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## A Word from the editor

Discrimination comes in many forms. Sometimes it isn't planned or intended. It just happens.

In a recent workshop on the Highline Community College campus, three mature, large adults just didn't fit in the small student desks furnishing the classroom. Others struggled to fit and made it, but uncomfortably.

The three that didn't fit the high-school-sized desks had to turn the desks backward and bring in chairs from other rooms to be able to function at all in the workshop.

The small desks are a form of discrimination against those who are metabolically challenged. Concentration on subject matter is nearly impossible when there is the edge of a desk cutting into your stomach. It shows a lack of consideration on the part of those who purchased the furniture for HCC in the past.

Kari Lopez is the person currently responsible for furniture purchases at HCC. She said that there is not much furniture being purchased presently, but that she is cognizant of the situation and will include this need in guidelines for any future purchases.

Lopez provided one solution. If a person cannot fit in the desks in a classroom, that person can contact disabled student services and find help there. Furniture that will be comfortable is available and will be provided in the specific classroom upon request.

This solution may seem good at first glance, but it will not be used by the majority of the larger people in the population. When a person is overweight, that person is almost always sensitive about it. Many overweight individuals don't want to admit their problem to themselves. They surely aren't going to go to disabled student services and ask for help. They would rather suffer than go through the embarrassment.

A simple rearranging of furniture from room to room might solve the problem. If there were accommodations for at least three larger people in each classroom, it would ease the problem.

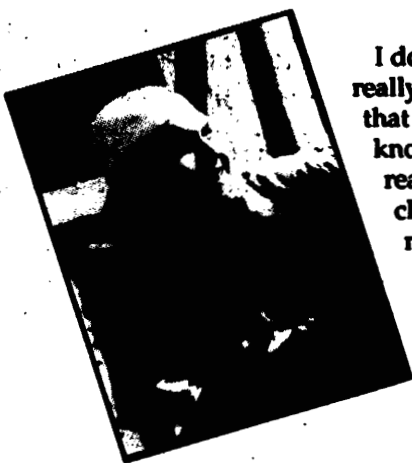
Unless there is a new discovery in metabolic technology, unfortunately, there will be a greater percentage of big people in the future. They will need to be accommodated in our classrooms.

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# Street beat ...

How have the changes in Congress affected your life?



I don't know if it really affects us on that level. I don't know if we can really say about the changes they've made on a personal level. I don't know if we've felt it yet.

**Randy Smoot**

It's scary to say, but they want to throw all the old people in a big pit and let them all die together, like they're all unimportant now.

They've worked really hard to be able to relax now, and they're not going to be able to do it.

**Elizabeth Stanley**

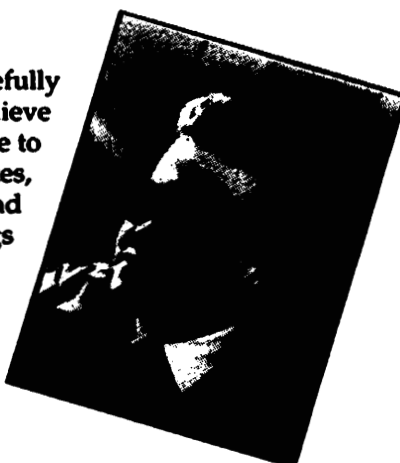


I read the paper. They say they give more money for students to go to school, but I really don't see any affect financially for the students.

**Vu Nguyen**

Not yet, but hopefully for the better. I believe that they will be able to maybe reduce taxes, reduce spending, and get a hold of things that are out of control. That's about why I voted for them.

**Jason Anderson**



Well, they really haven't directly. But indirectly, I think the Repulicans kind of suck. I don't know too much about it except for all the Democrats have had control forever.

**Terry Wilcox**

Right now I'm a single mom and I'm on DSHS, so I guess the welfare reform has kind of affected my life with the worry of am I going to be able to finish college before they cut me off.

**Sarah Andregg**



By J.C. Michalek  
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## In the News...



Photo by Sandy Manil

*Building 2 is being renovated to be used for additional meeting space on campus*

### Construction On Campus

Why is the lawn all torn up south of Building 7?

Because communication services are being extended to Building 2. Building 2 is also being renovated for a sound abatement project. The plan is to use the building for additional meeting space. The renovations will be complete by early summer.

### Men's Resource Center Moved

At the beginning of winter quarter, the Men's Resource Center had to begin sharing space with the testing center in the upper level of Building 6.

Stirling Larsen, director of the Men's Resource Center, said the

problem with sharing is that the testing center needs to be locked most of the time. This limits access for people in need of the resources.

Jason Valeske, a student employee for the Men's Resource Center, will be there on Fridays from 12-1 p.m.

The resource center may have a new location and expand soon, but in the meantime, Larsen can be reached in the counseling center during the day for access to the center.

### Tuition Increases

Both the House and Senate of the state legislature have planned tuition increases in their budgets for the next two years.

The House budget raises tuition by five percent for both the 1995-96 school year and the 1996-97 school year, but decreases state support. This places more burden on students.

The Senate proposal would raise tuition 4.3 percent for 1995-96, and 5.3 percent for 1996-97. Their plan differs from the House plan in that they are operating under the leadership of Senator Nita Rinehart and have a policy that state support should increase at the same rate as tuition.

Ed Command, president of Highline Community College, wrote, "students are becoming discouraged - and rightfully so - with paying more and receiving less."

Call your local legislators and let them know what you would like to see happen.

### HCC Foundation Scholarships

Two new scholarships are being added to the several offered by Highline Community College and the Highline Community College Foundation.

The Alumni Choice Scholarships will be awarded to the four students in the amount of \$400 each. Applicants will need the signatures of at least one and up to five alumni who completed a minimum of 15 credits at HCC prior to the 1994-95 academic year. Laurie Sorenson, director of resource development, HCC executive director, said she "recommends letters of recommendations" for this scholarship.

Twenty scholarships up to \$100 will be awarded to senior citizens 55 years and up from the Ruth Korel Senior Citizens Scholarships fund. The nature of scholarships offered by the Foundation range from nursing, math/astronomy, and foreign language, to jewelry making and athletics.

Applications for all of the scholarships will be available in the Financial Aid office after April 18.



# Remembering

A generation's  
icon...

I was working for a music store when Kurt Cobain died. The store's manager called me to see if I could work because the store was so busy. When I asked why it was so busy, he said, "Oh, you know, that Cobain thing." I had no idea what he was talking about. My manager just said to turn on the radio and get my butt in to work.

I turned on the radio as I was getting ready for work. Finally I heard the news report that Kurt Cobain had been found dead and that it appeared to be a suicide. I sank down into a chair, stunned. I couldn't believe that Cobain, the singer of one of my favorite bands and someone that I admired as a writer, was dead and gone. The tears that fell from my eyes were for a man who was rich and famous. A man who was an idol to countless people. A man who felt so much inner pain that he put a shotgun to his head and pulled the trigger, blowing away people's attitude of what being rich and famous was all about. Rich didn't mean being happy any more.

Nirvana broke in a time when how you looked and who your friends were meant more than what kind of person you were. Cobain wrote songs about the alienation, despair and anger that living in these times brings about. He wrote the songs that a whole generation could relate to. Cobain's songs were from his life, but they spoke to everybody on a personal level. His songs were about the reality of growing up.

We will never know why Cobain killed himself. Only he knows that for sure. We do know about the problems, the drugs, and the pain.



Illustration by • Chris Dalan •

What we don't know is what was going on inside Cobain's head. We only know what the press told us. We all had something to say about Cobain, good or bad. Some worthless thought on his life or songs. Worthless only because we didn't really know Cobain. We thought we did. We read the interviews, we bought the C.D.s, and we judged him without knowing who or what we were judging. That's what killed Cobain faster than anything.

One thing that keeps popping up since Cobain's death is the murder theory. The private investigator that was hired to find Cobain after he ran away from rehab has been doing the talk-show circuit, talking about his "findings" surrounding Cobain's death. There is even a weekly show on public-access cable-TV

called, "Kurt Cobain Was Murdered" hosted by Richard Lee. On this show, Lee presents evidence that a wide variety of suspects could've offed Cobain. Lee's suspect list runs like a who's who of Cobain's life. Everyone from Danny Goldberg (Nirvana's manager), to Cobain's bandmates, and even Courtney Love (Cobain's wife and the mother of his daughter) have all had their hour of shame on Lee's show.

No matter what we think about Cobain, we should remember that to somebody somewhere Kurt Cobain is an idol. He helped that person through some sort of hard time because he wrote a song about it. That alone should give Cobain a place in the hearts and minds of everybody.

by J.C. Michalek



## FIELD

# Time to give back

by Amy McManamon

Some students at Highline Community College are learning just how good it feels to give. They are donating a portion of their time to doing volunteer work.

One such student is Linda Farnam. She collects stuffed animals which are washed and repaired. The animals are then taken to food banks or other places where people are in need. Farnam recently helped deliver some stuffed animals to a nursing home. The activities director told Farnam she was probably Christmas for some of these people.

"That made it all worthwhile," Farnam said. She devotes her time to the cause because, she said, "It's given me so much satisfaction to know that you've changed someone's life."

HCC student, Keitrah Bradshaw, says she enjoys volunteering at Highline Community Hospital, but she also does it "for experience, because I'm going into the nursing field."

While some Highline students are active in helping others, many are not. The number one reason students give for not volunteering is that they don't have time. Volunteer work doesn't have to be time consuming. A person can spend as little as 15 minutes per week or as much as four hours or more

volunteering.

There are many ways to donate time, and the opportunities can be overwhelming.

Life can be lonely for elderly people living in nursing homes. Many are in need of companions. Through an organization called Friend To Friend, students can be paired with nursing or retirement home residents who get few visitors. With their friend, a volunteer can visit, read, go for a walk, or share in some other hobby.

"The residents really look forward to the visits," Friend to Friend program director, Marilyn

Soderquist, said. "It's real important to let them know they're loved. Without someone, they give up." Soderquist stresses that a lot of the seniors have all their mental capabilities but are physically unable to live without assistance. Students interested in being someone's "special friend" or doing data entry for Friend To Friend, call 246-5150.

Many people with AIDS need assistance. One way to help them is to join the Chicken Soup Brigade. Volunteer tasks include preparing meals, delivering groceries, or helping with various chores. If interested, call Chicken Soup Brigade at 726-SOUP.

The public library is another place to volunteer. Possible tasks include putting books back on the shelf, straightening shelves, putting things in order and helping people learn how to use the computers. "We really seem to have people who like to work here," Louise Bollman, Burien Library Volunteer Coordinator, said. Most volunteers contribute one to two hours per week. Bollman asks that volunteers work for at least two months. Contact a public library for more information.

People can volunteer their time at the YMCA as coaches and supervisors for youth sports such as T-ball, rollerblade hockey and basketball. An hour of practice and a game is the general time commitment per week. Call the YMCA for available positions.



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Marilyn Soderquist is the director of Friend to Friend, a non-profit volunteer organization.



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Some guinness was spilt on the the bathroom floor when the pub closed last night. And out from his hole crawled a wee brown mouse and he sat in the pale moon light.

He lapped up the frothy brew from the floor and back on his haunches he sat, and all night long you could here him roar, "bring on the goddam cat!"

Many members of the staff at Highline (apart from faculty) are nice, pleasant people to talk to or get help from. I would venture to say that I've even been friends with certain staff members.

Unfortunately, not everybody is so nice. There are too many members of the staff who have forgotten that they are not merely (petty) beaurocrats(sic), but are employed to work with the public.

All students deserve to be treated with common courtesy, with respect. There is no call for the kind of rudeness and over-brusque attitude that too many members of the staff have.

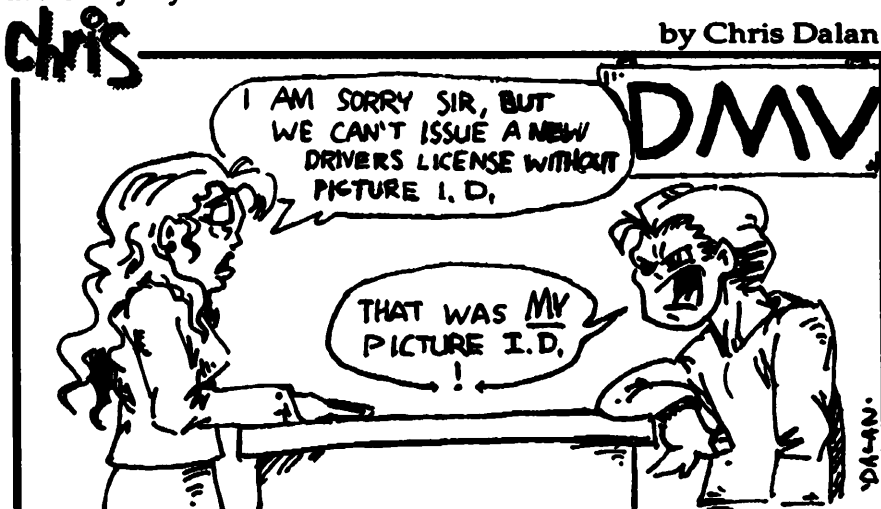
This is not a general criticism, because there are many kind, helpful people here. As to those who are less than helpful, I would say to have a care. I don't mean this as a threat, simply as an observation.

Could someone please explain to me why there are so many rumors about the nursing program here at HCC? I have heard them all; "you can't get in unless your an A student,"

"They will put you on probation if you have one test score of 85% or below, then they'll kick you out if it happens again," or my personal favorite, "if your hair touches your collar, and your nails are too long they will expell you." Where do these rumors come from? Give me a break! The nursing program here is an excellent one, sure it's tough, but it's not boot camp. I think that the people who start these rumors and enjoy spreading them are the ones who couldn't get in because they are too lazy to do what it takes to get accepted. As for all you nursing student hopefuls; ignore the rumors, and don't let anything stand in the way of your dreams.

As the American parent has obviously decided that they no longer are obligated to teach there children the manners that every adult must know, I think it is about time someone told some of the people on this campus a few common courtesies. 1) Remember to say PLEASE and THANK YOU. 2) If you are in a hurry don't just push your way past people walking in front of you, say EXCUSE ME. 3) When you bump into someone, on accident of coarse, say I AM SORRY AND EXCUSE ME. 4) And please remember to use ALL FIVE FINGERS when waving to someone, when you only use one it can be considered very rude. THANK YOU!

(Continued on page 28)



Another One of Life's Little Idiosyncrasies



# WHERE HAVE ALL THE CLASSES GONE?

## 100 Classes Cancelled at HCC

by Wanda D. Terry

More than 103 classes were cancelled during the spring, 1995 quarter at Highline Community College, forcing scores of discontented students into a frenzied search for substitute classes.

But comparable classes were troublesome to find because nearly 300 classes were filled and closed.

The reason that most of these classes were cut, even though enrollment is high this quarter, was because a significant number of classes were kept open when enrollment was low in past quarters, according to Jack Bermingham, Vice President of Academic Affairs. Bermingham said almost every class with less than 15 people enrolled had to be cut. "We made a lot of choices fairly early on (this quarter)," he said.

Janet Tricamo, vice president of student services, said, "Student services does what it can to find classes to replace the ones that were cancelled. Faculty and program coordinators try to call students and tell them when classes have been cancelled. The registration Office will also notify students by letter."

Ashli Jordan is an accounting major who received a phone call from her program coordinator when her accounting 201 class was slashed. Jordan said a message was left on her machine one day before spring break explaining that her class had been cancelled. She then had to go back to school during spring break to re-register for another accounting 201 class. By that time, the morning class she

needed was closed.

Jordan is a full-time student who attends early bird classes before going to work full time. Her only alternatives were to take a class at night or to wait until next quarter. Rather than graduate late, she decided to enroll in the night class. Although angry, Jordan did not blame Cathy Pitt. Pitt, the person who called Jordan, is the accounting program coordinator. Jordan said, "Cathy was not responsible for making that decision and she was very angry as well"

The decision to cut low enrolled classes was made earlier this quarter. Classes began to be cancelled while registration was still in progress. According to Bermingham, this gave students the opportunity to shift classes.

At the faculty senate meeting on April 12, several of the members expressed their frustrations about the hasty process of cancelling classes this quarter. Gisela Schimmelbush, instructor and senate member, said to Bermingham, "Hopefully, next year we have planned so that it won't be a major pain."

Pat Bille, senate secretary, reported that student feedback regarding cancelled classes was very negative and suggested giving students coupons to alleviate some of the inconvenience of having a class cancelled.

During the meeting, Bermingham said that he realizes students are unhappy, but balancing the budget is the ultimate aim.



# JAVA JARGON

## Test your latte lingo

By Kim Farnes

Highline Community College students buy approximately 500 cups of espresso a day. But what are these drinks, exactly? Well, take this little match up quiz and see if you know ...  
(All definitions are from "The Espresso Bartenders Guide to Espresso Bartending," by SallyAnn)

- |                           |   |   |
|---------------------------|---|---|
| 1. Americano              | A. A serving of espresso with steamed milk, topped with a small amount of foam. | H. Straight shot of espresso topped with whipped cream.   |
| 2. Caffè Breve            | B. Two shots of espresso, stopped short, served in a four ounce cup.            | I. A straight shot of espresso diluted with hot water to produce a milder, or long, shot of espresso. |
| 3. Caffè Latte            | C. Latte made with steamed half and half, rich and heavenly.                    | J. A serving of espresso with equal parts of steamed milk and foam.                                   |
| 4. Cappuccino             | D. A 12 ounce latte with one ounce of flavor.                                   | K. A straight shot of espresso served with fresh lemon peel or a slice of lemon.                      |
| 5. Con Panna              | E. A serving of espresso, diluted with hot water to make a full cup of coffee.  | L. Milk steamed to about 135 degrees.   |
| 6. Crema                  | F. The dense golden foam that forms on the top of a fresh shot of espresso.     | M. A cross between a latte and a cappuccino.  |
| 7. Espresso               | G. Coffee brewed with steam under high pressure.                                | N. Steamed milk with one ounce of flavor added.   |
| 8. Espresso Doppio        |   | O. Flavored syrup combined with ice and club soda.  |
| 9. Espresso Romano        |   | P. A serving of espresso topped with a spoonful of thick velvet foam.                                 |
| 10. Flavored Latte        |   | Q. A latte flavored with chocolate syrup, topped with whipped cream.                                  |
| 11. Lungo                 |   | R. A latte made with skim milk.   |
| 12. Flavored Steamed Milk |   |   |
| 13. Latteccino            |   |   |
| 14. Mocha                 |   |   |
| 15. Macchiato             |   |   |
| 16. Non-Fat Latte         |   |   |
| 17. Steamed Milk          |   |   |
| 18. Italian Soda          |   |   |

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Ordering a cup of coffee used to be so simple. It was just "one lump or two?" But now, with over 500 different kinds of flavored coffee and all their fancy names, it is definitely more difficult. These drinks should just be called what they are. Like an Espresso Doppio? Why not just call it a legal upper? And a Mocha? Call it a cup of cocoa. Now...wouldn't that be easier?

Answer Key: 1=E, 2=C, 3=A, 4=J, 5=H, 6=F, 7=C, 8=B, 9=K, 10=D, 11=L, 12=N, 13=M, 14=Q, 15=P, 16=R, 17=L, 18=O



## LETTERS to the editor

I am writing in response to your editorial in the February, 1995 issue of the ThunderWord. In the editorial, you reported statistics regarding the transmission of HIV infection despite condom use. You did not cite a reference for the figures you used.

You stated in your editorial "There is another answer which is 100 percent safe from AIDS . . . answer is total abstinence until marriage . . ." This is incorrect. HIV infection may be acquired from blood transfusions, or may be transmitted from a partner who was infected prior to marriage, or in another marriage.

Chris Henshaw

I felt that the opinion in your editorial (volume 34, issue 6) was demeaning to the faculty and students of Highline Community College.

Condoms may not be a "cure-all" for the AIDS epidemic, but, as long as there is people in this world, people will be having sexual intercourse. Condoms, when used with a spermicide are the most effective means of protection a person has if they decide to be sexually active.

I feel that if a person chooses to stay abstinent (sic) until they are married it is a personal decision. For those of us who do not, it is not up to you to judge us or condemn (sic) us. That is a relationship between us and our higher power. AIDS is a very serious disease. Why can't we all work together to present as many options as are possible to prevent more senseless deaths?

Rhonda Riester

I couldn't believe my eyes when I opened the March issue of the ThunderWord. Here the editor of the paper has take (sic) views about condom use, STD's and AIDS and made it appear that this is the view of the entire ThunderWord staff. I assure any reader out there that it isn't.

Please, anyone out there having unprotected, unsafe sex; consider using condoms. They may not be 100 percent effective for birth control or in the spread of STD's and AIDS, and they aren't a cure-all. No one says they are. But they are a choice for you to know about and decide for yourself.

Patricia Fiorito

Thank you for your well written article in the ThunderWord regarding AIDS (Vol. 34 Feb., 1995, Issue 5). I applaud you for telling Highline students about a more effective way to prevent AIDS — abstinence and faithfulness to marriage partners.

It took courage to express what you feel is a minority view in the ThunderWord office but would offer students a better way. As a parent I was very pleased to see an article written by a student for students which was so responsibly written.

Keep writing!

Sandra Wimmer

Hi, it's me, that person that you saw wandering around campus during Winter quarter photographing students. I was given the assignment of creating a slide presentation for Family Night that was held on February 28. I am taking this opportunity to thank all the Highline students, faculty and

staff for the help and cooperation they gave me in completing the presentation and you may also be interested in knowing that it was a success. Student Activities is planning to hold an open showing or two on campus during Spring quarter, so stay tuned for that announcement. Thanks again.

Denise M. Gloster

On Friday, February 17, my car was sideswiped by a Toyota in the east parking lot between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. I am offering a reward for any information which leads to identifying the driver of the Toyota.

My car is a gold Subaru Legacy station wagon with a black metal dog crate in the back and a black luggage rack. The station wagon was parked along the sidewalk in staff parking on the east side of building # 4.

Christiana Taylor

Greed has no conscience!

If it's on behalf of animals, pressure groups glamorizing the abuse and slaughter of animals for pleasure and for profit, can be counted on to offer opposition.

The same organizations are backing "Animal Owner Rights" legislation, while blocking laws and ordinances to protect animals.

If greed is the name of the game, caring people (not buying beef) can impede at least one group whose policies affecting lawmakers have a harmful impact.

Around the country, large numbers of legislators and local

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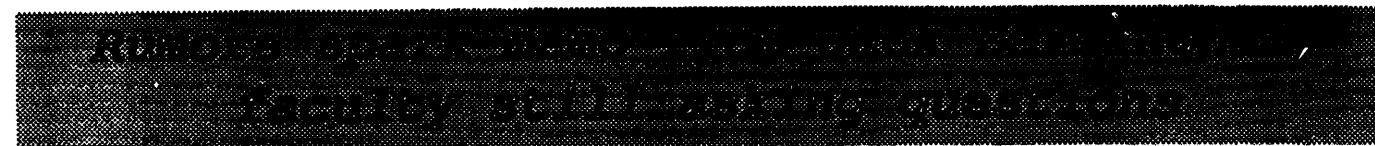
# HCC Vice President on leave from former job

by Alisha Holdener and Carly C. Leach

When Highline Vice President Jack Bermingham accepted his job here

He also said his reasons are personal, involving his relationship with PLU. In interviews over the past

HCC job wasn't all that Bermingham expected. Sydney Stegall, a music



last July, he took a one-year leave of absence from his position at Pacific Lutheran University, then later renewed the leave for another year.

Rumors were swirling for some time among the faculty at Highline Community College concerning Bermingham's leave of absence. On April 4, Bermingham issued a memo to faculty concerning the rumor that he is "on loan" from Pacific Lutheran University.

In the memo, Bermingham said that his "loyalties and future are here at Highline." He said, "The fact of the matter is that as a tenured member of the PLU faculty, I was openly granted an unpaid leave when I accepted my position here at Highline."

Bermingham started his new job as vice president of academic affairs in July. PLU Provost Paul Menzel said that Bermingham took a one-year leave of absence. Later, Bermingham reapplied for a second year, Menzel said. PLU will only grant two years of leave, which means Bermingham must either leave HCC or terminate his employment with PLU, Menzel said.

Bermingham would not discuss in an interview his reasons for staying on leave. But, he said, there are "a number of issues internally related."

week, many faculty members said that they were initially shocked that Bermingham was on leave from PLU



Photo by Alisha Holdener  
Dr. Jack Bermingham, Vice President of Academic Affairs at HCC.

and they still have many questions that Bermingham's memo didn't address.

One instructor said he's got a lot of questions that are not being answered, although he doesn't deny that Bermingham's loyalties are here. The instructor wondered why Bermingham doesn't cut off all ties with PLU. This instructor also suggested that the leave was an "escape hatch" back to PLU if the

instructor, didn't want to address the issue until he got more information from Bermingham. "I think it would be premature to say anything, yet," Stegall said. Stegall said that Arts and Humanities faculty might ask Bermingham about the leave of absence at their next scheduled meeting.

Michael Campbell, human sexuality instructor, said, "I thought it was a smart move (to issue the memo) on his part. I think he's clearly here to do the job and here to stay."

Bermingham went through a hiring process and was one of five finalists for the position to begin in the 1994 school year. The final hiring decision was made by Ed Command, president of HCC. "We want the very best person, and it was clear that Jack was the best candidate," Command said.

Command said that he and the hiring committee were not aware of Bermingham's leave of absence. However, Command said, "It means absolutely nothing."

Bermingham was the dean of the Division of Social Sciences and associate professor of history at PLU.

According to both Bermingham and Menzel, taking a leave

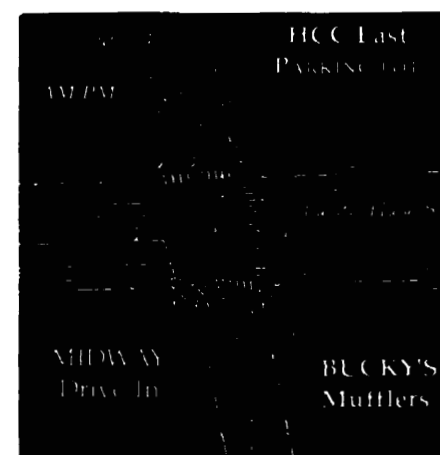
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# Accident waiting

# t o h a p p e n ! ?

## Dangerous crosswalk controversy



by Jonathan Vann

"It's only going to be a matter of time until someone gets killed on that intersection," Jared Bucci, Highline Community College student, said. Bucci is one of about 500 students who park at the Midway Drive-In each day, and realizes that fellow HCC students are in danger when they cross the South 240th Street and Pacific Highway South intersection.

The problems with the intersection start when students come out of the Midway Drive-In and cross South 240th Street. There are two ways to cross this street. First, students could walk down and cross at the crosswalk,

careful to avoid cars entering the Midway Drive-In. Or follow the crowd and jaywalk dangerously across the street, running through traffic.

The second problem starts when waiting on the corner by Bucky's Muffler-Brakes-Radiator shop. At that corner, an average of 20 people at a time crowd together, standing on an uneasy, chewed-up section of road waiting for the signal to change. The signal changes and the pack of students cross, trying to stay in the tiny crosswalk. The crosswalk isn't big enough, so students spill out onto the street taking up most of the intersection. Once halfway across the street, the red light starts to flash and students are forced to step up the pace or get caught in traffic.

On May 30, 1991, one such student found out how dangerous the intersection was. According to a ThunderWord article on June 7, 1991, an unidentified 28-year-old HCC student, late for class, crossed the intersection against the light and was struck by a motorist. The student was thrown over the hood of the car, landing on the trunk, but sustained only minor injuries.

This was only one of three vehicle-pedestrian accidents at

the intersection since 1989, along with 92 vehicle accidents.

Patricia Foley, Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) accident analysis engineer for the Northwest region, studied the intersection and made a report.

"The computer saw it as a problem, so we advised the city of Kent of that location," Foley said.

The city of Kent understood the problem but argued that because Pacific Highway South is a major highway, it falls under state control, said Ed White, Kent transportation engineer. So the project was given back to WSDOT to do the construction.

"It's unusual for us to do it,"



A Highline Community College student jaywalks across South 240th Street when there is a crosswalk 20 feet away.

Photo by Alisha Holdener

Christina Huber, WSDOT project designer, said. Huber recognized that the city of Kent has a case, but speculates that the city didn't want to spend its tax dollars to redo an area far away from the city center.

The plan, according to Huber, will replace an aging, non-standard traffic signal system with an upgraded one. Also, a left turn lane will be added on the East side of South 240th Street to ease traffic flow and additional new sidewalk curbing. The state budget for the project is \$456,000, with work to be completed in March 1996.

"We're planning to do it, but right now we're over budget,"

Huber added.

When asked what improvement will be made to make pedestrians safer, Huber said she didn't realize it was a problem.

"With its high volume, it's one of the worst intersections I've been on," Carol O'Neill, a concerned HCC student, said. O'Neill got involved as part of a school project to try to make the intersection safer. "They're upgrading it in a year, but they don't seem to be in a rush to do it," O'Neill said.

O'Neill worked with HCC officials to help get the attention of the cities of Kent and Des Moines about the problem, but initially found it hard to get the

cities to communicate with each other.

HCC is also investigating purchasing the vacant gas station on the corner to expand the campus, according to Laura Saunders, HCC vice president of administration.

"We don't want to see any student injured," Saunders said. She added that in the future to look for police to force students into using the crosswalk instead of jaywalking. It's not the school's responsibility, but we do have an interest, she said.

Ed Rector, HCC chief of safety and security, said that even though HCC is working with WSDOT, the college is limited to what it can do.

"I can foresee a future accident on the intersection," Rector said. "If there's enough students concerned about it, they should petition the city."

He also said that a fly-over, an elevated bridge for pedestrians to cross busy streets, is possible, but speculated that it just costs too much. Rector emphasized that with expansion of existing parking lots on campus, less people would have to park at Midway Drive-In.

Rector said that, for now, students will just have to take more responsibility. "We can't always lead people by their hands," he said.



## HCC Talks with Tate

### *U.S. Congressman Randy Tate visits HCC campus*

by Alisha Holdener

"Literally, we've changed the culture in Washington, D.C.," Congressman Randy Tate said during a recent visit to Highline Community College. Tate said that with the completion of the "Contract with America," Republicans in the U.S. House of Representatives have done more positive things for this country than Congress has done in the last 40 years.

Ed Command, president of HCC, invited Tate to tour the college and join some faculty members for lunch. Tate represents the college and many of the students that attend HCC in the 9th congressional district.

The tour started out in Command's office with four men discussing politics in a round table formation. Although Tate had been to HCC before, this was the first time he toured several of the newer buildings.

First stop was Building 30, the computer lab. Here Tate was confronted by a student, "Hey, I know you! You're the guy that never returns my letters." After the student introduced himself, promises were made to respond to the students' letters.

Tate tried to emphasize the positive during his visit. He spoke primarily of the contract, but when asked how this will affect HCC and the students, the question was avoided.

Later in the visit, another student spoke to Tate and was pleased with what's gone on in Congress.

Tax breaks and school lunch programs are two controversial issues in the Republican agenda.

The new tax break will give back

\$500 per child to those families making \$200,000 or less per year, excluding those families receiving earned income credit.

Tate voted for the bill to cut taxes \$189 billion over the next five years, but he doesn't support the \$200,000 per year income limit. "I think we should give it to all families, even the 'Donald Trumps'," Tate said. The Democrats, however, were pushing to cut the limit from \$200,000 per year income to below \$100,000.

The other issue, school lunch programs, are not being cut, contrary to popular belief, Tate said. The federal government will send



Photo by Alisha Holdener  
Randy Tate is the representative of the 9th congressional district.

block grants to the states so funds can be distributed at the local level, according to Tate. If the bill passes, only 2 percent of the money for school lunch programs will go to administration, which means more money will go directly to the classrooms. Tate said, "The only people out of a lunch will be the bureaucrats in D.C."

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# NO PLACE TO CALL HOME

## What you can do to help the HOMELESS

by Amy McManamon

David is a friendly, soft-spoken man with a shy smile. Four months ago David was laid off from his roofing job, fell behind on his rent and ended up with no place to live.

Four and a half months ago, Jesse was living under a bridge. He spent his time stealing money to buy drugs and alcohol. Fortunately, both men have since found help at the Grace Community Shelter in Kent.

"With my crazy attitude ... they still gave me love," Jesse said. "This group kept their hand out."

The shelter, run in the basement of Grace Fellowship Church, opened in January 1994. Since then, 1,582 men have been to the shelter.

According to shelter director, Doug Reynolds, "Most men in the shelter are trying to better themselves so they can get back into society." Early in the morning, many of the men are driven to job referral services to see if they can get work for the day. However, Reynolds says, the men are paid very little.

"It's really sad," he said. "So many of these guys are trying so hard. It's really tough on a lot of them."

Another aspect of the shelter is that no drugs or alcohol are allowed. If a man has been drinking or using drugs, he will not be let in. This rule has helped Jesse, who had to choose between using alcohol and having a place to stay at night. He chose to stay at the shelter and has been sober since January. To further help the men with addictions, transportation



Photo by Alisha Holdener

Grace Fellowship

is provided to Alcoholics Anonymous meetings.

The most important thing the men receive at the shelter is love. "We love the guys here. Most of them call me mom," Reynolds' wife, Pat, said. "They love attention. They love to be hugged."

"All you can do is give them support and let them know you care," Reynolds said.

The men at the shelter can attest to the love shown. "They just kept giving me support," shelter guest, Jim, said. "They saw that I had something to offer. It's turned my life around."

Grace Community Shelter isn't the only place working to help the homeless. There are many other organizations, most of which are located downtown.

St. Martin De Porres shelter serves men over age 50 and takes in up to 210 men per night. Guests are provided with an evening meal and

a mat for sleeping. They must be out of the shelter by 7:30 a.m. During the day, the shelter can care for up to six men who are well enough to take care of themselves but too ill to be on the street.

For single women, Noel House is a 40 bed emergency shelter that also provides meals for 80 to 90 women per night. The women can also receive clothing, hygiene products, and a shower.

"The biggest challenge we have is convincing people that the panhandlers are not the homeless. The homeless are the people in the shelter who want to change their lives," Bill Whipple, of the Union Gospel Mission, said.

There are about 27,000 homeless people in King County and the homeless situation "is growing by leaps and bounds," Whipple said. The good news is that something can be done to help. One way is to donate food, clothing or money to shelters. Grace Community Shelter has a "sponsor a homeless man" program. Forty-eight dollars a month provides a homeless man with food and shelter for one month.

It's not a good idea to give money to people on the street. "Never, never, never give money to a panhandler," Whipple said. You don't know if the money will end up being used inappropriately, he said. The Union Gospel Mission sells coupons for meals that can be given to people on the street. Another way to help the homeless is to volunteer at the shelters.

Though helping the homeless isn't easy, the shelters are doing the best they can. Many homeless people are grateful to have them there. "I don't know what I'd do without it," David, at Grace Community Shelter, said.



# WHAT'S DISABLING OUR ACCESS?

by Kristin Marquardt

provide their elderly and disabled population with door to door transportation. Metro already had a similar program called Paratransit

for Metro, said, "Currently, because the demand for service is so high, most people, in order to get a trip, need to call seven days in advance."

Students at HCC said that this is a downside of the service. They said it is an inconvenience to give a week's notice, because they don't always know when they are going to need a ride in that time frame.

The van service providers schedule routes where the people are picked up and are going to fairly close destinations to one another.

In 1997, the ADA will require Metro to be in full compliance with the law, providing all eligible

riders with all trips that are requested. As of 1992, Metro projected they will need to provide 2 million trips per year by 1997, to comply with the demand.

Obeso said, "It is a civil rights

## Different transportation solutions for different disabled students

Mary Beth Olsen, a visually impaired student at Highline Community College, uses Metro's Paratransit transportation services to go home from her evening classes.

Paratransit has not been able to expand as fast as the demand because there is not enough funding. Students have been worn out by it's barriers, yet they continue to try and make it work.

The paratransit vans will pick up disabled or elderly people at their door and take them to their destinations. Nancy Poultney, senior transit planner in the accessible services division at Metro, said, "We want people to understand clearly there is no limit on why they need a ride."

Olsen began using the paratransit service in 1992. She has very limited sight, and the bus lines don't come close to her home. "I would have to walk a mile to the nearest bus," she says.

There are no limits on what kind of wheelchair, walker, or other equipment a person may need to bring on the van. As long as the rider can get on the van with the lift, that person can ride.

Wendy Behm, a former HCC student who has difficulty with balance, said, "I get dirty looks from other riders because I sit up front."

In 1990, the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) required transportation providers nationwide to

Options which began in 1978.

The Options program provides rides for people who have a reduced fare permit bus pass and have low income. People who are signed up for the program may also receive taxi scrip to ride a taxi at half the fare.

Since the passing of the ADA, Metro has run a van service called the ADA Paratransit program. Poultney said, "the eligibility for this (ADA Paratransit service) is based on the individual ability to ride a lift-equipped bus."

The application covers many areas of concern, including the terrain near the closest bus stop, what kinds of limitations the applicant has, including physical, visual, hearing, and others.

Behm said, "I used the van service to go to The Resource Center for the Handicapped." When she moved south, she said, "They wouldn't transfer the paperwork from my bus pass to an Access pass," which would allow her to use the Access transportation.

Victor Obeso, senior transit planner



Photo by Alisha Holdener

Robert Guyette using Metro's Access transportation.

legislation that we need to meet."

Olsen said, "I think it's great, I really appreciate Van Go (ADA Paratransit)."

For more information about the program, call Metro's Accessible Services, 689-3113, TDD 689-3116.



## WHAT'S UP! AROUND TOWN

### AIDS Benefit

Over 200 artists have donated work to be displayed and purchased for the biennial ArtWorks for AIDS fundraiser. Art work will be on display April 21-30 at the Seattle Center Pavilion. A \$3 donation is suggested for admission.

### For The Tots

Take the kids out! The Valley View Library presents children's librarian Mickey Gallagher, Monday at 7 p.m. and Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. from April 13-May 17. Children 3-6 are welcome to join Gallagher and his puppet friend Soupy the Snail for stories, songs, and finger plays.

### Holocaust Survivor Speaks in Burien

Holocaust survivor Zev Kedem will be speaking Wednesday, April 19, 7 p.m., at the Highline Performing Arts Center in Burien. Tickets and more information are available at the student lounge desk in Building 8.

### Free Dance

April 20 a free diversity dance workshop will be held in Building 8 in the student lounge from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

### Spring Fair in Puyallup

The Puyallup Spring Fair is April 20-23. General admission is \$5, children 6-12 are \$3, and children under 6 are free. The fair is featuring a sports card show and an internet show. And what would a fair be without animals? There will be plenty, including a reptile show. Food, crafts, entertainment, and hot tubs will abound! The fair begins at 10 a.m. and lasts until 10 p.m. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, and until 7:30 p.m. on Sunday. Parking is free.

### Cherry Blossom

Admission is free to the 20th annual Seattle Cherry Blossom Festival and Japanese Cultural Festival at the Seattle Center April 20-23. This culturally educational festival will feature dance, food, and crafts throughout the weekend.

## WHAT'S UP! ON CAMPUS



### ASHC Forum & Election

Campaigns for the Associated Students of Highline College will begin on May 1. A candidates' forum will be held on May 9 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the student lounge. Elections will be May 17 from 6 to 9 p.m. and May 18 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m. in the student lounge.

### Gay & Lesbian Film Fest

April 28-30 marks the 8th annual Northwest International Lesbian Gay Film Festival at Olympia's Capitol Theater and the Evergreen State College. Shows begin at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, and run all day Saturday and Sunday beginning at 11 a.m. Tickets are \$5 for individual shows and a \$50 pass is available for the week-end. For more info. call (360) 357-4755.

### Miss Saigon

Dying to see "Miss Saigon" at the Paramount but can't quite afford the pricey seats? Student tickets will be sold at \$15 for any seat left in the house one hour before curtain. Performances are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 8 p.m., Saturday and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m., and Sunday s at 7:30 p.m. This offer is for full-time students with valid identification only and is not available Friday and Saturday nights. Contact the Paramount box office for more information.

### Blood Drive

The spring quarter all-campus blood drive will be April 27 from 9 to 11:15 a.m. and 12 to 3 p.m. at the plaza.

### Women's Programs information series

Beginning April 26, bring your lunch to Building 22, Room 105 on Wednesdays for the Women's Programs information series "Counseling: What's Out There?"



# DUG OUT *DREAMS*

Big league  
fantasy almost  
comes true

by Frank Webb

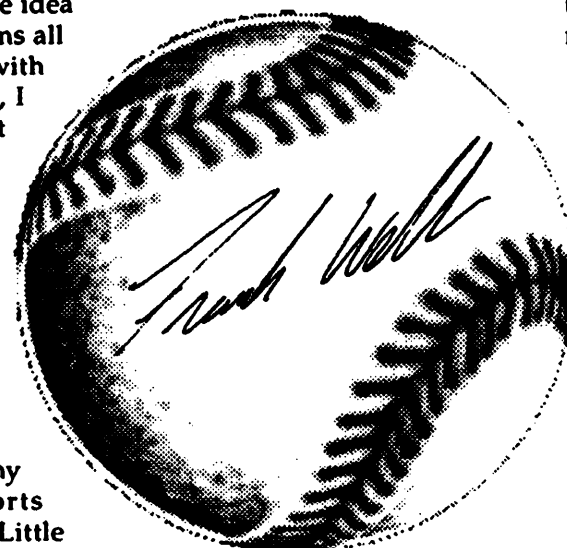
Growing up as a boy, like most children, I had a dream of being someone rich and famous one day, a baseball player mostly. The idea of playing a game in stadiums all across the country, packed with fans, and getting paid for it, I thought would be the greatest thing there ever was.

Time went by, and as I grew older, my aspirations seemed to be only a childhood dream. By the age of 15, I had completely stopped playing baseball in any organized manner. Between my school studies and working after school, I barely found time to follow my favorite teams in the sports section of the newspaper. Little did I know that one day soon I would have a chance to reach for the impossible.

On August 12, 1994, as most everyone knows, the baseball players left the field and went on strike, eventually cancelling the rest of the season, including the World Series, for the first time in over 90 years.

The team owners and the players' union struggled through the winter attempting to reach an

agreement ensuring the players would be back on the field for the 1995 season. But with the opening of spring training coming up fast, the owners scrambled to find quality replacement players to fill



the void left by the ones on strike. That is when I decided to take advantage of the unfortunate situation.

I began by calling the Seattle Mariners. With sweaty palms and a pounding heart I asked to talk to a team scout. After inquiring why, the receptionist informed me they weren't looking for any additional players. I felt totally let down.

Unwilling to accept reality, I proceeded to call the Oakland Athletics, the California Angels and the Texas Rangers. Each rejected my request for a tryout at the catcher position because they had already chosen their players, or due to the fact that I hadn't played any AA baseball.

As I was about to accept defeat, I tried one last team, the Chicago White Sox. Holding onto the last bit of hope, I worked my way through their phone system until my call was answered by Tom, one of the team's head scouts.

After talking with him for 10 minutes, he invited me to the White Sox training camp in Sarasota, Fla. for a tryout on March 4. I felt a surge of adrenaline and was tongue-tied for a moment as he filled me in on the details. I had only three weeks to prepare myself mentally and physically.

At first it was difficult to get to sleep at night. I had visions of hitting line-drive triples and tagging out base runners sliding into home. After a week had passed, my nervous stomach was gone and I was working hard to prepare for my trip.

Just after midnight on Thursday, March 2, I headed down the boarding ramp into the plane. During the trip, sleep was not an option for me. I tried reading and listening to music, but all I could think about was baseball and the stench of booze from the guy sitting next to me.



After arriving into Sarasota, around 6 p.m., I checked into my hotel room and relaxed for an hour before falling fast asleep.

I jumped out of bed to a ringing phone at 6:30 a.m. It was my wake-up call. I gathered all my baseball gear together and took a cab to Ed Smith Stadium, location of the White Sox training camp.

Walking up to the registration table, I glanced around the enormous facilities that included eight practice fields, a two story clubhouse and an 8,000 seat outdoor stadium. The practice fields were freshly cut and the smell of spring grass combined with the dust rising off the infields filled the air.

At registration, I was given the number 103 by which I would be known as for the remainder of the day. Looking around I knew I was in for some tough competition. I walked over and laid down on my back behind one of the backstops. Gazing up into the cloudless blue sky, I relaxed my tense muscles and churning stomach.

To start the day out, several members of the coaching staff gathered all 250 of us hopefuls into the outfield. After brief introductions they divided us into two groups: outfielders and infielders, pitchers and catchers.

There were 29 catchers and nearly 100 pitchers. We started by warming up our arms, then the catchers were put into a rotation to keep everybody equally active until all the pitchers had their shot in front of the coaches.

Using the bull-pen, with six pitching mounds in-a-row, the catcher would continue to catch for the same pitcher as he went through all six stations. At the first station the catcher would stand behind the plate, then at the second station the catcher would scrunch down, and at the third station stand

back up and so on down the line until they are evaluated at the final station.

Waiting in the hot sunshine with my full catchers' gear on I was burning up, but once I was behind the plate I was ready to go. As the pitcher and I reached the final station I shouted out "103!" I caught four fastballs, two curves and two change-ups and I was back on the bench.

Watching the infield and outfield players on the field, I noticed after the first hour more than half had already been cut. I knew

the third station, disaster struck. The pitcher I was catching for was working on his curve. One of the coaches came up behind me and asked how it was breaking. Being at the third station, I was already standing. I raised my glove up in front of my face to signal to the pitcher to wait, then took off my mask and turned my head to talk to the coach.

At that moment, as my arm slowly lowered, the coach shouted, "Watch out!" Turning my head back around I met the ball with my left eyebrow after it ricocheted off my forearm. I immediately tried to shake it off and continue to catch. But I was barely able to stand after being hammered with a 45 mph pitch. I was ushered to the bench.

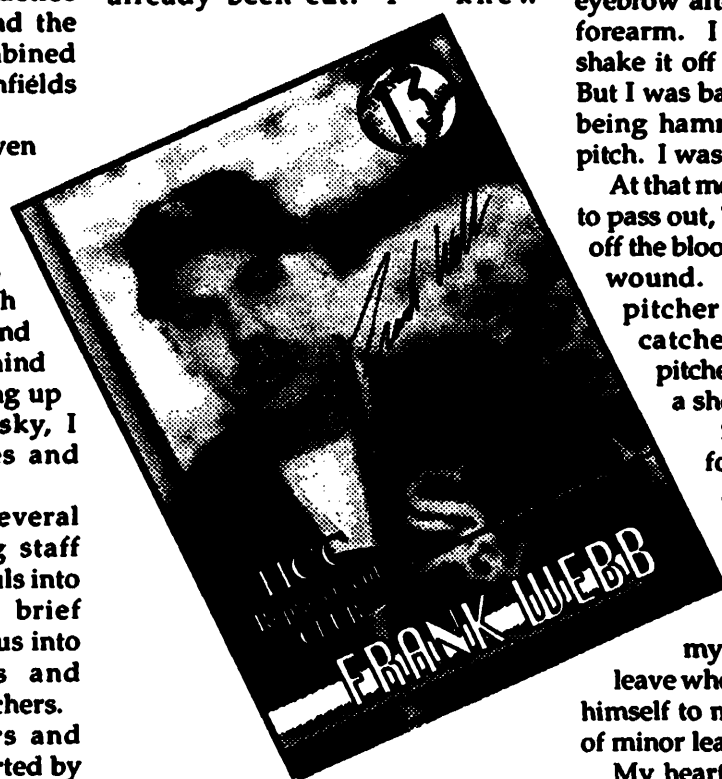
At that moment, I felt I was about to pass out. The team doctor wiped off the blood and applied ice to my wound. I watched as the last pitcher finished up. Two catchers and all but five pitchers were let go. I still had a shot.

Stepping up to the plate for batting practice my arm was red and swollen, and as I took my first cut pain shot up my arm. I stepped off the field, gathered my gear and was about to leave when Ray Shula introduced himself to me as executive director of minor league operations.

My heart started beating as if it were about to explode as Shula explained he liked my talent, and invited me back next year if I hadn't signed elsewhere as a minor leaguer.

After returning home with a swollen and blackened eye, three weeks later I learned the players had received the National Labor Relations Board ruling and the strike was over. With the players back on the field, the replacements were sent packing, mostly unpaid.

I guess I lucked out.



then that they were looking for serious ball players. After going through two more rotations, soaking wet and exhausted, I listened to the numbers that were cut.

After the numbers were called, I was one of 10 catchers and 20 pitchers left. A glance out onto the field told me we were the last ones left with a chance to get onto the team.

I again started to work my way down the line, but when I reached



# BACK TO BASICS

## New coaches, new attitude for womens softball

by Frank Webb

Chattering with excitement, the lady Thunderbirds softball team took to the field, ready to make a defensive stand. The first batter stepped into the box and, on the first pitch, hit a scorching grounder to Shawniene Kolze, playing third. With a strong throw, she threw the batter out at first base.

This year, with the addition of Cara Hoyt as head coach from Eastside Catholic and Cesilee Coulson as an assistant from the University of Oregon, a division one school, the team is concentrating strongly on basic fundamentals.

"They bring a lot of knowledge to the table," assistant coach, Mike Burns, said about the two newly

acquired coaches. "They are why we are winning games this year."

Coach Hoyt believes that communication on and off the field is the hardest thing to teach, but she knows it is the most important to learn. Communication as a team helps everyone on the field understand what is happening and what needs to be done next, she said.

"On the field, with so many things going on, the players need to know how to do everything as a team," Hoyt said.

This year the team has jumped out

to a good start with a 3-3 record. Some may not think this is so great, but the team has already played the top two teams in the league, Edmonds and Walla Walla Community Colleges.

"The team is playing as good as any team in the league," Hoyt said. She went on to say how strategy is a big part of the game. When the team fully comes together, their goal of finishing within the top four teams in the league will be well within reach, she said.

Nelah Lee, the team's catcher is working hard to bring the team together. From behind home plate, Lee has become the director of the field leading the team emotionally by keeping the communication flowing between all the players on the field, and physically by becoming a complete player, with exceptional offense and defense.

With an outstanding pitching staff, including Debbie Butler, Jennifer Simonson and Stephanie Moody, and a batting order that houses Rosa Tuatagaloa, Nelah Lee and Shawniene Kolze, this team is looking forward to a fun and exciting season.

Coach Hoyt and the players invite everyone down to the field to enjoy a game or two this season.



Photo by Alisha Holdener

Shortstop Amy Figueloa, left, and Stacha Philip, right, hustle as umpire Mark Dungan calls the Walla Walla opponent safe at second base.



# Birmingham

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of absence is common practice in such situations. There's "absolutely nothing peculiar" about this situation, said Menzel.

Birmingham claimed in his memo that his type of leave is "typical in a four-year institution." However, one HCC instructor, who taught at several four-year institutions, said, "I've never seen it done in administration." To this instructor's knowledge, it was not common for administrators to take a leave of absence to accept another administrative position at another school.

Command, making light of the subject, said, "He's having way too much fun to go back to a stodgy school like PLU, with nothing but rich kids driving BMWs."

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## Billards, Alcohol, Relationtionships?

by Kim Farnes

back of the room with their friends, sitting with their married friends  
or playing pool. Most of the men (who were helping them look for

### What brings you to the bar?

Did you know that where you choose to sit in a bar can tell others whether you are there to meet someone or to just have fun? 167 people in three different bars say that it does. In fact, there are obvious differences of agenda within just a few feet of each other.

For example, out of 86 males interviewed, 47 were either married, engaged or already involved. Leaving only 39 single men.

The men who were "attached" were found either sitting right around the dance floor or playing darts. "I would rather play darts than meet any woman," said Dennis Faye, 44, "I am here to meet my buddies, and take the edge off of work, that's all."

In fact, wanting to be with their friends was the number one reason the men gave for being out. Watching sports on T.V. and playing games in the bar, (like pool and darts), were also popular reasons. Meeting women was only the seventh most popular reason men went out. (Although most men did say it would be an added bonus!)

The single men were found either sitting at the bar, near the

playing pool said that they do not enjoy "teaching" women to play. In bars where pool and dart tables take up more square footage than the dance floor, those players are much more serious about their games ... so beginning players beware!

Nobody said that meeting women at a bar was a good idea. When asked where would be a good place to meet women, the men overwhelmingly said at church or a grocery store. "At least that way alcohol doesn't impair your judgement, and you know what you are getting into," said Damon Sanretzsky, 22, who is almost a nightly patron of the Monte Carlo Tavern in Kent. But when asked how many women he had met in a bar in the past three months, Sanretzsky answered 10.

Now the women. They were completely opposite from the men. Out of 81 females interviewed, 53 were single. Leaving only 28 married, engaged, or already attached. Of the 53 single women, 25 were recently divorced, (within the past six months), and ALL of these women were sitting around the dance floor.

The 28 women who were never married, or happily divorced, were

"Mr. Right"), or actively involved in singing Karoke or playing darts.

"I go out to have a good time," said Deanna Cunningham, 25, "but the hope of meeting someone is always there. So when I'm deciding where to go, I usually choose bars, because I find it easier to talk to men after I have had a couple of beers."

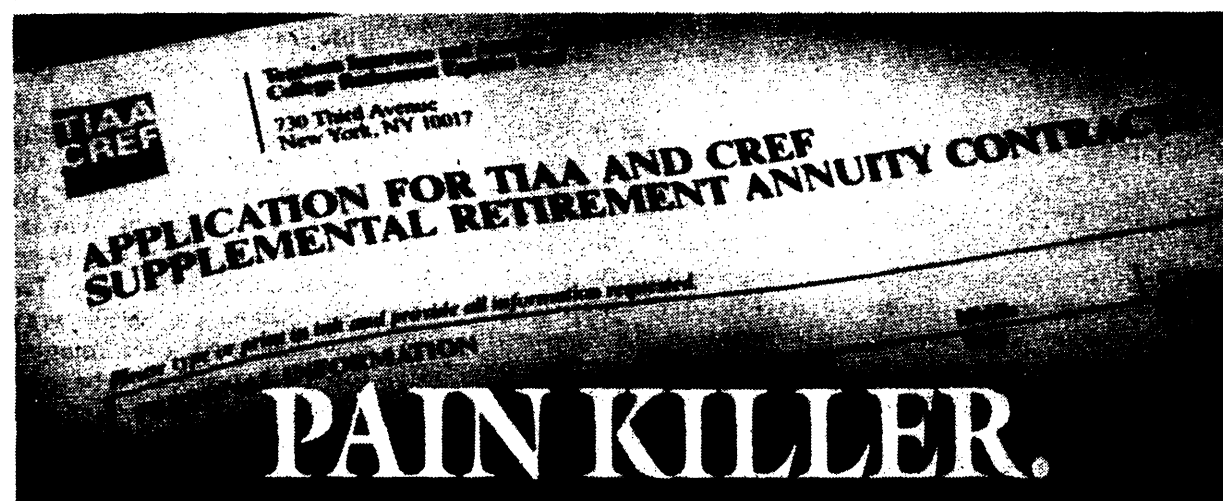
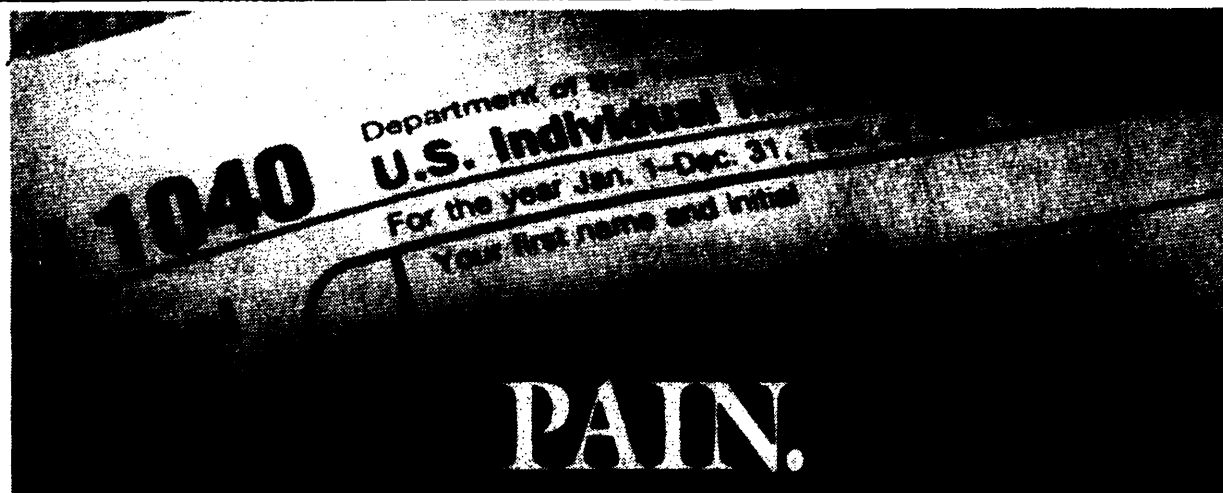
Most women said that meeting men at a bar was a bad idea, but were unsure of where a good place would be. Most of the women also said that they do not accept drinks when men buy them, because it usually means there are expectations involved.

Meeting men was number one on the list of reasons women gave for going out to bars. Having fun, being with friends, singing Karoke and dancing were other reasons.

Out of 167 people interviewed, only four had ever met someone at a bar and were still with that person. The areas around the dance floor and the dart boards were where the attached and recently single people sat. As for the single people, here is some advice if you really want to meet someone: women, chalk up those pool cues, or sit near the back of the room. And men, start practicing your vocal scales, and sing your heart out!



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## Free style

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What is the deal with the drinking fountains at Highline? You have your choice of dry as a bone, dribble, or spray in the face — oh & there's that combo of the last two that's really fun !!



Students are complaining about the wait in the registration line. I've heard people complaining about a three or four minute wait, cutting down the helpful people who work behind the desk.

The last time I checked, registration lines used to take hours to go through, and then one had to wait ages in the cashier's line. This was an extremely (sic) frustrating process.

This quarter, I registered paid my tuition, and bought my parking permit in twenty minutes. Of those twenty, I spent about five minutes waiting for my time slot to open, with no one ahead of me. It took approximately two minutes to

actually register, and there I was in the cashiers line.

Although waiting in line when no one is ahead of you can be frustrating, it's an insignificant amount of time compared to two hours. I'm happy with the new registration system, and am glad the administration instituted it.

As for those impatient people who have problems with it ... Lighten up.



I am an Amer-Asian student here at Highline. When I came here I thought I would meet a lot of friendly Asians. I was wrong. I first noticed other Asians glaring at me when I smiled at them last quarter. This quarter I am in class across the hall from these girls and it seems that every day they make it a point to stare at me offensively in an attempt to get me to react. Yesterday (sic), I was waiting at an elevator in the

library when an Asian girl I have never seen before waited in front of the other elevator. When my elevator door opened I casually walked on. Evidently, the other girl thought that I should let her go first, because once we got on the elevator with 2 other people, she stood facing me. She was so close to me that I perceived it was threatening. I don't know what the problem is here, but it is getting way out of hand. I think that this behavior is childish and characteristic of adolescents. We are all in college and here to learn. I don't think that it sets a very good example for Asian females to act this way. Those of you who act this way are lowering your own images. It is too bad you can't be positive. People who smile are far more attractive than those who "try" to intimidate others.



## LETTERS to the editor (continued from page 14)

officials are, in fact, cattle ranchers — perhaps the same ranchers who are trying to wrest control of land (belonging to all Americans) from our government in order to block range reform. Overgrazing and other abuses on our public lands can be directly attributed to cattle interests.

When rancher-legislators or rancher-officials control lawmaking bodies, conflict of interest and ethics involved should be questioned.

Those who care about animals and our public lands can, also, protest without being a local

majority, without writing letters, picketing or otherwise going public. They can simply stop buying beef.

Political changes, the result of cattle industry lobbying, may bear testimony to the triumph of greed. Beef (you ate) paid for the changes — changes harming all but the wealthy. But, all the victims together can effectively protest.

No one can help every good cause but most forgotten Americans can help their cause, too, by being part of a "Save Our Overgrazed Public Lands — Don't Buy Beef" movement.

James Griffin

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### *The Search for Spring*

On February 2, 1995, a groundhog haphazardly predicted the weather. Unfortunately, his shadow scared him back under for another six weeks. Now, a couple months later, the sun we always look forward to, is shining high in the sky, as Highline Community College students and staff start spring quarter. The "Search for Spring" can be a difficult one in the Western Washington area, but at HCC the weather was great.







# M A R L I N

by Marlin Bowman

She's available again. That's what the scandal monger said on TV. I can't believe that Julia and Lyle have split.

Now, practically, I know that I will be hit by lightning four times and win the lottery twice before I ever meet Julia Roberts, but a man's gotta dream his dreams.

There is a remote chance that I could walk through the front door of South Auburn Albertson's and meet her face to face. I should get prepared.

After all, she found Lyle Lovett attractive. Maybe she's tired of all that hair. Maybe she's ready for bald. Maybe she's tired of scrawny and will be attracted to . . . nawww. I better ready myself to meet her.

Dieting is nothing new to me. I remember back in the '60s, there was Metrecal, the forerunner to Ultra Slim Fast. I drank it faithfully with every meal and gained weight.

I have lost weight, though. In fact, I used to say I lost a young elephant. Now the elephant is growing older.

I've tried every diet known to the civilized world and some that made it less civilized. Remember the grapefruit diet? You eat nothing but grapefruit. That's the one that makes you turn yellow and sour. You are what you eat, you know.

There is the current crop of herbal supplements. Each is connected

with a pyramid sales scheme. One of them boasts that if you sell enough of it you can get a free trip to the tropics where you can gain back the weight you lost on the pills. Others rave on about how desperately I need to cleanse my colon. That alone tells me what *they* think I'm full of. I don't appreciate being told I have a dirty colon.

If I had money, I could go under the knife and have them vacuum out my excesses. But with my income, that's out.

They advertise "thigh cream," but my thighs are not the main problem. If they would offer a "belly balm" I might try it, but I'm not spending money on thigh cream.

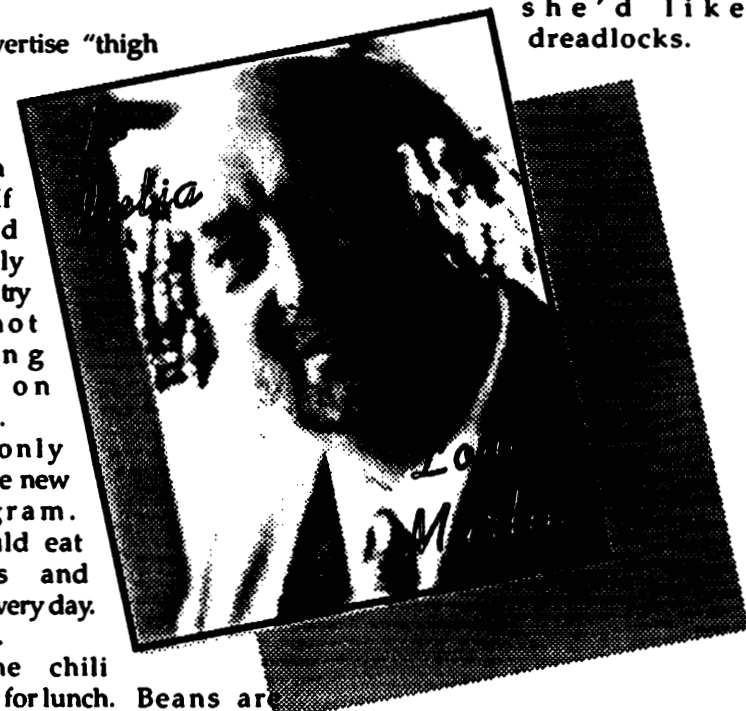
The only answer is the new "five" program. You should eat five fruits and vegetables every day. I can do that.

Take the chili burger I had for lunch. Beans are definitely the musical fruit, so there's one. The raw onions I've breathed on everyone all day is two.

There were tomatoes in the tomato sauce. That's three. The greasy french fries are potatoes. That's four. The parsley on the side of the plate is five. See, I knew I could do this one.

At this rate, I can probably do fifteen or even twenty in a day. This is fun. I hope it will get the weight off in time to meet Julia.

But then, maybe she's ready for *portly*. Maybe I should improve my looks another way. I wonder if she'd like dreadlocks.





"Every intellectual product must be judged from the point of view of the age and the people in which it was produced."

*Walter Pater*

Spirit is the real and eternal; matter is the unreal and temporal.

*Mary Baker Eddy*

Hang by your thumbs, everybody! Write if you get work!

*Robert B. Elliott  
Raymond H. Goulding*

"Cautious, careful people, always casting about to preserve their reputation and social standing, never can bring about a reform. Those who are really in earnest must be willing to be anything or nothing in the world's estimation."

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