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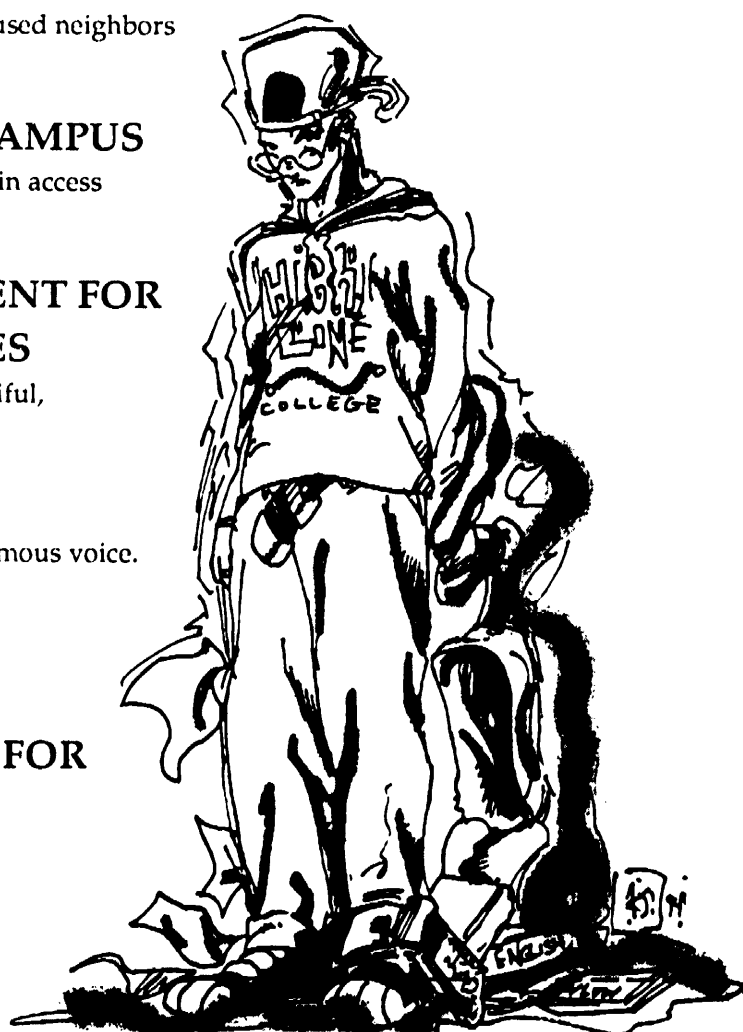
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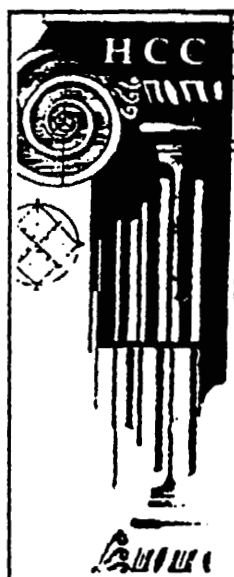
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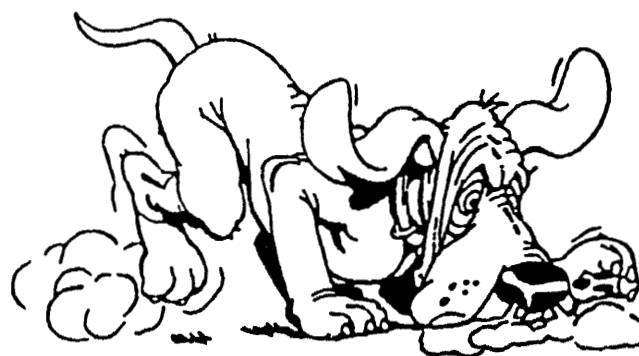
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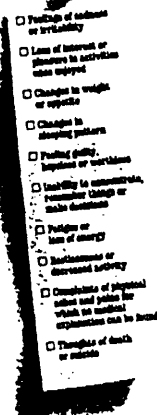


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## In the News...

### Tawfik resigns

Student body president-elect, Magdy Tawfik has resigned for personal reasons, a Highline official said.

Bruce Mackintosh, coordinator of Student Programs at HCC, said that Tawfik submitted his resignation September 14, before officially taking office at the beginning of the Fall Quarter. He is succeeded in office by Scott Miller, who was elected to the position of vice president of legislation in the spring election.

The ASHC constitution and by-laws provide for such vacancies by allowing the ASHC executive council to choose between the two vice presidents (the vice president of administration and the vice president of legislation) to fill the office.

The office of vice president of legislation vacated by Miller will be filled by appointment of one of four people holding the student-at-large position.

### New Debate Team

A new debate team is forming on campus, according to HCC student, Mitch Watkins.

The first meeting will be on Wednesday, Sept. 28 at 1 to 2 p.m. and a second meeting will be held on Thursday, Sept. 29 from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Watkins said extra credits can be earned for participation. Students interested can contact Carolyn Johnson in the Student Activities Office in Building 8.

### New Library Hours

They're back with longer hours: Mon. — Thurs. 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., Fri. 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sat. noon to 4 p.m..

Three free workshops on how to use the library will be offered on the topics of Periodicals, Reference Sources and Computer Resources. Each will be offered several times during the quarter. To sign up, call ext. 232.

There has been a new network installed and now the library's CD-Rom collection can be accessed from several workstations on the Plaza level.

### Welcome aboard

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Photo by Jennifer Laughlin

... Instructor Dick Gordon and student Todd Jay are stocking shelves in newly added warehouse and classroom in Building 16.

### New Additions

This summer, construction was completed on Building 16, adding a new paper warehouse and classroom to the printshop. Also a three-dimensional classroom was added for fine arts classes. The pottery room was remodeled and a wheelchair ramp was added.

All fine arts classes in Buildings 2 and 3 have been moved to Building 16. To find the classrooms, follow the southside walk way of Building 16 to the classrooms.



# Sports

HCC men's  
soccer team use  
their heads ...



Photo by Patricia Foinzo

## WOMEN'S SOCCER SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
Wednesday	September 28	Skagit Valley	Skagit Valley	4:00
Friday	September 30	Columbia Basin	Columbia Basin	4:00
Saturday	October 1	Spokane	Spokane	1:00
Wednesday	October 5	Tacoma	Tacoma	4:00
Saturday	October 8	Green River	Green River	1:00
Wednesday	October 12	Shoreline	HIGHLINE	4:00
Friday	October 14	Columbia Basin	HIGHLINE	4:00
Saturday	October 15	Green River	HIGHLINE	1:00
Wednesday	October 19	Tacoma	HIGHLINE	4:00

## MEN'S SOCCER SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
Wednesday	September 28	Bellevue	Bellevue	4:00
Saturday	October 1	Edmonds	HIGHLINE	1:00
Saturday	October 8	Grays Harbor	HIGHLINE	1:00
Wednesday	October 12	Spokane	Spokane	4:00
Saturday	October 15	Skagit Valley	Skagit Valley	7:30
Wednesday	October 19	S. Puget Sound	S. Puget Sound	4:00
Saturday	October 22	Spokane	COLUMBIA	1:00

## CROSS COUNTRY SCHEDULE

DATE	MEET	SITE
October 1	Fort Casey Inv.	Whidbey Island
October 8	Big Cross	Pasco
October 22	W.W.U. Inv.	Bellingham

## VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TYPE
Wednesday	September 28	Bellevue	HIGHLINE	League
Monday	October 3	Skagit	HIGHLINE	League
Wednesday	October 5	Olympic	Olympic	League
Friday	October 7	TRC	HIGHLINE	Cross Over
Saturday	October 8	HCC	HIGHLINE	Cross Over
Wednesday	October 12	TRC	Everett	League
Friday	October 14	LCC	HIGHLINE	Practice
Wednesday	October 19	Edmonds	HIGHLINE	League
Friday	October 21	Bellevue	Bellevue	League
Monday	October 24	Skagit	Skagit	League

Cover story

# Ross is back and he's bad ...

by Marlin Bowman

One long-time campus observer said, "This could be the biggest thing that has happened at Highline Community College in years." He was referring, before the fact, to the appearance of H. Ross Perot in the HCC pavilion on Sept. 17th.

Preceded by long-distance phone appearances by Perot on local talk radio shows, the rally was touted as Perot's attempt to get people interested in government and hopefully to send them to the polls to vote. It came across as a mixture of a political rally and a religious revival. It had elements of both.

This rally was Perot's third rally that day, one of 10 this month. One of his aides said he conducted over 100 such rallies in 1993.

Approaching the pavilion, the crowd was supplied with Larouche propaganda, offered "Impeach Clinton" bumper stickers for a dollar and confronted with a sign, "Larry King for Supreme Court."

Inside there was a whole area devoted to politicians and politics. Signs proclaimed their political messages, such as "Tate for Congress" and "We need Jack Metcalf." Halfway up the bleachers, with his sign taped to the rail so everyone could see it, sat State Senator Les Thomas. Politicians present were not necessarily endorsed by Perot, nor did they have to endorse him. All politicians were invited to be present, regardless of affiliation.

Mike Siegel, popular KVI talk show host, began broadcasting live from HCC at 5 p.m.

At 5:45, six people appeared with musical instruments and sat in front, facing the crowd. Without warning, they struck up a rousing march. The band consisted of an accordion, a bass horn, banjo, clarinet, coronet and a trombone. It was obvious to observers that they were of professional quality.

As the band played, a line of people was forming at Siegel's broadcast booth, hoping to be interviewed. Siegel was asking one elderly gent, "Why have you come all the way down here to see Ross Perot?"

The man answered, "Well, I just came down to see what's goin' on."

The auditorium was set up with 900 chairs on the main floor and seating for another 600 people on bleachers behind the chairs. The maintenance crew was prepared to provide seating for twice that number should it be needed. By 6:30, most seats on the main floor were filled, and there was a smattering of people on the bleachers.



Photo by Patricia Fiorito

The HCC sound system was taxed to capacity, with both outputs filled, and one of them was split two ways. Between the politicians' tables and the band rose the media platform with TV cameras and photographers.

A banner hung across the way. It said, "Our national debt: \$4,683,788,000,000. Your family's share: \$72,643. United We Stand America."

A gentleman stood behind the podium. He began by asking people on the bleachers to come to the main floor and then thanked KVI and volunteers. Beside him stood a woman interpreting for the deaf.

After other introductions were made, a "Congressman Gridlock" was introduced. It didn't take long to realize it was a spoof.

Outside, at least six motorcyclists were parking their bikes in a row.

Then flags were carried down the aisle, and all stood and pledged



allegiance. A young man sang the national anthem acappella. There were more introductions ...

At precisely 7 o'clock, H. Ross Perot was introduced. Whisked in by R.V. and out later by the same mode, he seemed to appear from nowhere.

Every accessible seat was filled and a small crowd stood at the back of the auditorium.

The most successful third-party candidate in recent history, Perot spoke for one hour and twenty minutes. He attacked the policies of President Clinton, saying Clinton misled the public on middle-class tax cuts. He claimed Clinton committed fraud in trying to get his health-care plan passed. He said that the current administration has imposed the largest tax increase in history.

Perot said the country is \$4.6 trillion in debt today. We are paying a billion dollars in interest every day. He said that with the Clinton budget for 1995, our children will keep only 18 cents out of every dollar they earn.

He criticized the Clinton crime bill, saying, "The words 'penalty,' 'restrict' and 'violate' appear more often in the Clinton health-care bill than in the crime bill." But most of all, he assaulted Clinton's planned invasion of Haiti.

Stating that the middle class is America, Perot said, "Small business is the key to rebuilding America." Citing that there are 6 million small businesses employing 80 million adults, he said, "we gotta make it easier for small businesses to grow and thrive."

He closed with, "Tough times never last; tough people do."

As suddenly as he appeared, he disappeared. And the band played on ...

### Cover story

H. Ross Perot is a colorful man and a colorful speaker. Here are some of the quotable statements made in his Highline Community College speech:

- "If you got a Sherman tank in your back yard and it's just something you enjoy, that's not a problem. If you shoot it at your neighbor, that's the problem."
- "You gotta make those laws so tough that no matter how drunk or how crazy or how high or how much somebody wants status by joining a teenage gang, they ain't gonna pull the trigger."
- "I suggest we oughta have our future prisons in the deserts and in the snow. We have plenty of deserts."
- "Free people look after themselves if they can and help those who can't."
- "Put all the rich folks on welfare; put 'em in public housing; send 'em a check every month, but now you've got all their money. You didn't balance the budget one year."
- "He (the president) works for us. He works for me. He's my hired hand."
- "Don't ever tell me I'm gonna get it free. There ain't no free candy, and when there is, it doesn't taste good."



Photo by Patricia Florio

# Gunfire too close to home ...

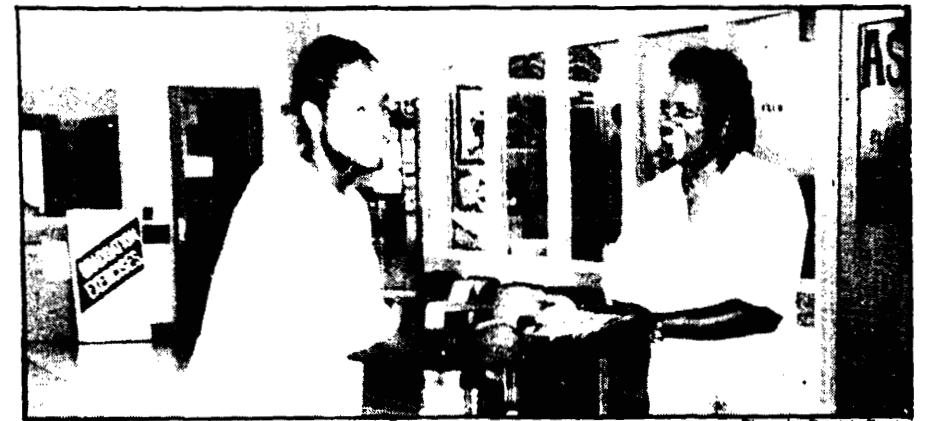
By Marlin Bowman

A gunshot shattered the predawn silence. It was 4:45 a.m. on Friday, September 16.

Neighbors in and around Building E at the Newport Apartments were rounded up and told by the police they must leave. Later they learned there was a man barricaded in an apartment with a gun. There were five or more people in the apartment with him. They may have been hostages. Nobody knew. Some thought it was a domestic dispute taken to the extreme.

Shortly after 6 a.m., Gregory Brock, his wife, Veronica, his stepchildren, Sherman and Shannon Moore, and about 20 other people, were evacuated to the Highline Community College Student Lounge in Building 8.

Thus began an all-day vigil that lasted until after 6 p.m. Police had the area around the barricaded apartment



Brenda Bell serving Sherman Moore during long wait.

Photo by Patricia Fiorio

cordoned off. Twentieth Avenue, west of HCC, was closed.

Barred from their homes and unable to get to their cars, the evacuees needed to get to work and school. They needed food and had appointments that had to be met.


Staff and faculty of HCC stepped in to help. People like Ed Rector, chief of security, and his crew who worked

above and beyond the call of duty communicating with and for the evacuees. People like Chris Brixey's crew of grounds and custodial people and Dave Kress, grounds leader and his people. People like "Yogi" Iodice and his maintenance crew who all helped transport those temporarily displaced. There was Brenda Bell, who determined to feed the displaced people even if it had to come out of her personal funds. There was the food service crew who stayed late with her to provide a hot evening meal. The list of good Samaritans is much longer than indicated here.

The evacuees expressed their gratitude to the HCC faculty and staff. Brock said, "You guys have been great to us."

Brock's wife, Veronica said, "They have been really great ... above and beyond their duty ... nobody's been rude or anything."

Shortly after 6 p.m., the alleged gunman was arrested and the incident was over. The Brock family and the others were free to go home.



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# New Vice President for Student Services ...

By Jennifer Laughlin

When students hear the word "administration", the words "compassionate" and "caring" do not immediately come to mind. This is not to say administrators are not compassionate or caring, but most students at the community college level don't take the time to get to know their administrators. However, caring and compassionate are two words that Norma Macias, a former student and study group leader at California State University, uses to describe Dr. Janet Tricamo, the new vice president for students at Highline. As the former director of the Learning Resource Center at CSU, Tricamo was so concerned with students' well being that she and her associate, Ann Snow, wrote a proposal for the United States Department of Education's fund for the improvement of post secondary education, FIPSE, for students in need of special academic attention. "She is an inspiration and she cares about students. Janet's leaving is a tremendous loss for CSU. I think HCC is really lucky," Macias said.

Under Tricamo's direction, a group formed at CSU, consisting of people from nine faculty departments, supportive services and language specialists. The group met each week to discuss better ways of lecturing to students so that students would have a clearer understanding of the material the instructor was covering.

Gerri-Ann Galanti, a part-time assistant professor of cultural anthropol-

ogy at CSU, met Tricamo through the FIPSE project. Galanti describes Tricamo as being an absolutely wonderful person, who cares about students. "Janet taught me how to stop making assumptions about what students know how to do — but actually teach them how to do it," Galanti said. "My students have learned so much and they are doing better and better. I think HCC is exceedingly lucky to have her and I'm going to miss her."

Steve Teixeira, acting director of the special services project at CSU, said, "Dr. Tricamo has the vision to see the collaborative linkage between faculty and supportive service personnel." Thus, Tricamo should be able to meet the demands of vice president for student services. Part of the vice president's role is to offer support and guidance to HCC's student services department. Student services include: student admissions, student educa-

tional planning, counseling, athletics, registration, financial aid, student activities, multicultural programs and services, women's programs, the student health center, disabled student services and veterans affairs. These programs are available in Building 6 to students who would like to become more involved with HCC's campus or might need assistance in their educational or personal goals and financial planning.

When asked about her personal goals for HCC student services, Tricamo sat back and said, "I have no specific goals immediately, except to consult with the departments and to organize "think groups" to develop a five-year plan. Goal setting will result after talking to people who work in student services. My plan is to make student services very responsive to student needs."

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Dr. Tricamo at home in her new office ...

Photo by Patricia Florio

# Free access to campus ...

by Kirstin Marquardt

In the 1994 Washington State legislative session, the House and the Senate passed a bill to improve disabled students' access to education.

The bill's prime sponsor was Higher Education Committee Chair, Rep. Ken Jacobsen of Seattle. The bill was written in simple terms as a statement on disabled students' rights, and to clarify how colleges and university campuses throughout Washington should serve students with disabilities. Jacobsen said, "It is a 'Bill of Rights' for disabled students." He feels that it lets everyone know what the standards are for higher education in Washington.

None of the services available to disabled students were removed. However, some colleges will add programs or expand existing programs. Core services are services which every campus needs to make available to disabled students because they may need them to succeed with their education. These core services include, but are not limited to, accommodations made for the student in the classroom, flexibility in admission procedures and graduation requirements, taped or larger print textbooks, early registration, sign language and interpreter services and accessibility to campus activities. Reasonable accommodations are made for each disabled student according to the needs of his or her disability. Colleges and universities throughout the state are expected to accommodate the students' needs within a reasonable time of their request.

Tobey Olsen, staff director for the Governor's Task Force for Dis-

*"Students should be able to go to any college they wish without difficulty."*

ability Issues, said the legislature had "clear evidence that some colleges were doing better" serving disabled students. Sometimes this forces disabled students to go to colleges that can best accommodate their needs instead of choosing a school because it has the best academic program. The passing of the bill guarantees that all the same services will be offered to disabled students throughout the state of Washington. Jacobsen said, "all our students are equally valuable."

Karen Bruno, disabled student coordinator for Green River Community College, said, "It will provide more equal opportunities for

students with all types of disabilities." She feels that it will serve as a red flag to the state so it can evaluate the reasons one college has a larger enrollment than other schools or colleges.

No new funding will be allocated for the support of the bill. Each college supports the disabled student services on its campus from the money received from the state to run the college.

Highline Community College has been providing the general core services stated in the bill for many years. Laura Saunders, HCC vice president of Administrative Services, said, "It's our general policy that we remain in compliance with all of those bills. We believe in making our campus accessible to the students."

HCC student, Trina Ward, said, "I wouldn't want to go to another school. It's the people on this campus that make this campus." Ward explains that if it weren't for students at HCC she wouldn't be able to get in and out of buildings, and she wouldn't have class notes because Ward's classmates take notes for her.

HCC Disabled Student Services Coordinator Crista Shaw said, "There wasn't any law that gave us uniformity in required services in the state in the past." She feels

there is always room for improvement in the programs offered for disabled students. She is requesting that a full-time program assistant be hired to help Disabled Student Services be of better service to the increasing number of students with whom they work. She also stresses the importance of communication among everyone on campus. She said, "Communication is probably the thing that we need the most; to be able to communicate together about what's needed for our programs in being able to support this law."

In 1990, the Governor's Task Force for Disability Issues was developed by the legislature to look at how "higher education makes programs accessible to disabled students," Dave Brown, the state coordinator for disability access services, said. The responsibility of the task force was to gather information on how higher education is serving disabled students. The task force met for several months in open forums. The core services bill grew from recommendations made by the task force.

In the summer of 1990, coordinators for students with disabilities from many Washington four-year and two-year colleges, agencies that serve the needs of the disabled, and statewide administration met to form the Technical Advisory Committee. This committee looked at what services were provided to disabled students, and how schools could better serve disabled students on a statewide level in the future.

They looked at the current state laws to see what improvements

could be made to make colleges in Washington more accessible to students with disabilities. Shaw said, "We came up with recommendations on all the campus services that should be available at all campuses across the state of Washington."

In the fall of 1991, a committee made up of disabled student coordinators in colleges throughout the state, compiled a bill explaining what they felt each college should offer. The bill was submitted to the Higher Education Committee in the state legislature during the 1991 session. The Higher Education Committee is made up of members of the legislature who recommend legislation for higher education in Washington state. Olsen said, "It often takes several years for an idea to develop understanding and momentum" in the legislature before it is voted on to become a law.


Each year since 1991, the request has been presented to the Higher Education Committee on the basis of



Photo by Jennifer Laughlin

Students must make use of the elevator in Building 6.

more services needed and consistency throughout the state at all colleges. Students and citizens throughout the state said that students should be able to go to any college they wish without difficulty, and the state needs to support them. Shaw said, "This is history. It's great."

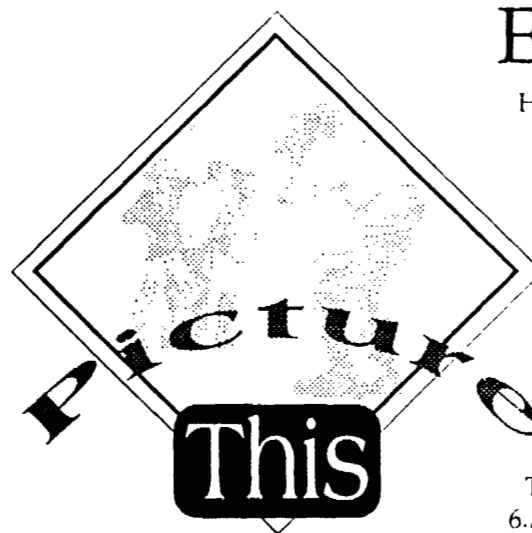


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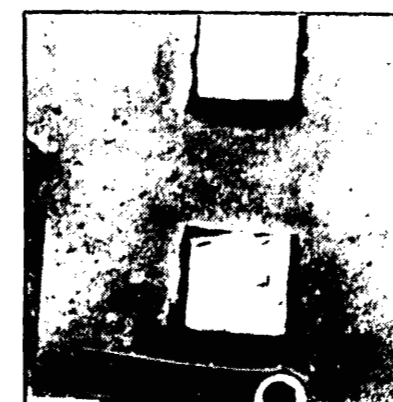
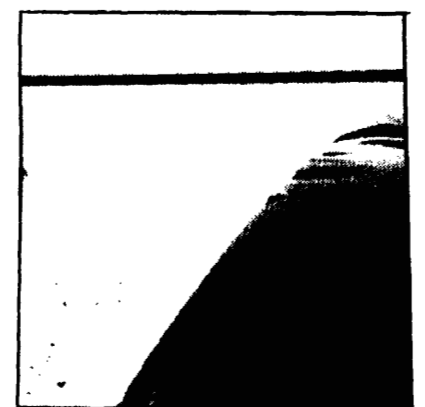
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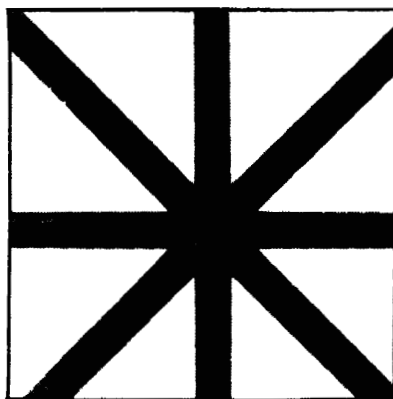
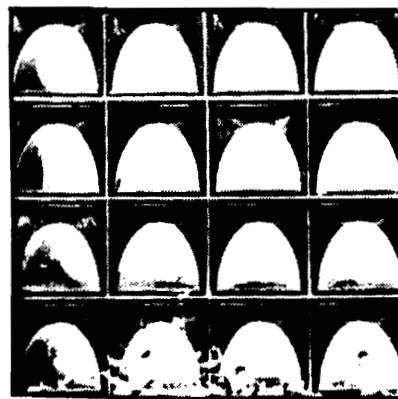
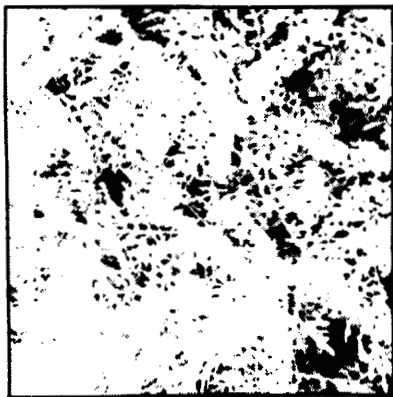
How well do you know our campus? What and where are these objects? Win valuable prizes from Tazza Espresso!

### Contest Rules

1. All entries must include name and phone number.
2. Enter as many times as you like.
3. Submit entries to the box in Tazza Espresso, Building 8, or bring to the ThunderWord, Building 10, Room 105. Deadline for entries is Friday, October 7th.
4. In the event of a tie, a drawing will decide the winner.
5. Contest is open to students, faculty and staff of Highline Community College with the exception of the ThunderWord staff and adviser.
6. A list of winners will be posted on Tuesday, October 11th at Tazza Espresso. To claim a prize, you must show I.D.
7. The decision of the judges is final.

*Our photographer goes wild with her camera. She's just done it again around campus. Here are some of her close-ups. Can you guess what and where they are? If so, enter our contest. If you win, you will own a punch card good for 10 drinks of your choice provided by Tazza Espresso. Come in second, and you win a pound of delicious Millstone coffee beans. Third prize is a Tazza coffee mug filled with your favorite beverage.*






Please return to the Thunderword, Building 10,  
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*Good luck!!!*

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# WHAT'S UP! AROUND TOWN



## Arts and Entertainment

### Contemporary Quilt Art Exhibit

An exhibit of art quilts by members of the Contemporary Quilt Art Association are on display through Dec. 28. There are free brown bag docent lectures noon to 1 p.m. Oct. 16, Oct. 20, Nov. 13, and Nov. 17.

Time: 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily  
Location: Washington State Convention and Trade Center, level two, Galleria  
Cost: Free  
For more information, contact Sharon Ducey at 447-5012.

### Asian American Artists

Wing Luke Asian Museum is hosting an exhibit on Asian American artists through Jan. 15. The museum will present public

tours and lectures in conjunction with the exhibit. A four-part lecture series co-sponsored by Seattle Central Community College, will run from Oct. 18 to Nov. 8.

Time: Tue - Fri, 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Sat - Sun, 12 a.m. 4 p.m.

Location: Wing Luke Asian Museum, 407 Seventh Avenue South, Seattle

Cost: Adults - \$2.50  
Senior citizens/students - \$1.50  
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## Classes

### Local and Community History Certificate Program

The University of Washington Extension will offer a new evening certificate program in local and community history. In a series of three courses, under the direction of Dr. Lorraine McConaghy, students will review the general content of Pacific Northwest History.

Students will receive a certificate of completion from the UW extension.

Deadline: Dec. 1

For more information, call UW ext. 543-2320 or if you have specific questions contact Dr. McConaghy at 827-2927.

## Competition

### "The Grate Zap Dod! Playwriting Contest"

Writers must send SASE for guidelines and application form. The Pilgrim Center for the Arts is seeking non-realistic plays specifically.

Winner(s) will be awarded a production of their play(s) at the Pilgrim Center in the upcoming 1994-95 season.

Deadline: Dec. 1

For guidelines, send SASE (#10 envelope with 29 cent stamp) to: The Grate Zap Dod! Pilgrim Center for the Arts 409 Tenth Avenue East Seattle, Wa. 98102

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Time: Continuous  
Location: HCC Photo Studio, Bldg. Room 316 gallery in hallway  
Cost: Free

### ***All the Rage ...***

Domestic abuse is the issue, and you can learn more about the warning signs, its causes, and options for change in this informal seminar/discussion. Speaker, Ellen Finn.  
Sept. 29  
Time: 1-2 p.m.  
Location: Bldg. 22, Room 105  
Cost: Free, preregistration is required. For more information, contact Kelli Johnston, Pat Flores, or Jan Harman at the Women's Programs, 878-3710, ext. #340.

### ***"Welcome to Highline Week" Dance.***

There will be music, lights, prizes and videos by Sound Presentations.  
Sept. 30  
Time: 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.  
Location: Bldg. 8 in the student lounge  
Cost: \$2 for HCC students with I.D. \$5 for the general public

### ***All-Campus Blood Drive***

We're out of blood! Our goal is to get 100 donors from students and staff.

Oct. 4  
Time: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Location: Bloodmobile on the Plaza, Bldg. 8 (west side).  
Cost: only your time.

### ***"Self Esteem and Assertiveness – The Foundations for Success"***

This workshop will help you deal with all aspects of your daily life and enable you to feel good about yourself and your interaction with others. Speaker, Ellen Finn.

Oct. 6 – Nov. 17  
Time: Thurs., Oct. 6 to Nov. 17, 1 to 2 p.m.  
Location: Bldg. 10 Room 101  
Cost: \$20 and preregistration is required. For more information, please call, Kelli Johnston, Pat Flores, or Jan Harman at Women's Programs, 878-3710 ext.340.

### ***Single Moms Deserve Extra Credit!!***

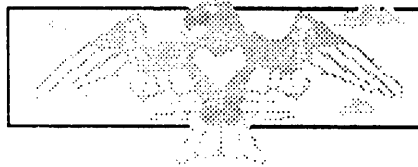
The Women's Programs invites you to join other single moms for an afternoon of fun, information, and refreshments.  
Oct. 12

Time: 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.  
Location: Bldg. 4 Room 123  
Cost: Free  
For information, call the Women's Programs at 878-3710, ext. #340.

### ***"Hawaiian Luau"***

Enjoy a Hawaiian dinner accompanied by performances from the group, "Cultural Blend". The group will be doing a Polynesian floor show with dancing, music and audience participation. The menu includes: Kalua pork, huli-huli

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chicken, long rice noodles with mushrooms and chicken, fried rice, green salad, fruit, and beverage.

Friday, Oct. 14  
Time: Dinner is from 6 to 7 p.m.  
The performance is from 7 to 8 p.m..  
Location: Bldg. 8, second floor  
Cost: \$7 in advance  
\$9 at the door  
Advance tickets available at the Student Lounge desk, Bldg. 8.

### ***Comedy Cafe***

Seattle comedian Mike Motto and opening comedian Auggie Smith will be here. Mocktails, espresso, coffee and soft drinks will be served prior to the show.  
Oct. 21

Time: 7 p.m. the doors open  
8 p.m. the show starts  
Location: Tazza Espresso, Bldg. 8  
Cost: \$3 in advance  
\$5 at the door  
Advance tickets are available upstairs at the Student Lounge desk in Bldg. 8.

### ***"Divorce, Money and You"***

Your options will be thoroughly explored in our Divorce, Money and You workshop.  
Oct. 22

Time: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Location: Bldg. 10, Room 206  
Cost: \$25 and preregistration is required  
To register, call the Women's Programs at 878-3710, ext. #340.

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What? Out of another ream of paper? This is insane. Why is it that every other place just seems to happen to have enough supplies. Or is this just my imagination. Maybe this has to do with the fact that the government has a tap on the school budget.

There seems to be a communication (realization) problem going on between the old geezers of the establishment and generation-x. The equipment and supplies in the liberal arts departments just don't seem to be on the top of Colonel Klink's list. Instead, the future business usurpers of the world seem to get everything they need to snuff out the little people. I mean, that's what it's all about anyway, isn't it? Rusty old paper cutters, gummed up waxers, out of date programs, bad cafeteria food, and ratty cabinets must not be the "in" thing to deal with right now.

No, this entire crock of ... well you know, is just insane. These so-called experts need to recalculate their theories into more basic arithmetic. These experts may also want to see the optometrist to check for tunnel vision and a astigmatism because the people outside the 39° visual radius need help, too.

However, most narrow-minded, system-swallowing, shallow-life living, anti-compassion-feeling idiots still don't have a clue how to truly put their pants on one leg at a time.

Why do some instructors do one-on-one advising of female students while sitting side-by-side and knee-to-knee? It

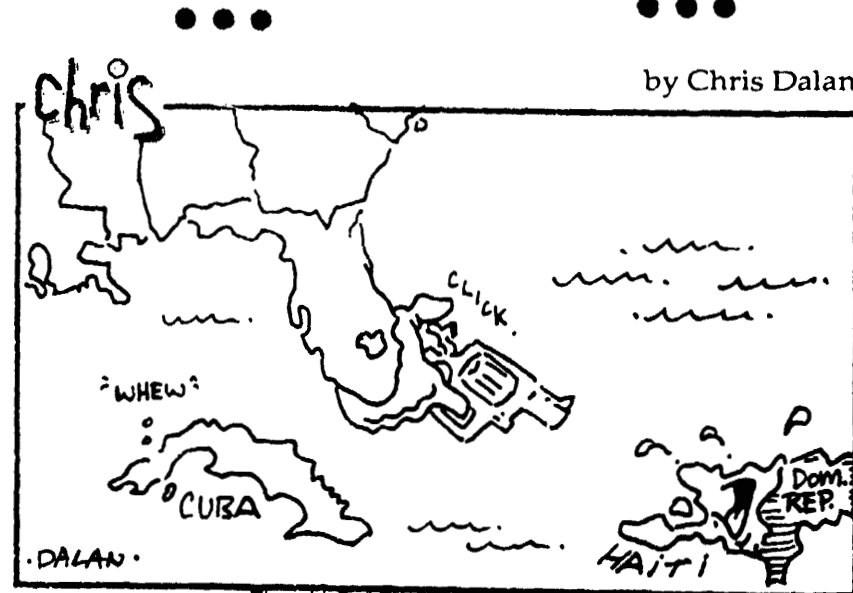
seems to me this is asking for sexual harassment charges even when harassment is not being done.

I hate ... wet socks on a cold day, people who don't turn their blinkers on, impatient salespeople, and most of all, people who stand in the 10-items-or-less line with 11 items!

One of my main gripes when the sun is out, is the way so many students will sit on the steps of the two-story buildings, blocking the way for people who need to use the hand railings.

I don't like the use of throwaway plates, cups and utensils. It's way too much garbage. If the campus hasn't gone back to using reusable dinnerware, we, as students and staff, should bring in and use our own. I do.

When I'm in the restroom and another person comes in and doesn't wash his hands when he leaves, I think it is gross. I have to open the same doors he does, and I have to touch the same surfaces he does. He could be carrying bacteria on his hands that he has become immune to, but other people may not be immune to it. At the very least, it is dirty.



The U.S. "Caribbean policy."

Word for thought ...

APPLY GPA RULE TO STUDENT CANDIDATES

Associated Students of Highline College is the official title of student government on this campus. There are three levels of participation in the ASHC. The top level is made up of four officers: president, administrative vice president, legislative vice president and treasurer/organizations' liaison. These people are elected by the vote of the student body of Highline Community College each spring quarter. The second level consists of four student representatives at large who have each qualified by gathering fifty signatures of registered students and have been ratified and approved by the executive council. The third level is composed of representatives of recognized student clubs and organizations. The constitution of the organization has been recently revised and the by-laws are in the process of revision. This is done periodically in all responsible organizations to clarify their documents and bring them up to date.

However, one part of both documents that is not yet revised is article VII, section 3, part A of the constitution that says: "A student holding any ASHC position on the Executive Council must maintain a cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of 2.0 or higher at HCC. If

the student's (CGPA) should drop below 2.0 any time, they shall be automatically removed from their position." The bylaws, article V, section 1 says exactly the same thing with the addition of the sentence: "This rule shall apply to all positions on the Executive Council."

Though it sounds quite proper and adequate on the first read, it begins to lose its strength when a person realizes that there is no requirement at all for a student to run for office. Any student, even one on the brink of being removed from school for academic failure, can run for office on the ASHC executive council. There is no rule anywhere preventing a student who is flunking out of school from running for office and being elected.

It is only after a student is elected to office that his or her CGPA can be legally checked. This is done by the faculty adviser in strictest confidence. If, at this point, a duly elected officer is found to be lacking in CGPA, he or she is removed from office and another student is appointed by the executive council, not by the vote of the student body. This is a weakness in the student government of HCC and should be changed.

If a CGPA above 2.0 is required

for a student to hold office, it should also be a requirement for a student to run for that office. Students who run for an office on the student government board should accept it as a public position and should be ready and willing to make public their official transcripts of grades. Students who run for office should prepare to have their personal lives scrutinized just as any public official or personality is subjected to such examination.

Some people argue that a requirement to disclose CGPA before filing for office would eliminate new students from running for office because they have not had time to accumulate a GPA. This argument is weak. The offices of the ASHC are important enough that students who aspire to such positions should have accumulated some grades at HCC. Such students should have knowledge of the layout of the campus, be acquainted with at least a few members of the faculty and staff and know something about how HCC operates.

Let the executive council of the ASHC address this weakness in their constitution and bylaw's revision process. The organization will be much stronger for the resultant change.

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*Tricamo*  
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Tricamo said that her philosophy is to clarify and accomplish. "An institution can help or hinder students. Faculty is at the heart of the institution and student services will complement the faculty to develop a well-rounded education," Tricamo said. "Higher education has done more for me than anything else in my life. It has made the biggest difference in the person that I am, in terms of how I think, what my values are (and) what I can do professionally," she added.

After spending the majority of her professional career working with college freshmen and sophomores, Tricamo decided it was time to make a move to a community college. "I felt I had done all I could do and there are many opportunities for women in higher education (administration), especially at the community college level," Tricamo said. The timing was right for Tricamo. Her twelve-year-old son was graduating from the sixth grade. She said, "I decided that this is the year I go for it."

Tricamo looked nationally in her search for a new position. When she looked to the Northwest, she found the area to be unusually friendly and the people to be more willing to engage in conversation than her fellow Southern Californians.

Last spring Tricamo met Sue Williamson, HCC director of personnel services, at a college job fair in Los Angeles and asked Williamson what she thought of HCC. Tricamo said Williamson told her HCC was like a family. "I thought that was an amazing thing to say," Tricamo said. After visiting the campus Tricamo said she felt that "HCC is a beautiful and unique place. The staff is not only competent but very personal and student oriented. "Some institutions call themselves special — I think this place is special."

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## Marlin

by Marlin Bowman

I guess I didn't want to believe it ... not here at our clean, green college. Everyone is so friendly and seems so honest. But all the evidence points to it. I still didn't want to admit it, but—hang on to your hat—there's a ring of book bag thieves among us. That's right, shifty-eyed, low-down, greasy-looking book bag thieves.

Ed Rector, chief of security at Highline Community College said, "Fully half of all crimes on campus during the summer months were book bag thefts."

I don't know if they're associated with the Mafia or not. It's a distinct possibility.

One of our writers thought it might be the Crips and the Bloods duking it out, but I doubt it. What would those boys do with BOOKS, anyway? Whoever they are, they're a ring of snaggly-toothed, womanizing, unsavory book bag thieves.

There was talk in the newsroom that maybe it's Bigfoot. But I know it isn't him. He's family, and I know my uncle Hjalmer. He'd never do such a thing. After all, he's just a Sasquatch. He doesn't fit the description of an underhanded, pimply-faced, scroungy book bag thief with bad breath (even though you can cut his breath with a knife). No, it can't be Hjalmer.

An old friend thought it could even be a relative of the Loch Ness monster sneaking up from Puget Sound and snatching the books to

take back to the Sound to read or maybe to have for lunch. That really sounds far-fetched to me ... like reaching for something that isn't there.

No, I think it is ordinary humans doing this dastardly deed. Picture it. An innocent, young, gorgeous blonde puts her book bag on the floor outside the book store on campus and walks into the book store to spend the rest of her meager reserves on needed books and materials. (It's always the innocent ones that are victimized. I've read the romance novels. I know.) She's in a hurry, and everyone else leaves book bags on the floor. It doesn't seem cool to put them in the lockers where you even get your quarter back.

While she's shopping, around the corner comes an unshaven, whiskey-guzzling, ne'er-do-well book bag thief. He snags the book bag and lifts it away with never a hitch, leaving our innocent victim crying in Ed Rector's office (and if there's anything Ed Rector can't stand, it's the tears of innocent victims).

I don't know what that ring of black-hatted, shuffly-gaited, pot-smoking book bag thieves do with the books. They may be selling them to further their own education habits. Then again, they may be storing them up in a big semi truck awaiting the day the book store buys back books.

What will it be next? Will they start stealing our brown bag lunches? They could, you know. After all, they're bow-legged, pot-bellied, drug-snorting book bag thieves. They're capable of anything.

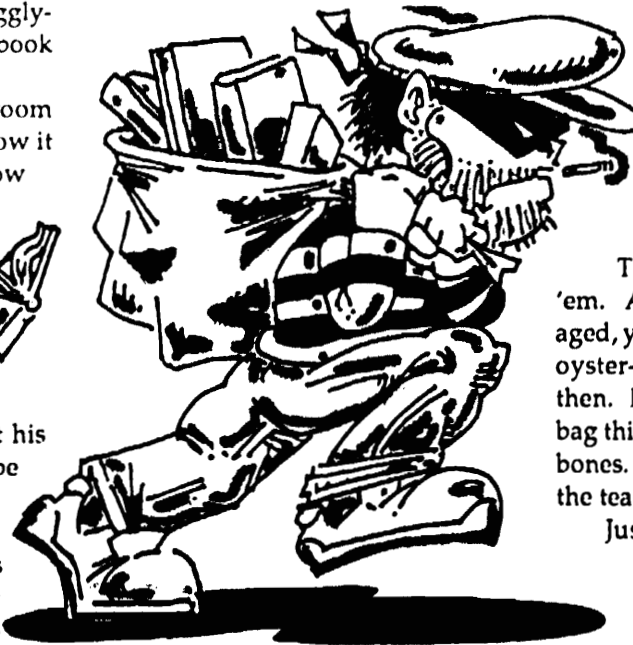
If they start that, I know one sure way to catch them. In fact, maybe we should all do it just in case they start it. Let's all lace our peanut butter sandwiches with Ex Lax. That'll get 'em. And it'll serve them right. After all, they're a band of long-haired, cigar-smoking, cauliflower-eared book bag thieves, and they deserve it.

Even if they don't start stealing our potato chips, I'm confident they will be apprehended. If we don't catch

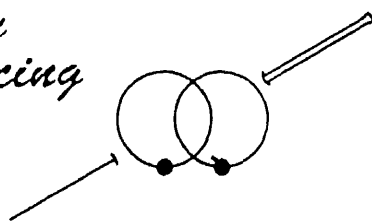
them before the book store starts buying back books at the end of the quarter, all we have to do is look for a ring of bad-smelling, flea bitten, bald-headed book bag thieves backing a semi truck up to the buy-back window.

Then Ed Rector's crew will nab 'em. And woe to those scurvy-ravaged, yellow-bellied, Rocky Mountain oyster-swallowing book bag thieves then. I hear that Ed Rector eats book bag thieves for lunch and spits out the bones. After all, Ed Rector can't stand the tears of innocent victims.

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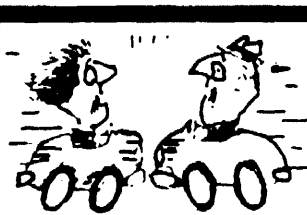
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