

Lawmakers consider more tuition increases

by Heather DeLauter

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

House Higher Education Committee Chairman Ken Jacobsen has suggested a 77 percent increase to jumps state college tuition.

Jacobsen’s proposal will increase students’ college costs by $37 million in the 1993-94 school year. Jacobsen’s proposal is designed to increase state college tuition, which means that students receiving grants do not have to pay the increased costs of tuition.

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Mike Lawey, director of financial aid, said that there would be more information and more classes available. He plans to spend $37 million on new programs and the state would also extend financial aid.

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Over $37 million of state college tuition was directed by Donna Wilson, vice president of student services. According to Wilson, the proposal calls for a 15 percent increase to gauge the reactions of students and faculty. However, Jacobson suggested a 77 percent increase to gauge the reactions of students and faculty. However, Jacobson suggested a 77 percent increase to gauge the reactions of students and faculty. However, Jacobson suggested a 77 percent increase to gauge the reactions of students and faculty. However, Jacobson suggested a 77 percent increase.

The accreditation committee of the College Academic Senate, composed of instructors and administrators from across the country, evaluated Highline Community College and its operations on April 16-18. Each person was assigned a specific department to evaluate.

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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 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 — 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 HCSU Constitution, Articles V and XIV, Section 1, there are several requirements for a candidate 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. In the student government office in Bldg. 3, upper lobby, the Executive Council members must enroll for at least eight credit hours. Each held in May.

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 to $25,200 to $30,000, as of April 1.

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

If international president, I will be able to voice my opinion on certain issues," Cassias said.

“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.

Correction

The March 15 article entitled “Cafeteria losing money yearly...” confused Tazz’s gross receipts with its net income, falsely indicating a yearly profit of $152,000, a heavily overinflated figure. The ThunderWord sincerely regrets this error.
I,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 Illene 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, "Facility 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 teach teachers to promote the 1,010 number, even though Griffis had already decided not to ask.

Lawmakers haggle

Tuition hikes proposed

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 to $28,000 million, which is less than the amount Lowry and Jacobson proposed.

At a $230.2 million, the Senate would increase the enrollment of full-time equivalent students to 2,500. "Sen. Rinehart understands community colleges more," Swanson 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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Des Moines police battle rising crime by stressing citizen involvement

by Ken Steffenson

The Oly 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 car) 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 1991, 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 in the parking lot."

Police consider a crime "cleaned" when it 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 are lower than the national average.

"We're addressing getting out in the community ... 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."

Mitch Barker, police spokesman

"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.
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 this stuff. Woody has employed his usual trick of accusing Mia of being a “putrefying corpse” just as he did during their custody battle, bringing out the photograph of Mia with a woman he claims is his adopted daughter Soon-Yi.

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

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 can be an adventure in itself.

Hartene 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 bikes, or maybe take longer and use public transportation.

There is another option - carpooling. Having less cars on the road can make a difference. Woody has paid his dues. He was publicly humiliated; he admitted that his affair with Mia’s 22-year old adopted daughter Soon-Yi

Campus Commentary
compiled by Krista Sobayda
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 do 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 Hutchinson
HCC employee

April 19, 1993
Quit your bitching, HCC students
by Jason Clever
Editor-in-Chief

Quit your bitching, students of Highline Community College. The threat of inflation and books isn’t all that high. Currently, full-time HCC students spend $133 per 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 textbooks 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 “Seasame Street,” “Nova,” “The MacNeil/Lehrer Hour,” and “Barney & Friends” may be enough education to impress the 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 point of learning any knowledge in your curriculum without wisdom to make it stick somewhere? Grab a used bookstore and read fifty-year-old novels buried beneath inches of dust. Don’t worry though. The accumulation of dust isn’t much worse than being engulfed in second-hand 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 Ramun.

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 answer questions such as “In the movie The Crow, who played Brandon Lee’s double after his unfortunate death?” Recite movie 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 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 Monster burgers 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.

The funnies aren’t so funny anymore
by Jillian Willingham
Editorial Editor

Some comic strips have become rather tame 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 teen-age to stereotypes that get quite boomerish after awhile. It’s wrong for newspaper comic strip to deviate 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 use 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 fub)fexion “wait-to-have-sex-until-you’re-in-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 to current events and opinions is the editorial page. Doonesbury is commonly, and appropriately, placed on the editorial page because that is where political concerns 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 shuffled 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 solid 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.

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Write a letter to the ThunderWord editor.
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Romance in the air at HCC

by Ken Steffenson

A common complaint heard from single people, especially as spring hits and the weather warms, is that there are few places in most interesting members of the opposite sex. This is true of many college campuses, regardless of enrollment size, which would seem to encourage spontaneous quality time with someone special.

Circumstances work well with people who share common interests and goals. Then a campus could be an ideal place to meet interesting people and make new friends. At Highline Community College, spring is a time to get or with little imagination, there are a lot of activities calling and that is one reason people are interested in too; they're about to find people with common interests.

Both Richardson and Mathews are very busy with school and work, in their free time for recreation they do have a hobby, they relax by walking or gazing at words or looking at the scenery. "Kimberly Jackson, a student who is part of the HCC campus for three years now and is graduating this spring, said that taking the initiative and introducing oneself to people in the best approach for meeting them. Because of the busy schedule of most students, Jackson added "it's hard to establish solid friendly relationships with them."

Many college students are working on self-improvement values, "Mathews lives this as a beneficial factor in meeting people, she works in the HCC Library, so she meets people every day," she noted. "You've got some that you feel you met and that kind of thing, and so if you're interested in that too, you're about to find people with common interests." Mathews said.

Romance in the air at HCC

by Krista Sohayda

Never-ending search for allergy relief wages on

by Natasha Robison

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Peas by Gary Lewis

Bright, hot fashion in for spring

by Natasha Robison

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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. They light dim, the music swells and the cartoons begin.

Cartoons?

Not cartoons exactly. More like animation films. This’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 Best of the International Tournee” is a collection of past favorites from other “Tournees” and 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.

Truth on weathered totem

by Cory Magel

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

“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 textual surface...” Owin 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 fire. 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.

Owin’s ‘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
you will deafen you
I am the blade of grass that bends in the wind too
I am the wind
Turn around and see yourself watching

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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 week 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: Burndale Homes, Firwood Circle, and Green River Homes. 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. "In school, it's who you have, or you don't have, or they [the children] have you. I think it's a great experience.

Tutors are required to attend a one-and-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.

What's Happening

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

- **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: 7:30 p.m. Place: Bell Gardens 7.
  - 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.

- **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.

- **April 24**
  - Seattle Repertory Theatre performs August Wilson's "Juggletunes," a performance combining juggling, music, and physical comedy. Time: 7:30 p.m. Place: Bell Gardens 7.
  - For tickets and information, call 443-1299.

- **April 24 - May 8**
  - The opera "The Merry Widow," by Hungarian Franz Lehar, is an all-time opera favorite. Time: 7:30 p.m. Place: Seattle Center Opera House.
  - For more information, call 389-7676.

- **April 24 - 25**
  - For more information, call 632-8547.

**Animation Festival**

From nice to nauseating, you'll find it here.

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- "Charade," and "Finger Wave" are the best of these. They entertain with flair and originality.
  - 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-carefulwhat-you-wish-for-because-it-might-come-true idea).

- There are also cult classics such as "Jae Mac and Rad Boy CDH!" 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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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 Fernandez (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," Fernandez said.

"I think the difference between this year and last year is that we have four players a little older than usual that gives us a certain maturity," Frank said.

When asked what are the strong assets on the team, Frank said, "The team this season is defensively sound and we have some good hitters in Lakin, McKinnis and Fernandez. 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 last year's新鲜 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 get to the conference finals, which I think they should, they will in all likelihood face the Phoenix Suns. Phoenix, having the worst record in the NBA, is going to be very hard to beat. The Sonics have a tough combination to beat.

What it will take for the Sonics to beat the Suns will be a tough combination to beat. It will be very difficult 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.
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 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 and field team members. Even of those second-year athletes only one, Jamie Gardner, run 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 allittle 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 100 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, the 3000 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 Puller 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 Puller Invite coming up next, the team will be concentrating on a more individual basis because of the small number of athletes active.

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

By James Longmire

When I wake up in the morning, the sound of pine needles crunch- ing beneath my feet. The sun is shining through the window, and I can hear the distant sounds of birds singing. It's a beautiful day, and I'm excited for the game.

Frank Thomas and Jack McDowell. There's no denying the fact that the Chicago Cubs have a legitimate shot at winning the National League East this season. With the departure of .450 hitter Mark McGwire to the Angels, the Cubs have the opportunity to fill the void. If they can get their starting rotation back on track, they could be a force to be reckoned with.

The American League East is a weaker division compared to the AL West, where the Rangers and Angels are the clear favorites. The Red Sox and Yankees have some key players injured, but they shouldn't be counted out completely. The Blue Jays, on the other hand, have a solid lineup and pitching staff that could make a run for the division title.

The National League West is a tough division, with the Dodgers, Padres, and Diamondbacks all vying for the championship. The Dodgers have a strong lineup and pitching staff, but the Padres have a young and talented team that could surprise everyone.

In the National League East, the Mets and Atlanta Braves are the clear favorites. The Mets have a strong rotation and a lineup that can score runs. The Braves, though, have the advantage of playing in the worst division in baseball. They have the best pitching staff in the league, and their offense is potent enough to win the division.

The American League West is a tight race between the Rangers and Angels. The Rangers have the advantage of playing in what is considered the weakest division in baseball. The Angels, on the other hand, have a strong rotation and a lineup that can score runs.

Overall, the American League West is the strongest division in baseball, with the Rangers and Angels having the strongest rotations. The National League East is a close race between the Mets and Braves, while the National League West is a tight battle between the Mets and Braves. The American League West is the weakest division in baseball, with the Rangers and Angels having the advantage.

It's going to be an exciting season, and I can't wait to see how it all plays out. The baseball season is wide open, and anything can happen. It's going to be a fun ride!