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Administrators review plan for new bookstore

by Michael Hull

The Highline Community College administrators are reviewing a proposal which would commit approximately \$2 million of student-generated funds for the next 20 to 30 years.

The proposal is to build a new bookstore on the north side of Bldg. 8 and use the bookstore reserve fund as collateral or down payment for the loan. Approximately \$800,000 of the \$981,000 in the reserve fund will be used, according to Jonathan Koehler, director of HCC Auxiliary Services.

Dr. Laura Saunders, vice president of administration, said the administration's motive in proposing the new bookstore is to provide additional space in Bldg. 6 for the consolidation of student services in one central location on campus. Student services — veteran's services, women's programs and registration — could use the space currently occupied by the bookstore, she said.

Some do not agree with this proposal. The best way to meet the needs of student services is to fix and upgrade the campus and better equip it for the 21st century, said Highline College Student

Union (HCSU) Vice President of Administration Michael Siefkes.

Since the Legislature is looking at severe budget cuts, Dr. Saunders said the state is withholding the appropriation of funds to build a new student services facility.

On the other hand, HCC Bookstore management can legally make use of private lending institutions, because they can generate the revenues to pay back the mortgage, said Coordinator of Student Activities Bruce Mackintosh. This is the reason the administration is pursuing this proposal, he said.

"We are maxed out. There is just nowhere to go. It comes down to space," Koehler said.

Koehler is keen on the idea of adding more space to promote new retail items, including computer software and insignia products. Dr. Saunders also agrees that the bookstore is running out of space.

HCSU Student-At-Large Troy Van Lienden claims there was never a push to get the bookstore out of Bldg. 6 until Koehler inspired the idea. "Now there is a lot of

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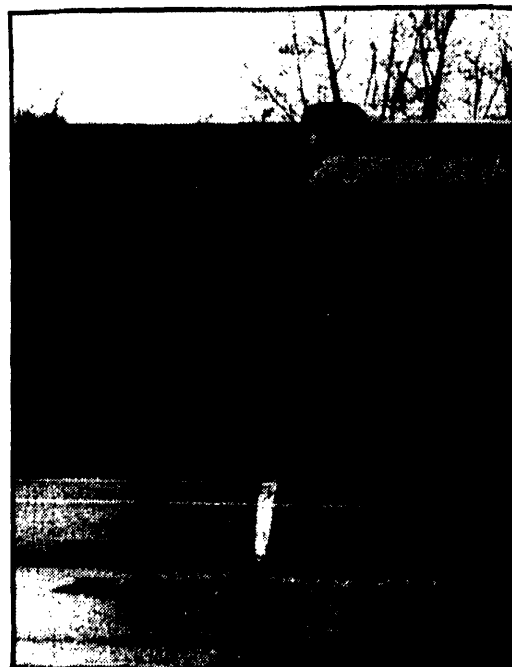


Photo by Gary Lewis

Budget cuts have traditionally hit students hardest, forcing cancellation of courses and programs.

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Projected budget cuts could hit HCC hard

by ThunderWord Staff

"If it weren't for bad news, there would be no news at all!" reads the headline on a budget update sheet that HCC President Ed Command gave the faculty during a March 2 faculty meeting. Command explained that the state's expected short fall in revenue means that all state agencies will be cut and, traditionally, community colleges have been among the hardest hit in past budget tightenings.

To students, "tightening" translates into less course offerings, fewer on-campus services, and a more difficult time in completing

requirements for graduation. Command and others on campus believe, however, that colleges still have time to influence the legislature to limit the impact that budget cuts could have.

Every two years, state legislators look at expected revenues and existing programs in the state. They then match the revenues to programs and see what the state can afford. This year, early projections show a possible \$2 billion difference between income and expenses in the state budget. That figure is, however, just an estimate at this stage in the budgeting process. On March 19, the governor's office

have to decide whether HCC can live with the shortage, she said.

The cost of the cafeteria's losses have been borne by students and taxpayers. Funds available to cover the losses are transferred from Local General Fund 149, which is generated from local revenues on campus, said HCC Finance Controller Alicia Tseng. These local revenues include interest paid on student tuition dollars, rentals, library fines, NSF (non-sufficient funds) checks, pay phone usage, and other miscellaneous collections.

Director of Auxiliary Services Jonathan Koehler is

concerned about the cafeteria's failure to turn a profit.

Although he did not know what Fund 149 was, Koehler predicted that the general fund would be unable to absorb continued losses because of the forecasted budget cuts.

The administration is currently discussing whether to use the bookstore's reserve fund to compensate for next year's projected \$50,000 loss. Koehler said that if the cafeteria does not cover its debt, the college is ultimately re-

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Photo by Gary Lewis

Mounting losses have prompted HCC's Board of Trustees to consider closing the doors of the Union Cafe.

Cafeteria losing money yearly

by Michael Hull

Due to mounting yearly deficits, the Highline Community College Union Cafe struggles to keep its doors open.

The cafeteria, which operated at a deficit of \$49,268 in 1992, has posted losses throughout its history, reaching a record high of \$58,755 in 1991. So far, students and taxpayers have had to pick up the tab.

Vice President of Administration Dr. Laura Saunders said that members of the HCC Board of Trustees have discussed closing the cafeteria. At some point, the board will

will issue the latest revenue projections that will help legislators make final budgeting decisions. Even if the final deficit is less than \$2 billion, though, no one expects good news.

Command says, "If there are going to be new taxes and other streamline government changes are we're still going to suffer and we're looking at a significant reduction."

A plan was put together last week, to the staff and outlined it to the student government, of how HCC

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NEWS

Rep. Locke's House Bill 1509 cuts red tape

HCC personnel, tuition, printing and construction will be affected

by Ken Vanderpoel

Rep. Gary Locke (D-Seattle), chairman of the House of Representatives Budget Committee, presented House Bill 1509—The Higher Education Efficiency Act—on Feb. 1, 1993, and has received little opposition since.

The bill states: "By this act, the Legislature intends to increase the flexibility of institutions of higher education to manage personnel, con-

struction, purchasing, printing, and tuition."

According to a recent article in *Legislative News*, the current personnel system provides only one place for disgruntled employees to take their complaints: the Higher Education Personnel Board (HEPB).

HB 1509 creates another option for management groups and classified employee groups. Through the management and employee groups, employees may choose to opt out of the HEPB system and transfer labor functions to the Public Employees Relations Commission (PERC).

This process will allow



Photo courtesy of Valley Daily News

House Bill 1509 is the Legislature's attempt to cut red tape at institutions of higher education like HCC.

employees to settle their disputes directly with the administration. Dr. Laura Saunders, vice-president for administration at Highline Community College, said, "The administration wants to meet with employees."

Information from the House of Representatives states that HB 1509 will increase the limits of both the

large and small college construction projects. Saunders said, "This part of the bill will not affect us [HCC] as much as the University of Washington, or other big universities."

Currently, each college has a limit of \$25,000 and \$50,000 to spend on construction. These limits will be raised to \$50,000 and \$100,000, con-

secutively. Currently, large construction projects over \$50,000 must be bid on by local contractors. Supporters of HB 1509 propose to push this limit up to \$100,000.

HCC Purchasing Manager Kari Lopez said, "All purchases are required to go

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HCC Union Cafe operates in the red: doors may close

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sponsible for it.

Financial records provided by Koehler show four years in which the cafeteria either posted a profit or broke even. These statements, dating back to 1977, indicate annual profits and losses but give no detailed information.

For five years Koehler has been lobbying the Legislature in Olympia to change the rules and regulations and bring catering services to HCC. Koehler said the Food Service operation could make money in a McDonald's type of environment.

"I am always banging on that. As a taxpayer, that [deficit] irritates me," Koehler said. On the other hand, he recommended hiring another full-time, state-employed manager to keep this system in place. There were no rules mandating the hiring of another manager; it was Koehler and management's attempt to cover all the bases, he said.

Saunders said that catering would be the only real way to go, but "we're not going to push the issue any further." Adding Tazza Espresso and Bakery to the operation was as far as HCC



Photo by Gary Lewis

Food Services Manager Brenda Bell was recently hired to take the place of former manager Ellen Earth.

would go into the catering business because of strong opposition at the state capital. A law passed in 1977 forbids state institutions from using catering.

Tazza is contracted by the food service operation and pays a commission of 10 to 15 percent of their profits. Tazza contributed \$16,733 to help reduce the deficit to \$49,268 last year. Tazza is a valuable asset to this operation, Koehler said.

Recently hired food service manager Brenda Bell has several problems that needed her immediate attention. Her first task was to get a handle on the inventory; her second task was to better manage the staff, "which was totally out of control," she said—workers were unorganized, there was no sense of teamwork

Food Service Profit / Loss

Year	Sales	Losses
1991-92	\$297,306	\$49,268
1990-91	\$273,172	\$58,755
1989-90	\$249,220	\$32,168
1988-89	\$232,821	\$31,820
1987-88	\$273,172	\$11,746
1986-87	\$271,121	\$2,431

Courtesy of Jonathan Koehler

and some had attitude problems.

Bell said that now she has the staff under control and working together, which should have an impact on the deficit. According to Bell, her past experience and creative and innovative ideas could help bring the deficit to a reasonable level. "Efficiency is a big part of any business," Bell said.

Koehler agrees that the employees do not work efficiently, adding that management has not done the proper training for staff and commercial food handling.

Prices are consistent with the quantity of food bought and sold. Size of operation and poor sales are the primary reasons why the cafeteria purchases food on a small scale, which explains why the

cafeteria does not get the necessary volume discounts, Bell said.

The state maintains that the cafeteria and bookstore are autonomous and self-supporting entities, although it still exercises control over them. This puts HCC in a bind.

Although Koehler is "not aware of all the rules," he said labor costs are high because of state rules and regulations. The problem occurs when management continues to hire full-time employees who cannot be displaced or laid off for any reason.

The full-time employee salaries are adding to the deficit of the cafeteria, said Bruce Mackintosh, coordinator of student activities and advisor of HCSU. The workers are paid according to the Washington State Salary Schedule

established by the Higher Education Personnel Board (HEPB) in Olympia. The HEPB also requires full-time employees to receive benefits.

Starting wage for food service workers is \$8.33 per hour, while full-time management salaries begin at \$12.04 per hour. Both Saunders and Koehler agree that these wages are high. Benefits equate to approximately 30 percent of their salaries, Saunders said. Total salaries and benefits paid to employees last year were \$174,354, as reported on the Highline Community College Food Service Fund (569) Revenue and Expenditures statement.

"Salaries alone account for the major deficit problems," Saunders said.

Koehler said laying off workers would sacrifice customer service. Having an efficient and well-trained staff, while good in itself, would not offer justification for layoffs, as the staff preps the wide variety of items served.

With limited buying power and a state-mandated salary structure, management will do everything reasonable to control the deficit.

"We need to cut our expenses and absolutely do a better job of buying food," Koehler said.

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Layoffs may affect HCC

by Sabina Sells

The Boeing Corporation gave lay-off notices to 1,500 workers on Feb. 18, and an additional 17,500 workers will be laid off between now and mid-1994.

Michael Grubiak, dean of students at HCC, said people who are unemployed usually return to school for more education to get a better paying job in the future. Many people save money by going to community colleges, because they're easier to get in to. Grubiak warns students registering for next fall to sign up for classes in May when registration starts.

Grubiak said, "Current students

should register on time, because the new students will be breathing down their necks." Many students wait until late August and early September to register.

In March, the state Legislature will make next year's budget for the state community colleges; however, HCC doesn't expect more money to accommodate the incoming students.

Dr. Laura Saunders, the vice-president for administration at HCC, said the school is expecting a 13.7 percent cut from last year's budget. This means HCC must cut \$2.5 million from last year's budget. Budget cutbacks may reduce the number of

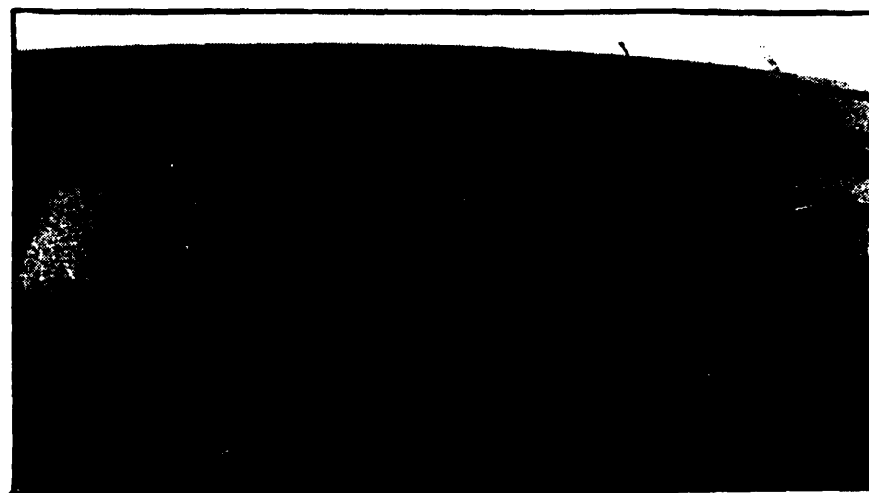


Photo by David T. Harris
19,000 employees will lose their jobs at Boeing this year, and many will return to school.

instructors, decreasing the number of classes available.

Boeing's layoffs of 2,066 employees last year and 19,000 employees this year was caused by a worldwide decline in revenues of

the commercial airline industry.

Boeing has developed a Stabilization Board to soften the impact of unemployment. The board offers programs like the two-year tuition-paid educational leave.

HCSU members opposed to plan Bookstore proposal gets mixed reviews

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interest to get in there," Van Lienden said.

The bookstore reserve fund is an important savings account for the students at HCC. It is an emergency reserve for when capital expenditures run dry.

"Pipes are breaking down, problems with heating, and the air-conditioning is faulty," said Van Lienden, who is also employed by HCC Central Services. However, the capital expenditures allotted to HCC can not keep up with the maintenance requirements on the 30-year-old campus buildings.

The bookstore's reserve fund has been used to purchase new instructional equipment, fixing minor maintenance problems, funding emergency assistance, and other student-oriented projects around campus. In general, it is a resource that the college can use in time of need and is a valuable asset, Siefkes said.

Siefkes also said this fund should be kept intact and used in the best interest of the students — especially in these tight budget years.

The bookstore is generating a profit through student spending. If the proposal to build a new bookstore is approved by the HCC Board of Trustees, these revenues will

not be available to the students for the duration of the loan. The profits will be committed to paying back the debt, Mackintosh said.

Decisions seem to be made without full consideration for students, Siefkes said. This institution is a consumer-oriented business, and decisions must be made with regard to what the consumer wants, he said.

Although the HCC Bookstore revenues come out of students' pockets, the students have no legal authority over them, nor are they entitled to any say regarding their use, said HCC Vice President of Administration Dr. Laura Saunders.

Next year, HCC is anticipating a lower enrollment cap due to the state budget cuts. There could be at least 477 full-time students (FTE's) and part-time students who could be cut from attending classes at HCC.

Several weeks ago, Koehler began financial exercises and "running numbers" to determine the amount of money that would be lost due to declining student enrollment. Koehler offered no comment on the calculated loss the bookstore will encounter next year.

As estimated by members of the HCSU, however, the figures show that with a possible significant decrease of students, the bookstore could present a deficit of up to \$10,000 next year. The figures were calculated without the consideration of possible

summer closure. HCSU Vice President of Legislation Kerri Griffis said the bookstore will probably compensate by raising the price of books, an assertion Koehler denies.

According to the HCC Bookstore Fund (524) Revenue and Expenditures Statement, the estimated net-income budget for 1992 was \$33,174; however, the bookstore brought in a \$105,771 profit in 1992. The bookstore new books, and mark-up on new books, and a 60 percent mark-up on used books, according to the Highline Campus Shoppe Perpetual Cost/Retail Analysis statement.

Koehler agrees "wholeheartedly" that the cost of books is out of control and that books at the University Bookstore in Seattle are less expensive than they are here.

One of his theories about increasing floor space with a new bookstore is being able to concentrate on selling more general merchandise and supplies at a significant mark-up, thereby eliminating the need for high book prices. "But there are no guarantees," Koehler said.

Although the HCC Bookstore revenues come out of students' pockets, the students have no legal authority over them, nor are they entitled to any say regarding their use, Saunders said.

Mackintosh said that the students always have the right to make a formal proposal to the HCC Board of Trustees.

Locke's bill would cut through bureaucracy

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through the General Administration (GA) Central Store," and their purchase contracts must be set up by the GA.

HB 1509 would eliminate the requirements to purchase supplies from the GA and allows purchasing departments to seek competitive bids for supplies. The bill would change the formal sealed-bid process by increasing the limit from \$6,000 to \$15,000.

HB 1509 would also eliminate the contractual dependency to the Central Store and let each agency seek and use competitive, local markets to cut costs. Lopez believes the higher prices charged by the Central Store are due to long-term contracts on commodities.

In the open market, over a long period of time, prices of commodities fluctuate, while the Central Stores prices remain at a higher rate than the open market, which lead to higher prices paid by purchasing, Lopez said.

Lopez also said, "We could save money if we could do this on our own."

According to Lopez and information released from the state, the current system is inefficient and ineffective.

However, both Saunders and Lopez feel there will be a significant overload of work, and the transition from current state contracts to a new system will take time.

HB 1509 would eliminate the process of using the state printer to bid contracts. The

state printer automatically adds a 5 percent "handling" surcharge to the cost of printing, even if the college prints the material. Lee Blankenship, an employee of the state printer, said, "The governor's office asked us not to comment on this [HB 1509]."

Tuition, which is currently set by the Legislature, is collected at each college then sent to the State Treasury. Under HB 1509, each campus will hold onto and manage the funds generated from tuitions. According to HCC Controller Alicia Tseng, those figures for 1992 were around 3.1 million dollars. In turn, colleges can save this money for future expenditures on long-range projects.

As published in an overview of HB 1509, the bill also would leave an option for each college to raise graduate students' and non-resident tuition rates, while leaving the resident rate alone or leaving an option to reduce the resident rate. However, Saunders stated that the monies collected would be spent to cover the general campus fund, instruction, operating expenses, or saved for long-range projects.

"In higher education and throughout state government, we need to find new ways to improve efficiency and cut bureaucratic red tape," Locke said.

"Money saved by reducing overhead is money that can be redirected to increasing enrollment and improving the quality of instruction," Locke said.



EDITORIALS

Opposing viewpoints:

President Clinton's tax plan is attacked and defended

by David Jacobsen

We are faced with many problems in this world we live in today, problems that need immediate attention. Our national debt of more than 4 trillion dollars is a major concern of President Bill Clinton's as well as mine. I believe Clinton's tax plans are right in nature.

The start of cutbacks today is a turning point which our country needs to get us slowly out of debt. I am all for raising taxes. The money that will be coming out of my pocket is a small amount to pay compared to what the next generation is going to be faced with if we don't act now.

At the beginning of 1993, President Clinton outlined a plan to use tax breaks and money from defense spending cuts to help create more high technology jobs.

Clinton proposes a \$246 billion tax hike and a spending cut of \$247 billion. The Mar. 1, 1993, issue of *Time* magazine states, "the combination of the two will invigorate the economy and cut the deficit \$325 billion from 1994 through 1997." Clinton's plan includes: for every \$3 in new net taxes, there will be \$2 in spending cuts.

New energy taxes will hit all families earning more than \$30,000. Clinton's critics accuse him of abandoning his campaign pledge not to raise taxes for

the middle class. These critics need to realize Clinton is one man attempting to answer a national debt problem that has been progressing for years. According to the Feb. 22, 1993, issue of the *Seattle Times*, "Not all agree with Clinton's proposal." The Republican lawmakers want to see additional cuts from Clinton's proposed spending increases.

Republicans' proposed cuts include: programs for the poor and the working poor. Among them food stamp payment cuts (\$12 billion cut), Head Start Program (\$14.3 billion cut) and the Women, Infants and Children Nutrition Program (\$3.7 billion cut).

There may seem to be too many taxes and too few cuts. However, I believe Clinton's tax plan will be an effective one. Although there is some resistance to the economic plan, it is apparent the majority of Americans favor it.

According to a telephone poll of 800 American adults taken for *Time/CNN* on Feb. 18, 1993, 62 percent of Americans favor Clinton's tax reform while 27 percent do not.

Decisions need to be made immediately to address this country's unfavorable debt. If this means Clinton must compromise some of his campaign promises, so be it. Clinton's proposal may be a solution to this nation's national debt. It certainly is a great beginning.

by Anne Meldrum
Features Editor

Taxpayers seem willing to do their part and help the government out of the sticky mess it's in. Although American taxpayers are willing to pay more, just how much is the government offering or willing to cut out of its budget? The Bill Clinton plan wouldn't cut nearly enough from assorted government waste and other programs. This plan also fails to lower the deficit to the degree that the Clinton campaign originally promised.

President Clinton promised that for every \$1 of tax increases there would be \$2 of spending cuts. This ratio is already reaching one-to-one. How does Clinton plan to cut the deficit if he wants to spend more money on government programs and special interest groups?

As I see it, Clinton has two options. One, cut government spending drastically and raise taxing; or two, raise taxes and spend more on special interest programs and other things that Americans can do without. Clinton will probably incorporate the latter option, giving Americans more programs but less income.

Clinton's tax hikes are fine by most people—even the rich, who are expected to pay their "fair share," but the government needs to cut its "fair share"

also. If they don't cut from the budget, then taxes will continue to rise in order to cover government costs.

Clinton's plan would probably work if Republicans and Democrats could compromise on where and how to cut, but since the chances of this happening are extremely remote, Clinton's plan is destined to fail.

As money from higher taxes comes trickling in, Congress will reach deeper and deeper into their pocket books. They will see an influx of money and naturally assume that they have more money to spend on government subsidized programs. This is why Clinton's plan will not work.

Congress is too greedy, and the government will not cut enough waste. Everyone knows where a lot of waste is, but no one can seem to get rid of it.

For example, according to the Feb. 22, 1993 issue of *U.S. News and World Report*, the House Committee on Government Operations issued a 334-page report on how 19 major government departments had squandered more than \$310 billion over the past several years. With this kind of needless waste going on in so many of the government's departments, Clinton's plan is sure to fail.

Until that time, Clinton's plan will suck the marrow out of the middle class.

Campus Commentary

compiled by Michelle Young
photographed by Gary Lewis

Question: Have you ever been to a sporting event at HCC? Do you know which sports HCC participates in?



"No. Basketball, swimming, track, wrestling."

—Matt Schreiner
HCC student



"No, I haven't. I know that they participate in swimming and basketball, but I don't know anything more than that."

—Pat Tyllia
HCC student



"No, I have not gone to any sporting events at HCC, because I've been really busy with classes and adjusting to college life since high school."

—Then Huyh
HCC student



"I've been to one basketball game; HCC played Shoreline and they won. Sports aren't really publicized that much except if it's in the paper."

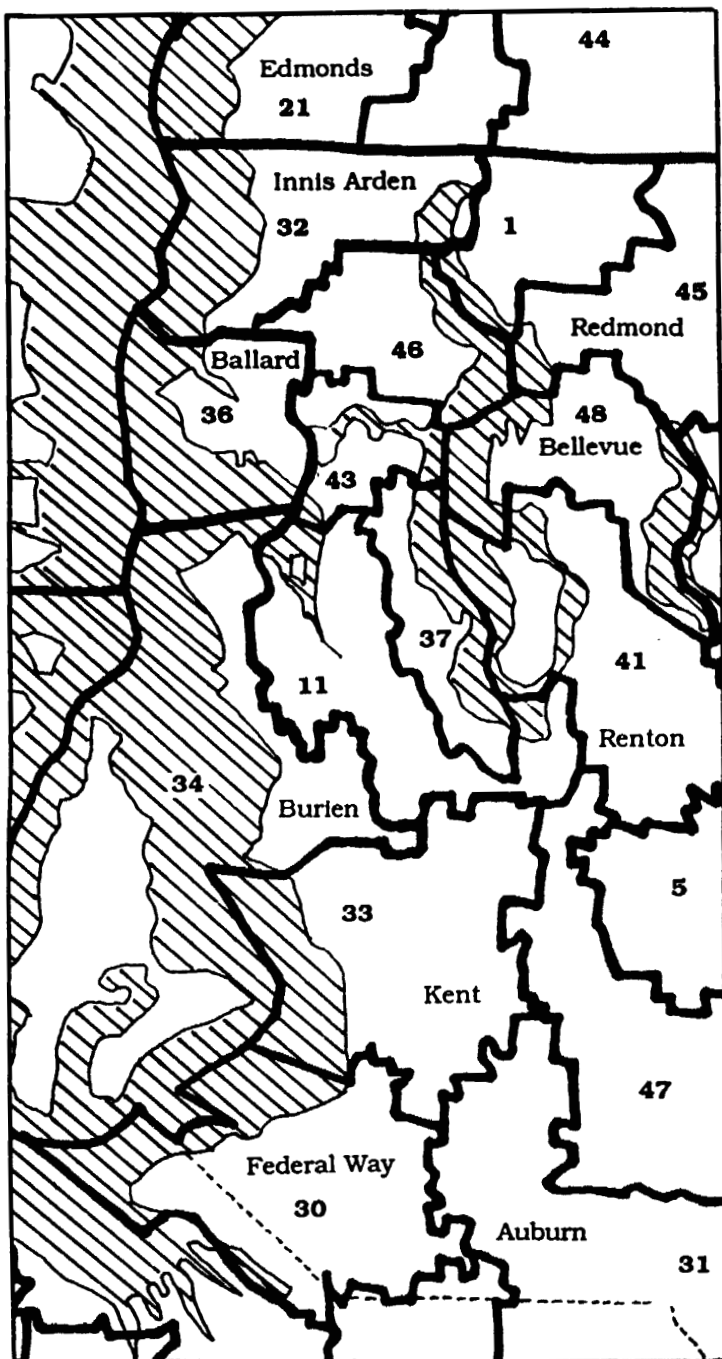
—Chris Anderson
HCC student

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The Editor's Soapbox

State's budget threatens to ruin Washington's future

by Jillian Willingham
Editorials Editor

Washington state's budget is in dire straits.

The solution will be to cripple the state's education system, leading us all to a dismal future. Apparently, Washington's motto is: "when in doubt, cut education spending."

Careless spending, tax payers complaints, and demands on the state have created a massive debt. Unfortunately, the students, teachers, and staff of higher education facilities will be paying the price.

If (or is it when?) education is forced to bear the burden of an over-spent government, it will leave the future of Washington in question.

Without affordable, decent education, we may as well kiss a successful future good-bye. People will be offered no avenue to further themselves, and the option of working and attending school would be diminished. Already, people who are losing their jobs are looking to attend college. But if they can't afford to, how can we expect them to better themselves? Without the option of going to school, the state will be left with a population who can't read, write, or perform any sort of mental tasks.

Many high school graduates are also looking for a quality education that is simultaneously reasonably priced. Those who may not be able to afford to attend the University of Washington or other four-year schools, will be severely hindered by the state's proposed cuts.

Tax payers, too, should be willing to sacrifice to insure the well-being of the future. If we don't pay now, we will certainly see the effects of that stinginess later.

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Washington state's budget crisis threatens Highline

The Key Players...



"The idea is to tell them [the legislators] what you're doing at a community college, why you're here, how wonderful it is... what we need is a full court press right now. Our chances are now."

—Dr. Ed Command
HCC President of Administration



"Once we have new revenue estimates in March, we will have a better look at what our budget situation is like."

—Dr. Laura Saunders
HCC Vice President of Administration



"There are several ways students would be affected. Cuts would reduce the amount of hours and services. It depends, but you try to do the best that you can."

—Phil Swanberg
Dean of Students



"What could affect us is [that] we may not be able to hire any new full-time instructors — that is, replacing people who retire this year. That means our departments would be diminished."

—Lorraine Stowe
HCC Education Association President

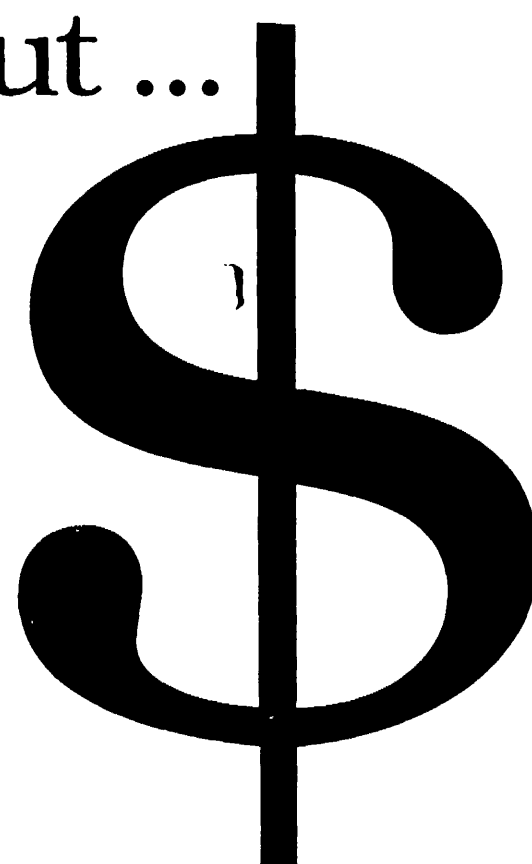


"I think there's a major flaw in the logic of the legislators. I think higher education should be at the forefront of the legislators' minds."

—Isaiah Tate
President of HCSU (Highline College Student Union)

Photos by Gary Lewis

It's all about ...



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will cut 13.7 percent reduction (two-and-a-half million dollar reduction), Command says. Command went on to say that "I hope students and others who are impacted will be contacting Legislature trying to get them to not give us that big of a cut."

"What we need is a full court press right now. Now is the time," Command says.

The recent recession has drastically reduced state revenues, and the 1993-'95 budget has to reflect those reductions. Pressures for increases in other areas of the state budget make the process of allocating funds tough. The K-12 school system expects a 55,000 student increase in the next year. The state's prison system is severely overcrowded and expanding. Increases in population and road use are straining urban areas' abilities to maintain adequate transportation systems. In the coming budget, community colleges will have to compete against needed increases in just about every area of the shrinking state budget.

The transition to a lower level of funding for community colleges, Command fears, will establish the lower levels as a standard. In 1981, the state slashed community college funding, and the lower levels of funding that became the new standard then have impacted every budget since.

Students have felt those past budgets cuts the most. In the past decade, HCC has been unable to offer enough sections of many basic courses to meet student demand. For example, though a basic writing course is important to much of the work that students have in all college classes, students often cannot register for basic courses until they have been on campus for a few quarters. Dick Olson, Writing Department Coordinator explains, "The college is assigned a certain number of FTE's (full-time equivalents) by the legislature... and the writing department has a specific number of annual FTE's quarter by quarter that it can utilize. Those are used to the maximum each quarter, and there's really nothing that we could do about providing additional FTE's, apart from the legislators

providing additional FTE's. As a department, we realize that it's important for students to have writing very early in their college career, and we encourage them to take Writing 101 as soon as possible."

If past revenue projections are close to the governor's March 19 report, HCC will lose \$2 million from its current \$18 million budget. That 11 percent reduction will affect just about every student on campus. At the March 2 faculty meeting, Ed Command offered a list of ideas for achieving the kinds of reductions that will result from a \$2 million reduction in budget. He emphasized that the ideas were in a discussion stage only, and that none of these could be seriously considered until after the March 19 budget report is released. Among

"I was in Olympia to talk to the legislators and they all said that they hadn't heard from community colleges... if they hear from us, they're not going to do anything."

his ideas are faculty and staff reductions, reduction in overhead budgets, and the closing of summer school classes.

To reduce faculty, Command would cut nine, part-time faculty positions and not replace seven vacant positions. He also anticipates that three faculty members will retire. A reduction of faculty will mean a reduction in the numbers of classes offered that will, in effect, will reduce the number of students attending HCC by the equivalent of 477 full-time students. Isaiah Tate,

there, he won't be admitted into the program next year. Guy Olsen, 30, also in his last year at HCC, explains that, "If I can't go to summer session, I won't graduate this year, and that means a delay in getting into a four-year college next fall. That means a dead spot of five to six months where I won't be taking any classes." Both students worry about how a hiatus from school will affect their futures.

The budgeting priorities in Olympia aren't yet set. According to what many campus leaders believe, the possibility of reducing the cuts still exists. Community colleges, in the past, have fared worse than other state agencies because they haven't made a strong case for voters' support for them. HCSU Vice President of legislative affairs Kerri Griffis believes that the college needs to mount a campaign to make legislators aware of the impact of severe budget cuts. Virgil Staiger, HCC Public Information Officer, agrees with Griffis. "I was in Olympia to talk to the legislators, and they all said that they hadn't heard from community colleges. They had stacks and stacks of letters from other groups, but nothing from us. Until they hear from us, they're not going to do anything."

In 1990, the legislature had also proposed large cuts in community college budgets. Faculty, students, and administrators put together a letter writing and phone campaign that let legislators know how much that community colleges need adequate support. The result was a budget that didn't make drastic cuts. Griffis believes that students, again, can make an impact. She has organized a campaign that will make legislators aware of how much any reductions would impact community college students. In the Bldg. 8 office of HCSU, HCSU staff members have cards that they are urging students to come and fill out. Students have been addressing the cards to their local legislators, and HCSU plans to take the cards to Olympia so that legislators know HCC students' concerns. HCSU also plans to place a telephone in Bldg. 6 so that students can call the legislative hotline to express their support for community colleges. "Making a phone call and putting it on their hotline is a good idea. They get the signal right of the bat," Command says.

Possible effects of a cut:

- A significant reduction in student programs and services
- A reduction of teachers and staff members
- Less students may be admitted access to Highline Community College
- Tuition increases
- Summer and evening classes could be reduced or cut altogether
- Class selection and availability would be reduced

Students address the Legislature:

"I realize that times are tough and that some cuts are necessary. However the cuts that are going to be made here at this college could only result in more harm than good. I am a registered voter, and I feel that this is an important issue to me and many others."

"Education is the foundation of our economy. How can we expect to compete internationally when you people attempt to render us ineffective before we begin? Get your act together and start thinking beyond today's problems. I'm a registered voter and have voted for 24 years. I'd like to see my tax dollars go for something that shows some sense and fore thought for a change."

"I am a South West Asia War veteran who cannot afford much. Even though my tuition will not be raised, classes and opportunities will be taken from me. I work full time and attend HCC full time. Please do not place any additional hardships on me by cutting programs and funding. Incidentally, I will not vote for you if you do not vote for me."

"I cannot afford to attend a four year university. Now I'm going to be priced out of community college as well. This doesn't encourage students to get educated — it discourages them."

"I was laid off of my last job, because I had no college degree. I am a single parent and at 42 years of age, I started back to school. Affordable quality education is essential to me. I have made a commitment to go to school. I am sacrificing. Please support higher education."

"My son is in the Rainbow's End Cooperative Preschool. He learns as much going three days per week as his older brother who is in the Federal Way Kindergarten Program. This does not say much for the quality of public schooling. It does say a lot for the quality of the Rainbow's End Cooperative."

"I have dyslexia. This college has given me great professors to help enhance all my skills. This is the only way I can get into a four-year and to succeed in what I'm doing. I have to go at a pace I can succeed at; otherwise, I'll flunk all my classes."

"My family is uneducated and very poor. I grew up on welfare with no medical or dental insurance. I missed out on a lot and don't want my kids teased like I was for being on welfare or shopping at Value Village. I want to provide for my kids from diapers to degrees."

"It is helping me on my high school completion, and if it wasn't for HCC, I wouldn't be able to go for my high school diploma. I think you are wrong for what you are doing to all of our schools and the surrounding areas here in Seattle."

FEATURES

Seattle Bands coming out with new styles

by Brady Kallivoda

Seattle grunge bands came up empty-handed at the 35th Annual Grammy Awards Feb. 24, but that doesn't mean the Seattle music scene is dead.

These bands don't consider themselves "grunge," and they say it is incorrect to think of Seattle as only having the "grunge sound" that everyone talks about. There is a monstrous range of musical styles currently coming out of the Emerald City.

Since local groups like Nirvana, Soundgarden, and Pearl Jam took the nation by storm last year, Seattle has been flooded by young, musical fortune seekers looking to make it big.

Bands like The Rhino Humpers, Dandelion Soup, and Fifth Mistake play at clubs around Puget Sound with hopes of getting noticed and signed by a major record company. Clubs such as The Ballard Firehouse, The



Photo by Shane Pearson

Fifth Mistake, a local band, plays in various clubs around the Puget Sound in hopes of getting signed by a major record company. From the left the band members are: Mark Hoover, Paul Sieler, Clark Hoover, and Jim Howe.

Crocodile Cafe in Seattle, and The Bedrock in Redmond play host to these bands on their quest for "the big time."

Many of these smaller bands think they'll be hurt by the nation's labeling of Seattle music as grunge. Fifth Mistake guitarist Paul Sieler

says that since anything grunge from Seattle is selling right now, bands are getting signed before they're ready.

He says the record companies will take a band whose music is somewhat catchy, say they're from Seattle, label them "grunge" and watch

it sell. "And that's bad because grunge is dying... they've exploited Seattle bands," Sieler said.

Jim Howe, also of Fifth Mistake, said grunge is going to spoil it for everybody.

"All these record companies are coming to Seattle to

look for grunge bands, but when grunge goes out, they're not going to come here anymore," he said.

Howe considers the music his band plays to have more of an alternative sound, not trendy like grunge.

"We're not going to change our style, so I guess we have to look elsewhere," Howe said.

In a KIRO-TV interview by John Procaccino with the lead singer of a local band The 100th Monkey and a member of Dandelion Soup, the lead singer of The 100th Monkey agreed that if you're not grunge, you're not hot.

"It's hard (to get signed), because we aren't the 'flavor of the month.' The record companies see that you're from Seattle, and they're all hot to hear your music, but when they realize you're not grunge, they put some other

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'Cheers' engaged in last season

by Ken Steffenson

Pearl Harbor Day is observed in the United States on Dec. 7; a day we mourn a tragic event in our nation's history. Now NBC television has given another reason to mourn that day. On Dec. 7, 1992, the producers of "Cheers" announced that this would be the show's last season.

"Cheers" first aired on Sept. 30, 1982, and has been airing continually for 11 seasons, making it the longest-running comedy series in television history. In that time, the show won 26 Emmy Awards and received more Emmy nominations than any other television series.

During "Cheers'" first season, no one had any idea that it would become so popular and long-lived. That initial season was a near disaster; in fact, "Cheers" finished dead last in the A.C. Nielsen ratings one week — 72nd place out of 72 shows. "We only survived because the network had nothing else to put in our

place," said James Burrows, one of the show's creators, in an interview with *TV Guide* in 1990.

The element that initially caught the attention of viewers was the relationship between Sam Malone, the retired Boston Red Sox relief pitcher, and Diane Chambers, the haughty waitress. The relationship between Sam and Diane was developed with sharp, comedic verbal exchanges.

The three creators of "Cheers" — Burrows, Les Charles, and Glen Charles — knew from the beginning that they wanted actress Shelley Long for the role of Diane. However, the actor who could perfectly bring life to the role of Sam was not so obvious.

They considered Fred Dryer ("Hunter"), William Devane ("Knot's Landing"), and the relatively unknown Ted Danson. It was only when Danson and Long read together that their chemistry was revealed and the roles were certain.

"Cheers" faced several

major challenges during its first five seasons. The third season was difficult because both Long and Rhea Perlman, who plays the feisty waitress Carla Tortelli, became pregnant. The show's writers worked Perlman's pregnancy into the story line, but Long's was concealed.

"It was horrendous," Les Charles said in the *TV Guide* interview. "We put her on the floor, in a tent, behind the bar. She was always standing behind something or carrying something. I still can't watch those episodes without seeing how badly we concealed it."

The fifth season presented another major problem. Long had always said she would leave the show when her contract expired, and she did at the end of this season.

At this point everyone involved with the show was asking the same question: Would "Cheers" survive

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HCC students return to get ahead in life

by Susan Smith

In these days of economic instability many older adults are returning to college to improve their education and to advance their careers.

At Highline Community College, between the ages of 30 to 39, there are 403 full-time and 817 part-time female students and 451 male students. This makes up the majority of enrolled students at HCC.

Women's Center Director Julie Burr said many women return to college because of major events in their lives such as divorce, underemployment, or their children are grown and they need to get back into the job market.

Some students who have spent years out of school and the job market have seen how difficult it can be to get a good-paying job with decent benefits. Shauna Benham, a student working on a vocational certificate, said, "With the economy [as it is], I can't make it on 10 bucks an hour the rest of my life. I can't live on it, not with the things I want to do."

Larriette B. Oien, an HCC student and Boeing worker, said returning for more schooling was a wise idea since Boeing recently announced large layoffs. Oien hopes to go to the University of Washington after receiving her Associate of Arts degree.

"I need to graduate with my four-year degree before my grandson does, and my grandson's only five," Oien said.

One reason that some students wait before entering college after high school is because they are not ready to commit themselves to another four or more years of schooling and are unsure about their future. James Moniz, a student majoring in business, said, "In high school, I wasn't sure what I wanted to do." Moniz spent four years in the Marine Corps before starting at HCC. Moniz also said that "you see a lot of people who are there that don't know why they're there."

Mike C. Stackonis, a student working for his AA, said, "If I went to college right out of high school, I would have flunked out. I hated it, but now that I'm 26 and older, it means that much more to me, and I know exactly what it means for my future."

Joanne Buselmaier, a student starting her last quarter this spring at HCC, has had to train new college graduates and has felt the frustration of knowing that the person she was training would be making more money than she was earning. With a college degree, she will be able to advance in the business world.

"This is going to help you to gain entrance into a whole, higher level of working in the workforce," Buselmaier said.

CHAOS by Brian Shuster



"Just kidding Al, it's me, Dr. Hanks!"

What's Happening An Arts and Entertainment calendar for March 15 to April 25

March 17 - April 10

Northwest Asian American Theatre premieres "Please Choose One!"

Time: Thursday through Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 4:00 p.m.

Place: Theatre Off Jackson on 409 7th Ave. So.

Cost: \$6

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Thurs. March 18

Luis Enrique Mejia Godoy and five-member band from Nicaragua performs in Seattle.

Time: 8 p.m.

Place: The Backstage, 2208 NW Market

Cost: \$10

March 19 - 21

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Performances by ethnic groups are provided by the Ethnic Heritage Council of Seattle.

Time: 8 p.m.

Place: Historic 7th St.

Cost: Free admission

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March 20 - 27

Art Works For AIDS

The Northwest AIDS foundation hosts an art sale and exhibition to educate people about HIV and AIDS.

Time: Monday through Friday at 12 p.m., and Saturday through Sunday at 12 p.m.

Cost: \$3

For more information, call 720-1808.

March 25 - 28

The Counterbalance Theatre presents a "Theatre For Young Audiences" production of "The Journey with Jonah."

Time: March 25 through 26 at 7 p.m. and March 27 through 28 at 3 p.m.

Place: Bethany Presbyterian Church at 1818 Queen Anne Ave. N.

Cost: \$5 donation is suggested.

Mon. March 29

El Centro De La Raza presents Paco Peño in concert. Paco Peño and his band will perform "Misa Flamenca," and he is the world's leading flamenco guitar virtuoso.

For more information, contact Roy D. Wilson at 329-2974 or 323-1283.

April 16 - 17

The University of Washington is holding a 1993 Health Sciences Open House. More than 100 exhibits will showcase the latest advances in health research, teaching and patient care.

Time: Friday at 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday at 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For further information, call the Open House hotline at 658-OPEN.

April 1 - 25

Pilgrim Center for the Arts presents "One Woman Theatre" starring Georgia O'Keeffe, Louise Nevelson, and Mary Cassatt. The festival features three individual on woman exploring their lives as artists. For more information on times and dates, call 323-4034.

John Turturro does magnificent performance in new movie 'Mac'

by Anthony Hesselstine

John Turturro's previous roles in the Spike Lee films "Do The Right Thing," "Jungle Fever," and "Mo' Better Blues," as well as his most recent performances in "Miller's Crossing," and the award-winning "Barton Fink" all pale in comparison to Turturro's outstanding performance in "Mac."

Inspired by his father's early years as a struggling Italian immigrant working as a carpenter, Turturro paints a strikingly personal picture of an eldest brother trying to in-

still the value of work ethics into his younger brothers.

Set in 1954 Queens, "Mac" is the story of three brothers, - Mac (Turturro), Vico (Michael Badalucco) and Bruno (Carl Copotorto) - after the death of their father.

Frustrated by their job at a construction company, they form an independent construction firm run by Mac.

Mac is constantly at odds with Vico and Bruno who don't share his work ethics, molded by their father. They are distracted by the bohemian life-styles of Oona (Ellen Barkin) who falls in

love with both of them.

"Mac" makes great use of its cast, although Barkin's talent was wasted in such a minor role and deserved a better developed character.

Although "Mac" is Turturro's debut as both director and co-author, the film's intense performances by Turturro himself, as well as Badalucco and Copotorto, are sure to be an Oscar contender next year.

"Mac" is a rarity in cinema today. With all the schlock that major studios throw at the movie-going public, this is a film worth seeing.

FEATURES

History books don't fully represent minority backgrounds



HCC students of all backgrounds need representation in history books.

by Heather DeLauder

Although there were many prominent African-Americans in the 1900s, many were not presented. Misrepresentation

of minorities in history is a problem that many people do not realize. If an African-American opened a history book, the chances that any of his or her cultural background

would be represented are very slim.

Many professors at Highline Community College feel that minorities are not represented in a positive manner. According to Kathrine Gribble, Western European History instructor at HCC, in the early political and military days minorities were overlooked.

During this time, people were considered insignificant if they were not involved in the military or politics.

In our history books, minorities have minimum coverage unless it pertains to slavery or the Civil Rights Act. The majority of history was recorded and written by Caucasians, according to Robin Buchan, history professor at HCC.

According to Cerathel Burnett, multicultural director at HCC, minorities have been neglected in the past. We should respect minorities and make sure documents are more inclusive, Burnett said.

"I think if more people of color were writing the history books, the books would be more diverse," said Sean Rankin, President of the Black Student Union.

Some students of color feel awkward when they are not represented in books, and when they are, it is in a demeaning way.

"Just about every experience I have had has been extremely patronizing or insulting," said Isaiah Tate, president of Highline College Student Union.

According to Tate, Caucasians look to minorities for the answers when slavery is brought up or the Civil Rights Act is discussed.

Tate also said that multicultural education is an important factor in the education system, and it is damaging to the students to leave it out of the curriculum.

"Many people have contributed ideas and philosophies, doctrines, [and] technology to make America what

it is today. If you know that then you will respect ethnic peoples not because it is politically correct, but because you know they are [deserving] of that type of respect," Tate said.

In 1886 when the Statue of Liberty was erected in New York Harbor, Americans said everyone was welcome, and that America was considered the nation of immigrants.

According to Buchan, the Americans established a quota system to limit the number of minorities from coming into the country. "We have been living a lie," said Buchan. "Our history is not a pleasant one."

According to Buchan, publishers are starting to implement positive history of minorities into the history books, but doesn't "know how accurate they are."

Burnett agreed with Buchan when she said, "Today's history books are getting better, but we have a long way to go."

Seattle musicians try to stay away from 'grunge' label

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label on you, and I guess we just get tossed in the waste basket," she said. In the same interview, the member of

Dandelion Soup said he doesn't consider that his band's music is grunge either, but they would probably get associated with grunge, because they come from Seattle and wear funny clothes. He went on to say, "There are

incredible artists in this town from all types of musical backgrounds that aren't getting the attention they deserve." While radio station KNDD disc jockey Norman B. said that grunge is here to stay, he also said it's going to

"change a little bit."

Mark Hoover, Fifth Mistake bassist and singer, says there is so much more to offer from Seattle than just the grunge sound and that "any band that can truly be who they want to be — that's the

sound of Seattle."

While the money may not be rolling in for these up-and-coming local bands, they say they're not going to change their sound. And who knows? They may be the next thing that Seattle is famous for.

Final round of drinks for 'Cheers'

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without her?

When Kirstie Alley joined the cast as Rebecca Howe, she played an extremely different character than that of Diane; the show thrived.

These innovative approaches, along with superior writing, directing and acting, have kept "Cheers" at the forefront of television comedy and allowed it to impact life and society in numerous ways. Most of the influences "Cheers" has had are minor, such as recognizing the theme song ("Where Everybody Knows Your Name"), knowing what Norm likes best (beer), and the cre-

ation of a Boston tourist attraction in the Bull & Finch, the bar used for the exterior shots of "Cheers."

A major influence was the creation in 1990 of a chain of bar-restaurants with interiors modeled exactly on the interior of the "Cheers" bar — which by the way does not look like the interior of the Bull & Finch, Host International, which is the food and beverage division of the Marriott Corporation, and Paramount Pictures Television made a deal to open as many as 46 of these taverns in airports around the world.

To date, seven of these "theme bars" have opened in Anchorage; Kansas City; Cleveland; St. Louis; Detroit; Minneapolis; and Christ

Church, New Zealand. More are planned, and "Cheers" ending production will not affect the future plans of the chain, according to Terry Souers, public relations spokesman for the Marriott Corporation.

"We have several (new) locations under consideration," he said.

"The customers very much like the concept. Sales have increased dramatically in every location since the changeovers to the 'Cheers' style bars," he said.

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SPORTS

HCC wrestler Chris Dockter competes at Nationals

Team confident about next year

by Ken Steffenson

Highline Community College wrestling team member Chris Dockter had high hopes for the 1993 National Junior College Wrestling Tournament, held in North Dakota on Feb. 26 and 27. Even though he lost one match in the final five seconds to the

wrestler who finished third, Dockter's two wins and two losses were not sufficient to propel him to the national championship in the 126-pound weight division.

Although obviously disappointed with his performance, Dockter seemed confident about next season. "Next year I plan on winning nationals," he said.

Dockter qualified for the national tournament by finishing third at this season's regional competition, which

featured wrestlers from schools in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and Colorado.

Dockter, a first year student at HCC, has been wrestling competitively for five years. While wrestling for the Garfield High School team, he twice placed among the top six finishers at the Washington state championships. He plans on transferring to a four-year college after graduating from HCC and possibly coaching wrestling in the future.

Although the season is over, Dockter will be staying in top form by taking a freestyle wrestling class during spring quarter. The class

is conducted by Todd Owens, HCC wrestling coach. It should help keep Dockter and other HCC wrestlers in peak condition.

Dockter, the only wrestler to qualify this year, expressed a great deal of confidence in the chances of the HCC wrestling team at the national tournament next year. He predicted that seven or eight team members would qualify for nationals and that HCC has a good chance of winning the tournament.

"That would be nice," said Owens, when he heard Dockter's optimistic predictions. But the coach was more conservative, saying "If we

took four or five guys, I'd be happy with that."

HCC's wrestling team competes in a region containing two of the top three junior college squads in the nation: North Idaho College and Ricks College. But three years ago, in Owen's first year coaching at HCC, the team finished 12th in the nation, and last year, one HCC wrestler was named All-American.

Owens believes the leadership abilities of Dockter and the other returning wrestlers will be a key factor in what he, and no doubt his team members, look forward to as a successful year ahead.

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-Sports Opinion-

No clear favorite in the 'March Madness' this year

by Justin Mentink

The regular season is over. We can throw all of those league games in the garbage. It is time for March Madness. Sixty-four Division I Men's Basketball teams have been selected to play in the National Collegiate Athletic Association Tournament to

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determine the National Champion.

This year, unlike the last three, there is no outright favorite to win the title. There have been more than five different number one teams throughout the regular season this year. Most of these teams did not hold that position for more than two weeks. Las Vegas odds makers are probably having a hard time determining a favorite for this event.

I personally believe there are only five teams with a legitimate shot at winning the title this year: University of Indiana, University of Michigan, University of Kentucky, University of

North Carolina, and Florida State University. My reasons for these selections are based on talent, strength of schedule, and experience. I realize that Duke University is strong in each category, but I just do not believe they are capable of winning three in a row.

My long shot team is FSU. Their fast paced style is capable of upsetting any team if they get hot. When tournament time rolls around, it is the team that is hot that wins it all and FSU is more than capable.

Picking Michigan may seem like a bandwagon selection, because it is. It is hard to leave out a team with this much talent when it

comes to selecting a National Champion. I'm just not sure they are mature enough to pull it off just yet.

Kentucky is the team I would have picked to win it all at the start of the year, but they have failed to play well consistently throughout the year. They may have the best player in the nation in Jamal Mashburn, who is capable of carrying a team to the title by himself if his game is on. I believe this team will be around in the end, although I do not think they will win the title.

I believe Indiana is the best team in the country when they are healthy. If their starting power forward Alan

Henderson returns healthy by tournament time, I think Bobby Knight will lead his team to glory. If not, look for the Hoosiers to make it to the Final Four at best.

North Carolina is my selection to win the National Championship. The Tar Heels are playing their best basketball of the season at the right time. They finished the regular season as the Champions of the Atlantic Coast Conference by destroying Duke in their last regular season meeting. Their defense and team play will carry them to the title. Look for the Tar Heels to be cutting down the nets when the tournament comes to a close.

Spring Sports Schedule

Softball					Track			
Day	Date	Opponent	Location	Time	Day	Date	Opponent	Location
Sat.	3/20	Alumni	Highline	1 p.m.	Sat.	3/20	UW Invite	Seattle
Wed.	3/31	Pierce	Tacoma	4 p.m.	Sat.	3/27	Club NW Invite	W. Seattle
Tue.	4/6	S. Puget Sound	Highline	2 p.m.	Sat.	4/3	CWU Invite	Ellensburg
Fri.	4/9	Yakima Valley	Yakima	2 p.m.	Fri.	4/9	Western Invite	Bellingham
Sat.	4/10	Spokane	Spokane	2 p.m.	Sat.	4/10	Western Invite	Bellingham
Sat.	4/17	Skagit Valley	Mt. Vernon	2 p.m.	Sat.	4/17	Mt. Hood Relays	Gresham, Ore.
Wed.	4/21	Yakima Valley	Highline	2 p.m.	Fri.	4/30	Pelluer Invite	Spokane
Thu.	4/22	Edmonds	Highline	2 p.m.	Mon.	5/3	Multi-Event	Vancouver
Sat.	4/24	Lower Columbia	Longview	TBA	Tue.	5/4	Multi-Event	Vancouver
Sat.	5/1	Wenatchee Valley	Wenatchee	2 p.m.	Sat.	5/15	SPU Invite	Seattle
Sat.	5/8	Skagit Valley	Highline	2 p.m.	Thu.	5/27	NWAACC Champ.	Spokane
Fri.	5/14	Wenatchee Valley	Highline	2 p.m.	Fri.	5/28	NWAACC Champ.	Spokane

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