HCC student killed in Alaska after shooting mother and sister

Local friends wonder what went wrong

by Heather DeLauder

On Tuesday morning, May 18, former Highline Community College student Omar Hemdon killed Patricia Cloyd, 36, and 8-year-old son, Terrance, in their family home in Anchorage, Alaska. He then took a gun to his 10-year-old brother's bed before being shot in the chest by police sharpshooters.

After the two-hour ordeal, Cloyd's brother Zander Hemdon was taken to Providence Hospital in Anchorage. The boy was not injured physically, but doctors removed him from the hospital the following day.

In accordance with The Anchorage Daily News, Cloyd, Page 3

Swanberg to retire after 25 years of service at HCC

by Ken Vanderpol

Teaching the last twenty-five years of service at Highline Community College, Phil Swanberg, vice president for students, will be retiring at the end of this school year. Swanberg will be leaving HCC's identity with him when he retires.

Those who attended the May 14 retirement reception for Swanberg in the Union Bay Room, Bldg. 6, took the opportunity to say goodbye. Following Swanberg's departure come with his own goodbyes.

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Vietnam veteran pushes for rebuilding of memorial fountain

by Ken Vanderpool

On May 25, a "Some thing is Rmember" commemora tion to refurbish the defunct 1968 Veterans Memorial Fountain at Highline Community College attracted veterans of the Vietnam War to the campus. Also present was

David Hicklan, builder and designer of the original fountain.

In 1978, the fountain was filled in because some felt it unsafe for children at the Child Care Center, and campus maintenance found upkeep too burdensome. Today, a plaque and a few rocks east of Bldg. 5 are the only re mains of the original 1968 Memorial Fountain. According to a June 1968 article in The ThunderWord, an audience of dignitaries attended the original dedication of the Memorial Fountain. Armed forces color guards, drill teams and bands were present, and an Air Force squadron broke the sound barrier over HCC.

When Hicklan visited the campus during the 1980s and learned that the fountain had been filled in, he called the Veterans Affairs Office at HCC. Hicklan spoke with then Student-At-Large Dave Colbeth — himself a Desert Storm veteran — and asked him to coordinate a project to rebuild the memorial fountain. Colbeth took up the challenge and presented a

Three percent voter turn out

HCSU election results are in

by Cory Magel

The votes have been counted, and several new Highline College Student Union (HCSU) officers are preparing themselves for a busy fall.

The following officers now fill these positions: President Dave Colbeth, Vice President of Administration Kerri Griffin, Vice President of Legislation Clinton York and Treasurer Tim McCann.

Although voter turnout was under three percent this year, it was far more than last year's turnout of 37 students.

Of the approximately 9475 students registered at Highline, 280 voted in this election — more than have voted in recent years. Officials hope that next year's voter turnout will be even greater.

Of the four HCSU Student-At-Large positions available, only one has been filled so far, by Kristen Collingwood. Shannon Adams, a current student-at-large, is also expected to fill one of the positions this year.

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On-again, off-again car bash on again for June 3

by Cory Magel

If the prospect of finals week is making you jumpy and eager to take your frustrations out on something, the Highline College Student Union (HCSU) invites you down to the track on June 3 at 3 p.m. to beat up on a 1971 Volvo Sedan. For one dollar, a person can buy the chance to take four sledgehammer whacks at the car, or purchase a hit for a quarter.

The first $50 in profit earned on the car bash will be used by the HCSU to pay for the cost of the car used in the bash — additional funds will add to existing scholarships or help start new scholarships next school year.

The June 3 date represents the latest attempt to hold a car bash. Recently, no one has shown interest in taking the HCSU up on the offer.

There has been disagreement between the HCSU and security and campus administration. An attempt to hold the car bash during finals week met with opposition from college officials.

Dave Colbeth, HCSU President-Elect, said that campus security has advised them to get the cars off the lot before graduation or the cars will be towed at HCSU's expense.
Terrance Cloyd: 'Almost like a member of my family'

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News, Cloyd walked down the center of Muldoon Road and held his brother closely in front of him with his left arm. When a police trooper told Cloyd to drop his gun, he refused. Cloyd then removed his shoes and told his brother to stand in them. He also took off his bloody sock and pants and tossed them aside. He then removed his coat and wrapped it around his brother. Police spent two hours negotiating with Cloyd, told him that he had killed two people, and gave him his address. When police checked out what Cloyd told them, they found the bodies of his mother and sister in a bathtub.

According to some witnesses, Cloyd returned to his brother as some kind of alien during the standoff. No one can say for certain what caused Cloyd to snap, but those who knew him at HCC are shocked and saddened. The reaction of Mark Buchan, Cloyd's academic advisor, is typical of those who are grappling for some kind of answer. "The horror thing that happened was not the person we knew," Buchan said.

According to Buchan, Cloyd walked back to Anchor-age a couple weeks into spring to take care of some personal problems. He was planning to return to HCC in the fall and wrestle for the team. "In fact, I just talked to him on the phone, and he told me that he was coming back ... in a couple of weeks to register," Buchan said.

According to a student at HCC, who asked not to be identified, Cloyd absolutely adored his mother and loved his family. This makes what happened all the more difficult to take.

"Something just snapped up there in Anchorage," Buchan said.

Many people on campus remember Cloyd as an outgoing individual and a caring person.

"I remember one time when I was holding some folders over my head — it was raining outside — and Terrance saw me and gave me his umbrella," said Multi-Cultural Director Cezareth Bumets.

"I felt he was a very misunderstood person," said Carolyn Johnson, Student Activities program assistant. "He was kind and caring and responded well to attention, if you took the time to listen."

Cloyd had many friends at HCC. The killing of his mother and sister in Anchorage had done nothing to shake his friends' faith in him as a good person.

"The behavior that happened with his family was not ever demonstrated here," said Bruce Mackintosh, HCCS advisor. "He was a very intelligent person and had a lot of sensitivity."

"We are talking about a person that came to my house and spent time with my children," Buchan said. "He was almost like a member of my own family."

According to Mackintosh, there has been talk that Cloyd was strung out on drugs when the tragedy happened in Alaska. As far as Mackintosh knew, however, Cloyd never used illegal drugs while attending HCC. Cloyd was an excellent wrestler for HCC and won two state titles and three regional titles in high school. Cloyd attended HCC to be part of the wrestling team. "His wrestling was an avenue to his success. If he had a problem, he could always work it out on the mat," Burnett said.

Buchan said that the loss has hit the wrestlers especially hard, because the team functions like a close-knit family.

"I am their mom. We feel like we have lost one of our family members," Buchan said. "I loved him, and I am going to miss him."

A trust fund has been set up by the Alaska AFL-CIO for Hemdon at Key Bank of Alaska, which donated $500 to the fund. The trust fund has been established for Hemdon to help him further his education and to assist him in overcoming his mental anguish after seeing the deaths of his family members.

Fountain to be rebuilt

Fountain, cont. from Page 2

A five-year rebuild plan for the Memorial Fountain to the President's Committee at HCC. Before the project is approved by the President's Committee, Colbeth said 60 percent of the total costs must be funded.

"I don't want to have any fun from school because of the overburdening budget cuts," Colbeth said. He added these extra donations would be appreciated.

Hickman recalls that in 1983, when the country was being torn apart by dissertation over the conflict in Southeast Asia, everyone pulled together to see the fountain project completed.

"Two hundred plus people showed up to pour the concrete," Hickman recalled. Ninety percent of the cost of the fountain's pump was donated, while one student's father did the landscaping.

The goal of the refurbishing is to erect a symbol that invokes the spirit of the original memorial fountain site. The completion date is May 31, 1997.

When the fountain is completed, visitors will see an urnu covering a spouting fountain surrounded by intricate landscape and a wall listing all those from Washington State who died in past wars.

Colbeth's proposal would call for a committee to oversee Veterans' and Memorial Day ceremonies. The committee would be established fund-raising methods for refurbishing the fountain with donations being accepted through the HCC Foundation.

Swanberg closes 25 year HCC career

Swanberg, cont. from Page 1

Swa nberg, who was acting vice-president of students, The Financial Aid Program, Job Placement Center, the Multicultural Center and his role as president of the Washington State Student Services Committee are just a few things Swanberg helped organize or coordinate.

"I want to do some fishing ... the sit down and relax kind ... and read something besides memoros."

—Phil Swanberg

"It's restored the lines of communication of Student Services to Administration ... he's a place in the history of the college and the hearts of people that'll never be filled."

About his entire career Swanberg said, "I've always been involved in student activity. Even at Yakima Valley College, Swanberg served as a student-body president. From the time he was hired as the Coordinator of Student Activities in 1968 to his retirement this past June 1, 1993, Swanberg would like to go to Ontario, Canada to see his brother.

Also, Swanberg's love for sports has him longing for baseball's spring training in Arizona; while his interest in history urges him to explore some of the historical sites around the state. History is something that Swanberg will always cherish when he thinks about HCC. Many faculty and staff will cherish the compassion, sensitivity, and the gentle courting warmth Swanberg possessed.

Edward M. Command, president of HCC said, "Phil Swanberg is a true Highline tradition. He has earned the respect and loyalty of his co-workers as well as the confidence of the students he has served since he came to the campus in 1968. The college will miss him. I know that I speak for all the faculty and staff in wishing Phil and his wife, Donna, many wonderful years of retirement."

June 1, 1993
The media actively promoted another Los Angeles uprising

by Jennifer Kelly

April 29, 1992, marked the beginning of the Los Angeles riots. The riots occurred after the "not guilty" verdict was proclaimed in the Rodney King beating case. During three days of rioting, the uprising spurred acts of physical violence as well as property destruction. Since then, the media has not let us forget it.

In April of this year, the media mashed into our brains a possible recurrence of the L.A. riots. What could have made the media portray such a possible trial? had the media made the media portray such a possible trial? The media actively promoted the article "Tension fills the air. Wariness and weariness...Some hope for retribution, others think a better life could mean new rioting." It sounded like a statement used to promote a fight. By the same token, television news and newspapers, this year, the media acted like they wanted the L.A. riots to happen again.

The press followed the King case like starving squirrels chasing after a nut.

In the April 11 issue of "The Seattle Times," a headline on the front page captured my attention: "JURORS IN KING CASE BEGIN DELIBERATIONS WHILE L.A. WAITS." Once I read this line, I automatically thought another riot was going to happen if the officers were not declared guilty. It was as if the article was instigating or promoting an event.

The article stated that "Several politicians and community leaders had suggested delaying the verdict for as long as 12 hours to give the police time to prepare for possible violence." Another article that ran in the same issue focused on the rebuilding of L.A. This article stated that "Tension fills the air. Wariness and weariness... Some hope for retribution, others think a better life could mean new rioting." It sounded like a statement used to promote a fight.

The same year, the media acted to follow the jury deliberations closely and to gather reactions from citizens and community leaders when the verdict was aired. The press constantly asked questions to residents in the area about their feelings toward the case and predictions of a verdict. KIRO News and KING 5 News had their share of participation. Every time I turned to the evening news, there was some report regarding L.A., Rodney King, rumor hotline, or National Guard preparations for possible riots.

Once the jury reached a verdict of two guilty and two not guilty, cameras and reporters anxiously waited for reactions. They poised to record another violent uprising.

The media's surprise was that many people broke into joyous celebration instead of vicious rioting. After all the media's promotion of another riot, one did not occur. Ironically, the media seemed little disappointed.

In future coverage of news, the media should be more sympathetic to the community's reaction and focus on why people are reacting in a way that is violent.

The reign of terror begins with anti-gay policies in high schools

by Robert Whale

Recently, a small group of students from Benson High School used to ban homosexuals from holding student offices. After the matter was put before the entire student body, it was voted down.

Thankfully, saner heads prevailed in this instance. But do not think for one moment that we have heard the last of this. Emboldened over the recent furore over gays in the military, other like-minded people will continue to draw ever tighter about their own beads the narrow circle of their tolerance.

Some people might think that this matter, taking place in a high school as it did, has little or no lasting significance. Perhaps it is well to remember Vivian's words to Merlin in Tennyson's Morte D'Arthur: "If the little pied piper in gartered frill That riding inward slowly molder all."
A letter to the Thunderword editor

To Thunderword Editor:

I have had some bad experiences taking 100 level science classes. I've spent hours studying and felt that I learned little. I know I am not alone in my experiences. I feel this letter will speak to a lot of students and hopefully to some teachers as well.

To exhume precarity in the sciences is to show some sort of evidence that you have talent. I have never had any interest, let alone talent, in areas such as chemistry, physics, etc. Consequently, I have put off taking these courses for as long as possible. This quarter I had to take a science course, so with great reservation, I enrolled.

In my Physical Science book on page 347, a famous chemist, Roald Hoffmann makes an amazing statement. "We have an obligation as educators to train the next generation of people. We should pay as much attention to those students who are not going to be chemists, etc. I think scientists have an obligation to speak to the public broadly and here I think they have been negligent. Society is paying scientists money to do research and can demand an accounting in plain language." Nobel Prize winner Roald Hoffmann began his studies in humanities and calls himself a lapsed chemist. He recently commented in The New York Times that "what concerns me about scientific, or humanistic, illiteracy is the barrier it poses to national or democratic governance. Democracy occasionally gives into technocracy—reliance on experts on matters such as genetic engineering, nuclear waste disposal, or the cost of medical care. That is fine, but the people must be able to vote intelligently on these issues. The less we know as a nation, the more we rely on experts, and the more likely we are to be misled by demagogues. We must know more." Please teach science majors in 'plain language'.

Sincerely,

Arlene Webb, HCC student

The Editor’s Soapbox

Political correctness has quickly invaded our lives

by Jillian Willingham

Editorials Editor

Political correctness. We live with it every single day and it is slowly becoming a part of our culture and part of our lives. Political correctness is essentially a double-speak language, which is designed to make things not sound as real as they are.

For instance, "unlawful or arbitrary deprivation of property" really means "killing." Along these same lines, "failing to maintain cleanliness from the ground" is really "anytime, anywhere.

These examples are from the U.S. State Department and the National Transportation Safety Board.

Without even realizing it, Americans are becoming introduced to the double-speak/political correctness way of expressing themselves. We are powerless to stop it, because it invades so slowly.

I discovered the guide for every person who wishes to be politically correct: The Official Politically Correct Dictionary and Handbook by Henry Beard and Christopher Corf.

Here’s an example:

The other day, as I was reading my newspaper and waiting for the car washer to finish my car, I noticed a clunky drunk walking towards me.

He approached me and said, "I’m homeless and poor, could you spare some change?"

I gave the panhandler a couple of dollars and got into my car.

At home, I discovered that my stoned boyfriend was moving out.

"You are an airhead," he said, walking out and leaving me to deal with the disposal of his cologne, his pet rock, and his dog.

This rather abrasive story could be softened by changing all questionable words into politically correct ones.

The other day, as I was reading my processed tree carcass and waiting for the vehicle appearance specialist to finish with my car, I noticed a uniquely coordinated, sobriety-deprived person walking towards me.

He approached me and said, "I’m underhoused and economically exploited, could you spare some change?"

I gave the underhoused applicant for private-sector funding a couple of dollars and got in my car.

At home, I discovered that my chemically-inconvenenced spouse equivalent was moving out.

"You are a cerebro-atmospheric individual," he said, walking out and leaving me to deal with the disposal of his discretionary fragrance, his mineral companion, and his nonhuman animal companion.

How can you make the second story sounds?

The problem is, however, that people are quickly becoming experts at disguising ugly deeds behind pretty words.

According to writer David Wise, the CIA has remanened its assassination unit the "health alteration committee."

"Inapplicable physical abuse" is a fancy term for "police brutality."

The only thing to do is to deny them the power over the language! Reject political correctness! Say what you mean, and mean what you say!

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CALLER ID: Phone service provokes nationwide controversy, pitting caller against person called

by Jason Clever
Editor-in-Chief

In the '90s, dialing a phone can be a frightening experience. Even now, a look at the door may send the caller thinking twice before making a person's acquaintance. While local numbers have made answering the phone with Caller ID may do the same for answering the phone.

WHAT IS CALLER ID?

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 caller ID, Automatic Number Identification (ANI) separates the phone number of an incoming call, even before the person answers the phone. When the telephone rings, an appropriate call is sent directly to the caller's number, instead of ringing the wrong number.

"Proving the problem, we can" said GTE Public Affairs Administrator Katherine Owen. "It gives them the call they want, the call they need to make.

Caller ID supporters claim the service benefits subscribers by enriching call screening, law enforcement, effective message delivery, the use of personalized greetings, child safety, billing-free business operations, and telephone charges for the disabled and handicapped.

Last year, people lost as much as $1 billion to phone scams. That's the benefit of Caller ID.

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"Proving the problem, we can tell you, says the number's best line.

The benefits of Caller ID are clear.

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Jesus Jones saves hundreds of rock-starved fans

by James Lawson and Anne Meldrum, Features Editor

The combination of the lights from the stage, along with the untamed aura of Jesus Jones, created a worthwhile performance in the Paramount Theatre on May 17.

The opening act featured a rock/alternative band called The Pressure Elite. They were a refreshing sound with unusual look. Their songs were politically and socially motivated and they dedicated songs to Oregon Senator Bob Packwood and prison rape.

Scantly-clad women in thong, leather outfits adorned the stage. Another interesting feature was a guitarist dressed in black with a skeleton mask, who ran around the stage like a chicken with its head cut off.

The audience became restless as it anticipated the appearance of British rock band Jesus Jones. The band finally appeared on stage with "anti-camouflage" outfits and a roar of excitement from the crowd.

Jesus Jones blended the hits from their first two albums ("Liquidizer" and "Double") with their latest released album "Perverse." Performing their successful singles from the past, "Right Here, Right Now" and "Real, Real, Real," the band brought the audience into a rampant frenzy.

The lead singer of Jesus Jones, Mike Edwards, said the attention he gets from the audience is "flattering and amusing." He likes performing in Seattle and said, "I love everything about Seattle. It is very mountainous." All the band members agreed that the harbor and the mountains were the best attributes Seattle offered.

Jesus Jones keyboardist Jain Baker said that rock bands need to "do something original" with their music. Baker stressed that rock is dead and bands need to form their own style of music.

Baker went on to say, "People take rock and roll from the past and put it into the future, but don't do anything with it. You've got to take the music from the past, change it and make it your own."

Former HCC student Charis Groot said, "Usually I go to concerts knowing I will be disappointed, because they don't sound good live but Jesus Jones sounded really well for being live." She went on to say that the lighting was very cool.

Seattle was the bands second to last stop on the "Perversity in Your Town" tour. Band members were anxious to fly to their final show in Vancouver B.C. to finish off a long and arduous tour.

After the final show in Vancouver B.C. on May 18, Jesus Jones headed home.

HCC students can be expelled for cheating

by Ken Steffenson

Major exams and the pressure to get good grades are demanding things to all students, and those at Highline Community College handle the stress the same as students everywhere.

Most will study long and hard, but there are some who, for various reasons, will end up cheating.

Cheating can take many forms, from simply copying a classmate's lab report (hopefully a smart classmate) to smuggling cheat-sheets to a test.

Those who partake in the cheating ritual risk two things: First, if caught they will bring upon themselves punishment, which can range anywhere from a verbal warning to dismissal from school; and second, according to Vice President for Students Phil Swanberg, "These that are going to cheat, they're denying themselves some of the learning."

While most cases of cheating at HCC are handled by the instructors, the few serious or repeat occurrences are reported to Swanberg's office. "In a quarter, a high number would be seven or eight — where I actually talk to the student," Swanberg said.

"Sometimes the instructor just asks what their opinions are, and they deal with it."

Swanberg said that if an instructor is considering dealing with an offender by "doing something strong, dropping a whole grade or suspending a student from their class ... then they are supposed to send me the information and the student has a right to have their side told."

"If it was real bad, I could recommend to the President that they be excluded from school," Swanberg said, "but that would be pretty drastic."

He added that "very seldom do cases like this surface to his office."

Billie Fitch, part-time anatomy and physiology instructor, fits the mold of teachers who handle cheating cases themselves. Fitch has taught at HCC since fall quarter of 1992 and has not yet had to report a case of cheating to Swanberg's office.

When she witnesses a student stealing, she will "let them know individually. Maybe they're not right at that time, but later, after class."

Even though Swanberg admitted that instructors "aren't going to catch everything," he said that "for the most part, our instructors know their information so well that they're going to catch things."

Members of rock band Jesus Jones from left to right are Gus, Jerry De Borg, Michael Edwards, Al Jaworski, and Jain Baker.

Photo courtesy of EBG Records

Jesus Jones

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Chicken Soup Brigade assists AIDS victims

by Dawina Nolten
Copy Editor

HIV/AIDS has plagued the nation and the number of people infected is steadily climbing. According to the King County Health Services AIDS Hotline, over 2,978 cumulative cases had been reported as of May 12, 1993.

Volunteers from the Chicken Soup Brigade, a non-profit organization, are assisting these people to help meet their needs.

Chicken Soup Brigade (CSB), founded in 1983, provides support to approximately 430 persons with HIV/AIDS every month by assisting with household chores, meals, groceries, and transportation. Formed in reaction to a hepatitis outbreak among gay men in the community, the organization now includes services to men and women regardless of age or sexual orientation who live in King County.

They rely heavily on donations of food and money from the general public and also receive assistance from Catholic Community Services.

One of the largest events that CSB is known for is the annual Care-To-Dance event. "It's our single-largest fund raiser, and it raises a good portion of our annual budget," Linda Coomas, CSB volunteer coordinator, said.

The event raises approximately 60 percent of CSB's annual budget. Federal funding provides only 11 percent.

Volunteers are needed to do promotion work, form a dance team, and collect sponsors. To sign up, call Coomas at 328-8979.

"I've been involved for two years," said George Winans, a CSB volunteer. "I became involved after having had so many friends die from this disease."

Winans says that he has met many people from diverse backgrounds and made new friends through his volunteer experience with CSB. He says that the job a volunteer wants to do is mainly based on "whether they want to have direct client involvement or not," but that there are other things that need to be done like becoming involved with the office or taking hot meals and groceries to homebound clients.

For me...when someone (a prospective volunteer) calls and says, 'What can I do?' My question is, nine times out of ten, 'Do you want to be involved with the client?'

Winans said. He also said that most volunteers want to be involved hands-on, but that it's hard work.

Chicken Soup Brigade
assists AIDS victims

by Jillian Willingham
Editorials Editor

Here it is — a book for the morbidly curious at heart. A book full of facts, stats, and fatal acts.

It's "The Grim Reaper's Book of Days" by Ed Morris.

This publication provides a listing of every day of the year with who died on that date and how they expired, sprinkled with interesting trivia facts about the dead person's life.

This book is far from being gruesome and is an excellent reference source that details who checked out, what he/she died from, when he/she kicked the bucket, and where the confrontation with death occurred.

For instance: "September 22, 1927, Los Angeles. The famous Jack Dempsey-Gene Tunney fight so excited a listening fan that he accidentally stabbed himself to death with an icepick while cheering."

This book is a fascinating collection of the unexpected and unknown. Morris writes about what could easily be a macabre subject with wit and humor. He handles kicking the bucket in a factual manner that doesn't focus entirely on the gross details of death, but rather on the individual and his/her contributions to the world.

Aside from being an entertaining read, this book provides interesting conversation topics.

It's amusing to look up birthdays and anniversaries, to see what may have happened on that date. Examining the ways people have perished can inspire an animated conversation.

Of course, if readers don't have a black sense of humor, or if they believe that some things are simply too serious to be entertaining, then this isn't for them.

But for an interesting read, pick up "The Grim Reaper's Book of Days."

Grim reaper spins tale of death

What's Happening

A calendar of campus and community events for June 1 through July 30.

Women's Programs-Free Brown Bag Series
"Reparenting the Inner Child - First Step to a Healthy Relationship."
For more information, contact Laura Ferguson, Women's Programs coordinator, at ext. 340.
Date: Tuesday, June 1
Time: 12 p.m.
Place: Bldg. 22, Rm. 105

Arcturus Annual Reading
The Highline Writing Department is sponsoring the annual reading of the Arcturus.
Date: Thursday, June 3
Time: 12 p.m.
Place: Sixth floor of the HCC Library

Commencement and Reception
Everyone is invited to the commencement of the 1993 graduating class.
Date: Thursday, June 10
Time: 8 p.m.
Place: Bldg. 28 (Pavilion) for commencement and Bldg. 8 for the reception.

Senior College
Seniors 55 and older are welcome to spend a week in a college atmosphere.
Date: Monday – Friday, June 26 – 30
Contact Continuing Education at 878-25234 to be OR the reception.

Student One-Acts
HCC drama department presents student directed one-acts and excerpts from other plays.
Date: Thursday – Saturday, June 3-5
Time: 8 p.m.
Place: Bldg. 4 (Little Theatre)
Cost: $5 at the door

Positive Energy
All youths interested in displaying talent can see their stuff.
Date: Every Saturday
Time: 7 p.m.
Place: Christian Tabernacle Church 25234 Pacific Hwy. So.

Discovery – A Teen College
Young people, ages 12 – 15 can register for a three week Summer Enrichment Program at HCC. HCC offers innovative classes, hands-on experiences, and qualified instructors.
Date: Tuesday, July 6 – Thursday, July 22
Call 578-3710, ext. 341 to be on the mailing list.

HCC Concert Choir
Vocal Jazz will perform hot and cool jazz and the concert choir will feature a Hispanic man including South American instruments.
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SPORTS

All you want to know about 'Little O'

by James Lawson
and Matt McGinnis,
Sports Editor

Last Tuesday night, two members of The ThunderWord staff went to the Kingdome to watch a story. The story: "Little O"—Omar Vizquel. The previous night he had knocked in a run in the bottom of the fourteenth inning to win the game. We knew the reporters would be swarming Omar. But we also knew that we had a story to do and were prepared to fight off reporters from The Seattle Times, The Seattle PostIntelligencer, and USA Today in order to do it. ESPN was just going to have to wait, because one way or another, Omar was going to talk to us.

We arrived at the Kingdome, with press credentials in hand, two hours before the Seattle Mariners were to take on the California Angels. Our mission was simple: Find Omar. He was standing in line to take batting practice, so we approached him. "Would you talk in a bunch like you've done?" we asked. With a smile, Omar agreed.

Where were all the reporters? Where was the big media circus? They must have all been busy eating their Kingdogs, because they sure weren't interested in Omar. Happily, and a bit surprised, we had our little chat with "Little O."

Q: How does current Manager Lou Piniella compare with former Managers Bill Plummer and Jim Lefebvre?
A: It's a lot different. There's a lot of respect between the players and the manager, and that makes you stay in the game the whole time. Especially in the eighth and ninth inning, everybody is ready to play. He (Piniella) knows he's got to use some people later in the game. He keeps everybody loose. The communication is really important, and he's doing that really well.

Q: How is the feeling around the clubhouse now that Edgar and Fleming are back, and Boles is on the way?
A: We haven't been winning too many games lately, so things haven't been too relaxing like it should. We would rather be playing the top of our game. I think we can play a little better than that. And now that Edgar is back in the lineup and Fleming is back in the pitching rotation and Boles is coming back, I think we finally will have a true starting lineup that we can play good baseball day in and day out.

Q: As a kid, did you ever imagine becoming one of the best shortstops in Baseball?
A: No, but I always wanted to achieve a goal to make it to the big league. I worked really hard, and I think I deserve the chance to be here. They gave me the chance in 1989. I wasn't expecting it at the time, because I was really young. I was only 21. They had another good shortstop on the team in Rey Queiones. They had some kind of problems with him and they gave me the chance, and I played good ball. Today, I think that the most important thing in my career besides making it to the big leagues is now trying to establish myself in the big leagues.

Q: What's been the greatest moment so far in your baseball career?
A: I think one of the most exciting moments was playing in the lineup with the Griffey's, the father and son combination. That was really good. Opening Day in 1989 against the Oakland A's, the champions of the World Series that year, and my grand slam a few weeks ago in Toronto. That was really exciting.

See Little O,
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It’s not who wins or loses...

HCC teams content, despite slow seasons

by James Lawson

Spring Quarter is almost over and for HCC spring sports, it was an up and down season.

The track and field season is full of individual accomplishments. Not enough members are on the team this season for them to qualify in some tournaments. "The season is starting to go good now," said Pat Licari, track and field head coach. "All of the injuries are finally healed now."

Top performances for this season are: Jody Page (110 hurdles, 14.53 seconds), Jeff Berry (discus, 151.4 feet), Jamie Gardner (10,000 meters, 31 minutes 45 seconds), Peter Votava (javelin, 195 feet) and Tim Meine (800 meters, 1 minute and 57.64 seconds).

On May 27 through May 28, the HCC track and field team participated in the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges (NWAAACC) Track and Field Conference meet in Spokane. By looking at the softball record this season (1-19 in the division, 1-21 overall), it would seem as though the team was in turmoil. According to head coach Joe Frank and the players, it was a fun season. "This year, I had the most fun, and the personality and chemistry on this team was tremendous," Frank said. “Even though the record wasn’t good, the attitude and enthusiasm was high and they came to practice everyday.”

The team improved over the last couple of weeks with a eight-run win over Skagit Valley and two one-run losses to Wenaschee (first place in division) and Edmonds (second in division).

“We played better in the last few games, and the teams that we played were the teams in first and second in our division,” Robin O’Neill said, who plays outfield for HCC. O’Neill, Ta-Win Fernandes, Eliza Bland and Karrie McKinnis all provided great offense with the bat this season.

This season was Frank’s last season coaching, and he would like to thank Athletic Director Fred Harrison and Assistant Athletic Director John Dunn for making his stay at HCC a great one.

A look ahead:

Recruits look good for next season’s HCC sports teams

by James Lawson

Spring is here, and for college head coaches from around the country, that means it’s time to recruit athletes from their respective sport.

Recruiting is an agonizing and draining sequence of events. “The toughest thing about recruiting is the fact that everybody thinks they’re better than everyone else, and they all want to be in Division I schools,” said Head Coach of men’s basketball John Dunn. “We are in a good league to play in. It’s an uphill battle when everybody thinks they should be in a four-year school.”

Dunn is taking a different approach for next season. "This year is a little different," Dunn said. "I have nine returning players, so I’m being more selective."

Dunn’s top recruit that has signed with Highline Community College is power forward Wade Tinney. Tinney played basketball for Seattle University last year and was an all-league, all-state player at Enumclaw High School.

Dunn thinks Tinney will be an excellent addition to HCC’s athletic program and added “he’s a great kid.” Another top recruit for men’s basketball is David Clarke from Hazen High School. Clarke can play either the point guard or shooting guard. “Clarke is a good athlete and he can shoot,” Dunn said.

In track and field, Head Coach Pat Licari is pleased with the recruiting prospects. “It’s recruiting, really good right now and it’s going well,” Licari said. “There are some good kids coming out of Kent-Meridian, Fife and Auburn High Schools.”

Licari is focusing his recruiting on pole-vaulters and distance runners.

Women’s volleyball Head Coach John Littleman will have six returning players next year. One new recruit has signed to play for HCC so far, with probably more to come. Lisa Henry, a junior at Kenridge H.S., will join HCC after playing for Biala College in California last season.

Recruits look good for next season’s HCC sports teams
Vizquel: 'I think we're going to have a great team'

Omar Vizquel from Omar Vizquel


by Christopher Erb


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