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Use your neighbor. The Highline College community is full of people that have something you want.

The opportunity for students to network is abundant on a college campus. So many people in one place with a common interest and goal. Arguably everyone is here to earn a degree of some sort. And with that common goal in mind, everyone has something to offer to their fellow classmates, as well as possibly needing something in return.

You have a wealth of collegiate information and knowledge that someone on your campus could use, and you probably don't even know it. Jill could really use some extra help with her math, and Jack passed the math class with a 3.8 and could really use Jill's help with his speech. The concept is simple: you scratter by back, I'll scratch yours.

This basic course can be seen to the many needs of college students. The operation of the many needs of college students. The operation of a term pare to make them work for each other.

Currently there is a bulletin board just outside the Student Lounge in Building 8. But it is often negrected by the students of Highline. We suggest that you utilize the opportunity that this board provides you, and not just for advertising a room for rent, your old couch, or that car you're trying to get rid of. Try advertising some of your skills in exchange for one of your fellow students abilities to assist you in a way that you may need.

Consider, also, the idea of exchanging books more frequently through this board. Cutting out the middle man is always a smart way to save a few bucks.

The ThunderWord is also interested in getting involved with bringing students together to share their abilities and knowledge by creating a simple method to place classified ads.

The time has come for students to rise together, network, and become a team.

The revolution continues.

The ThunderWord welcomes letters to the editor. Name, address and telephone number must accompany submissions for verification purposes. Names will be used with letters to the editor. In all cases, addresses and telephone numbers will be kept confidential. The Thunderword reserves the right to edit submissions. Bring contributions to the ThunderWord office, Building 10, Room 105, or mail to the ThunderWord, Highline Community College, P.O. Box 98000, Des Moines, Wash. 98198. The ThunderWord encourages readers to submit news tips and story ideas by calling 878-3710 ext. 3291. A policy letter regarding paid advertisements, public service announcements and story suggestions is available in Building 10, Room 105.



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Asian Heritage Celebration

On Tuesday, April 23, Highline will sponsor an Asian Heritage Celebration. Look for of Thai demonstrations kickboxing, Asian cooking, and films. All the events are free. Demonstrations to be held in the Student Lounge and films to be shown in the Library, 6th floor, area A. For more info, call the Multicultural Office at ext. 3296.

Children's Fair

Saturday, April 27, will be a chance for children and parents to enjoy a day of family activities at HCC. Toby Wessel, a magician, will perform at 11 a.m., noon, 1 p.m., and 2 p.m. in Building 7, along with many other activities. There is no admission fee.

Hispanic Women Speak

mosaic of dramatized living history written by Elaine Partnow that will be performed at HCC on Thursday, May 2, in Building 7 from noon - 1 p.m. Admission is

Poetry Night I

Friday, May 3, marks Poetry Night I, featuring Amelia Haller, a poet from the recent Tacoma Distinguished Writer's Series. Haller will read some of her work, as well as invite the audience to read some of their own work. Free refreshments will be served. The event will be held in Building 7 and will be free. Watch for a similar event to be held later in the month.

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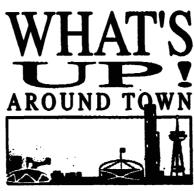
A concert featuring the aboriginal instrument from Australia, the didgeridoo, will be held on Thursday, April 25, in Building 8, the Student Lounge from 11 a.m. to noon. Jamie Cunningham and Brian Pertl are considered two of the Pacific Northwest's greatest players of this unusual instrument.

Blues

From noon - 1 p.m. on Wednesday, April 24, guitarists James "Curley" Cooke and Rod Cook will rlay their Double Cookir' orand of blues in the Student Lounge, Building 8 for

A Visit With Will

An interactive performance Hispanic Women Speak is a with Rod Molzahn allows the audience to travel back in time to with William converse Shakespeare. The performance is on Wednesday, April 17, from noon- 1 p.m.., in Building 7. The admission is free.



Puyallup Spring Fair

Discover the Spring Fair at the Puyallup fairgrounds. Many of the same features of the State Fair will be there, only a little smaller. The fair begins on Thursday, April 18, and lasts until Sunday, April 21. Admission is \$5 for general, \$3 for children 6 - 12, and free for children under five. Parking is

LollaPLUza

Pacific Lutheran University will be kicking off a rock extravaganza in Olson Auditorium at 5 p.m. on April 27. Bands include the Hit Explosion, Jumbalassy, New World Disorder, Mr. Jones and the Previous, Who's Your Daddy, and Bobby's Gone Fishing. The cost is \$10 for non-PLU students. For more information, call (206)535-8767.

Cherry Blossom Festival

The 21st annual Cherry Blossom and Japanese Cultural Festival will be at the Seattle Center from April 26-28 from 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.



Health Center Re-Opens

On March 25, 1996, the first day of spring quarter classes, the health center in Building 6 re-opened it's doors to the student body and faculty.

From 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday, a nurse, a practitioner, or an M.D. will be on duty at all times to handle anything from emergencies to shots and basic physicals.

The office can bill the personal insurance carrier of the student, or faculty. If the patient has no insurance, the health center has a variety of plans available at various monthly prices. Or if you can not afford regular insurance you can pay on a sliding scale.

On this scale you pay an amount according to the amount of your income. A student can receive up to a 50 percent discount from the cost of their visit.

New Funds Available

For students who find themselves just a few dollars short when paying for tuition, books, and supplies they may be eligible to receive up to a \$100 grant per year. The funds will come from the newly established HCC Emergency Assistance Fund.

At least 50 students each quarter

will benefit from these funds. The Fund pays back the sum that they only requirement is that you be a received, they are eligible for a current HCC student in need of second grant in the same year. funds to pay for school.

A student who is in danger of dropping out of school, due to the fact that they can not afford child care, will be eligible mid-quarter to receive up to \$100 in order to pay for childcare to stay in school.

If a student who receives money from the Emergency Assistance

New ASHC Appointments

Recently the ASHC has had a couple of new appointments. Kim Bremer was named the vice president of administration. Filling the position of vice president of



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legislation left vacant by Bremer is dollars available to them in the form · written answers on the application G. Robert Taylor. Taking over as of scholarships. student at large for Taylor is Neil McLean.

Associated Council of ASHC can be Applicants must have at least one of further use to students across letter of recommendation from campus," said McLean. "I will also someone who has completed one help organize the student elections year or more at HCC. Multiple this May. Students can vote for letters of recommendation, up to ASHC president, vice president, and five, will increase your rating. student at large. However, not many people know that Highline has a with an A.A. or A.A.S. degree from student government. So, we will try HCC during the 1996-1997 college to get as many people involved as year will be the winner of the Shirley possible."

Underage Students

On February 22, 1996, the student affairs council revised the admissions policy for underaged students. Committee members proposed and approved the following: A - Do not admit students below the age of 16. B - Admit students to Enhancement Program if: 1- Over 16 2- With permission of high school 3-With permission of parent if under 18. 4- Only courses in which they meet prerequisites 5-Only during open or late enrollment

HCC Foundation Scholarships

HCC students have thousands of

The Alumni Choice Scholarship will be awarded to six students in "My goal is to learn how the the amount of \$500 each.

> One lucky student graduating B. Gordon Award for Academic deadline for those mentioned, and Excellence. This excellent student will be awarded \$1,000. Candidates information or scholarship must have a minimum 3.5 g.p.a. as well as meet a few other office in Building 9. requirements.

Six HCC General Merit scholarships of \$500 each are awarded to students with the best

with preference given to students letters of with strong recommendation.

A "turnaround" student who may have had difficulty with school, but who is now able to demonstrate a positive attitude in their academic pursuit and career focus will receive \$500. Letters of recommendation verifying the strength of the changes are required.

Along with the afore mentioned scholarships many others are also available to HCC students. The for many others, is May 10. For applications visit the Foundation



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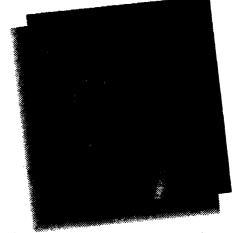


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Surviving College Faculty advisors are here to help

by Frank Webb

If you are concerned about whether or not you have fulfilled all of the necessary requirements for graduation from Highline Community College, or need somebody to talk to about things happening at school and don't want to day life. go through the havoc of the HCC administration, contact a faculty advisor.

HCC encourages students to seek a faculty advisor, said **Director of Educational Planning** Kay Balston. She also stated that it is important that you choose someone you connect with. This idea does not go without reason since you must be able to speak freely and openly about your immediate and future plans. It will also help when a new direction or focus is proposed to you by someone you trust, not just another instructor you run across in your academic career.

So what exactly does a faculty advisor do? Well, they help organize your academic credits to ensure graduation

or a transfer to a larger university. Letters of recommendation are a must in this day and age for acceptance into a specific program or degree at a major university, your advisor more than likely would be happy to provide one on your behalf.

Your advisor can also help you decide exactly what major you are interested in pursuing. Or help

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determine whether or not your skill and choose, try to just get to know one of ability level fit the major you want to the HCC faculty members. Then, go into.

obtain short term goals. These goals can not only be academic, but something happening in your every

when you feel comfortable talking They can also help you get and about your academics, ideas and goals, slowly open up to them and things should go smoothly.

Not only will you have someone to talk to about your academics, but a

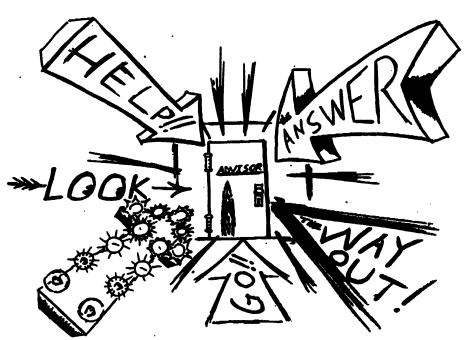


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Currently if you do not have an instructor that you have chosen or talked to about being your faculty advisor, most any instructor would be glad to work with you.

Many instructors at the beginning of each quarter announce in class that you can drop by their office to discuss the idea of having them be your faculty advisor. If you are unsure who to

lasting friendship can develop between you and the advisor. This friendship can create a bond and help you feel proud and happy to be a part of your school rather than putting down the entire staff and student body to friends who one day may attend HCC.

Remember it is not mandatory to have a faculty advisor, but in the end you will be happy that you did.



Strut your smarts

Show me your brain and I'll show you mine

by Troy Legaspi

Every college has something to be proud of. Perhaps it is the sports program. Maybe it's the campus' beauty. Often, it is the school's academic program, as is the case here at Highline Community College. This year, five Highline students, all members of the Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society, will go to Washington, D. C. to represent Highline at the International Honors Convention. The Honors programs are an element of many success stories here at Highline.

This is no simple field trip. Of course, the five lucky travelers will get to enjoy their tour of the nation's capital, getting a chance to see for themselves the famous monuments and landmarks we see in our textbooks. But the five will also compete with the nation's top honor students in essay competitions and in debate. There will even be a "Great Debate," as Sandy Dalhberg, honors coordinator, calls it. The debate will be between Sam Donaldson (ABC News) and George Will, (Newsweek) two distinguished journalistic figures. It will be quite an experience to see a battle of the minds.

A little background on the Phi Theta Kappa Society can clear up a few questions on people's minds. The Phi Theta Kappa is a an international Honors Society for two year schools. Honor students take a seminar class (Humanities 100 honors) to



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introduce the students to the Phi
Theta Kappa programs and the
many opportunities it represents.
The PTK Honor students are
then put into the PTK Honors
program. This program provides
many different scholarships and
an opportunity to receive the
National Dean's List
scholarship.

As for the honors program, there are many changes taking

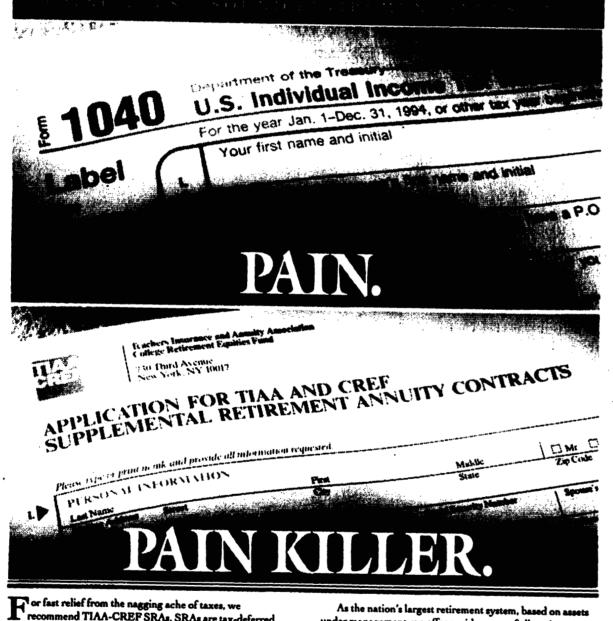
place even as you read this article. All of them for the better, I predict. Take for instance the Honors Colloquy. Once only available to daytime students, it will now be offered also at night. "This is the first time Highline has done this," said Dalhberg. A

notable change and a step in the right direction, allowing better availability for students who take night courses.

There are three different Honors programs: a full honors student, a probationary honors student, and a special honors student. All require 3.5 GPA's or recommendation, or evidence of potential. Phi Theta Kappa requires 12 Honors credits. Getting in is not a piece of cake, and staying in will take a bit of work, too.

The Honors Programs do a lot here at Highline. There are different activities. Of course, next year there will be another convention, but it will be in Dallas, Texas. One does not have to be an Honors student to participate in some of the activities. For example, on May the 1st, there will be a writer's panel open for everyone. Honors is something of an achievement and the rewards do pay off. It promotes academic enrichment and strengthens character. Giving it a try will have nothing to lose, and whole lot to gain.





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Key to the care

Joyce Riley: Heart of HCC's Child Care Center

by Glenn Flaathen

The Child Care Center at Highline Community College is a great opportunity for parents to go back to school to receive a degree. It's helped both students and faculty, and they know their child is in excellent hands there.

Joyce Riley is director of the Child Care Center, and she started that job in 1984. Ever since, she's been taking care of kids to help make it easier for their parents to return to school.

"I started working at the Child Care Center after I had been a parttime faculty worker for Highline. I've been at Highline for a total of over 20 years," Riley said.

When Riley was sitting outside in the sunshine looking at the kids, she looked happy. She admitted that it was her favorite time of day when the sun was shining, so the kids could enjoy that time of day with play and fun.

Riley said that she grew up in the Highline Community College system. She was a student here first, and then she became a part-time faculty member. Then she had a chance of getting a full-time job as director of the Child Care Center,

and she took it. "I enjoy working with parents and families," she said.

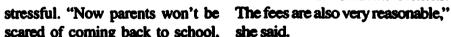
"It's an asset for the college to have a Child Care Center. It attracts students to get an education, and it's a benefit for the parents," Riley said. She then said that she had to go to night school because she worked and had a family, and that it became

Highline, and also a mother of two children. Her youngest son is currently enrolled at the Child Care Center. "It's really convenient for me to have my son there while I'm in class. He learns a lot when he's there. Joyce and the staff there are very understanding, and listen if you

Sheri Ingraham is a student at

have any problems," she said.

There is a long waiting list (where about forty parents had to be disappointed) for the child care center this quarter. Those who are turned away get very frustrated, Riley said. "The parents who have kids here are very pleased. The staff here are well trained, and we have flexible scheduling for the students benefits.



The Child Care Center has also received a grant to remodel, and they're going to do it this summer. What's up for remodeling is the playground and the kitchen, Riley said. They received this grant from City Block Grants, which include the cities of Des Moines, Kent, Sea-

There is also a new Federal

working with them a lot. Besides the kids and parents, the staff is one of Continued on page 31 the things I enjoy most," Riley said.



scared of coming back to school,

since we can take care of their kids

but during midterms and finals it all

becomes more stressful. All the

parents are studying then, and that

means that Riley and her staff have

Riley's job is from eight to five,

while they're in class," she said.

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to work longer hours. "The staff here is really top notch, and I enjoy Tac, and Federal Way.

Borrowers are nearly always ill-spenders, and it is with lent money that all evil is mainly done and all unjust war protracted.

John Ruskin

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Thomas Carlyle

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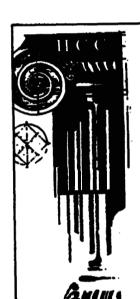


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Here today, here tomorrow With tenure comes job security

by Jason Hamilton

Suppose you have a problem with the instructor of one of your classes. Maybe you don't agree with their teaching methods. you and other students feel they should actually be fired. If you decide to act on this, where do

you turn? Most students would use the proper avenue of filing a complaint with student services. What if the instructor in question has a tenured teaching contract? You can still complain on your own behalf, but there is not much the school administration can do for you. Though their hands are not completely tied, they cannot simply fire the instructor.

In essence, a tenure provides an instructor with employment in their position for their subject permanently. Anything short of an ugly felony conviction or numerous student complaints of serious misconduct has no impact on their

Currently, HCC has 103 instructors under tenure. 14 instructors, including Joan Graham, Tracy Brigham, Tim Morrison, and Billie Lindh, are in the probationary period of obtaining tenure. Let's put ourselves in the instructor's shoes.

Disregarding any gripe you have with this individual, shouldn't he take advantage of the option of guaranteed employment? Considering the comparatively low income of a teacher in

very involved process. Basically, an instructor is hired into a tenure contract, starting with a three year probationary period. The instructor is reviewed every quarter through student surveys Maybe the situation is so bad that today's workforce, along with (more on these later), an



illustration by Chris Griffin

the ever-present looming of school budget cuts, a tenure looks mighty promising. However, obtaining tenure isn't as easy as it

According to Jack Birmingham, vice-president of academic affairs, granting an instructor tenure is a

administrative-appointed peer committee, and a faculty-elected tenure review committee. Yearly, tenure review committee votes on a continued probation for the instructor or not. Yes, this means he can be let go at any point during the first three years. But if all goes well, the instructor continues on to be reviewed for tenure at the end of the third year. Once the tenure reveiw committee votes on approval or not, they submit a referral to administration. Ultimately, the Board of Trustees has the final word.

Brian Holmes, a tenured anthropology instructor of 29 years at HCC, feels it is important for a school to have tenure contracts. "If the instructor holds an unpopular opinion or view on a particular subject, the tenure protects them," he said. Holmes elaborated with, "A college is a marketplace of ideas,

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What'd ya Say?

by Jason Hamilton

You're walking to class, discussing an important assignment with a fellow student. Suddenly, a huge 747 passes overhead, emitting a deafening roar as it streaks toward Sea-Tac Airport. Your friend shouts over the blast, along with the subsequent barrage of overlysensitive car alarms, that he will catch you later. Panicking, you wonder, "Wait a minute, did he say we were to read two chapters or three? And was that essay due today

assaults can dominate a classroom environment, enclosed within a ridiculous.

Alas, we need not fret long, my hearing-impaired friends. Highline Community College has a working solution to this menace in the sky. With the Port of Seattle's help, our own Capital Projects official, Pete Babington, is rescuing the classrooms at HCC from auditory overload.

The Port of Seattle has been or tomorrow?" Too late to find out funding noise-abatement classrooms. nstruction in the surrounding This may be just one of the small Sea-Tac area for nearly ten inconveniences we have attending years now. The Port's rich a college located directly under a uncle, the FAA, is in the

flight path. But when these auditory- business of keeping local airports operating. This includes keeping the neighbors building, it gets downright happy, which allows the Port to obtain funds for improving the communities near the airport. According to Babington, the Port offered to assist in sound-deadening of public agencies, including HCC's campus, two and-a-half years ago. It was Babington's responsibility to work with the Port on how and where this money was to be spent on our

> After a year of negotiating the particulars of the deal, HCC and the Port agreed on a contract. This contract involved the donation of \$7.6 million for renovations to current buildings on campus. Why all of this generosity from the Port of Seattle, you say? Two words: Avocation Easement. In English, this means that HCC signed a contract, agreeing that after these renovations are made to a building, the Port can fly as many aircraft as they want over that building, without being sued. While some may call foul on this agreement, consider the benefits: full sound deadening of all classrooms, including double-pane windows and heavier doors, all new ventilation systems and increased efficiency. All of these improvements are non-state funded, which looks good to all of us fine, upstanding, taxpaying citizen-types.



illustration by Chris Griffin

Speak up to be heard over noisy airplanes



As Babington puts it, "I'm not a greedy guy, but the state only gives us so much. If I can get non-state funds, I'm going to get as much as I can."

However, sound insulation is applied only to the sides of the building affected by aircraft noise. It is up to HCC's administration and Capital Projects department to frontfund the construction, then bill the Port on completion. While the contract may sound limited, especially under the stipulations, \$7 million is nothing to sneeze at. And with most of the campus' thirty-yearthird the cost of each building; a substantial help, according to Babington.

The skeptic in us might say," Wait a minute, can't this money be spent elsewhere in the community rather than for building renovations?" Before we jump to conclusions, consider that this money is being poured into an educational institution. "The college's priority is to get the classroom buildings remodeled," said Babington.

It all starts with a new set of plans drawn up for each building remodel. This drawing, along with a book of specifications, is submitted to a public bid process and advertised in periodicals for contractors. Once bids have been proposed, by a set deadline, they are reviewed by the Office of Engineering and

Architectural Services, located in Olympia. Here, the bids are reviewed for legitimacy, with the top three sorted out for hire. To keep billing simple, as well as to keep a consistent time constraint for the construction, only one contractor is used. With one crew doing all the jobs, Babington can be assured that the deadline will

There is no mistake the construction process is a monumental task involving some serious time and money. HCC's Capital Projects department is careful in their planning and scheduling of Port's donation can account for one- overwhelmed. For example, all construction is done during the summer, when most of the campus is closed. Babington admits, "We have an extremely narrow window of time to do a complete building remodel."

> While the buildings are tore down for sound-deadening, they are completely redone with new wiring, lighting, improved plumbing and heat, new carpet and paint, ceilings, and any additional long-needed repairs. Funding for repairs other than sound-deadening is not covered by the Port. However, the ground-up remodel approach is much better in the long run than just fixing what the Port pays for. According to Babington, "Once we get the building done, we can't go back later to fix the ventilation or anything else without the Port saying, 'Nope, we

already spent money on that building'."

Babington says all of this work has paid off well over the past two years. So far, buildings 9, 19, 2, 7, 12, and 17 have been completely remodeled. Last summer, HCC managed to get buildings 7, 12, and 17 done all in one shot. A major reason for this was some added financial help from the school's biannual Capital Funding. This is money from the state which is given to HCC every two years for any upgrading of the school. Since '96 is year two of the current funding, only building 10 will be remodeled here is the 70% of the cost that we need to come up with," said Babington.

When asked to estimate when all remodeling will be done, he said, "With an average of two buildings per year, and 18 of the 22 eligible buildings to go, I'd say nine years. That's crude, but if we get any more precise than that we're fooling ourselves." Referring to the contract with the Port, Babingon reminded, "There is nothing guaranteeing us (HCC) the money."

So, the next time you are sitting in class, taking those all-important lecture notes on "plankton's contribution to ocean life", grin and bear the sound of a Boeing product in need of a trip to Midas. Remember, in due time, all Highline's classrooms will be as quiet as finals in physics.



"High"-line

Is smoking pot the latest between-class activity?

by Lance Whipple

Several people are standing around, drinking their latte's or coffee before their next class. They blend in to the campus, do not stand out among the crowd. Then a fourth student walks up with a smile and a nod, and with this the thought of class vanishes as they retreat to an apartment down the street.

The 'fourth student' was Dan. He freely admits smoking marijuana on a regular basis and is the group's supplier of "dope." Dan, along with many other Highline Community College students, frequently attends class high or skips class to get high. Though it's not widely talked about and seen even less, pot is on campus big time.

"Even those people who smoke dopedon't see it on campus. No one wants their teachers to know," Dan said. "I've been to parties that are filled with clean cut lookin' people from my classes and all of a sudden here comes the pipe!"

Most of the people interviewed for this story didn't want their real names used. Others refused comment all together. The topic of drugs leads to heated debates and bad stereotypes.

With such a negative outlook on drugs, most people don't want to be categorized as part of the stoner crowd. Kim H., a Highline student about to transfer to the University of Washington for chemistry, knows that being seen as a drug user can hamper you in classes. Kim had never seen

drugs until she came to Highline. She was in a study group and they all started smoking, so she tried it and liked it. After she was seen with suspected drug users, instructors treated her differently.

"The teachers started to grade me tougher than before, it was like they were trying to fail me because they thought I smoked pot," Kim said.

This seems to be a major reason drug use is hidden on campus. No one wants to become labeled as a user because of the consequences it has in



illustration by Chris Griffin

classes. Those risks, however, don't stop students from smoking in private.

R. Scott, an art major, says a lot of students smoke to relieve stress from their classes. They find time to meet in secluded areas during breaks.

"We just go out to our cars or in the woods. Anywhere that there's not a lot of people and security isn't going to show up," R. Scott said.

There's another reason that drugs are not seen. To avoid detection by authorities, one must find seldom used

or hidden places to light up or make deals. Jordon, an accounting major on campus, said he sees students high all the time. He said they usually are coming from behind buildings or from the parking lot.

"I was waiting in my car one time and two guys met in the next row. One guy pulled out a handful of baggies and the other took some and gave some cash for them. Then a little while later I saw them all red eyed and 'happy'," Jordon said.

When hearing of the topic of drug use on campus, student Jonathon Wilson said that he sees students high all the time. At the beginning of the winter quarter a track member offered to sell drugs to Wilson. Celeste Gardner, a former Tazza espresso worker, told of seeing students 'Higher than a kite' and of selling pot in the cafeteria. Another student became aware of pot on campus when on the first day of class he found a half ounce of pot at his feet when he sat down.

Back at the apartment with Dan and the group, pipes and bongs are being lit up. Incense is being burned to keep the "pot smell" out of their clothes. The drapes are drawn and the stereo is tuned in to jazz. After an hour they make plans to meet later and it's off to class. They cover the smell with perfumes and put eye drops in to hide the red.

"No one will have a clue that we are stoned. If anyone asks, I'll say I was up late studying," Dan said.

Be your own rock star Express yourself with karaoke

By Troy Legaspi

In a darkened room filled with the sound of music, a singer holds the mike tightly and lets out a stream of music. The crowd goes wild. Is it Elvis? Is it Boyz II Men? No, it's just the circle of friends one might bring to a karaoke (sing-along) box, an enclosed, soundproof singing room. The atmosphere is friendly and happy, with music playing loudly in the background. Though not a particularly expensive form of entertainment, it can, from personal experience, become habit

The word karaoke is actually an abbreviated Japanese compound word; kara comes from karrapo, meaning empty, and oke is derived from okesutura or orchestra. Karaoke is said to have originated in a small night spot in Kansai, Japan. Once a form of entertainment typically aimed at Japanese businessmen, it has increased in popularity and has become a very widespread form of entertainment.

Karaoke is quickly becoming a popular pastime in Seattle, even here in the Highline community. "They're pretty rad," said David Geonanga, a Highline student. 'It's all good."

As a matter of fact, Melody Music, a DJ and karaoke service, has been responsible for bringing the karaoke experience directly to our campus in the student lounge. Their last visit was in a Valentine's Day celebration. "It's fun," commented Jacky Rae, who works at Melody Music. "Highline shows are

incredible," she said when asked about her trips here, "the students are really

No longer available only in bars, karaoke is everywhere. At Seattle's Best Karaoke, located in Chinatown, there are numerous private rooms, called "karaoke boxes," for people to sing to their hearts' content without fear of humiliation in front of strangers. The first karaoke box apperared in 1984 in a rice field in the countryside of Okoyama Prefecture, just west of Kansai. Supposedly it was built from a converted freight car.

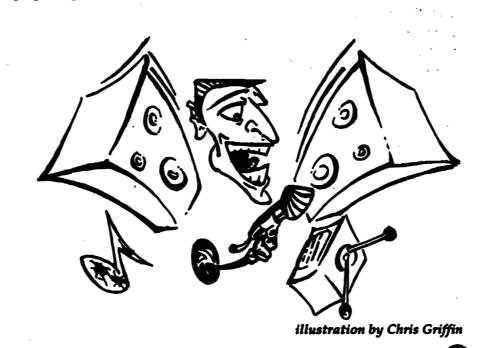
a Highline student who comes to the place often. He prefers it to the "open" karaoke at some restaurants, where people sing and eat.

One might expect only extroverts to sing in public places, but a normally shy person can be seen singing with all the gusto of a professional artist on stage.

People who want more of a pure karaoke experienec prefer karaoke boxes despite the higher cost, usually around \$15-25 an hour. In these rooms it is possible to record the songs on tape. It's astonishing to see the variety of people who come to these places. People in their teens, business people, older people, just about anything under

Voices cracking and songs out of tune Inside these insulated, soundproof are to be expected, but they are all part rooms, one can feel a sense of safety. of the fun because nobody cares! In "T'd never sing in front of a bunch of many cases, people sing fairly well and people I don't know," said Albert Lim, are glad they had their work recorded, ready to play in the car on the way home for assessment.

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Supersonics' BOOM

by Glenn Flaathen

dribbles over mid-court and holds quarter-court right as Kemp streaks across the far side base line. Payton lobs the ball high up in the air, and Kemp grabs it and slams it down with a one-handed tomahawk jam!" The voice of the Sonics, Kevin Calabro, has been screaming plays like this throughout the so far record breaking season of the Seattle Supersonics.

The Sonics are having a typical regular season, which means about 60 wins, but fans are still wondering if things are different this season. The disappointments of the last two seasons in the playoffs have been huge, after exiting in the first round to lesser teams such as Denver and L.A. But the team is looking much better this season.

At a recent season ticket holder party, the team expressed their thoughts and feelings on the difference between this season and last season, and what they hope to accomplish in the playoffs.

For two years the Sonics were a team with no chemistry.

The players were fighting laughing and having fun. amongst each other, and they "Kemp soars in and didn't enjoy playing together, and we're looking to go all the emphatically grabs the Coach George Karl said: "I way in the playoffs." rebound. He hands off to don't know why we weren't Payton who hippity-hop having fun the last two years, and I kind of blame myself for that. But this season we are



Illustration by Chris Dalan

•He has matured into a NBA superstar this season. •He is one of the most feared post-up players

in the league.

Basketball is finally fun again,

During the off-season the Sonics shipped off disruptive players like Sauranus Marcillanous and Kendall Gill, who questioned Karl's abilities as a coach. In return they received Frank Brickowski and Hershey Hawkins, who have been big successes with the Sonics. Especially Hawkins, who has been a great addition to the ball club with his accurate outside shooting, something the Sonics have lacked the last few years. "I'm excited. The team was much better than I anticipated, and as a team we really wanna win. I also haven't had this much fun as a basketball player yet," Hawkins said. This comes from a man who is in his eighth year as an NBA player. Brickowski then said: "I agree with Hershey that I haven't had this much fun before. This is a great team, and we're having a lot of fun."

On the court, when they are playing, it also looks like they are having much more fun than before. They are playing very good together as a team, and at the same time Gary Payton and Shawn Kemp have stepped up as the teams leaders. Kemp is

Sonics looking for prime time in the playoffs

Payton has become more of a floor leader. "The unity of the team is great. We anjay playing, and we're having fun playing," Kemp said. About being a free agent at the end of the season, Payton said, "Don't worry Shawn, I'll be here next season."

Another positive thing about this season is that center Ervin Johnson has stepped up his game a notch. He has become more of a presence in the middle by blocking shots, and rebounding more consistently. "Teammates have given me more confidence. I also thank coach Karl for giving me the opportunity," Johnson

Throughout the season, the Sonics have also displayed encouraging characteristics that could help them in the playoffs. They have discovered the kind of half-court offense that they'll need in May. Kemp is the target man in the low post, while Payton, Hawkins, Schrempf, Perkins and Brickowski can torment you with three-point shooting. Defensively, their traps aren't as predictable as before, and that makes them tough to figure out for opposing teams.

The Sonics have of late also added another reason why they will pass the first round of the

having a career year in both playoffs. They are winning game that comes to mind is the rebounding and scoring, while close games. Last season they March 13th home game against had trouble performing under the Orlando Magic. The score makes them contenders to go all the way in the playoffs. One



The best defensive point guard in the NBA. •He plays the game with a lot of speed, finesse, and style.

99 in favor of the with seconds left of the game. All seemed lost for the Sonics, but some how they found a way to win that game 100-99. Right there it showed that this team has great character, and that everything looks different from last season. They play like a team, like a championship caliber

You also have to credit Karl for the job he has done. He is silencing his critics who thought he should have been fired after last season. The team is having fun, and with that Karl has to be a consideration for coach of the

We have yet to see, but the playoffs are right around the corner, and the Supersonics are on a mission to prove something. Let's hope they can prove it to us all, and that they Illustration by Chris Dalan can make a run deep into the playoffs. One thing is for sure, and that is that chemistry and having fun counts a lot for a hastiathall team, and this year the Soules have plenty of it.



Cetter to the editor

Dear Editor,

There is a great evil lurking on our campus. A monster which claims thousands of victims and yet does not hunt. It is constantly present, and makes itself most known at the end of every quarter. It attacks without provocation and feeds indiscriminately upon all of us. It's power to lure it's victims is so great that we line up willingly and wait to be robbed yet again, quarter after quarter. I am referring to Highline's college bookstore, which is the largest profit center on campus.

As a new student to this campus, I am appalled at the prices section. The classified ads would for both books and support provide all of us with an material. New texts can run as much as \$85.00. Used texts are original cost and then marked up 200 percent for resale. Items such

calculators which some classes require will not even be purchased.

For years students have had no choice but to continue to support the bookstore because there simply has been no other resource available. In so doing, we throw money away which could be used to further feed, clothe or shelter us.

However, there is another way. A way for us to sell our books at a price better than the bookstore would pay, and buy other texts at less than the bookstore would charge. I suggest that as the voice of the students, the ThunderWord start an active classified ads opportunity to present our material for sale in an easy, obtainable bought back at a fraction of their format. The ads would reach far more students than the haphazard bulletin board above the cafeteria as computer programs and and would benefit everyone. It

would also provide us with an inexpensive manner in which to advertise items such as cars for sale or rooms for rent.

This is a desperately needed idea, and I call upon you, the newspaper, to make it happen. Further, I challenge each and every Highline student to use and support this format and keep our money in our own pockets.

Webster's Dictionary describes profiteering as one who makes excessive profits on goods in short supply. HCC Bookstore is certainly guilty of profiteering and it's up to us to do something about

Mike Mead

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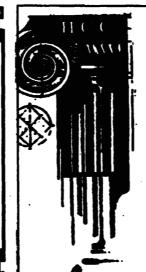
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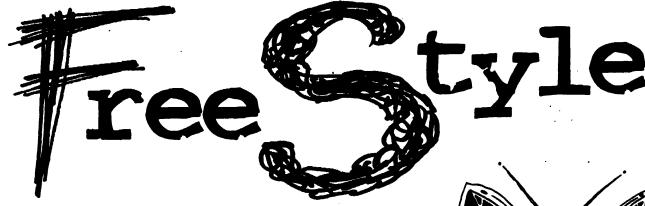
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The following poems were misprinted in the March issue of the ThunderWord. We apologize to the author.

Predator

You are the predator You seduce me with your charm You blind me to the truth As you whisper in my ear, "I love you." You hold my heart in your hands And you laugh As you slowly squeeze the life out of me I open my eyes, blurred from lack of use And run from you Terrified of your cruelty Seeking shelter so that I may heal Smiling like a cat You follow my trail of heart's blood The breaking and mending of my heart

Is but a game to you, a

I vow to myself I will not

But you laugh

challenge

return to you

For you have seen within my heart

And I slowly kill myself, in denial

Refusing to believe you meant to hurt me

Refusing to believe you'll do it again

Too ashamed to admit that I still love you

As I seek shelter in your arms...

Gone

Throughout the night and early morning I cannot sleep your presence is gone no longer comforting but cold, hollow, empty tears run down my cheeks my heart feels heave your radiant smile is warming another's heart I don't know what I did to make you leave me I only know that you are gone you drifted away on a summer's breeze and I am alone

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However, another tenured instructor, who wishes to remain anonymous, does not believe the tenure review process is conducted professionally. "We have people evaluating their peers when they have no evaluation training or skills to do so," this individual said. This brought up a suggestion of having survey is a tool for your voice to an independent firm do the be heard, whether it be for or evaluations or perhaps merely train the current members. "That would be a very good idea," the anonymous instructor replied.

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Even after an instructor has been tenured, they are evaluated every three years by a working committee. Consequently, they are not completely immune to criticism. Instructors are also every tenure review committee required to keep a quarterly portfolio of their coursework and teaching methods. This portfolio is Currently, Angel Boyle holds this examined at every three-year position. It's possible for her to review.

chairperson on the tenure review could make sure that any future committee, gave an example of criteria to be considered. "We look shares your same ideals about for someone who is dedicated, energetic, and who loves to teach...Hundreds of applications signature on a candidate's can be received for a teaching petition, you might keep this in position, so we can usually pick mind. Yet another tool for the

from the best," she said.

Now that you have a better idea of the tenure process, we can look at your problem in a different light. So, you're dissatisfied with a certain instructor, but they are tenured. Don't consider that a brick wall. There is a flipside, and it's called the student survey. According to Birmingham, these administration-authorized surveys "play a very large part in the review process." Now, you, the common student, have some clout in determining how a class is taught and by whom.

Maybe you and/or other students want to make sure a favorite instructor of yours is actually granted tenure. The against an individual. Both Birmingham and Bille agree that the survey carries a lot of weight in evaluation of an instructor.

Despite all of this, it still may sound to you like the real decisions are made by committees and administration. However, there is a student representative present at vote. This person is usually a member of student government. obtain input from any student Instructor Pat Bille, a about certain instructors. Or you candidate for student government what an instructor should be like. The next time you are hit up for a

common student.

Tenures are nothing new, they provide a needed guarantee of employment on the instructor's part and consistent coursework with experience for the student. Sometimes a bad apple may slip through. Sometimes an excellent individual may not be recognized. Either way, we, as students, can help determine the outcome.

Be your own rock star Continued from page 19

With the advancement of laser disc technology, there are home karaoke systems capable of graphics and scenery, giving both the singer and audience a complete atmoshpere to immerse themselves in. These powerful multimedia systems rival those in karaoke boxes and are not at all difficult to use. "Even my little sister knows how to use it," said Thong Prachyabrued, who owns a home system. But in Japan, where space is a hard-earned commodity, most homes stand very close to one another and are still made of wood, with poor soundproofing. It is understandable that it can become quite annoying when your neighbors decide to sing into a microphone at night. Hence, the invention of the karaoke box.

The industry is growing and a karaoke contest is being held in Japan, with Mariah Carey among the participants. Melody Music goes everywhere. "We do shows in Washington, Canada, Oregon, all over," said Rae. As a new kind of entertainment that is already widely accepted in Japan and is becoming increasingly popular among Seattle's youth, karaoke brings a new perspective to the music industry.



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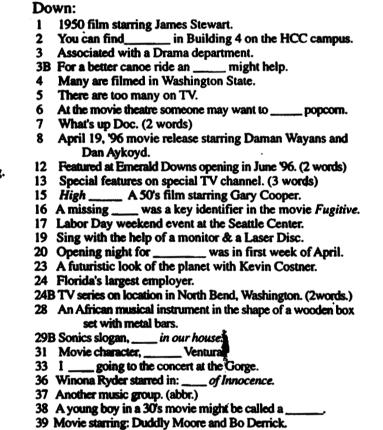
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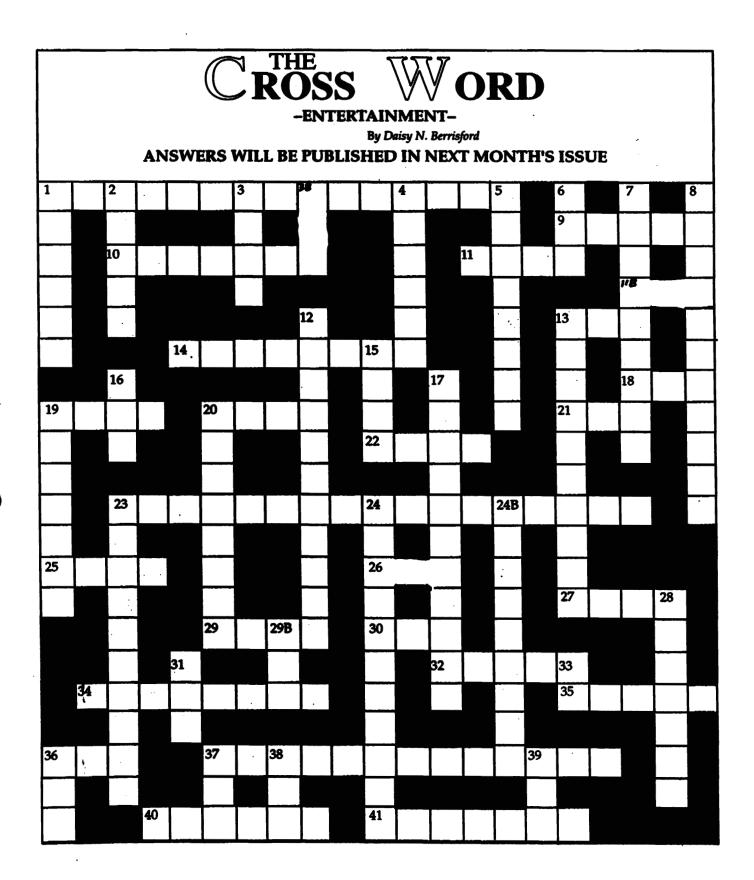
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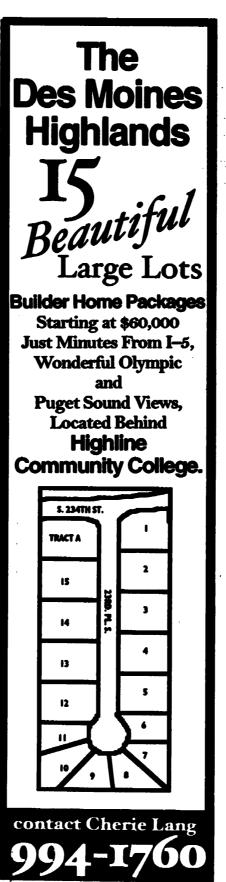




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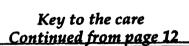
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