

News

No more free parking

Larry Clafflin
Staff Writer

The luxury of free parking close to Highline Community College has been diminished. The owners of an undeveloped parcel of land adjacent to Wendy's on Pacific Highway South have hired U-Park Systems to manage the land.

The cost of parking at Wendy's is \$1 per day, or \$17.50 per month which is more expensive than the \$8 per quarter HCC parking pass, but inexpensive compared to many public parking facilities in the area. "The intent was to make the price reasonable enough so the student body would take advantage of it," said Ken Phillips, owner of U-Park.

"One dollar a day is ridiculous," said Delaney Wardell, an HCC student who parks at the facility. "That price would be

fair if the lot was paved. It is not even level, and their (lot has) no security."

Since the property is up for sale, "I think the college should buy it," Phillips said. In the

pursue purchasing the lot.

Wardell reluctantly pays the cost of parking on the lot. "the only reason I



Photo by Chris Berge
park there is so I don't have to search all morning for a space at Highline," he said.

past, the land's owners have offered to lease the land to HCC for \$45,000 a year. Jack Chapman, chief of Security at HCC said that at the time of the offer, HCC made no attempt to

Off The Police Blotter ...

Compiled by Stearns & Johnson

From the Save It For A Smoky Day File: A pair of juveniles were spotted wandering around Bldg. 26. The fearless set of would-be do-gooders discharged a fire extinguisher in Bldg. 27. Taking into account our firm beliefs about the intrinsic goodness of mankind, we assume the trigger-happy twosome were looking for a fire that wasn't there.

From the "Really Officer, We're Only Raiders Fans" File: Two juveniles wearing L.A. Raiders gear were spotted strolling about the East parking lot. The pair have been positively identified as gang members by the Des Moines Police Dept.

From the Had To Stop at the Cash Machine File: Chief of Security Jack Chapman reports that a prostitute was observed in the East parking lot, presumably advertising her wares. ThunderWord Arts & Entertainment Editor Mark Valentine raced to the scene to locate the woman in question but could not ascertain her whereabouts.

From the No One Can Eat Just One File: An HCC staff member reported two juveniles running out of Bldg. 8 carrying bags of chips. The building was unsecured and unoccupied. Is it any wonder they didn't take the pizza?

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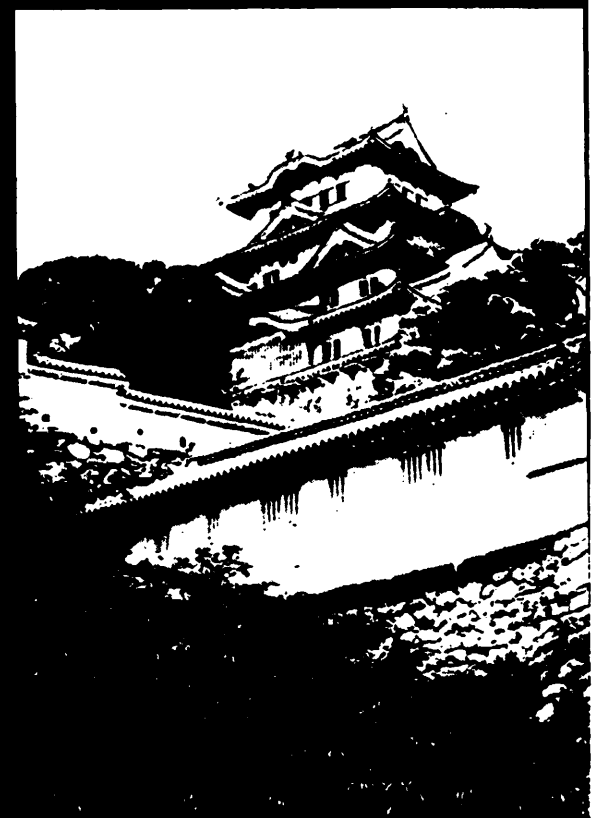
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HCC needs to stop wasting recyclables

Program helps sort out HCC's garbage

Gary Lewis
Staff Writer

Highline Community College has a problem which has to do with the recycling program. According to Kari Lopez, purchasing manager and recycling coordinator at HCC, the problem is with diverting recyclable materials out of the garbage and into the recycling program.

Lopez says HCC produces approximately 12 and a half tons of waste per month, which is about 75 tons in six months. In that same six-month period, HCC diverts about 30 percent, or 25 tons, of that waste into its recycling system. Although something is being done about

environment but, on the other hand, that 30 percent needs to increase to at least 50 percent by 1995.

landfills too quickly, so the government had to look for new places to dump.

This in turn created a prob-

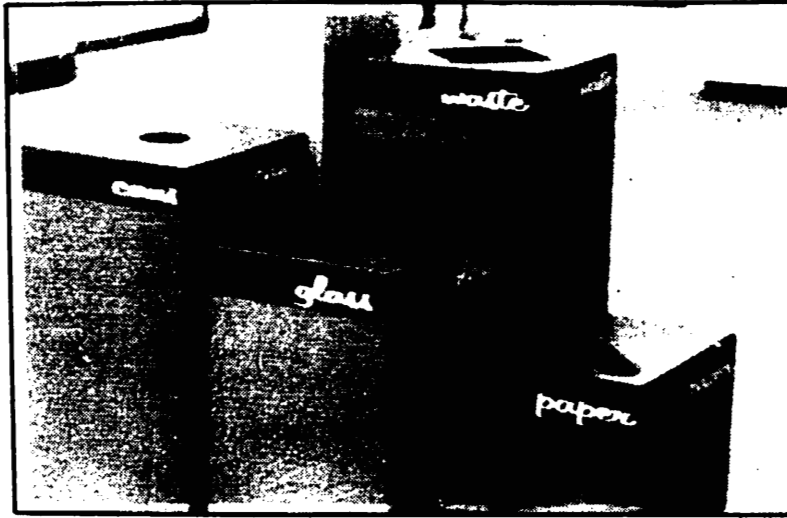
picked as a pilot sight to be an example for other state agencies. The current program at HCC, created by a team of teachers and faculty

and headed up by Keith Warnack, along with the Pacific Energy Institute, has the Highline West Seattle Mental Health Clinic providing people to pick up the recycled material from the school, taking it away and sorting it.

things that go on with this program. She would like to see a group of students take on the project, to raise awareness about the program, and to start a recycling blitz on this campus. If you are interested, contact Kari Lopez at ext. 761 or call direct at 878-9761.

Presently, the legislature has not put a penalty on not reaching 50 percent, but Lopez has confidence in HCC reaching the 50 percent line because, "starting in September we are putting out annual reports on progress." HCC also has until 1995, which makes it easier.

Lopez says she has one main goal for this project and for everybody to become "not so waste oriented" and to think about recycling more. The best thing that can happen with this program is that students become aware of it and start to use it, Lopez said. That will help HCC get up to the 50 percent margin, and the so called "problem" as it exists today will be gone.



four of the school's underused recycling bins. Photo by Chris Berge

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the problem, enough is not being done. On one hand, that 30 percent is not going into the

The Waste Not Washington Act, which was enacted on Sept. 1, 1989, states that all state agencies must come up with a program to decrease waste and increase recycling by 50 percent before the year 1995. This Act was created in order to cut down

lem, because everywhere the state government looked the local governments had the "N.I.M.B.Y." attitude, as Lopez puts it. That acronym stands for "not in my back yard."

"Because HCC is centrally located and has many students

But Warnack left last week, which builds another problem. There is too much work. Lopez says it would be great for a "special group of students" to take the recycling program on as a project, "because it's hard for teachers and faculty to keep

A.A. helps transfer students make the grade

Jillian Willingham
Staff Writer

Transferring from a community college to a four-year university is a reality for many students who attend classes at Highline Community College. Once a student has earned an A.A. degree from a community college, it should, according to HCC's 1990-92 catalog, "satisfy the general education requirements of most four-year colleges and universities in Washington." However, with the onslaught of increased enrollment and the state's budget cuts, there are students who are wondering where the transfers fit in.

Randy Earwood, occupational advisor at HCC, suggested that students should "make sure you have a faculty advisor" to help sort through university requirements and to keep the student updated on what classes will help him or her fill those qualifications.

The University of Washington, Western Washington University and Washington State University all give priority to students with A.A. degrees.

WSU operates on a first come, first serve basis and tries to maintain a balanced student body, with half their students being transfers. WWU gives priority to A.A. degree holders but admits that space is limited. The UW has an agreement

with the state government that allows students to transfer additional credits when space is limited. Wendy Peterson, WSU's assistant director of Admissions, says that she expects there to be room to accommodate incoming transfers who meet the university's qualifications.

Karen Copetas, director of Admissions at Western, stated that WWU is "exploring the possibility" of allowing students to transfer additional credits when space is limited. Wendy Peterson, WSU's assistant director of Admissions, says that she expects there to be room to accommodate incoming transfers who meet the university's qualifications.

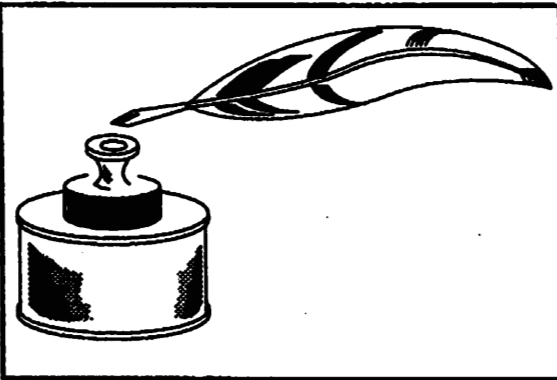
With the number of high school graduates and transfer students expected to jump dramatically in the next few years and with the anticipated budget cuts, the universities are looking at increased enrollments. Copetas says that WWU's al-

lowed increase in numbers for 1992 and '93 will probably not be as great as had been expected. "The legislature needs to take a hard look at the number of students," Peterson said. She also states that WSU is trying to provide more faculty for the expected increase in students.

Items to consider when transferring include such things

as visiting the campus, earning the highest possible grades, applying early, considering housing arrangements, and working closely with the counselors.

Another suggestion that Copetas made was that students may want to "look at another option." She says there is space available, but that space may not be at the student's first choice of colleges, and it is better to examine all the avenues.



by which they accept transfers; and if the university is overcrowded, the extras are put on a waiting list and given priority admission for the next quarter. Meanwhile, according to Dave Newcomb, associate director of the UW Arts and Sciences Admissions, the students are "allowed to take up to 15 more credits from the community college to transfer." That way, a student could earn up to 105 credits at a community college that would transfer to UW. Stu-

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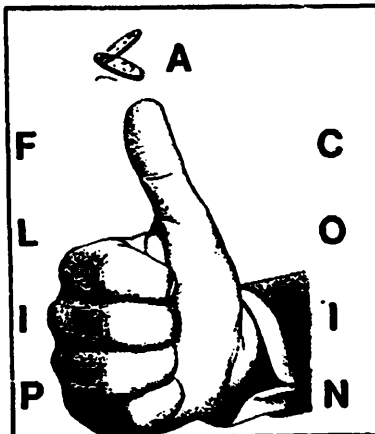
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**Public Service
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**Remember,
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The coin tumbles headlong into the air. "Tails!" shouts Brian eagerly, hoping, nay, praying for the right side. The quarter smacks Dr. Robinson's palm. George Washington peers at us dully. "Bummer," says Steve. "All right, I say that political correctness is wrong."

Stearns: Okay, you went first last time ... The latest thought-control fad that's sweeping the nation, political correctness (PC), is fundamentally wrong. Not only does it warp speech with its meaningless definitions of minorities and objects, it's changing the consciousness of an entire generation. Young people today are doomed to wander through their entire lives reciting vague sound bites back and forth for fear that they'll be labeled if they speak freely.

Johnson: Real quick, what is the opposite of being politically correct? Could it be politically wrong? Just wondering.

As I sit hear humming "I Can Turn You Inside Out" by R.E.M., I find it hard to believe that anyone who has ever seen a picket line could stand up against political correctness. Should we sit back and let the government control us? You say that it is a thought control

device. I see it more as an anti-establishment device. Am I correct?

Stearns: Politically speaking, I suppose so. But the thing that really scares me about PC is that it's quashing individuality. People aren't willing to say what they really think. Instead they spout off all this leftist newspeak so they won't stick out from what's supposedly the opinion of the moment. George Orwell is probably spinning in his grave at what's happened to society.

Johnson: So are you trying to tell me I'm really a Whitney Houston fan, but I wear my Billy Bragg shirt because I want to fit in. Give me a capitalistic break. Orwell is spinning in his grave because of PC? I think not. I think if anyone is spinning in his grave because of PC, it's Joseph McCarthy. The fact that people are spewing "leftist newspeak" about an equal society (without Big Brother watching us) must have the old guy really upset. Just when we were so close to following McCarthy's plan, we had to speak out.

Stearns: You're making the generalization that PC is the only way to speak out. People who don't express the opinion

of the mainstream, like Ice Cube and Chuck D of Public Enemy, are criticized for being racists and anti-Semites. Far from being the ideal of free speech, PC twists language into meaningless euphemisms and doubletalk. Why are people who don't refer to women as "Womyn" (without the a, which would make it wo-MAN, get it?) or "Estrogen-Americans," or those who don't call the handicapped "the physically challenged" persecuted by so-called advocates of free speech?

Johnson: Okay, happy shorts, let's pipe down. If I ever used the term "Estrogen-Americans" I'm inviting whatever abuse would be inflicted on my testicles. Back on the subject, let's define the mainstream. Are you saying that PC lingo is mainstream? No way. We live in a country where a Democrat would probably lose to George Jetson in a heated political battle.

Stearns: True, but only after mindless go-with-the-flow people were manipulated into believing that George Jetson represented the true ideas of PC doctrine, whatever that is. I find it interesting that all this time we've been arguing about something that neither one of us can properly define ...

SPY

DISPATCH

"Psst—Hey, Kid, Wanna Buy Some Fishing Tackle?"

YOU DON'T HAVE TO WALK through a city park on your way to work every day to have noticed those cute little two-by-two-inch zip-lock plastic bags strewn on the ground. They're everywhere. Now, we know and you know what they're used for. Why is it, then, that the manufacturers and distributors of the bags claim to think otherwise? We asked some company spokespersons exactly what their products are used to carry.

"Infectious hazards"—Gregory at Com-Pac, Carbondale, Illinois

"Marbles, beads, tie tacks, golf tees"

—Len at A-Pac Manufacturing, Grand Rapids, Michigan

"Dirt samples"—Mark at Day-Pac, Dayton, Ohio

"Fishing tackle"—Bill at Rickart, Hartland, Wisconsin

"Arts and crafts"—Linda at Huckster Packaging, Houston, Texas

"Little nuts"—Shelly at Pak-Sak, Sparta, Michigan

"Coins, shells, art supplies, seeds, parts, tobacco, police evidence..."—Lanning Bag (Harvard, Illinois) catalog

"If a guy's got a small part that he wants to take in and out and not lose it"

—Bob at Ar-Bee, Elk Grove Village, Illinois

A few employees did grudgingly admit that their product might conceivably sometimes be used improperly for illicit purposes. One said he became a little suspicious when a young man "in a very expensive sweatsuit...drove up in a Mercedes and asked to order 25,000 self-sealers....He said he was using them for car leasing."

Despite the usual application of the miniature bags, the Drug Enforcement Agency does not classify them as drug paraphernalia. "Packaging material in and of itself is not illegal," says a DEA

"cannabis investigator." Nevertheless, a number of manufacturers and distributors were under the impression that bags smaller than two inches square are illegal, or at least officially discouraged. Several said they had received letters from the DEA asking for names of people who ordered the smallest bags, and some mentioned a memo from industry leader Minigrip that asked other companies to join them in a ban on the baby baggies.

Susan Baker, an investigator for the DEA, said only that local DEA branches might ask bag manufacturers to furnish names "as a courtesy." Minigrip sales manager Ken Richardson was even less certain about whether his company had ever distributed a memo. "There might be someone here who could know that," he said, "but it would not be myself."

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Quayle is not qualified

Lisa Bradford
Staff Writer

Vice President Dan Quayle's 2.1 college gradepoint average is, according to Davidson Dodd, political science teacher at Highline Community College, "a good measurement of his political abilities. Not only was he an average student, he's an average politician."

Quayle's only political experience before becoming vice president was as a junior senator in Indiana. This, according to Dodd, does not make him "a bad politician" as the media has sought to portray him; it just makes him unqualified to be president.

This raises a pretty interesting question. If Quayle is unqualified to be president, why is he vice president? Dodd says the answer to this question is open for speculation. Perhaps, he suggests, it was a strategic political move to get the conservative Christian vote, but no one can be certain of the president's true motives.

However, Quayle is not the only vice president whose ability to take over the presidency has been questioned. Harry Truman's capability to assume

the role of president was questioned after the death of Franklin Roosevelt. Truman's political experience, like Quayle's, was limited. "The public didn't think Truman could handle the presidency any more than they think Quayle can," Dodd says. However, Truman defied popular opinion and proved his competence.

"Most vice presidents have been criticized as having do-

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nothing jobs, including Bush during his vice presidency." Unfortunately for Quayle, due to President Bush's health concerns of the last year, the vice president's abilities have been under closer scrutiny than vice presidents in the past. Could Quayle surprise the public and prove himself a competent president? Dodd says, "Oh God, I hope we don't have to find out!"

Opinion

Editorials

Clinton's character is questioned

Brian Johnson
Managing Editor

Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton made a crucial mistake en route to the presidency. On "60 Minutes" he did nothing to squelch rumors that he had been involved in extramarital affairs. While he denied allegations that he had a 12-year affair with singer Gennifer Flowers, he dodged questions regarding his fidelity to his wife.

The problem with this whole situation is that it might be easy for people to forget there are issues involved. Education, the economy, health care and foreign policy all must be addressed. I fear that, in light of this media eruption, people might start looking only at the personal record of the politicians, instead of their political record. Let's not forget that the leading Republican presidential candidate, George Bush, hasn't exactly been "true" to the

American public over the last four years, although Bush enters the 1992 campaign unscathed because he has a strong public image.

People say it doesn't matter if a presidential candidate has an affair. It does. In a presidential race in which the only determining factor may be the character of the candidates, the public needs to be able to believe someone. How can you believe someone who lies to the person closest to him?

People say it's okay because there are rumors that his wife cheated on him also. Well, I wouldn't vote for her either.

The character of a presidential candidate is important. Clinton knows that. He had the chance to refute reports from a paid interview in the Star magazine. Since he didn't, people are bound to assume it's true. I hope this doesn't sway people to avoid the issues involved in this important election.

HCC students show gratitude

Jennifer L. Hill
Advertising Manager

Last quarter the Thunderword printed an article on questions students had asked about Highline Community College. After following up on some of the questions, we found that HCC is looking to improve or has improved the campus.

Jack Chapman, campus po-

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lice chief, is trying to get the Administration to approve an expansion of the South parking lot. A hopeful 300 spaces should be added expanding from the North to the West. Chapman hopes the project will start fall quarter.

The photocopier in Bldg. 6 was finally replaced. Now people actually have a choice to either photocopy in Bldg. 6 or Bldg. 25.

Although a mailbox won't

be coming in the future, students can mail their personal letters in the Bookstore. Mail is usually picked up twice a day; the first pickup is around 11, the second around 2:30.

Jonathan Koehler, Bookstore manager, is planning to install some more clocks in the Cafeteria "in the near future," which is looking like June. So until then, I hope you are all wearing watches.

Also, Koehler has said he has turned up the thermostat in the Cafeteria. I hope it's a little warmer in there.

As for the voice mail system, the switchboard operators are constantly taking down your complaints in a booklet to see where the problems are in the system. Remember to let the operator know of the problems when dialing extensions and leaving messages.

The ThunderWord is taking a step to help unemployed students find work. We are pushing to print the job openings available here on campus. So you can also look forward to reading money-making opportunities right here on campus.

I hope this makes the future look a little brighter at HCC. I am glad to see everyone trying to pull together and make things happen around here. As to all of you who are making it happen ... thanks!

T.J. Forman
Senior Reporter

After winter quarter began at Highline Community College, it did not take long for night students to notice that the Cafeteria was closing at 7 p.m. rather than 8:30 p.m. as it did fall quarter. After talking to many faculty members, students, and food service workers, I discovered that this issue was more complex than I had realized.

First off, many students believe that night students were being shafted this quarter with the new hours and that this service should be provided equally to all students. However, if night students are not willing to put out money and use the services provided, should it remain open?

If the Cafeteria is not able to support itself, where does the money come from to make up the Cafeteria's losses? The HCC general budget? Well, as a taxpayer, I certainly do not feel comfortable with the idea of taking money to make up for the Cafeteria's revenue losses when it should be spent on programs and services which are far more important.

After several students and staff members expressed their

disapproval, the Cafeteria returned to its fall quarter hours with minor adjustments in personnel.

Since Tazza, the espresso bar, remains open until 8:30 p.m., the

to start spending money more wisely, especially in times of a recession when budget cuts are inevitable. I find it hard to believe that the Cafeteria could be doing so badly. I mean,



Photo by Sharon Boies

Cafeteria has been left unattended with easy access, which is an open invitation to thieves. Therefore, John Koehler, director of Auxiliary Services, said that the Cafeteria will now stay open until 8:30 p.m. because of the serious theft problem that was developing. So, I don't see what good the remodeling has done. The stated objective in remodeling the Cafeteria last year was to solve some of this theft problem. The administrators and the architects have only succeeded in enhancing it. The college needs

after all, they are the only food establishment I know of that charges tax on apples and oranges. Lines are long and students are buying food. It's just that the Cafeteria is not being used as much during the evening.

However, I don't feel we can deny night students the right to have the service available. If you were complaining about the Cafeteria hours, now is the time to show the Administration that service is needed after 7 p.m. So use the cafeteria.

Letter to the editor

Dear Editor:

Regarding the January 16, 1992, ThunderWord, pages 2 and 8, and the two pictures of the HCC Nursing students' visit to the Union Gospel Mission



Photos by Keith Warnack

during the Christmas holidays.

As Keith Warnack (former editor from the Public Information Office) stated in the same issue, "You don't realize the importance of rec-

ognition unless you don't have it;" this fits in quite well with the poor reporting of that event. The Highline Community College Nursing Students put in many hours of time gathering gifts, wrapping gifts, making stockings, filling stockings, calling corporate owned stores for food donations and coordinating activities for the December 18th visit to the Union Gospel Center.

The placing of the two pictures in the newspaper near irrelevant stories and not printing a story of great publicity for HCC is poor editing. The need for giving to the homeless and knowing that we have Nursing students who care about the hu-

manistic side of man should at least be recognized with a fifty word story, especially when a page is devoted to "JFK Attempts to Uncover Conspiracy". Everyone already knows that Costner is a great actor.

I would like to finish by thanking all of the HCC Nursing Students for their donations and especially thank those who attended. The event was very successful and next year we hope to do more.

— Ernest Campany

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Features

HCC student travels around the world

Withee finds new friends on year-long journey through Europe, Africa, and Asia

Kathleen Olsen
Staff Writer

Some people dream of traveling around the world, and some people do it. Curiosity about the world and its people, places, and cultures was the driving force for Matthew Withee to plan and prepare for his trip around the world. The Highline Community College student attributes the human element of meeting and communicating with people of other cultures and travelers like himself as his ultimate reward.

"Communicating with different cultures, seeing the physical geography were all profound experiences that are embedded in my mind forever," Withee said. After traveling alone for one year, his curiosity for traveling and discovering is even stronger. Withee plans to travel again someday to other countries.

For now, Withee is working on a Master's degree in teaching. He plans to teach history or social science, a decision made after a two-month trip to Europe in 1985.

Withee planned and saved for two years (1987/88) to take his round-the-world trip. He carefully scheduled the dates of his travels geographically according to the season and climate, planning to travel January through December 1990.

The meaningful relationships that developed during his travels are still an important part of Withee's life. He kept a

diary of his itinerary and other pertinent information, but the most important and meaningful reflections were about the people he met and the conversations they had.

The traveling tips given by his new friends were appreciated, used and passed on to other travelers. Information about the human conditions and attitudes of cultures; about places to stay, where to eat and go for entertainment; suggestions about forms of travel; and the trading of paperback books (to read on long air and train travels) were all valuable information that helped Withee's trip go smoothly.

Withee's experiences ranged from beautiful to ugly. He compared the advanced ecological practices of the Northern European countries such as Norway and Denmark to the severely depressed conditions in South Africa, India,

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—Matt Withee

and other Southern European cultures of the world.

Withee was impressed by the pollution and waste control and public transportation alternatives in Denmark and Nor-

way. Bicycles, buses and subways were people's main form of transportation in those countries. There was no smog. There were bicycle lanes on all the main roadways. There was no litter. Garbage containers were easily found and neatly contained. Everyone seemed to practice recycling rules.

"The cities were very clean, and everyone looked healthy," Withee said.

However, Withee was appalled by the conditions on the streets of Calcutta, India. Women with children, and severely handicapped people, all dirty and starving, begged and lived on the streets. They slept on the sidewalks and in the gutters surrounded by human and animal waste.

"Walking down the street with a camera around my neck made me feel guilty, like I was flaunting my health and because the value of the camera I carried probably equalled a year's worth of their income for food," Withee said. He felt so over-

whelmed by sadness that he had to shorten his stay in India and go on.

Holidays came and went. Some American holidays were celebrated by Americans living abroad. Withee spent the 4th of July in Denmark. About 5,000 people gathered, waved flags and had a celebration. Actor Richard Chamberlain gave a speech which included excerpts of a speech by Chief Seattle about freedom. This reminded Withee of home, and he felt loneliness for family and old friends.

Even though Withee was excited about all the new friendships he made, he was lonely for someone familiar to travel with and share his wonderful discoveries and experiences with. He says he won't

travel alone again.

At the end of his long journey, Withee had mixed feelings about going home. He missed his old friends and family very much, but he knew he was going to miss his new friends and the lifestyle which he had adopted. Once home, Withee would have to again make major changes in his life.

Withee stays in contact with many of his traveling friends. He is working hard to complete

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his career goal and is sure about two things; he will become a teacher of history and will travel again with a companion. "I have good memories about the people and my experiences," Withee said.

From his experience he passes on these travel tips:

- * Travel light and stay in Youth Hostels (International Youth Hostel Federation, an affiliation of the YMCA). They provide safety and keep expenses down.

- * Eat at common eateries rather than tourist restaurants.

- * Keep abreast of world events, politics, and economic conditions.

- * When traveling abroad, the best source of information is gathered from other travelers, local people, and newspapers. "People are your best source of information," Withee said.



Photo courtesy of Matt Withee

HCC student Matt Withee and friend Lise Gronlie on a hike in the mountains approximately 100 miles north of Oslo, Norway. This photo was taken in July of 1990.

Busy Stowe elected president of HCEA

Instructor juggles many responsibilities

Sandra Wilhelm
Staff Writer

Cock-a-doodle-doo! The time is 4 a.m. Lorain Stowe has been awakened by one of her 15 pets, a rooster. The rooster is one hour early. Stowe does not have to wake up until 5 a.m. to begin her day at Highline Community College where she instructs mythology, philosophy and writing. Stowe is more than an educator,

though; she is a wife, mother of two young daughters, and president of the Highline College Education Association (HCEA).

Only a few short weeks ago, Stowe was elected president of the HCEA. Recently it was decided that the members of this association, plus as many faculty members as possible, will travel to Olympia and meet with the legislature to discuss education cutbacks. "The legislature for many years has ignored college needs," Stowe said. The purpose of the visit

would be to demonstrate the importance of a community college and its needs. Stowe wanted to make it quite clear that "striking is not part of the

"The legislature for many years has ignored college needs."

—Lorain Stowe

strategy," although she did feel "the strike last spring had a positive effect and brought a lot of media attention."

Stowe has traveled all around the world viewing other cultures. While in the Peace Corps, Stowe taught African women to read and write, to take care of their health, and to cook and sew.

Stowe juggles many responsibilities at once, although with her busy daily work schedule she does allow for some play time into the day. Stowe enjoys swimming at HCC's pool and tries to swim as often as possible. She also enjoys an occasional movie and even hiking a trail.

Features

Married instructors enjoy working together at HCC

Susan Cozzetti
Features Editor

The Highline Community College campus boasts a unique blend in the composition of its faculty. Approximately seven married couples work as faculty and staff at HCC. The ThunderWord will be profiling these couples in this and upcoming issues.

Dr. Robin and Margo Buchan met and married while attending Western Washington University in 1965. They were completing their B.A. degrees

and teaching certificates at the time.

Buchan had contemplated going on to law school until he was informed they were going to become parents. Law school was scratched for a teaching job with Anacortes High School. "The bug bit. Teaching and education was just too much fun not to do," Buchan said.

In 1970 Buchan was working on his doctorate when a position opened at HCC. After a family meeting, and much soul searching, it was decided he would take the job and work on his doctorate later.

This goal was reached five or six years later, when he took a sabbatical from HCC and attended Illinois State University to complete his degree. Buchan returned to HCC and now teaches Northwest History, American History and Introduction to Education.

The Buchans always wanted a large family but decided to stop at nine children when "things started to get a little mixed up ... the two youngest were younger than our grandchildren," Buchan said. The children range in age from 32 years down to nine.

In 1983 Margo taught for

the Highline Public School District, moving to HCC in 1985. While working for HCC, she continued her education and received her M.A. degree.

Primarily Margo teaches Biology and Developmental Studies.

The Buchans try to have coffee together at least twice a week. They make a point of not discussing work while at home. Their teaching styles are quite different and very important to each of them. Buchan loves to teach to a class of 75 or more, whereas Margo prefers a smaller, more intimate class.

"We find no problem work-

ing together. The only problem might be what other people think will be a problem," Buchan said. They both agree that they love working at HCC.

One advantage to working together is they both have basically the same schedule. This allows them time for one of their favorite pastimes--traveling. During one of their trips down the West Coast they filmed "The Legacy of the Columbia" which is shown to Northwest History classes here at HCC. The Buchan's next trip, during spring break, is to Palm Springs, where one of their sons is stationed in the Navy.

Powerful Choices teaches anyone how to defend yourself

Course graduate claims: "It gave me more power options."

Jennifer Balston
Senior Reporter

You've seen the assailants on Oprah and Montel Williams, decked out in thousands of dollars worth of equipment. Huge overalls conceal the padding that covers and protects their bodies. In an enactment, these men are sitting on top of their victims, simulating sexual acts and verbally abusing women. Suddenly a fist is raised and the attacker falls backward. A full force kick is delivered to the head from the woman lying on her side, the heel of her foot doing all the damage. An ear piercing scream of "NO!" is

heard throughout the building. A whistle blows and the class yells out "9-1-1." The attack is over.

Though in protective clothing, the men are still willing to take knock-out blows to the head and full force kicks to the groin because the next time someone assaults one of these students for real, they will be able to successfully ward off their attackers.

Powerful Choices (PC) teaches people to do just that--ward off attackers. PC came to Seattle two years ago and in that time has been successful in training more than 400 students in the self-defense area.

All instructors and attack-

ers are trained in martial arts and all have a background in counseling. They work indi-

All instructors and attackers are trained in martial arts and all have a background in counseling.

vidually with students that are having a particularly hard time in dealing with the true-to-life scenarios acted out in the classroom. A lot of women who go through PC have been victims of violent crimes.

Highline Community College's Ellen Finn, a coun-

selor in Women's Programs, took the 27-hour course over the summer and said, "it gave me more power options. I felt like when I yelled 'NO,' it made me stop being afraid. A month after I took the course, a man approached me on the street and overstepped his boundaries. I immediately took up the stance that I learned in class, with my hands out in front of me and my feet firmly planted on the ground. I yelled 'NO.' It wasn't something that I had to think about, I just knew what to do. He left me alone."

On Jan. 28, PC was on campus teaching a basic one-hour course to HCC students. Women's Program sponsored

the event as the kick-off on a series of Brown Bag Lunch workshops that will be held later during the quarter. Information on the workshops are available in Building 21A.

PC invites anyone interested in learning to defend themselves to sign up for classes. Women's Basic, Men's Basic, the Intermediate Course, and Children's Safety Self-Defense Courses are offered. The prices differ, depending on the course. For people who cannot afford to pay the full price, scholarships are available if you qualify. Questions about the program, dates of classes and how to obtain applications can be directed to 726-7894.

Career Center offers students insights to their future

Jason Clever
Staff Writer

The Career and Placement Information Center, located on the upper level in Bldg. 6, is a frequently forgotten or unknown source of educational and career information for little or no fee.

Clues Inventory, Sigi-Plus and the Washington Occupation Information System (WOIS) are the main computer programs available for student use.

Clues Inventory asks a series of questions pertaining to a person's abilities and preferences. Upon completing the 50-minute questionnaire, a list will be printed of possible jobs

and careers for that person based upon answers given. Fees are \$7.50 for students and \$12.50 for non-students.

WOIS asks users a 50-minute questionnaire more detailed than the Clues Inventory program. When all questions have been answered, detailed information on possible jobs and careers will be printed. The information includes: job outlook, current wages, duties, advancement opportunities, hiring practices and education requirements. Through the WOIS Drop-off Service, it is also possible to obtain the same information for the same fee without being present. Fees are \$7.50 for students and \$12.50 for non-students.

Sigi-Plus takes two hours to complete and involves a detailed questionnaire. The program

offers the same basic information obtained by the WOIS, except Sigi-Plus prints a more detailed listing of occupations and also provides on-the-job information concerning drawbacks that the occupations may have. The student fee for Sigi-Plus is \$15 and the non-student fee is \$25.

The Career Center is a valuable source of information that many students either forget or don't know is available to them.

An appointment is required to use one of these computer programs. As for students who are undecided about their major, "I would suggest the Sigi pro-

gram or the WOIS program for students to get their ideas organized," said Aunamarie Cherry, a Career Center assistant, "but it depends on the individual."

The Career Center also displays informative dittos providing information about resumes, job strategies, and life beyond college.

Books pertaining to specific careers and such topics as planning a college career, financial aid, and general career knowledge are readily available. A list of shelved books is also available and books may be checked out. Catalogs contain information relating to general job information, as well as specific information regarding other educational institutions nationwide.

Compared to its books, the

Career Center offers more timely information on video-cassette. These videos teach topics like interview preparation, negotiating salaries, and careers in psychology. However, unlike an instructor's lecture, you can rewind and replay the tape to make sure the knowledge is retained.

Assistance is available Mondays through Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The staff includes Curriculum Advisor Ingrid Gintz and assistants Cherry, Paula Gonzales, Jennifer Hill, and Kim Trinh.

The Career Center is a valuable source of information that many students either forget or don't know is available to them. "It takes the mystery out of searching for a career," Cherry said.

Arts & Entertainment

Hoi Polloi has its own musical style

Local band boasts HCC instructor Kelly Kunz as a member

Matt McGinnis
Staff Writer

On Thursday, Jan. 30, the local musical group Hoi Polloi will perform in the Highline Community College Student Lounge from noon to 1 p.m.

Hoi Polloi is composed of some of the Northwest's top musicians, including the bassist, Kelly Kunz, who also directs the jazz band and choir groups at HCC. Kunz describes Hoi Polloi's music as a combi-

nation of Rock and Rhythm & Blues. They try to keep a groove and dance oriented theme throughout their songs, which are written by various members of the band. The lyrics, he says, range from the "lovey-dovey" style to "stating the way things are." A sassy horn section, along with its versatile members, is what Kunz feels makes the band unique. The other members of the band include Kelly's brother Kevin, who plays keyboard and writes the majority of the songs;

Jeff Ridley, saxes and percussion; Kit Carlsen, lead vocals;



Bob Panerio Jr., trumpet; and Jennifer Lind, keyboard and background vocals.

Four years ago, when the

band originated, their plans were to make a living with their music. Kunz says that as they have grown older and wiser, they have learned that they need to get the bills paid, so they maintain other careers. They hope to cut a single or even an album in the near future, so they could get picked up by a major record label. Kunz says that if the band were given a contract offer, or offers for touring, they would strongly consider pursuing their band on a more full-time basis.

Kunz says that typically Hoi Polloi plays Seattle's larger

clubs and outdoor concerts, such as Pier 70 and Parker's, but

Hoi Polloi will perform in the Student Lounge on Jan. 30.

maintains that "it's hard to find places to play that allow bands to have all original music." That is why it's a great chance to see them live at HCC. The name Hoi Polloi, according to Kunz, means "for the masses" and "for the everyday Joe," so there is no selective audience to hear them play.

Elliot Maxx brings his act to HCC

Brian Johnson
Managing Editor

One of Seattle's premier stand-up comedians, Elliot Maxx, paid a visit to Highline Community College last week. Maxx won the 1990 Seattle Laugh-Off and has been seen on Showtime and the Comedy Channel.

In an interview before the show, Maxx jokingly said that HCC was the best place he has played. "It's like a Miller commercial. It doesn't get any better than this," Maxx said.

Maxx has certainly played in larger venues than HCC, and he cited opening for Tony Bennett at the Seattle Opera

House as one his more memorable dates. "It was like playing in front of 2,500 of my moms and dads."

Maxx's isn't the conventional "7-Eleven joke" comedian. Rather than telling one joke at a time, he'll add on to his jokes with subtle asides which bring out his true personality.

"The key is finding your niche and staying in it, only coming up for food."--Comedian Elliot Maxx

He also tends to look at the dark side of humor. He thinks of himself as a cross between

John Lennon and Charles Manson.

Maxx's set hasn't always been this twisted. Until a couple of years ago, he was more of a conventional comedian. Then he realized he should take a chance and change his act to the way he really wanted it to be. As a result, he has been fired from about half of his jobs in the last year.

"The key is finding your niche and staying in it, only coming up for food," Maxx said.

Maxx mentions Andy Kaufman as his main influence in comedy. "It's good having a dead person as a mentor. That way you don't get unsolicited advice."

Ned's Atomic Dustbin shakes the Oz

English band ignites audience

Cedric Cole
Staff Writer

Every once in a while, a band rides MTV's wave of popularity. Ned's Atomic Dustbin is one of those bands. Many of you have probably seen the video, "Grey Cell Green." To gain more publicity, Ned's even gave away promotional T-shirts to everyone that bought their album, "God Fodder." Ned's rode this energetic hype-wave right into Seattle's Oz nightclub on Jan. 21.

For those of you who haven't

heard "God Fodder," it's fast, angry music with relaxed, almost mellow vocals. The lyrics are filled with the band's views on common human issues, including anger, pollution, arguments, and even parent/child conflicts. All the band's anger came out the moment they stepped out on stage. They kicked off their set with the song "What Gives My Son?" and flowed smoothly through the entire show. Lead singer Jonn played mind games with the people in the pit. He said things to anger everyone, and then announced his intentions

halfway through the show. "There, doesn't all that anger feel good?"

The band then broke into the song that many people had been screaming for all night, "Kill Your Television."

Ned's seemed to play better in concert than on the album. The band eventually played every song on "God Fodder," plus some older British hits, as well as some new material which may be appearing on their next album. In the meantime, check out "God Fodder" and look for Ned's Atomic Dustbin in the future.

A&E Calendar

Activities of interest around campus

Poetry reading at HCC

An award-winning Northwest poet and novelist, David Wagoner, will be orating selected works at Highline Community College Thursday, Feb. 6 at 7:30 p.m. This will be Wagoner's second performance at HCC. The reading will be in the Artist-Lecture Center, Bldg. 7. Admission to the event will be free.

Some of the volumes of poems Wagoner has published are "A Place to Stand," "Staying Alive," and "Sleeping in the Woods." He has won several awards for outstanding poetry, including the Zabel Prize, the Blumenthal-Luviton-Blonder Prize, and the Eunice Tiethens Prize.

In addition to his poetic accomplishments, Wagoner has published several novels. His works have spanned four decades and are as diverse as his poetic spectrum. They include, "The Man In the Middle," "Money Money Money," and "Whole Hog."

Wagoner has also dabbled in the big screen. He wrote and acted in the Francis Ford Coppola film, "The Escape Artist" alongside Raul Julia, Desi Arnaz Jr., and Harry Anderson.

For further information on

Wagoner's poetry reading on Feb. 6 at 7:30 p.m., contact Jeff Baker at the HCC Events Board, ext. 315.

Take a trip to Spain

Donna Wilson, the chair of the Foreign Languages Department, will be leading a tour group to Spain this summer. The group will spend four weeks studying courses at the University of Salamanca, which is one of the premier universities in Europe, Wilson said. Those going on the trip will stay in dormitories or will live with host families.

According to Wilson, only a handful of people will accompany her on the trip. The journey opens up "avenues of cultural enrichment" that would otherwise not be available to them, Wilson said. Students will receive five credits in Humanities for accompanying her; however, they will have to earn the credits by writing a term paper. Those not interested in receiving the credits (or writing the report) can avoid it by auditing the class.

The cost of the trip is \$3485. Wilson will be holding an information session on Feb. 13. Anyone interested in obtaining more information should contact Wilson at 878-3710 ext. 514.

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Arts & Entertainment

Audiences have trouble swallowing plot of "Freejack"

Cedric Cole
Staff Writer

Imagine yourself driving down Interstate 405 at approximately 96 miles per hour, then flipping over the guardrail into Factoria Square's Hoagy's Corner. Hundreds of innocent bystanders can only glare as your car explodes and engulfs the entire Twinkie display in a wall of fire. Next, you wake up and find yourself being chased by a psychotic Steven Tyler of

The bounty hunter from whom Estevez escapes happens to be Mick Jagger

Aerosmith. If you can picture this scenario as reality, then maybe you should have been cast for a role in "Freejack," the new release from Morgan Creek Productions.

Technology in the future is so advanced that a person who has recently died may purchase

the body of someone from the past. If the precise time of death is known, bounty hunters can retrieve a body from the past, lobotomize him/her, and then sell it to a soul being stored in a giant computer. This process is, of course, extremely expensive and only the richest of the rich can afford this form of immortality.

Emilio Estevez plays the role of Alex Furlong, a cocky race-car driver from 1991 who becomes one of these purchased bodies. Estevez avoids being lobotomized and escapes from just about everyone.

The bounty hunter from whom Estevez escapes happens to be Mick Jagger, whose acting is mediocre at best. The scriptwriter gets a clue and gives Jagger less and less dialogue as the film wears on.

Jagger engages in numerous chases after Estevez, with the latter escaping with ease every time. Estevez begins to meet some friends, including a gunslinging nun, his old racing



Anthony Hopkins, Emilio Estevez, and Mick Jagger star in "Freejack." Photo courtesy of Morgan Creek Productions

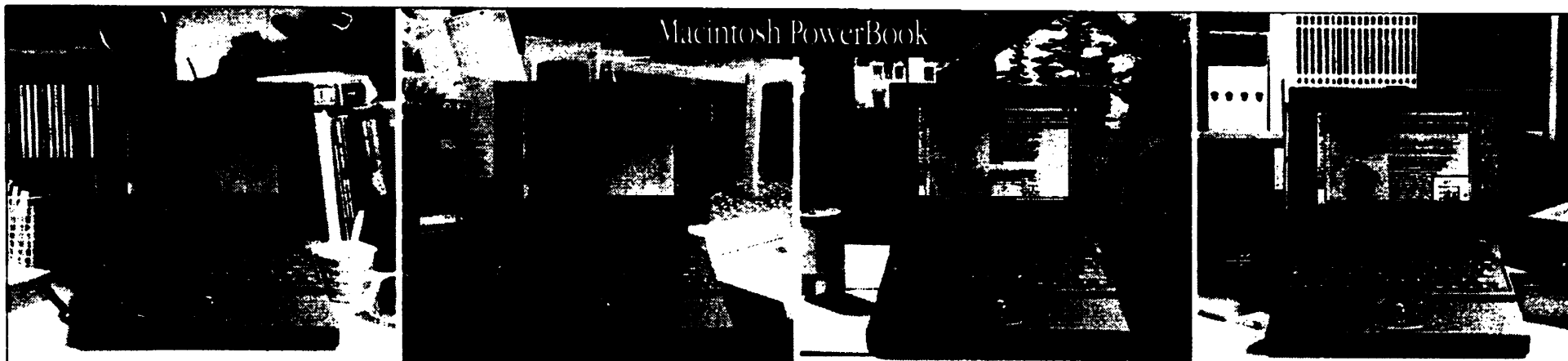
agent, and his girlfriend from '91 (Rene Russo). The relationship with his girlfriend, added to the wild (not to mention extremely violent) chase scenes, only help to confuse the movie beyond all belief.

Director Geoff Murphy does save the movie to an ex-

tent by adding Anthony Hopkins, as well as a brilliant computer-simulated visual extravaganza similar to the ending of "2001: A Space Odyssey." Hopkins does not present as dominating a persona as he did in "Silence of the Lambs," but he proves to be an imposing

figure all the same.

The highlights of "Freejack" just might be the comedy of the Rambo-type nun and the hidden placement of the Ministry song "Thieves." This is one of those movies with the spectacular trailer, but don't be fooled, wait for the videotape.



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Sports

Lack of budget support threatens to undercut level of competition at HCC

Anthony Lorig
Staff Writer

The Athletic Department at Highline Community College has not had a budget increase in five years. The absence of an increase has affected the coaching situation, as well as HCC's ability to maintain equipment and the fees of the officials for the games.

The rising prices of equipment and fees for the officials has steadily risen over the past five years, yet the athletic budget has stayed the same.

"We have enough problems maintaining what we have, and the prices for equipment and officials don't help," said

Athletic Director Fred Harrison.

The lack of an increase in budget has made it hard for Harrison to keep up the sports programs at HCC.

The other problem at HCC is the coaching situation. Harrison cites the stipend, or salary, as the main reason some coaches are leaving or having problems deciding their future with HCC. The burdens of recruiting athletes and traveling put a strain on some coaches.

Both the men and women's soccer programs have had problems with coaching. Men's Soccer Coach Tim Sedlacek left to coach at Fife High School. The Women's Soccer Coach Grant Gibbs is unsure of what he wants to do at this point. This leaves an unsure outlook for the first-year women's soccer program.

Next season's coaching situation in basketball is similar. Men's Basketball Coach Joe Callero and Women's Basketball Coach Dale Bollinger are expected to move on. Callero is expected to leave for a four-year college, and Bollinger will retire after this season.

"The coaches at HCC are being paid less than most high school coaches, and college coaches have way more to deal with," Harrison said. "High school coaches get paid more for doing less; it's hard to turn down."

Other athletic programs around campus such as softball and track and field do not have any difficulties to speak of at this time. Fortunately, the only thing softball and track have to deal with this season is their opponents.

Quick snaps from around the HCC campus

Anna Lindgren
Senior Reporter

NWAACC Men's Basketball Standings as of 01/31/92 -- Northern Division
Everett 3-1, Edmonds 3-1, Highline 3-2, Bellevue 2-2, Olympic 2-2, Skagit Valley 2-3, Shoreline 0-4.

REMAINING HOME GAMES: Saturday, Feb. 8, at 8 p.m. vs. Skagit Valley; Wednesday, Feb. 19, at 8 p.m. vs. Edmonds.

NWAACC Women's Basketball Standings as of 01/31/92 Northern Division--
Skagit Valley 5-0, Highline 4-1, Olympic 3-1, Bellevue 1-3,

Everett 1-3, Shoreline 1-3, Edmonds 0-4.

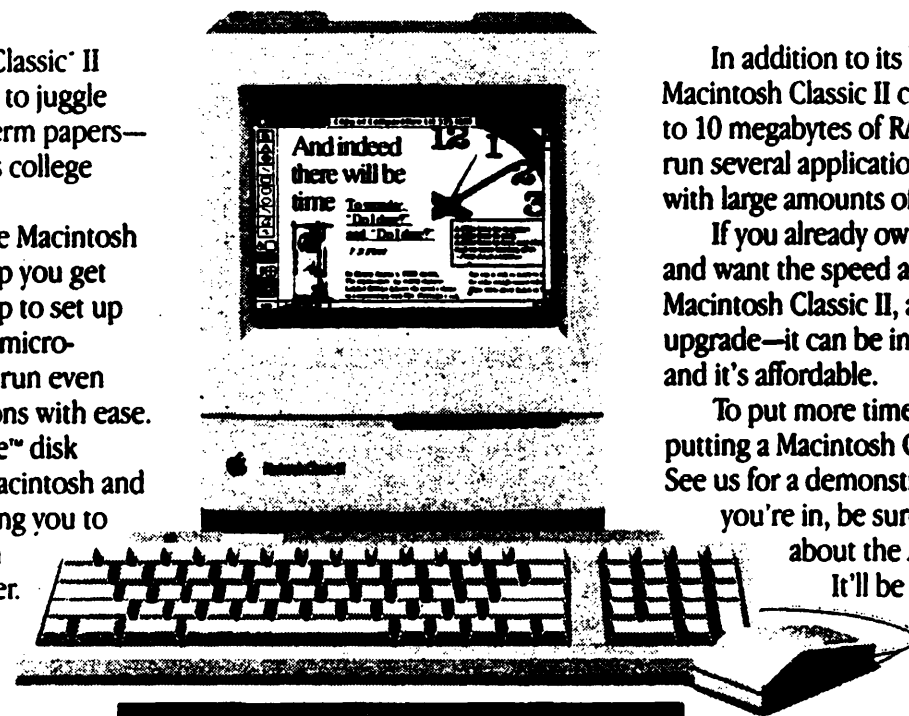
MENS WRESTLING:
The effects of losing several members to academic ineligibility and injuries is beginning to show in the Men's Wrestling record, which shows the team winning only six of the last 15 individual matches. Coach Mark Brown still expects standouts such as Chad Hendricks (126 pounds) to qualify for championships.

Remaining home meets: Wednesday, Feb. 5, at 7:30 p.m. vs. Lower Columbia College; Saturday, Feb. 8, at 2 p.m. vs. Clackamas College.

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Sports

Highline twins bring twice the talent to the volleyball court

Michael Burns
Staff Writer

Debbie and Robin O'Neill have their Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges' volleyball opponents seeing double. That's because the talented T-Bird sisters are identical twins. The freshmen middle hitters from Kent Meridian High School led a young but talented T-Bird women's volleyball team to a 9-3 record last fall.

Individually, Robin was a

first team all-NWAACC selection, while Debbie was tabbed second team all-NWAACC. Debbie also served as the team captain.

They said that their identical looks provide them an advantage on the court. "We hit with different hands, and it makes it difficult for the oppo-



Photo by Sharon Boies

Highline student athletes Debbie and Robin O'Neill

sition to block against us. They have to remember who hits with what hand." There also is an uncanny ability to tune into each other during a match. "When Debbie's hitting I'll yell 'Debbie left' or 'Debbie right' (direction of the ball) and she'll hear me and make the adjustment," Robin

said. "Robin's voice is the only one I ever seem to hear," Debbie added. "We just seem to pick up each others' voices out there."

The O'Neills hope to keep playing together at the four-year level. "We'll definitely go together if possible," Robin said. "It just depends if a school wants both of us." That decision is a year off, however, which should mean even greater success next year for the T-Birds, who will return in the fall with a veteran cast.

Debbie and Robin likely will provide their NWAACC opponents with double trouble next fall.

Untimely deaths affect all sides of the collegiate spectrum

Doug McCormack
Sports Editor

Two recent incidents reminded us of the delicate nature of collegiate athletics.

Oregon State basketball star Earnest Killum died after suffering a stroke and going into a coma while soaking his legs in a hot tub in a Los Angeles hotel. The tragedy within this tale is that Killum was a shining example of how collegiate athletics can serve many youths as a vehicle out of the ghetto. Killum came to Corvallis via Watts, South-Central Los Angeles, the heart of the California gang

scene.

Killum knew that playing basketball was a health risk. Prior to the beginning of this season, he suffered his first stroke and had to be rushed to the hospital. Doctors put him on medication and all parties involved agreed that he was medically sound. It was a notable accomplishment that Killum returned to the court after his original brush with death. Unfortunately, no one could have foreseen this tragic event.

Less than a week later, shockwaves were sent throughout the Notre Dame campus at South Bend, Ind.,

when two members of the women's swim team died in a late-night bus crash. The team's bus crashed and overturned four miles from the campus during a blinding snowstorm. Two 19-year-old freshmen, Margaret Murphy "Megan" Beeler and Colleen Hipp, were killed in an accident that occurred shortly after midnight as the team returned from a meet near Chicago.

The tragic irony in both cases is that too often we associate the death of a college student with an irresponsible act. The odds might suggest that Killum would have been stricken by an errant bullet from the gun of a

gang member, or that the young ladies from Notre Dame might have been victims of their own misjudgment, perhaps attempting a late-night return trip under the influence of alcohol. Of course, nothing could be further from the truth. All three were immersed in competition; Killum was preparing to play his next game as a Beaver, while Beeler and Hipp were returning to the campus after an evening contest. Unfortunately, fate doesn't give much credence to statistics.

On a lighter note, the Sonics ended their pseudo-search for a head coach by naming George Karl, the man that team President Bob Whitsitt wanted all along. Apparently Whitsitt thought that Karl was the best choice from here to Madrid, Spain, where Karl has been coaching the past four years. Karl comes aboard the Sonic's ship promising to put a fire in the belly of a squad that is very much in need of a kick in the ass. He may be just what the Supes have needed all along.

When K.C. Jones slid in the backdoor to take on the head coaching responsibilities after the exit of Bernie Bickerstaff, he was put in an unenviable position. Having already been around the players and being fully cognizant of the rotation, Jones must have found it difficult to sit someone down or make a major change without losing his regard. Karl doesn't face this problem. Coming into the position without any preconceptions about talent levels, Karl has the freedom of putting anyone on the bench at any given time.

Nothing does more for a player's ego than giving him a

night off when he is perfectly healthy—sending the message that you can win without him. Hopefully Karl won't hesitate to make these tough decisions.

From the One-Step-Forward-Two-Steps-Back file comes the disturbing proclamation from the Australian Olympic Federation's Senior Medical Director Dr. Brian Sando that the Australian national basketball team should consider boycotting the 1992 Summer Olympics in light of Magic Johnson's announcement that he would still like to play in the Games. Johnson is HIV positive.

The reaction to Sando's statement has been one of international outrage from both the medical and athletic communities. American Medical Association Senior Vice President M. Roy Schwarz said, "Time and time again, it has been shown that transmission of HIV is overwhelmingly through sexual contact and sharing needles."

"The risk of HIV infection by individuals engaging in a basketball game is so low that it cannot be statistically measured. As such, the boycott is not based upon any legitimate reason."

Australian officials have done their best to repudiate the comments of their colleague. Sen. Garth Evans, the Australian minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade, said the talk of a boycott was "absolute nonsense from start to finish."

I'm sure that if the good doctor opens his mouth again, there are plenty of people who would oblige him by putting another foot on the barbie.

—The Tacoma News Tribune contributed to this article.

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News

Tuition hikes and crowded classes are on the way again

Michelle Lemon
Staff Writer

Washington House Democrats recently proposed another major reconstruction of Washington's college financing. This latest proposal would raise tuition, from 10 percent at the University of Washington to as much as 30 percent at the Evergreen State College.

This proposal, called the Higher Education Access Act, was announced by Seattle Democrats, Rep. Gary Locke, chairman of House Appropriations Committee, and Rep. Ken Jacobsen, chairman of the House Higher Education Committee. This act is expected to increase financial aid to the

middle class, as well as allow more students into the state colleges.

The proposal made by Locke and Jacobsen is similar to the proposal made by Gov. Booth Gardner, in that both proposals are designed to make up for the remaining \$700 million state deficit. Nevertheless, one key issue makes them different; the Locke-Jacobsen proposal allows colleges to keep the money raised from the tuition increase and use it within their institution, as opposed to depositing it into the state's general fund and allowing the state to decide where it goes.

Gardner's recent talk of a 5 percent budget cut, which would be in addition to last month's 2.5 percent cut, is not expected to pass. However, Highline

Community College's Dean of Administration Laura Saunders said, "His proposal for an 11 percent increase in tuition seems more likely to happen." Scott Morgan, budget director for the



Community College System, says, "I think an 11 percent tuition increase is acceptable only if it does three things: one, if it benefits students; two, if it prevents additional cuts; and three,

if 24 percent of the money raised goes to financial aid."

Owen Cargol, HCC dean of instruction, is not convinced that the \$700 million state deficit can be cured with just one solution. Cargol says that this early in the legislature's session "no one really knows what is going to happen. I think that there will be some increase in taxes along with some increase in tuition, rather than all tax increases or all tuition increases." Most importantly, Cargol said, "There will be fewer services offered by the college, and it will cost more!"

Saunders disagrees with the Legislature's December budget cut which decreased the operating budgets of colleges across the state by 2.5 percent, as well as the proposed future cuts and

tuition increases. Saunders said that the cuts were fair to the colleges "in the sense of law, but not if we're going to have a strong, educated workforce." Saunders admits that the state has "an inadequate revenue base, but the governor is at fault because he lacks leadership in reforming state tax structures." She goes on by adding that she believes that a state income tax in Washington, as opposed to the current sales tax, could help, although she admits that it is not the entire answer to the state's deficit dilemmas.

Whether the \$700 million deficit is attempted to be solved by the Higher Education Access Act, or by Gardner's proposal, HCC students can expect a tuition hike and fewer classes and services offered.

Judson Park offers the elderly all the comforts of home

Des Moines retirement community encourages residents' involvement

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Since Des Moines, WA is well equipped with retirement centers and nursing homes, the largest percentage of senior citizens reside there. One retirement center, Judson Park, was built in 1963 and presently has 214 residents. The minimum age limit is 62, and once there, residents are guaranteed a home for the rest of their lives.

Shirley Mann is the director of resident services at Judson Park. Part of her job is planning activities for the residents. Once a month she takes a group

to the opera; some are involved in exercise programs; and last summer Mann, along with 16 residents, took a five-day trip to Lake Chelan. Twice a month a musical guest or a speaker appears at the retirement center to entertain the residents.

The residents of the center started their own council. The council, which consists entirely of residents, has a president, vice president, secretary, and a treasurer. The council boasts some 20 committees, such as the meal critique committee. The council's main purpose is for residents to talk about any problems they may be having with living in the retirement cen-

ter. These problems can later be brought to the attention of the staff, which then tries to resolve the problem.

Once a year the council sponsors a fall festival. Items are donated by former residents who have died or have recently moved to the nursing home and these items are then sold. With the money earned, the council has purchased a minivan for the retirement home. The council also uses the money to support residents whose funds have been depleted.

One resident that stands out from the rest is Walter Watson. He has lived at Judson Park for 28 years and was the first resi-

dent who originally had the vision to build a retirement center in Des Moines. He will be 100 years old on Sept. 28, 1992.

"It's really been wonderful. I love living here," Watson said.

For more information about Judson Park retirement center, contact Shirley Mann at 824-4000.



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