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Lawmakers consider more tuition increases

by Heather DeLauder

Three tuition proposals have been made to increase tuition costs for Washington state colleges. If implemented, the tuition hikes would affect Highline Community College and its students.

House Higher Education Committee Chairman Ken Jacobsen has suggested a 72 percent increase in tuition for the 1993-94 school year. Jacobsen's proposal allows the legislature to decrease all planned budget cuts at state community colleges and universities.

Jacobsen's plan would increase student enrollment

to 10,000. This is possible because there would be more instructors and more classes available. He plans to spend \$37 million on new programs and he would also expand financial aid.

According to Phil Swanberg, vice president of students, Gary Locke encouraged Jacobson to propose a 72 percent increase to gauge the reactions of students and colleges, who would then make some adjustments based on feedback.

Governor Mike Lowry has also made a proposal to increase state college tuition. The proposal calls for a 15 percent increase each year, starting in the fall. This bud-



Photo by Gary Lewis

If state lawmakers have their way, students may find the long hand of government taking more tuition dollars.

get excludes graduate students.

Contrary to Jacobsen, Lowry's proposal would not allow for an increase in enrollment or an inflation increase of funding. According to Nikki Tasanasanta, program coordinator for state fi-

nancial office management, Lowry took the yearly income of a family of four and raised the funded level to \$27,000 from \$12,000 and increased the number of grants to 20,000. A grant recipient is excluded from paying the increase in tuition, which means

that students receiving grants do not have to pay the added costs of tuition.

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Evaluation Committee begins accreditation process

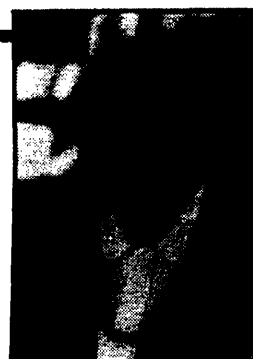
by Anne Meldrum
Features Editor

An accreditation committee, composed of instructors and administrators from across the country, evaluated Highline Community College and its operations on April 14-16.

Each person was assigned a specific department to evaluate.

The accreditation evaluation committee's role is to review HCC's self-study analysis and evaluate the college based on the study.

The committee will look



"I'm very impressed with their professionalism, and with their willingness to listen and their interest in our programs."

Donna Wilson

for things the college is accomplishing, suggest improvements, and evaluate all aspects of the college.

"The idea is to identify what we do well, and what areas we need to work on,"

Owen Cargol, vice president for academic affairs and accreditation liaison.

A self-study of HCC has taken place for 18 months and was directed by Donna Wilson, accreditation and steer-

ing committee co-chair and Spanish director and coordinator at HCC. Cargol said there was a good self-analysis of our college, and he is very positive about the outcome of the evaluation.

Wilson was also pleased with the outcome of the self-analysis report and feels the accreditation evaluation will go well. "I'm very pleased with it," Wilson said.

According to Wilson, all the deadlines were met for the self-study report and the whole operation ran smoothly and professionally.

An exit presentation was held Friday, April 16, to give the preliminary evaluation report, and a full evaluation will be issued in three to six weeks. HCC has the option to change any factual findings on the evaluation report.

HCSU wraps up successful legislative phone campaign

Concerned respond to proposed cuts

by Ken Vanderpoel

The Highline Community College Student Union (HCSU), Phi Theta Kappa, and the Highline College Education Association have just finished their campaign

to decrease the proposed budget cuts aimed at community and technical colleges.

From April 6 through 8, the HCSU offered a 1-800 number at the Registration office. The phone line was set up to let students voice their opinions on the various proposed budget cuts pre-

sented by Sen. Nita Rinehart; House Higher Education

Mike Lowry.

To accompany the 1-800 number, HCSU also passed out campaign cards to students. These cards voiced the concerns of those students affected by the cuts. All cards that were returned to

"Many students, staff and faculty worked very hard on this campaign. They deserve the thanks."

Kerri Griffis

Committee Chairman Ken Jacobsen, D-Seattle; and Gov.

cards that were returned to

the HCSU Office or to their designated boxes were hand-delivered by Kerri Griffis, vice-president of legislation, and Mike Siefkes, vice-president of student government, both of the HCSU. Each senator and representative who was addressed received the campaign cards.

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HCSU to hold elections for Executive Council

by Danh Thanh Nguyen
HCSU Volunteer

Every day students go to school, work and return home. Some also set up a time to relax and do something to take their minds off the classroom. One possible way to relax would be to engage in community-related activities.

The Highline Community College Student Union (HCSU) will hold student body elections this quarter for four vacancies on the HCSU Executive Council. The Executive Council is made up of four elected officers: president, vice-president of administration, vice-president of legislation and treasurer.

According to the HCSU Constitution, Articles V and XIV, Section 1, there are several requirements for a student holding any position on the Executive Council. The student must maintain a cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of 2.0 or higher at HCC. If the student's CGPA drops below 2.0 at any time, he or she shall be automatically removed from office. Also, Executive Council members must enroll for at least eight credit hours. Each

candidate may only run for one office each election.

The Executive Council members — president, vice-president of administration, vice-president of legislation and treasurer — as individual candidates do not need to collect signatures of registered students. However, these members have to conduct their own campaigns. The four students-at-large must collect 50 signatures of registered students. All the positions on the Executive Council have to be ratified and approved by the student government.

The positions on the HCC are determined on a first-come, first-served basis. When students file for one of the four student-at-large positions, the student government will pick out the first four students on the list for ratification and approval by the student government. The remaining students will be alternatives. If one of the four students does not meet the requirement for this position, the next person on the list will be the candidate for that position.

Students interested in any position on the Executive Council should contact Mike Siefkes, ext. 237.

Sign-up began after April 9 in the student government office in Bldg. 8, upper lobby. The HCSU elections will be held in May.



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Mike Siefkes

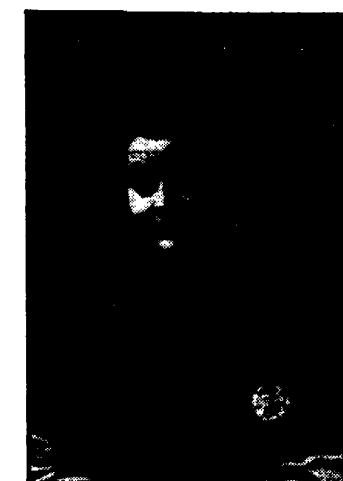


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Shannon Adkins

Siefkes moves up, Adkins moves in

by Robert Whale
News Editor

Late last quarter, student-at-large Mike Siefkes was named vice president of administration for student government, while Shannon Adkins took over the duties of Siefke's former office.

In addition to his former and present student government positions, Siefkes has also served as a Phi Theta Kappa representative.

"It's been kind of neat, because I've been able to see the student government from different perspectives," Siefkes said — "from the bottom up, and now a little more from the top down."

In addition to his regular duties — working with committees, writing committee reports, setting the agenda for meetings — Siefkes has had his hands full with the card campaign and with lobbying efforts related to the proposed budget cuts.

"A lot of work, a whole lot

of work," Siefkes said, estimating that he spends about 30 hours per week on student government business.

Siefke's replacement as student-at-large, Shannon Adkins, formerly worked on the events board, until she was approached by Vice President of Administration Kerri Griffis. When Griffis suggested that Adkins step into the newly created vacancy for student-at-large, the would-be-candidate agreed.

When asked exactly what a student-at-large does, Adkins replied: "We fight for the rights of students."

She appreciates the opportunity to raise her voice on behalf of others.

"It's kinda cool, because I have always had things to bitch about, but I've never known exactly how to," Adkins said.

Her voice has been heard on fund-raising efforts to provide scholarships for those whom the budget cuts would hurt the most.

HCSU's Cassias to make bid for presidency of Phi Theta Kappa

by Jennifer Kelly

John Cassias, Highline College Student Treasurer (HCSU), is running for the position of international president of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK).

PTK is an organization founded for students who maintain a 3.5 grade point average or above, are carrying 15 credits or have accumulated 30.

If elected, Cassias would be invited to speak at regional conventions in Canada, Puerto Rico, West Germany and American Samoa.

This competition will take place on April 15, 16, and 17, in Dallas, Texas, where an audience of 4,000



Photo by Gary Lewis

John Cassias will travel to Dallas to seek the top spot of Phi Theta Kappa.

or more is expected to attend. Participants will include students from Florida, Texas, Arizona, Oklahoma, Colorado, Missouri and Montana.

"As international president," Cassias said, "I will be able to voice my opinion on

certain issues."

"The most important part that PTK has to offer is recognition to students on transcripts, diplomas, and resumes. Students can also wear the PTK stole at graduation," Cassias said.

T-Word News Briefs

Asbestos removal to force building closure

Bldg. 9 will close at the end of spring quarter for asbestos removal. According to Suzanne Boyer in Facilities and Operations, the project will be completed by fall.

American Indian Endowed Scholarship

On March 9, Governor Mike Lowry announced that a potential \$500,000 scholarship fund for Native American students had received its first \$52,000 contribution.

In 1990, the state placed \$250,000 in a trust fund for the program. Before money can go into the endowment it must be matched in \$50,000 segments by private contributions.

Army college fund increases

The army has increased the maximum amount of college money available to qualified applicant for enlistment for \$25,200 to \$30,000, as of April 1.

CORRECTION

The March 15 article entitled "Cafeteria losing money yearly," confused Tazza's gross receipts with its net income, falsely indicating a yearly profit of \$160,000, a badly overinflated figure. The ThunderWord sincerely regrets this error.

1,019 Highline students turn in campaign cards

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Griffis said there were 400 cards sent and roughly 100 calls made two years ago, which made a difference.

From the Registrars Office, R'lene Roberts reported there were 7,567 day and nighttime students at HCC. Out of the total amount of students, Griffis said, 1,019 campaign cards were turned in. However, the phone calls could not be accurately counted because a lot of students had called from home.

According to Griffis, most of the calls two years ago were made because of a one-on-one contact with the students and the teachers who were to go on strike at the time, which

prompted students to get involved. This year, Griffis said, "Many students, staff and faculty worked very hard on this campaign. They deserve the thanks."

The HCSU staff consists of eight paid employees and 20 volunteers. The ratio of HCSU staff to students is one explanation for a low response.

When asked what kind of support she got from the faculty, Griffis said, "Faculty as a whole is aware of the budget cuts," and some teachers have mixed feelings about whether to use class time to speak up about this issue.

Dr. Command, President of HCC, asked Griffis not to ask teachers to promote the 1-800 number, even though Griffis had already decided not to ask.

Lawmakers haggle

Tuition hikes proposed

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lion. This exceeds the amount that the Senate has proposed, which is \$44 million. This gives priority to low-income students. As a result, more students of lower income can attend college.

Although Lowry's budget does increase financial aid significantly, it would also allow colleges to cut student enrollment 5 percent below the levels established by the legislature.

Senator Nita Rinehart has proposed a 9 percent tuition increase in the fall and a 3 percent increase the years following.

Rinehart would raise the financial aid budget and it to \$28 million, which is less than the amount Lowry and Jacobsen proposed.

At a cost of \$30.2 million, the senate budget would increase the enrollment of full-time equivalent students to 3,200. "Sen. Rinehart understands community colleges more," Swanberg said.

Steve Lindstrom, a student lobbyist, said, "Education is the boot strap. They can increase tuition as long as everything else is balanced, such as keeping money on the campus, not having budget cuts, and financial aid."

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Lindstrom went on to say that "financial aid is always having to play catch-up. Half the people eligible for aid are not receiving it."

According to Swanberg, "the increase will hurt both the lower and middle income. It will increase their formula, but at the same time the formula goes up, it is absorbed right back in again, which will not help their living costs or other things. Their overall volume of money would go up, but it would not necessarily buy any more."

Student feelings run strong when it comes to tuition increases.

"I think it is screwed. They are raising the prices but we are not receiving any more for it," said Brett Love, a second-year student.

"I don't like it, I think it is wrong to raise community college tuition. What they are doing is keeping us from the education we need," said Amanda Ransom, who is in her second quarter at HCC.

"The tuition increase will rule out people who are just getting by; single women or mothers will be ruled out, I think we should investigate other alternatives before increasing tuition," said Valerie Starrett, HCC night student representative.

HCC administrators will know the extent of budget cuts and proposals by July 1.

Des Moines police battle rising crime by stressing citizen involvement

by Ken Steffenson

The City of Des Moines is a relatively safe place for a person to live, work or attend school. But personal belongings are not nearly as safe; motor vehicle theft and larceny (the theft of possessions, usually from out of cars) made up 63 percent of crimes reported to the Des Moines Police Department in 1992.

"Auto theft is the one that is absolutely increasing across the country, and we've seen that skyrocketing," Lt. Mitch Barker, spokesman for the Des Moines Police Department, said. Statistics for Des Moines listed 155 auto thefts in 1992, compared to 117 in 1991.

The Police Department's figures for 1992 are for "Part One" crimes, "more or less the major crimes that we report to the FBI," Barker said. Part One crimes include the violent crimes of murder, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault, and the property crimes of burglary, larceny and motor vehicle theft.

Comparison with the latest national crime figures available, from 1989, revealed that percentages in Des Moines

are fairly typical. The national figures, from the "Statistical Abstract for the United States 1991," showed that motor vehicle theft comprised 12 percent of national Part One crimes, and larceny rates made up 55 percent. Des Moines' rates for these crimes in 1992 were 11.7 percent and 51 percent respectively.

Barker, who received an Associate of Arts degree from Highline Community College in 1986, said that there is very little serious crime on the campus.

"There's certainly always thefts from vehicles in the parking lot, some of these are substantial. There are auto thefts occasionally," Barker said, adding that there is "usually an incident or two during the year of some type of an indecent exposure or an indecent liberties, somebody touching a female student, you know, walking out in the parking lot."

Police consider a crime "cleared" when it

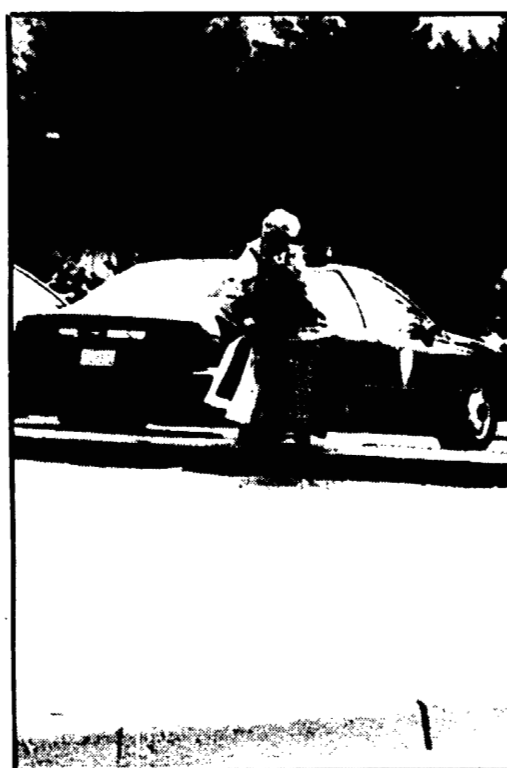


Photo by Gary Lewis

When leaving your car, be sure to lock the doors.

is taken off the books. For auto theft cases, the clearance rate is low.

"That means the car was recovered; that means Seattle (police) or somebody called us and said 'We found the car,'" Barker said. "It doesn't mean anyone was ever arrested, prosecuted or anything else."

Barker's suggestions for protecting vehicles and their contents should not be surprising: lock the doors, don't leave the engine running or the keys in the ignition during quick stops, and store valuables out of sight in the trunk.

On the issue of violent crimes, Barker said the number of incidents is increasing, but because population is also increasing the per capita rate has remained fairly constant.

There were 17 shooting incidents in 1992, but in more than half of them no one was hit. There were no murders in Des Moines

last year, but 17 percent of reported crimes were assaults and 3 percent were rapes — both higher than the national averages of 6.7 percent and .62 percent respectively.

In an effort to keep crime in check, the Des Moines Police Department is emphasizing citizen involvement.

"We've changed philosophically quite a bit this year in the department and switched to a community-oriented policing approach," Barker said.

"We're addressing getting out in the community and being a little more proactive ... asking them to tell us what kind of police service they want instead of telling them what kind of police service they're going to get," he said. "We started in January, just putting out information in the paper about a community citizen board, and we wanted the people that normally don't show up for those kind of things," Barker said.

There is no screening process or required qualifications for board members.

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Mitch Barker, police spokesman

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EDITORIALS

Mia-oh-my Farrow

by Anne Meldrum
Features Editor

As I was sitting at my desk reading a copy of *USA Today*, I came across another article about the implacable Mia Farrow and her mania to trash her soon-to-be ex, Woody Allen. Farrow's comment under the photograph put it perfectly: "A person could go crazy."

Mia's right; a person could go crazy reading all the mullarkey she has brought out against Woody.

Mia-oh-my! What next? Will we find out about Woody's vegisexual affair with garden produce and how he prefers a tum in the sack with a mutually consenting zucchini? This woman has gone ballistic.

So Woody made a few mistakes. Well, who could blame him? Look at who he was involved with. Woody has paid his dues. He was publicly humiliated; he admitted that his affair with Mia's 22-year-old adopted daughter Soon-Yi

Previn was "an error in judgement," according to the *USA Today*, April 6 edition.

My guess is that the avenging harpy will only be sated when she gets a whiff of Allen's putrefying corpse stinking up an unmarked grave. Of course this would be too easy — she has to humiliate him completely.

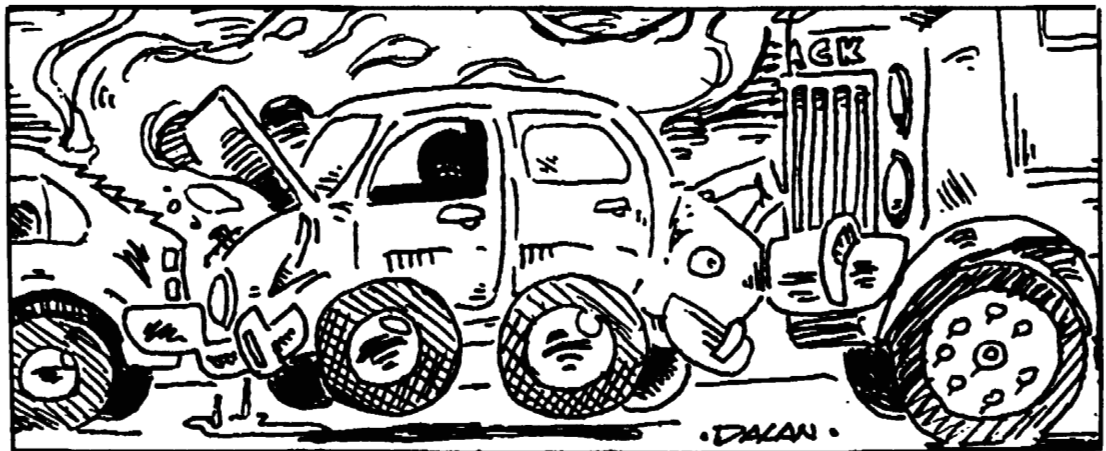
Giving another view of the custody battle, and a reason why Mia's not a perfect saint;

So Woody made a few mistakes. Well, who could blame him? Look who he was involved with.

Monica Thompson, a nanny of Farrow's children, admitted that she "didn't really mean it" when she told Connecticut police last

summer that Farrow was a "good mother." Thompson testified in Manhattan's state Supreme Court saying, "I knew that if I said no I would have lost my job."

Farrow's malice against Allen may never end. Right now she is probably cooking up some devious plot to ruin him further. The woman is a waste of good oxygen and an embarrassment to all decently vengeful people.



Traffic problems crunch HCC

by Jennifer Kelly

Driving to school in the morning can be frustrating. Students that have classes which begin at 7:00 or 8:00 a.m. know what I mean.

First, you need to wake up at least two hours before class starts, shower, get dressed, then head for school. Next you have to deal with the traffic, which may take anywhere from 10 minutes to one hour of your time. Once you arrive at school, you have to allow time for parking which is an adventure in itself.

Harriette Wilson, a Highline Community College student, drives from Olympia every morning. Wilson gets up about 5:30 a.m. and is on the freeway by 6:30 a.m. If Wilson leaves just 15 minutes later, she can run into "heavy traffic."

Why put yourself through this everyday? I know I

wouldn't want to drive every morning. I've seen how those drivers act on the freeway.

There are other options in which you can arrive at school. For example, take a look at riding the bus. It may take longer but Michelle Ro, another HCC student, said, "you don't have to deal with getting a speeding ticket, or involving yourself in a car accident." Ro also said that you don't have to worry about parking your car, parking tickets, or parking fees.

Should the state be responsible for providing better alternative transportation and improvements on controlling traffic? I think so. The Metro Transit provides bus, vanpools, carpools, and Park and Ride lots for your convenience and money saving expenses. Metro also offers a regional match that "puts you in touch with other commuters in your area who want to share a ride,"

according to Metro Carpool and Vanpool Services.

The Washington State Department of Transportation has developed a program called Transportation System Management (TSM) that supports Diamond Lanes for carpools and vanpools. TSM has designed a hotline to discourage improper use of the lanes. In addition, traffic engineers monitor the system, and adjust the starting and ending times for metering each day in order to meet specific traffic conditions.

The traffic we have in the early morning and late evening is just hectic. We as HCC students can't afford to spend hours on the freeway; we have classes that are important to us.

We can be part of the solution to the traffic problems by carpooling; having less cars on the freeway and more people inside each car.

Campus Commentary

compiled by Krista Sohayda
photographed by Gary Lewis

Question: After three months in office, how do you think President Clinton is doing?



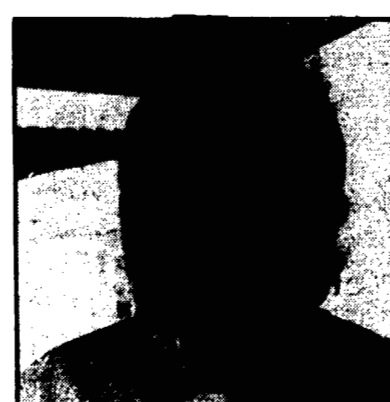
"I think he's doing a good job as far as making plans. I think he's going to try to do the best he can for everybody."

—Latasha Robinson
HCC student



"I think he's liberal — and that's good. As far as I can see he's doing a good job, but I haven't really been able to keep up on the news lately."

—Nicole Sweet
HCC student



"I think he's doing better than I expected. He had his own agenda for what he wanted to before he became president and he's sticking to that."

—Michael Armstrong
instructor at HCC



"I'm still trying to feel him out, but I think we need to take care of our people at home first [rather than aid foreign countries]."

—Patti Hutchison
HCC employee

Quit your bitching, HCC students

by Jason Clever
Editor-In-Chief

Quit your bitching, students of Highline Community College. The cost of tuition and books isn't all that high.

Currently, full-time HCC students spend \$333 on tuition each quarter and approximately \$150 on books and supplies. If a quarter is 10 weeks long and each week contains five school days, HCC students spend close to \$9.66 on tuition and books daily. That's \$3.22 per five-credit class.

Imagine what you could do with a wad of ten \$1 bills. The biggest fast-food junky would see this as a prime opportunity to invade the closest Wendy's for three meals of three "super value" menu items each. If you were more concerned about the welfare of others than about yourself, you could donate the full amount to the Christian Children's Fund and support 15 children at the minor cost of \$0.65 each.

If you still wanted to impress your friends and family by pursuing an education, it wouldn't be hard to seek an alternative, more interesting education with the same \$10 a day. For instance, you could buy four \$2.50 six-hour VHS tapes and record everything that KCTS has to offer. The offerings may be limited, but endless hours of "Sesame

Street," "Nova," "The MacNeil/Lehrer Hour," and "Barney & Friends" may be enough education to impress that special someone.

You want extensive knowledge? Try clearing a nearby newsstand of all its periodicals each day and try tracking the day's highlights in such publications as *The Seattle Times*, *The Seattle Post-Intelligencer*, *USA Today*, and *The Morning News Tribune*. Don't forget to buy weekly magazines such as *Newsweek*, *Time* and *People*, and be sure to keep up on the latest gossip in the tabloids. Astound everyone and no one at the same time with your non-stop knowledge of current events.

But what's the fun of storing vast knowledge in your cranium without wisdom to make it sound timeless? Go to a used bookstore and read fifty-year-old novels buried under inches of dust. Don't worry though. The accumulation of dust isn't much worse than being engulfed in secondhand smoke.

If you want a more entertaining education, you could always become a regular customer of BookWorld's comic book section. I'm sure future employers will be impressed with the ongoing adventures in such titles as *Classic Star Wars*, *Star Trek: The Next Generation*, *The Vampire Lestat*, and *Batman*.

If comics don't tickle your education fancy, why not try being the king of movie trivia? You could easily rent three \$3.00 movie rentals from Blockbuster Video each day and be the person your friends look to for answers to such questions as "In the movie 'The Crow,' who played Brandon Lee's double after his unfortunate death?" Recite movies line-by-line from memory and watch your self-esteem soar.

Instead of spending your hard-earned Alexander Hamilton, two Abraham Lincolns, or ten George Washington greenbacks on an HCC education, consider this: what if you bought ten Washington state lottery tickets per day for the same amount of days that your HCC education would have lasted? If you could win the salary difference between the salary of an electrical engineer and the salary of a dead-end, front counter job at the local Jack In The Box, wouldn't it be worth it to use your time to sell more Monsterburgers and not boggle your brain with calculus problems, history term papers, expository speeches, and three finals?

Get real. An education from HCC seems to me like it is the best guaranteed return on your investment. Pay for your tuition and books and quit your bitching.



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The Editor's Soapbox

The funnies aren't so funny anymore

by Jillian Willingham
Editorials Editor

Some comic strips have become rather tiresome lately. I am sure that you, the comic page reading public, have noticed the change in content on the "funny" pages. They just aren't funny anymore. Instead, they are laden with true-to-life storylines that get quite bothersome after awhile. It's wrong for newspaper comic strip to devise those hokey "socially conscious" storylines.

The comics used to be called the funnies. Probably because they were meant to be funny. But lately, comics like *For Better Or For Worse* and *Luann* have put so-called topical issues into their storylines, and the artists don't even handle them in a humorous manner. For instance, recently *For Better Or For Worse* ran a storyline about a "teenage boy coming to terms with his sexuality." Oh joy. That's a hilarious example of what I want to read about in the comics. Or the *Luann* storyline about brother Brad having one of those father/son "wait-to-have-sex-until-you're-older" talks with good old dad. Oh, please, I can't stop laughing. Do we care about these characters and their boring adolescent problems? Not quite.

Newspaper readers everywhere who used to count on the comics to escape from the news and add a little humor to their lives are in for a shock.

As *Doonesbury* has learned, sometimes the best places for current events and opinions is the editorial page. *Doonesbury* is commonly, and appropriately, placed on the editorial page because that is where political correctness and issues are discussed — not on the comic pages. The comics are supposed to make us laugh, not to make us aware of earth-shattering issues.

Based on the storylines some comics are carrying, I wouldn't be surprised if even the editorial pages rejected them. These issues aren't even current. Coming out of the closet and teen sex have been rehashed so much that by now they seem like dead issues. Not to mention the fact that these comics can get mighty preachy on their subject of choice. In *For Better Or For Worse*, the teenager is advised to talk to parents about the issue. In *Luann*, Brad is given the soft pro-abstinence speech. Could this be some grand scheme to get the comic readers to practice the morals of the cartooning community? It seems quite possible.

Newspaper readers everywhere that used to count on the comics to escape from the news and add a little humor to their lives are in for a shock. The comics now offer limited solace from the tedious, tragic, and heart-wrenching stories in the news. A few consistently funny comics are all that we have left. *Calvin and Hobbes*, *The Far Side*, *Fox Trot*, *Arlo and Janis*, and such should stay away from the "serious topics." That's all we can hope for.

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Romance in the air at HCC

by Ken Steffenson

A common complaint heard from young single people, especially as spring hits and the weather gets warmer, is that there are few places to meet interesting members of the opposite sex. This time of year many college students, regardless of heavy class loads, would welcome the opportunity to spend quality time with someone special.

If relationships work well with people who share common interests and goals, then a college campus could be an ideal place to meet a potential partner. On the Highline Community College campus, you'll see quite a few pairs walking hand in hand, snuggling on an outdoor bench, or exchanging a quick kiss before heading to separate classes.

It would seem likely that many of these couples met on the college campus, and one pair that did is Cindy Mathews and Rod Richardson. Both in their second year at HCC, they met in the spring of 1991 and have been dating since February 1992.

To have a successful relationship, "you've got to have

common goals [and] common values," Mathews said. Since she works in the HCC Library, spends many long days on campus, and intends on earning a master's degree in psychology, she is an observer of student behavior.

"You've got some that are interested in developing their intellect and learning and that kind of thing, and so if you're interested in that too, you're bound to find people with common interests," Mathews said.

Both Richardson and Mathews are very busy with studies and work, so they have little time for romantic relaxation while on campus. When they do have a break, they relax by walking in the campus woods or talking over coffee in the cafeteria.

Kimberly Jackson, a student who has been on the HCC campus for three years and is graduating this spring, said that taking the initiative and introducing yourself to people is the best approach for meeting them. But because of the busy schedules of most students, Jackson added "It's hard to establish solid friendships and dating relationships here."

Most college students are

working on self-improvement, and Mathews sees this as a beneficial factor in meeting the right person. "I think healthy relationships come from two healthy people. You have to be happy about yourself and healthy about yourself first, before you can get into a happy, healthy relationship," she said.

The fact that most college students are single was shown in the 1990 U.S. Census.

According to an article in the July 15, 1991, issue of the *Seattle Post-Intelligencer* article, the census showed that the Washington city with the highest percentage of single men and women is Pullman, no doubt due to the Washington State University campus and its more than 15,000 students. Ellensburg, home of Central Washington University, was number two for single women and number three for single men.

Like those colleges, the smaller HCC campus is the home away from home for many interesting single people. Sometimes all it takes to start a wonderful relationship is sharing a pleasant conversation over a cup of espresso or during a walk in the spring sunshine.

Get back to nature as spring approaches

by Ken Vanderpoel

Like a bear that awakens from long months of hibernation, Northwesterners also crawl out of the gloom of winter and back into spring.

However, after buying books, paying for classes, car insurance, gas, food, etc., it always seems like there is no money for recreational spending.

For those on a college budget or with little imagination, there are a lot of activities right here in the Highline Community College vicinity.

For instance, south of Des Moines, tall Douglas Firs, Cedars and Maples decorate the steep hillsides of Saltwater State Park. Meandering through the labyrinth of trails offers a little exercise and beautiful view of nature.

The park also boasts a "shellfish beach with many

different species of aquatic wildlife to observe in its tidepools," Johnny Johnson, a ranger for this area, said. Furthermore, the park provides open barbecue pits, 52 campsites, a concession stand, a "Big Toy" play area, and a large grass area for playing Frisbee or sunbathing.

"Awesome," "Great," "Good Info," and "Super" are just a few descriptions left in the Hylebos Wetlands State Park's trailhead logbook. Hylebos, located on 348th in south Federal Way is said to be, "a beautiful wetlands interpretive center," Johnson said.

Hylebos takes adventurers on a tour through wetlands via a boardwalk trail. Educational information posted along the boardwalk, informs the passersby about the characteristics of the wetlands.

Along this, one can learn about the mystery of sinkholes and species of ferns, or simply listen to the songs of a bluejay.

Dash Point State Park is located in southwest Federal Way. This park contains 138 wooded campsites, sandy beaches, and according to Johnson has "four miles of real hiking trails ... I mean 40 percent grade on some of them [trails]." Johnson also exclaims that "it's got a popular mountain-bike trail."

Marine View Park located in Normandy Park, offers a stroll on a path that leads down to Puget Sound. Whether it's information or a warning to those potential hikers, a sign at the trailhead reads, "Trail 1,200 feet long — Steep — No restrooms on beach."

Drift-wood logs are washed up on the quarter-mile sandy beach

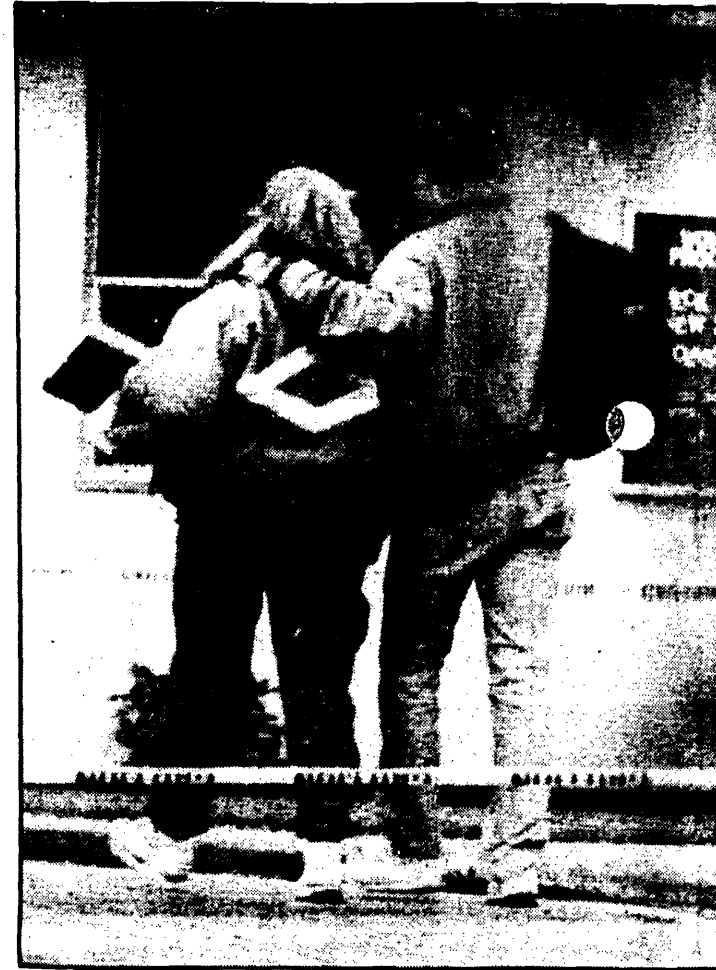
For those who are looking for a different kind of activity, there is Riverbend Mini Putt-Putt Golf in the Kent Valley on Meeker St. It costs \$3 for adults and \$2 for kids under 16.

In the same area, where Meeker Street crosses the Green River on Frager Road, there is the City of Kent's "Old Fishing Hole" for kids 14 years old and under. Also, many people come to feed the Mallard Ducks that visit

the pond.

Spring is also a good time to get a group of friends together for a game of softball, basketball, or soccer at various playing fields throughout the Highline area. Also kites, Frisbee and a football, are fairly inexpensive and offer hours of enjoyment.

For directions, phone numbers, or any information regarding any of these places, contact King County Parks and Recreation 243-5198.



Photos by Gary Lewis



Never-ending search for allergy relief wages on

by Natasha Robinson

Springtime is here and along with it comes the uncomfortable effect of allergies.

According to Leon Jaroff, a reporter for *Time Magazine*, pollen from trees, grasses and weeds is affecting an estimated 22 million people in the U.S. alone.

Allergy season can start as soon as mid-February, and can last until early September.

The pollen grain target is usually a mucous membrane such as a human eye, nose or bronchial tube. After the pol-

len takes hostage of your senses a series of sneezing, wheezing, and teary-eyed episodes can happen.

The symptoms people with allergies have are often confused with the common cold. Coughing, a stuffy head, constant runny nose, and itchy eyes are some of the symptoms allergies cause.

There is no way to prepare yourself for allergy season. Pollen counts can be as unpredictable as the weather.

In 1992 the pollen grain readings on the East Coast have gone off the charts, according to Jaroff.

Hay fever sufferers have it

easier than other allergy sufferers. They have a sense of what is bothering them, and how long it will last. On the other hand, dust mites, pet hairs, and household molds causes allergies which effect a number of other people. These type of allergies cause its victims to have symptoms year round.

There are several different ways to relieve yourself of the symptoms of allergies. Air conditioned houses and buildings are a good place to be to avoid pollen. Filters in the air conditioning system cleanse most of the infested incoming air.

Another way to find relief for allergy symptoms is to take prescribed medicine. Doctors can prescribe antihistamines to relieve their patients of allergy symptoms. Antihistamines block histamine, a chemical the body releases when pollen grains enter the body, which causes an allergic reaction.

Nasal sprays are prescribed more often than other medication, because they don't enter the blood stream. Nasal sprays have to be used for a couple of days before they start to work.

Shots can also be prescribed for those with ex-

prints that were worn during the sixties are hot. Bright colors are also hot, but not neon. Tight stretch-like pants with colorful, floral prints are also a big part of all the designers collections. Huge daisies in yellow and orange on black cotton pants are a wild way to start a spring wae.

German designer Susan Wiebe is using short skirts, leather, silk, and lace in her Spring Collection. Black is often used in her designs.

Wiebe also uses a lot of leather in her designs, such as a black leather swimsuit that has a V-cut down to the belly-button, which also has a studded belt that wraps around the waist to match. She uses many bright-colored suit jackets to be worn with a black body suit.

Karl Lagerfeld, at the Chanel Show in Paris, previewed what he was planning for spring. Long, flowing, see-through skirts are made to be worn in the sun along with sandals. He also uses the traditional black and white designs he is noted for, along with the colorful jackets much like Susan Wiebe's designs.

He has a style of elegance in his designs.

Fashion at Highline is varied not as dramatic as the famous designers. Flannels are a big part of fashion not just for the guy, but also for

women. Some types of this fasion are hooded flannel shirts with pull ties at the bottom for women; flannel suit jackets; and shorts and tops that match, along with shorts and tops that don't match in flannel. Many students at HCC just wear what they like.

"Grunge-wear" as some

call it, is original to Seattle. With Seattle natives wearing such things like Doc' Martens. These are steel-toed shoes that resemble combat boots, which come in a variety of colors and styles. These boots are available for both men and women.

Jeans are still popular but with even more holes in them. Some students wear thermal underwear under their jeans so that underneath the holes colored thermal underwear is visible. Thermal underwear/clothing is making a big hit, with such items like thermal shirts, pants, shorts and socks.

Baseball caps are still in style, with women wearing them more now than before. Jewelry is also a hot fashion accessory for the women, especially pins of all different styles and shapes. Leather coats seem to be a hot fashion item more now than ever. "Hypercolor" seems to be out along with neon colors. The natural look is definitely in for spring.

tremely serious allergy symptoms. The allergy shot isn't effective for 3 to 5 years, according to Kelly Ross, at Virginia Mason Clinic.

Over the counter (OTC) drugs can also aid in relieving allergic symptoms. Some OTC drugs often cause drowsiness, which results in many allergy sufferers not being able to function on the job or at school.

Scientist are looking for a more successful cure, but allergies still remain a mystery. It's going to take more analyzing to find a cure, but in the meantime sufferers will continue to suffer.



FEATURES

Animation festival features films from around the world

by Jillian Willingham
Editorials Editor

The audience enters the movie theater, preparing to binge on popcorn and watch a flick. Then the lights dim, the music swells and the cartoons begin.

Cartoons?

Not cartoons exactly. More like animation films. That's what "The Best of the International Tournee of Animation" is: a collection of the best short animation films that have been featured in animation festivals worldwide. "The Best of the International Tournee" features 17 films, including three Academy Award nominees and six Oscar winners.

For those avid animation fans, this collection probably won't provide any new surprises or unusual films. "The



Photo courtesy of Madness Productions

The Best of the International Tournee of Animation features animated flicks like "The Killing of an Egg," by Paul Driessen and an assortment of entertaining and zany animation films.

Tournee" is a collection of past favorites from other "Tournee" festivals and doesn't include new films. But

for a first-time animation festival goer, it offers a wide perspective of what animation collections are all about.

It is a feast for the eyes.

The animation itself is wonderful, with each short film offering a different style.

There is everything from puppet animation to slick computer animation to traditional animation. Each film is a five minute journey into a different piece of animation artwork. The number of animation styles and subjects are as varied as the countries they come from.

Films selected to appear in this retrospective collection have traveled from Hungary, England, Russia, Holland, Germany, the United States, and Canada.

There are a few real gems in this collection that deserve a special mention.

Some of the films are there simply to entertain, and they accomplish this with a flourish. "Happy Hour," "Crea-

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Truth on weathered totem

by Cory Magel

Various sculptures and other works of art adorn the Highline Community College campus. Unless an artist or teacher draws specific attention to the artwork, most students simply walk past, not understanding the meaning or the purpose of it.

Located beside the art building, in the southeast corner of HCC's campus is one of this college's oldest landmarks—a totem pole. In 1964 the totem pole, officially known as "Oracle I," was commissioned to be created by former HCC Art Instructor Rik Gwin.

"If you are one of the 99 percent of intellectual illiterates, you should at least be able to appreciate that it's a big hunk of wood with an interesting textural surface..." Gwin commented in the 1969, Feb. 28 issue of *The ThunderWord*.

This artwork is much more than a "hunk of wood." The Oracle symbolizes one complete theme, which many separate poems contribute to. Each various poem was fitted together on the totem to become a whole concept. Three words, to the left of the main pole, are superimposed over each other: life, death and fate. At various times of the day, depending of the shadows cast upon the totem, one of those words will tend to dominate that section of the artwork. Having survived various natural disasters, the totem has come to symbolize these themes even more faithfully with its weathered and worn surface.

Gwin '65

TICK TOCK DEATH

You can't catch your shadow by running after it
Sit very still and listen to the earth turning
Whisper on the wind and the echo, echo, echo, echo
will deafen you
I am the blade of grass that bends in the wind then too
I am the wind
Turn around and see yourself watching

'New and Improv-ed' is witty and wacky

by Anne Meldrum
Features Editor

The dynamic and humorous performance of the Drama department's "New and Improv-ed" was moving with its creativity and imagination. Improvisational skits and monologues thought up by the students in the Drama department were acted out with enthusiasm and wit.

The most enjoyable act was where actors Brandon Felker and Jason Pinney moved erotically in heart-patterned and pin-striped boxers and stripped from the ground up. Another entertaining act was the formation of body sculptures by Chris Dietz and Nels Nielsen.

The crowd participation and interaction was effective, and the stage was just high enough for everyone in the Union Bay Cafe to see the actors and actresses do their thing. The set is "good because everyone in the cafeteria can see," Susie Schuld, an actress, said.

All the skits were rehearsed, but sometimes new twists were added on impulse.

Because the act was staged in the Union Bay Cafe, the volume of noise was horrible and sometimes it was hard to

understand what was said. There was one monologue that was performed with passion and wrath, but there needed to be more of this type of emotional drama.

Another element that added to the success of the production was piano accompanist Katrina Dolleman. The music added a nice touch

and made more enjoyable to the audience.

The players who performed "New and Improv-ed" are Brandon Brown, Dietz, Felker, Kelly Marsten, James McCartney, Jason Morten, Nielsen, Pinney, Schuld, Brenda Sutherland, Donna Weber, and Dolleman on piano.



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Community Service Column

Neighborhood House is looking for few a good tutors

by Davina Noltan
Copy Editor



Families living in public housing often do not receive the same opportunities as middle-class families. Because of circumstances beyond their control, these families often fall through the cracks of the system that was formerly designed to help them.

The Neighborhood House, a United Way agency, offers help to low-income families. Since 1921, the organization has served these families who live in Seattle and King County.

Volunteers are needed in the youth and mentoring Program (annually), Head Start/Early Childhood Education (annually), and Neighborhood Service Center (annually). The greatest need is in the tutoring and mentoring program.

A minimum time commitment of at least one day a month is requested, but volunteers are strongly encouraged to work out a specific schedule with the department they are volunteering with. Department coordinators can design flexible schedules for the benefit of the volunteers. According to Barbara

Schroeder, volunteer coordinator, past participants, in general, have had a good volunteer experience with the Neighborhood House. "We've had some volunteers for 17 years and some who only participate in events such as the Giving Tree, who we won't see until the next year," Schroeder said.

The Neighborhood House is also sponsoring a tutoring and mentoring program for children living at three public housing locations; Burdale Homes, Firwood Circle, and Green River Homes. Auburn, Kent, and West Seattle Tutors will work with potentially at-risk children, offering academic support and individual direction.

According to Ellen Smith, coordinator of the tutoring program, volunteers will work with students from kindergarten through the eighth grade in basic math, English, and other subjects. Smith said, "It really exposes you to the problems... it's a great experience."

Tutors are required to attend a one-and-a-half hour training session and are asked to make a commitment of one hour per week through the end of June. The next training session is on Tuesday, April 20, at 7:00 p.m.

For further information on these volunteer opportunities, call Barbara Schroeder at 461-8435 or Ellen Smith at 833-1168.

CHAOS by Brian Shuster



"Well, that answers MY question."

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What's Happening

A calendar of campus and community events for April 19 through May 2.

Tues. April 20

Ken Chin performs the play "The Dance and the Railroad," depicting the friendship between two Chinese immigrant railroad workers in the 1800s. Time: 12 p.m. Place: Bldg. 7

April 21 - May 16

Seattle Repertory Theatre performs August Wilson's Pulitzer prize-winning drama, "The Piano Lesson." Time: 7:30 p.m. Place: Bagley Wright Theatre at Seattle Center. For tickets and information, call 443-2222.

Sat. April 24

HCC Children's Fair. Linda Severt's "Juggletunes" is a performance combining juggling, music, and physical comedy. Time: 12 p.m. Place: Bldg. 7

April 23 - 25

The 18th Annual Seattle Cherry Blossom and Japanese Cultural Festival gives a glimpse of Japanese life. Time: 12 p.m. Place: Seattle Center. For more information, call 626-4140.

Sun. May 2

Mexican Folk Dance by Ballet Folklorico "Ollin." Mexican folk dance from ancient Aztec dances to contemporary steps. Time: 2:30 p.m. Place: Bldg. 7

April 21 - May 9

"Kind Ness," a wacky comedy about five friends and their friend, a gorilla. Time: Tues. through Thurs. at 7:30 p.m., Sat. at 8 p.m., and Sun. at 7 p.m. Place: The Center House Theatre on the lower level at Seattle Center. For tickets and information, call 441-1299.

April 24 - May 8

The operetta "The Merry Widow," by Hungarian Franz Lehár, is an all-time operetta favorite. Time: 7:30 p.m. Place: Seattle Center Opera House. For more information, call 389-7676.

April 24 - 25

Master Gardener Foundation is holding a plant sale and garden fair. There will be free demonstrations and information. Time: 10 a.m. Place: Center for Urban Horticulture, 3501 NE 41st, by University of Washington. For more information, call 296-3900.

Tues. April 27

Seattle's National Organization of Women monthly meeting features Hazel Wolf, famous conservation activist. Her topic is "Women in Conservation," a history of activists in the 20th century. Time: 7 p.m. Place: Seattle Central Community College. For more information, call 632-8547.

Animation Festival

From nice to nauseating, you'll find it here

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ture Comforts," "Charade," and "Finger Wave" are the best of these. They entertain with flair and originality.

And for those audience members of the Ren and Stimpy persuasion, the Tournee does feature the pilot episode that started the rage, "Big House Blues."

The films that have a point to make also do a thorough, but imaginative, job of it. Watch for "Balance," and "Technological Threat," as

they are the superior shorts of this line-up.

The Tournee is also presenting a Midnight Madness feature that offers adult uncensored cartoons such as the erotic "Little Red Riding Hood" and "The Four Wishes" (which graphically demonstrates the be-careful-what-you-wish-for-because-it-might-come-true idea).

There are also cult classics such as "Jac Mac and Rad Boy GO!" and "Lupo the Butcher," which offer uncommon, and often disgusting, entertainment to the audience. These shorts are not all that shocking, but they do

display the darker, outrageous side of animation.

All of the films are very different, but each has qualities that surpass any common definition of a cartoon and each offers a small sample of what we non-animation festival types are missing.

It certainly proves that animation is a film art that sets the latest trends.

"The Best of the International Tournee of Animation" is playing at the Neptune Theatre, 1303 NE 45th Street, in the University District April 9-22. Call 633-5545 for showtimes and further information.

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SPORTS

Softball team full of potential, positive attitude

But there is no room for injuries

by James Lawson

The 1993 Highline Community College softball team will bring a new and exciting style of play to the softball field this season.

The team consists of nine players, seven who are in their first year of fast-pitch softball at the college level. Some of the players from last year's

squad aren't returning because of academic ineligibility.

"The team is an inexperienced one, but all the players have a good positive attitude and a upbeat style," third-year Head Coach Joe Frank said. "There are a lot of diamonds in the rough on this team."

The two returning players from last year, Lisa Lakin (first base) and Ta-Win Fernandes (infielder), think this is a well-organized team.

"Even though the other teams in our league have a

five-game head start, our team looks pretty good," Fernandes said.

At pitcher is Tamara Tillman from Hazen High School in Renton. Tillman will pitch most of the games with Lakin as the second pitcher.

Karrie McKinnis brings a good bat to the lineup, according to Coach Frank, and McKinnis also is the starting catcher. Donita Jerue is from Alaska and will be playing in the infield this season.

There is also a European

twist to the team in Natasha Tschopp, an exchange student from Switzerland.

"She had never played softball before and decided to try it this year. She has no bad habits and is easy to coach," Frank said.

Rounding out the rest of the team are Elena Anteren, Patricia Cuevas, and Elsie Bland.

"The difference between this year and last year is that we have four players a little older than usual that gives us some mental maturity," Frank

said.

When asked what are the strong assets on the team, Frank said, "The team this season is a defensively sound one and we have some good hitters in Lakin, McKinnis and Fernandes. We will also rely heavily on our pitching."

With the softball season already underway, make sure to attend a game before the season is over.

See the spring sports schedule on this page for times and dates of upcoming games.

-Sports opinion-

Just how far can the Sonics go in the playoffs this year?

by Gary Lewis

The Seattle Supersonics are on their way to the NBA playoffs. When they start the first round they will be playing Karl Malone, John Stockton and the likes of the Utah

Jazz. If the Sonics can get by the Jazz, they will most likely play the Houston Rockets in the second round, who will probably play the L.A. Clippers in the first round, which should be an easy series for them. If the Sonics beat Houston in the second round, then,

with the exception of an upset, they will meet the Phoenix Suns in the Western Conference Finals. This will be the toughest series for the Sonics because they have had a hard time matching up with the Suns at times and the Suns will have home-court advantage.

Looking at the first round,

I feel the Sonics should do pretty well. Having home-court advantage against Utah will be a big help — and with the memory of last year fresh in Shawn Kemp's mind I think they can take this series in four out of five games.

The second round is still in the air as to who will have home-court advantage. Going into last weekend, Houston and Seattle were tied at 51-25, with the Sonics having six games left, including Saturday against Houston. Seattle matches up well with the Rockets and should take this series in six games, that is, if they have home-court

advantage. If the Sonics don't get past the second round, a lot of people, including me, will be disappointed.

If the Sonics can get to the conference finals, which I think they should, they will in all likelihood face the Phoenix Suns. Phoenix, having the best record in the NBA, is going to be very hard to beat. Charles Barkley will be higher than a kite to go on to the finals, and if Kevin Johnson is without injury it will be a tough combination to beat.

What it will take for the Sonics to beat the Suns will be Kemp having a great series, Gary Payton scoring and

handing out assists, or Nate McMillan doing the same. Derrick McKey has to shut down whoever he's playing and help out on Barkley if he's not playing directly on him at the time. If Sam Perkins can pull in some rebounds, and Dana Barros can hit the three, the Sonics will have a shot. I don't see the Sonics getting by Phoenix unless the whole team plays together for the win.

It will be very hard for the Sonics to get to the NBA Finals, but if they do, I think they will play the New York Knicks and will get out-muscled in five to six games.

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Spring Sports Schedule

Softball					Track & Field			
Day	Date	Opponent	Place	Time	Day	Date	Opponent	Place
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 Champ.	Vancouver, Wa.
Sat.	4/24	Tournament	Longview	TBA	Tue.	5/4	Multi-Event Champ.	Vancouver, Wa.
Sat.	5/1	Wenatchee Valley	Wenatchee	2 p.m.	Sat.	5/15	SPU Invite	UW, Seattle

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Licari hopes quality can replace missing quantity

Team getting by with few athletes

by Cory Magel

The term "quantity vs. quality" applies to many things, including this year's Highline Community College 1993 track and field team. Quality is not a problem this year, with a number of team members being ranked in the higher range of conference athletes. Unfortunately, quantity is where the difficulty comes into play.

Normally, the HCC track and field team would have more members than the current number of less than 15. This is going to cause the team problems all season long. Due to ineligibility and injuries the team has lost a number of key players. Of those 15 or less active athletes only Jamie Gardner, Tim Meines, Jody Page and Ian Hergert are second-year track

members. Even of those second-year athletes only one, Jamie Gardner, ran here at HCC last year.

"It's kind of been an unfortunate season so far with ineligibility and injury problems," said Coach Pat Licari. With roughly three instances in each category of athletes not being eligible or being injured, the HCC track and field team's roster has been significantly reduced.

Yet even with the problems, Licari has hopes that they will do better this year. According to Licari, in the 1992 season, although in the same situation as far as ineligibilities and injuries, the team finished in an expected fourth place.

With the team being a little stronger this year even with so few members, Licari is hopeful that they will do better. A finish somewhere in the top three spots is not out of the question, but Licari says that it is hard to predict anything yet. Teams such as

Clackamas, which Licari estimated to be over 40 members strong, may out-score HCC simply because of their abundance of athletes.

New to this year's coaching staff is Shelton Jackson. As a former member of the HCC track and field team and top conference athlete, Jackson placed second in the 1500 meters during the 1992 season.

The athletes currently active and competing on the HCC track and field team practice roughly two to three hours a day, usually on their own schedule. It is of utmost importance that the team members stay healthy if they expect to finish in the upper rankings.

Quality team members like Peter Votava, second in the conference in the Javelin; Jeff Barry, who leads in the discus and is third in the shotput; Tim Meines, who is third in the 800 meters and fifth in the 1500 meters; and Jamie Gardner, who is second in the 5000 meters, fill out a good part of the small HCC track and field team roster. Although there are even more top athletes at HCC, not all of them are available due to the numerous ineligibilities and injuries.

Other track and field events include the hurdles, relays, vertical and horizontal jumps,

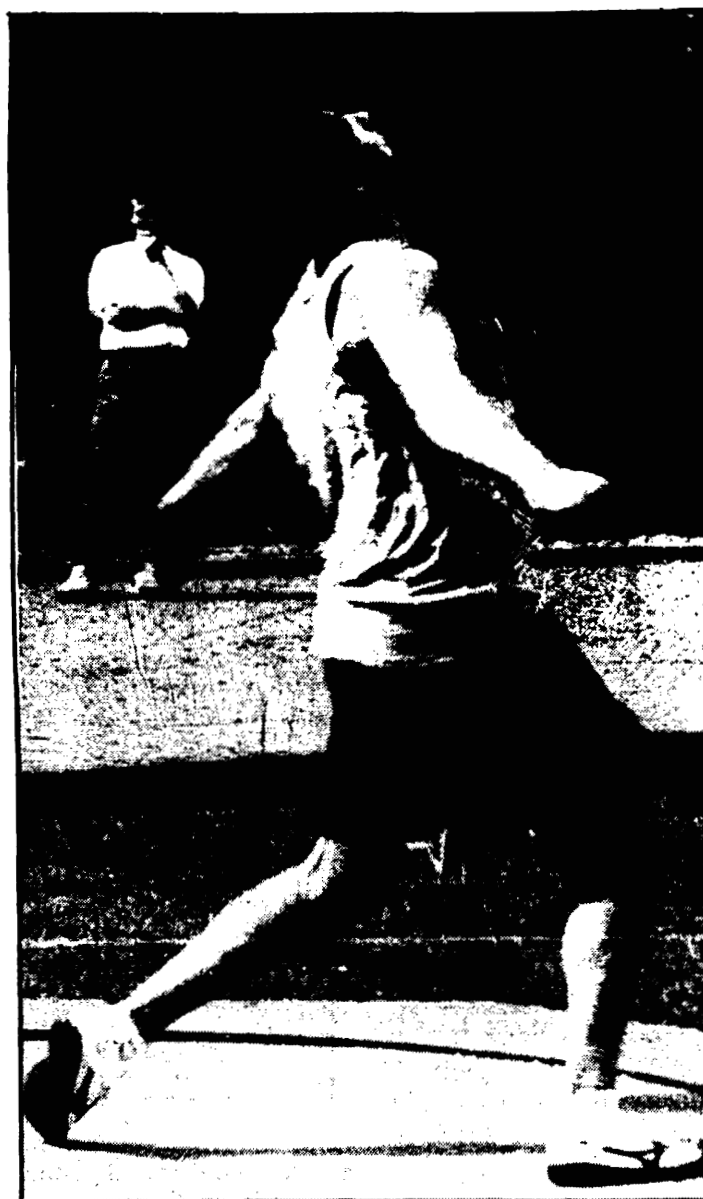


Photo by Gary Lewis

HCC track & field member Jeff Barry releases the discus during a recent practice, while Head Coach Pat Licari looks on in the background.

the 3,000 meter steeple chase, discus, shotput, and hammer throw.

The remainder of upcoming events on the track and field 1993 schedule are: Friday, April 30, at the Pelluer Invite in Spokane, WA.; Monday and Tuesday, May 4 and 5, at the Multi-Event Championships in Vancouver, WA.; Saturday, May 15, at

the SPU Invite held at the University of Washington; and Thursday and Friday, May 27 and 28 is the NWAACC Championships in Spokane, WA.

With the Pelluer Invite coming up next, the team will be concentrating on a more individual basis because of the small number of athletes active.

Wanted: 130 Host families needed this summer for the University of Washington Homestay Program. The UofW is seeking families and individuals to host high school and university students from Japan for one weekend this summer as part of the UW's international weekend Homestay Program. Hosts are needed for the weekends of July 23-25, Aug. 13-15, Aug. 20-22, and Aug. 27-29. Nearly 100 of those families are needed for the last two weekends in August. The Homestay Program is an excellent opportunity for hosts and the visiting international students to increase their awareness and understanding of different cultures.

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-Sports opinion-

Sorry Atlanta, Reds over Rangers in '93 W.S.

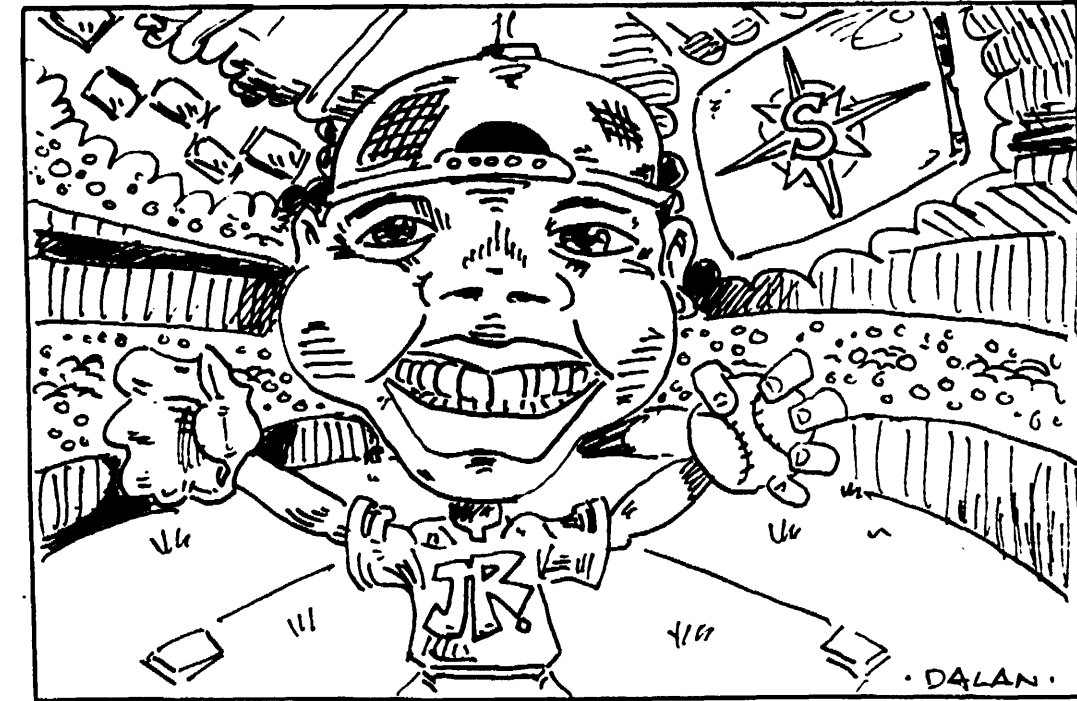
by James Lawson



When I wake up in the morning, the smell of pine tar withers my senses. I can hear the spitting of tobacco juice echoing in the dugouts. There is only one sport that can produce images of that nature, and that sport is baseball.

The 1993 Major League Baseball season is wide open in every division (that's right, even the Seattle Mariners have a legitimate shot at a divisional crown). This season will be an interesting one indeed with two new teams in the National League: the Florida Marlins and Colorado Rockies. Also, six teams have new and improved uniforms, and there are new faces on every team from Barry Bonds on the San Francisco Giants to the Mariners broadcast team (we'll miss Ken Levine... NOT!).

The division where virtually each team has a chance of coming out on top is the American League West. No longer is the AL West thought of as the Oakland A's, Minnesota Twins and five other teams. While Oakland and Minnesota both were losing some key free agents, teams like the Texas Rangers and Kansas City Royals vastly improved by some major acquisitions. Kansas City dramatically improved this off-season after a disappointing 1992 season (72 wins, 90 losses). The Royals addressed their biggest problems of starting pitching, a clean-up hitter, and defense up the



middle with David Cone, Felix Jose, Greg Gagne and Jose Lind.

The other team to look out for this season is Texas. With one of the most dangerous batting orders in baseball, the only question with the Rangers is their pitching. If new Rangers Charlie Liebrandt, Craig Lefferts, and Tom Henke put together good seasons, and Kevin Brown and Nolan Ryan pitch like they did last year, then this is the team to beat.

Along with Kansas City, this is the beginning of good things to come for Seattle. With Lou Piniella at the helm, four rookies, and Norm Charlton on the pitching staff, the Mariners will have some heart-stopping games but should improve on their earned run average. An all-star nucleus of Ken Griffey Jr., Edgar Martinez, Omar Vizquel, and Randy Johnson will keep this team improving game to game.

And you can't count out the Chicago White Sox. The White Sox will no doubt be in the race behind the power of

Frank Thomas and Jack McDowell. There is not much to say about the California Angels except good luck next year. Chicago and Minnesota will be the teams favored to win the division, but if the Texas pitching staff can come through look for the Rangers to win their first ever AL West pennant.

The American League East is a weaker division compared to the AL West but it does consist of three very good teams. The Toronto Blue Jays, Baltimore Orioles, and New York Yankees all have players to win the division this year. Toronto, who won the World Series last year, will be picked by the majority of the sportswriters to finish in first place. The Blue Jays, however, lost some key contributors to last year's team; gone are Cone, Henke, Dave Winfield, Jimmy Key, and Manuel Lee. The Toronto front office will have to trade for an established starting pitcher if they want to repeat the feats of last year.

Look out for Baltimore and New York this season, two

teams on the rise. Baltimore is a balanced team with a solid batting lineup, pitching depth, and is the best defensive team in the division. New York is the most interesting team this year with the blend of young talent and the additions of veteran all-stars. The Yankees traded for Jim Abbott and Paul O'Neill, and signed free agents Jimmy Key and Wade Boggs. By making those deals, the Yankees will deposit even more baseballs onto the short right field porch while Abbott and Key limit the opposing left-handed batter's home runs.

The Cleveland Indians and Milwaukee Brewers have an outside shot at the division but it won't be enough to catch those Bronx bombers from New York.

The National League East is the weakest division in baseball, no doubt about it. Any team, with the exception of the expansion Marlins, has the ability to finish in first place this year. The St. Louis Cardinals should break from the pack and win the NL East if no significant injuries oc-

cur. The Cardinals have team speed and budding superstars in Ray Lankford, Bernard Gilkey, and Donovone Osborne.

The Philadelphia Phillies could surprise everybody and win the NL East considering the weaknesses in the rest of the division. Lenny Dykstra dictates how the Phillies will play and how well the tobacco industry will do the 1993 fiscal year. The New York Mets, Montreal Expos, Pittsburgh Pirates, and Chicago Cubs can all be contenders for the division by the end of the season.

The National League West is by far the best division in baseball. The NL West includes the Atlanta Braves and Cincinnati Reds (the two best teams in baseball), Bonds (the best player in baseball today), and the best pitching in baseball. Atlanta is too good to be true. Not since the Big Red Machine in the early 1970s has a team been expected to win it all. The Braves could have four 20-game winners this season with Greg Maddux, Tom Glavine, John Smoltz, and Steve Avery, so the expectations should be there.

If there is a team that can oust the Braves off their perch it's the Reds. Cincinnati made major changes this off-season to combat the Braves stranglehold of the division. Look for the Reds to steal the division at the end of the season.

According to my "genius baseball mind," the Rangers and Yankees will clash in the ALCS while the Reds and Cardinals duel in the NLCS. And in the World Series the Reds will sweep the Rangers to win their second title in four years.

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