Highline to strike?

Proposed budget cuts affects education

By Ben Ferguson

A handful of community college teachers were waiting in the wings Wednesday, prepared to vote on a strike if the state legislature does not pass next week's budget bill.

The proposed state budget would cut 2.5 percent of the state's current funding to community colleges, which would mean a reduction in the college's ability to buy supplies, pay teachers and maintain a full curriculum.

"The teachers feel that now is not a good time to short-change an institution that is in such demand..." -Nancy Lennstrom

The teachers are concerned about the future of highline and community colleges across the state. This comes at a time when some colleges, such as Bellevue, have waiting lists. Other colleges, such as Puyallup, have waiting lists. Others like Olympic College are concerned about the possibility of laying off faculty and staff to save money.

"We can't afford to be doing this," said Lennstrom. "We can't afford to be doing this to our students and our teachers. We need to be doing this to our institutions."
HCC has three MLK award winners

Rose Skora
Graphics Editor

At the second annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Humanitarian Award Ceremony, Highline Community College President Edward Rose Sikona announced that Iwai was the Faculty Award recipient. Iwai was the centurion of the Multicultural Services Office in Building 6 and Command said she was a woman who "takes the time to make a sincere effort to help anyone in need.

During the last 20 years Iwai has been actively involved with the Highline Public School District. Iwai shows her support by involving herself in committees, raising funds for the local P.T.A., and helping with organizations such as Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, and Boy Scouts.

Ceribell Bustamante, Multi-cultural Students Services Vocational Programs specialist, describes Iwai as "a loving and caring person."

Iwai kept closely involved with her two children's education by volunteering a half day a week for the school's teacher's aide at Southern Heights Elementary in the 1970s.

"It gave me time to be involved with my own children and also to provide a service to the school. I enjoy working with students. It's a very fulfilling and gratifying experience," Iwai said.

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While others only note or complain about problems in the community, Terry Schmoker makes a difference by helping Hispanic people with the problems they encounter as they try to become part of the community.

Winner of the Highline Community College Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Award for Community Service, Schmoker is a warm and friendly person. Born and raised in West Seattle, she moved to the Tri-Cities 14 years ago with her husband, who is an executive engineer. This is when she first started volunteering her time. After the birth of her first child, she felt so blessed by the miracle of having a child, she said, that she wanted to give something back to someone. She chose to help the large Hispanic population in that area.

Part of the desire to help the immigrants came from watching the struggle of her father's family as they tried to assimilate in the American culture after emigrating from Europe. She had become sensitized to the struggle of those from other countries as they try to fit into an alien culture. With the assistance of the Episcopal Church in the Tri-Cities, she started an outreach program to help Hispanic immigrants succeed in this country.

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After moving back to the Seattle area in 1984, Schmoker served as the assistant of St. Matthew's Church community outreach program. In 1988 the funds were made available from the Episcopal Diocese to open the outreach program at St. Columbia's Episcopal Church; this is the program through which she is currently working. The program's eight volunteers began by surveying area schools to find out what help was most needed. They found that people needed help with social services and schooling first and started programs to help Hispanic people learn English and find better employment.

"Aren't you very interested in cultural programs and works very hard to develop and host activities on campus," Buess said. "She plays an integral part, for example in developing our annual Salmon Bake." Iwai took on the responsibility of maintaining the annual event three years ago when the director who previously planned the occasion retired. The Salmon Bake is held on the roof of Building 6 each spring in the latter part of May.

"Iwai said she does more than just "office work." She refers students to contacts for help which they require. This may include possible available scholarships or interpreters for non-English speaking students. Iwai regularly gets letters from more than five students that have moved on after they've received a two-year degree. Buess says they former students who come back to visit Iwai as people who are "seeking the person who has meant so much ... the person who spent time making sure that the student had answers to their questions and had the confidence to go on. That person is Arlene Iwai."

Bruce Bruns
Opinion Co-Editor

When Brian Piland, a student at Highline Community College, first heard that he was one of the winners of the Martin Luther King Jr. Humanitarian Award he was a little skeptical.

"I honestly thought it was a joke," said Piland, who didn't know he had even been nominated for the award. "I told my wife when I got off the phone that a man I never met told me I won an award I never heard of, and probably didn't deserve," he said.

Piland was nominated for the award by William Dodd, an instructor at HCC, for his work with Phila Kapt, the Roman School District, and Victory Baptist Church.

Piland is easy going with a ready smile, not exactly the stereotypical person you might expect to be the chapter president and state president of the Community College version of the National Honor Society.

Piland said the reason Piland got into service projects is that "I'm in FTK because of what I was nominated for, and I didn't think it was that big of a deal. The rooms were a little bit cleaner; it was easier on me, but the Renton School District Board of Directors seemed to like it."

Piland and his wife Juani work with high school and junior high students at the Victory Baptist Church. She is the youth director and, said Piland, "the driving force" behind the group; but at the current time he is home with his children, their six-month-old daughter, he said.

"Working with people is a priority with Piland and can be seen in his work with PTK, which is involved with Seattle's adopt-a-program, furnishing and decorating houses to be used by homeless families and children. It's a child through Children International and has just begun a tutoring program for illiterate homeless children."

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The more things change...

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After much thought and consideration I have come to a startling conclusion. The more things change the more they stay the same. Now, I know this is an old cliché that gets tossed around a lot and is not terribly startling, but you must realize that although I heard it often from my father, grandfather, older friends, etc., I never really believed it. I always just tossed it in the same category as: "We only had one pair of shoes; they had holes in the dirt trail which we used to call a road. Things then were simpler." True, it's unlikely that the parking problem will be solved for eight bucks but I do suggest doing something clean-up.

A rare photo of a 1950s-era drive-in, a stable pathway could be created with the lot owners to propose a plan to the school authorities. True, it's unlikely that the parking problem will be solved for eight bucks but I do suggest doing something clean-up.

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Burn a tank of gas or two and see the state

Steve Thorp
Co-Features Editor

Like many of our other crusaders, we decided to do this little excursion. Chuck and I have been running partners since about the sixth grade, and we didn’t really need our plans to have a good time together. We did bring a cribbage board and my espresso cooker, so if anything else, we could get wired and play cards. Once on the road, we decided to head for the pass and check out the skiers. On the way to the mountains we talked about all the things we were missing in each other’s lives in the past few months. Joked and laughed a bit, and got caught up on how our families were doing.

We got to Snoqualmie Pass about 2:30 p.m. My little 1979 Pinto from hell made it. It was beautiful up there. It felt like it was 65 degrees in the sun. This seriously added to the near fatal case of spring fever from which I was already suffering. We had to stay out of the snow, because sneaker and slush don’t mix. We’d had a good time anyway, hanging out at the lodge, playing cribbage, talking trash and chat, but the women in their ski suits. We could have joined them on the slopes, had we planned ahead and brought ski gear.

After two or three hours of hanging out at the pass we headed down the road towards the ocean. We stopped at CJ’s in North Bend for a gut bomb (hamburger) and fries. North Bend is a sleepy little town between the Seattle-Tacoma area and Snoqualmie Pass. What North Bend has to offer, beyond being a gas stop between the pass and town, escapes me. The little dive we stopped at for a sandwich had some pretty good grub. With even the smallest amount of planning we might have had a better idea of what to do while there.

Back on the road again, headed west on Interstate 90, we blew the turn to Highway 16 that would have taken us towards the ocean. We switched modes to a more active plan—1, A. We cruised 90/90 a relaxing cruise. This trip was for relaxing anyway, not getting stressed about getting anywhere quick, and by golly, we were sure doing that.

We got to Port Angeles at about 9 p.m. and checked into a motel. At first the desk clerk asked, “Will that be a smoking or non-smoking room?” Neither one of us knew motel offered a choice. We requested smoking. The clerk told us all the smoking rooms were occupied, and explained that a formal dress Valentine’s dance was going on at the Port Angeles High School gym, so we got one of the non-smoking rooms.

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To wait 20 minutes.

We got off the boat and started through the fog for Port Angeles; when we got off the boat, instead of taking the Hood Canal Bridge, however, we ended up making the complete loop around the canal before we finally got going in the right direction. That was okay. The road was literally barren, so it made for a smooth ride. The motel was pretty well booked up. He told us for $30 dollars more we could get one of their business suites. Chuck and I decided to look for another place to stay. But as we were going for the door, the clerk came from the office and said we could have the business suite for the same price as a regular room. We took it!

Metro is a good way to spend the day... for cheap

Yvonne Walker
Staff Writer

Need a break? Try riding Metro for a change

Sit back and let someone else do the driving while you sightsee, go to new places, chitchat with a friend, make new friends, hold hands with a loved one, read a book, dream, listen to a headband or just people watch.

Metro serves more than 7,000 miles of routes in Seattle and King County, with 29 specially designated points of interest to visit. Saturday, Sundays, holidays an all-day-pass can be purchased for $1.50 and can be used on all of Metro’s routes: two people under the age of 16 can ride free with a fare-paying adult. Metro offers a special $2.50 visitor’s pass for all-day service during weekdays on the entire transport system, including the Waterfront Streetcar and Monorail.

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It may be an eyesore, but it runs like a top,” says Thorp, of his Pinto from hell.

Your ride is free.

If you want a break from the hustle of the city, take a break with Metro to Snoqualmie Falls, which requires a four- to six-week advance reservation. North Bend is too far to go and you still want a breather from city noises, try the Zoo bus. Metro stops at Woodland Park Zoo where there are more than 50 endangered species, a 4-6 acre elephant forest, children’s petting zoo and more.

When you’re looking for something to do on a dull afternoon, a short walk to a bus stop will start an interesting day. If it is too far to walk to a bus stop, there are Metro Park and Rides where people can park their cars and catch the bus. Metro helps combine biking and busing by providing bike racks on many Metro buses. Limited are designated number of Bike and Ride bus stop routes. For more information, call Metro at 447-4800.
The ski resorts of Washington have something for skiers of all skill levels

Craig Wicall
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Picture this: You're cutting down the mountain, skiing gracefully through a sweeping bowl of soft, untouched powder. The sky is a dazzling spectrum of blinding sunlight. Its pristine rays shine amongst the breathtaking slopes of this paradise, baking your skin to the color of Mexican pottery.

The snow hasn't melted yet, and this is your last desperate grasp for powder. Spring is just around the corner, and rising temperatures mean more slush and ice. Whether you go for the scenery, or to ski, Western Washington offers prime ski resorts to satisfy all varieties of snow play.

Skiers with a more conservative agenda might prefer Snoqualmie or Ski Acres. Those two are adjacent to each other and connected with crossing trails between them. The lightly groomed runs form tame, relaxing slopes for the laid-back or novice. Extremists would definitely consider it "whimpy."

Hyak, formerly known as Pac West, provides a playground with a plethora of jumps, bumps, drops and raging moguls. With only two lifts, it's an unexpected adventure for the freestyle skier.

The last leg of these four mountains, known as "The Big 4," is Alpental. This is home to the gut-wrenching run, International, rated as the 17th hardest run in the state. To sum it up, Alpental has a multitude of dominating cliffs, challenging descents and a series of perpetual "nick" runs. You better know how to ski before you approach this one.

Like a big magnet, Crystal Mountain attracts the majority of Washington's skiers. This is due to the broad mix of terrain they look for. Chair six takes skiers to a rock-capped summit. This is where it gets good. From up there you'll find no easy way down. It's an ultimate blend of bean-stopping, vertical drops and tree-lined harrowing chutes. This is what skiing is all about, a whirlwind of danger in the quest for double diamond black runs. K-2, Powder Bowl, Exterminator, Bull Run, Kelly's Gap and Spook Hill will effectively cater to and fulfill those life-threatening fixes one occasionally needs. Watch out for those weekenders; they bring a thick crowd that keeps the lines long and slow.

Finally, there's Stevens Pass. Here's an excellent place, easily skied, but a mystery to many. It's worth the extra driving time, when you find out about Stevens' quality powder and transparent terrain. It's a $10 dollar lift price is all it takes to ski Monday or Tuesday, and there's never a line on either day. With the exception of occasional bad weather at the highest elevation, Stevens Pass provides everything needed for a perfect day of skiing. Instead of hibernating indoors in front of the TV, wondering what to do during the winter months, get off your backside and pick a peak.
Belly dancing eases pain

Deena Anderson gets down

Deena Anderson, Opinion Editor

Belly dancing is an art in spite of what many believe, in spite of the scenes directed by some members of an audience as belly dancers proudly display their talent.

Besides being an art, belly dancing has served as a spirit lifter for me. The first time I saw a belly dance performance I was fascinated. A dance troop performed at a restaurant where I was eating 15 years ago. The dancers wore beautiful costumes and moved in incredible ways. Each dancer had her own unique style, all mesmerizing the audience. The live Middle Eastern music added to this main attraction. I never took my eyes off them. This was one performance that left a lasting impact.

Ten years ago I suffered from depression over the death of my daughter Marcie who died of liver cancer at age nine. Shortly after her death, I received a flyer in the mail offering free belly dance lessons. I remembered the impressionable belly dance performance I had seen. Excitement surfaced as I read the flyer. This invitation, after a year of depression, created a spark of life.

Belly dancing has been in existence since Biblical times, and there are various art styles that come to us from ancient times. The gypsy dancers, believed to have originated in India, brought their style to the United States years ago.

Costume making is an art as well. There are many styles of costumes as each Middle Eastern country has its own unique fashion. Costumes can be beautiful sheer fabrics laced with real silver and gold or materials made of colorful cotton with coins, such as the gypsy dancers wear. The attached coins create an exciting sound to the dancer's movements. Much intricate and creative work goes into making costumes. It can take months to put a costume together.

Let me assure you I didn't put on a costume and begin dancing. It doesn't work that way; it takes years of lessons and practice. A dancer has to learn to coordinate, balance and move his/her body in amazing ways. This is not something that can be learned in a day, and a dancer is never done learning. In my 10 years of education and experience I still have much to learn.

With the experience I do have I feel beautiful when I dance; it's as though I'm a dancer in another day and time. It is a cultural experience that gives me a natural high.

I learned to respond with pleasure to the scenes of disgust from some of the audience members; I am proud of my art and how far it has brought me.
HCC Co-ed Swim Club looking to grow

Yvonne Walker  
Staff Writer

Highline Community College students who enjoy competitive swimming and have high school swimming experience can join the HCC Swim Club. Coach Warren Kleist is enthusiastic about the current co-ed membership of 21 members, with eight second-year swimmers, and is looking forward to future growth.

"This is the only community college in the state that has a swim team," Kleist said. He expects at least 20 to 25 members each year because he has talked to coaches at the high school level who said they will recommend their students who are going to four-year colleges to come to HCC.

The HCC Swim Club had four meets this year; next year the team hopes to have more. They competed at Pacific Lutheran University against other co-ed swim teams and did well being the only two-year college to participate. The men's team took sixth place while the women's team took seventh. Kleist said, "I feel very good about what the team has done against that kind of competition."

Kleist said the team had its best meet of the season Jan. 26 against Evergreen State and Linfield College. He added that swimming against four-year schools didn't seem to bother the swimmers, who had excellent times and a great attitude.

Swimmer Kevin Daniel broke a school record with his time of 26.38 in the 50 meter backstroke.

Coach Kleist said, "This season ended the way we expected; which was too short; and because of a "club" status, the team could not participate in the District Championships."

Swim Club members still swim during off season to stay in shape. Team Captain Tony Lynn wants all students to know that "a good way to get exercise, stay in shape, and get in shape for those summer swimsuits is to come down to the pool and swim."

The results of the Jan. 26 HCC Swim Club meet were:


Men — 2nd place — "B" Team: Steve Case, David York, Scott Gayler, Kevin Hefti 1 minute 58.45 seconds.


Men — 3rd Gayler 2:05.21, 4th Wayne Urwick 2:04.29.


50 Butterfly — Women — 1st Nordness 29.70.

Men — 1st Daniel 25.33, 2nd Tony Lynn 26.54.

100 Individual Medley — Women — 2nd Zwick 1:12.70.

100 Free — Women — 2nd Nordness 1:00.00.

Men — 3rd Pieters 58.10, 4th Lynn 1:01.07.

100 Back — Men — 2nd Daniel 59.00, 4th In Sibert 1:08.51.

500 Free — Women — 3rd Scott 5:02.05.

Men — 1st Pieters 5:01.42, 3rd York 5:40.20.


200 Free Relay — Women — 1st Zwick, Johnson, Parish, Nordness 2:02.28.

HCC gives softball intensity

Jeff Martin  
Staff Writer

During the non-snow off season the U.S. Women's Alpine Ski Team members used the "Ski Team" diet to lose 20 pounds in two weeks. That's right — 20 pounds in 14 days! The base of the diet is chemical food action and was devised by a famous Colorado physician especially for the U.S. Ski Team. Normal energy is maintained (very important!) while reducing. You keep "full" — no starvation — because the diet is designed that way. It's a diet that is easy to follow whether you work, travel or stay at home.

This is, honestly, a fantastically successful diet. If it weren't the U.S. Women's Ski Team wouldn't be permitted to use it! Right? So, give yourself the same break the U.S. Ski Team got. Lose weight the scientific, proven way. Even if you've tried all the other diets, owe it to yourself to try the U.S. Women's Ski Team Diet. That is, if you really do want to lose 20 pounds in two weeks. Order today. Year diet at no reminder.

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People talk

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