is the first and only film at the moment to have received the NC-17 rating.

Movie theaters screening this movie have many signs posted stating that no one under 17 will be admitted. All employees at these theaters have been told to check identification before selling tickets to these shows. This has been policy at pornographic theaters for years.

Chris Swift at the Des Moines Theater, a theater which runs X rated movies, says, "I could be fined \$10,000 for letting somebody under 18 in." Swift adds that with the new NC-17 rating "business hasn't changed a bit."

Campus secured

Erica Olson
Staff Writer

Highline Community College has 34 buildings on an 84-acre, campus with trees, flowers, bushes, rolling hills and pathways that are virtually hidden in the shadows at night. "I

I see people before they see me.

Patty Freeman

see people before they see me," says Patty Freeman, a night security officer at HCC. "Basically we provide a service: to protect life and property to make sure the rules and regulations of Highline Community College are upheld." Responsibilities of the campus officers are to maintain the rules and regulations of HCC.

Campus Security covers parking, security of the buildings and students. Equipped with only their flashlights, a nightstick and mace, a security officer handles everything from dead batteries and alarming buildings to shutting gates and watching for suspicious people.

"We figure it takes an officer an hour and a half to make a complete round of the campus," says Jack Chapman, Chief of Security. In the event of an emergency, campus Security can link up with the Des Moines Police Department.

Chapman has an open door policy that allows anyone to find out the statistics of crime on campus. A breakdown of criminal offenses reported to, or known to, Security in the last three years would look something like this: rape or attempted rape—none (the last attempted

rape was reported in winter quarter of 1986); robbery—two; assault or attempted assault—12; burglary, larceny/theft—129 (39 of which were in the last year); motor vehicle theft—6; public disturbances—27; malicious mischief (damage to property)—95; suspicious activity—49; miscellaneous (such as skateboarders on campus, parking spot thieves)—44.

There are five full-time, three part-time and two student security officers. All full-time officers at HCC have a minimum of 240 hours reserve officer training. Most of the reserve training is through the Des Moines Police Department. A reserve officer doesn't have arresting authority but does have extra training compared to an average campus security officer who is only required a maximum of two weeks training in house (on campus).

HCC is the only community college in Washington state that requires its officers to have this much extensive training. Each part-time or student officer on campus is not required the reserve officer training and, therefore, must always work with one of the full-time officers. Some of HCC's security officers are aspiring for careers in law enforcement. In the last 20 years Highline has produced 35 police officers.

Officer shifts during the week are set up as follows: 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., 4 p.m. to midnight, midnight to 8 a.m. and 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. The weekend shifts have one officer on campus from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., from 4 p.m. to midnight and from midnight to 8 a.m. If you have any questions, contact Security in Bldg. 6, ext. 219.

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earning a high school diploma but in areas of self-esteem, confidence, and motivation," and noted that the High School Completion Program filled the "huge gap" which exists between acquiring a GED and successfully taking college classes.

Both Grubiak and Torgerson said that the focus and format of the program and its dependency upon the appropriation of vocational disadvantaged money will remain unresolved until all reports have

been carefully considered by a variety of sources.

The hearing's evaluation team must review formal testimony and other pertinent information, then present its report to the Student Affairs Council. The council, in turn, must make its recommendations to the dean of students, who can either accept the report as written or take additional action. And finally, the state-required accreditation review will be conducted, taking HCC's report into consideration.

The program review committee included Lance Gibson, counselor and assistant to the associate dean; Sandy Curtis, coordinator of High School and Community Relations; Alan Torgerson, acting coordinator of Developmental Studies; and Kemmie Aasheim, director of High School Completion, Assessment and Special Programs, Tacoma Community College. The committee was assisted by Ingrid Gintz, secretary to the associate dean of students, and Kay Balston, curriculum advisor.

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