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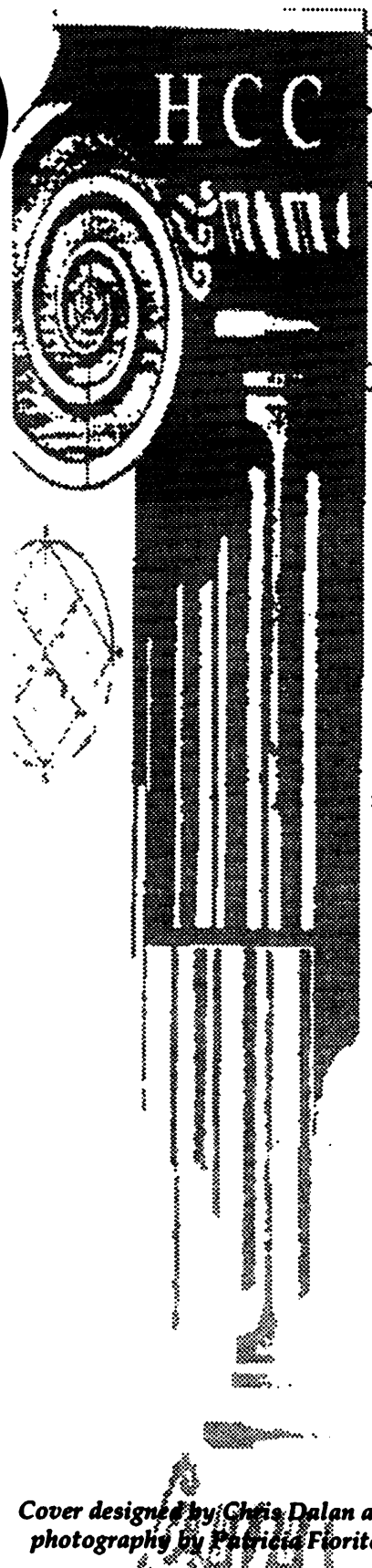
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## A Word from the editor

More than one person a day dies of AIDS in King County. And, according to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, one in every 250 Americans is HIV infected.

Armed with such information, it seems the ThunderWord should be publishing ads for condom use. The ThunderWord has not published one condom ad this school year.

Condoms are not the cure-all answer to the AIDS problem that is being popularly portrayed. Condoms have never been a totally effective birth-control method. Neither are they a fool-proof safety device against AIDS. The AIDS virus is 450 times smaller than a microscopic-size sperm. A pinhole or a small rip in a condom and the AIDS virus claims another victim.

The failure of condoms to prevent pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases is common. A man can only get a woman pregnant one week a month, but an HIV infected person can give you the AIDS virus 365 days a year. Annually, 18 percent of teenage girls who rely on condoms to prevent pregnancy become pregnant. In a study of married couples, 30 percent of the people who relied on condoms for protection from their HIV infected partners caught the virus. Treating the AIDS epidemic with condoms is about like treating appendicitis with a Band-Aid. This doesn't even address the whole array of other STDs.

There is another answer which is 100 percent safe from AIDS and other STDs. There will be no unwanted pregnancy. And it is as old as all of history. This answer is total abstinence until marriage and fidelity within marriage.

In the Bible, in Genesis 2:24, it is written, "... a man will leave his mother and father and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh." This is the normal pattern for humankind. It may be an unpopular concept upon first view. Indeed, it is the minority view in the ThunderWord office.

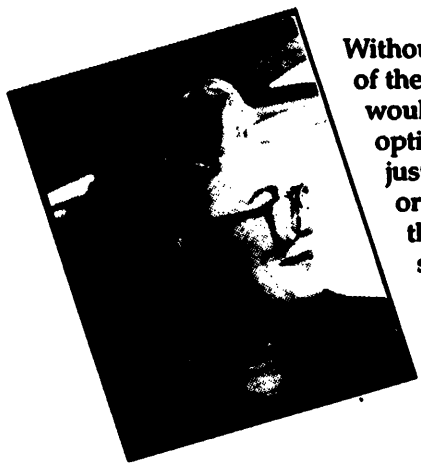
However, the literature that accompanies condoms given out on this campus clearly states that condoms are not 100 percent safe, and the only way to be totally safe is to not have sex.

There is a growing worldwide movement of young people who are pledging they will remain chaste until marriage. Last summer, 211,163 cards were displayed in our nation's capital, each with the signature of a teenager pledging to abstain from sex until marriage. These young people were from all over the United States.

If people are determined to be sexually active, they should use protection, but there is a better alternative. Abstinence before marriage and faithfulness to the marriage partner will prevent unwanted children and STDs, including AIDS.

# Street beat ...

*Do you think sex education saves lives?*

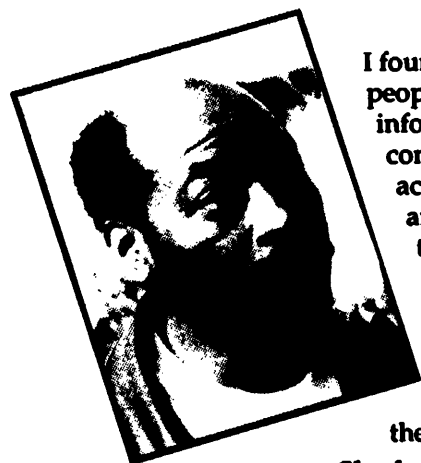


Without it, I think some of the teenagers wouldn't realize their options. Instead of just hearing about it or learning it from their friends, they should be getting it in school.

**Meagan Olason**

The class that Dr. Bower teaches on AIDS, "Understanding AIDS," is a really good class. I think it is important that all kids learn about AIDS and sex ed. It could save their life. It used to be just disease, now it's their lives at stake.

**Anna McFadyean**

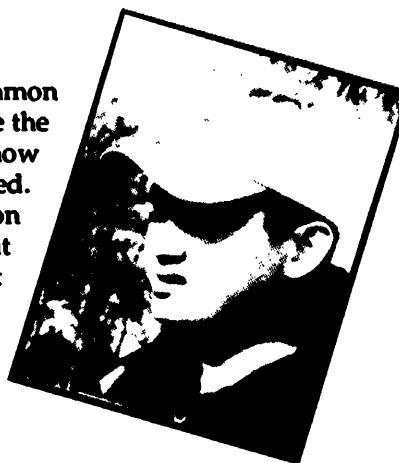


I found that a lot of people aren't informed of the consequence of their actions. I was just amazed at some of the things that they think about sex. I think, didn't you learn some of these things in the eighth grade?

**Charles Johnson**

It is more common sense. It is more the morals than about how someone is educated. I think sex education is more about understanding, not about saving lives.

**Frank So**



Oh, you mean when they talk about belief systems, people sleeping around, and condoms?

**Louise Nowlin**

I believe that it does. I think in the sixth grade it should start. I think now people are becoming more aware, with T.V. shows and it is becoming more public so that people can actually talk about it with their parents.

I think that the issue of passing condoms out at school is a good idea.

**Cindy Dodson**





## In the News...

### New Men's Basketball Coach

Joe Callero will be replacing John Dunn as head coach of Highline Community College's men's basketball team.

Callero, who recently resigned from Sumner High School, has coached the Thunderbirds before.

Callero coached at HCC for three years from 1989-1992. Twice his teams qualified for the NWAACC final eight.

### High School-College Conference

It may be spring break, but students will still be marching across the Highline Community College campus. High school students, that is.

The high school-college conference is scheduled to take place here on Tuesday, March 21 for local juniors in high school.

Fourteen high schools have been invited to hear presentations from 22 Washington state colleges.

There will be three sessions beginning at 9:30 a.m. and running until 11:50 a.m.

The conference is sponsored by the Washington Council on High School-College Relations. Similar conferences will be taking place at 31 sites throughout the state this spring.

### Chicken Pox Warning

Two Cases of chicken pox have been confirmed among the adult student population at Highline Community College in the month of February.

Both cases were seen in HCC's health services.

Anyone who has not had chicken pox and was exposed to an infected person 14 to 16 days previous to the breakout is at risk.

Symptoms generally include multiple small red bumps originating on the head and neck. The rash will be accompanied by a fever. In fact, the more rash there is, the higher the fever will be.

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# Arresting Personality

Your looks could get you arrested



by J. C. Michalek

A spiky-haired punk rocker with blue hair held the door open for a little old lady. She clutched her purse to her chest with a look of horror on her face. "I get that all the time," Vince, a wild-looking peacepunk who wouldn't hurt a fly, said, "People think that because of the way I look, that I'm really violent and out-of-control."

People like Vince face a kind of discrimination that isn't ever talked about. Long-hairs, punk-rockers, bikers and hippies all face this same kind of discrimination every day. It's called personality discrimination; being looked at as violent or as a drug user because of the way someone looks.

"Oh yeah I face that," Tom, a long-haired self-styled "rocker dude," said, "I get stopped by the cops all the time. The first question out of their mouth is always 'Where's the drugs?' I don't even do drugs!"

Everyone interviewed for this article has some kind of story to tell. There's Green Bob, a baggy-pants-wearing raver that has been stopped by the police "hundreds of times" while walking down the street. "They always want to search me for acid," Green Bob said, "And they

always think that because I don't want to be searched, that I'm holding something. I mean, I do acid, but never out in public. I don't want to go to jail."

The problem gets even worse if they are arrested. Justice is supposed to be blind, but in the cases of punks, long-hairs, and bikers, that is usually not the case. Frank, a leather-wearing longhair, was arrested on Fourth Degree Assault. "It was no big deal, really," Heather, Frank's girlfriend, said. "He pushed me and I was mad at him, so I called the cops. If I had know the trouble I was starting for him, I would never have called."

Frank was sentenced to 30 days in the county jail for his crime. "At my pre-sentencing hearing, the probation officer said that I was violent and would probably assault Heather again," Frank said. "She figured this out after talking with me for a whole 15 minutes. How can you tell what someone is like after only 15 minutes?"

The point is, you can't. It takes hours, maybe even days to tell what a person is really like. So the next time you see that biker in full-leather gear riding that loud, black Harley,

think to yourself, can I really tell what that person is like just because I think I know what that person is like?

I had a hard time writing this story, keeping my emotions out of it, because I've lived this story. I'm a long-haired, leather-jacket-wearing freak. I look like your mother's worst nightmare.

Getting stopped by the cops is nothing new to me. I've been stopped every month now since September. Usually it is for little stuff like a cracked windshield or side markers that don't work. I was even stopped because my exhaust was too loud.

Every time I'm stopped, the officer wants to search me and my car for drugs. I live on Pac Highway down by the airport in the "high crime" area. If I have to go to the store after ten at night, I know I'll be stopped if a cop happens to be in the area.

It is the same thing every time. The cop will ask me what I'm doing, ask to search me and then run me through the computer for wants and warrants. All this because I needed smokes or something to eat.

So please, do me a favor. Remember, just because I look scary doesn't mean that I am.



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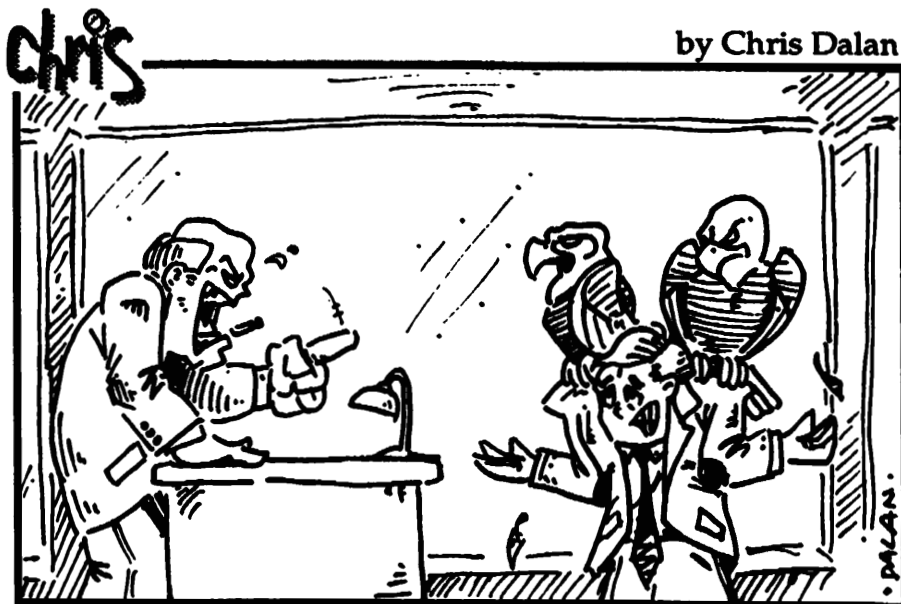
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Can you explain to me why, when we have a bakery right here on campus, that the cafeteria and catering people buy cookies and muffins from outside sources. Shouldn't we be supporting our own businesses.

by Chris Dalan



Peterson! You fool, I said I wanted the *Paralegals!* Not a pair of eagles! Paralegals!



*Photo by Alisha Holdener*  
**Scott Winslow gives reception speech at the grand opening of the Federal Way branch campus.**

# Off the Beaten Campus

Highline's Federal Way  
 'dream' comes true

by Jonathan Vann

Did you know that you could attend Highline Community College classes at an off-campus facility near your home?

The HCC off-campus facilities are a way to branch out the campus and to attract more students. There are seven HCC off-campus centers in the area, which include Foster High School, Highline High School, White Center, and the newly relocated Federal Way center.

The grand opening of the Federal Way center, at 33320 First Way S., was held on Thursday, February 24, to introduce it to the community. The opening brought out some of the HCC administration and board of trustees along with the Federal Way Chamber of Commerce.

"It was a dream of ours to move into a better facility," Scott Winslow, HCC director of continuing education, said. The move to the new building was needed because they were forced to leave the old place. The old building will be demolished and the site will be turned into a mini-mall. So instead of packing up

shop, they moved into the new building where the rent is more, but they have more space. Winslow said that it is important to stay in the Federal Way area because it's the fastest growing community in South King County, and it's hopeful the new facility will attract more people.

This newer facility offers more space for students and faculty. It has five classrooms, three up-to-date computer labs, a preschool childcare center, and a board room.

Winslow is also excited because the center now teaches eight different five-credit courses. So if students can't get into speech, math, or computer classes at HCC, Winslow urges them to check out the classes offered at the off-campus centers. They also teach up to 200 different seminars throughout the year like chemical dependency counselor education, parent/child cooperative preschool education, and numerous computer classes. These seminars are non-credit courses.

The chemical dependency counselor education classes are

available to students who are working towards certification in the field. They teach students how to assess, counsel, and treat people who are chemical dependent.

The Federal Way center is also proud to have a preschool and an adult and child education course. The purpose of these courses is to help develop parenting skills to best teach their children. "This is where parents practice skills with their children," Mary Coates, adult education teacher, said.

Dave Sapik, computer instructor, said that the computer labs are as up-to-date as possible to meet the demand. They teach courses in DOS, windows, and an in-depth computer networking class. These courses help educate students to be computer literate and keep up with technology.

So, with all the improvements to the new Federal Way center, HCC hopes more students check it out and as Betsy Fradd, Federal Way business development chairwoman, said, "We don't have the parking problem down here that HCC does."

# Mommies on the Student Track

Single moms run circles between homework and homelife

by Carly C. Leach

It's 8 o'clock at night. You've been at school and work all day. The baby won't go to sleep. You've still got a ton of homework, and there is no one else at home to help you.

Imagine being a single mom in school. Many women at Highline Community College are single moms struggling each day to balance baby, school, and work.

Laura Spicer is one such mom. She has a one-year-old daughter, Katie, works part-time at a day care center and is enrolled in 10 credits at HCC.

Spicer says that the key to her success is to "work hard and stay up late." She said it is important to remember that the "baby comes first and the homework after."

She is lucky, though. She is able to live with her mom and pay her to watch Katie. Spicer considers her mom a "lifesaver."

Spicer is planning on earning a business degree. "I don't want to work at a day care all my life," she said. Next quarter she is quitting her job so that she can take more classes and focus on school more.

Things do not always fall into place this easily though, and any number of problems can bombard a single mom in school. From bills piling up, to not being able to find a baby-sitter, the problems can begin to add up.

Nancy Westcott is 26 years old and has a 22 month old son, Garrett. She has been attending Highline off and on since 1987. She is working toward her certificate in childcare, an applied science degree in education and a transfer degree in education. But her

financial aid will be run out before she finishes her degrees.

Students at HCC are eligible for 10 quarters of financial aid. Westcott has already received seven.

"I've been spending more time finding money for school and not doing homework," she said.

Westcott said that employees in the financial aid office at Highline told her that it would be easier to go to another school

than try to continue receiving aid from here after the 10 quarters were up.

"In the last month, I've been in the (financial aid) office five times," Westcott said.

She said she feels that "there's nothing that talks to you about what you need to do." She did not

find the workshops offered by the financial aid office helpful, either.

One salvation for Westcott, and many other single moms, has been the women's programs center. No one had suggested

scholarships to her until she went there.

Ellen Finn in women's programs said she sees "tons of moms" come through there. She said that she considers what they do "an incredible task. I'm real proud of a lot of the work they do."

she said.

Women's programs offers workshops on knowing your rights with welfare, survival strategies and skills for college success. They also offer free counseling and up to \$100 emergency money when available.

**"Baby comes first, and the homework after."**



Photo by Patricia Fiorito

Nancy Westcott takes a break with son, Garrett.

# L E T T E R S t o

## Rail is the answer

Seattle has the fourth worst traffic congestion in the nation. The solution is a rail system designed to move many people quickly and reliably.

Phase I of the 16-year transit plan has been approved, and will be presented to voters on March 14. Phase I will be completed from Seattle to Tacoma by 1998, and from Seattle to Everett by 1999. The impact of this to our area would relieve traffic congestion felt now on major highways. It would utilize existing rail tracks, and add new ones. Frequent stops would allow passengers to transfer to buses and park and rides.

Those against argue that the billion-dollar plan would not be in working order for 16 years. In the meantime, taxpayers are paying higher taxes without reaping any benefits. The RTA estimates costs to the average household to be \$100 to \$125 per year because of tax increase. It's now up to voters to decide whether our traffic problems can be solved by a rail system.

The way of our future is light and commuter rail.

*Teresa Lindebak*



## Parental consent a bad idea

Getting tested for a sexually transmitted disease (STD) is a very scary thing for anyone. But, imagine what it would be like if you were 15. Your parents don't know that you are having sex, and they would strongly disapprove if they were to find out. There is a danger of contracting an STD from having sex, and you know it. You

want to be tested to make sure you do not have an STD. But suppose you are required by law to get your parents' permission before you can get tested for an STD? You have two options. To tell your parents, or not to get tested and never know if you are infected. You know that your parents would be furious if they were to find out that you were having sex. Not getting tested sounds a lot safer than having to face your parents.

Years later, you want to have children. Your doctor informs you that you are sterile from Chlamydia contracted in your teen years. Your chances of having kids are next to nothing.

If House Bill 1284 is passed, this may become reality for Washington teens. The proposed law will require teens to get parental consent before they can get tested or treated for an STD.

If this law is passed, our state could be facing a serious public health crisis down the road.

Washington state's current law allows teens 14 and older to be tested and treated for STDs without parental consent. With few exceptions, the law guarantees confidentiality. Rep. Steve Fuhrman (R), who proposed Bill 1284, believes the current law takes away from parents' authority and responsibility for their children's behavior.

A good relationship between parents and children cannot be artificially made. Teens who have a strong relationship with their parents will confide in them, law or no law. For those teens who have bad relationships with their parents, the law will only serve to make home matters worse if the teen confesses.

Supporters of the bill should

look at the situation. Their quick fix for the family is not the solution.  
*Jennifer Fairchild*



## Peer group needed

Growing up in a predominately black neighborhood never prepared me for raising two strong-willed black children. During this time, I wanted to be black so bad I could taste it. However there was no way I could have or will ever be able to understand the struggle of the African American people. Back then, if you would have asked me how to raise black children, I would have had all of the answers. Now I am faced with reality. I have two beautiful black daughters. I wonder how I am going to be able to teach them their history and prepare them for the reality of being black in America.

In an age when interracial relationships are frequently seen, my children are not uncommon. In a loving mother-daughter relationship, my desire to give them all I can is not uncommon. And, sadly, in an age when it is so easy for a father to walk out on his children, my story is not uncommon.

How do I raise my girls to be strong, independent, intelligent, proud black women without the presence of any positive black role models? What I expect is from myself. I expect to make a conscious commitment to learn as much as possible about their heritage so that I can give them understanding and pride. I expect to give them an honest example of a strong woman, period.

A step in doing these things is

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to connect with people in similar circumstances. Herein lies the real problem. Where do I find these people? I thought I could find a support group for parents of mixed-race children. Hah, good luck! I am asked to categorize myself. Either I can choose a parenting group for African American parents or a group for parents of all races. Neither can completely deal with my concerns.

I would like to form a network of parents like myself. I want to improve my knowledge so that I can help my children to build their own identities. I am eager to hear ideas from others. I would be glad to share my own. Listening to each others' concerns and offering possible solutions can do a lot to support struggling parents. The exchange of cultural information can help us raise our children with less confusion, more confidence and a stronger identity.

**Rachel Scott**

(Editor's note: To contact Rachel Scott, leave your telephone number at the ThunderWord for her.)

in the lab which intends to use only nine out of over twenty computers shall not evacuate the room of all but those students found on its class roster. Students have a right to use the computer lab at Highline Community College as long as their use of the lab does not interfere with an instructor's lecture and does not exclude students involved with the lecture from their best potential learning.

**Ian Hergert**

## House Bill unacceptable

In an attempt to bind families closer together, Rep. Steven Fuhrman (R.-Wash.) has introduced a bill to create a new law. It would require teenagers, 14 and older, to have parental consent to get tested or treated for sexually transmitted diseases (STDs).

"Maybe the parents will be able to keep kids at home and keep them from copulating," Fuhrman claims.

He states that this law will return authority and responsibility to parents.

I agree with improving family values, but I don't think that passing House Bill 1284 will be an effective approach. It may have catastrophic effects on teenagers and their sex partners.


A lot of kids aren't able to discuss sex with their parents and will most likely not report any suspicion of STDs. Those kids will not get tested or treated for fear of parental discovery. According to King County Public Health, this may create an epidemic and have disastrous effects on teenagers later in life.

Since teenagers are sexually active, it would be wise to teach them protection from STDs from an early age. Half of the teens in the country have sex by age fifteen. The least we could do is protect them by educating them. That education should come from parents and not the law.

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## Open computer classrooms

A teacher and I had a disagreement voiced animatedly by both parties. It was based, in part, on the assumption by the instructor that the computer facilities are available to students for working on projects and instructors may clear a lab of all students not on his roster even though there are computers sitting idle. Of course, instructors who intend to use the lab for lecture purposes deserve uninterrupted classroom sessions. But I contend that a class meeting



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# Spring Cleaning the Occupational Programs

Panels and committees check the occupational programs for relevancy

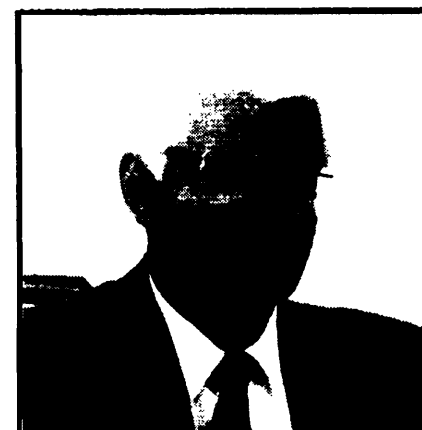


Photo by Patricia Fiorito  
Robert Eley is the dean of instruction for occupational programs.

By Alisha Holdener and Jonathan Vann

An upcoming high school graduate isn't too excited about spending another four years in school. Another individual wants to switch careers and finds that technology has advanced beyond his knowledge. Someone else has found that her long-time work skills are no longer needed and has received a pink slip. What are these people to do?

There are several occupational courses available to people like this, to prepare them with skills for today's job markets. At Highline Community College, the occupational programs focus on three areas of study: They are medical and health, business and office, and technical programs available to all students.

Robert Eley, HCC dean of instruction of occupational education, said that the main purpose of occupational programs is to train students to become

effective employees. "Some people look at it as a work-experience program, but actually it's a learning-experience program," Eley said.

But are occupational programs adequate with today's job market requirements?

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, between now and the year 2005, over half of the 25 million jobs added to the American economy will be in the three areas that HCC's occupational programs have focused on.

The advisory committee, made up of professionals in the occupational fields, aids faculty to decide which courses would offer the best education at HCC, depending on job demand. The committee reviews student and faculty evaluations that are completed each year to receive feedback on the effectiveness of the courses.

For example, the advisory committee has found that there is a need for a technical chiropractic assistant training program at HCC. After talking to several chiropractors, HCC has started the process of implementing the chiropractic program. However, there are many hurdles to overcome, and Eley estimated the process to take six months.

"I fully expect next fall to have a chiropractic program here at Highline," Eley said.

Another organization working with the occupational programs at HCC is the Dacum panel. The Dacum panel is a group of business representatives who are invited to a two-day workshop at HCC, to ensure that students are being taught skills which industries need.



Photo by Patricia Fiorito

Occupational programs are funded by different grants along with school funds. Specifically, the Strengthening Institutions grant has provided funding for the Dacum process to review the programs' curriculums. Another grant has allowed the additional purchasing of computer equipment for the new client server program.

This program replaced the data processing program which was out-of-date as determined by the advisory committee. Eley stated that this was because potential Dacum panel members were not interested in being associated with HCC's data processing program "This was hard

for them to say and hard for HCC to hear," Eley said.

After considering this information, the advisory committee realized they needed new equipment. HCC found that they could not fund the \$250,000 needed for the new equipment, so they applied for the grant. The new lab, completed this January, contains top-of-the-line equipment according to Geoff Wennes, computer instructor.

"The whole idea is for program improvement. We want everything on the cutting edge," Eley said.

Obviously the faculty and staff will promote these programs and

speak highly of them, but what do the students think?

"This program has given me useful information for a job," Todd Treloar, HCC engineering student, said. Treloar has found that this degree has provided him the needed experience for his future.

Unfortunately, after students complete a program, they will find that there is no official job placement program. However, the job referral department on campus and faculty are taking steps to help graduates in searching for jobs.

"We don't have a placement

service at HCC and the reason is because of budget cuts. There is not enough personnel for the program," Jan Edwards, job referral staff member, said. There has not been a job placement program at HCC for about five years now, according to Edwards.

"I believe it's (job placement) a service we should do if we can afford it," Eley said.

Eley went on to say that because of the funding from two grants, the House Bill 1988 and the Higher Education 1965 grants, they have allowed for the employment of two job developers. One of the employees will be working with the Work Force Training program and the other will be working with cooperative education. The job developers will be available to all students who are searching for a job and need assistance. Administration is currently reviewing applications and testing potential employees and hopefully will be starting within the next month, according to Kelly Blackwood, personnel employee.

The impact of these changes will improve the education, skills and opportunities to those students who are involved. "The new effort is for developing the transition from school to the work place," Eley said.

For more information on career choices and information on jobs in demand, contact the Career Center at 878-3710 Ext. 3350.

On the following pages, two programs were examined to specifically see how effective HCC's occupational programs really are.





Photo by Patricia Fiorito  
Engineering students, Richard Wyles, Jerald Denning and David Mastandrea, work on an engineering project to re-stripe a parking lot.

#### Project for more parking

Want more parking? Engineering 131 students are doing something about it.

These students are making designs for a small parking lot behind building 16. The lot, if approved by the new projects division at HCC, would provide for primarily handicapped parking but may also include faculty and student parking.

"It's a good project and a real world experience," Dave Brown, engineering instructor, said.

The project is, however, being debated by both the print shop and the art department, who are concerned with a loading and unloading area for supplies.

## Unscrambling a Vocational Program

### Faculty try to fix flaws in engineering program

by Alisha Holdener

Figuring out the problems for Highline's engineering program could be like solving a Rubik's Cube, and some faculty are now trying to make sense of the issues. An advisory committee has held emergency meetings to coordinate both faculty and administration's goals along with their own.

"We were able to get in there and put everything on the table at once," Craig Preston, advisory committee chairman, said, rather than each group; faculty, administration, and committee discussing the issues separately.

Drop in enrollment and lack of interest has become a problem for both the computer-aided drafting technology program (CAD) and the manufacturing engineering technology program (MET) according to Phil Sell, CAD instructor.

"Enrollment has gotten so low

that it's been in danger of not being a program anymore," Mike Moor, advisory committee chairman, said.

The solution is in the proposal stage and would include an adjusting of the curriculum and the involvement of three new programs.

The curriculum adjustment would change a few courses for both the CAD and MET programs, enabling a coordination between the two.

At present, a student may enter the CAD or MET program for a certificate or degree respectively. The suggested change to the curriculum would make the first year of study the same for both programs. This is an incentive for students because it would give them the option of investing either one or two years in their education.

Second, by getting the involvement of three fairly new programs, work force training, tech

prep, and manufacturing technology advisory group (MTAG), it would hopefully inspire new interest in the engineering technology programs.

Another concern of the advisory committee is whether there is "reasonable technology in both equipment and software," Moor said. Without updated equipment, students will not be learning the technology that jobs are requiring.

"We're trying to get ahead of the game," Preston said, "but others are saying it's (the current equipment) adequate now."

Within a year though, the college will have to do something about upgrading or replacing equipment in the CAD lab according to Preston.

"The greatest change happens when there's a catastrophe," Preston said.

Perhaps enrollment dropping is just the catastrophe needed to get some changes in HCC programs.

# Paralegals Preferred

## Popular program helps fill gaps in profession

by Jonathan Vann

A person is frantically answering phones, jotting down notes and at the same time filing legal documents in a busy work day. Most people have the perception that these are the tasks of a paralegal, but this is just a stereotype. In all actuality, a paralegal does most of the behind-the-scenes work for the attorney during a case.

The paralegal field is one of the largest-growing jobs today. This growth is evident with Highline Community College's large enrollment in the paralegal occupation program. Currently, there are 244 students in the program taught by two full-time and eight part-time instructors.

Carol Tamparo, HCC interim paralegal coordinator, said that after students take the paralegal program they should have a vast knowledge of

the law, and be ready to enter the jobs.

The program is a two-year course that is approved by the American Bar Association. It teaches a vast amount of skills like researching, legal work,

intern at a law firm. Tamparo said that this is a positive step to help students get jobs.

"Good students who present themselves well will be able to find something," Tamparo said.

Tamparo also said that the paralegal department is in a transition period. "The field is growing in what a paralegal can do," Tamparo said. "With the laws changing, paralegals now can do some small courtroom litigation instead of high priced lawyers." Because of this and the high enrollment, she thinks the program has grown beyond expectation, so the program will be adding more morning classes and combine some two and three credit courses into five credit courses. "But the college and administration has been very supportive of the program," Tamparo said.

*Growth is evident at HCC in paralegal program*

## Paralegal student bound for Berkeley after trying experience

by Jonathan Vann

"The paralegal program has given me the tools to work in the profession while I am going to school," Karen Slenz, Highline Community College student, said.

Slenz became interested in the paralegal field when she was injured. She sustained neck and back injuries and knew that she couldn't go back to her old job.

After taking a career test, Slenz found that she was best suited for a career in law, her dream job.

"The program has opened the doors for me in understanding what I want to do," Slenz said. She also made a point of how many options one has in this field. You can work for the City of Seattle, the public defender's office, a judge, a company, or as a researcher, a legal librarian, or even present some legal hearings.

Her time is at a premium because, along with being

a student ready to graduate in spring, she interns as a legal investigator and is the treasurer for the HCC paralegal association.

HCC, though, is just the stepping stone in her goal to become a lawyer. She will then transfer to the University of California-Berkeley and from there the sky is the limit.



*Karen Slenz, paralegal student, plans on transferring to Berkely.*

# New day D.A.W.N.s for abused

There is help for abused women through HCC Women's Programs

by Carly C. Leach

One out of two women experiences some sort of domestic violence some time in her life.

This is a fact that is dealt with all over the country, and also here at Highline Community College.

Ellen Finn works for the women's programs at HCC as a counselor. She sees women for many reasons, but, she said, "a good portion of the people I see have been in an abusive situation."

Finn describes the number of women she sees that are affected by domestic violence as "pretty amazing." She guessed that 80-90% of the women that come to women's programs are victims of domestic abuse.

The definition of domestic abuse ranges from emotional abuse to physical and sexual abuse in an intimate relationship. Finn said, "I've seen the whole spectrum."

Recently Finn contacted the Domestic Abuse Women's Network (DAWN) for more support.

DAWN is a program based in South King County designed to help and support women that are victims of domestic abuse.

"Ellen was pretty overwhelmed with the sheer numbers of women coming through," said Erin, the domestic abuse advocate from DAWN, about women affected by domestic violence. She is working

with Finn now to get help for victims.

Erin only uses her first name on the job to protect the anonymity of herself and the women she works with. Confidentiality is an important factor at DAWN and the women's programs. Everything from names to appointment times is held in the strictest of confidence.

Her job is to make it easier for abused women to connect with the help they need. She answers

coming through spring quarter. At that time the program will be re-evaluated.

There are other options offered by women's programs to help raise awareness of domestic abuse and possibly prevent it.

Finn offers on-going counselling. She said she usually stays in contact with the women to continue the support.

One woman at HCC said she only stopped seeing Finn because she ran out of time. But she began going because "they were there and I was there (at HCC). When I got out of my relationship, I was alone."

Women's programs periodically offers a course on self-esteem to help prevent abusive relationships and is currently planning a "clothesline project" to boost awareness of domestic abuse on campus.

Finn also believes that educating about co-dependency and the warning signs of an abusive relationship will help prevent them.



Photo by Patricia Fiorito

Erin, from Domestic Abuse Women's Network (DAWN) informs battered women of their options in abuse situations.

questions from where and how to get help, to legal questions related to domestic violence.

DAWN offers shelter, support groups, a crisis hot-line, and legal help for women in abusive situations. Erin considers herself the "bridge" for women to access these services.

Erin began coming to HCC in February. She plans to continue

**DAWN 24-hour  
crisis hot-line:  
656-STOP (7867)  
HCC Women's Programs:  
878-3710, ext. 3340**

## WHAT'S UP! ON CAMPUS



### ART EXHIBIT

Highline's newest art instructors, Sherri Howe, Jon Rader Jarvis, Nancy Morrow and Misha Van De Veire, will be showing their work in the library and computer center. Included will be paintings and photography.

When: March 1st-31st.  
Where: Library, 4th floor and in the Computer Center.

### LEAD A CHEER FOR HIGHLINE

Tryouts will be held for Highline's cheer squad. Previous tumbling, cheerleading or drill experience required.

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soloists. Student conductors, Kristine Grinolds and Michael Harris, will conduct the choir in French and English love songs.

Also on the program is the Vocal Jazz Ensemble and a jazz trio, performing jazz, swing, gospel and ballads. Admission is free.

When: Thursday, March 9th, 7:30.  
Where: Artist Lecture Hall, Building 7.

### CELEBRATE A WORLD OF DIVERSITY

The Pangea Event arrives the third week of May. Join in the fun with food, music and dance. Planning meetings are Thursdays, 12:00 noon - 1:00p.m. in Building 22-107.

### WINTER CONCERT

The Concert Choir is pleased to announce its performance of Gabriel Faure's Requiem. Joining them are Joel Baker and Baek Seung Hee,

## WHAT'S UP! AROUND TOWN



### THE BLUES IN PORT TOWNSEND

The 3rd annual Centrum Port Townsend Country Blues Workshop and Festival will be held in Port Townsend June 16-22, 1995. Daily classes in guitar, harmonica, piano, gospel singing, bass and mandolin are offered. The workshop is open to beginning and advanced players who have a rudimentary knowledge of their instrument. Included in the faculty this summer are "Pinetop" Perkins, John Hackson, Eugene Powell, Yank Rachell, Little Annie Raines and Del Ray. The festival takes place Saturday, June 17th,

1995, with two shows featuring the workshop staff.

When: June 16-22, 1995.

Where: Fort Worden State Park, Port Townsend, Wash.

Contact: Centrum at (360) 385-3102.

### SPANISH FLAMENCO

Guitarist Paco Pena and his Flamenco Company from Spain perform their Misa Flamenca. Joining them is Seattle's City Cantabile Choir.

When: Tuesday, April 25th, 1995.

Where: The Moore Theater, 2nd and Virginia.

Tickets: \$18 at Ticketmaster NW, 628-0888.

### TELEVISION ROCKS

CyberNet InfoMedia, Inc. presents ROCK HARD television. The local magazine segment is with Dave Sheldon, Rock the Net with Paul and Preston from The Northwest Music Net, and Adventure Correspondent is Raven McCracken, author of "Synnibarr." Northwest music

videos by Running With Scissors. Watch for it on late Friday night, 1:30 a.m. March 17th, 1995.

### FAMILY HOME SHARE

SOLO Parenting Alliance offers a Family Home Share program that assists two solo-parent families to come together in one household to share expenses and experiences as an alternative extended family. The FHS orientation will introduce participants to the program and offer information on selecting homeshare partners, negotiating a homeshare agreement and communication skills. Free child care with advance registration.

When: Wednesday, March 29th, 1995, 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Where: Bellevue Community College.

When: Saturday, April 8th, 1995, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Where: Holly Hall, 3204 SW Holly, Seattle.

Contact: SOLO Parenting Alliance at 720-1655.

# S P O R T S



## This ain't no WWF



Wrestlers Nathan Kamp, Jarud Pierson, Jared Lancaster and Rob Coy went to nationals in Bismarck, N.D. Photo by Patricia Fiorito

By Frank Webb

Five years ago the Highline Community College wrestling team qualified four wrestlers for the junior college national championship tournament. This year they have once again qualified four of their finest to compete in the two-day event.

Second-year team member Rob Coy of Issaquah, freshmen Jared Landcaster of Rochester, Nathan Kamp of Des Moines and Jarud Pierson of Richland were in Bismarck, N.D. on February 24th - 25th competing to gain the title as champions of their weight class.

"This is what we worked for all year long, but we really didn't expect this," said Pierson.

Wrestling is a very physically and mentally demanding sport. "This is the hardest working bunch I've had

in the three years since I came here," coach Todd Owens said.

As a primary goal, the wrestlers worked vigorously to place teammates as All-Americans. This year they have four chances.

"We worked hard all season, and it really came together at the end," Coy said.

The team as a whole finished fourth in their conference with a record of 11-10. This is not a bad record considering the team competes with four-year schools like PLU.

Coy finished the season with a 28-11 personal record in the 167 pound

weight class. Kamp, in the 177 pound class, wrestled his way to a record of 28-14. Both Landcaster and Pierson had only 10 defeats each. Landcaster, in the 158 pound class, was victorious in 23 attempts, and Pierson 12 times in the 150 pound class.

At HCC, wrestlers are only allowed two years of eligibility. Next season, coach Owens is excited to have all but two wrestlers eligible to return.

"We'll be a stronger team next year because of this one," Owens said.

With such an intense team returning from this season, the coaching staff is hoping that HCC will be more appealing to high school wrestlers around the state as they work on recruiting for next year's team.

Although the wrestlers, coach

Owens and assistant coach, John Clemens, should receive all the credit for their accomplishments this year, Margo Buchan, the team's academic adviser, worked behind the scenes to keep the wrestlers academically eligible. Not only were they eligible, but for the past two seasons the team has been academic All-American.

Thanks to the coaches, advisers and especially the team members for all the time and effort they put into this outstanding season.

"This is the hardest working bunch I've had."

# TRACK ATTACK!

Coach says team is best in four years as Herring breaks three records

By Frank Webb

A cheer erupted from the crowd as Jerome Herring's name was announced over the P.A. as the next athlete to compete in the discus event.

Herring is one of seven students returning to this year's track and field team. Last year, Herring broke the school, freshman and all-time conference record in the discus event with a throw of 169 feet, four inches.

"Last year we were far off our training schedule," said Herring. "This year we're right on track."

A transfer student from Boise State last year, Herring is working hard this year to achieve his goal to break the discus record he set last year.

"We're really excited about this year's team," Herring said. "Some of us have been training since August."

The entire team is looking forward to the outcome of the season. Many

of them train four to five hours a day to prepare themselves. The anxiety is building within the team as members watch each other learning the technique of their events and push themselves in the weight room obtaining higher and higher lifts.

"We could go pretty far if everybody does what they are supposed to do," freshman Ron Parker said.

There are approximately 25 members on this year's team now competing in the indoor portion of the season. When the team moves outdoors on March 4th, their meets will be held at the University of Washington and around the Puget Sound region in Tacoma and Edmonds. Away meets include trips to sites in Idaho and Oregon.

Coach Pat Licari said he's looking at the best team he's ever had in his four-year stand here at Highline. The team members are not only doing an



Photo by Patricia Fiorito

Jerome Herring, three time record breaker, winds up the discus in practice.

outstanding job on the field, but also in the classroom with the help of their academic adviser, Margo Buchan.

The entire team encourages all Highline Community College students and staff to come out and enjoy the action.

## Finals Week Schedule

*This schedule may change. Added or cancelled classes are published as a schedule supplement and posted in the Registration area, the Student Center, faculty buildings, and the Advising Center.*

*All examinations will be given in the regularly assigned classroom. Evening examinations (including 4:00 p.m. classes) should be scheduled for the class period immediately preceding the last Friday of the quarter (March 17). Instructors will announce dates and times.*

### Tuesday, March 14

8:00-9:50 All 8:00 MWF and Daily classes  
10:00-11:50 All 11:00 MWF and Daily classes  
12:30-2:20 All 1:00 MWF and Daily classes  
2:30-4:20 All 3:00 MWF and Daily classes

### Wednesday, March 15

8:00-9:50 All 7:00 MWF and Daily classes\*  
10:00-11:50 All 10:00 MWF and Daily classes  
12:30-2:20 All 12:00 MWF and Daily classes  
2:30-4:20 All 2:00 MWF and Daily classes

### Thursday, March 16

8:00-9:50 All 9:00 MWF and Daily classes  
10:00-11:50 All 10:00 T-Th classes  
12:30-2:20 No exams scheduled  
2:30-4:20 All 3:00 T-Th classes

### Friday, March 17

8:00-9:50 All 8:00 and 9:00 T-Th classes  
10:00-11:50 All 11:00 and 12:00 T-Th classes  
12:30-2:20 All 1:00 and 2:00 T-Th classes  
2:30-4:20 Reserved for unscheduled and conflicts

\*Instructors may begin exam at 7:00 a.m. for student convenience.



## POLYPHONIC STRAIN

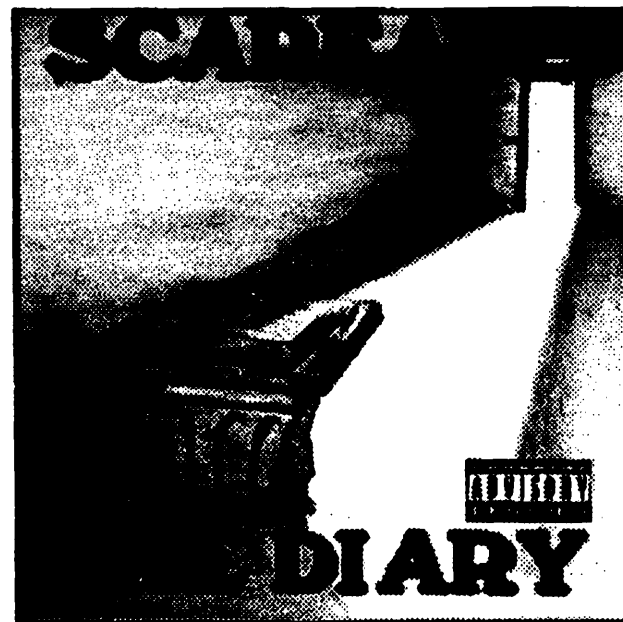
MUSIC REVIEW  
by J. C. MICHALEK

Well, my faithful reader, the story of the new music censorship bill has taken an ominous turn. It seems that the man that so bravely fought for our rights last year has jumped ship. That's right, Governor Mike Lowry is helping write this year's censorship bill. So the hope of him vetoing this bill seems unlikely.

With "family values" running the Legislature and a coward for a Governor, it seems as if this bill will become a law. So what are we gonna do now? Support Washington Music Industry Coalition and Washington State Citizens Against Censorship, that's what. W.M.I.C. defeated the last censorship law in court. Let's hope they can do it again before some self-severing do-gooders force THEIR values down our throats. Call 1-800-562-6000 to let the Legislature know how you feel before it's too late.

Back when I first listened to gangsta rap, there were two groups, the awesome N.W.A. and the out-of-control Geto Boys. At the time, gangsta rap was real. It was so low-down dirty you could smell the gunsmoke and hear the wailing of the cop cars. Nowadays, every wannabe from the 'burbs is into that gangsta groove, and with it's popularity, gangsta rap has lost some of it's authenticity.

SCARFACE was in the Geto Boys back in the day, so there should be some of the real deal on his new C.D., "THE DIARY". Unfortunately, with every wannabe biting his style, it is hard to tell. The only cut on the C.D. that really hooks me is, "Hand of the Dead Body," which is about all the flak gangsta rap has been catching. All in all, "The Diary" is a good gangsta rap C.D., but there is just no life left in the genre.



RED SQUARE BLACK is a paradox to me. On one hand, if my brain serves me right, this band is made-up of ex L.A. glam rockers. On the other hand, R.S.B. gets this indistro-metal groove going that I kinda like. But then again, of the five songs on this disc, three were co-written by the producer. But,

you know, the two that were written by R.S.B., I really really like. I don't know, R.S.B. has me confused. Heavy indistro-metal sound...with L.A. glam-styled guitar noodling...it's kinda interesting.

Have you ever noticed that when you break up with someone, every song on the radio is a love song. If you are anything like me, those songs only make you feel worse. I just ended a six-year relationship, and what should show up in my mailbox but a C.D. of love songs. The singer's name is ANDRU DONALDS, and he is a master of the love song. He puts this cool reggae twist to the beats and some of the songs have this really cool heavy guitar that had this broken-hearted punk smiling. One of the songs, "Sweetness" almost had me reaching for the phone to call the ex and forgive her for all the nasty things she had done, but then "Why Do You Lie" made me remember all over again. Don't listen to this if you just broke up with someone.



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# NO PETITION NEEDED!

## Petition to use Union Bay room granted before battle began

By Frank Webb

The sound of clattering lunchroom trays combined with the rising roar of students' voices escalating louder and louder straining to be heard, creates quite a commotion daily in Highline Community College's cafeteria.

This noise-filled locale is also the site of the Tazza Cabaret. The drama club, joined with the music department and other student groups that make up this event, adds to the already tumultuous area.

With the great deal of noise and confusion as a result of the event, ideas were put into motion. The Union Bay Room became the target of a petition to create more room and lower the noise. Being a staff lounge, the idea was thought to be going nowhere. Director of auxiliary services Jon Koehler, became the hero of the cabaret's performers when he said, "The doors will be rolled."

The Tazza Cabaret is a new idea just coming to life this quarter. "The purpose is to build communion with students and other groups on campus," drama student, John Cooper, said.

On Thursday, February 9th, the first performance of the Tazza Cabaret, the cafeteria was packed so full of students that aisles and walkways through the room were blocked and the noise climbed to double the daily level.

The Union Bay Room, located inside the cafeteria, is set off from the main room by large roll-up garage doors. The petition brings about a conflict between the staff who use the room and the students. The Union Bay Room is, in a way, staff territory. It provides HCC staff

a chance to relax and enjoy each others' company without interruptions from question-filled students.

When the thought arose that the staff would object to the intrusion, a petition was circulated in order to gain student support by way of signatures.

The petition was placed on the counter at Tazza, with the owners' permission, where it would be accessible to a large number of students. Approximately 100 signatures were accumulated in the first few weeks. The purpose was not to gain students daily use of the Union Bay Room, but to get permission to use it during special occasions, such as the Tazza Cabaret.

"I sympathize with the faculty," drama instructor, Christiana Taylor said. Taylor went on to state she also enjoys eating lunch with the other

instructors, but wouldn't mind the interruption if it were only once a month and not a weekly occurrence.

Word about the petition, unlike many other topics on campus, didn't spread very far. The future seemed bleak.

As plans for the next performance were in the works, Koehler came forth and informed the production team access was granted into the Union Bay Room. A stage area will be set up along the south wall inside the Union Bay Room. Media services will survey the surroundings to ensure the best acoustics, at the same time lowering the noise throughout the cafeteria.

All involved appreciate the understanding, and hopefully the support, of the staff in allowing the use of the area for the next performance set for the end of the quarter.

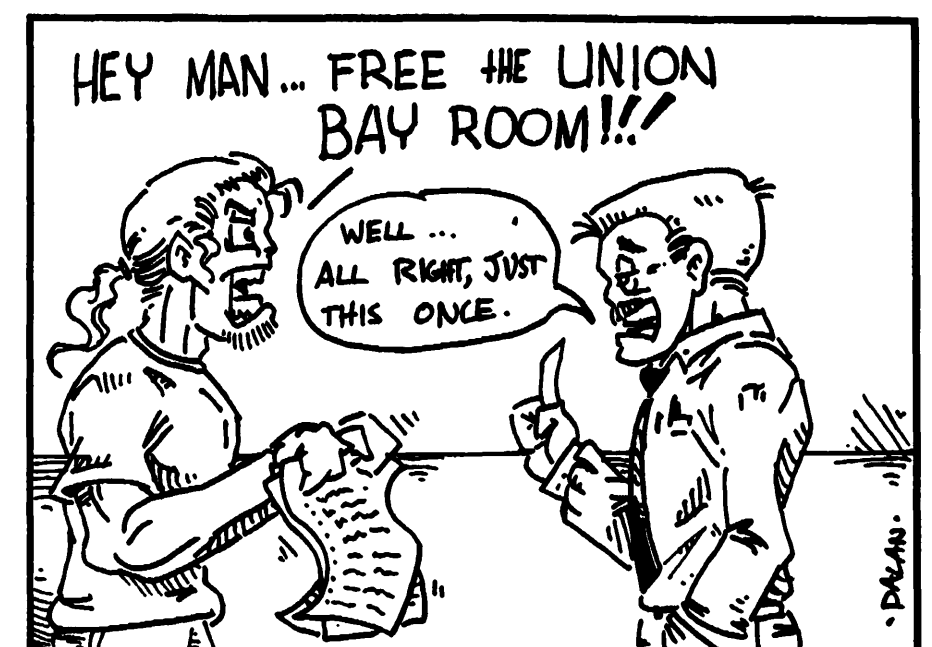
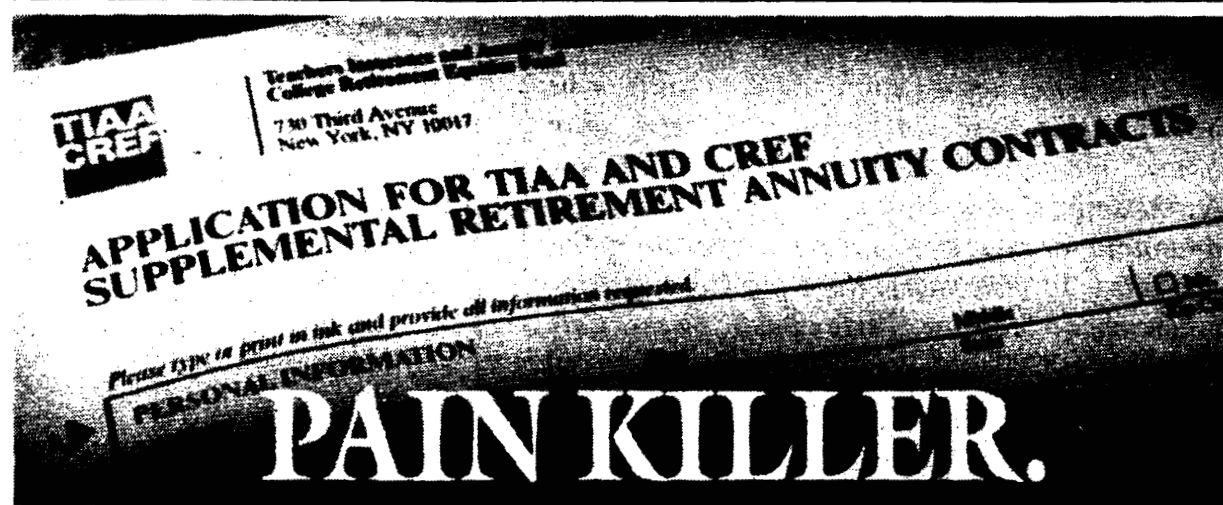
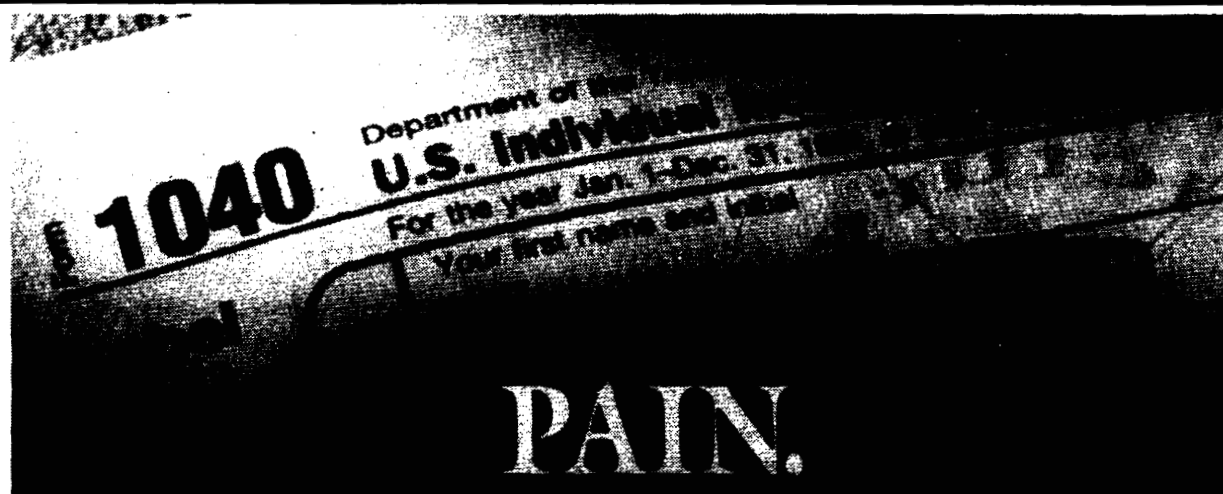


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Ted Jonsson's shiny "Pantopol V", in the Sea-Tac Airport, appears to topple over, but has a maternal look when viewed from afar.



Depending on where you stand, Maki's "Central Plaza" sculpture looks different. Sea-Tac Airport displays several other works of art in its corridors.



Geese fly overhead on Lezlie Jane's Weather Watch along Beach Drive.

Art isn't just paintings on stuffy museum walls or in high-brow galleries. It can be found around your neighborhood, outside, to look at and to even climb on whenever the desire strikes. Our photographer did a little scouting around for you, and here are only a few of the pieces she saw. To view more, the King County Arts Commission made a brochure of art in public places. Call them at (206) 344-7580.



Muralist Don Barrie provided West Seattle with this scene at 44th Ave. S.W. and S.W. Alaska. Meander through West Seattle's junction to see the other murals painted on the buildings.



This untitled statue by Charles Smith stands erect outside White Center's library. As sturdy as it looks, children of all ages are invited to climb or sit on



Crows enjoy the view on top of this arch by John T. Young. Made of granite, stainless steel and cable, it can be seen at Redondo Beach.



Illustration by Kenneth Johnson

# MARLIN

by Marlin Bowman

There was a basketball game back in November between men faculty and staff members and the women's basketball team. The men lost. Most are just now able to show their faces around the athletic area again.

One "player" called it the day that will live in infamy. He declared it to be more infamous than Pearl Harbor.

When asked about the score, one man quickly said, "The score is immaterial."

Who are these losers? "Deep Throat" told me. I hope his list is complete, because I wouldn't want to leave out any faculty member who played so brilliantly. My list goes something like this: Bruce Roberts, Robin Buchan, Bob Ridgon, Pete Babbington, Davidson Dodd, Mike Campbell, Bob Bonner, Ed Morris, Pat Licari, Louis D'Andrea, Sam Shabb, and Fred Harrison.

The "players" pointed fingers at John Dunn, the referee. Dunn said the men were totally dominated for 40 minutes. He reported that this 90-foot thing was a new deal for the men. He said an oxygen tank was needed at both ends of the court and should be supplied for any future games. He said he felt their weekly meetings at the Yardarm had an effect on their overall conditioning.

Fred Harrison said that the faculty all played with opposite hands during the entire game. He said they were forced to use a women's basketball and that was a disadvantage to them. According to Harrison, some of the women intimidated the men. Then he blamed his own coach.

Robin Buchan said this was the first year he coached the men's team and it was the first time the faculty has lost. He said, "I'm now 0 and 1 as a coach." He said the problem was that the players

didn't pay attention to their coach. He now knows what George Karl had to go through. He said Karl's advantage was that he had some players he could trade. Buchan wants different players next time. He said that if they are going to telecast the Bacon Bowl, they should also broadcast this game. But they would need to speed it up to make it look like the men were actually running, though.

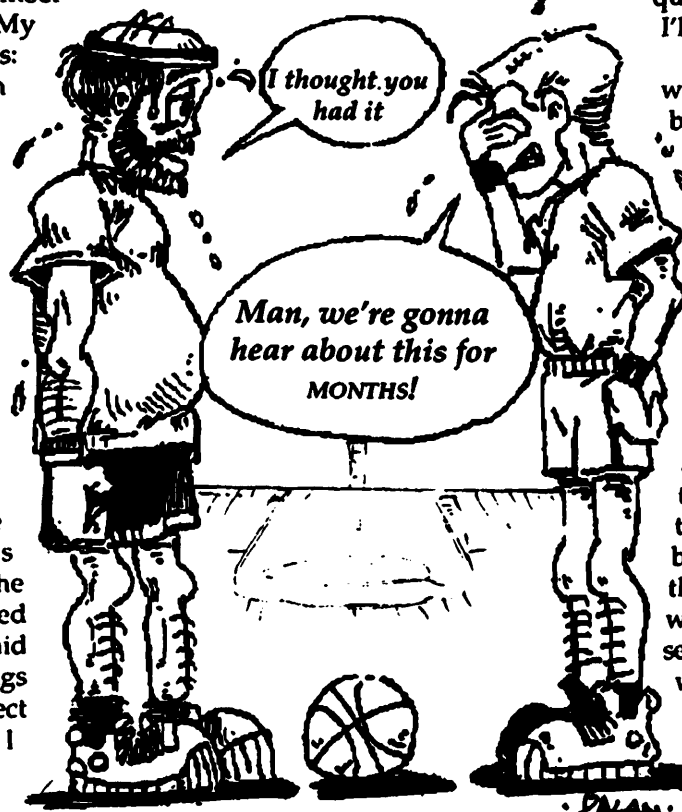
Bruce Roberts said, "I've met the enemy, and he's me."

Davidson Dodd said, "You can quote anything you want to ... I'll deny it."

Bob Bonner said, "We wanted to give them a morale boost. We were taller, but we were definitely slower. There was a fairly decent crowd. Half of it was medical people waiting to help. They had all their emergency equipment there—ready."

The men all want another shot at a win. Bonner said, "We're going to start training again." He threatened that the men may kidnap some of the key women's players just before the game next year and then said, "We have a secret weapon for next year. Our secret weapon, Bob Maplestone was away on a sabbatical this year."

Ridgon said, "We might even work out."



## Letters to the Editor

(Continued from page 15)

When today's parents were teens, most had a strong sense of family. The primary object in a household was the dinner table. Families ate together, talked and listened. In today's households, dinners are eaten on the go. Parents are busy making a living so their kids will have a better life.

Fuhrman is a firm believer that parents should be in charge of their kids and that they should have control over their teens' actions.

It is my belief that if the line of communication is open in a family and that if we share our teens' lives, we can accomplish that without another law. If our kids trust us, they will believe us when we explain the dangers of STDs. If we can be the family every teen needs, they will confide in us without a law.

Andrea Sawyer



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