Darkened campus worries students

But more crime occurs in daylight, campus security officials say

By J. Chang

Walking through the dark, decades pasting ice, checking your personal belongings, but not finding them. The campus is pretty well deserted, but the campus' evening population worries students.

Campus security officials say the college's evening population, including students and staff, increases compared to the morning, with the time and day of the week.

Campus Police Chief Glenn Brooks said, "The campus is pretty well deserted, but the evening population, including students and staff, increases compared to the morning, with the time and day of the week. This is why we have a night security presence. But more crime occurs in daylight, including on campus. We have enough people on duty, including on the main campus and the library, to provide a sense of safety.

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Advising week offers students a clue

By Mike Etzcorn
Staff Reporter

Advising week allows students to meet with faculty advisors and make decisions about their education. Due to the lack of students to meet with faculty, classes at certain times will be canceled. At 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. hours classes opened up for students to get advice. On Feb. 13, classes at 9 a.m. and noon will be called off. At these hours, faculty will be in their offices to advise students.

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Oka Castro hired to spread diversity

By Dana Joseph
Staff Reporter

Toni Castro and Kayleen Oka want to improve opportunities for students of color at Highline College and they plan to accomplish this. Oka wants to improve opportunities for students of color at Highline College and they plan to attend.

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Vietnamese club celebrates year of Ox

By Jenny Hagan
Staff Reporter

The Vietnamese club is putting on a Chinese New Year celebration at noon, Friday, Feb. 7, in Building 7. Many activities will be going on to welcome in the Ox, the Chinese Zodiac animal for the year of 1997.

Chinese New Year has a fixed date according to the second new moon after the winter solstice. The date falls somewhere between Jan. 21 and Feb. 19.

The start of the Chinese New Year is associated with history, therefore no numerical value is assigned. Their religious background involves clearing away bad luck of the old year and having a clean slate for the new one.

Many different traditions are involved with this 15-day celebration. In China, many businesses shut down for everyone to enjoy the celebration, house-cleaning and payment of debts, and is also a time to give to the poor and elderly special family members.

Fund-raisers were put on by the Vietnamese club in order to make this event free. Some of the different fund-raisers were a dance during last quarter and a gift wrap during the Christmas holiday.

"This is an event we put on every year," said Thao Nguyen, vice president of the Vietnamese Club. "If we don't raise enough money, we have a potluck, but this year we raised enough money.

The Vietnamese club is putting on Chinese New Year because they have very similar cultures. Many years ago the Vietnamese and Chinese language were the same.

This free celebration will have decorations that will brighten up the room. Traditional games and activities such as bingo and Karaoke will be provided as well as ethnic foods. Nguyen said that there is also going to be a raffle and gambling to bring in good luck for the New Year.

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By Eryn Redmond
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Editorial
Not raising tuition is the best financial aid

Recently, the Thunderword ran a story about future tuition hikes, and to be fair, the newspaper also spoke about plans for increased financial aid. This topic will of course lead to conversation between students, and conflict between student and school.

Beyond the feeble protesting that goes on, there is an issue here: many of our schools are allowing to be overlooked. At HCC for example our student center facility was designed for 2000 people. The school has an enrollment nearing 8000. You, tuition continues to increase, but are students getting more for their extra dollar? This is not to say that tuition isn't worth the education a person can get.

Along with considering whether higher tuition should be raised, the legislature should take a look at upgrading facilities to handle the rising number of students, furthering their education.

The government will also need to examine the fact that they will be pushing college out of reach for certain people. To counter that, government may contend that, more financial aid is to not increase tuition. Hard to argue with that.

Lost in all of this, is what might students think about these increases. Beyond, the fact that "it sucks," these tuition hikes can increase pressure for many students. Especially, those who work to pay for tuition and books. Those working students are accountable for a large part of today's community college population. With allowing tuition: hikes to increase, we run the risk of making fruitful college experiences become more difficult to come by. At times money, or the lack thereof, can be extremely stressful. As if being a full-time student isn't stressful enough.

While the lawmakers try to balance the budget, students must meticulously balance their check books. At times the responsibility of work and, the challenge of excelling in school, can conflict with one another. As it is now students are having to constantly juggle their lives between school and work. Giving a hike to tuition makes a student uphill battle even steeper. Unfortunately, this is not what politicians are most concerned about.

If and when government increases tuition, the students, who feel the biggest pinch from this, will hopefully amass the most reward.

If students were to see gains on their investments in their colleges, schools would surely see a continued increase in enrollment, due to a larger number of satisfied customers, in the form of returning students.

Letters to the Editor

The Thunderword will gladly accept letters to the editor from students, faculty, and staff. Letters will be edited for length (200 words or more) clarity and taste. Deliver them to Building 10, room 106, or mail them to Highline Community College P.O. Box 98600 Des Moines, WA 98198

HCC is missing a club

A couple of weeks ago Highline Community College held a club fair. This event was an opportunity for students to visit the various booths individual clubs had set up in the student center.

What I couldn't help to notice was that the clubs all seem to be special interest groups. The Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual club, the Veterans club, the Pacific Islands club, Black student union, just to name a few of the special interest type clubs that I am speaking of.

Now, before anyone gets the wrong idea, I'm not about to say a single negative word about any of these clubs. I am 100 percent for all of these clubs, and I wish them all continued success in the future.

The issue that I would like to raise is not about what was at the club fair, but what I found was missing. The idea occurred to me that there should be a club whose simplest job is to provide an avenue for people to meet each other.

I have touched before on the fact that since there is not an on campus population here at HCC, it can be hard to meet people.

This club I am proposing might even be useful in helping single people meet other single people.

Without any special interests or agendas in mind this club could help provide HCC with the sense of student unity that it is lacking.

I realize that the events board exists much for this reason, and a club like this could work in conjunction with the events board. Let's face it the events board does a great job, but it can be hard to arrange activities for the entire student population. A club like this would allow the students to be involved in not only organizing activities for students, but brainstorming what these activities might be.

Sometimes the hardest part is coming up with new and fun ideas for things to do.

What's on my mind...

By Caroline Coburn

So, what I'm suggesting is that there be a club created, (for lack of a better name I'll call it the Activities Club), and let's say I'm a new student and I'm looking to make new friends at HCC, I get involved with the "Activities club". Now not only am I immediately made aware of all the events this club is planning, but as a member of this club I can help with brainstorming ideas for upcoming activities.

Let's imagine another hypothetical. Let's say I'm a single guy and I want to meet some single people with similar interests. Having common interests is a great place to start when trying to establish relationships.

Anyway, the "Activities club" is planning a hiking trip, and it just so happens that I love to hike, and if I could meet a girl that enjoyed hiking too, I would be a happy camper (literally...get it?).

Well, I think you get the point. This idea would be for everyone, in fact it would be an even better club if all of the other clubs and club members were collectively, apart of this one.

Before I sat down to write about this idea I debated for quite some time. I didn't want to be one of those people who whine about things, but don't do anything about it. I will be graduating this spring from HCC, and who knows maybe I'll be going on to form my own "Activities club" wherever I transfer to. But, for now since I'm not going to be there I'll have to just hope that maybe by expressing my idea to others and the need for a club like this that other people will eventually make it a reality.

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Latin Jazz, hip-hop to rock Highline

By Matt Wade
Staff Reporter

A free concert featuring two local bands, beginning at 10 p.m. today in the student lounge, will perform first from 10 to 11. The Seattle-based duo was named Best of the Year by "Mass Magazine," a Northwest regional publication, and has been leading figure on Seattle's hip-hop scene.

"We haven't had hip-hop in here (Highline) for a very long time," concert coordinator Joe Siebert said. Latin-Jazz group, Sonando, plays second from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The seven-piece band mixes Afro-Cuban rhythms with the melodies of modern jazz. Formed in 1991, Sonando will feature both original compositions and modern jazz classics, as well as standards of traditional Latin Jazz. The band recently released its first record, Sonando performs Latin Jazz today at 11 a.m. in the Student Center.

Hot tip: Bad service equals no gratuity

Students give dining out mixed reviews

By Gladys Carpinello
Staff Reporter

You are sitting in a small café or maybe a 24-hour diner. Your server, Jack, looks everywhere but at you as he is taking your order. After telling him your order, he starts to talk to his friends for 20 minutes. Finally gets around to bringing you your meal. He forgets the extra ketchup for your fries and the Diet Coke you asked for. You never see him again; the restaurant isn't even big. How much do you tip?

A recent non-scientific survey of 100 Highline students revealed that most students will leave a smaller tip if given poor service. Jen Pulver describes poor service as the water glass remaining half full the whole time—at a spicy restaurant.

"That happened to me. I was choking on a hot pepper, so I ran to the bathroom and drank out of the faucet! Everyone was laughing. And when I came back, the glass was full. I didn't tip at all, and I almost didn't pay for the meal," Pulver said.

Five percent of the students surveyed do not tip regularly. "The most common reason is a lack of money. Ninety-two percent said that their tips reflect the service rendered—for better or for worse. The amount of the tip varies from 10-10 percent of the total bill. Twenty-nine students said that they tip 10 percent, 33 tip 15 percent and a few generous people tip up to 30 percent. Dating does not affect the amount of the tip, much. Seventy-three percent of those interviewed said that they tip the same if they are on a date or with friends. However, 15 students admitted that they try to impress the other person a little, especially on a first date.

As a write-in category, 12 women answered that they have never paid for a date. "That's what men see for," one girl said. Two of those women said that they pay for the tip, but that their boyfriends pick up the tab.

What about poor service? What if the server really renders or brings the wrong food, like the example, Jack? Eleven percent will still leave a regular tip. The majority of the students, however, will leave a smaller amount.

If the service is bad, 24 percent will stiff the server and 15 percent will leave an insulting tip. "If they just sent us and food, that's it. No tip," one student said. A couple of students will leave an insulting tip of two percent that said their tips reflect the service rendered—for better or for worse. The amount of the tip varies from 10-10 percent of the total bill.

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Highline Student

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A few people will leave a note explaining why they gave such a small tip. And two students said that they would talk to the manager if the service was really bad.

What happens on the other side of a tip? Josh Cantin, a pizza delivery, remembers the time that he received four cents after making eight deliveries in one day. The money wasn't even a real tip, it was left over change, he said.

Some people just have really bad days. So, you really blame the restaurant.

Lisa Graber

Aside from the occasional mishap, on a scale from excellent to poor, 58 percent rated their usual eating as providing good service. Sixteen percent went so far as to say that I percent said poor. The remaining 25 percent rated their most frequent place as having fair service. Many students explained that with a small budget, they often go to 24-hour restaurants, like Den-ny's. "If incredibly poor service is rendered, students are nearly di-vided about returning. Forty-seven percent would not return and 13 would consider not go-ing back.

Of those who were uncertain, the reasons for the bad service would help them to decide. Many students said that they would be understanding if the restaurant is understaffed, but if the servers are simply lazy.

"Some people just have really bad days. So, you really blame the restaurant," said Lisa Graber.

That leaves 40 percent who don't judge the restaurant too much on the service. Most of those who said that they would return would do so for good food. "Food is food. I don't care. You can serve it to me in a dog dish—as long as it's clean," said Russ Hake.

Star Wars' blasts back onto big screen

By Ryan Hillson
Staff Reporter

Hundreds of crazy fans camped out at local movie theaters last Thursday night in hope to see the re-release of an American classic, "Star Wars: A New Hope," opened Friday in theaters everywhere.

This is not the same movie that made its film debut about 20 years ago. It has been sliced with better special effects, digital sound and four and a half minutes of new never seen before, footage.

The story is the same, but along the way they throw in some new scenes to make it a little more interesting.

Luke Skywalker and Han Solo team up to help Princess Leia battle against the evil Empire.

The Rebellion intercepted plans about the Death Star, a planet sized battle station, built by the Empire. It has enough firepower to destroy an entire planet.

The Rebels hope that the plans will reveal a weak spot in the Death Star so they will be able to destroy it.

Most of the new scenes put into the movie have no real importance to the script. Most are there to make the movie look better. They may even cause a distraction to those who are looking for new scenes.

There is one new scene that helps explain some things in "Return of the Jedi." Jabba the Hut is being held by Han Solo in the new version. He has a lengthy conversation with Han and gives him another chance to pay him back before he sends someone after him.

The last fighting scene, when the Rebellion is attacking the Death Star, is totally remade with new special effects. It makes the scene 10 times better than before.

With the remake special effects and digital sound this movie is worth the price of admission. Even without the new scenes, this movie would still be worth seeing because everyone should be able to experience it on the big screen.

"Star Wars" is the first of three re-releases for George Lu-cas. He is bringing the entire trilogy back to theaters.

"The Empire Strikes Back" will be in theaters on Feb. 15 and "Return of the Jedi" can be seen on March 7.

Lucas is at work on the next three of what will someday be a nine-part series. The next installment does not come out in 1999.
Quiet Geise speaks loudly for T-Birds

By Kristen Couch
Staff Reporter

Six-foot ten-inch Josh Geise raises his long, lanky arms above all of the other reaching hands and grabs the basketball with an eager force. He brings it down to his chest and whips the ball up the court to his teammate who calls the play to be run.

Geise can rebound and score, he can dribble and pass, but when it comes to game time, his role is more of an en-courager from the sideline.

Geise is a sophomore at Highline Community College, both academically and athletically. He was one of the first recruits when Joe Callero returned to turn the Highline coaching job two years ago. Callero liked that he was a good local player from a winning program.

"Guys from winning programs know what it's like to turn to take the Highline program," said Callero. "Guys from winning programs know what it's like to run the team. As back-up center, he is still a part of the team. As back-up center, he keeps the game going when Scalabrine requires a rest. "You lose your back-up center, and you see what you're missing," said Callero.

Geise is a coach's dream, and Geise is that for Callero. He is always working hard and encouraging his teammates.

"I think we have a great chance of winning the NCAA/ACC championship as well as going undefeated," Geise said.

"Josh is sort of the unsung hero," Callero said.

Inside woes ground T-Birds

By Neil Dahlkevitc
Staff Reporter

The Highline women's basketball team is off to a 2-6 record that has the women wondering where the season went and how did they lose so many games.

The T-birds fell 59-50 against division-leading Skagit Valley last Wednesday, then stumbled 58-42 against Edmonds. Against Skagit, the T-birds were horrid once again with lack of an inside game and rebounding.

But the final scores didn't reveal the effort and poise of the Lady 'birds, who were in the game until the last five minutes.

Sophomore post Eryn Redmon said the team's lack of experience is telling.

"We are a young team and it sometimes shows in important situations," she said. "Maturity is one of the most important aspects of the game."

Poor rebounding and transition play by the T-Birds was a weak point in the the Edmonds game, weaknesses that were quickly picked up by the Edmonds head coach and exploited from the start.

The Thunderbirds were back in action last night versus Olympic and the score was not available at press time.

The next home game will be against Everett 6 p.m. Saturday at the Pavilion.

Relay team smashes record

Highline's 4x400-meter relay team set a school record at an indoor track meet last weekend in Moscow, Idaho.

The team finished fourth overall in the meet, which featured university, community college and unattached competitors from around the Northwest in the University of Idaho's Kibb Dome.

Dill set a school record with a time of 50.8 in the 400-meter dash, winning his heat and finishing 10th overall.

Highline's men's track team returns to Idaho for the McDonald's Invitational II on Feb. 15.

Basketball Standings as of 2-6-1997

Men's Northern Division League Overall Northern Division League Overall
Highline 8-0 21-0 Skagit Valley 8-0 19-2
Everett 6-2 15-6 Bellevue 6-2 14-8
Skagit Valley 4-4 13-7 Olympic 6-2 18-5
Olympic 4-4 12-9 Edmonds 4-4 9-12
Shoreline 3-5 9-9 Highline 2-6 4-14
Bellevue 3-5 8-9 Whatcom 2-6 4-15
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Wrestling Results HCC vs. Yakima Valley

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The T-Birds men's basketball team is on fire:

By Ben Erickson

Staff Reporter

The T-Birds are back in the spotlight after a standout performance against Skagit Valley (85-65) and Edmonds (92-72), securing their place at the top of the conference standings.

Last Wednesday, Jan. 30, the T-Birds defeated the Highline College Knights 92-72, maintaining their first place position. The team's victory was led by Reggie Ball, who had 15 points. Neil Demme added 15 points of his own, and Quincy Wilder contributed 13 points.

On Saturday, Feb. 2, the T-Birds faced the Yakima Valley College Titans at home and won 85-65. Quincy Wilder had another impressive performance with 21 points and six assists.

Wrestlers recovering for finals:

By Timothy Wyse

Staff Reporter

HCC's wrestlers slammed Yakima Valley College on Saturday and appear to be getting healthy for the regional tournament in Oregon City on Feb. 15.

In the 118-pound weight class, Aaron Hall defeated his opponent with a technical fall in the third round, winning 9-0.

In the 126-pound weight class, Raul Mitchell defeated his opponent with a fall in the second round, winning 15-2.

In the 133-pound weight class, Jason Olson defeated his opponent with a fall in the second round, winning 14-5.

In the 141-pound weight class, Quincy Wilder defeated his opponent with a fall in the second round, winning 12-1.

In the 158-pound weight class, Pete Pulver defeated his opponent with a fall in the second round, winning 16-4.

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In the 174-pound weight class, Pete Pulver defeated his opponent with a fall in the second round, winning 16-4.

In the 182-pound weight class, Pete Pulver defeated his opponent with a fall in the second round, winning 16-4.

In the 197-pound weight class, Pete Pulver defeated his opponent with a fall in the second round, winning 16-4.

In the 220-pound weight class, Pete Pulver defeated his opponent with a fall in the second round, winning 16-4.

In the heavyweight class, Pete Pulver defeated his opponent with a fall in the second round, winning 16-4.

Pulver said he doesn't think that anyone can get in the way of his goal of winning nationals.

"I just hope that at regionals I can wrestle with the best, and how it performs. I have two good competitors from Kansas to go against," Pulver said.

Wrestling is just like any other sport, in that I can have a day where I'm completely unstoppable. Then the next day, I can wrestle horribly and get beat by two or three teammates in practice," Pulver said.

"I just hope that at regionals and nationals it's not the latter of the two," he said.

History, now playing in the HCC pavilion:

Guest Commentary

By John Duss

There are only a few minutes in one's life, those precious few moments when you are touched. When something takes a hold of you so profound that it gives you a sense of history. Maybe it's a feeling that warms your body, some sort of spiritual intervention, perhaps a notion of fulfillment, or maybe just a capsule that will be swallowed, but never digested. For what reason, but it will be imagined in your mind. And even through time, it will preserve as it remains forever etched in the stone of your memory.

Rarely are we given the opportunity to see the best, to actually be part of an event so unique that it gives us the notion that we have truly witnessed something special. Just as a chemist excites over a rare and uncharted molecular structure, or a business professor leads over the stock market. As exhilarating as an astronomer's realization that there truly is life forms on Mars, to a writing instructor's correction of the perfectly punctuated paper. This year I have witnessed what is sure to be one of the, if not the, greatest players ever to play basketball at Highline Community College.

Head West my friends!

With Hercules type prowess, he explodes to the hoop, left behind are two defenders simply still trying to figure out how it happened, and at the next moment a simple kind of meltdown of the glass as he ducks his head to avoid hitting it on the backboard... "Wow!" His presence on the perimeter reminds his defender that it's about to happen again, just then the ball arrives and in pure desperation his defender backs off as not to get embarrassed again, too late... "What!... There! The ball rises into the air with seemingly no destination, surely it is out of reach, but then, like a rock exploding into the sky... Wow!... Dunk!... "Wow!"

This continues to happen over and over again. And as the crowd watches, it is truly evident that they have a specific agenda in mind. Sure they cheer for the others, but their true sentiments surround the anticipation of the next moment.

Several images come to mind when watching the guy nicknamed "Q". Ellis Fitzgerald stealing with such rhythmic perfection that the listener is swept away, forever. President J.P. Kennedy delivering the State of the Union Address as the American people sit glued to their televisions and radios, mesmerized as if all their cares have been forgotten. And Mr. Rainier, majestically yet tranquil, powerful yet pristine, a forever-lasting image ingrained in the minds of Northwesterners. Each one indeed, leaves you in a haze, spellbound by the performance you will not regret.

"Take some time and go see. This is, by all accounts, truly special, definitely something you will not regret. In fact, you might even thank me. This history, don't cheat yourself of the experience. Be a part of it, bathe in it, feel and enjoy and appreciate the beauty of it, you will not be sorry. And as the skies gray and the winter chills the marine air, head west to the bottom of campus. There lies the stage. The HCC pavilion. And in it you'll see a very special player, Mr. Quincy Wilder, performing one, even two nights a week. And believe me, it is a performance you will not soon forget."
Heating systems keep going cold

By Mary White

The age of Highline’s build-

ings is creating increasing prob-

lems with both the heating and

ventilation systems. “At Highline, it

seems that buildings are either

really hot or really cold,” said a stu-

dent.

Fred Babington, director of facili-

ties, said that one of the reasons is the

age of the buildings. They were

put in place when the college was

built, some 30 years ago. Unfor-

tunately, this is a fact of life in the

building maintenance sys-


tem.

Each system will eventually be replaced with a new and bet-

te system, but the school has to remodel the buildings first.

The college cannot afford to remodel all of the build-

ings at once, but over time the college hopes to have all of

them remodeled. “We remodel buildings one at a time, but

they were not put in place to be remodeled,” Babington said.

Now, the college is forced to do the repairs as they come.

“Unfortunately, we can’t do all the repairs at once,” Babington

said. “We have to prioritize the repairs.”

Babington said that the most common problem is with the

heating and ventilation systems. “It seems like every time we

remodel a building, there is a problem with the heating and

ventilation systems,” Babington said.

Babington said that the problem is with the age of the build-

ings. “We have old buildings, and the heating and ventilation

systems are not designed to handle the age of the buildings,”

Babington said. “The systems are reaching their end of life,

and we need to replace them.”

Babington said that the problem is not just with the heating

and ventilation systems. “We have a problem with the build-

ings themselves,” Babington said. “The walls and ceilings are

starting to crack, and the floors are beginning to sag.”

Babington said that the school is working on a plan to remod-

el the buildings. “We need to start planning for the remodel-

ling of the buildings,” Babington said. “We need to start

saving money for the remodelings.”

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Security offers tips for staying safe on campus

1. Use the buddy system—walking in groups of two or

more people—whenever possible.

2. Be aware of your surroundings—pay attention to

what is going on around you.

3. Know the college—be familiar with the

campus and its facilities.

4. Pay attention to your belongings—make sure

they are secure.

5. Check out any suspicious activity—report it to

the authorities.

6. Take advantage of the college’s safety pro-

grams—such as the Safety Patrol.

7. Stay informed—read the college’s safety

bulletins and reports.

8. Address any safety concerns—contact the

college’s safety office.

9. Take responsibility—be proactive about

your own safety.

10. Be kind to others—treat others with

respect and kindness.

The college offers these tips to help students stay safe on

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