HCC financial aid requests jump 71 percent since 1987
by Krista Sohayda

If you are among the many students looking to apply for financial aid, you may notice a significant increase. According to Jeff Babington, director of financial aid, the number of applications to HCC has increased by 71 percent since 1987. Babington attributes this increase to several factors, including rising tuition costs, economic uncertainty, and the availability of financial resources.

Summer construction projects endangered by budget cuts
by Cory Magel

The ongoing Washington state budget impasse has led to delays in funding for several maintenance and remodeling projects scheduled for this summer at Highline Community College. According to Thomas Johnson, associate director of facilities for capital projects, "We have been requested to reduce costs where possible."

Registration requirements may tighten
by Ken Vanderpauw

Highline Community College's Curriculum Committee dropped a hurdle from its Senate Committee meeting March 26 when it recommended passage of two proposals which would affect college entrance and prerequisite requirements in HPC. The first proposal requires that students maintain an average (GPA) of 2.0 - defined as "satisfactory achievement" - in each semester to maintain eligibility for financial aid. The second proposal recommends that a grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 be used to define "satisfactory achievement." Assistant professor of education, Sue Grogan, said, "Not only do we want to encourage students to maintain a certain level of academic performance, but we also want to provide options for those who may have struggled in the past."
EDITORYAL

Withdrawing from classes causes problems for others

by Jason Clever
Editor-in-Chief

Don't withdraw from one of your classes for the wrong reasons. According to R.I. Robins of the Highline Community College Registration, a total of 855 students voluntarily withdrew from one of their classes during winter quarter. Without 1,607 students enrolled at HCC during winter quarter, that's approximately 10 percent of all HCC students withdrawing from one or more of their classes.

Withdrawing from a class is understandable as instructors' syllabi is unreasonable, the student's schedule becomes too hectic, or the student is taking too far out of his or her academic league. However, I see too many HCC students withdraw from classes for the wrong reasons. Some students feel that troubles with the course work, it might students withdraw from classes for the winter quarter, that's approximately 8,607 Highline Community College students.

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Voluntary withdrawals give students a way to avoid their responsibilities and to spend more taxpayer dollars. The more classes that a student withdraws from will result in a longer stay at HCC for the student. In addition, other students suffer by having less options to choose from when registering.

So don't withdraw from your classes for the wrong reasons. Don't take the easy way out, because in the long run, it won't be.

Women should be able to serve in active military duty

by Cory Magel

Over the years, women have been slowly gaining the recognition of the rights they deserve. Thanks to a Navy proposal approved by Admiral Frank Kelso, in just under four years, women will possibly have gained the right to pilot military aircraft in combat and fill other combat-related roles.

It has been recommended to Secretary of Defense Les Aspin by senior Navy admiral that the ban on women in Air Force and Navy combat roles be ended. Aspin is expected to approve the Navy's proposal. This proposal would allow women to take combat roles, including stations on warships and submarines, by 1998. If women can qualify to become fighter pilots or gain combat positions and win one of those positions, then they should be allowed to. There can really be no objection to a female soldier if she meets all of the necessary qualifications.

Allowing women to take combat roles is, realistically, a very small step. However, in regard to political and historical opinion, it is a giant step. If the Navy allows women to fill combat roles, the other armed forces will have little choice but to follow suit.

It has been argued that women are even more mentally stable than men in combat.

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Campus Commentary

compiled by Krista Sohayda
photographed by Gary Lewis

Question: Do you think that the Waco, TX, standoff was handled in a proper manner?

"If they knew that they were going to commit suicide, why didn't they just go in there and torch the place to begin with?"
-A.J.
HCC student

"I think it's pretty sad that we have to go to violence to resolve a situation like that. I think we should have negotiated, however long it took."
-Linda Baker
HCC student

"As a matter of fact, he [David Koresh] wasn't a normal person. In fact, he was insane; I think they did the right thing."
-Mohamed Ismail
HCC student

"No. I think they could have gone in there and taken those people out. I don't think they had to kill themselves."
-Brenda Ford
Health Services employee

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Letters to the ThunderWord editor

Response to "The funnies aren't so funny anymore"
To Editorials Editor

I am quite disturbed about your editorial concerning "socally conscious" comic strips. You make a good point—"the funnies aren't so funny anymore"—but the point you are making is that comic strips today are insensible, degrading, and insensitive.

To an elite sophisticate like yourself, it may be that "coming out of the closet" and men sex have been mocked so much that by now you seem like dead issues. This is not the case, however. As editor of a newspaper (and therefore a guardian of the First Amendment), you are responsible for making sure you do not print anything that could be dangerous.

Randi Earwood, Educational Planning Center

To ThunderWord Editor:
The article by Jason Clever on the suicide for HCC was clearly written and an enjoyable read. I found no errors in your paper, and I would suggest that some editing be done to the student's work. She doesn't seem to object.

In the history of cartooning, you will find that there are dog very deep implications. Of course, poking fun at royalty often gets your head cut off. We seem to lack humor now, but the effect is the same, I, too, would like some fun back into the comics and a good super hero or heroine. Are we beginning to take ourselves too seriously again?

Keep up the good work.
The proud mother of an HCC student,
E.J. Toy

Woman is victim of verbal assault
To ThunderWord Editor:
On March 15 with winter classes almost over, I went to make some copies on the second floor of the student union. At 10:30 a.m., I was verbally assaulted by a group of men. I am writing this because I want students to know harassment does happen on campus. It takes many forms, making noises, comments. These methods are used by some groups of men to put women "in their place." In front of their clique, they can tease women with dirt. If you receive the brunt of this or are a witness, I urge you to identify these men and report them. Let's take back the cafeteria, and take back our school. It can start here.

To Senua's Soul
Bought around me

Lil miss — impress your friends — I'm in wait
Throw a tongue word
Right at my heart
One may bounce off
But a life...
Oh you woman — A Lifetime
No enzyme can digest
This flood of this Passing through my veins.
Sincerely,
Suzanne Balasa

The clam debate: Go, fight, clams!

To ThunderWord Editor:
I have received various correspondences recently by Dr. Carel and a disgusted by his outrageous and arbitrary use of an untruthful headnote.

What form of anxiety is this that we should have our beloved thunderbird turned into a clown? What is the motive for this travesty? One can only speculate what Dr. Carel's reasons are.

Perhaps the good Doctor is once clad short of a bucket, as has been rumored.
GO, FIGHT, CLAMS!
Fred Harris, Athletic Director

Survey results reveal society's lack of knowledge about the WWII Holocaust

To ThunderWord's policy letter
regarding paid advertisements, public service announcements, and story suggestions in Bldg. 10, room 105.

Write a letter to the ThunderWord editor.

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Murphy Brown was right; Dan Quayle was wrong

Writer takes issue with April cover of The Atlantic, which agrees with Quayle's opinion of society

by Cory Magel

The Dan Quayle versus Murphy Brown incident has dragged on for what seems like an eternity. In a comment that may have had a dramatic effect on the general public's respect for him and his boss, Dan Quayle blamed America's social problems on characters such as Murphy Brown - an unwed, working, single-parent woman who personifies much of America's population.

On the April cover of The Atlantic, a national magazine of trends and ideas, the title of an article side with Quayle written by Barbara Defoe Whitehead: "Dan Quayle Was Right." John Carlson, whose column appears in the editorial pages of The Seattle Times each Tuesday, then wrote a column which backed up The Atlantic and claimed Quayle was right. After spewing out statistic after statistic, the last paragraph of Carlson's editorial was written as follows: "They can pretend no longer. The Atlantic was right, Quayle was right. And our grandparents were right."

But Quayle was wrong. Their grandparents were wrong. There are no single-parent families. Murphy Brown was right.

Our generation values and morals are changing. We see things in a more realistic and reasonable way than before.

Women should be able to participate in military duty

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situations. It has also been argued that they simply do not have the physical capabilities to fill combat roles.

On the other hand, there are always exceptions.

Female pilots have the chance to show their ability during the Persian Gulf War. Commander Rosemary Mariner, an A-7 Intruder pilot, was quoted in The Seattle Times as saying, "That's where we've committed our skills and talents."

Mariner is also president of the Women Military Aviators, an organization of over 600 female pilots.

It has been accepted that women pilots were in combat zones during the Gulf War, although none of them are known to have actually participated in any kind of active combat.

Aviation Electronic Technician Robert Childs, a future naval pilot who is stationed at the Lemoore Naval Air Station in California and will soon be attending Highline Community College, said, "If they can meet the specifications and have what it takes, then by all means, let them. It doesn't really affect me. I don't see why not."

Some critics claim that the ban is simply expressing concern about the woman's safety, but, if a woman is well aware of all the risks and challenges and is willing to accept them, who is the United States military to deny her this privilege?
Marijuana: a little plant with a big controversy

by Robert Whale
News Editor

The drive to legalize marijuana is associated in the minds of many people with brain-fried dopers, counter-cultural types passing out petitions at folk festivals and street fairs while radios blare Grateful Dead tunes. Whether or not that picture was ever accurate, by 1993 it has clearly gone out of date. The chorus of voices calling for relaxation of marijuana laws has recently added to its ranks sober pillars of the establishment. National Review Editor William F. Buckley and former Secretary of State George Schultz are among the people calling for the abolition of the current marijuana laws.

Surgeon General Jocelyn Elders wants to allow physicians to use marijuana for medical purposes, a practice banned by the Food and Drug Administration in 1970 because of "equally acceptable alternative methods of treatment." According to Mark Mason, a Highline Community College student and member of Washington Citizens for Drug Policy Reform (WCDPR), supporters of marijuana legalization come from all walks of life. They are policemen, lawyers, judges, teachers and economists. By and large, they believe that the current laws are ineffective, that they encourage black-market profiteering and cram our prisons with people who need not be there.

This diverse group has thrown its support behind the latest chapter of the legalization campaign in Washington state, Initiative 595. Among other things, 595 would allow "private use [of marijuana] by persons over 21, but outlaw public advertising, use or display." Initiative 595

No one has ever died from smoking marijuana. One out of every five Americans in all walks of life say they have tried it.
Nutrition 'Labelesc' tricks even the smartest shoppers

by Cassandra Anthony Guest Writer

May 3, 1993

try. YAMI Pecan Praline

I'm not sure what brand to bargain. It seems as though the average consumer needs to get caught up in a whirlwind of understanding, they get confused and don't know how to proceed. According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the average consumer may buy it because he or she is happy with the information on the front of the container in big, bright letters. Because the advertising division of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is required to become educated in label reading and nutrition so that food items can be confusing to consumers and may cause problems with those who are impressionable or who are easily deceived. These terms are not just word games; they are words that are used to sell food items. It is necessary to understand what is written on the container in order to understand what the consumer in mind. The term is sometimes extended to include animal products or processed foods in which the value of food items is based on the addition of synthetic colors, flavors, or preservatives and have advertising that may be misleading. The term is sometimes extended to include animal products or processed foods in which the value of food items is based on the addition of synthetic colors, flavors, or preservatives and have advertising that may be misleading. The term is sometimes extended to include animal products or processed foods in which the value of food items is based on the addition of synthetic colors, flavors, or preservatives and have advertising that may be misleading.

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FEATURES

HCC drama students move on to bigger and better roles

by Anne Meldrum
Features Editor

As adrenaline rushes through every part of an actor’s body, rehearsed lines run through his memory at the last minute: he’s on in thirty seconds. The audience roars. Five, four, three, two, one…he’s on.

The students of the Highline Community College drama department experience this every time they perform.

This year, Claude File, HCC drama department instructor, filled in for Christiana Taylor who is on sabbatical leave for a year. File’s instruction has helped drama students get accepted to various schools and programs.

Next year, Marcus Ho, HCC drama student, will be attending New York University Tisch School of the Arts. This prestigious school accepted auditions from all over the country, File said, “I was very pleased. He did an excellent, excellent job.”

Ho said he was excited for the move, and “was pretty esthetic” about being accepted. Ho, who feels he wasn’t really focused until his second year in the drama department, said, “I’ve learned a lot.” Ho’s goals are to continue his education and to get involved in films and movies.

Craig Morrow was accepted to Neighborhood Playhouse, which is another well-known acting school. Actors such as Dustin Hoffman and Robert Duval have come from there.

There are other actors that have received recognition from outside sources. Chris Dietz auditioned for Yale University, but is still waiting for the results. Tim O’gara had an offer from Children’s Theater, which he turned down. Don Swanson was invited to a Shakespeare Festival in Idaho.

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The better the turnout is for all-ages shows, the more of them there will be in the future. So if you think laughter will do your spirits good, you may have to search a little, but it’s out there for you.

Comedy clubs provide gags, giggles and guffaws for minors

by Ken Steffenson

Seattle is a city with an eclectic image. The home of big airplanes, computer software giants, grunge music and more than a few espresso carts, the city also boasts a populace reputed to be very laid back (ironic, considering the music and caffeine).

But like people everywhere, Seattleites seek an occasional laugh to mix with their varied lifestyles. Television sitcoms and cable comedy shows are used to satisfy this desire, as is the thrill of a live show.

But unfortunately for those under the age of 21, the four full-time comedy clubs in Seattle are all bars. Without the required years under the belt, or convincing fake ID in the wallet, the under-21 crowd has limited options for viewing live-comedy shows.

The Comedy Underground, located in Pioneer Square, opened 12 years ago and was the first full-time comedy club in Seattle, according to co-manager Laura Crocker. She and her husband, comedian Ron Reid, have been running the club since December 1990, and recently saw the need for younger adults to have a place to see the area’s popular comedians.

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Student Outcomes

Self-Assessment Questions

Five years from now, if you could only remember five things from your education here at HCC, what would they be? What are you doing right now to strengthen these areas?

Student self-assessment questions are meant to be “food for thought,” but we would love to have your written answers to these and future questions in the Self-Assessment Box in the cafeteria of Bldg. 8.
Marijuana, cont. from Page 5

Dopers aren't the only ones lighting up

Center and the University of
Washington treat cancer and
AIDS patients with Marinol,
a synthetic form of tetrahy-
drocannabinol (THC), the
active ingredient in mari-
juana. Packed into a pill, it
is intended to combat the
side effects of cancer treatments.

One drawback of Marinol,
according to Mason, is that
people who are nauseated
and throwing up are not likely
to keep a pill down. Also, un-
like taking a drug on a mari-
juana cigarette, Marinol does
not give patients “the munchies” that are so helpful
in combating the wasting syn-
drome.

Health care professionals
like Mary Lou Holland of
HCC are decidedly skeptical
about the wisdom of legaliz-
ing marijuana.

"It is illegal, and until
I have never known it to have a
positive effect...It’s like driving a car
without a seat belt. Why run the risk?
There are a lot of noxious things
in there, much more than with tobacco."
—Mary Lou Holland

Jones and Dale Lovinger ex-
amines marijuana from every
angle—moral, social, medi-
cal — and finds volumes of
medical problems.

Side effects such as short-
term memory loss, mouth
cancers, damage to the respi-
atory system, as well as
sexual system dysfunction are
only the tip of the iceberg,
according to Jones and
Lovinger.

One of the most troubling
aspects of marijuana is that it
contains some 400+ known
chemical constituents, and the
effects of all on the human
body are not definitely un-
derstood. Doctors are leery
about the possibility of their
patients ingesting all those
unknowns.

Mark Mason is quick to argue about the merits of can-
nabis, and says he is living
proof that most of the charges made
about the ill effects of marijuana are
false.

"I’ve been smoking it since
1966," he said. "I have a degree in
economics and a 3.9 grade
point average." He disagrees
strongly with the Gateway
theory of drug abuse, which
claims that all people who
end up on hard drugs like
cocaine and heroin began with
marijuana.

"I never had any desire to
use any of the others," he
said. "The gateway theory is an
absolute fallacy, and that’s
been known for a long time.

Proposers of marijuana
legalization claim that state
governments could turn
current illicit drug markets into
needed tax revenue. Their
opponents argue that all le-
galization would accomplish
would be to open up new
black markets for those whom
the law would exclude for
possessing or smoking mari-
juana, i.e., people under 21
years of age.

One of the most intriguing
possibilities, according to
Tremaine, is that the variety
of cannabis known as hemp
could be a real money-maker.
Hemp, which differs from
the smoking marijuana in that it
has a fraction of the THC, has
been used for thousands of
years to make sails, rope, pa-
per, clothing — literally hun-
dreds of applications that are
not being pursued. Tremaine
sees a whole host of economic
benefits to derive from this.
HCC's busiest student competitive in two sports

by James Lawson

If you shoot you have the toughest schedule at Highline Community College, you might be wrong. There is one person that could very well hold that honor and she has the right attitude to pursue the challenge.

Lisa Lakin in her second year at HCC. Lakin is currently taking 22 class credits and is a member of the HCC softball team. Lakin's schedule consists of philosophy, computer science, Math 107, History 213 and special studies in psychology conducted with Dr. Baugher. As if that wasn't enough, she also works at the HCC Pavilion.

"I couldn't do it without my parent's support," Lakin said, "I save up some money during the summer and they help out for school." After graduating from HCC, Lakin will transfer to Central Washington University. She chose CWU over Western Washington University because of its location and for other reasons. "Central was quicker with their information and more on top of things," Lakin said, "I know some people that are going to Central. I have also visited Bothell and liked it."

She plans to major in physical education. "Physical education is important to me," Lakin said, "There are a lot of overweight people in the United States."

Lakin's softball teammates, Ta-Win Fernandes, and an other friend on the HCC basketball team are also transferring to CWU.

"I'm close with a lot of people that I have played basketball and softball with," Lakin said. "It's going to be hard to go away." Lakin has been athletic all of her life. She's played basketball for nine years, "I play sports because they are fun," Lakin said. During the summer, Lakin plays softball in a recreational league. Lakin played forward on the HCC basketball team the last two seasons, and is currently enjoying her senior season on the HCC softball team.

"There was a little shaky at first, but we're beginning to gain some foundation. We are closer as a team, and the people who are here want to be here. It's more fun that way," Lakin said.

One of Lakin's teammates, Robin O'Neil believes, skin is one of the major reasons this team has come together. "Lisa is our catalyst and she believes in us. She is friendly, a good ball-player and all-around good person," O'Neil said.

Living close to HCC has benefited Lakin in her studies and activities. Lakin nishes the surroundings here at HCC and believes "Highline is nice." In the future, Lakin would like to coach sports such as basketball or softball, "tennis working with kids and I want to teach," Lakin said. For fun, Lakin enjoys watching movies and going out with her friends and family.

Lakin's life is definitely heading in the right direction. The feelings from Lakin's teammates and friends are proof to back it up.

Northwest volleyball tournament held in HCC Pavilion

by Heather DeLauder

The Highline Community College Pavilion was alive with the sound of bunts, sets and spikes as twenty-six men's and women's volleyball teams competed at HCC on April 17 and 18 for honors of the 'A' regional tournament held by the United States Volleyball Association (USVBA).

This year, fourteen women's teams and twelve men's, all from the Northwest, battled each other for the regional title in the tournament.

On Saturday, the teams played a round-robin tournament to decide who would play in the final rounds on Sunday. Eight teams from the men's division and eight from the women's made it to the battle on Sunday.

In the women's division, the B-49 team of the Seattle area came in first place by beating Blue Streak of Redmond 17-15 and 15-11 in the final. In the men's division, Team Irie of Tacoma placed first by beating the Northwest Volleyball Club Venmara, 15-6 and 15-7. The Northwest Volleyball Club Venmara is a team comprised of athletes from Washington, Oregon, and Alaska.

Northwest Impact took third place in the women's division, and Class Act took third in the men's division.

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Lisa Lakin is an extremely versatile player. In addition to pitching, she can play all over the infield.

Photo by Gary Lawlor
High turnover rate keeps recruiters on their toes

by Ken Steffenson

Good miserably, the credit or blame often falls on the recruiters.

Harrison has a staff of full-time professional recruiters scouring the country for promising players. Instead, the team's coaches themselves must carefully identify and watch talented local high school athletes. All of HCC's coaches are involved in recruiting, and Athletic Director Fred Harrison feels that most are doing a good job. But he sees certain drawbacks to HCC's use of many part-time coaches. "I think that the coaches themselves must be looking out for what's best for the bottom line," Dunn said. "You're getting on the phone, trying to sell the product, which is the Highline College. We don't say 'Hey, come and play basketball.' We say 'Hey, if you come here, you're going to go to class, you're going to have study tables, and you're going to do the whole bit.' This is a good academic school, and there's people who care about you, which is very rare."

Dunn is currently watching and communicating with 25 to 30 high school athletes. With as many as five players from this year's HCC men's basketball team predicted to return next year, Dunn has an easier job than he did last year, when only two players returned.

"We need to fill just a few spots," he said. "We don't have a couple of real deep needs."

Harrison also said that John Littleman, HCC's women's volleyball coach, has "done an outstanding job recruiting over the years." Littleman uses many of the same methods as Dunn to find quality high school players to watch. He also sends a survey to high school coaches and pays attention to teams that perform well in state and regional tournaments.

HCC's women's volleyball team finished in a tie for first place in their division last year. As many as six players from that squad will be returning next year, so like Dunn, Littleman is not desperate to recruit many players. "We have a pretty good team coming back," Littleman said, adding that the team is only "looking for some big outside hitters."

Since the volleyball team is well established, Littleman said he is seeking players who want to play at a four-year school, but can't due to financial or academic reasons. Successful recruiting is just as important to the teams at HCC as it is to teams at four-year colleges, and according to Dunn, it can be more challenging. Because players stay at the community college level for just two years (and often for only one), the teams are seemingly never constant. And since playing for a community college sports team is certainly not "the big time," HCC's coaches use the school's academic reputation and low cost compared to four-year schools to attract quality athletes.

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Michael Kendall, chairperson for the Curriculum Committee, said standards "will not currently require a reading level. Kendall would like all departments to include some form of preassessment as a prerequisite for all courses.

In 1992-93 the applications were 2,177; people applying for financial aid were 2,578, which rose to 2,578, which was 2,177. Of the 2,177 students who took the Asset test in the fall, the 520 students who scored below an eighth-grade reading level would be ineligible to register for any college-level courses. The Asset test is forty-questions; a student earning a score of 38 can expect a three-point increase in academic achievement. However, a student who has a reading problem before the test may score lower than an average grade. Kendall said the HCC entrance and prerequisite requirements may change. Kendall believes they should not be used in all classes.

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