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A woman is followed while returning to her car in the Midway parking lot. After a stranger honks and waves at her on the highway, she is hurrying. But, he runs and catches up to her.

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Crime is not new to this vicinity. Even campus security urges students to be extra careful in regards to their safety. If you're not careful, you may find yourself in a potentially hazardous situation. The T-Word staff is often late at night and have been warned by security to not leave the campus alone and to park our cars in a safe place.

Your personal safety should always be a foremost concern, whether you're on campus, leaving campus, or in your own community. Staying away from vulnerable situations is every individual's responsibility.

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As for our fellow staff member, she made it to her car unharmed.

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STREET BEAT...

Do you use the Internet for research or for entertainment?

Bennie Townsend

"I use it out of school for both purposes."



Hiroshi Tomono

"I use it more for gathering information for my financial planning."

Jill Edwards
"I use it for gathering information basically, and sometimes for entertainment."



Sarah Plasek

"I've used it for a research project."



Ryan Ruiz

"More for gathering information."

David Alcott
"Probably more for entertainment purposes because there is so many new things out there."





In the News...

A Day of Celebration

On January 11, the Artist Lecture Center (Building 7) was filled by both faculty and students to celebrate and reflect upon the birth and life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

After a warm welcome by both Siew Lai Lilley, mistress of ceremonies, and Michael Grubiak, dean of students, a selection was performed by the HCC vocal jazz ensemble followed by a reading of Dr. King's letter from Birmingham Jail by Penny Anderson.

Several students and staff were also recognized for their actions and words remembering Dr. King. Chris Fabel was awarded first place in the Martin Luther King, Jr. writing contest with second place going to Tomas Grim.

The community person award was presented to Marty Sorensen in the department of social and health services, Burien. Lynn Bennett-Stensrude, HCC educational planning center, and Davidson Dodd, HCC division of social services, were presented the

faculty/staff award by President Dr. Ed Command.

Ebony Romo received the student award presented by Dennis Steussy.

Women's Program Receives Full Funding

Thanks to the staff of the Women's Program, King County has notified HCC that they will be fully funding the women's program for the entire 1996 year. These funds will help to keep their client advocate, Judy Spooner, on board for another year. The money will also allow HCC to provide emergency money and case management to keep women out of trouble and in school. Last year 157 women benefited from this program and each one remained in school.

Volunteers Needed

If you are at least 18 years of age, and have two to four hours a week to spare, the South King County Office Children's Home Society of



Award recipients at the MLK Jr. Celebration

photo by Charles Johnson

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Ken Ramberg, JOBTRAK CFO, said the service is a win-win for the students as well as employers. JOBTRAK can be found on-line at <http://www.jobtrak.com>.

Women Strive to Bring it Together

"Nothing is impossible," said women's basketball coach Jim Hunt.

With a record of 6-10, 0-3 in league play, and only nine games left, four of which are at HCC, the team is striving to get to .500 in order to make the play-offs held February 22-24.

"Sometimes they don't believe in themselves as much as they should," said Hunt.

In fact the team has a good group of players

including Vicki Watson, from Rainier Beach High School, the fastest woman in the league. Hunt says there is nobody quicker or faster. The team also has Jennifer Dunham, their returning center from Kentwood, averaging 12 points and ten rebounds a game.

The ladies also have the added knowledge of assistant coach Laura Gonsalves, who was formerly a starter on the UW women's basketball team. She communicates well with the team.

Along with Watson and Dunham's efforts, Jennifer Madsen, Shannon Colby, Laurie Brumfield, Eryn Redmon, and Ira Cornell are contributing their all.



Lady T-birds are reaching for .500.

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"One flew east, one flew west,
 One flew over the cuckoo's nest."
 Anonymous

"We should all be concerned about the future
 because we will have to spend the rest of our lives
 there."
 Charles Franklin Kettering



Surviving College

Tips for tackling tension in college

by Daniel Hasme

In my last article I wrote about Financial Aid. If you didn't read it, I would suggest that you find a November 1995 Thunder Word and do so. The following is something that a teacher here at Highline gave me in my second quarter. I have followed it almost to the letter and it has worked for me and it might for you.

College Works Best This Way

- 1) Talk with the instructor about the class.
- 2) Get a class syllabus and schedule.
- 3) Go to the book store and look at books used by this instructor, see if you understand most of it.
- 4) Give your name to the instructor and ask if he/she will see if anyone wants to sell their books. (Offer them a dollar more than book store price. Also try to buy class notes from them for \$1.00)
- 5) Make your own notes from the notes you bought. Have them ready for the first day of class.
- 6) Make a calender showing your mid-term papers dates. Hand in all papers three days ahead of time. This will give you a chance to re-write them. Also, the instructor likes it better.
- 7) Ask a question every day: This makes instructors notice you and it looks as if you're taking part in the class. (This could bring your grade up by a full point.)
- 8) Find a study partner if you can. (This should take about a week.)

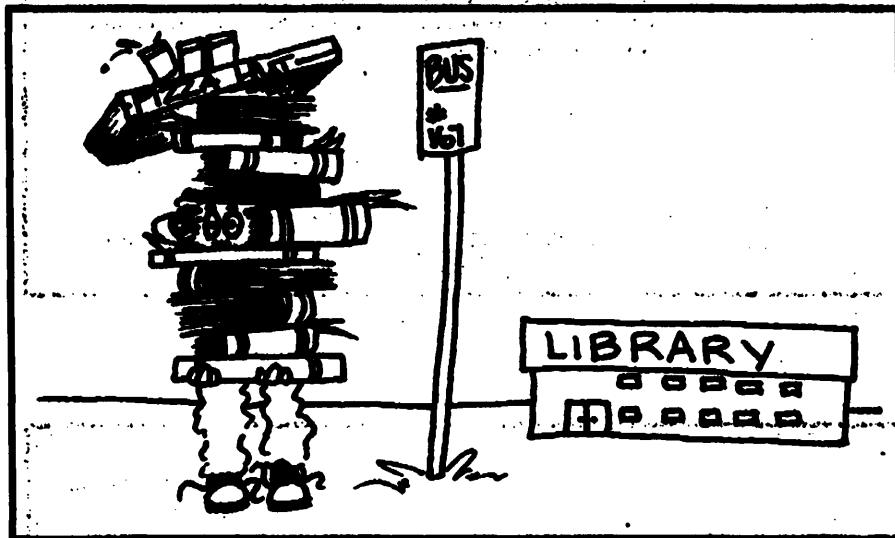


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Make use of the study rooms in the library.

9) Studying is by formula:

- a) SAME TIME EACH DAY
- b) SAME PLACE EACH DAY
- c) SAME ORDER OF SUBJECTS EACH DAY
- d) NO VISUAL OR AUDIO DISTRACTIONS
- e) PROPER DISTANCE AWAY (ARMS LENGTH) read with a light behind you.
- f) PROPER LIGHTING IS VERY IMPORTANT. (If lighting is right you can add about 35% to your reading.)

When you are done studying put books away and forget them!

One class that you might want to look into if you have been attending college for less than a year is Introduction To College. You learn study skills, use of library, college majors and programs, college policies and resources.

Another thing that you could do help yourself in college is to find a copy of the Highline Community College Catalog. The book gives you a better over view of the classes here at Highline.

You can find this book at the telephone operator's desk in Building 6 here on campus. After you get it I would look at following pages: page 3, Programs of Instruction; page 4, Getting Started; page 7, Admission Procedures; page 19, Transfer of Credits; page 20, Grading Symbols; page 25, Brief Outline of Highline Community College Degree Requirements; page 29-31, Courses Which Meet the AA Option A Distribution Requirement; and page 33, Abbreviations. Reading these items should give you much help. Good Luck!

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- 1 Russian Citadel
- 2 Boston _____
- 2B Defy
- 3 "_____ and feather"
- 6 Whichever
- 7 Hebrew ancestor
- 9 Animal furs
- 10 Seem
- 13 Bone marrow donor
- 15 Australian marsupial
- 16 A squash
- 16B Grandfather
- 17 Animated Movie
(2 words)
- 22 Post
- 23 Payable
- 26 Keep back
- 27 Previous
- 28 Solution
- 30 Piece together

- 31 Einstein
- 33 Unaware
- 35 Tepid
- 37 Annual HCC
publication
- 39 Course
- 41 High Tea
- 43 Chemistry arena
- 45 Harness
- 49 Irish
- 50 Imperfection
- 52 Affirm
- 53 Refuge
- 54 Decoration
- 56 Measure of land
- 59 A proclamation
- 60 Waterhole
- 62 Catboat

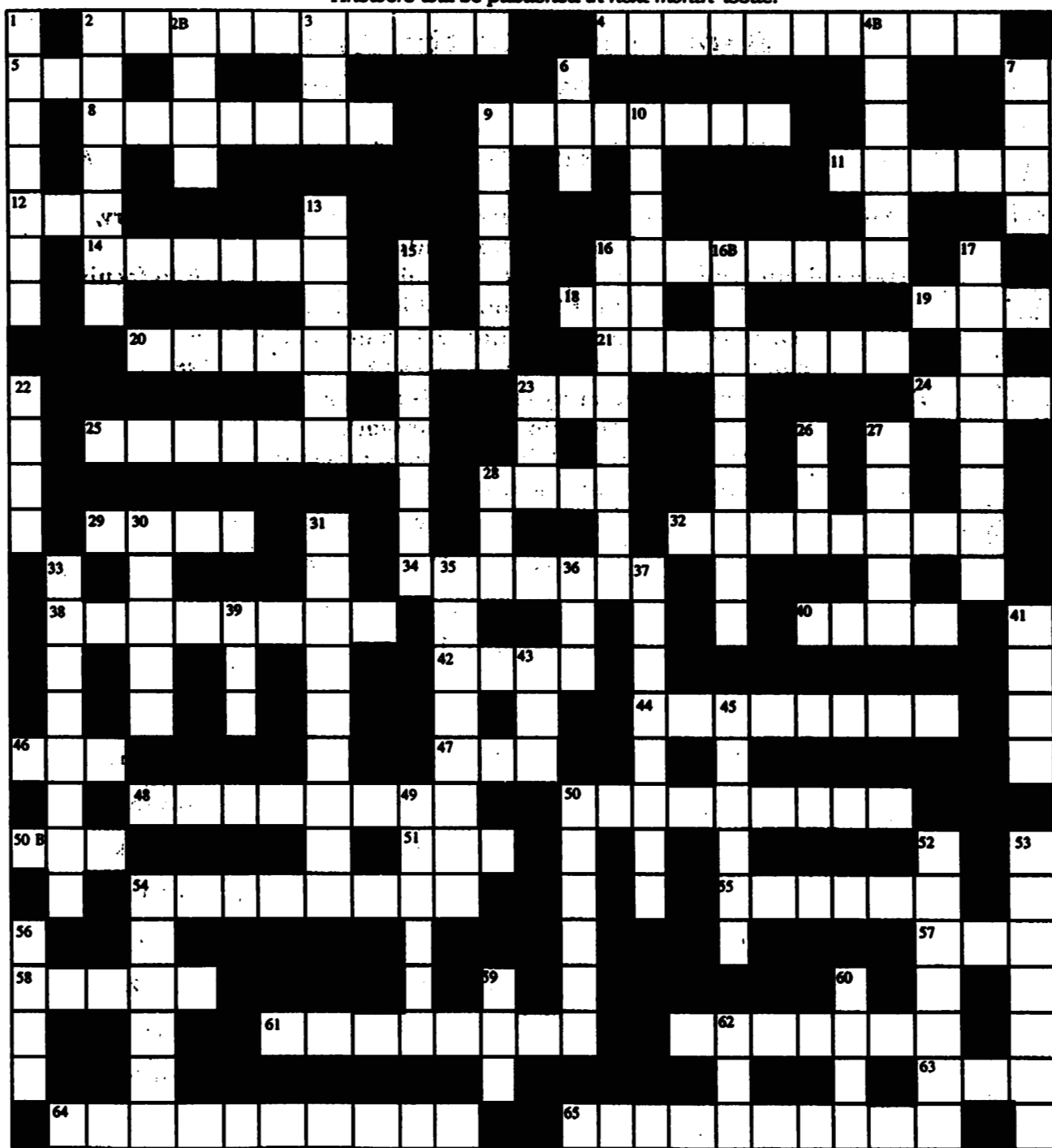
Across

- 2 Turbulent
- 4 Experienced
- 5 Eggs
- 8 Garden
- 9 Utah Film Festival
- 11 Calf
- 12 Garland
- 14 Skin condition
- 16 Dirigible
- 18 Independent Urine
Analysis (Initials)
- 19 Gear
- 20 Capitol of Iowa
- 21 Decisive
- 23 Slang for Doctor
- 24 Inquire
- 25 Emblem
- 28 Cap
- 29 Mr. Holland's work
- 32 "_____ Old Men"
- 34 Capitol of Washington
- 38 Pylons, bars
- 40 "Men are from _____"
- 42 Oven
- 44 Newspapers
- 46 Test
- 47 Network
- 48 A German city in SE
USA + its' State
(Initials) (2 words)
- 50 Small pistol
- 50B Also
- 51 Pl. & 2nd pers. sing.
- 54 Remount (2 words)
- 55 "Waiting to _____"
- 57 Litigate
- 58 Taxi driver
- 61 Alaska's western
shore
- 62 A little town in the +
the (abbr.) 50th state
- 63 Toll
- 64 Date
- 65 Street in London

the Crossword

by Daisy Berrisford

Answers will be published in next month's issue.



academics

College Away From Campus

Earning a degree in your own backyard

by Frank J. Webb

After finishing your requirements at Highline Community College why not stay in town and still receive your degree from a four-year school such as Washington State or Central Washington University. Without a move to Pullman or Ellensburg.

Depending on the subject study area for your degree you could do just that by attending any one of the five extension, or branch, campuses in the Puget Sound area from four different in state four-year schools. If you are looking for the traditional college experience of large classes and lecture halls combined with an enormous social happening then this idea may not be the ticket for you. But, if smaller class sizes, resulting in a great

deal of faculty attention who are very academically focused, sounds like what you are looking for, it may be a perfect match for you.

Schools that have branches or extensions in the Puget Sound area are Washington State University in Seattle, Central Washington University in Seatac, Evergreen State College in Tacoma, and the University of Washington in downtown Tacoma and Bothell.

"Our students are place bound by either a job or family," said Dusty Brady from the Central Washington campus in Seatac. Brady said that in order to work around such obstacles, which can be very time consuming, courses are offered from 7:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. five days a week.

Meg O'Hara, a staff

member at the Bothell branch campus of the University of Washington, also noted that time constraints on their students is not an uncommon occurrence, so they too offer a wide variety of class times in order to work around all of their student's schedules. Classes start early each morning, continuing throughout the day, with the last class of the day beginning at 8 p.m. and ending at 10 p.m. "Everybody needs access to higher education," said O'Hara.

Extension or branch campuses are a fairly new idea O'Hara said. This is a plus in her eyes because of ever changing curriculum, with new technology and better ways of teaching and learning being introduced every day, a

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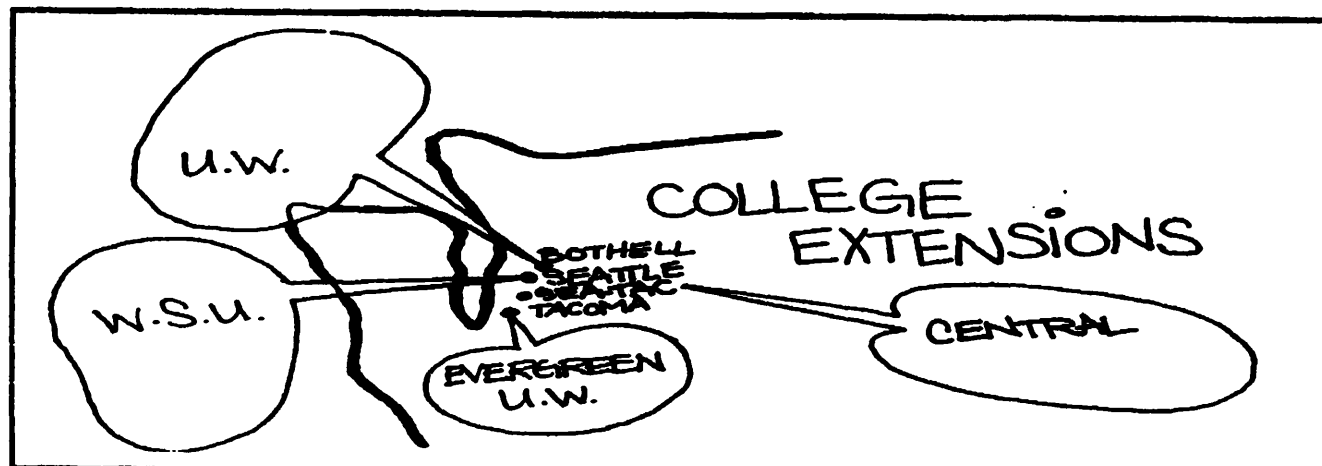


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lifestyles

Rock and Roll Seattle Style

Former HCC student tries to hit the big time

by Glenn Flaathen

During the last couple of years Seattle has become the mecca of alternative music.

This happened after bands like Nirvana, Pearl Jam and Soundgarden broke through in 1991, and paved the way for newcomers.

Many different bands have tried to follow in their footsteps, but that has become a very difficult thing to do. How hard is it really, and what does it take to be a rock star in Seattle?

Morgan Myrick is a 24-year-old Highline Community College graduate who plays bass in the band Faceplant. They are one of the many bands currently trying to break through in the Seattle music scene.

Other than Myrick, Faceplant consists of Shawn Vest on guitar, Deric Solomen on drums, and the singer Jeff Norton. All band members are college graduates. When asked to describe Faceplant, Myrick said that the band is "three jocks and

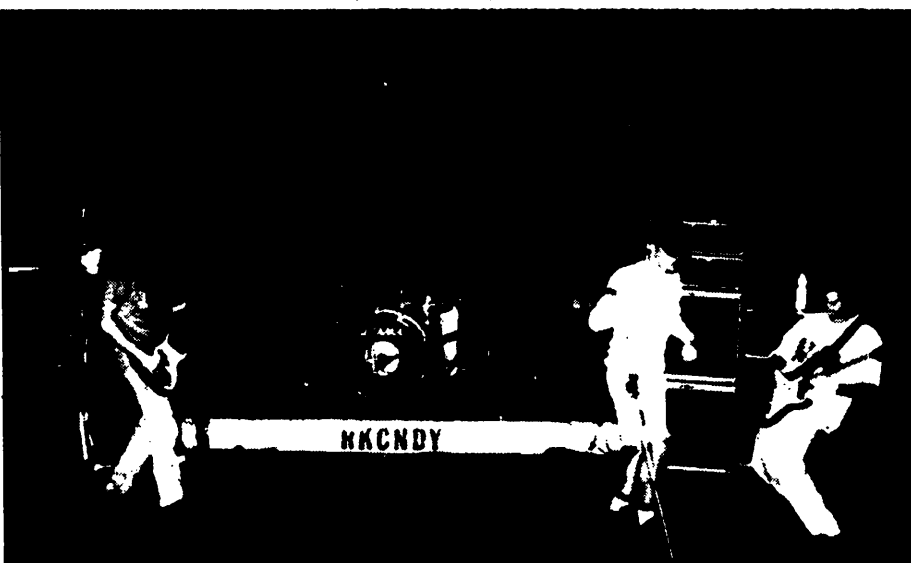


photo by Gary Norton

Myrick, Solomen, Norton, and Vest perform live as Faceplant at the RKCNDY in downtown Seattle

a weirdo from Seattle." He said this because he considers his bandmembers sports fanatics.

Two years ago Myrick and drummer Solomen played in the band Silt, who had two concerts at HCC. They broke up because of differences, which included selfishness. Then Myrick and Solomen formed Faceplant. They found Vest and Norton through mutual friends. And this time around, with Faceplant, everything feels different, because of the chemistry they have, Myrick said.

Then he said that they really get along, and they're not selfish, like the case was in the Silt years. Myrick said that Faceplant is a different kind of alternative band, with their own unique sound. This is because they don't follow the same formula as other

alternative bands in Seattle do. But he then points out that the other bands who follow that formula also are really good bands, it's just not their style.

All the band members take part in writing the songs. First one comes up with the guitar part, then the other one fills in the bass part, and so on. The unusual part is that no one writes down the lyrics or music. Most bands usually write down their music, but Faceplant just keep it in their heads. When writing their songs the band is more influenced by groups like Fugazi and Smashing Pumpkins, rather than Pearl Jam and Nirvana, Myrick said. The last couple of months Faceplant has had four different shows at the RKCNDY. They opened for Lazy Susan and Shoveljerk among

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~~Student~~ Affairs

Surfin' & Searchin'

by Glenn Flaathen

David walks into the Highline Community College Library and has to do research on an important history project, which is due the next day. This research has to be done on the internet computers to receive as much information as possible. The problem for David is that all the computers are taken, and he can see that not everyone is doing college assignments, but rather surfing the internet for fun.

This could happen to anyone, and if someone is just having fun by finding appealing Web pages, David would have the priority for the computer. This is because course related work is considered more important than the entertainment value of hobby surfing the internet.

"If we see someone playing football on the computers, while somebody is waiting in line to do research on their Bio homework, we would ask the one playing football to give up his or her computer," librarian Jack Horton said.

The Highline Library has 25 computers. Ten of them have internet access, which is there to help



Students tackle the internet in the HCC Library.

students with their research. The problem is that many students think of the internet as an entertainment possibility, which can get in the way of students who want to use it for college work.

Horton said that there are many advantages with internet access in the Library. "It opens a lot of information sources that you normally have to pay for," he said. The average cost for internet connection on a computer is approximately \$25 a month, so using the internet access in the Library can save students some money. This is if they

take advantage of it.

Access to a broader range of information is another advantage. Recently a student came in and needed information about the Loch Ness monster. They went in and found what they wanted, and the information came directly from Loch Ness, Horton said.

The internet access in the Library is an excellent opportunity for students to get the information they want, but there are disadvantages with it too. Horton mentioned that many students aren't familiar with

On-line in the HCC library



photot by Charles Johnson

the system, which means a lot of questions. When a student comes in for the first time to check out the internet, the librarians help them to get acquainted with the system before they start their search for information.

Horton said that anyone in the world can put their own Web page on the internet, so you can't trust that everything on the computer is true, which most people do. "Often people assume that all the info is true, since it's on the computer. This is far from the truth, and it's as close to

anarchy we get in this world," Horton said.

Another problem with the internet computers is that students easily get hooked on the thrill of surfing the net, and Horton said that's a big problem, because it should focus on educational purposes. This means that the librarians have to walk around and check what people are doing.

Horton doesn't mind students surfing the internet if nobody is in line. "If you use the internet correct, and don't become a 'mouse potato', it can help you a lot,"

Horton said.

Librarian Dana Franks said that HCC received the money for the computers when the legislature asked community colleges what they would use extra money for. Community colleges sent in suggestions to the legislature, and HCC ended up getting \$500,000. The Library got \$100,000 of this. This summer they ordered the computers, and they were installed by the start of fall quarter. The campus bought the server for the internet connection.

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standards

The Good, The Bad, Students check out

The Good...
by Anna Hodgen
Stan Tollefsen
Bob Sparks

Students of any age understand the importance of having access to quality research material. Students at Highline Community College are fortunate to have a comprehensive research section at their campus library. The library offers a wide spectrum of resources, much of which can only be used in the library, therefore, they are always available. The HCC library staff is well informed and eager to assist. All of this makes the HCC library "user friendly."

The strongest attribute of the HCC research library is the wide spectrum of research materials. Students have access to materials on virtually all topics whether it be genetic research, recycling, or taxation. On most topics research information can be found from several resources as well. These sources include thousands

of books, over 180 different magazines, newspapers from Seattle and New York, federal documents, and a variety of on-line information.

The HCC library also offers many technological

out complete articles from different periodicals. There are also six Mercury catalog stations that ensure the HCC student quick access to the locations of the vast selection of books on the library's upper levels.

Although these technological advantages are easy to use, occasionally a student may need assistance. This is where the expertise of the staff becomes evident. The staff members, particularly those in the research department, offer quality assistance in a

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photo by Charles Johnson

advantages that make it easy for students to locate and access the information they are looking for. There are 24 computer terminals connected to the library's CD Rom network. These systems can help locate information on virtually all periodicals published in the U.S. Ten of these computers have access to on-line services and the ProQuest full image reader enables students to access and print

The Bad...
by Leo Garcia
Tim Hansen
Michael Yates

The library reference section at Highline Community College is a large organized database of information. This reference section has four large areas that are devoted to government, magazines, a new computer network, and other reference

and The Library library offerings

materials such as encyclopedias, atlases and statistics. The only problems with this reference section is in the limited library hours, a lack in staff help, and availability of certain resources.

Due to the lack of operation times, many HCC students lose the chance to appreciate the benefits that the reference section has to offer. The library is only open Monday through Thursday 7 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., Friday 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., and closed Saturday and Sunday. This severely limits the time students have for research.

In comparison, many public libraries are open on the weekends, but these libraries are much smaller. Many students find it disappointing that the HCC library is not open weekends. This is often the only free time students have to spend doing research. In order to meet the needs of more students the HCC library needs to be open seven days a week with longer hours.

In addition to library hours, help is not always available. The number of staff members is limited and it is often difficult to get help due to the large amount of students who use the library reference section.

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magazines for roughly ten years, others are stored on a CD-Rom program called ProQuest. The library also provides government documents and a thorough encyclopedia section. Though struggling to keep up with the latest technology, HCC's reference section is slightly outdated.

For the most part the computer technology is current enough that students are able to reach the information that they need, and are able to complete assignments without having to go elsewhere to collect information. In the last year the college has gone from only four computers to roughly 29. In doing so, this has allowed students to not only find information that is available at the HCC library, but also information that is located at other libraries,

done so through the Internet and other various on-line technologies. Unfortunately, the money that funded this new expansion came out of the budget for the books at HCC's library.

According to several librarians at HCC, funding for new books has not increased in the last ten years, thus drastically limiting the number of books that can be bought.

Though the librarians would like to see the library continuing

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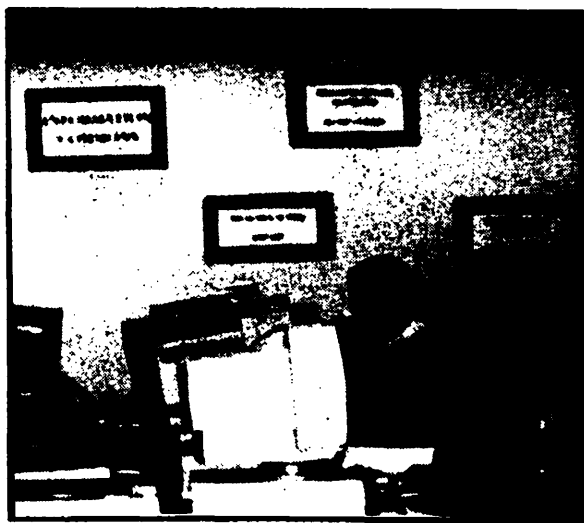


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The Library...

by Janelle Weed
Kamie Andal
Fiona Grant

The Highline Community College library reference section provides its users with the necessary information, yet does not adequately provide extensive information. The periodical section of the library is currently updated in several of its

student affairs

Personal Problems?

Too bad, so sad, the appointment book is full

by Carmine Coburn

Some students have found that it can be hard getting into the counseling center during certain hours of the day, and certain times during the quarter. The reason for this isn't that the counselors aren't making time for students, but actually quite the opposite.

Here at Highline Community College, we face the problem of having what Lance Gibson, Counseling Center Director, calls a "commuter population." There is a big morning rush from about 8 am until about 12 pm, then Highline practically turns into a ghost town until evening classes begin, says Gibson.

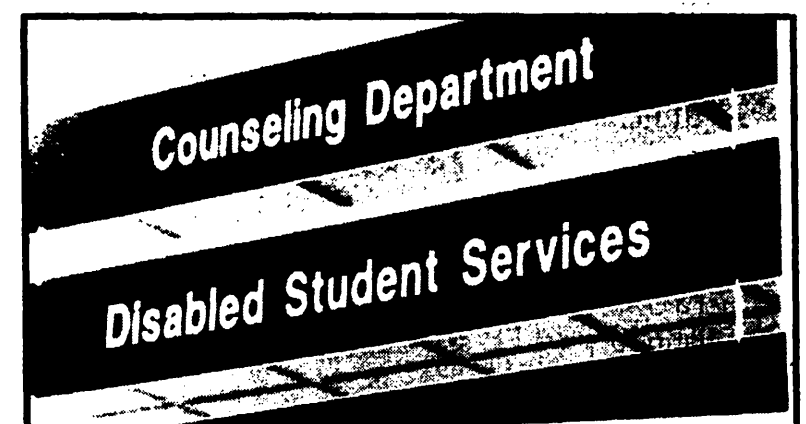
People who come into the counseling center during the peak hours (8-12), may find that we are all booked up at those times. Often times we offer these people an appointment around 2 pm, but they usually say they can't come in then.

"The Counseling Center isn't the only facility that deals with the overwhelming morning rush. If you look at the cafeteria it's the same way, the bookstore too," says

Gibson. Not to mention the infamous parking lot.

Universities, where there is a large on-campus population, don't have to deal

A student who walks in and says I need to make an appointment with a counselor in a week, will have no problem. A student who



Counseling Center is a very popular place for students. photo by Charles Johnson

with problems such as these as much, because the students are there all day and don't mind coming back to visit a counselor. Most people who attend community college want to get in and get out as fast as possible, says Gibson. A lot of people who go to community college also work, and therefore aren't able to come in to see a counselor any time other than these peak hours. "It's tough, it's something we look at and talk about all the time. If our students were able to spread their schedules around more, the rush wouldn't be that apparent," Gibson adds.

comes in during the busy times, especially near the end of the quarter, who wants an appointment immediately may find it difficult to get in. Now of course, "if it's an emergency situation we will do everything possible to see that person," said Gibson. People who are experiencing a crisis such as death in the family, severe depression, having been threatened by someone on campus, etc., will take precedence over someone who received a bad grade, or something to that effect. "It's not a perfect system, in a perfect system we would be

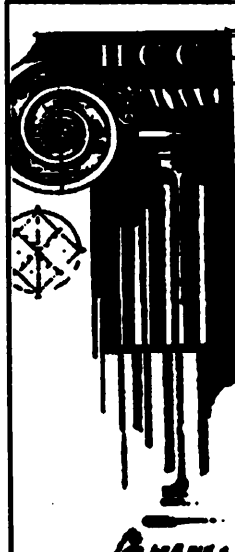
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friendly manner. They are helpful in aiding students on their requests for research materials and for answering questions about how to use any computer system in the library.

Students should not wait until the last minute to begin searching for research materials if they believe there will be a need for assistance. The research department has only two librarians, which most often guarantees a wait. It can be difficult to determine the librarians from the students. One way of resolving this problem would be to have the librarians wear uniforms, or at least a colored vest which would distinguish them from students.

The HCC library has research material on virtually any topic a student may be searching for. Although the library may not be on the cutting edge of technology, the automated systems available to students make research projects much easier. Whether using the Mercury system to locate books, or ProQuest system to find magazine articles, the library's advantages make it faster and easier to use. Overall the library staff performs its duties well, although there may not be enough of them to go around. All students, and instructors, at HCC should consider themselves fortunate to have access to a library of this quality.



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Make Art With Artists

The Wing Luke Museum is offering a series of workshops designed to allow families and adults to explore the work of Asian American Artists and learn a variety of skills. Artists will share their knowledge in visual art, music, and photography. Call (206) 623-5124 for more information.

Alice B. Theater

Why We Have a Body will be showing at the Alice B. Theater February 9-March 3. The Alice B. Theater is the second oldest lesbian and gay theater in America and is in its twelfth season. The theater can be reached at (206) 32-Alice. For answers to any questions the theater can be reached at (206) 32 ALICE.

"Extra Credit," Air Fares

Delta Air Lines is offering "extra credit" to students until March 4, 1996. College students can purchase tickets at a discounted fare by calling 1-800-9-DELTA0. A savings certificate will be issued to the student to be used before March 31, 1996. Some restrictions apply.

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to get more computers, they too agree that there isn't enough money in the budget for it. Aside from the lack of computers there is also a lack of staff. Once again the librarians agree. They too feel overburdened when there is a line of four or five students waiting for help all at once. With not enough help on hand the staff feel as though they are unable to place all of their attention to who they are helping, and feel that sometimes students who like to get some help are turned off by the constant burden of having to wait.

The reference section of the library is severely understaffed. At the time when we observed there were four people working and everyone who seemed to need

help was receiving it. Dana Franks, who has been working in the library for ten years, said that it was very unusual for that many helpers to be available at one time. Franks also said that there are usually about four people in line to get help at the same time, and everyone else is discouraged by the wait and go elsewhere.

Time is an important factor to consider when going to a library. Not everyone has three or more hours to spend. The computers in the reference section are easy to use and do not take too much time. Within about an hour, a person can find a lot of information on the topic of their choice.

The Mercury computers have replaced the card catalogs. You can find books by looking up

authors, subjects, or titles. When you find a book that looks interesting to you, you can print up the information and then easily go and find your book.

Although the library could use more of the CD-Rom computers, most people can use one within a fifteen minute wait. Early in the morning or late in the afternoon, many of the computers are vacant.

HCC's reference section of the library does provide students with enough current information. Although it is under staffed, librarians are helpful and glad to assist students in any way they can. Overall, the reference section is a reliable resource center, and continues to improve its resources.

WHAT'S UP! ON CAMPUS



Open House

Get to know the Events Board at Highline Community College. They will be holding an open house on January 23, from noon - 2 p.m. in the Events Board office, located in

Be My Valentine

Send a piece of your heart to your valentine! Flowers, cards and balloons will be for sale in the Student Lounge, Building 8, Tuesday, February 13, and Wednesday, February 14, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Join The Club!

Club Fair II takes place on January 25, at noon. Come to the Union Bay Room in Building 8, lower level, to learn about the over 18 recognized ASHC clubs on the Highline campus.

Blood Drive

Give the gift of blood. An all campus blood drive will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, January 24 and 25, from 9-11:30 a.m. and 12:15-3 p.m. Look for the blood mobile

outside of Building 8, in the Plaza. Highline's goal is to have 100 donors in the two days that the Blood mobile will be here.

Bring Your Popcorn!

"The Secret of Roan Irish" will be showing the week of January 29 upstairs in Building 8. Show times are as follows: Tuesday noon and 6:30 p.m., Wednesday 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Thursday 10 a.m., and Friday 11 a.m.

Arcturus

Submissions of artwork, poetry, fiction, non-fiction, and photographs are now being accepted for the annual Highline publication. Send contributions, typed and double-spaced, with a short biography and SASE to HCC, attn. Sharon Hashimoto, P.O. Box 98000, Des Moines, WA 98198, or drop them off in Building 5, Room 212. Deadline: 1/31/96.

Magical Strings Concert

Magical Strings is a husband and wife duo that perform Celtic music on the Celtic harp, hammered dulcimer, and penny whistles. The concert will be in the Artist Lecture Center (Building 7 on the Highline campus) from 7:30 to 9 p.m., Friday, February 2. Admission is \$3 for students and seniors, \$5 to the general public, \$6 at the door to everyone. Tickets are available at the Lounge Desk in Building 8.

Hipoet, Hopoet

Hipoet, Hopoet is a gathering of sensory stimuli for all. It is the first in a series of three events for winter quarter. The community is invited to share their music, writing, acting, and other artistic talents with others in a "coffeehouse" style atmosphere. It takes place on Tuesday, February 7, at 7 p.m. in the Union Bay Room in Building 8. Admission is free. Performers and presenters are asked to sign up at the Student Lounge Desk in Building 8 or call 878-3710, ext. 3903 before the event.

student affairs

Is There A Doctor In The House?

Emergencies on back burner while HCC searches for doctor.

by Carmine Coburn

As some of you may or may not have noticed, Highline Community College has been without a school nurse for some time now. Many people use this facility for emergency situations, as well as routine medical questions and concerns. Having a knowledgeable medical professional on campus provides a convenient place for students to turn to if they need attention, but may be lacking the money, or medical insurance to see a private doctor.

So what is being done to once again provide this service for us here at HCC? Well, that question was posed to the Dean of Students Micheal Grubiak.

"It is our intent to get a doctor to staff the office," said Grubiak.

We have been working with various medical groups, and if all goes well, our goal is to have someone by early February, Grubiak said.

Mr. Grubiak could not release the names of the medical groups, but did say that, now that HCC is going to have a doctor, instead of a nurse, students will have to pay a fee to see the doctor.

The fees will be based upon the students ability to pay, said

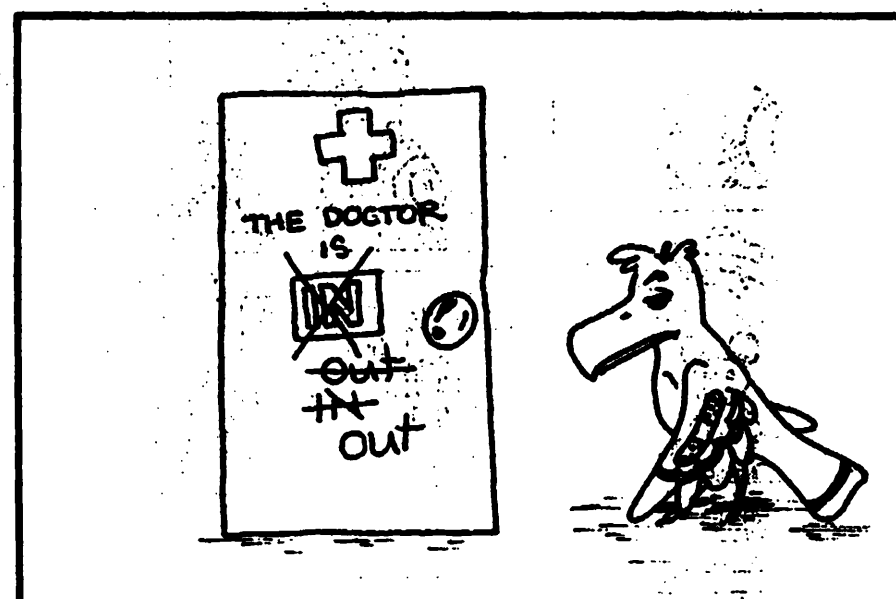


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Grubiak. Students who have medical insurance will be able to pay with their insurance. Students who do not, will have to pay out of their own pocket. People who are not financially able to pay the bill will be able to see the doctor at reduced cost, or no cost, depending upon their financial status.

"I think that it's good that there will be a certified doctor on campus, but many people have to pay for school themselves, so having to pay to see the school doctor may not sit too well with some students," says H.C.C. student Christina Evans.

"It's seems very convenient in case of an emergency situation, but if

people have to pay anyway, they may be better off just going to their own doctor," Evans added.

For students who do not have their own doctor, having one on campus could be very beneficial. Also some people do not like going to hospitals, and may tend to neglect getting medical attention for that reason, but knowing that there is a doctor on campus, some students may feel more comfortable and seek out needed medical treatment, or advice.

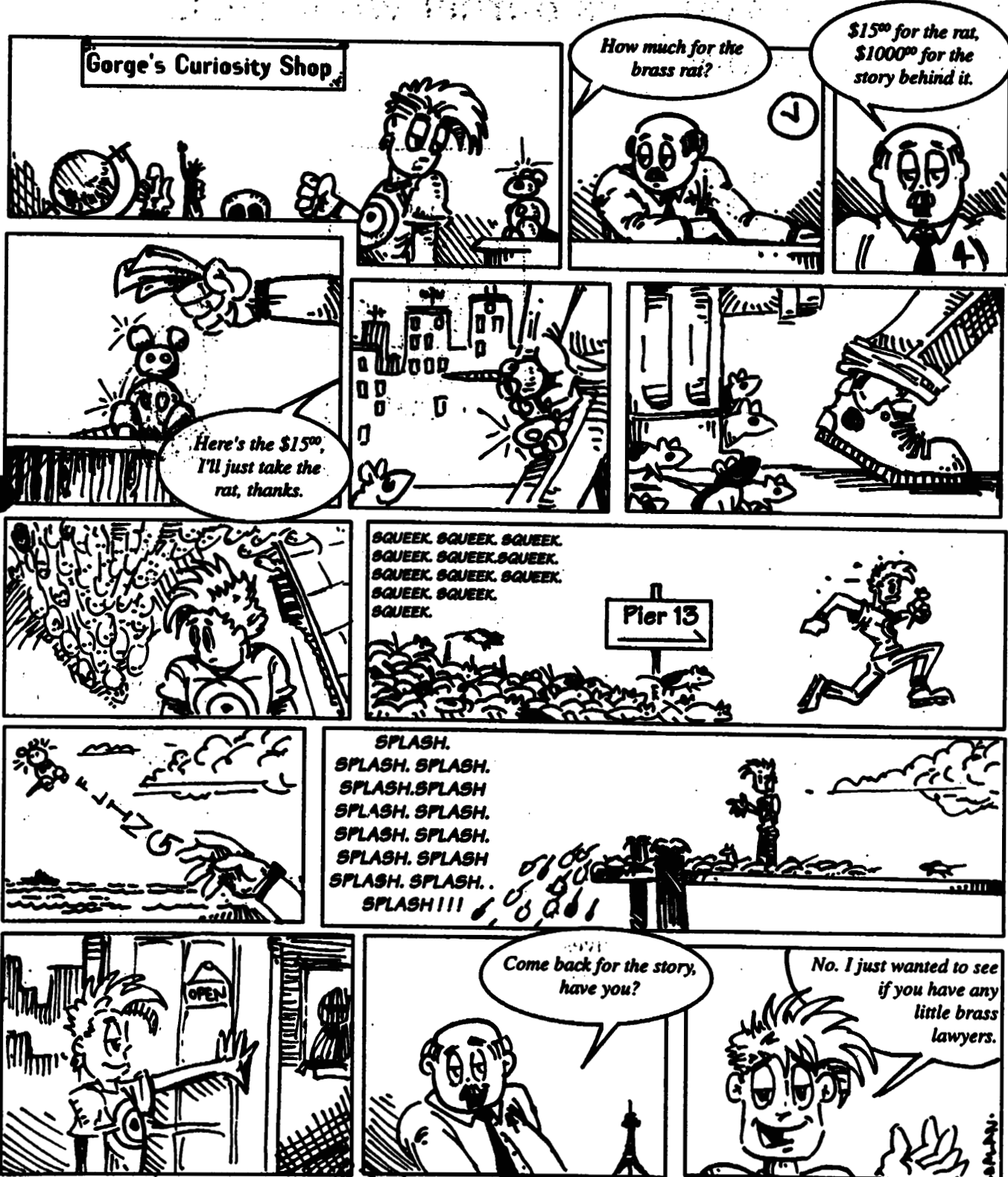
Another benefit for students, is that of location. Many of us have very busy

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COMIX "RATS"

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by Chris Dalan



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Pumpkins, rather than Pearl Jam and Nirvana, Myrick said. The last couple of months Faceplant has had four different shows at the RKCNDY. They opened for Lazy Susan and Shoveljerk among others. These shows were pretty successful, so they went in to the recording studio and recorded a CD. They recorded at Brown Dog Music, which is an independent label. Most bands that are trying to make it have to record with an independent label to get their music heard. The reason for this is because of the difficulty of getting a record deal with a label that pays for all the costs.

Getting a record deal with a major label company is a goal for all bands, including Faceplant. "It's very hard to get a record deal in Seattle, if you don't know anyone in the business. We haven't tried very hard yet, because we want to get recognized by playing the clubs first," Myrick said. This involves a lot of shows, which means a lot of stage performing.

"On stage I am nervous at first, but when I see that people get enthused, I calm down and enjoy it," Myrick said.

The method Faceplant is using to try and make it, is not the normal way. Myrick said that there is no typical formula for different bands. They usually just use the approach that is most effective and convenient for themselves.

Faceplant definitely have the credentials to become a great band. They have tremendous chemistry, and get along very well. The music they play is also very catchy, and makes you want to get on your feet. The upcoming CD, called "Sunshine," is full of energy, and is appealing to people from the ones who wear cowboy hats to the people who have goatees.

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Students can sign up to get their own internet accounts, with e-mail addresses. If students sign up for that they will also get one free hour of e-mail training. This doesn't cost anything yet, but eventually the board will put a price on it. The price is suggested to be around \$15, Franks said.

Students in general think that the internet connection in the Library is a great thing, and that they get a lot of use of it. When asking students who were using the computers in the Library, one said, "I use it a lot, and it helps me get my research done much quicker than usual." Another student said he used the time he had between classes to go over different Web pages of interest. He also said that he would give up his seat if there was a line, and someone had an important assignment they needed the computers for. "My work has

become much more effective after the internet connection was installed in the Library, and therefore it has helped me get my assignments done before I have to go to work," a third student said. Some students though haven't used the computers yet, because they stick to the old fashion way of looking up everything in books.

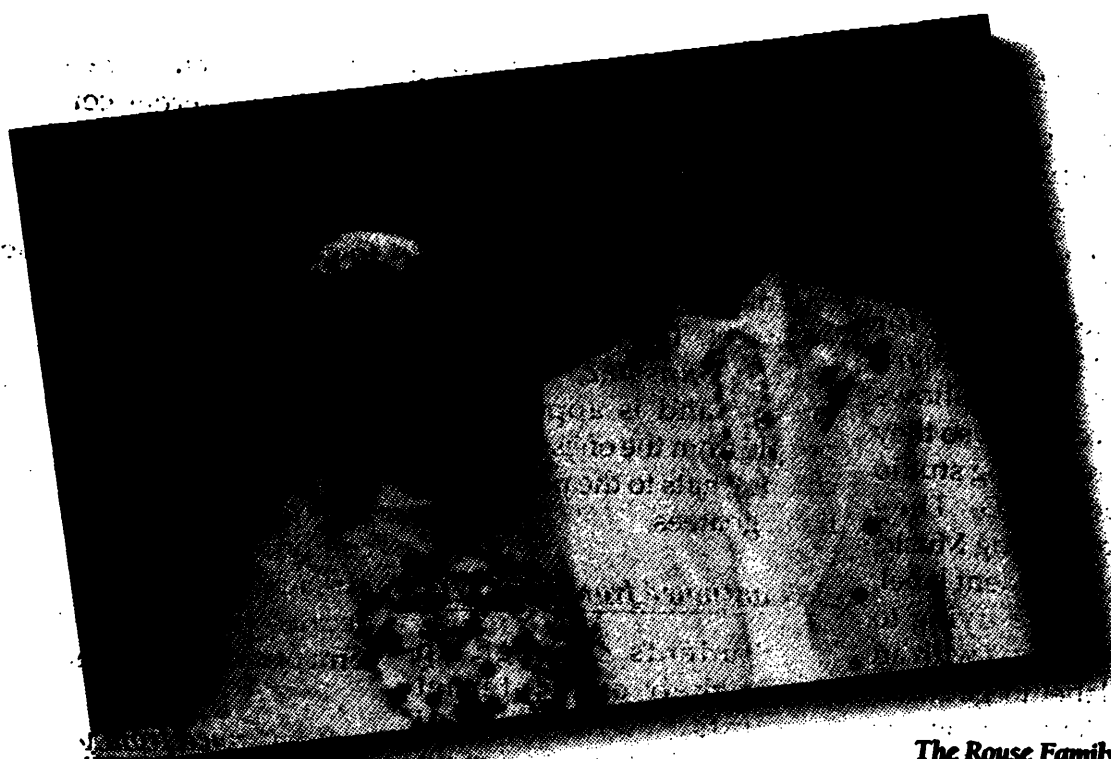
The Library is considering to expand Netscape to the 15 computers that don't have it already. This has not been decided yet, but it is in the long term plans, Horton said.

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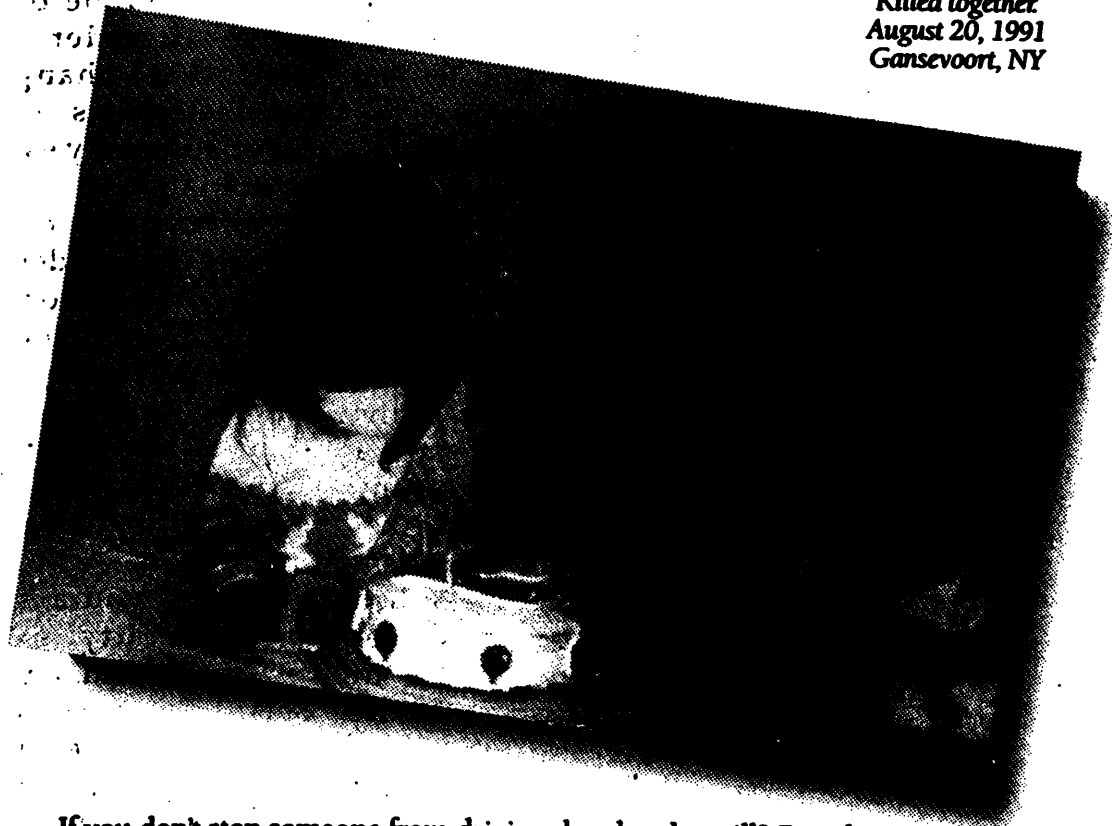
newer, less developed system doesn't have to be totally undone or broken down in order to make necessary changes and alterations as would an older university established in the 1800's.

If you are concerned that receiving a degree from an extension or branch campus would not be the same, don't worry. A degree from these campuses is the same as attending the main college campus because the same curriculum is used in both places.

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way over-staffed with counselors sitting around waiting to help people. We have to live by the funding that we are allowed," Gibson states.

One particular HCC student experienced the frustration of having to deal with this problem. "I went in to see a counselor in early December, and was told that I couldn't get an appointment until after Christmas. I felt discouraged, and I was disappointed, but I kept checking to see if there had been any cancellations, and there was, so, I got in earlier. Once I did get in, the counselors were extremely helpful, and I was glad I was patient," said Molly Williams.

Gibson offers some good advice to students if you need to see a counselor, help them out, so they can help you out. If you can come in during the afternoons, you will find that there will be plenty of openings. If you can't, the best thing to do is to make an appointment, and check in occasionally to see if there are any cancellations. Often times there will be and you will be able to get in that much quicker.

The counseling center is open Mon.-Tue. 8a.m. to 7p.m., Wed.-Fri. 8a.m. to 5p.m., with six counselors working overlapping shifts throughout the day. So, if you need to see a counselor and you can do it at times other than the peak hours, you will be doing yourself

and the counselors a favor.

People today want everything like fast food. They want it hot, and they want it now, unfortunately, this is reality and not McDonalds, said Gibson.

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schedules, so finding the time to drive to a doctors office or a hospital might be tough to do. Having a doctor right on campus might enable someone to squeeze in an appointment after class, before having to run off to work.

So, the good news is that students will have the benefit of having a doctor right on campus. This will provide more services than that of a school nurse, plus the convenience of location. The bad news is that this service may not be free to everyone, but then again nothing is anymore.

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Therefore, students must be familiar with the library setup in order to locate information. Students must also be fluent in using computers to access the new computer information centers. There are just not enough staff members to help all of the students. This is one area where the library at HCC does not meet the expectations of many students.

Although there is a lack of help, and hours for access, the reference section offers a variety of information. The

government documents section is highly recommended and the new access to computer telecommunications like the Internet are extremely valuable tools. In addition, the HCC library has many resource books and many other magazines available on disk.

The only problem with the reference section is the availability of reference materials. The reference section doesn't contain every issue of every magazine and often issues that they do carry are missing or not available. Also, the new computer terminals are being used more frequently by students. This leads to less available terminals and longer waiting periods for these valuable resource tools. In order for a student to get complete access to all the resources they must come at the slowest times, which often are the times least available for many students.

If the library was open seven days a week, open longer hours, and had more staff members, then HCC library's reference section would definitely be the best reference section in the area. Although it lacks the longer periods of operation, HCC's library reference section still has the best and largest amount of reference materials in the area. This reference section will continue to be a place worth visiting for devoted researchers.


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