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Colbeth faces new challenge as HCSU president

by Heather DeLauder

Highline Community College Student Union (HCSU) President Dave Colbeth, 22, has gained success in business and hopes to gain success as president of the Student Union.

Colbeth was born in Baldwin, Wis., on June 9, 1971, and is the youngest of three children. Colbeth’s mother, Leona Colbeth, said he has always been much like his father. She said, “Dave has always been a people person and very outgoing.”

His father died when he was eight years old, but that did not stop Colbeth from picking up his father’s entrepreneurial traits, according to his mother.

Colbeth attended Saint Croix Elementary School until the fifth grade and then went to Good Shepherd Christian Academy from the sixth through the tenth grades. According to Colbeth’s mother, he has been raised to be a leader, and to stand up for his beliefs.

In March 1987, Colbeth’s family moved to Auburn, Wash., where he attended Auburn High School and sang in the choir. Colbeth was also involved in the Police Explorers program in Auburn. “That was really good for him and helped him make decisions,” Colbeth’s mother said. “I believe if you keep your kids busy they will stay out of trouble.”

After Colbeth graduated from Auburn High School in 1989, he enlisted in the U.S. Army as a Combat Engineer and served for two years and six months. “I became interested in the Army when I was 14 or 15. I don’t know why; I just wanted to be a G.I. Joe man,” Colbeth said.

Colbeth went to Saudi Arabia for Desert Storm and was offered a spot at West Point, which he turned down because it would have been a ten-year commitment.

“You would have to be in the military to know why I didn’t enlist longer,” Colbeth said.

After his enlisted time in the Army was up, Colbeth began his education at HCC. He became a Student-at-Large in the 1992-93 school year and then decided to run for HCSU president in June 1993. He was voted in by the student body and won by a margin of 11 votes.

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Not only does Colbeth have the responsibility of president of the HCSU, he also has his own business. Colbeth is a business partner with his wife in the company called Enterprise Ideas. Rod Woods, Colbeth’s business associate, said, “He likes to be involved and he has a lot of energy.”

As HCSU president, Colbeth plans to get the student body more involved in campus activities. “I am interested in what the students have to say,” Colbeth said. He wants students to feel comfortable and approach him with questions or important issues.

Colbeth said, “I don’t want to be a dictator, I wish people would consider me as a friend.”

“Dave has always been a counselor, sometimes I think that is his calling. He has always had people flock to him,” Colbeth’s mother said.

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Women's Programs organizes a Women's Student Union

The Highline Community College Women's Programs will hold a meeting to organize a Women's Student Union on Thursday, Sept. 30, in Building 22, room 105, from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Kelli Johnston, outreach coordinator for Women's Programs, is heading the meeting and said the meeting is designed to meet the needs of the women that the Women's Programs serve.

"The policies on campus don't reflect the women we serve," Johnston said. This program will help raise money for workshops that women want to attend, and will allow Women's Programs to have a representative at Highline College Student Union (HCSU) meetings.

Free tuition through Continuing Education

The HCC Continuing Education Department is offering a new scholarship this year which will fund students studying to become chemical and substance dependency counselors.

Scott Winslow, director of Continuing Education, said the scholarship is specifically for ethnic minorities, because there is such a shortage of ethnic minorities in this field.

The money is from the Division on Alcohol and Substance Abuse (DASA). They have given a total of $10,000 for scholarships. The money will pay for tuition and books.

To apply, bring your registration forms to the Continuing Education office in building 8 or to the their office on 312 and Pacific Highway South in Federal Way.

New items at Union Bay Cafe

The Union Bay Cafe at Highline Community College is featuring some new entrees starting this fall. These new dishes range from sub sandwiches with hot bread to vegetarian entrees.

The cafeteria will also feature a Taco Bell, which is scheduled to open by Sept. 27.

Career Center holds open house

The HCC Career Center is holding an open house on Oct. 13, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., in the upper level of building 6. Tours of the center's resources will be available, and there will be free demonstrations of the computer guidance programs. College catalogs and new books will be available to check out, and a drawing will take place - the winner will receive a free book by Richard Bolles, "What Color Is Your Parachute."

New Interim Vice President to replace Cargol

Former Vice President for Academic Affairs, Owen Cargol, recently accepted the position of President of Cleveland State Community College in Tennessee. Because there was no time for an official replacement search, Rena Pierce agreed to return from retirement and become the interim Vice President for Academic Affairs for the 1993-94 school year.

Financial Aid checks are available

Financial Aid fall quarter checks will be available in building 7 beginning on Tuesday, Sept. 21. The disbursement schedule is Tuesday from 8:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 22, from 8:45 a.m. to 2:10 p.m., and Thursday, Sept. 23, from 8:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. After these dates, checks will be available from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. through the Financial Aid office in Building 6.

HCC instructor wins the gold

Highline Community College instructor Jim Gardiner, 63, competed in the Master's National Rowing Championship in Vancouver Wash., on Sept. 11, and came away with two gold medals. The event is held yearly, and is open to men and women over 27 years old.

Gardiner won medals in the Eight Oar Shell and Quadruple Scull categories, as part of a team from the Vesper Boat Club of Philadelphia, Pa. Gardiner also won a silver medal in the 1996 Olympic Games, and a gold medal in the 1955 Pan Am Games.
**HCC NEWS**

Problems found, not yet linked to complaints

**Building 6 baffles investigators**

by Ken Steffenson

Since the 1992 renovation of the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) system in Building 6, employees of the building have been registering complaints about health problems. In recent weeks, an increased number of complaints has intensified the situation and worried the employees.

Employees with complaints work in all parts of the building, but the employees most affected work in the Registrar's office. The employees have reported eye, throat and skin irritations, lightheadedness, headaches, sneezing and coughing.

An intense, week-long cleaning of the building, performed three weeks ago, was expected to improve the situation, but when employees returned to work on Sept. 7 the complaints continued. HCC Vice President of Administration Laura Saunders believes this was due in part to the fact that the newly cleaned carpets had not dried completely, giving the building a musty and humid feeling.

Environmental Health and Engineering (EHE), an indoor air quality investigation firm, was recently brought in to look at the situation. Their investigation included indoor air measurements and analyses, interviews with employees, and a survey of the building mechanical system. Their findings were published in a report issued on Sept. 9.

The report stated that "an adequate amount of outdoor air is being delivered to the area," and that carbon monoxide concentrations were at acceptable levels.

"Nobody knows what the perfect solution is. Nobody even knows what the problem is yet." — Randy Earwood

Problems discovered by EHE's investigation included small amounts of loose fiberglass insulation inside the HVAC system, fungal growth inside heat pump insulation, and standing water in two drain pans designed to collect condensation from the heat pumps in the building.

At an informational meeting held for the building's employees on Sept. 9, Dr. Martin Cohen, spokesman for Environmental Health and Engineering, said that fiberglass fibers can cause irritations to skin, eyes, and throat on contact. But he was not able to answer concerned worker's questions about possible long-term health effects from this material.

The report stated that the standing water could act as a moisture source for the growth of fungal organisms, and that although the pans were not aligned correctly for proper drainage, the water could have been either condensation from the heat pumps or wash water from the recent cleaning process.

Although the findings of Environmental Health and Engineering have shed light on the situation and presented numerous suggestions for improving ventilation and air quality in Building 6, the workers remain concerned.

Randy Earwood, manager of Occupational Advising, who works in the upper level of the building, said, "Nobody knows what the perfect solution is. Nobody even knows what the problem is yet."

Saunders agreed that the cause — Continued on page 6

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The Highline Community College Library has significantly reduced its operational hours for 1993-1994, due to budget cuts which forced the lay-offs of five employees.

HCC administrators reduced the overall instructional budget at HCC by 5 percent, but the Library suffered a 7.8 percent cut, resulting in $52,400 less for this year, said Marie Zimmermann, director of the Library. The reduction in staff forced Library administrators to reduce the Library's total open hours from 70 and one-half per week to 49 and one-quarter per week.

Zimmermann cut hours at the times when the library was used least. "Since afternoons are our slowest times, we got rid of two afternoons, and closed earlier on two afternoons," said Zimmermann.

Last year the library was open four nights per week and Saturday afternoons, but this year will operate only two evenings per week and will be closed on Saturday.

"It's bad news and we're not happy about it, but the important thing I want to get across to the students is that they need to plan their schedules accordingly," said Zimmermann. "If evening times are when they want to use the library, they need to remember to schedule themselves to come on campus Monday and Tuesday evenings."

The employees laid off were four part-time library technicians and one part-time reference librarian. In addition, one part-time reference librarian will work less hours. Consequently, students requiring assistance in the reference section will be most affected.

"Even with reducing the hours to 49 and one-half, we still will only have reference coverage 43 hours," Zimmermann said. "So there will still be times when people come in where they won't find anyone at the reference desk, and that will basically be the 12 to one lunch hour times."

Salary reductions account for most of the budget cut, but $5700 of the total was cut from the Materials Budget and $4300 was trimmed from the Supplies and Operations budget. The Materials Budget is used for purchasing books, periodicals, and microfilm, and the Supplies and Operations budget covers miscellaneous operational expenses and supply purchases.

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of the health complaints is still not confirmed, but hopes that further testing will find it soon.

Marilyn Balch, who works in the hard-hit registration office, believes that the people trying to find the source of the problem are doing their best. "They're working at it, and I'm glad of that," she said. But she is also concerned about possible long-term health effects.

"Every day this week I've written out a sick report," she said, complaining of headaches and "a burning sensation in my lungs."

Kari Lopez, purchasing agent for HCC, who has been overseeing the investigation and work on the problem, said, "We are appreciative of the patience of the people in Building 6."

Saunders said that in an effort to better the situation, the ventilation system will be run 24 hours a day "for several weeks until we get a handle on this." To conserve energy the system is normally operated only during work hours.

Saunders also said that further air sample testing is being conducted by EHE, and although formaldehyde is not suspected, it will be tested for along with other contaminants. These expensive air sample tests will be performed in three or four locations throughout the building.

"We've now spent in excess of $30,000 to find the cause," Saunders said.

The Washington State Department of Labor and Industries is also conducting an investigation into the situation.
Summer construction proceeds on schedule

by Ken Steffenson

The Highline Community College Facilities and Operations Department has been busy over the summer, performing major modifications to several buildings on campus. They made improvements to several aging buildings and the hot water supply system, and removed all asbestos from two buildings.

Peter Babington, associate director of facilities, provided information for an update on these projects.

Work to Building 19, which houses the Developmental Studies Center, the Tutoring Center, classrooms and offices, included the removal of all asbestos, and major improvements to the heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) systems. Workers then painted, installed new carpet and light fixtures, and brought the electrical system up to code.

Building 9, normally home to Instructional Administration offices, Personnel, and Continuing Education, is still in the process of having asbestos removed. When that work is completed the building will also receive new carpet, light fixtures, paint, and HVAC and electrical system upgrades. This project is on schedule, and should be to be completed by the middle of October.

Employees of the building, temporarily housed in Building 8, anxiously await returning to their permanent offices.

Building 28, commonly known as the Pavilion, inherited a shiny new roof over the summer. The building's original roof sported leaking skylights, and had not damage to many of its wooden supports. Roofing jobs require dry weather, and luck sided with workers on this project.

"It's way ahead of schedule and way under budget, and it's the best project we have," Babington said. The extreme reflectiveness of the new roof inspired Babington to check with the Port of Seattle to make sure it would not be a distraction to airplane pilots flying over. The Port assured him that it would not cause any problems.

HCC's original hot water boilers have been removed from Building 24, the Plant Operations Building, and are being replaced with new boilers. Work on these four tanks - one provides domestic hot water, the others provide hot water for the campus heating system - is scheduled to be completed by Sept. 20, so as not to interfere with hot water supply to the Union Bay Cafe and Tazza Espresso.
Miss Washington creates pageant for the physically disabled

HCC student Angel Ward hopes pageant, first of its kind in the nation, will open new opportunities for disabled people.

At first glance, Tanya Sue Vimiti looks like a normal middle-aged woman, but she has physical and mental handicaps that have kept her from her dream of entering beauty pageants. Highline Community College student Miss Washington, USA, Angel Ward, niece of Vimiti, hopes to make her Aunt's dreams come true by holding 'Dream On,' a physically challenged scholarship beauty pageant on October 24, 1993.

Ward has been trying for four years to put a pageant on for the physically disabled, but she couldn't receive any support until she was crowned Miss Washington, USA on May 16, 1993. Ever since then the project has been in full swing, and Ward has received numerous donations from businesses such as Black Angus, Azteca, Doug's Jewelry Store, and a number of people from Vimiti's hometown, Jackson, California.

Sound Medical Clinic, an organization offering medical care and counseling for the homeless, is
sponsoring the pageant. Since the pageant is a non-
profit organization, Ward organized a raffle to help
cover production costs. A $50 entry fee is also re-
quired to enter the pageant, with all money left over
goes to Sound Medical Clinic to help the homeless.

Some of the pageant's other supporters are big
names like Wynonna Judd, Clint Black and KMPS, a
Seattle country radio station.

Inspired by Vimini's disability, Ward started this
pageant to give other young women, with disabili-
ties, a chance that Vimini could only dream of.

Vimini has been disabled since ten months old.
She has had approximately 36 surgeries, a number of
seizures, and is paralyzed on her left side. Her
disability prohibits her from entering beauty pag-
ents, but she said, "I remember when I was young.
I really wanted to be in beauty pageants, but my
disability really put a damper on things."

She went on to say that disabled people "are just as
beautiful. Just because they are blind or in a wheel-
chair doesn't mean they aren't beautiful on the in-
side."

Vimini cannot compete in "Dream On," but to help
fulfill her dream she will sing the opening song.

"Dream On," the nation's first handicap pageant,
offers the physically challenged scholarship oppor-
tunities and a chance to be crowned Miss Washington
Dream On.

Ward said, "I want them to be able to express
themselves. I want this to be purely fun."

The judges consist of occupational therapists, doc-
tors who work with disabled people, special educa-
tion teachers, and other people who work in this field.

According to Ward, she has informed the judges that
this is mostly a personality contest.

Some of the categories that the committee will
judge are sports wear, evening attire, photogenic,
best personality, best smile, and best interview.

Pageants aren't Ward's only specialty; she has
been attending HCC for two years and is working
toward a degree in special education. Ward hopes to
receive her Associate of Arts degree in Fall 1993. Next,
she plans to attend South Seattle Community College
to obtain an education degree. Ward also plans to
compete for the Miss USA title on February 11,
1994.

Vimini said this pageant will "make women's
dreams come true."
On May 16, 1993 Ward's efforts paid off when she was crowned Miss Washington USA, 1994. After being crowned "Miss Washington USA 1994," Ward organized the first Scholarship/Beauty Pageant for the physically challenged on October 24, 1993. "Dream On" is dedicated to Ward's handicapped aunt, Tanya Sue Vimini. Vimini said, "We're really proud of her." On February 11, 1994, Ward will compete in the Miss USA pageant. This will lead her to her ultimate goal; to compete for Miss Universe. Pageants aren't Ward's only interest, in her spare time she models for marketing companies. But, Ward's true love is country singing and she loves to dance.

Ward has been attending HCC for two years and is majoring in Special Education. Her next step is to obtain her Associate of Art degree in Fall 1993 and enroll in South Seattle Community College to get an education degree.

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"For somebody his age he has a more mature sense of life and he is always concerned about others," Woods said.

Colbeth plans to get a monthly student forum started to give students a chance to ask HCC President Dr. Command questions on concerns they may have or specific issues that arise.

"I think one person can be effective in change, but only as much as they want to," Colbeth said.

"The problem is that people stop dreaming when they are a child because people tell them to stop dreaming and get on with reality," Colbeth said. "If society wouldn't tell people to stop dreaming maybe we would have a lot more inventions."
Fall Fest '93

Friday, Oct. 1

Outdoor folk and blues concert
Blues artist: James Culey Cooke
Contemporary Folk artist: Bill Davie
Times: 11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for the Blues show and Noon to 1 p.m. Contemporary Folk show
Where: south of Bldg. 7

Saturday, Oct. 2

The Port of Seattle Explosive Detection K9 Unit
will explain their purpose and demonstrate the dog’s abilities.
Time: 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.
Where: south of Bldg. 7

The Dinosaur Review
A children’s puppet show by the Moonlight Players
Time: 10:30 a.m.
Bldg. 7

The Port of Seattle Bomb Disposal Unit’s Robot “Andy” Demonstration
The officers will explain and demonstrate how the robot is used.
Times: 11:30 a.m. and 2:15 p.m.
Where: South of Bldg. 7

Lecture: “What’s Wrong With My Dog/Cat and How To Choose a Dog/Cat for Adoption?” by P.A.W.S.
This lecture shows how to protect your pets against serious health problems.
Time: noon
Where: Bldg. 7, Lecture Hall

Campus Events

The Comedy Cafe
An ongoing comedy series, held in a “Nightclub” atmosphere featuring the comedy of Seattle’s Chris Alpine and opening comedian, Rodney Sherwood.
Mocktails (non-alcoholic drinks), espresso, coffee and soft drinks will be served prior to the start of the show.
Time: 8 p.m.
Where: Tazza Espresso, lower level, Bldg. 8
Cost: $3 in advance

The Pacific Science Center dives into a new exhibit called “Deep Sea Treasures.” See displays featuring views of the ocean’s floor and pieces of treasure from a sunken Spanish galleon.
When: now through November 15.
For more information, call general information at 443-2001.
Need volunteers to explain “Deep Sea Treasures” exhibit. Call Marcia Livingston at 443-2868, for more information.

Ethnic Concert: the Nature Boys
Seattle’s only Samoan a capella group
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Where: south of Bldg. 7

Blood Drive
Times: 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.
Where: Bldg. 8
When: Wed. and Tue. Oct. 5 and Oct. 6

Free Video: Dracula (1931)
Starring Bela Lugosi
Time: noon
Where: Bldg. 7
When: Thurs. Oct. 4

Free Video: Lost Boys
Starring Kiefer Sutherland and Dianne West
Time: 1:30 p.m.

When: Tues. Oct. 5
Where: Bldg. 7

Women’s Programs

Women’s Programs

Brown Bag Series
This workshop starts Fall 1993 quarter in Bldg. 22, Room 105, from noon to 1 p.m. Registration is not necessary. Bring your lunch.
For more information contact Julie Burr, Jan Harman, or Pat Flores at ext. 340.

For Women Considering College (Especially for Single Parents and Women Returning to School)
This free workshop offers programs to help women make career choices, enrollment procedures, the various forms of financial aid available, services obtainable at HCC, and childcare options.
Time: 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Bldg. 22, Room 108.
Pre-registration is necessary. For further information, call the Women’s Programs, ext. 340.

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The HCC Women's Volleyball team consists of mainly returning players and will be a strong contender in the 1993-94 year.

The Highline Community College Women's Volleyball team is digging up wins once again. The HCC Volleyball team won its first game of the 1993 season against Green River Community College (GRCC) on September 8, 1993. HCC won the first two matches 15-13 and 15-8, lost the third 17-15, and pulled off a 15-7 victory in the last match. The 1993 version is generating the same winning results with most of last year's team returning. "We have a good nucleus of experienced players," Coach John Littleman said.

This year, Littleman will try once again to gain a regional or conference banner. "I want to get another banner this year," Littleman said. "Every volleyball player can say they were a contributor." Since having one of the most successful volleyball programs in the area, HCC is a beneficial launching pad for its student athletes. "Our goal is to help everyone be a contributor," Littleman said. "Our goal is to help everyone and be a stepping stone on to another team. We've had players who have gone on." — John Littleman

Washington. HCC's chief competition should come from Skagit Community College, "I think Skagit is going to be tough," Littleman said. According to co-captain Caroline Gilligan, Littleman is a hard-working coach and demands the same from his players. "He expects a lot. It's worth it," Gilligan said.

This year's team consists of co-captains Suzie Hansen and Gilligan who hope to lead the team to victory. Rounding out the rest of the team are Becky Wisneman, Jenni Allen, Megan Blacksher, Caroline Gilligan, Natasha Tshopp, and Lisa Henry. The volleyball team's second game is at GRCC tonight.
Silligan hopes to lead team to viva
A familiar sight during fall quarter is bewildered Highline Community College students grouped around the large directory map in front of Building 8, the Student Center. Even students armed with the most detailed map of HCC could get lost.

Since the dedication of the first 16 structures in 1965, HCC has expanded to 30 buildings, causing an erratic numbering system that would challenge any mathematician.

A few campus old-timers tried their best to convince me of the logic behind the present numbering system. My favorite is the theory of the three counterclockwise circles. Apparently Building 30 has spun out of its circle and is in orbit across the campus next to Building 17.

If Building 30 continues its erratic orbit, we might find that given enough time, it will end up in the Kentucky Fried Chicken parking lot! Leaving the circle theory behind, I would like to ask if Buildings 19 and 20, as well as 10 and 11, are in the process of a divorce?

Another confusing aspect of the buildings is during HCC’s Native American phase in the early '70s. The buildings where given Native American titles such as “Tyee” and “Skookum.”

According to Lance Gibson, a counselor at HCC since 1967, people had trouble remembering these names and HCC reverted to using numbers. Not only do the buildings have a strange numbering system, but Native American titles that can’t be translated.

Our hilly campus presents special problems for sign visibility. It is impossible to identify buildings when approaching the campus from the North and South parking lots. Many signs in front of buildings are at ground level and blend into the landscape.

Studies show that assignments written in the upper left-hand corner of a blackboard are seen and remembered better than those written elsewhere. Numbers placed on opposite sides of every building at the left corner roof-line would be easier to spot.

Stan Shaw, director of facilities and operations, said the first phase of any project is determining need. Projects under $15,000 don’t have to get state approval but can be funded by money set aside for repair and minor improvements.

This means that the problem probably won’t be taken care of, because it isn’t considered a major repair.

Laura Saunders, vice-president of administration, said a campus or faculty group could bring the matter before Ed Command, the president of HCC. She said that “getting agreement was the issue.”

A student-oriented administration would realize a major improvement by focusing on this problem and would relieve many confused and lost students.

Students come to HCC to get an education that will help them reach their adult goals. The struggle to find classrooms should not be part of the HCC curriculum, and unfortunately an Associate of Art degree, in the traditional two years, is not long enough to master the HCC rat’s maze.
The Comedy Cafe

Friday, October 8, 1993

The featured comedian will be Seattle's own

CHRIS ALPINE
1986 Seattle Comedy Competition winner!

The opening act will be RODNEY SHERWOOD
who has performed at The Last Laugh, The Improv, and The Comedy Underground.

8 pm, Tazza Espresso, Bldg. 8
Cost: $3.00 in advance
$5.00 at the door

Mocktails, coffee, espresso, and soft drinks will be sold prior to the show. Doors open at 7 pm.

(Tickets available at the Student Lounge Desk, Bldg. 8, from 9 am to 2 pm, M-F & 6 to 9 pm, M-Th)

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