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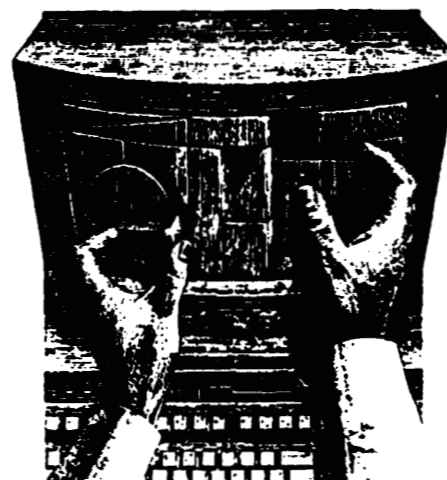
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## a WORD from the editors

I believe that part of what makes Highline such a great school is the accessibility of instructors to students. Class sizes are small, and instructors are required to set aside an hour a day to meet with students when necessary. I'd like to take this opportunity to let the faculty know how useful this feature of Highline Community College is.

Accessibility of the faculty can be very useful to the student. It can be a way for students to have questions answered, to gather information, or just to develop an important relationship either as an advisor, mentor, or friend.

In general, faculty seem quite gracious in lending their time to the students. But there is always the occasion that it pretty much seems impossible. Ninety percent of the job that the ThunderWord staff does relies on the cooperation of the faculty of HCC. With that in mind, it is obvious that the staff has had plenty of encounters with instructors and faculty at Highline. We have had many positive experiences, but there is always the occasion when it seems impossible to find a parking spot on campus at 9 a.m. Maybe it's just that the ThunderWord is scary, but I would find it very unfortunate if students at Highline had as hard a time getting a hold of people on campus as we sometimes do.

Of course some people are naturally difficult to get a hold of, for instance, the president of the college. But in most cases we are merely gathering information, which I suspect is what most students would be after in any situation, and begin in plenty of time to make appointments as necessary. However, there is the occasion that no matter how far we bend, how many times we give out our home phone numbers, or how many times we try to set an appointment we just can't get any cooperation with having an interview.

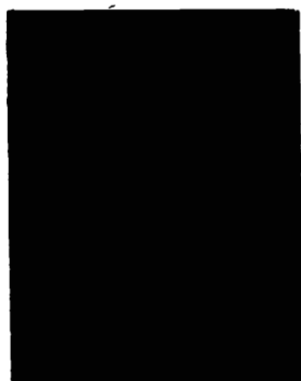
Take for example a situation we had with a story for this issue. A key source for a story, a faculty member of HCC, missed two interview appointments and didn't return any of the several messages left. As a result, we were left with no story at the time of deadline. Fortunately, you will notice no blank pages in the magazine (magic happens in the T-Word office), but still it is not comforting to come up short a story on the due date. This is one example, but similar circumstances have been happening all year.

My hope for all students at Highline is that when they need to talk to or meet with any faculty member of the college they will not encounter any of the frustrations that we have this year.

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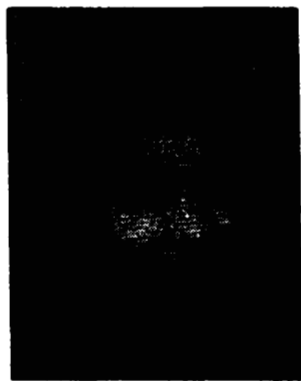
# Street Beat...

*Where are you going from here?*



**Mildred Bright**

I plan to move into nursing, or become a nutritionist. I think that Highline will definitely prepare me for what ever feild I plan to move into.



**Thuy Nguyen**

I am in the Chiropractic program here and I will be going on to Palmer College. I am taking the classes that are required to get into Palmer, and I hope to open up a practice one day.



**Jacob Kimmel**

This is my third quarter here. I am here with the running start program. I want to transfer to SPU, with some form of business degree. I hope to be an entrepreneur.



**Eric Hawthorne**

I am majoring in respiratory care. Things have been going pretty good thus far, it's a lot of hard work and studying. I plan to move right into the work force from here, and I would like to further my education and possibly become a doctor one day. I want to go as far as I can with my education.



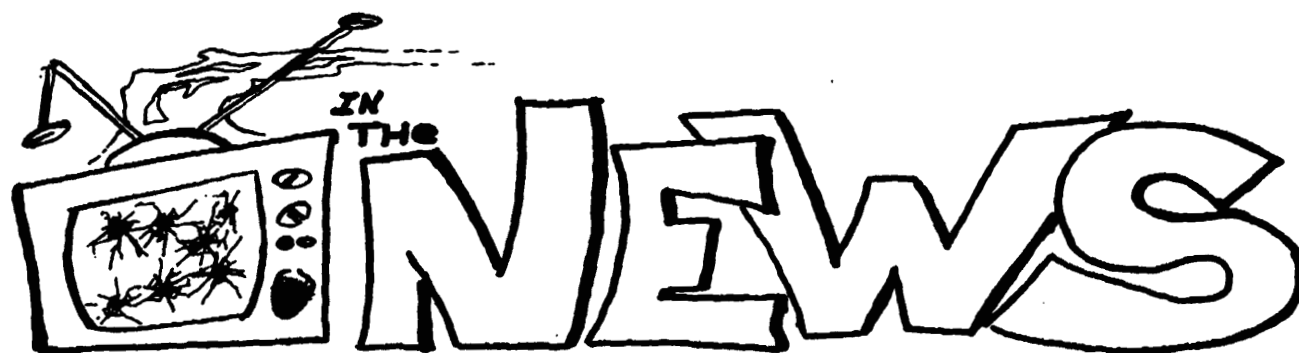
**Theresa Hahn**

I am majoring in History, and I am going to get my A.A. here and go on to Seattle University and get my B.A., and I hope to go into publishing someday. I've been to five other colleges besides Highline and I've been quite satisfied with my education here. My main concern right now is just making it through this quarter.



**Pete Clark**

I wrestle here at Highline and I plan to get my A.A. and transfer to Central Washington University and get my B.A., and wrestle for them. I think that Highline has been pretty fun so far.



### **New Gay and Lesbian club at HCC**

There is a new social club in the beginning stages of recruiting members for students on the HCC campus who just want to feel accept. The Gay and Lesbian Club, which was officially organized at the end of April, currently has 14 members. The purpose of their organization is to create a social group outside of school for people who want to be friends. Activities in the works for club members are barbecues, camping trips, and visits to other

club meetings around town.

For now the club is still growing. Anybody who is interested in joining, or just wants to find out more information on the group, the club meets twice a week. On Tuesdays they meet at 1p.m. and on Thursdays at noon in Building 10, Room 207. For brief questions and additional information you can also call exts. 3512/3488 on the HCC campus.

### **Take Your Best Shot**

White saucers fly across the room in the student lounge in Building 8. Is it a bird? Is it a plane? No, it's a whipped cream

pie aimed straight at your favorite instructor.

The Phi Theta Kappa chapter at HCC held it's annual pie throwing event during Spring Fling on May 23. For the price of \$1 students had the opportunity to throw a whipped cream pie at various instructors, security and administration personnel.

The goal this year was to raise around \$200. The proceeds from the event will go toward three different scholarships from Phi Theta Kappa. Two for students who are returning to HCC next year and one to a student graduating from HCC and moving on to a university.

The Gay and Lesbian Club also

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had a helping hand in the operation of the actual event with Phi Theta Kappa and the two clubs are planning to divide the funds.

### Honoring the Fallen

Standing outside in the wind driven rain and freezing cold, the color guard held the flag steadfast and upright, wearing only their uniformed white short-sleeved shirts during the Veterans Club memorial ceremony on May 23. The ceremony, presided over by Veteran's Club president Jim Cummings, was held on the Veteran's Memorial Square located adjacent to Building 5 on the west side. The Veteran's Square Memorial was given to the Veteran's Club and dedicated to the many HCC students who died in the Vietnam conflict, as well as the rest of our country's fallen soldiers, at the end of May, 1968. The club may use this ground for whatever they feel appropriate.

The purpose of this gathering was to honor the men and women who fought, and to those who died in the act of, protecting and serving the great country of the United States of America. The words spoken were ones of thankfulness and appreciation, as well as sadness and remorse. Those in attendance were reminded of what a great country we live in and the fact that we must stand up for our beliefs as a country.

Speakers included HCC's president, Dr. Ed Command, and

HCC instructor and Korean War Purple Heart recipient, Frank Albin.

### Citizenship and Graduation in One

Congratulations to Christelle L. Mynhardt. On June 6, she will be the first individual from Highline to graduate from both the college and the citizenship class at the same time. Highline has held three citizenship classes, one for each quarter of the school year, and with Mynhardt's achievement it shows that Highline is working to do its part for the community.

### Student Safety or Self Protection

Denny Steussy, on March 16, moved for the student affairs council to vote on accepting the newly written employees possessing weapons on campus.

The result, one for and 11 against.

Julie Burr then asked that the Student affairs council see a written opinion on both sides of the issues: Management's right to prohibit employees and students of possessing weapons on campus including acceptable definitions of weapons and status of pepper spray and mace.

Dick Barclay, vice president for student services, also mentioned that the term "employees" be used to include everyone, not just faculty and staff.



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# Surviving College

## *A few tips on being prepared for fall quarter*

by Heather Jacobs

Graduation may be upon many students, but for many more another year or two still stands in the way of a two year degree. But with a little help and some sound advice, leaving Highline Community College will not be as far away as it sometimes seems.

As remaining students look forward to the warmer months to come, they should not forget that yet another quarter patiently awaits the death of summer. Talk to your faculty adviser to find out what credits you still need to fulfill. Not only will they tell you how many credits remain before you can graduate, but they can give you the low-down on which teachers may be most beneficial to how you learn. Once you have this information, your adviser will help you select and balance your classes based on what you have yet to take.

Talking to the instructor of each class you'd like to take may help in the decision-making process as well. Ask for a class syllabus and read it carefully...twice.

When you have selected a balanced class schedule, the next step is to register. Be sure to show up for your registration appointment on time. The longer you wait to register, the greater the chance that the

classes you want will be full before you sign-up. Be sure to check the cancellation lists and monitors before you register.

No one cares for the lines that accompany the cashier's office, so beginning summer quarter, there will be "drop boxes" where students can leave their payments for tuition and fees. They are located in front of Building 6, and just outside the cashier's office.

Simply place your payment inside an envelope with a copy of your registration slip and leave it in one of these boxes. No lines, no hassles.

After you've registered for fall quarter, you'll need to find the text book(s) for each class. Most of us have seen the bookstore at the beginning of each quarter and dreaded walking through the door. It may help students to know that the bookstore is its busiest at ten minutes before each hour. This is because everyone is trying to purchase their books before class time. If at all possible, try to make your purchases during the times you know classes will be in session. Better yet, purchase your books a week before the quarter begins to avoid migraine generating lines. Books for fall quarter will be available after Labor Day. Another tip is to be aware of the return and buy-back policies. The bookstore will provide students with a small printout of those policies upon request and with every purchase.

All things considered, preparing for fall quarter need not be as chaotic as it sometimes is. If everyone took a few minutes to organize their thoughts, materials and time, ask questions, and take other people into consideration, it's amazing how much better off we will all be when the quarter begins.



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# Tazza or Bust

*How else would students and faculty get their fix?*

by Jason Hamilton

For five years Tazza Cafe has been a popular place for students to sit, snack, and swig espresso. Yet, recent rumor is that the small coffee kingdom of HCC is planning to pull up stakes. Is there a relocation looming for the business?

According to owners Jim and Pamela Scott, don't worry about any such move. "We love it here, as far as our contract goes, it's all up to the school administration," said Pamela Scott. Jim Scott said, "We have a five year contract with the school, with a two year extension. If the school was to roll our contract over after then, that would be great. If not, of course we will look into other areas for Tazza."

With this coming September marking the start of Tazza's sixth year at HCC, the Scotts remain positive about their future. "We still have a two year extension to go through. If everyone, including the administration, still wants us around, excellent. But if not, yes, we have no choice but to look elsewhere," said Jim Scott. It seems, above everything, the couple want to remain a colorful addition to HCC's campus.

The Scotts let it be known to anyone and everyone that HCC's campus is home to them. "We moved here, from downtown Seattle, not long after we

started Tazza," said Jim, "We really love the area and it's much easier being only a couple miles away from the business." Pamela said, "It's fun to be around the students. It really keeps you young."

It is obvious that the students at HCC support Tazza. "I like the cozy environment and friendly people at Tazza," said Jennifer Arrants, "It just wouldn't be the same without them, especially since the Union Bay (cafe) doesn't provide the same services."

is obviously mutual," said Jim Scott.

Tazza opened up five years ago as the first cafe in Building 8 right away. Starting fresh with a gutted structure, HCC's administration wanted a small, deli/bakery style cafe that served espresso coffee. The Scotts were quick to pick up on the idea and made their offer to start an independent (non-state employed) business.

While it took some time for HCC's teaching staff to warm up to Tazza, the students were buzzing about the little corner of Building 8. Pamela said that the teachers were a little skeptical of Tazza at first because the employees and owners were not state workers, like the Union Bay Cafe's.

After the first year at HCC, Tazza's business grew to the point that the Scotts were running out of room for customers in the cafe. Jim proposed the idea of a separate, espresso cart at a different location on campus

in addition to Tazza. With the HCC administration's approval, the cart was set up. "That really seemed to be a cure for the situation," said Jim, "It works out very well."

From the beginning, Jim and Pamela wanted to employ students at Tazza. "It works out great," said Pamela, "It's actually hard to not become a student,



illustration by Chris Griffin

Another HCC student, Greg Platt, said, "Instead of coming straight to school in the morning, and heading to Tazza for a coffee fix, I'd probably go elsewhere on the way to school. I think a lot of other people might do the same, and that whole building would be a ghost town downstairs." The Scotts both said that they get a lot of good comments from students. "Our customers like us a lot, and the feeling

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# Life After Lattés

## *Where are Seattle trends heading next?*

by Carmine Coburn

Espresso isn't so much a trend for most Seattleites anymore. It's more a way of life. But man cannot live on espresso alone. So, what to do to satisfy the hunger inside you? Snickers? No. Donuts with your coffee, right? Wrong. In today's health conscience world donuts are politically incorrect. So what can you do for a snack that's fast and good for you? Give up? Bagels. Bagels are becoming increasingly popular all over Seattle.

In recent years Seattle has been a mecca for trends of all kinds. Besides the above mentioned espresso craze, Seattle has prospered many trends from flannels to microbrews. At least the latest trend is healthy.

"Everybody's becoming more health conscious these days," says Glenn Gardener, manager of Red Apple Bagels. "Bagels are a healthy choice for breakfast or lunch," says Gardener. "People also appreciate the fact that they are baked not

fried, which is a nice alternative to most fast foods today," he adds.

Red Apple Bagels, which is located right near Highline Community College on Pacific Highway, focuses mainly on the breakfast and lunch clientele. "Besides the traditional bagels and cream cheese, we offer almost any kind of deli sandwich you can think of on a bagel," said Gardener. "Some

people like their sandwich on sourdough, I like mine on a bagel," says Mike Leonard, a Red Apple customer. "We also offer vegetable sandwich bagels for the die hard health watcher," Gardener said.

The bagel craze, which used to be an East Coast thing, started becoming a trend here in Seattle in the last year or so. For people who

are on the go, a bagel can be a great change of pace. Not only are bagels a fast food, but they are a healthy fast food. "After a while you start to get tired of all the fast food places around, and something like this place (Red Apple Bagels), is a breath of fresh air," says Judy Miner, a health conscious consumer.

So, for all of you health conscious people on the go, give yourself a change of pace and try the latest Seattle trend, bagels.....Come on, everybody's doing it.

Or if you don't want to eat it, here's a stock tip....invest in bagels.

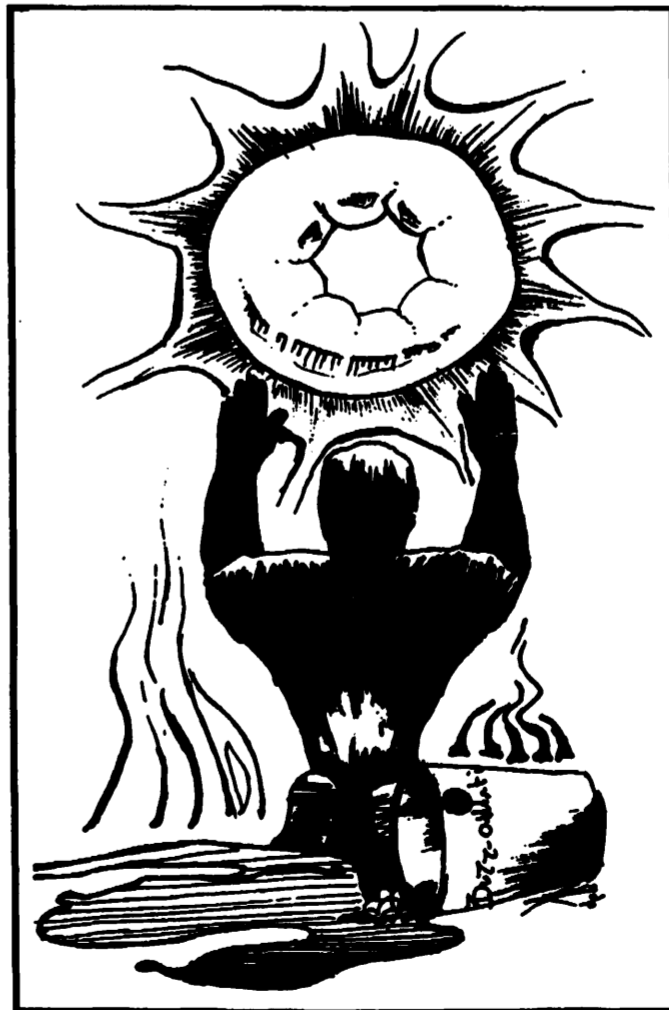


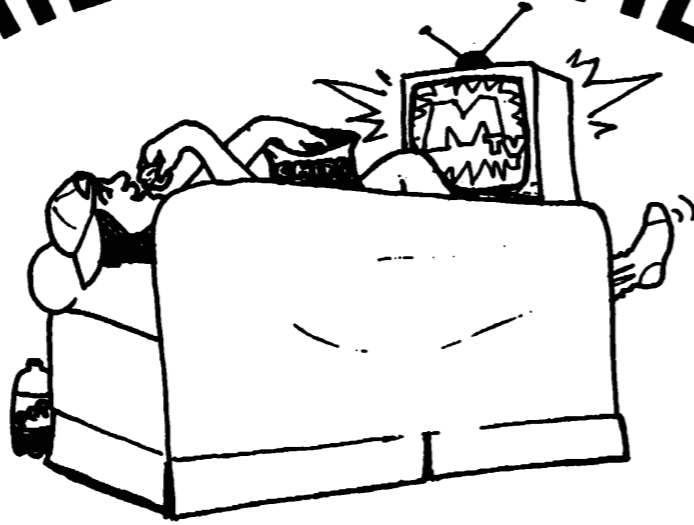
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"They were talking about a certain hangout and Johnny said, "Nobody goes there anymore. It's too crowded."  
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### *HCC students moonlight with their own businesses*

by Jason Hamilton

Attending Highline full time while working is a common plight among HCC students. Brave is the individual who ventures out to run his own business while still a student. Joshua Cook is such a man, and here is his story.

As an avid snowboarder, Cook always customized his own equipment out of necessity. "I designed some products for myself to be functional. Everybody else liked them so much, I made some for them. From there it just caught on," said the twenty year-old Cook. Starting with his own snowboard safety leash and glove designs, Cook soon expanded his product line to t-shirts and tool bags.

Since the past snowboarding season, Cook's "Mosquito Libido" snowboarding accessories have been sold and promoted in area shops. Cook promotes his business through networking with other snowboarders. He also distributes business cards and stickers with his logo. Attending events such as the past season's "Board Stiff" snowboard competition in Snoqualmie, Cook is able to get a wider exposure.

Some of Cook's products, such as belts and snowboard leashes, are made from hemp, a strong,

fibrous material made from the stems of marijuana plants.

Despite the taboo nature of the material, Cook said there is a very positive response to the eco-friendly and rugged hemp-based products.



art supplied by Josh Cook

Being a full-time student at HCC, Cook decided to try an entrepreneurship course. Finding this to be too specific in areas not interesting to him, Cook decided to "wing it" and finance his own way without instruction. "The class only covered one portion of the whole 'supporting your own business' concept," said Cook.

Working out of his house, Cook supports himself with a job elsewhere while "Mosquito Libido" brings in side money.

Cook said that financing your own way with an ample cash investment is the key to launching your own products. HCC accounting instructor Cathy Pitts agrees.

"The number one reason small businesses fail is a lack of up-front investment," said Pitts, "You need to investigate how much cash you need to start with. You also need to be willing to work many hours."

Cook works at his business whenever time permits. "I just use what I can, a half hour here, a couple more hours there," he said. Working toward being a chiropractor, Cook is currently immersed in science classes at HCC. "My prerequisite is to transfer to a chiropractic college," said Cook. With his varied interests, Cook still believes in having his own business in the future, whatever type. "If you own your own business, that's where all the money is, instead of working for someone only to retire with a gold watch and a pension," said Cook.





# Where Do We Go From Here?

by Carmine Coburn

After all of the hard work, dedication, blood, sweat, and tears, the time has finally come for many to graduate from our beloved Highline Community College. This should be one of the happiest times of your life.

So why, then, does it seem so stressful?

Graduation can be one of the most anticlimactic events you might ever experience. All students strive for the day when they will have accomplished what they came to HCC to accomplish. Students come from near and far to earn the credits, get the training, and gain the knowledge

they need to become successful out in "the real world." That's the tough part, though, isn't it? Venturing out of the nest, and learning to fly in the real world.

"Any major transition period in your life always raises concerns or causes stress," says HCC counselor Lance Gibson.

Some HCC students may be

moving into the job market trying to find a job in the field they've been studying for, others may be transferring to a university, or maybe even entering the military, or getting married and starting a family. No matter where you're going anxiety is sure to follow.

comfortable environment. It's big enough to provide variety and challenges, and only when it comes time to leave do many realize the comfort zone HCC has been for them.

"Some people thrive on change, while others approach change with tremendous anxiety,"

says Gibson. "But if we are to grow, we must have change," Gibson adds.

Change in this case can mean many things. Many will be moving out into the job market and their main concern is whether or not they can take the knowledge

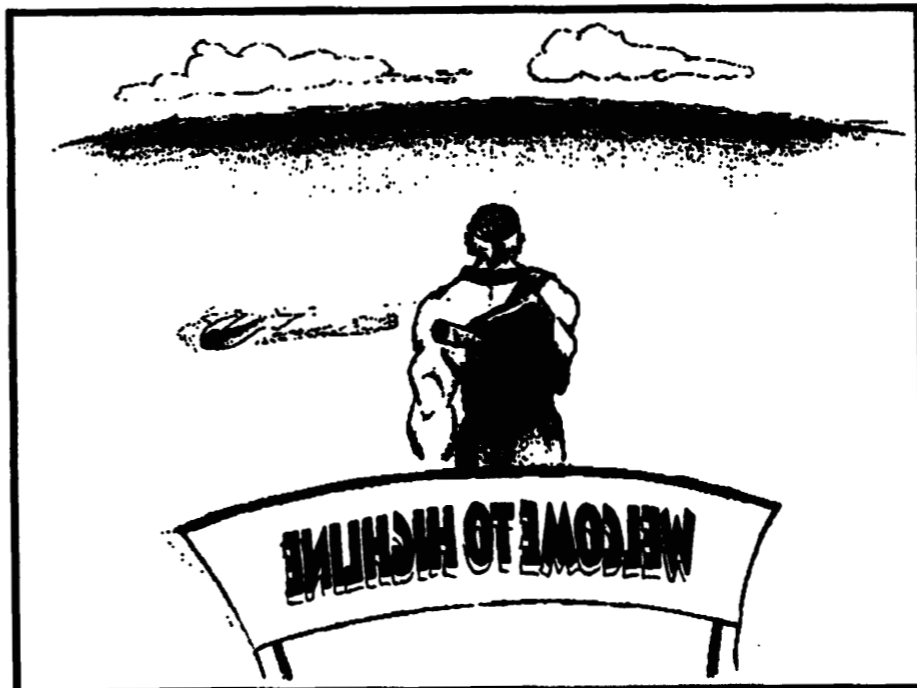


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"The big transition periods in our life bring about a lot of uncertainty, and we begin to question our ability to cope and manage with what's ahead," says Gibson.

As much as it is sometimes painful to come here, HCC provides us with a warm and

they have gained and be successful in this competitive world. "I feel like a small fish in a big pond sometimes," says HCC student Christina Peske. This is the biggest concern of most students. College may give you the knowledge and training, but that's as far as it'll take you. The rest is up to you. This can



# Post-graduation anxiety builds at HCC



be a major source of stress.

Others may be transferring to a university, which may require moving away from family and friends. A move like this may require giving up old loves as well. This brings up questions such as, will I find another love and meet new friends? "I'm looking forward to going to a new school, but I'm going to miss my friends a lot," says HCC student Crystal Deeds, who is planning to transfer to Central Washington University.

With all of these questions and uncertainties, how can you keep from going insane from stress and anxiety? "When you walk down the isle at graduation, it's symbolic of a change in life," says Gibson. "We must all accept change as a natural part of life," Gibson states.

The best thing anyone can do to help keep all of these anxieties at bay is to realize that change is not necessarily a bad thing. Try to keep it all in perspective and take things one day at a time. A common fallacy most students fall into is that they are the only ones facing the dilemmas, and no one understands what they are going through. This is not true. If you are feeling a lot of stress and anxiety about what lies ahead, your fellow students can be a great support group. This also offers you the comfort in

knowing that you aren't alone in this crazy world. Another resource that HCC students have the privilege of using is the counseling center. More than likely the counselors have heard what you have to say many times before, and could offer some consoling words of advice.

"Everyone stresses the importance of having an education, but now that I have it, I feel like, o.k. now what?" says HCC student Travis Jilbert. Many students share this sentiment, because they are not sure what is out there or what they are up against. Students need to realize that they probably felt the same way when graduating from high school, but they have persevered, and made it this far. This is just the next phase of life, and like it or not we all must one day leave the nest.

"Change is natural, nothing stays the same forever," says Gibson.

So, as much as students might feel like they are alone, and no one can possibly know what they are going through, think again. Many are in the exact same boat. Be positive, and keep persevering, this is what separates the successful people from the others. You've been working this long, so don't give up now.

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## Suggestions of things to do to help alleviate anxiety and as a present to yourself.

- List ten things you do well.
- Let someone do you a favor.
- Encourage a young person.
- Take a risk.
- Drop a quarter where someone will find it.
- Just sit looking at the lake or ocean.
- Give yourself a compliment.
- Break a pattern that's holding you back.
- Try to feel another person's hurt (or joy).
- Take an early morning walk.
- Contact someone you've been thinking about.
- Take yourself to lunch.
- Read a poem aloud.
- Draw a picture, even if you can't draw.
- Enjoy silence.
- Go for a swim.
- Start a new project.
- Send a card to someone for no reason.
- Follow an impulse.
- Return something you borrowed.
- Laugh at yourself.
- Allow yourself to make a mistake.
- Forget an old grudge.



# No Where To Run To

## *What happens after being an athlete at HCC?*

by Troy Legaspi

Being an athlete is not all fun and games, as one may think. There's the pressure of school, work and friends. Another thing that is on the minds of every athlete is what they will do after they graduate.

Many athletes, after Highline Community College, go on to other things aside from sports. "I'm done with sports," said Dave Richardson, who was on the HCC wrestling team. After Highline, he will go on to other things. Which is all right, according to Margo Buchan, the academic advisor for student athletes at Highline. "Graduating our athletes is priority number one," said Buchan. It is her job to ensure that the athletes graduate. "I help them pick out their classes," said Buchan, who is also responsible for ensuring the athletes have a reasonable class schedule that they can handle. "I'll never allow one of my athletes to take three sciences in one quarter."

Buchan loves working with the athletes, probably because she has nine kids of her own. The practice she has received by raising her own kids, and helping them through school, has paid off

in a big way. She's had a great deal of success in helping the athletes with their academics, and keeping their grades up. Over the last two years there has been only a few athletes who were lost from an HCC team due

Some students will continue sports in a four year college. Take, for example, Isiah Mahmood, who runs on the track team. He has been recruited by the University of Washington and Washington State University, but is currently undecided. Another student who will continue playing after leaving HCC is Vicki Watson, of the women's basketball team. She'll play for Highline next year, but will transfer to Seattle University and play there. Both students have received awards for keeping their GPA's well over the 3.0 line. With their excellent academic record, along with their awesome athletic ability, they will be receiving scholarships from four year schools.

It is easy to overlook the daily activities an athlete must go through. Practice alone can take up to several hours a day. On top of that, some athletes even hold down a job on the side.

With such a hectic daily schedule, it is understandable that an athlete can be overwhelmed by studies, friends, work, and even practice. Still, most of them manage to pull through and make the best of the situation.

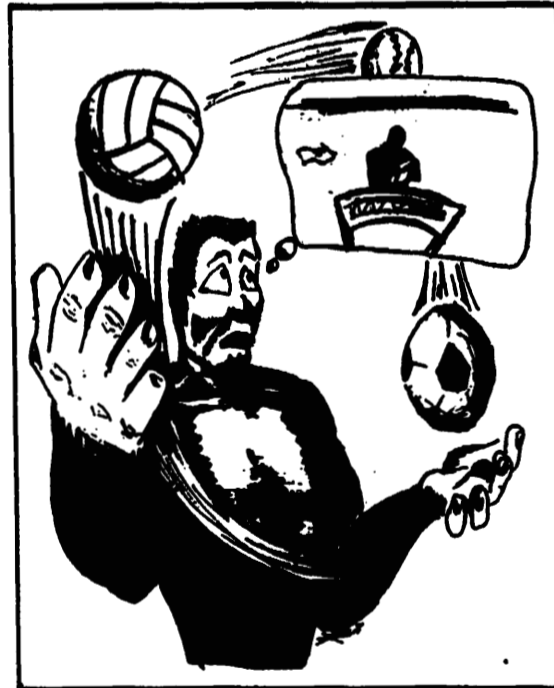


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to bad grades. It is noteworthy that four wrestlers from Highline made it to the Nationals this year.

Others still want to play sports after Highline. Fasil Teka, who plays soccer for HCC, wants to play football for the University of Washington. Another athlete, Brian Pierce, who wrestled and also ran on the track team, also wants to be a football player.

# The Rock Concert is Over

## *Rocky Adams has left the building*

by Tina Phelps

After 30 years of making Geology 101 more than just a required class, Bob "Rocky" Adams will retire from his full-time teaching position at Highline Community College this summer.

"I'm pretty enthusiastic about geology still, and probably always will be," Adams said.

At the end of spring quarter, 1996, he will continue his persistent interest in geology by teaching part time, attending national conventions about the subject, and traveling to different places for field studies.

During the last three decades, Adams has dedicated himself to teaching the process of the earth's formation and all that is involved in its constant changes. At the same time, he has aimed to keep the subject interesting for students.

On the first day of a class, for instance, he introduced himself as "Rocky" and explained there would be "rock concerts" throughout the quarter. It was a humorous way to lighten the stress of taking exams about rocks and minerals. Then he apologized for not being able to get the real Rolling Stones. A d a m s

said he always tried to create enthusiasm for the sciences in students by helping them to be more aware of the world around them. He has taken his summer classes on field studies to various states and national parks, including Hawaii and the Grand Canyon, to see for themselves the amazing structures of the earth.

Theresa Strutynski, a student at

grow because of his hard work in and out of the classroom.

Erickson said Adams is exceptionally skillful at teaching in the field because he helps students to really see the landscape and to realize how fascinating its formation is. She talked to students after coming back from a trip with Adams and they said they were "totally enthralled" with the experience.

Adams will help in the review process to find his replacement, and Erickson feels the department will need his expertise to find a well-trained geologist.

"He is a significant and solid part to our program. We are apprehensive about him leaving and hope that we can find someone as strong and sturdy to replace him," Erickson said.

Adams, an Endicott, NY, native, didn't have an interest in science during

the early years of his education. "When I was in high school there weren't any geology classes, only geography," he said.

Adams was more interested in music. He is competent in playing numerous woodwind instruments but he realized it would be hard to make a living using his talent.

He took the geography class in

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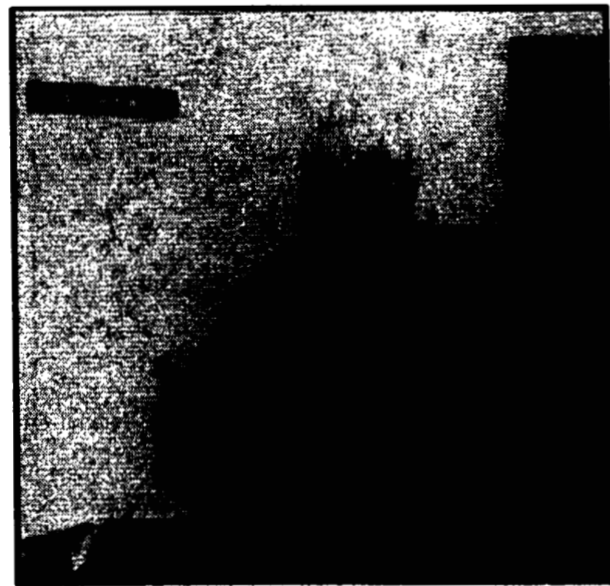


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HCC, said, "I think he's very knowledgeable, and he's fun."

Gina Erickson, the coordinator of Life, Earth General Sciences at HCC, said the geology class is respected now because of the "exceptional effort" Adams puts into the program. She has known him for 27 years and in that time has seen the science department



# What's Up, Doc?

*Vice-president of Academic Affairs: where has he been, what has he done, and where is he going?*

By Frank J. Webb

Meetings, committees, phone calls, off-campus, back on-campus, and big decisions are just some of the typical duties that have been keeping Dr. Jack Bermingham busy for the last two years.

Bermingham is the vice-president of academic affairs at Highline Community College. In his position he is duly responsible for making the decisions of what courses are available to you, what is taught, and how to supply them within the budget.

But controlling HCC's curriculum is not the only aspect of his job. He also works to connect the college with the community, advancing diversity, and developing good relations with the local high schools.

So how has he done? Spanning his first two years Bermingham has, and still is, working with the two largest labor unions in the state to learn how to better fulfill the needs of the work force. The two are also working together to meet the educational needs of laborers, ensuring that the labor field is accessible to them, and that they are receiving the proper training.

Also in the field of connecting with the community Bermingham is working with the Federal Way School District superintendents and high school principals in increasing

technology and awareness of issues that affect the students.

Bermingham, on advancing diversity, has been somewhat concerned. His hope is to have each student learn to understand at least one other culture in some depth. Slow changes that have been made are the employment of staff, and the enrollment of students, with different ethnic backgrounds. He also realizes that additional changes are necessary

a busy day outside of school filled with work, studies, a family, or all three.

Bermingham wants the students to realize the importance of their schooling. One way to promote this is by pushing for an abundance of access to the faculty for students Bermingham said. He wants faculty to become more directly involved in student advising while having more general contact outside of the classroom. The reason being is for students to feel that they are a part of HCC and not just a passing face on campus or another body taking up space in the classroom.

"He is doing an exceptionally fine job," said HCC president, Ed Command. "His input on curriculum and instruction are very valuable."

Looking into the future Bermingham sees himself staying at HCC, rather than returning to Pacific Lutheran

University now that his leave of absence is up. He looks forward to the challenge of keeping up with technology and having the most current resources on campus. He understands technology is playing an increasing role, as well as a more important one, in education and in the real world. The real challenge is seeing himself juggling the budget, due to the amount of funding, to continuously update the schools computers with the current software.



*Bermingham, all smiles. photo by Charles Johnson*

to obtain the improvements needed. Bermingham is currently looking into programs such as study abroad and exchange students.

With all that he has accomplished in his time at HCC, what is his proudest achievement? Bermingham has focused long and hard on helping students feel connected to the college. In a time when the majority of students are commuters, it is tough for them to connect with the school, while having

# Interactive Communications Media Specialist Program



*HCC may soon be helping to meet occupational needs of the community*

by Glenn Flaathen

If you are into interactive communications, you might get lucky this fall quarter. HCC may be adding a new occupational program to its list soon.

HCC has sent in applications to start the Interactive Communications Media Specialist Program. An HCC faculty committee sent this application on April 18. It will take about six to eight weeks to know if they are being funded. The Employment Training Trust Fund, a committee that rewards colleges with out-of-state money, will decide if this program is worth \$83,380 of funding. Unless it is funded, the program is a no go.

The Employment Training Trust Fund receives out of state money, and rewards it to community and technical colleges by committee. The funding will last for one year, and then will be renewed if the program is successful.

"This is a good program for people who want to go into the multimedia communications field," said Susan Landgraf, a journalism and writing instructor. "It's

good for a 2-year AA degree, or it's transferrable."

The program will focus on technical expertise in communications and management skills. RATEC (Regional Advanced Technology Education Consortium), a research organization, found that the Interactive Communications Media Specialist Program would make a student eligible to go into the following fields after two years in the program: systems

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analyst, operating systems analyst and programmer, data and database analyst, librarian, communications technician, customer service representative, graphic designer, etc.

"There are many jobs out there calling for two year degrees in the interactive communications field now, so you can get a job earning more than a living wage just after two years of college," Landgraf said. "We think that there are jobs in the media out there for people, and it's just beginning to show."

"We sent in five proposals, which will help people who hope to change their careers," said Bob Eley, Dean of Instructions for Occupational Programs. "The need for these jobs were revealed through economic development councils in King County, Oregon and the State of Washington."

"Because the jobs are out there, and we have existing faculty, this is a dynamic program," Landgraf said. "King County has also been shown to be the mecca of the multimedia communications program."

Prior to applying for funding, HCC formed its own advisory committee for the program. Now, they're waiting to see if they can start offering the program this fall quarter. Currently, the faculty committee is not sure who the instructors for the interactive communications program are, but Landgraf said that they definitely would use some of the journalism and writing instructors who currently work at HCC.

This program can attract students interested in interactive communications to HCC, but it is still to be seen if the program will be funded.

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high school and enjoyed it, so when he entered college an instructor recommended a geology class. Adams immediately knew that he wanted to learn more about the subject. "I was hooked after the first course," he said.

He graduated from the University of New York, Binghamton, with a bachelor's degree in 1959. Adams then went on to work towards a master's and doctorate when he was accepted at numerous colleges throughout the U.S., including the University of Washington.

Throughout the years of his education, and for a short time afterward, he worked many odd jobs relating to the field of geology.

Adams was working part time as an engineering geologist with Metropolitan Engineers when he started his teaching career at HCC in 1965. The position at Highline was also part time because Geology 101 was a night class and the only one offered at the time. Adams worked both jobs until he recommended the full time geology program.

He has remained at Highline the entire 30 years, even though he was offered a job in Saudi Arabia about 10 years ago. Part of the reason Adams declined the job offer was because it would require him to be gone for three years and he could only get a leave of absence from teaching for two. Adams didn't want to give up the teaching career he had spent so much time building.

Adams will go on field studies this summer and accompany

students to Deception Pass and Eastern Washington for two days. Most of the students will be teachers who want to learn more about geology for their own classes. He also plans to do some geological studies in Europe for his own personal enrichment and relaxation.

Besides spending time with his wife, who will retire from teaching in about a year, and his son, Adams will consider taking some classes just for the fun of it. "I don't want to quit completely," he said.



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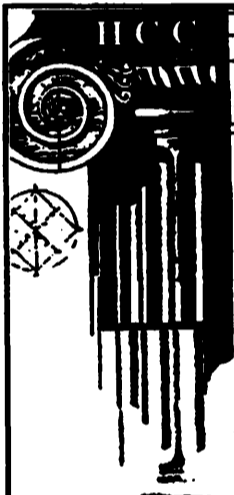
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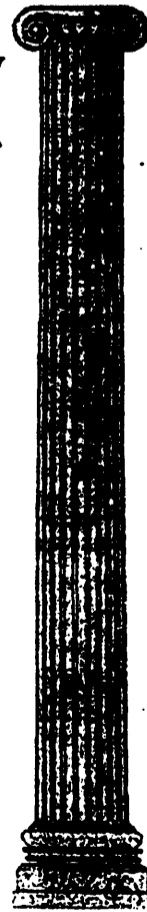
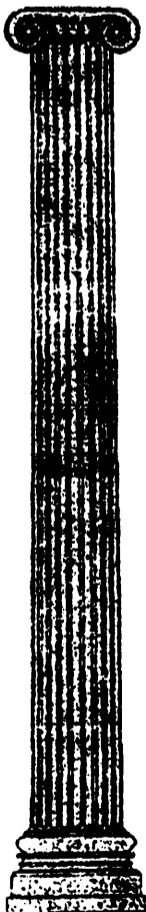
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This schedule may change. Added or cancelled classes are published as a schedule supplement and posted in the Registration area, the Student Center, faculty buildings, and the Advising Center.

All examinations will be given in the regularly assigned classroom.

Evening and Saturday examinations (including 4:00 p.m. classes) should be scheduled for the class period immediately preceding the last Thursday of the quarter (June 8). Instructors will announce dates and times.

### Tuesday, June 4

8:00- 9:50 ..... ALL 8:00 MWF and Daily Classes  
10:00-11:50 ..... ALL 11:00 MWF and Daily Classes  
12:30- 2:20 ..... ALL 1:00 MWF and Daily Classes  
2:30- 4:20 ..... ALL 3:00 MWF and Daily Classes

### Wednesday, June 5

8:00- 9:50 ..... ALL 7:00 MWF and Daily Classes\*  
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12:30- 2:20 ..... No exams scheduled  
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\*Instructors may begin exam at 7:00 a.m. for student convenience.





# Software Reviews

By Troy Legaspi



## Netscape Navigator 3.0 Atlas (PC) Price (Approx.) \$79

The Internet is the world's largest source of publicly accessible information and truly brings meaning to the term "Information Age." Access only requires a home computer with a modem, an online server, and of course, the web browser.

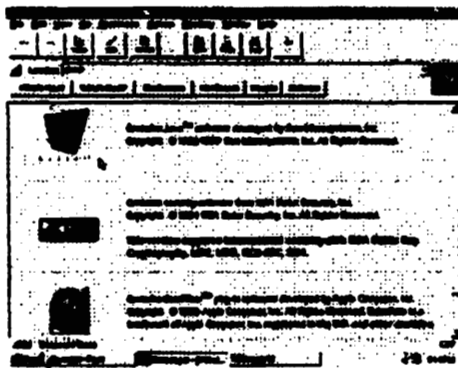
Marc Andreessen and the boys at Netscape are at it again with their new and improved Netscape Navigator 3.0, incorporating Java into their system, along with Live-3D graphics (VRML) that take advantage of the graphic capabilities of the Pentium processors that have become almost standard fare in today's home computers. The speed and clarity of the 3D objects have to be seen to be believed.

Other plug-ins include CoolTalk, a form of Internet telephone, allowing users to speak to each other in real-time over the Internet, and also a live radio plug-in. A notable contender among the many third-party plug-ins is Shockwave technology. The Shockwave shock-baubles, the applets that are added to web pages, can turn a dull and gray web page to a page full of color and animation. Again, these must be seen in action in order to comprehend them.

The addition of frames takes it a step ahead of other browsers in the technology race. Frames allows you to view several pages in different frames -- all at once.

The e-mail handling program has been tweaked, having more options like an address book with nicknames and multiple folders, clearly an improvement over 1.2. Also in the Windows Gold versions of Netscape, an HTML editor has been added.

Already supported by many third party developers and having power and ease of use that rivals Microsoft's Internet Explorer, Netscape Navigator 3.0 Atlas is a powerful web browser indeed.



## Torin's Passage (PC) Price \$39.99

If you're into the King's Quest series of adventures, then you'll enjoy Torin's Passage, the newest installment in the line of animated adventures from Sierra. Set in the magical world of Strata, divided into five chapters, our hero Torin sets off on a quest to rescue his kidnapped parents from the witch Lycentia.

Controlled by mouse, the interface is very easy to use and takes no time at all to get used to. A strange navigator view is at the bottom containing the inventory items Torin is carrying and Boogie's, Torin's sidekick.

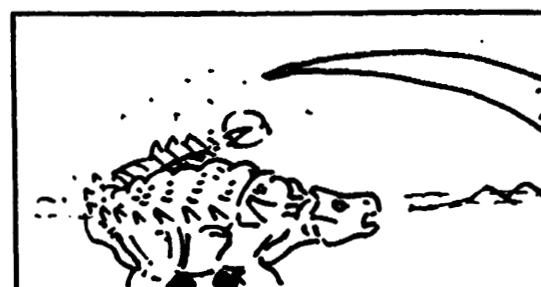
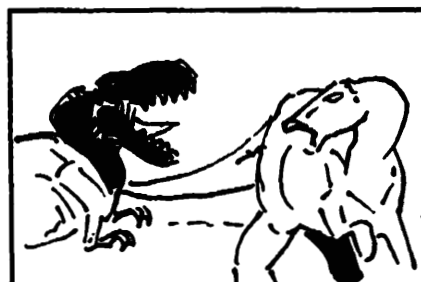
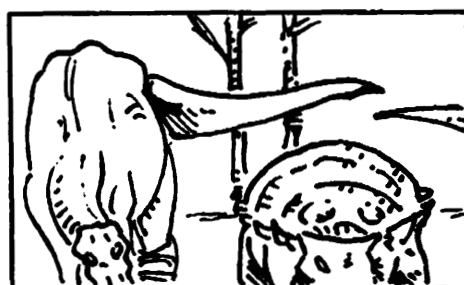
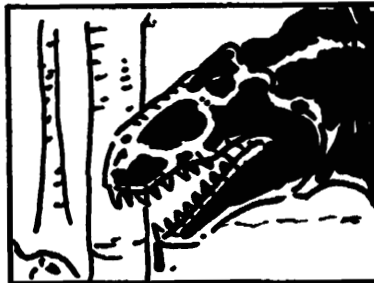
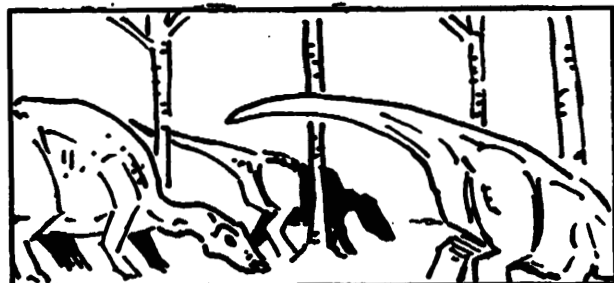
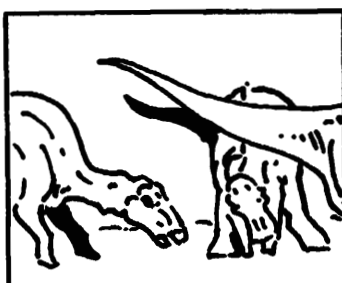
Perhaps the best part of the game is its graphics.

The animation is of cartoon quality and the audio gives an atmosphere that can make you momentarily forget you're playing a game. Humor is abundant in the game as Torin encounters a myriad of strange characters such as talking snails, a two headed vulture, a family inside a TV show, anything imaginable in a pleasantly abnormal cast.

Though aiming to be a game for the entire family, kids will find it's humor and odd characters fun to watch. There's even an "easy game" for kids. Some of the harder puzzles in the game can be passed by skipping chapters. Torin's Passage, though in the guise of a kid's game, has enough variety for everyone.

# Cretaceous Circumstance

Art & Story by Chris Dalan



**Part Three: Surprise!:** Sixty five million years ago, a rogue Tyrannosaurus Rex bull moves in to ambush a herd of duck-billed Edmontosaurus. An adult Edmontosaurus falls behind as the herd moves off grazing. Sighting his prey the Tyrannosaurus lunges forward from the trees. Unfortunately an unsuspecting Anodontosaurus is caught in the middle. The Edmontosaurus stumbles over a Anodontosaurus, leaving the Tyrannosaurus to receive the brunt of the Anodontosaurus' irritation. Severely bruised by the Anodontosaurus' clubbed tail the hungry Tyrannosaurus limps off.



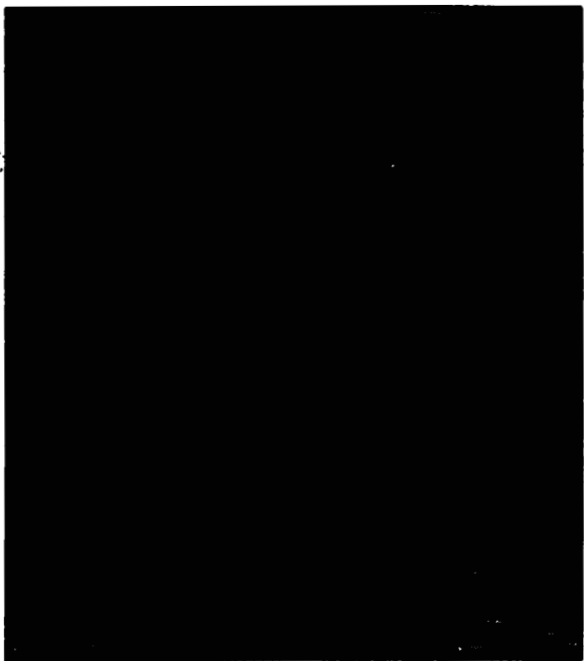
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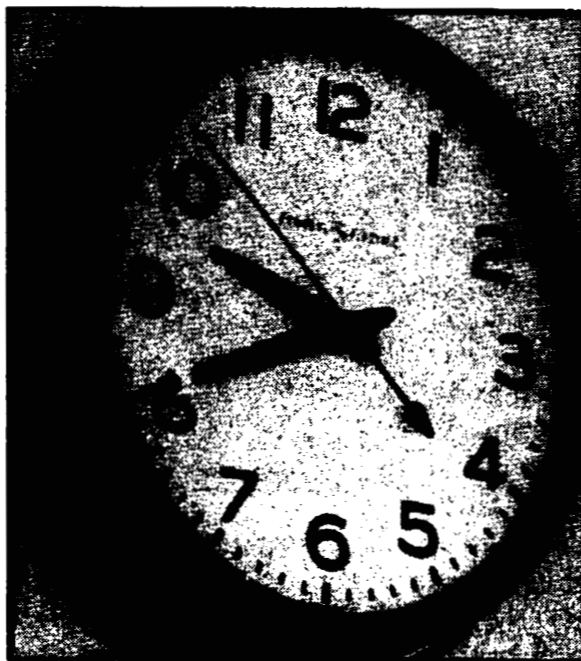
Father time says another quarter has come to an end. No matter how you calculate the hours, it is over. Each timepiece represents another question for the future.



*The sands of time move forward*



*The sun is setting on many students time at HCC.*



*Time will spin on forever, but mortals only have a moment.*



# Lookin' Prime

## *Supersonics finally have the ball in their court*

by Glenn Flaathen and Frank J. Webb

The monkey is dead! After two years of first round playoff disappointments, the Sonics are looking prime toward the NBA Finals this year.

So why has this year's team had such great success, compared to the capable teams of the last two? It's simple, team chemistry and attitude. There is no bickering heard echoing through the halls of the Sonics practice facility this year. The players act as a team rather than a bunch of individuals playing together. Laughter and practical jokes are not uncommon during practice or in the locker room before games.

The two Sonic superstars, Gary Payton and Shawn Kemp, both with new found maturity, have directed and led the team to winning ways in the post season.

Payton, the NBA defensive player of the year, has been the leader of the unpredictable Sonic's defense. Without Payton, the Sonics would just have been a mere shadow of what they are

with him. With his trash talking and intense defense, he has proven to be one of the premier point guards in the NBA. At press time, with Payton running the show, the Sonics are up 2-0 in the Western Conference Finals against the Utah Jazz.

Kemp, who is showing increased maturity game by game, is controlling the rebounding for the Sonics, and slamming thundering jams with consistency, as well as hitting his jumpshot. He has become the focal

huge. Sam Perkins has blossomed off the bench with newly acquired energy to hit the open three pointer, and secure an occasional rebound. Nate McMillan has not only been a defensive threat, but an offensive one as well. He is currently the leader of three point field goals in the playoffs, with a 65 percent average. Vinnie Askew has been a strong body in the paint as a defender by intimidating opposing ball handlers. Last, but not least, we have Frank Brickowski, who is one of the all time

instigators, and helps the team by banging a few bodies to the floor with his aggressive defense in the key.

The man responsible for the resurgence of the squad is head coach George Karl. He has molded this team into a severe title contender, seeing that they are two victories away from the NBA Finals. One has to give Karl a lot of

credit, since he has bounced back from the previous years of criticism to propel the team into a potential NBA Championship.

As Kemp said after a game against Houston, "Only the sky is the limit now, baby!"



*The glove handles the ball.*

point of the offense. When Kemp is being guarded by more than one defender underneath the basket he has dependably been able to find the unguarded man to hit the open shot.

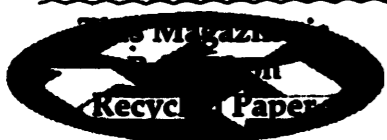
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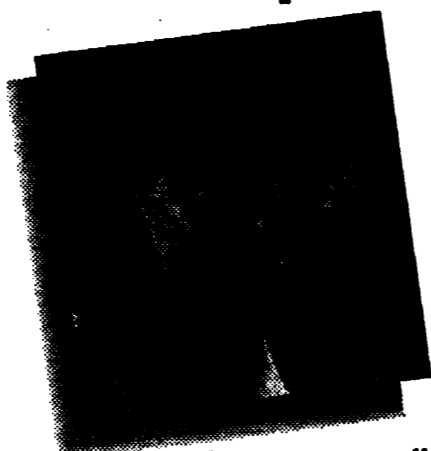


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when you're here on campus." She has even managed to take some courses on her own at HCC, yet kept the business a priority.

The Scotts have enjoyed their change of lifestyle to the fullest while being a part of HCC's environment. They have nothing but big plans for the future, possibly a real, honest to goodness coffee shop, roasting their own beans. "It really is a community here," said Pamela, "It's fun to take part in everything that goes on around the campus."

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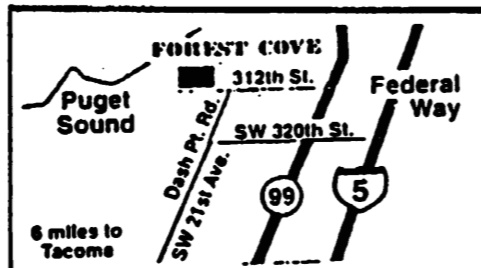
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