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ThunderWord

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Mark Valentine
Arts & Entertainment Editor

Fish enjoyed playing music as well as teaching it. Early in his teaching career, he split his time by teaching school in the day and playing music at nightclubs in the evenings. He played

Fish's health declined following a heart attack in April 1991. He taught summer school following his heart attack and although he was often fatigued, "he seemed to be building up his strength," Hofmann said. However, Fish "may have had some premonition about" the heart attack because a recent physical had revealed that he

The HCC women's basketball team soars through the 1992 season. See Page 7 for more details.

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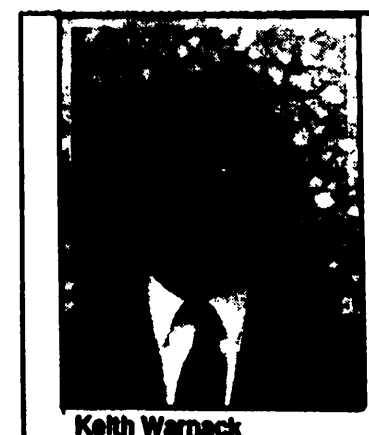
McConkey, and Karen McDonald, and a son, Ed Fish Jr. He had five grandchildren and three step-grandchildren.

He also had a fiancée, Lynette. Fish was cremated and his ashes will be scattered over the Puget Sound, McDonald said.

Employee leaves for blood bank

His job as editor in the Public Information Office consisted of helping to put together, in conjunction with Media Services, the Quarterly Schedule, the HCC catalog and

In his new job as communication coordinator for the blood bank, Warnack will be writing press releases and working with



the media. He hopes to alleviate the public's misconception about the possibility of con-

Wamack's new job offers him a better financial opportunity, as well as a career change. He's excited about living close enough to work that he can walk instead of spending up to an hour driving in traffic.

"I will miss walking around and seeing all the students, knowing that there are a lot of different reasons that brought them here, (and) seeing them go through a lot of the frustrations that I went through while I was in college."

Anthony Lorig
Staff Writer

A number of teachers were laid off due to the cutbacks. The budget cuts have affected full-time teacher with the delays in the receiving of updated equipment. It was hoped that all full-time teachers would receive a new computer for their offices, but only a select few have received computers.

Full-time teacher and president of the Highline College

Students may not have heard or read about the cuts but felt them at registration. The fall quarter tuition of \$290 was raised to \$315 this quarter. Due to the layoffs of part-time teachers, many classes had to be cut.

"I would be better off just waiting and saving my money than choosing a class I don't want," one student said. Other students are filling their full-time schedules with classes they don't want so they can remain on their parent's insurance and receive their financial aid and scholarships.

News

Parking fines go towards new spaces

Matt McGinniss
Staff Writer

The parking woes continued last quarter at Highline Community College. Jack Chapman, campus police chief, said that the number of parking tickets given out was 45 percent higher than usual. According to Chapman, 2,842 tickets were issued.

The cause of many of the tickets were students who just plain refused to purchase parking permits. Chapman stated that many students feel that the price of HCC's permits is too high, but the \$8 price for full-time students is "the cheapest in the state." Chapman said other colleges charge more. For example, Green River and Shoreline Community colleges charge \$10 and Bellevue Community College charges \$12.

Chapman said the parking fees pay for maintenance of parking lots (\$90,000 this past year), salaries of part-time officers, and rental of the Midway Drive-In; whatever is left over is put into a reserve fund. The projected sum of money for the 1991-92 school year's parking fines and permits is more than \$132,000.

On Dec. 12 HCC's Board of Trustees decided that parking fines shall now be \$5 for the first violation and \$15 for each additional violation. Chapman hopes some of the money from

fines can be used for the addition of 300 new parking places in the South parking lot. He explained that it is not easy to get a project such as this under way, but he figures that the administration will make a decision this month. Once the administration gives the go ahead, however, three to four months will be spent getting permits and approvals from the county and another two to three months will go by waiting for the project to get started. Despite the delays, Chapman remains optimistic that the project will be completed by next fall.

The additional 300 parking places will help but will not cure the problem here at HCC. Chapman estimated that there are currently about 2,400 parking places, including those at the Midway Drive-In. This number looks small compared to the 10,000 students enrolled at HCC, but Chapman explained that the number of students at the school at one time is far less than 10,000.

Still, anyone can go into HCC's parking lots during the day and see a major problem. Chapman says that with the competition to find open parking places, many confrontations occur. Some of this past quarter's quarrels included countless shouting matches, vehicle vandalism (obscene language being written on a car), and even one case of slashed

tires. In spite of the incidents, Chapman seems to keep a good sense of humor. He hopes that the parking problems are soon solved but remains skeptical that they will be any time in the near future.

Off the police blotter...

Compiled by Stearns and Johnson

Monday, Jan. 6, 7:30 p.m.: A car caught fire in the North parking lot. The fire apparently started in the heater and spread throughout the vehicle, totaling it.

From the Perverted But True File: Wednesday, Jan. 8, 8:45 a.m.: A man in his 20's was sighted in the Midway parking lot wearing a T-shirt (ONLY a T-shirt) and was reported to have been fondling himself. A Highline student reported the sneak preview going on at the drive-in. In upcoming weeks we'll see if this feature turns out to be HELD over.

From the Nonsmokers of America File: Persons unknown threw concrete ashtrays from the third floor of Bldg. 23. The ashtrays collided with the second floor railing, causing \$600 in damages. No word on whether or not this was a protest against the Great American Smoke-Out held last November.

From the Thank God It wasn't my Ferrari File: Last quarter a campus-owned pickup was stolen from the campus. If you see anyone towing a speedboat with an HCC pickup, please call campus Security at ext. 218.

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This is one of the happy faces that HCC students saw when they visited the Seattle Union Gospel Mission last December. Photo by Keith Warnack

Possible faculty strike looms over the horizon

Contract deadline approaching

John Clever
Staff Writer

When winter quarter ends at Highline Community College, not only do classes end but the faculty's contract will be up for renewal. If the faculty is not satisfied with negotiations pertaining to their contract, a strike is possible.

Lorain Stowe, newly-appointed president of the Highline College Education Association (HCEA) and full-time HCC professor of humanities, philosophy, mythology, and writing, oversees contract negotiations by appointing a negotiation team and also by attending national conferences for higher education held by the Washington Education Association.

Last spring, HCC faculty hit the picket line during the statewide teacher's strike. It is Stowe's job to make sure the faculty contract is acceptable to

both sides so that a strike doesn't take place in the near future.

Because the state budget is tight and exceeds itself by millions of dollars, state institutions are each required to cut back a given percentage. Community colleges were not asked to cut back as much as other state institutions because funding is already "bare-boned," according to Stowe.

On Jan. 11 local education associations met to discuss their position on the issue of cut backs and to form strategies in attempt to hold its position. If the legislative funding to operate facilities is not granted, a strike is inevitable in the near future.

Stowe says that the HCA does not see the faculty and administration at HCC as "laborers and management." Rather, she sees everyone as "co-workers" and hopes that an agreement can be worked out so that everyone is happy.

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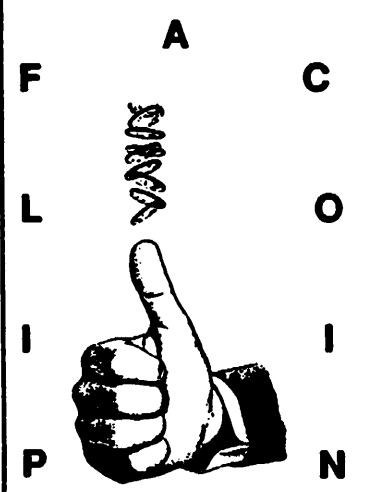
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By Steve Stearns &
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Managing Editors

First of all, we should start by mentioning that this is a column about opinions and looking at issues from the other side of the fence. By tossing a coin, one of us must defend a side that we may not necessarily agree with. We feel that if we can see things from the other side, so can our readers. The topic for the inaugural Flip A Coin column is whether or not condoms should be distributed in high schools.

The distribution of condoms for the purpose of education would be like handing out handguns to children to protect them from strangers.

Johnson-Condoms should not be distributed in high schools. It is not the responsibility of public schools to regulate the sexual activity of its students. It is the school's responsibility to educate students, not act as parent or pharmacist.

Stearns- Though it's true that schools are raising children more and more these days, perhaps that's what's needed. If a child's parents are either unwilling or unable to educate him/her about sex and Sexually Transmitted

Diseases (STD), then it is the school's responsibility as an institution to provide that education for the benefit of the school's entire population and society as a whole.

Johnson-Educating students about the dangers of STDs is one thing; handing out condoms is another. The distribution of condoms for the purpose of education would be like handing out handguns to children to protect them from strangers. The "we don't want you to use this, but just in case" argument sends mixed messages to students who might be contemplating whether or not they want to become sexually active. Handing out condoms might make that difficult decision too easy for students. Stearns-Let's call a spade a spade here. Kids are going to have sex regardless of de-motivated messages of abstinence from the president, so let them be protected should they choose to have sex. Condoms are the most readily available and the cheapest method of birth control, as well as being one of the most effective methods if used correctly. I don't think it sends a mixed message to kids as much as it sends: "If you choose to do this, we care about you. Be careful." In fact, most of the furor caused by this debate has produced little reaction from students themselves. I wonder what they think about this...

Johnson-The point you made about condoms being readily available is a good one. My question is: if a high school student isn't responsible enough to go down to Bartell's Drugstore like everyone else, is that person responsible enough to engage in sex?

Stearns-It's just a way to have one more option open to a student. With the proliferation of STDs, any prevention for the spread of AIDS and other diseases is a good one. Anyone

A SPY DISPATCH

Born Again, Forever Dead

THE MOST PROFANE CITY in the world can occasionally play host to the sacred: one week this fall, 250,000 people flocked to see the Reverend Billy Graham Crusade in Central Park and 170,000 attended nine Grateful Dead concerts at Madison Square Garden. We wondered how the spiritual lives of these two feverishly devoted groups of worshipers compared.

What is the nature of God?

Lewis, Grahamite: "God is a spirit, and we're told we've got to worship Him in spirit and in truth."

Fred, Deadhead: "God is, I guess, religion's top figure."

Have you ever had a revelatory experience?

Karen, Grahamite: "Sometimes, reading the Bible every now and then, something will strike me as new or will be revealed to me although I've read the same passage many times."

Pete, Deadhead: "I was watching the water go by and sitting with my friends, and it was like a big connection sort of thing, and everything just came

together, and I was, like, 'Wow, you know?'"

Shannon, Grahamite: "I came to a point in my life when I realized I couldn't make it on my own, and there was no way for me to get to Heaven, and [that] I was a sinner. I turned to the Bible and asked God into my heart."

Bob, Deadhead: "I got really bombed one night, and a cop drove me home instead of arresting me. I think that was an act of God."

What is the highest goal to which people can aspire?

Ernest, Grahamite: "To love your fellow neighbor as yourself."

Pete, Deadhead: "Loving yourself as you love others."

Is any passage from the Bible/a Dead song particularly meaningful to you?

Drew, Grahamite: "He has given us authority to trample over scorpions and snakes and principalities and powers, and nothing by any means shall harm us."

Marion, Deadhead: "Ashes, ashes, all fall down."

can engage in sex, but the real test of responsibility is to engage in safe sex. And that's what the purpose of all this is about—making it easier for teens, if they so desire, to engage in safe sex.

Johnson-Like I said before, it is the school's responsibility to educate students. By all means they should teach students about preventing the spread of AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases. That's as far as the school should go. If the school hands out condoms, it might leave the students feeling that the school is also handing out their seal of approval. "If the school thinks it's okay, then..."

Stearns-I really doubt that students today see their school as a kind of authority figure, and I really doubt that most kids would give a rip what the school's opinions were on any issue. Opinions from their peers are probably the most important guidance that students follow, and engendering the idea that safe sex is the cool thing to do is important. You said before that the school's responsibility is to educate. To that I would add, "by all means necessary..."

Johnson-If they "don't give a rip what the school's opinions were on any issue," is it possible they might reject the school's support of safe sex? To rephrase my previous comment, "Is this what they want us to do? No way."

Stearns- Okay, if that's their choice, they know the possible consequences--a slow and painful death. Students with reason will choose the safe option, rather than risk their life over good advice.

Johnson-To sum up, there is absolutely no reason highschools need to distribute condoms. They need to educate students about the dangers of STD's, not play drugstore. The decision of whether to have sex or not is difficult enough at a high school age. Any positive reinforcement by the schools could sway that decision for students who may not be ready. Stearns-Basically then you're recommending that abstinence is the best choice. I repeat, abstinence is not a realistic alternative for teens. They will continue to have sex regardless of all the public service announcements by every conceivable role model in the world. And as long as they're going to have sex, let them be protected.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Regarding the December 5, 1991 Thunderword front page story concerning the Christmas decorations controversy:

The Christmas decorations ought to be allowed in the interest of fair play. After all, the atheists are allowed to put up nothing all year.

— Bill Brown

Letters cont.

Dear Editor:

I recognize that I may not be getting the whole story here, but I am seriously disturbed by the story in the December 5, 1991 ThunderWord entitled "Christmas decorations stir controversy." It appears to me that an attempt is being made to suppress the expression of a cultural heritage shared by many members of the Highline community.

And why should our response be to suppress such expressions? I'm not talking about preaching or conducting church activities. I'm just talking about decorating and celebrating in keeping with a rich and long-standing tradition. Like Ellen Finn, I too love my religion. And I find it painful to be compelled to hide my expressions of joy at this time of year.

Instead of suppressing the enthusiasm of Christians and others who enjoy the traditions of Christmas, why don't we instead take a series of positive steps which would help us become more aware of the diverse religious beliefs and practices represented on this campus. What are we so afraid of?

— Dana Franks

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Features

Learn to feel good about your body

Kathy Wagner
Staff Writer

It's mid-January, and by now, if you are like most people I know, you are still struggling to lose those unwanted holiday pounds.

You probably dieted before the holidays to get into that slinky little number that gets worn maybe once or twice a year, if you're lucky, and then goes into the back of the closet to wait until the next holiday season.

Why is it that people are so obsessed with conforming to a certain size and image? I started

I was 16 I was using drugs to keep off what I considered excess body fat. I was 4 feet 10 inches tall and weighed 98 pounds. But I thought I was fat. For years I continued using drugs and one fad diet after the other. Sure, I would take the weight off and be thin for a few months at a time, but then I would become ill and the cycle would start all over again. It wasn't until I stopped being obsessed with trying to live up to an image of something I wasn't that I started to discover who I really was.

According to Lucy Colvin, curriculum adviser at the Highline Community College

is a big business. "The images are everywhere for everyone to take in. A tremendous profit is being made off of women being thin; many corporations profit off of women's misery," Colvin said.

There is so much pressure to be thin that we as a society spend a great deal of time, energy, and money in the pursuit of attaining and maintaining a certain size and image. Look around you. Everywhere you go, in every magazine, and in most newspapers you see ads for cosmetics to give you the perfect complexion and ads for clothing that fits the perfect size-six body. There are health spas

to give you instant health and fitness with little or no effort, and they even have a money-back guarantee if you are not 100 percent satisfied. Everything from alcohol to baby oil is being sold by perfect people with promises about perfect bodies.

Colvin said that 80 percent of nine-year-old girls in today's society diet, and many of the health problems associated with being overweight are caused by dieting. Women are genetically coded to have 25 percent body fat, and dieting during adolescence impedes the body's natural hormone process. "The fluctuation of metabolism due to

natural hormone process," Colvin said.

Colvin also thinks that what we as a society need to do is shift philosophies. People come in all sizes, and each one of us is genetically coded with a different body size. In order to maintain a healthy body, you have to find out what size it is that your body wants to be. The first step is to learn how to accept your body as it is. This releases a tremendous amount of pressure.

It's important that we learn who we are as people and how to express our feelings. "Some people eat to stuff feelings," Colvin said. "But the problem isn't the size of food it's the

Features

Exchange student enjoys life in U.S. and at HCC

Todd Games
Staff Writer

Jessica Salazar, a student of Highline Community College, is having a totally different experience living in Federal Way. Salazar, a native of Lima, Peru, made the choice to further her studies in the United States. Salazar said, "In Peru you have to take classes that the instructors tell you, but at Highline I can take the classes that I want to take." In Peru universities will even call your house if you miss any classes.

Salazar plans to finish her

AA degree at HCC and transfer to Washington State University. At WSU she plans to obtain a double degree in Communication and Spanish. Salazar said, "I hope to pursue my goal of owning my own TV studio." In Peru there are no special classes in the television production field.

Nineteen-year-old Salazar attended high school at Regina Pacis, which translated in English means "Queen of Peace." The extra-curricular activities she participated in were volleyball and tennis.



Jessica Salazar

File Photo

She misses her family, friends and the way she used to live in Peru the most. "In Peru the people are much more carefree," Salazar said. Salazar will return to Peru during Christmas vacation but will not be returning to Peru this summer as she does each year. After her trip this winter she won't go home for at least a year and a half.

Having lived with her aunt, uncle, and grandmother in Federal Way for the last two years, Salazar has found many differences between Peru

and the United States. According to Salazar, the people in the United States are more independent. "In Peru most people live with their parents until they get married," Salazar said.

Salazar also likes the opportunity to work and earn money. "In Peru it's so easy to get your own job."

Salazar spends most of her time studying and working at Drug Emporium. She says her favorite things to do in the United States are shopping in the malls and going out with her boyfriend, whom she plans to marry.

Salazar says that she likes living in the Northwest and looks forward to the rest of the time she will spend at HCC.

HCC's Tutoring Center can help you make the grade

Leona Frick
Staff Writer

So you need to figure out what $3x - 4xy$ equals? You fell asleep during math class and you have no clue as to how to solve this problem. Did you ever consider going to the Highline Community College Tutoring Center located in Bldg. 19? The Tutoring Center is available to all students who would like help with their studies. Crista Shaw, along with Carolyn Brooks and Ned Porges, coordinate the center. They hire tutors, set up study groups and provide direct tutoring themselves.

These tutors help the students to become responsible thinkers—someone who reads or looks at pictures and gathers all the information they can from it. Different kinds of people

learn in different ways, and the tutors at the center adjust to that. Some of the different ways people learn are through their vision, hearing, or another way called tactile learning. A tactile learner learns best by movement. Their memory is turned on when they are moving. An example of this would be playing with a pen or pencil or wiggling their toes while listening to a lecture. "Moving facilitates memory learning," Shaw stated. These tools which help us learn are referred to as educational technology.

The Tutoring Center offers a friendly environment, and the tutors do everything they can to help students through the frustrations of their studies. Help is available on everything from solving a math problem to finding out how to best study for a test.

The center is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Wondering where all those fees go?

Lisa Bradford
Staff Writer

Have you ever wondered where the \$315 check you write to Highline Community College goes each quarter? Or do you, like the majority of the students on campus, give your check (or your parents' check) to the cashier with a sigh, smile and go on about your business never again giving the matter any thought?

Admittedly, I was one of the vast majority who never gave the matter any thought. Then, I had the opportunity to speak with Dennis Steussy, Advisor

of the Student Events Board. I had only heard about the events board through posters around campus promoting different events.

"This is one of our main problems," Steussy says, "Students, for the most part, don't know what we do." There is such a high turnover of student chairpersons and volunteers on the eight Events Board Committees, that a lot of time is spent training the students rather than promoting the Board.

About 12 per cent of a student's fees go toward operating and student activity costs, yet the majority of the students

aren't taking advantage of their investment. One of the main goals of the Events Board is to inform students of the boards' functions and to encourage more involvement in the board's activities.

What about you? What would you like to see happening on campus? You can walk into the Student Activities Office and talk to Dennis Steussy any time. He'll be glad to get you as involved as you want to be. Call ext. 535 for information about weekly meetings. Find out what's happening, and tell them where your money should go.



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Arts & Entertainment

'JFK' attempts to uncover conspiracy

Costner gives brilliant performance as Garrison

Steve Stearns
Managing Editor

Oliver Stone's latest film foray into the 1960s deals with an earth-shattering event in the lives of most Americans — the assassination of John Fitzgerald Kennedy. The final work, "JFK," deals with the events in the life of New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison, portrayed ably by Kevin Costner after his shameless hamming in "Robin Hood," and delves deeply into the alleged conspiracy concerning Kennedy's murder.

The film is about one American's crusade to amend what he feels is an atrocity committed by a thoroughly corrupt system. Stone presents a variety of theories involving such disparate elements as members of the military-industrial complex and revolutionary Cubans. As a character in the film says, "There are three questions you must ask yourself. Who wanted Kennedy

dead? Who benefited? And who had the power to have him killed?" The argument that Garrison and Stone present is that Kennedy's assassination was, in effect, a coup d'etat pulled off by high-level CIA and military men, who saw Kennedy as "too soft on Communism," in an effort to change

The American public probably will never find out the real truth behind the assassination of John F. Kennedy.

U.S. foreign policy regarding Cuba, Vietnam and the U.S.S.R.

Stone also hints that the assassinations of Dr. Martin Luther King and Bobby Kennedy may have been the results of a conspiracy. This may be a leap of faith for some; but, when presented with the overall picture, it does seem plausible and accurately reflects

American cynicism regarding the character of our government.

Costner gives a powerhouse performance, but kudos must also be given to Gary Oldman, whose Lee Harvey Oswald is presented as a somewhat sympathetic character in the whole affair. "JFK" also has an amazing amount of cameos and bit parts played by Jack Lemmon, Walter Matthau, Donald Sutherland, and Ed Asner.

Stone's directorial style is quite different from his previous films. In "JFK" he juxtaposes his own footage with film from the actual assassination, from other events such as Oswald's shooting, and from film of other characters to achieve a chilling, realistic effect.

The American public probably will never find out the real truth behind the assassination of John F. Kennedy. "JFK" gives us some possible answers and may even cast doubts upon the audience about its own government.

Cult is outshined by Kravitz at Coliseum

Brian Johnson
Managing Editor

The Cult's 1992 "Ceremonial Stomp" tour hit the Coliseum Monday night, and it hit hard. The only problem was that it felt like a sucker punch. With Lenny Kravitz opening, this was destined to be a most interesting lineup. Unfortunately, it turned out to be one of the most disappointing shows in recent memory.

Lenny Kravitz started things off with a rocking version of "Stop Dragging Around" and quickly soared through two more songs (including a dreadlock-slapping rendition of "Always On the Run") before pausing to apologize for being sick. That was a revelation to me as his voice was seemingly right on target. He said he would try to go on, but one more song was all his soulful voice could stand before he apologized again and left the stage abruptly. As the house lights came on, I was left wondering what it would have been like had he played an entire set.

The Cult took the stage with the hard-rocking "Ceremony" (the title track of their latest album) but never got into any sort of rhythm in an oddly paced show barely scattered with popular songs. It seemed the crowd was treated to an occasional hit for enduring boring solos and unfamiliar songs that often slowed the "Ceremonial Stomp" to a virtual crawl.

On record, the Cult is passionate and intriguing. In concert, with the exception of guitarist Billy Duffy, they seemed lifeless and contrived. Lead singer Ian Astbury's manufactured emotional delivery was especially annoying. His "hard rock singer" act got old fast.

The Cult's performance was also marred by poor mixing. Astbury's strong voice is the soul of the band, but it wasn't until "Love Removal Machine" (their best and last song) that he could be heard clearly.

The concert left me completely disappointed, especially since Lenny Kravitz blew the Cult's entire set away in four songs.

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Van Halen concert brings mixed reactions

Adam Argo
Staff Writer

Music fans across western Washington anxiously await the coming of Van Halen, a rock band considered by many to be America's greatest. The concert was originally scheduled for Nov. 14, 1991, but was moved to Jan. 22, 1992, because lead singer Sammy Hagar "blew out" his voice the night before at a show in Vancouver. Although many ticketholders are still as pumped as ever to see the Jan. 22 show in the Tacoma Dome, some are still bitter about the changed date.

"I think it sucks!" said David Moore, a former Highline Community College student, about the rescheduled show. Moore transferred to Biola University this quarter, so he won't get to hear the Eddie Van Halen musical drill on

"Poundcake" or any other Van Halen songs, for that matter. Moore decided to give his ticket to his brother for Christmas and is sad that he will miss the show.

Mike Lee, a University of Washington undergraduate, is looking forward to the Jan. 22 concert. "Yeah, I was disappointed," Lee said, when he first heard of the November cancellation, but he believes the band will do something to make up for the wait.

Even though the new January show has stirred up angry feelings and Ticketmaster has given a lot of refunds, it will be a good concert. Since Van Halen will feel bad about having to reschedule back in November, they will want to give the crowd a better show than they normally would. Combining a crazy crowd with a guilty band is sure to make the greatest concert the Tacoma Dome had seen in quite a while.

Sports

Highline athletes spend vacation in competition

No rest for winter sports participants

Anna Lindgren
Senior Sports Reporter

While many Highline Community College students may have been roasting chestnuts over open fires and stuffing themselves with other holiday indulgences, the athletes of HCC were sweating through a demanding schedule of games and matches. Here's a look at the action.



HCC pins league.

Photo by Sharon Boies

MEN'S WRESTLING

The HCC wrestlers grappled their way through the holiday break with impressive scores, embarrassing Big Bend Community College 59-0, crushing Yakima Valley 39-3, while narrowly losing to Pacific Lutheran's University's varsity squad 23-22 and Central Washington University's varsity 24-21. However, the groups'

greatest loss was to circumstance. Several top wrestlers are out due to injuries, academic ineligibility, and personal rea-

A slow start and a 4-9 record has not diminished the hopes of the lady hoopsters or their coach Dale Bolinger. He feels the

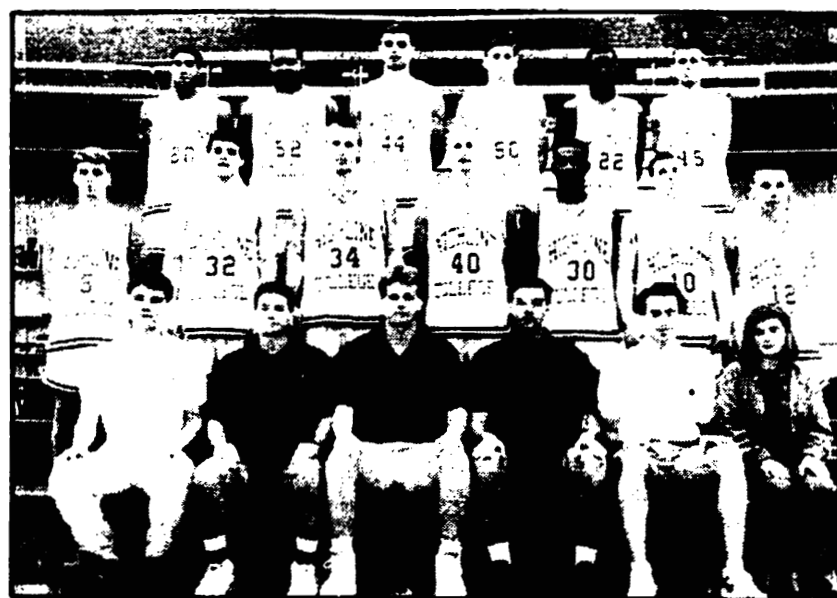
team is "making progress" and "coming to-

MEN'S BASKETBALL

An extremely well-balanced team has pushed the HCC Thunderbirds to an 8-6 record going into league play. All five starters are averaging double digits in points per game. Head Coach Joe Callero sees many similar characteristics in the

to Final 8 postseason play. Assuming no major injuries or illness strike the team, Callero says they will "absolutely" be playing in the Divisional Playoffs.

NEXT HOME GAME: Saturday, Jan. 18 at 8 p.m. vs.



HCC hoopsters bounce into '92.

File Photo

1991 team that were present in the 1989 Thunderbirds that went

Olympic Community College; Wednesday, Jan. 22 at 8 p.m. vs. Everett Community College.

sons. Though Coach Mark Brown admits that with a smaller team they are "pretty thin," he still expects some members to qualify for the National Junior Colleges Athletic Association Nationals on Feb. 28 and 29 in Bismarck, N.D.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

ing together" and still sees Divisional Playoffs as a "viable goal."

NEXT HOME GAME: Saturday, Jan. 18 at 6 p.m. vs. Olympic Community College.

NEXT HOME MEET: Thursday, Jan. 16 at 5 p.m. vs. North Idaho College.

One coach exits Seattle while another exults



Doug McCormack
Sports Editor

That noise you hear emanating from the municipality of Kirkland is the equivalent of tearing down a long-standing monument and replacing it from the ground up. No, it isn't another bust of Lenin being lowered amongst the cheers of reformed socialists. Rather, the rumblings from the Seahawks' headquarters is the realization of a plan concocted by owner Ken Behring sometime in the late 80s. It is no coincidence that former General Manager Mike McCormack was fired by Behring and replaced by longtime friend and southern California cohort Tom Flores. Nor was it sheer irony that Behring refused to support Chuck Knox, the coach he inherited, with the personnel necessary to build a

winner in the Northwest.

With each announcement the smoke screen began to fade and an intentional, well-conceived plot became evident. The final piece was set in place not two weeks after Knox made his exit and Flores named himself head coach to accompany his previous duties of president and general manager. About the only thing Flores hasn't been empowered to do at this point is replace Bill the Beer Man.

Long gone are the days when the Seahawks could be looked to as a beacon of successful, quiet ownership. No longer will the league turn its collective head to the Kingdome to see how a well orchestrated, harmonious, professional relationship can exist between the front office and the men in the trenches. Here are the days of proprietorial meddling and tinkering—the same approach that has dragged many a professional sports organization to the cellar.

Because of the methods employed by Behring, this

radical restructuring has become the only workable solution for the team. Behring wanted Flores in charge from the beginning, and an owner is more willing to part with his wallet for someone he supports.

The key fits the hole and, despite grumblings from the Seahawk faithful, the California Connection is here to stay.

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* From the Oh-By-The-Way File comes the perfect ending to a perfect season for Don James and his Huskies. The Dawgs handed a Rose Bowl whipping to a trash-talking Michigan team that was neither big enough, fast enough, nor smart enough to do anything against a clearly superior

Washington team. The fact that the James Gang had to share a portion of the national championship with Miami will not detract from their achievement; they both deserved it. It did, however, vindicate the cries for a playoff system that have echoed in the halls of college football for some time.

A 12-0 record has a nice ring to it, but don't stop there. If anyone has peeked at the Huskies' schedule next season, then you already know that the toughest match ups are at home where the Dawgs have been unstoppable, while the road games can be described as soft at best. The Huskies are poised to become the first team in Rose Bowl history to win in Anaheim three years straight.

There's also the business of another national championship. The Huskies will undoubtedly begin next season atop the national polls and, assuming that they want it bad enough, should remain there long enough to ensure that all eyes are turned to the Rose Bowl on New Year's

Day once again.

I can't help but hum a few bars of "Tequila."

* Less than a full calendar year after the Seattle Supersonics rocked the league with a series of trades that changed the fabric of the team, it has become evident that Ricky Pierce is by far the best thing to happen to this team since K.C. Jones. Pierce's ability to attack a defense from all fronts has been showcased in the Sonics half-court offense all season long. He can drain the jumper, stick the three or drive the lane. And if a team sends him to the line, Pierce counters by being one of the most prolific free-throw shooters in the league. Some may call his style of play selfish, but Pierce's versatility is greatly appreciated by a Seattle team full of one-dimensional athletes. When the Sonics reach the playoffs, look for him to step forward and lead a team that should find its way to at least the second round.

News

Hill finds bargains aplenty at HCC

Jennifer L. Hill
Advertising Manager

Because this is the first quarter of the new year, as students we can expect nothing to come easily. Jobs are scarce, materials expensive, and nothing comes cheap. Among all of this, Highline Community College's tuition will be increasing this year and our own library is charging us 25 cents per book for each day it is overdue. (Reference books are 50 cents per day.)

Here is something to look at in a positive perspective. We are privileged with "student discounts." Although we may

dish out \$315 in registration and an extra \$150 in books, we can get a couple bucks off in some of our daily activities just for going to school. The main question is "How?"

With Your Student I.D. Card

Highline Bookstore: They often have food drives for discounts on materials, sell their greeting cards for 15 percent off marked price, and sell computers at a lower price than at average stores.

SeaTac Theatres: \$3.75 for evening performances.

University of Washington: Call and ask ahead of time about their student rates. Many activities are often discounted.

Des Moines Skipper's: 10 percent discount on meals.

Seattle Art Museum: \$3 for entrance.

Midway Muffler Shop: Approximately a 10 percent discount.

The City of Renton Recreational Facility: \$2 off for untimed work-out.

Cineplex Odeon Theatres: Student Activities will soon have available discounted movie tickets.

With Highline College Student Union Card

You may have noticed around the campus a little green and white card that is issued by the Student Union here at HCC.

Take that card to these places and receive the following discounts.

Thrift Center: 30 percent discount.

Security Pacific Bank: One year free checking.

The Bike Shop: 15 percent off parts and accessories, \$10 off tune-ups.

Pleasant Garden Restaurant: 10 percent off of two or more family dinners.

Domino's Pizza: 30 percent discount off of the regular price.

HiLine Lanes and Skyway Park Bowl: One free game per person per day.

Subway: With purchase of footlong sandwich, get a large pop for only 25 cents.

Precision Tune: 10 percent off all services.

McDonald's: Free medium fries with the purchase of a large sandwich.

The 1st Tee: 10 percent off goods & services.

Kinko's: 10 percent off of regular priced products and services.

Dunkin' Donuts: 25 percent off any purchase with card.

Soundwaves: \$1 off of any new tape or CD.

Glenn's Auto Repair & Tire Center: 10 percent off of any car service or \$3 off of advertised tire prices.

If you don't have a Student I.D. card, you can pick one up at Registration. The HCC cards are most likely to be found in Bldg. 6. Good luck!

Students celebrate King holiday

Jennifer Balston
Senior Reporter

On Jan. 15, 1992, Robert McKenzie from the Pacific Institute spoke to Highline Community College students and staff on how they, as individuals, could make the world a better place. McKenzie was speaking in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday, which is celebrated nationally this year on Jan. 20.

Multicultural Student Services (MSS) and the Events Board sponsored a three-day tribute and celebration of King's life and the contributions he made to civil rights. On Monday and Tuesday films were shown in the library and on Wednesday, McKenzie spoke in the Artists and Lecture Bldg.

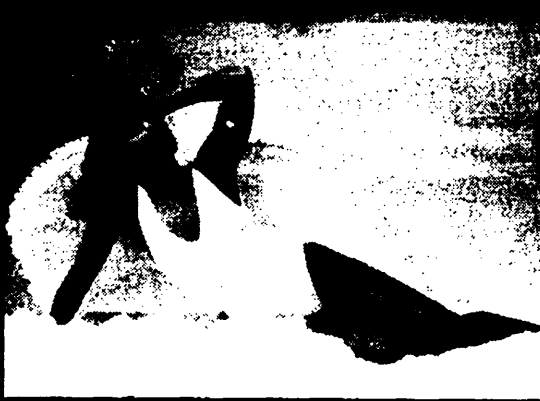
Arlene Iwai of MSS, made

the point that "you don't have to be a person of color to participate in any of the activities that MSS sponsors. Students with any questions are always welcome to come and visit the center."

If you missed HCC's Martin Luther King celebration and still want to participate in some sort of gathering to honor him and other prominent civil rights leaders, there will be free admission workshops at Garfield High School on Jan. 20 beginning at 9:30 a.m. A rally will follow in the school's auditorium at 11 a.m. when community members will speak on King's life accomplishments and his and others' commitment to fight discrimination in today's society. A 5.6 mile march in honor of King's life will end the day. Anyone is welcome; prior registration is needed. Questions may be answered at 722-0726.



HCC's Santa brought toys for these and other children last Christmas. Photo by Keith Warnack



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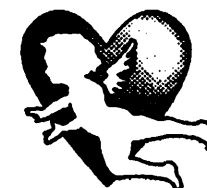
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