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Information access improved for disabled students

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Staff Writer

The Developmentally Disabled Student Center at Highline Community College has improved disabled student’s access to information. The DDS Center located in Bldg. 19 has remodeled its classroom and added special equipment on campus to accommodate disabled students.

"There is a demand for this program at HCC, and we have been able to work with the students and surrounding community from this location since 1984," said Pami Worthington, literacy coordinator for the Adult Literacy Tutoring Project. Space is rented on the campus by the literacy program for the convenience of serving students at HCC and the surrounding Des Moines community. This service should not be confused with the Developmental Reading Lab offered by HCC. The literacy program is offered free to adult learners and depends upon volunteer tutor participation. Trained volunteers are matched up with non-readers on a one-to-one basis or in small group sessions.

"One in five people are illiterate in the United States, and those kinds of figures are staggering," Worthington said. Some of the reasons why so many people are illiterate may be because of learning problems early in school; others may not have had a chance to complete school and just gave up trying. Another group of people includes immigrants and refugees who need to gain English skills. Without reading and writing skills, isolation and despair can set in.

Volunteer tutors are needed in Basic Literacy and English as a Second Language. Basic and ESL tutors go through a training workshop for 12 hours and receive certificates of completion following each training course.

"We ask at least a six-month commitment from all tutors," Worthington said. She found that it usually takes at least three months to get acquainted with the person being tutored. "We really need ESL tutors now, and the only qualifications would be to speak, read, and write English fluently," she said.

"Tutors and students become life-long friends, and the satisfaction of helping an adult learner meet their personal and professional goals is rewarding," said Worthington, who has been a tutor for many students in the past. The literacy program uses several locations such as churches, high schools, and community centers where tutors and their students meet each week. One program is located in Federal Way. "If you want to do something of value, tutoring is perfect," said Jean Groenewald, an ESL tutor at the Federal Way Center for 18 months. "We teach in groups, and since space is limited to 25 the waiting list to get in is huge," Groenewald said.

"Students who volunteer will find tutoring rewarding, and I would highly recommend it to any student at HCC who would like to do something of value with their spare time," she said.

"One program which drew much needed attention to the literacy problem was originated through PBS and ABC television called Project Plus, and after a year and a half our station started working with Washington State Literacy by running the same type of commercials," said Jim Brown, public relations employee at KOMO Channel 4. KOMO has worked with this program for about three years and has referred those who are interested to the literacy hotline, 1-800-323-2550.

Presently, about 30 tutors are working with the Adult Literacy Program in South Seattle. The American Red Cross organized a division called the Retired Seniors Volunteer Program. "Through the Red Cross, any volunteer 60 years old or over can get 14 cents per mile for travel allowance, which includes bus passes up to $20 monthly," said Sally Selko, RSVP coordinator with the American Red Cross. "This is an added bonus for retired persons on a tight income who might have difficulty with travel expenses related to tutoring," she said.

RSVP has made this service available since 1971, and students can obtain information through the Literacy Program in Developmental Studies, Building 19, or by calling the American Red Cross at 323-2345. For information on the next available tutoring workshops, call Worthington at 878-3710, Ext. 250 or 253.

Welcome to HCC

Keith Wamack is our new public information assistant

Craig Mulligan
Staff Writer

Keith Wamack was hired in October in the Public Relations Office at Highline Community College to produce all the paper work — from college brochures to annual reports, from quarterly schedules to facility phone lists — which keep HCC running.

This is not the first time that Wamack has done this kind of work. He worked in Massachusetts for the Department of Education for three years as the editor in the production of newsletters, brochures, and other print material for Massachusetts' educators.

Wamack eventually became bored with Massachusetts. He wanted a change to something more exciting. Because his friends urged him to move here, he left the East Coast. The first thing he did when he arrived was look in the newspaper for a job. He found an opening at HCC and applied. Out of 100 people, Wamack got the job. "I guess it was lucky," said Wamack.

The job required that the person be able to write well, to edit, and to work with computers. Wamack had all these requirements covered from his work in Massachusetts and Rhode Island where he worked as a public relations director in dividends.

"I want to be involved in higher education," Wamack said. He thinks this should be a good experience for him. As for salary, he is trying to adjust to his current job, not the future.
Stolen VCRs recovered: shows crime doesn't pay

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Opinion Co-Editor

Last week the Highline Community College Campus Security recovered two VCRs stolen from campus a few days earlier.

The two machines, stolen at different times, were apparently taken by the same person or persons. Security has a suspect and the suspect has been contacted.

The first VCR, although secured to a cart with brackets, was taken from Bldg. 12. Apparently the on/off switch was broken during the theft and was taken to a repair shop. A shop employee, noticing HCC stenciled in large letters on the top of the machine and Highline Community College engraved on the bottom, contacted the school.

The second VCR was recovered when a staff member called Security and reported 'suspicious individuals' in Bldg. 21. Security responded and the individuals fled. Jack Chapman, head of HCC Security, pursued and confronted one of the suspects. The suspect, who had the VCR in a backpack, then attempted to throw the VCR out. The machine caught on the bag's zipper and pulled the entire backpack out of the suspect's hands. The suspect fled, leaving the bag that included the VCR, credit cards belonging to a female student who's purse had been stolen from the library a few days earlier, and the suspect's identification. That identification matched the name given to Security by the repair shop involved in the first theft.

Other reports from Security: A campus electrical cart was stolen and recovered two days later.

A purse was stolen from a faculty building early last Friday morning. 10:15 minutes later a female student, not the owner, was leaving the bathroom when a male subject ran up, shoved the purse into her arms and ran off. Although the purse contained credit cards and a checkbook only $40 was taken.

Two weeks ago a suspect involved in the theft of a purse and who had allegedly been using the stolen checkbook and credit cards, was apprehended. The purse had been stolen in January. Although he doesn't have specific numbers, Chapman speculates that, compared to this time last year, the problem with theft at HCC has at least doubled.

Parking fees used for repairs

Deena Anderson
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Now that the final combat phase of Desert Storm has shown its superiority, some superiority should be given to some specific questions. What exactly is the definition of friendly fire? Armed forces spokesmen are humorous sometimes in how they pin nicknames on military operations and paraphernalia. Point being, nicknames such as "grunts" meaning ground troops, the famous patriot missile known as the "scudbuster" and the A-10 attack jet is commonly called the "Warthog." Friendlty fire is probably more of a term than a nickname but undoubtedly a term that must be re-named. There is nothing friendly about the term "killed by friendly fire" meaning death caused by artillery, small-arms fire etc. fired by your own side.

It's funny that with all of the million dollar hardware used over in the gulf, there isn't a fool proof mechanism that is able to distinguish between friend or foe. The war in the Persian Gulf took 119 U.S. lives. At least 10 Americans have been reported killed by friendly fire, plus nine British and who knows how many Saudis, Kuwaitis, Siyrians etc. Unfortunately, the experts say friendly fire is imminent in any major war. Yet, it's hard to believe that with the U.S. spending literally hundreds of millions of dollars on defense, that technology cannot produce a device that distinguishes the two warring sides.

Luckily, the Gulf conflict was relatively short and not as costly, in lives, as other wars the U.S. has been involved in. There is nothing friendly about getting killed, especially by your own comrades. Before the U.S. ever itself involved in another major conflict it needs to reevaluate what it can do to develop a system limiting this kind of tragedy.

California is facing a severe water shortage. Some towns have been cut down to 10 gallons of water per person per day, which equals approximately two flushes of the toilet per person per day. I agree this water shortage is of major importance. Recently, while some of the ThunderWord editorial staff and I were at a newspaper writing conference in Los Angeles, reminders of this shortage was evident to us. The television news showed many stories about the waterless condition and the years without substantial rain were mentioned often during newscasts. Water glasses were non-existent in restaurants. People everywhere were discussing water, or the lack of it.

Southern California has drained its water resources from the north of their state. This water-less plight needs to be addressed, say the citizens of California. California has proposed that water from the upper Columbia river be supplied to their dry populace. The most recent suggestion is that Alaskan water should be piped down to the sunshine state to alleviate this shortage.

Californians have known about potential water shortage. Yet, they have done nothing to correct the problem, except drain what little resources they had. The desert living conditions in Southern California have been the same since early settlement and the westward movement of sun lovers to the west coast. The problem of water shortage cannot be ignored.

There has been a lack of foresight and leadership of the Californian legislature. As the other editors and I walked through a mall parking lot, we were amazed at the rows of new, usually expensive cars. Then it dawned on us that we couldn't find one dirty car in the entire lot. It became a game for us. It was a rare find for one of us to spot a vehicle with a dirt speck on it, either on the streets and freeways or in parking lots.

At the hotel where we stayed water seeped from the grass and flower beds down the sidewalk and into the gutters. Obviously the gardeners were not concerned about the lack of water. The grass was velvet green, lush – definitely not patched.

One evening as we walked to dinner, we attempted to cross the lawn between buildings and found our shoes deep in the soggy grass.

The green, green grass of the hotel wasn't the only green, green grass we saw. Every home sprouted lawns and flowers that thrived on the H2O.

The green, green grass led to blue, blue water which filled pools in the backyards of the homes we saw from the airplane as we left California. While the state was pressed against those little windows, we played another game trying to locate the homes without the pools. There were few. I wonder how many flushes of the toilet fills one of those blue bathtubs? Ever wonder the dilemma of the lack of water to adequately flush toilets does concern me. But I am not in favor of supplying California with Washington water or having a water pipeline go through our beautiful state so our southern neighbors can wash their cars and fill their swimming pools. California culture is an image important for them to maintain, but at whose expense?

Snow prompts registration chaos

Brian Johnson
Staff Writer

The crowd bored with anticipation. People pushed, shoved and scratched their way to the front. No, this was not the Iron Maiden concert; this was registration on March 6, 1991.

I must admit, I was the first one to yell "Let it Snow" on March 5 when school was cancelled. But we paid dearly. Everybody who was scheduled on March 5 had to register with the people scheduled for March 6. The result was horrendous.

When I arrived at 7:45 a.m. there was a line that wrapped all through Bldg. 6. As awful as it was, it was a line. Around 8:00 a.m. we got an announcement that if you were scheduled on March 6 you should move back and let the March 5 people in to register first. As a March 5 person, this was good news.

The good news ended there. A crowd of people stormed to the front of the line. Soon the line turned into a crowd. Soon the crowd turned into a mob. There I was in the middle destined for a long wait. I felt sorry for the less aggressive people, because while all the obnoxious people moved at a fairly steady crawl, there were some people that did not move at all.

When you are standing in the middle of a mob for two hours you have time to think. Think about the classes you should register for which are closing, and the CPR classes someone might need to save your life if you pass out because of heat exhaustion.

After waiting an hour, I caught a glimpse of the front of the line. Then I got a call from nature. I punched nature on hold. Besides, I felt battle-hardened; if Rambo never had to pee, neither did I.

With about 15 minutes left, I began hallucinating. All my fellow students started looking like back-stabbing terrors; the people at the registration counter started looking like snapping turtles, and the campus police officer looked a lot like my elementary school crossing guard. Boy, am I glad that hallucination plays no part in my hallucinations.

Finally I registered and got the classes I needed. I'm not saying it was a bad experience, but the next time it snows on the day I'm supposed to register, I'm withdrawing.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Students fed up with staff

Susan K. Cozzetti
Guest Writer

A fellow student asked me to write this in the hopes that the following problem can be rectified.

The problems exist in Building 6 at Highline Community College, where there are a few employees that either don’t care for their jobs or don’t care about dealing with students who need their help.

Several students have related incidences to me that I have also encountered. While attempting to register for winter quarter, for instance, I was told, by an advisor, to go to Registration and see if a certain class was full. I asked the “gentleman” in Registration if he would please punch up the computer for this particular class. I was told, rather abruptly, that I needed to fill out a form. I explained to him that it was a waste of paper if the class was full. He grudgingly keyed in the class, while the same time stating, “I’ll feel bad if this week is over.” The whole time there was no one in line; it wasn’t as if I were holding anyone up! This attitude has been displayed towards other students as well.

The “five minute” advising center could also benefit from a clock or timer. A fellow student and I waited, with ticket in hand, for 20 minutes while the advisor talked with a student.

Another incident took place in the Financial Aid Office. A student was given paperwork to fill out and needed some help deciphering a few questions on the form. The young lady working there in the office acted as if the student was stupid for not understanding the questions. Her tone about asking another question, nonetheless needing to know, the student asked, “Should I wait until after I file my income tax to turn in these forms?” The clerk’s response was: “No, we don’t do your taxes for you.” Obviously, this clerk didn’t listen to the question being asked!

What’s really sad is the fact that these few rude employees give a bad name to the whole building. There are nice individuals working in these departments, too, but the rude ones are the ones we want to see change.

Some students can become so intimidated by these rude tactics that they won’t seek help.

This could lead to a student leaving school, and that would be a shame.

I can only hope by writing this that persons involved will see themselves on paper and work on their attitudes.

Sincerely,
Samantha Russell
Assistant Athletic Director, Fred Harrison

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Bruce Bruns
Opinion Co-Editor

It’s one of my few nights at home and I’m minding my own business — old jeans, t-shirt, feet on the couch, watching TV (“Doogie Howser,” I’m ashamed to say) — when the following commercial aired. It is, to the best of my knowledge, an accurate portrayal. “Don’t you hate it when you walk in the door and some guy looks you up and down like, ‘OOGH Baby. I don’t need it.’ So Living Well Lady did the only logical thing. NO MEN! “You mean no men to ogle me? I’m on my way. Living Well Lady... Just between us girls.”

A few weeks ago the United States Supreme Court ruled that the Tiger Inn, an all-male eating club at Princeton University, must admit women or shut down. The suit, filed by then Princeton sophomore Sally Frank, was based on New Jersey public accommodation law, a law that most states do not have. But the message is clear: you cannot restrict access to a private (private, mind you, not public) club. That is, of course, unless you’re a woman.

Hold on, just calm down a second. I realize that this is a rather sexist statement, but imagine the following scenario. “Don’t you hate it when you’re eating dinner and you’re in the middle of a great dirty joke and the woman at the next table gets offended, like, ‘OH MY GOSH, that’s disgusting. I don’t need it.’” So the Tiger Inn did the only logical thing. NO WOMEN! “You mean no women for me to waste my time making pines at? I’m on my way. The Tiger Inn...just between us guys.”

If that advertisement ever hit the airwaves there would be a familiar and frightening buzz heard among feminist groups. Discussions would be based on a common theme. A theme that revolves around one single, two-syllable word that strikes fear into the heart of all-male institutions. Lawsuit.

Every kind of male-only institution, including college fraternities, has been subjected to some sort of lawsuit by various women’s groups claiming that they are being discriminatory. And yet, if I were to gain entrance to Living Well Lady, I would be accused of infringing on the privacy rights of women. I would also be accused of just wanting to be there because of the women. Although this is a nice thought, it is rather beside the point. I really don’t understand why people create such a controversy over single gender clubs. They’re not archaic and blatantly discriminatory (the preferred term is “exclusive”). They’re not any kind of “exclusive” club. Some are based on salary (certain country clubs cost literally tens of thousands of dollars a year in dues, fees, etc.). Some are based on lineage; i.e. Sons of Italy, Daughters of the American Revolution and the Plymouth Rock Foundation.

And, yes, some are based on sex.

Women’s groups claim that by being excluded from all-male eating clubs that they will miss out on important business and political contacts. But business meetings have often been conducted after a tennis game or in the sauna, and, yes, even in a corporate meeting room. Also, most men (barring certain monks in northern Italy that spend their entire life in compounds atop high cliffs tending their gardens and contemplating God, life, the universe, etc.) don’t spend every waking moment in an all-male institution.

From the few all-male clubs I’ve visited, the members, whether they’re a CEO, executive VP or auto mechanic, seem to be more interested in snapping towels, telling dirty jokes and streaking through the woods, than doing business. It’s a place to get away from business, not to do it. And according to the Living Well Lady commercial, all the women want is a place to work on their thighs without putting on makeup or putting up with over-eager men.

So as long as public funds are not used, what is the harm? Let the guys hang out with the guys and the women hang out with the women if they want to. Maybe they can have Saturday night mixer just like the all boys’ and all girls’ boarding schools of the 50s and 60s and write notes to each other. Do you like me? Yes or No (circle one).

It is a pity that the Supreme Court decision in the Tiger Inn case was made without comment. It would have been nice to know the logic behind why they ruled the way they did. Oh well, maybe next time — and trust me, there will be a next time.
Highline Community College's Multi-Cultural Center at HCC feels that racism is always something to be concerned with, no matter how small the issue may be. In the two years Burnett has worked at HCC she feels that racism is more talked about at HCC than when she first came here, although she has not had anyone come to her this quarter about racial issues.

Dr. Gloria Koepping, an HCC counselor, says, "What I see at HCC is what I see everywhere." The racial problems here at HCC are the same as those outside of the community, Koepping says. The easiest way to understand racism is to think of it as a cultural bias, Burnett says. A cultural bias is when a person does not properly understand the culture of another person.

Koepping feels that if you do not understand people you cannot respect them and what they feel. In the past, things have been done to students which, they believe, had to do with their race, she says.

"We are the community," Koepping says. "If anything, racism is a little worse here because the college is in a suburban area and not in the city where issues get dealt with sooner." In the two-and-a-half years Koepping has been at HCC, racism looks about the same, she says.

Scientists are talking about subtle forms of racism that happen to them, Koepping says. They are getting remarks about the color of their skin or their religious beliefs. There are incidences of racism in colleges all over the United States, not just at HCC.

"Racism comes in many forms," Koepping says. This includes subtle things such as telling a racist joke which usually deals with a person’s race or beliefs. "People need to make sure that they are not saying something that might offend someone else," she says. A good way to be sure of this is not to say something racist. Think about what you are going to say before saying it, she adds.

There is no way to prove that only the students or the members of the faculty are racist or that people are raised racist. Koepping says. Parents teach their children things they believe in, and until the children are old enough to make up their own minds, they usually believe what their parents tell them.

Burnett says, "Colleges are going to have to realize that the future means more minorities and women in colleges, and they need to make programs to deal with this.

Some ways to deal with racism might be to have workshops set up to teach people about other cultures. The best place to battle the fight against racism is in the classrooms. Before people can try and change the way they believe or feel they first have to admit that they are racist, Burnett says. It might be hard for some people to accept the new faces at HCC, but people need to open up their minds to the new faces so they will not be racist.

Talking to people who do not look like you or act like you is a good way of finding out what it is like for them to be living here in America, Koepping says. Be more willing to share your experiences, so that people can better understand you, Koepping suggests.

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I know what it feels like to be a victim of racism, because I am "that one." I am Black. Maybe I’m more inclined to see it, or I’m more apt to see it, because I live “it” everyday. I know what it feels like to walk into a service-oriented establishment first and be waited on last, because a person has presumed “that one” does not have any money, that those people never have any money.

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HCC is a multicultural experience

Racism is often a part of everyday life

Tracy Secrest
Staff Writer

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We need to find the answer to ignorance

Ken Curtin
Staff Writer

Leo Trusclair is the new director of the Multicultural Student Services at Highline Community College. Trusclair attended Whitworth College where he received his B.A. in business management and minority programs for homesick and missed his family so he decided to come home to Tacoma.

Trusclair started at HCC in October, replacing Mary Odem who is now the Associate Dean of Instruction. His job at HCC consists of advising and counseling any student who wants or needs help or has questions.

Trusclair’s goal is to make the campus more accessible to the campus about other cultures. One hundred years ago, America until the Negro is granted his citizenship rights. The whitelisted would continue to shake the foundations of our nation until the bright day of justice emerges.

“I say to you today, my friends, that in spite of the difficulties and frustrations of the moment I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream.

“I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slaveowners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood.

“I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plain, and the crooked places will be made straight, and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.

“And if America is to be a great nation this must become true. So let freedom ring from the proudest hilltops of New Hampshire. Let freedom ring from the mighty mountains of New York. Let freedom ring.

In 1963 King gave his “I Have a Dream” speech before 200,000 people.

“Five score years ago, a great American, in whose symbolic shadow we stand, signed the Emancipation Proclamation. This momentous decree came as a great beacon light of hope to millions of Negro slaves who had been seared in the flames of withering injustice. It came as a joyous daybreak to end the long night of captivity.

“...But one hundred years later, we must face the tragic fact that this Negro is still not free. One hundred years later, the life of the Negro is still badly crippled by the manacles of segregation and the chains of discrimination. One hundred years later, the Negro is still languishing in the corners of American society and finds himself an exile in his own land.

“There will be neither rest nor tranquility in America until the Negro is granted his citizenship rights. The whitelisted will continue to shake the foundations of our nation until the bright day of justice emerges.

“I say to you today, my friends, that in spite of the difficulties and frustrations of the moment I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream.

“I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slaveowners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood.

“I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plain, and the crooked places will be made straight, and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.

“And if America is to be a great nation this must become true. So let freedom ring from the proudest hilltops of New Hampshire. Let freedom ring from the mighty moutains of New York. Let freedom ring from the snowcapped Rockies of Colorado!

“Let freedom ring from every hill and mole hill of Mississippi. From every mountainside, let freedom ring. When we let freedom ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God’s children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual, ‘Free at last! Free at last! Thank God Almighty, we are free at last!’

HCC minority clubs and meeting times

- Men’s (Hispanic) Club: Every Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Native American Club.
- Native American Club: Every Monday at 12:30 p.m. in the Native American Club.
- The Black Student Union: Every Monday at 12:30 p.m. in the Native American Club.

If you have questions or comments, contact Cris. Burned at Ext. 206.
The Slugs will rock your world

Steve Stearns
Staff Writer

"Think of any popular band today. I want you to remember one thing— they have no talent. Not like we do."

Those words from guitarist Danny Slug of the legendary Des Moines band the Slugs were prophetic indeed. From their earliest days Danny and the other Slugs— bassist and accordionist Donnie Slug, singer and keyboardist Joe Slug, and armpit percussionist and background screamer Jordan Slug— have commanded admiration for their pioneering Seattle grunge rock sound and their unique live performances, which were described by Rolling Stone magazine as...".sort of a cross between Elvis' funeral and the firebombing of Dresden."

Their newest effort, "Sluggabilly Blitzkrieg," self-released as usual, may even land the Slugs a recording deal with a major label.

With "Sluggabilly" the band appears to be moving in a bold new direction, with song titles like "Bums R People 2" and "Censor This One You @#$!" The latter song received some small mention on C&N as part of a story on record labeling and may have provoked an early Iraqi surrender. Apparently, the Iraqi government can't get enough of the Slugs; next month the band is scheduled to play a mini-tour, including dates in Baghdad, Basra, and Kuwait City.

The Slugs: Jordan, Donnie, Danny, Joe and Jonathan—

acid house speed polka rap

with an industrial reggae beat

if Dylan wrote the lyrics and the Beatles sang, kinda like

Word: With all those influences, you guys must fight quite a bit. Joe: Yeah, but if we all had the same weight and listened to the same thing, we'd be just like Poison, wouldn't we? Word: I guess so. How did the Slugs get started?

Donnie: Well, me and Joe met each other a few years ago when we were working at the Village Cafe in the mall. We found the other dudes downtown. They were working inside of some dude's apartment and we heard, "Hey dudes, wanna be in a band?" And so here we are.

Word: What about the name, the Slugs?

Donnie: (Pause) What kind, dude?

Jonathan: Ages ago, back in '89, we were all kinds into drugs. I mean, some of us were like madmen. On tour, me and Donnie would be mixing the frosted flakes like a couple of crazed water buffalo.

Word: I see. So, Col. Sandhurst, what are your future plans for the Slugs?

Col. Sandhurst: I really don't know, but I hope someday these dudes will be really huge, like Silli Vanilli or maybe even that white rapper dude.

Those who haven't yet heard "Sluggabilly Blitzkrieg," or any tunes off the Slugs' previous albums "Satanic Slime" and "New Rastas on the Block," will get the chance April 1 when the Slugs perform live in Tim's living room at high noon. Be there.

New releases from Post-Modern Masters

Tim Davison
Scene Editor

The months of February and March have been good for lovers of so-called "Post-Modern Music," with new releases from three of the biggest names in the wave. All three albums are follow-up releases to the performer's "mainstream" acceptance, and all succeed in varying degrees. Here they are alphabetically and in the order of release.

Daniel Ash Coming Down (RCA/Beggars Banquet)

While the name may not be instantly familiar, anyone who's heard him will remember him from Love and Rockets or one of his two other groups; one was Tons on Tilt, the other the monumentally mordant Bauhaus. This is Ash's first solo album, and it follows closely in the vein of Love and Rockets' last release in 1989. There are a few intense rockers, such as "Coming Down Fast" and the first single "This Love," but most of the songs move at a slower, more laid back pace. He covers a wide range of territory on this album, including such notable cover tunes as the Beatles' "Day Tripper" and "Me and My Shadow," plus the opening track "Blue Moon." But that one doesn't really count because it's less than one minute long and can barely be heard out of its one-speaker production.

The majority of the songs deal with love, and at least two deals with prostitution. This album has been a long time in the planning stage and it's nice to see it finally get off the ground.

While this is a good first solo effort, it's really not that much of a departure from the material he has been publishing lately in Love and Rockets, whose future, by the way, looks less secure. There was a limited edition CD published for this release, but good luck in finding it now.

Matthew "Bill Uncle" (Sire)

The second full album release from Manchester's most depressing poet has finally arrived, after a three year wait and God knows how many failed attempts at completing it. He employs his new production team of Clive Langer and Alan Winstanley and his completely new backing band, except for drummer Andrew "Tony Pami who played on his "Viva Frankie" album.

To say the least, I was disappointed with this album. Where once Morrissey seemed to say something worthwhile, now he just seems like a whining schoolboy. All the songs are short, even with a bonus track on the CD, it's still only 37 minutes long and has a rushed feel to it. Also, the trademark guitar work on every Morrissey album is gone now, thanks to new guitarist and co-collaborator Mark E. Niven, who has chosen instead to give cheesy piano accompaniments to otherwise good songs like "King Leer." Not every song is a complete waste, though. "Mate Witness" is good musically and sounds cool even though it matters not the same. The gores for "Our Frank" and the CD's bonus track "Tony the Pony." These songs show what Morrissey could have done had he really committed himself wholeheartedly to this album and not felt the need to rush out some product because his fans were losing interest in him. Better luck next time.

R.E.M. Out of Time (Warner Bros.)

Again, here is another new release from a great group that gained major mainstream acceptance with 1988's "Green." Once again, it was produced by Scott Litt and the band, and once again, these guys still hail from Athens, Ga. But that's where the similarities end for this album and their last two. Gone is the rock bottom of "Turn You Inside Out" or even "Orange Crush" for that matter. Instead, most of these songs take a more introspective look at things with a mellower, subdued sound. Also, now that the band is "popular" I'm sure it would have been easy to stick to formula and produce a "predictable album." Wrong! If anything, "Out of Time" is going to defy any preconceptions you might have had about this band. Michael Stipe, who once could have been dubbed "lead musician and political activist," returned a grander, more "extraordinary" sound better than ever on this album, but what's more of a surprise is that there are no blatantly political lyrics here. Instead, most of them, like "Country Feedback" and "Me in Honey" are even more of a celebration of love, and even though Stipe's voice can be grating at times, he delivers his lyrics with a level of emotion I once thought was impossible for him. Of course, there are still typically R.E.M. rock tracks, such as "Radio Song," a duet (of sorts) with Boogaloo Down Productions rapper KRS-1, and the incredibly first single "Losing My Religion." And the band obviously feels comfortable enough to play instrument switching with scatter Bill Berry playing bass on a few tracks and lending bassist Mike Mills play the organ. This is the first R.E.M. album with well known guest artists, including the B-52's Kate Pierson and the aforementioned KRS-1, as well as former dB's guitarist Peter Holmgard, who also played on the "Green" tour. R.E.M. said they weren't going to tour to support this album, because they want to get back into the studio and record another album. This is just fine with me.
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Uh oh!
Weight room open for all HCC students

Steve Duncan
Managing Editor

Hold on to these noti- charts, Seattle Mariners fans, and add this to the list of wild predictions: Team Manager Jim Lefebvre predicts 90 wins in 1991.

Unfortunately, Lefebvre's optimistic appraisal seems to ring of deja vu this past season. On chances of earning the first winning season in the organization's history, Mariners' Public Relations Director Dave Aust believes the team will be competitive. That's fine, but Seattle fans want the team to put up wins or shut up. Too many times new players or coaches come into a largely hapless baseball city with a proposed solution for that team's problems but fail short of fulfilling their boast.

This season the Mariners are taking a different approach by standing pat with the hand they have, instead of dealing a card from the bottom of the deck. In baseball terms, they are not trying to present another team's cast-off as the team's glue to bring its assorted pieces together. The team also isn't trying to create novelties to fill in empty seats, such as adjustments to improve the Kingdome ballpark or being in another father and son combination.

It's Lefebvre's season to be under the scrutiny of fans, media, and his peers to see what he can do as a leader. His biggest strength starting pitching rotation and outfield but question- able relief pitching and infield to contend with in the American League West.

"We can be right in there," Aust said. "The Oakland A's are down a little bit while the other teams are moving up to their level. The key is the same as last year's — to stay healthy."

Nowhere is this more ap- parent than in the outfield. The starting outfield consists of injury-plagued Jay Buhner in left field, the 21-year-old sen- sation Ken Griffey, Jr. in cen- ter field, and Ken Griffey, Sr. and Tracey Jones splitting playing time in right field. According to Aust, the strength of this unit is its depth and Ken Griffey Jr. who shows an enthu- siasm and love for the game that motivates him to develop his enormous ability. If one of the starting three goes down, he feels the Mariners have ade- quate reserves in Henry Cotto and Greg 'Pee-Wee' Briley.

The starting pitching staff could be, in put it bluntly, one of the top groups in the major leagues; four of the five start- ing pitching jobs are set — barring injury. Pitchers Rich Dobur, Brent Knox and lefty Russ Swan will compete for the first spot in training camp. If the development of the pitching staff last season is any indication, the Mariners have at least 15 wins apiece out of Brian Holman, Randy John- son, Scott Bankhead, and Eric Hanson. Hanson is the ace of the staff and has the potential to win 25 games.

Relief pitching could be a problem, though. Mike Schoeller, who has been the Mariners' mainstay the past two seasons, is coming out of sur- gery he had during the off-sea- son, which could present a problem in keeping leads at the end of a game. Aust said the team feels pitchers Billy Swift, Bill Knerr and Mike Jackson could pick up the slack. Swift is a decent starting pitcher, but questions still arise when he is asked to come in and close a game. Knerr and Jackson are unproven and hardly register any fear to their opponents.

The infield is the Mariners' weakest link. One of the standouts from last season is third baseman Edgar Martinez, but he had knee surgery over the summer and his recovery has been slow. The center of the Mariners' infield, which includes second baseman and two-time Gold-Glover Harold Reynolds, Omar Vizquel as shortstop, and Dave Valle as catcher are decent fielders — but average with the bat.

The Mariners will entitled the first-base question during training camp. The team is deciding between outfielder Ken Griffey, Jr. and Tim Marriott and veteran Pete O'Brien. "Both Tim and Pete are competing for the spot," Aust said. The players will "decide it on the field," he added. But the starting first baseman's job, in all likelihood, will fall to O'Brien, because team management won't let him and his million dollar contract in the Pacific.

The designated hitter role will go off-first base reserve Alvin Davis, although he could see time at first base also. While he does hit for a good average, he doesn't have the power a player needs for this position.

Aust said Mariner fans can expect a competitive team this year. "We will bring a lot of excitement," he predicts.

Lefebvre fans, you heard it here first. But more wins? Doubtful. Look for the Mariners to have a return of last season with a 78-83 record.
Snow causes a final's heat

Lisa Levay
Staff Writer
The snowstorm on Tuesday, March 5, posed problems for students and faculty alike, according to Owen Cargol, dean of instruction. The snow forced closure of Highline Community College. At such a pressing time at the quarter's end, many will have to press harder to make up for lost time, because, Cargol says, it's just too late in the quarter to tack on an extra day. Students, who are feeling the stress of finals next week, may need to work even harder to compensate for the lost day.

Many schedules are still being altered. Cargol has suggested faculty propose individualized plans to ensure that students will receive the instructor's time, equal to time missed from class. This may require working along with students to meet individual needs.

Those students attending night classes were excluded from the disruption, because night classes continued as scheduled. As of now, weather permitting, the remainder of winter quarter will go as scheduled, with no extra days tacked on as a result of the snow.

Noise pollution an issue at HCC

Debbie Freitag
Staff Writer

At any given time the roar of an airplane rips through the sky over Highline Community College leaving the people below polluted with noise. For some HCC students the noise is distracting. For others on campus, it can be aggravating when their conversation is interrupted suddenly by airplane noise.

It is not difficult to tell which buildings at HCC would benefit from better insulation. "We have not had any complaints from students about noise, but I am sure they expect to hear airplanes when the campus is about seven miles from the airport," said Suzanne Boyer, Facilities planning secretary.

The buildings are made with concrete T-beam decks and have solid concrete ceilings which make it difficult for outside noise to penetrate. This leaves the window as the greatest point of entry for noise. In 1988 the college installed $600,000 worth of double-pane glass, replacing all single-pane windows on campus. "The double-pane windows have reduced the noise by one-third," Boyer said.

Although construction currently is going on to renovate some buildings on campus, it is uncertain how legislation will treat the latest request to fund future projects.

"We requested funding for the 1991 and 1993 biennial to include an asbestos abatement," said Robin Frichman, Facilities planning director at HCC. Pending funding due around July 1, 1991, improvements will be sought to reduce airplane noise, he said.

"We want to replace the old ceilings with drop ceilings that have energy efficient lights, as well as adding carpeting and softening at least one wall in each room," Frichman said. The possibility of receiving only partial funding would be due to the present national and state economy. The type of improvements done on campus will depend on the amount of funding received, he said.

In 1987 Dynac Sciences, an acoustical research and consulting firm in Tacoma, did an engineering analysis of the sound problem on campus. Sound was measured by dba (the A decibel scale). On this scale the number 10 was listed as lowest dba and described as "Just Audible or Whispering" while the highest dba of 140 was described as "Throat of pain, Shotgun blast, or Jet Plane take off." At the time of initial testing the maximum outside recorded noise level for any one hour period was 94 dba on campus. Noise levels inside the test classroom (203) in Building 10, fell between 65 dba to 74 dba with an average of 71 dba. "The ideal noise level for classroom noise is around 30 to 40 dba, so you can see in 1987 that our data showed an enormous amount of interference from jet noise on our teaching environment," Frichman said. Lately no current testing has been necessary due to Sea-Tac's restrictions of 707 aircraft and the slow cutback of 727 aircraft. The reduction of these two airplanes, combined with adding double-pane windows in college classrooms, has reduced airplane noise and lowered the number of complaints made by students since 1985.

Moving indoors did not seem to help Beverly Ramsey, a daytime student at HCC.

"I do not mind the noise now, but it was something I had to get used to."

-Joan Farley

"People are encouraged to call my office at 248-7452," said Bryant, "or stop by and visit the Noise Abatement Office between 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily."
Chapman tells of horrid treatment

POW story cont. from p. 1.

On many different POW camps during the 33 months of captivity. In the camp of Kanggye, the Chinese herded many Americans and United Nations troops into conditions in which the prisoners were tortured for 21 hours of the Korean vicarians of the remaining United States. The POWs were said to propaganda in which the war began to more than the 40,000 people killed in the battle. Many American and United Nations troops were told that if the soldiers and pilots were to die, the Chinese would eat them. The Chinese marched in groups of 100 and shot many Americans in the head. In the camp of Kanggye, the Chinese herded many Americans and United Nations troops into conditions in which the prisoners were tortured for 21 hours of the Korean vicarians of the remaining United States. The POWs were said to propaganda in which the war began to more than the 40,000 people killed in the battle. Many American and United Nations troops were told that if the soldiers and pilots were to die, the Chinese would eat them. The Chinese marched in groups of 100 and shot many Americans in the head.

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