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Darkened campus worries students

But more crime occurs in daylight, campus security officials say

Editors note: Highline after dark will be an on going series of stories about the concerns of the college's evening population.

By J. Chase
staff reporter

Walking through the dark, desolate parking lot, clutching your personal belongings, fear follows you to your car. The campus can be a scary place at night.

"The campus is pretty well defined compared to other campuses," said Glenn Brooks, Campus Police Chief. "We would like to see more lighting (added to the campus)."

Evening students say they are concerned about safety on campus.

"It would be nice to at least see an officer at night, to know that they really are present," one night student said.

"I've been attending Highline for over two years now and I have seen maybe one (officer) the whole time," said another.

Brooks said the Public Safety officers will escort anybody on campus who feels unsafe or threatened, including at night. On campus, call extension 3218 or 3219 and an officer will escort you to your car.

Report any cases of malicious harassment (unwanted attention given to one person continually after a request to stop

has been submitted), or of being stalked, immediately to the Public Safety office; either of these positions can put you in serious danger.

If you find yourself in a harmful situation, "Make a scene and get out of there. Get mad, angry and obnoxious. Kick, scream and bite ... do whatever you have to do to get away," Brooks said.

Brooks would like to get more hours for his existing staff. "We have enough (people on) staff. ...We'd like to upgrade the part time officers to 3/4 time, to allow for more security," Brooks said.

For now, 13 people work for the Public Safety office, including six full-time, five part-time, and two student officers. Depending on the weekday and the shift, officers are patrolling the campus on foot, on bicycles and in cars. The Des Moines Police also are called if back-up is needed, Brooks said.

With the purchase of the third bicycle this year the security is more efficient, Brooks said. "An officer on a bicycle can cover four times as much of the campus as an officer on foot can, in the same amount of time," he said.

Brooks said officers are patrolling the campus around the clock, with the number varying with the time and day of the week.

Brooks said that because the day student population is so



much greater, more crime actually occurs during the day.

Most crimes involve theft and property damage. Campus statistics indicate that during the 1995-96 school year, malicious mischief (damage to property) and motor vehicle theft increased compared to the year prior.

Larceny (theft of personal belongings) decreased slightly; still, nearly 60 incidents were reported.

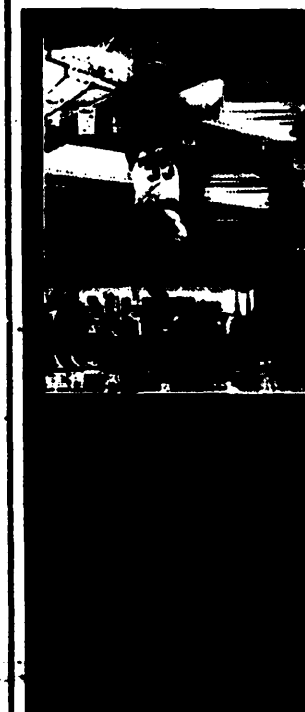
Statistics also show that during the 1995-96 school year, the reports of malicious harassment increased, and the first rape in

the past four years was reported.

A new program has been started for the Public Safety office, in cooperation with the Des Moines Police Department, to watch for such things as vehicle prowling, motor vehicle theft and malicious mischief. The program is called Crime Prevention, and it is targeted at patrolling the library and the Midway Drive-In parking lot to discourage further theft. In addition, the Des Moines Police are frequently present in the nearby areas.

You can take steps to keep yourself safe. See page 8

Advising week will make an encore appearance next week. See page 2

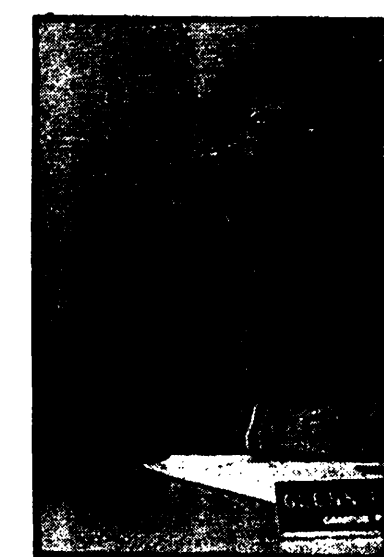


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"It is not of so much consequence what you say, as how you say it. Memorable sentences are memorable on account of some single irradiating word."
Alexander Smith



Glenn Brooks

By J.T. Coppola
Staff Reporter

A Highline employee has admitted responsibility for a series of bomb threats and resigned from the college, officials said this week.

The Des Moines Police Department has questioned the suspect, but no arrests have been made in the case.

"The case is still under investigation and is being reviewed by the King County Prosecutors Office for determination of charges," said Des Moines Police Lt. Kevin Tucker.

"There have been occasional bomb threats over the past three

years," said Laura Saunders, vice president of administration. "Investigation by the Des Moines Police Department has culminated in the resignation of an employee who has admitted responsibility for making these threats."

Several of the threats were made during evening hours, most recently disrupting classes in Building 10 on Jan. 14, and forcing relocation of a legislative candidates' forum last fall.

"They were very disruptive and frightening to students and staff," Saunders said.

Campus Police Chief Glenn Brooks said the threats should now end. "We are confident that

the bomb threats were hoaxes and the problem has been solved," he said.

Saunders said the case was turned over to Des Moines Police two years ago, although campus security continued to assist in the investigation.

"The Des Moines Police were very professional and thorough in their investigation," she said.

Lt. Tucker said Highline's cooperation was important. "We have a good, professional relationship with Highline's campus security," he said. "The relationship is one of the main reasons that this case has come to an end."

Advising week offers students a clue

By Mike Etzcorn
Staff Reporter

Winter quarter advising week will begin Feb. 10.

Advising week is a chance for students to meet with faculty advisors and make decisions about their education. Due to advising week, classes at certain hours will be cancelled each day.

On Tuesday, Feb. 11, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. classes will be cancelled. Wednesday, Feb. 12 will

see 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.

Beyond advising week, Highline has other opportunities for student to get help planning their educational future.

The educational planning center, located in Building 6, is open Monday through Friday for open advising. The center

also accepts appointments.

"Most students come to us wanting to know what else they need to graduate," Educational Planner Siew Lai Lilley said.

The goal of the planning center is to quickly answer questions students might have, or at least point them in the right direction.

Another option for students is to choose a faculty adviser. "Getting a faculty adviser is a good idea especially if you are going into a specific field," Lil-

ley said.

Susan Landgraf is a faculty adviser for the Journalism department. "I advise about 50 students but I don't see them all every quarter. I tell students about good classes and what I know about other classes that they might have questions about," she said.

"I will never enroll in another quarter without seeing an adviser first," student Kevin Wintersteen said. "I took five credits for nothing last quarter."

All talent welcomed in search

By W.B. Heming
News Editor

The Events Board is scouring the campus looking for talented students to participate in the all campus talent search auditions. Comedy acts, singers and bands are all welcome.

The real performances will take place later. "It's a talent search, it's not a show," said Josie Siebert, Events Board coordinator and children's and community programs chairperson. "We're trying to find talent so we can use it later."

The talent search will be held in the Artist Lecture Hall inside Building 7, Feb. 11 and 14 from noon-2 p.m. and on Feb. 13 from 6 p.m.-8 p.m.

Acts should be 10-15 minutes long, Siebert said.

A winner will be chosen from each of the days. These winners will then be invited to perform at future events. Those future events, such as the March 6 Thunderfest concert and Spring Fever, could pay \$50-\$175 per performance.

"If an act is chosen, [they should] be prepared to go anywhere from 15 minutes to an hour in a performance," Siebert said.

To participate in the talent search, potential stars need to sign up in the Student Programs Office in Building 8. The Student Programs Office will be open for sign ups today and tomorrow 8 a.m.-4 p.m. and Feb. 10, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

Acts will be judged by the Events Board and possibly members of the student government, Literature and Fine arts chairperson Sara Moulton said. The judges will be looking to see "if [they] really like them and if they are usable in upcoming events," she said.

For more information, contact Moulton at the Events Board office inside Building 8, or call ext. 3903.

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 implement many new programs to accomplish this.

Castro is the director of multicultural services. She is a second generation Mexican and the first of her family to attend college. Toni Castro

did on a minority scholarship. Castro received her bachelor's degree in rehabilitation therapy from University of Pacific at Stockton, California and her master's in educational counseling from Cal State University.

Oka was recently hired by the Student Programs Office as the new multicultural student programs coordinator.

She was born in Canada and moved to the U.S. five years ago. She graduated with a bachelor's degree in English and mass communication and taught English in Japan for a time before returning to the U.S. to complete her master's course work in intercultural management.

Oka speaks Japanese, French and English. Castro and Oka share the same focus and that is to develop leadership skills through education, career and academic advising, advocacy and necessary services to insure that these students graduate and become successful in their chosen professions.

"I must give credit for the things that were accomplished before I came," said Castro. "The faculty development team has laid a good foundation in terms of curricular inclusion."



Photo by Bruce Jarrell
Kayleen Oka discusses upcoming events with a student at a recent International club meeting.

But including ethnic studies, which Castro feels should be a requirement, is not enough.

Castro wants to see a more ethnically diverse faculty, believing that it will make a difference in the number of new minority applicants and the retention of those students already

here. In particular it may increase the hispanic population on campus which is very low.

Oka is here to advise the multicultural clubs and make sure they have the tools they need to be successful. She is in the student programs office in Building 8.

"I'm all for doing things differently. If we're going to be student-oriented then we need to walk the talk and promote things the students want," said Oka.

Together they have plans for diversity education programs with staff, student leadership training and the promotion of understanding, sensitivity and diversity.



Trip to give two cities, two credits

A trip is being planned to visit London and Paris this summer. The \$1,895 get-away is planned for June and is worth two credits to any student who goes on the trip.

For more information, contact Ellen Hofmann, ext. 3432.

Artists needed

Local artists and vendors of ethnic art will have an opportunity to display their wares at the Arts and Crafts Exhibit and Sale sponsored by the Events Board.

The sale will take place Feb. 25 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., but participants need to register by 2 p.m. Feb. 18. Tables for sell-

ers will be \$25 and information tables will be \$18.

Interested individuals should contact Ivory Ellison at 878-3710, ext. 3903.

UW in Building 6

The University of Washington's extension branch will have a representative here on Wed. Feb. 26 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Building 6.

Ex-Black Panther, counselor to speak

The former captain of the Seattle chapter of the Black Panther party, Aaron Dickson, will be the next speaker in the "Footsteps" series on Feb. 12. Dickson left the Black Panthers to become a counselor

for teenagers and he is currently writing a book about the Black Panther party.

The "Footsteps" program is held in Building 7 from noon-1 p.m.

Marines visit HCC

The U.S. Marines will have a representative here on Thursday, Feb. 20 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Building 6.

Wills, estates seminars offered

Attorney Laurel McDougall, who specializes in wills, asset protection, and estate settlement, will be holding two seminars at Highline. The seminars are being sponsored by the Highline Community College Foundation.

The seminars will be held at Highline Senior Center (1210 SW 136th St., Burien) from 6:30 to 8:30 on Feb. 12 and 13.

There is a \$15 fee. For information or to register with Visa or Mastercard call 870-3774.

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Vietnamese club celebrates year of Ox

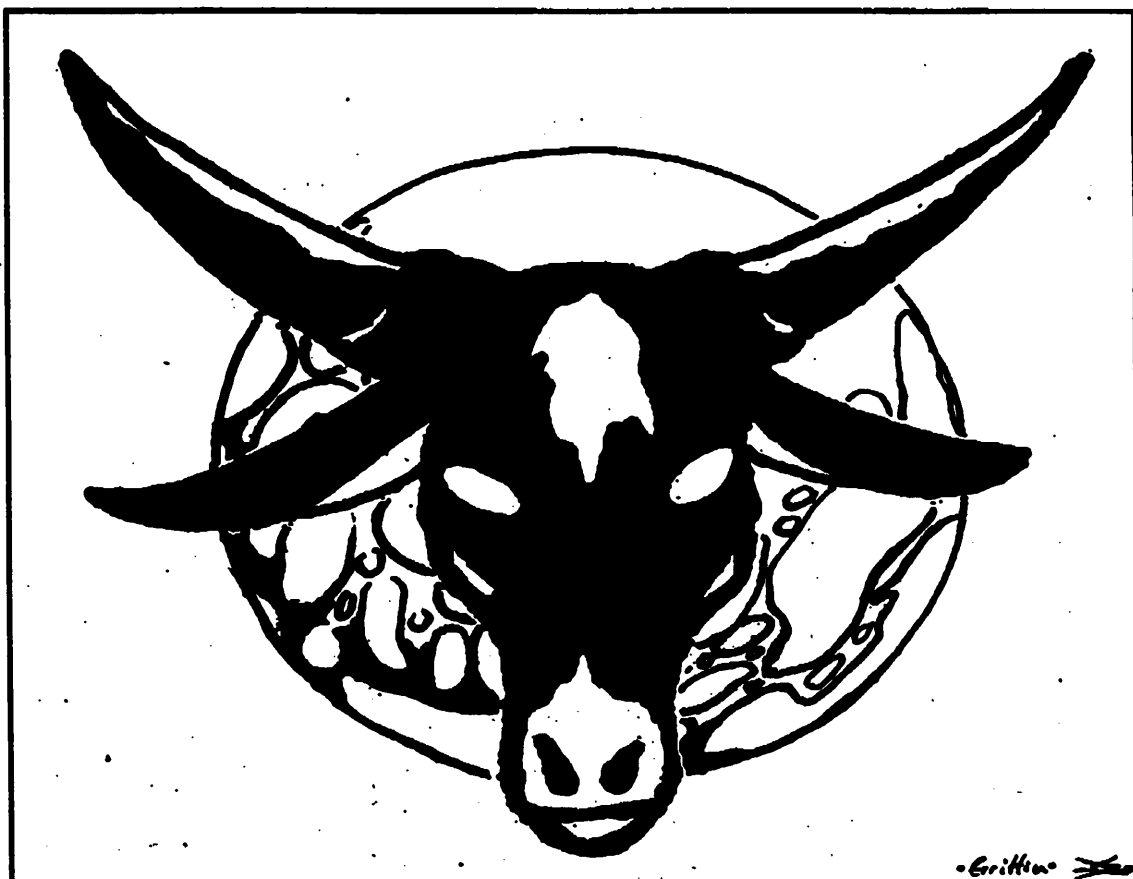
By Jenny Hagan
Staff Reporter

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 unknown to the Chinese 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 this celebration, house-cleaning and payment of debts, and is also a time for giving to



the poor and eating special foods.

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 was 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 lotto and gambling to bring in good luck for the New Year.

"The celebration is open to all students, but will mostly be in Vietnamese," the adviser of the Vietnamese club, Dennis Steussy said.

Steussy said the club was planning a fireworks show but couldn't afford to hire a pyrotechnic specialist.

The Chinese Zodiac consists of a 12-year cycle, each year is named after a different animal. This is the year of the Ox.

If you were born in the year of the ox you are bright, patient and inspiring to others. You can also be happy by yourself. However, you make an outstanding parent.

"This celebration is important to the Chinese culture and is one of the major holidays celebrated by the Chinese during the course of the year.

"This event is to open communication to new Vietnamese students who don't know about the Vietnamese club," Nguyen said, "and for all other students who want to learn about another country and culture."

History made fresh by professor

By Eryn Redman
Staff Reporter

Dr. Buchan stutters slightly as the excitement in his voice begins to rise. He struts back and forth between the hanging maps and his notes scribbled on the chalkboard.

He takes the class on a 50-minute journey back in time. Today, he is lecturing about one of the greatest and his personal favorite United States president, Thomas Jefferson.

Dr. Buchan said he went to school to become a teacher because he wanted to make a difference in the community. Whatever difference he might be making, his classes have been among the most popular in his 26 years at Highline.

He recalls hating history while growing up. However, the tides changed after Dr. Buchan took several history classes at Western Washington University taught by Dr. James McAree. Dr. Buchan writes in his book (Northwest Corner: A Story of the Northwest), "He turned my thinking around."

"I took every class he taught," Dr. Buchan said, speaking of the man who inspired him to become a history teacher. "Our class sat spellbound as he wove the threads of the past into an exciting and understandable fabric."

Dr. Buchan has been teaching for 29 years. He has taught many different history classes, but prefers to teach American and Pacific Northwest history.

"The most special thing



Photo by Bruce Jarrell

Buchan all but takes his class back in time during lectures.

about teaching is when someone recognizes me from classes I taught 10 years ago and then takes the time to come over and thank me," he said.

Dr. Buchan was born and raised in the Seattle area. While growing up, he helped with the bakery business that his father had brought over from Scotland. The family business opened bakeries in cities such as Bellingham, Seattle and Tacoma.

Now Dr. Buchan is happily married to Margo Buchan, who also teaches at Highline. Dr. Buchan's eyes light up with the opportunity to talk about his nine children and five grandchildren. His two oldest children have also followed in the family's teaching footsteps.

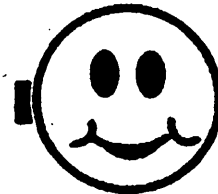
In his spare time Dr. Buchan loves to travel with his family. His favorite travel spots are Maui and Mazatlan. Around home he enjoys playing sports, basketball being his game of choice. When feeling a little more relaxed he enjoys spend-

ing time reading genres such as history, mysteries, and action books. He also enjoys writing and painting.

Dr. Buchan says students should make the most of their opportunities. "Everyone should be responsible for what they do," he said. "Be happy with what you've done, learn from your mistakes and go on with life!"

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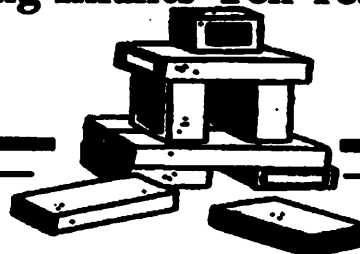
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Editorial

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. Yet, 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 will be available. A counter to that is, the best 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. These 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 there of, 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 students 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.

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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 98000 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 Bi-sexual club, the Veterans club, the Pacific Islander 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 feel was missing. The idea occurred to me is that there should be a club whose simple purpose 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 Carmine Coburn

So, what I'm suggesting is that there be a club created, (for lack of a better name let's 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 am 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 club would be for everyone, in fact it would be an even better club if all of the other clubs and club members were collectively a part 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 in the 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 here I'll have to just hope that maybe by expressing my idea about 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, begins at 10 a.m. today in the student lounge, building eight. The Events Board-sponsored concert features hip-hop duo Turntable Bay and Latin Jazz group Sonando.

Turntable Bay, consisting of only a rapper and a drummer, will perform first from 10 to 11. The Seattle based duo was named Band of the Year by "Mass Magazine," a Northwest regional publication, and has been a leading figure on Seattle's hip-hop scene.

"We haven't had hip-hop in here (at Highline) for a very long time," concert coordinator Josie Siebert said.

Latin-jazz group, Sonando plays second from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The seven piece band combines 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

ing.

Two stages have been set up on either side of the student lounge to accommodate the performers.

Any other changes to the student lounge for the concert will

be minimal "We might bring down the blinds," Siebert said.

The Events Board tries to book two bands a quarter for concerts attempting to adapt to a wide variety of musical tastes among the students on campus.

"We try to get as diverse a group as we can," Siebert said. Turntable Bay and Sonando were chosen from a huge base of possible bands. The Events Board, Siebert said was quite happy with the decision.

'Star Wars' blasts back onto big screen

By Ryan Hilson
Staff Reporter

Hundreds of crazy fans camped out at local movie theaters last Thursday night in hopes of being the first ones to see the re-release of an American classic, "Star Wars."

"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 redone 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 and the Rebellion against the evil Empire.

The Rebellion intercepted plans about the Death Star, a planet sized battle station, built by the Empire. It has enough fire power 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 meets with 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 remade 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 Lucas. He is bringing the entire Trilogy back to theaters.

"The Empire Strikes Back" will be in theaters on Feb. 21 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 is due out in 1999.

Hot tip: Bad service equals no gratuity

Students give dining out mixed reviews

By Gina Carpinito
Staff Reporter

You are sitting in a small cafe or maybe a 24-hour diner.

Your server, Jack, looks everywhere but at you while taking your order. After talking to his friends for 20 minutes, he finally gets around to bringing your meal. He forgot the extra ketchup for your fries and the Diet Coke you asked for. You never see him again; the restaurant isn't even busy. Do you tip? 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.

Jens 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 red 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 given: 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 10-20 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 20 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 are for," one girl said. Two of these women said that they pay for the tip, but that their boyfriends pick up the tab.

What about poor service? What if the server rarely returns 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 seat us and feed us, that's it. No tip," one student said.

A couple of students will leave an insulting tip of two

It says, 'Here's my two cents worth. This is what I think of your service.'

Highline Student

pennies. "It says, 'Here's my two cents worth. This is what I think of your service,'" said one student.

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 bad tip? Josh Carins, a pizza deliverer, 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

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 encourager from the sideline.

Geise is a sophomore at Highline Community College, both academically and athletically. He was one the first recruits when Joe Callero returned to take 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 win and what it takes to get there," said Callero.

Good work ethic in the classroom is also an area of emphasis for Callero.

He wants his players to come play basketball and have fun but also get what they came for, a degree. Geise an example to the team in academics.

While Geise doesn't get the glory of being on the starting

line-up, he is still a vital part of the team. As back-up center, he keeps the game going when Scalabrino requires a rest.

"You lose your back-up center, and you see what you're missing," said Callero. Everyday he goes head to head with Brian Scalabrino, a freshman on the team. Geise really helps Scalabrino's improvement, says Callero.

"I'm not concerned about playing time," Geise said. "I would rather play less on a winning team than play a lot on a losing team." His main concern, he said, is that the team succeeds.

Callero believes that Geise's best years are ahead of him.

"He has improved so much since he first started in the program," said Callero. Geise is being recruited by several colleges, including Evergreen State and the University of Puget Sound, but hasn't yet decided where he wants to go.

To have a good team player 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 NWAACC championship as well as going undefeated," Geise said.

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



Photo by Bruce Jarrell
Josh Geise drives for the basket in a last week's game against Skagit Valley at Highline's pavilion.



Photo by Bruce Jarrell

Vickie Watson snags the ball from a Skagit Valley player during last week's game.

Inside woes ground T-Birds

By Neil DeMerritt
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 hurt once again by lack of an inside game and rebounding. But the final score 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 really 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 in 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 but 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 of Ryan Youmans, Jake Dill, Shelby Buchanan and Todd Gertz turned the oval at the McDonald's Invitational I in 3:25.33, smashing the record of 3:31 they set at a meet earlier this year.

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

Dill also set a school record with a time of 50.81 in the 400 meter dash, winning his heat and finishing 10th overall.

The relay teammates have run against each other but this is their first season together. "Me and Todd have been rivals since eighth grade," said Dill. "Shelby and Ryan ran against each other all through high school."

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

NWAACC Basketball Standings as of 2-5-97

Men's			Women'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	9-9	Whatcom	2-6	6-15
Whatcom	2-6	3-16	Shoreline	1-7	1-16

Wrestling Results HCC vs. Yakima Valley

118-Hall(H) p. Bova, 3:10; 126-Sedano(H) wpm forfeit; 134-Ballard(YV)d.Walters, 6-5; 142-Pulver(H)d.Robbilard, 17-8; 158-Senrud(H) p. Managon, 1:27; 167-Clark (H)p. Thiverage, 3:24; 177-double forfeit; 190-Kobes(H) won by forfeit; Olson (H) won by forfeit

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T-Bird men's hoops team is on fire

By Ben Erickson
Staff Reporter

The Highline men's basketball team raised its record to an unbelievable 21-0 with two solid victories last week.

With wins last week against Skagit Valley (85-60) and Edmonds (92-72), Highline stands all alone in first place.

Last Wednesday, Jan. 30, Highline coasted to an easy victory. The Thunderbirds led at halftime 46-25 and never looked back from there.

Reggie Ball had an incredible shooting performance, shooting 9-10 from the field. Ball finished with 21 points and six assists. Brian Scalabrino scored 16 points and Quincy Wilder had 15 points. Neil DeMerritt started in place of Brandon Nash. Nash played just eight minutes due to the flu.

On Saturday, Feb. 2 the Thunderbirds posted another easy victory over Edmonds.

The Thunderbirds made a rare turn to zone defense to initiate an 18-2 run midway through the first half. The run eventually led the Thunderbirds to a 50-36 halftime lead.

Wilder led the team with his 24 points and Ball had another great shooting night (9-13 FG), finishing with 20 points. Scala-



Photo by Bruce Jarrell

Quincey displays mad hops as he puts it down against Skagit

brine put in 18 points and J.J. Ivy came off the bench to add eight points.

"If we can win the next two league games, then we can possibly clinch the division and

the number one seed in the playoffs," said coach Joe Callero.

Results from Wednesday's game with Olympic were unavailable at press time. The T-Birds face Everett 8 p.m. Saturday in the Pavilion.

Wrestlers recovering for finals

By Timothy Wyse
Staff Reporter

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

The T-Birds were quite impressive in their 45-3 rout, winning 9 out of 10 matches.

In particular, Jens Pulver was most impressive, scoring several takedowns against his opponent, eventually leading to a technical fault. ("a knockout," Pulver said.)

In the 118 pound weight class, Aaron Hall won by pinning his opponent. Also winning via the pin were Eric Senrud at 158 pounds and Pete Clark at 167.

James Clark at 150 pounds won by major decision (winning by 8 or more points).

Three T-birds won by forfeit, including Ken Kobes at 190 pounds; Raul Sedano at 126; and heavyweight Jason Olson.

Not wrestling for the second consecutive match was 118-pounder Nelson Crisanto.

"Missing the Central Washington University Tournament, the P.L.U. and the Yakima Valley meets was very crucial. I have a lot of catching up to do to get back into shape," Crisanto said.

Crisanto is still recovering

from knee surgery from torn cartilage. "The knee is feeling better and better every day," Crisanto said.

Crisanto had originally hoped to be 100 percent for nationals on Feb. 28, but now has said he could even be healthy enough to wrestle at regionals.

The team has great confidence it will do well at regionals and nationals.

"I like my chances at nationals, myself and the top five guys in my weight class are only one point apart for the top spot," Pulver said.

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

"It all depends on my knee and how it performs. I have two good competitors from Kansas to go against," Crisanto 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," Crisanto 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 Dunn

There are only a few times 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 dissolves. For whatever reason, 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.

Head West my friend!

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 loathes 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 friend!

With Herculean 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 kiss of the ball off the glass as he ducks his head to avoid hitting it on the backboard...Two! His presence on the perimeter reminds his defender that it's about to happen again, just then the ball arrives and in sure desperation his defender backs off as not to get embarrassed again, too late!...Whap!...Three! The ball rises into the air with seemingly no destination, surely it is out of reach, but then, like a rocket exploding into the sky...Wow!...Dunk!...Two!

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 thoughts surround the anticipation of the next moment.

Several images come to mind when watching the guy nicknamed "Q". Ella Fitzgerald scatting with such rhythmic perfection that the listener is swept away. Former President J.F. 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 Mt. Rainier, majestic 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 mere presence that it possesses, the confidence that each exudes, and the legend that follow them eternally. "Q" does this to you.

Head West my friend!

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 is 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.

Head West my friend!

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Aging buildings make trouble

Heating systems keep going cold

By Ryan Hilson
Staff Reporter

The age of Highline's buildings is causing increasing problems with the heat and ventilation systems. "At Highline, it seems that classrooms are either really hot or really cold," said a student.

Pete Babington, director of facilities, said that one of the problems is due to the age of the ventilation systems. They were put in when the college was built, some 30 years ago. Unfortunately, that is about the life expectancy of a ventilation system.

Each system will eventually be replaced with a new and better system, but the school has to remodel the buildings first.

The college remodels about one building a year. It is only done over the summer because they have to completely close down the building to remodel it.

"Classroom buildings are the priority," Babington said. They get done before any other kind of building.

Buildings 2, 7, 9, 10, 12, 17 and 19 have new systems.

Even the ones with the new systems have had problems. Building 10, the one most recently remodeled, had lost heat for a couple of days. It is now working fine.

The college is planning to remodel Building 22 this summer, if they get the money from the state. "It is the ickest out of the three," Babington said. Buildings 13 and 21 also need to be redone.

Funding is another problem. The college must get money from the state to remodel the buildings.

The government sends out a team of architects to each college in the state and they make a list of all the repairs needed to be made. They then publish the results in a book called the "Capital Budget Request."

The book is laid out in a way that puts the worst repairs first and the insignificant repairs last. The state basically goes from front to back and when the money runs out, they stop. The schools with buildings beyond those pages get no money for a major project.

Luckily, each school gets about \$500,000 every two years for a minor repair project.

Highline also gets money

from the Port of Seattle when they remodel buildings because they must keep the airplane noise out of the classrooms.

That money covers about 35 percent of the remodeling costs.

The school has two computers that control the heat to all classrooms. They turn the heat on in the morning and turn the heat off during the night.

The computers chart the temperature of the room every hour, so that if there is a problem it can be identified. This will let them know if something is wrong or if someone is messing with the thermostat.

The thermostat is another problem. Some teachers and students turn it up really high if the room is cold. By the time it hits that temperature the class may be long gone.

The other teachers and students coming in are completely overwhelmed by the heat and turn it way down.

This process is often done continuously throughout the day.

Babington said that if there is a problem with the heat in your classrooms to let someone know. That way the problem can be fixed.

Security offers tips for staying safe on campus

♦ Use the Buddy System—walking in groups of two or more people—whenever possible.

♦ Use well-lit, well-traveled, open routes to get to your destination.

♦ Pay attention to your surroundings at all times.

♦ Have your keys available before you get to your vehicle—don't be caught digging for your keys, this leaves you in the victim situation.

♦ Back off if you see anyone loitering near your vehicle.

♦ Guard yourself and your personal belongings to the best of your ability—don't leave

your belongings unattended.

♦ Carry pepper spray or an over the counter mace (higher concentration mace may be illegal due to the extensive harm that may be caused).

♦ Make a lot of noise and try to run away if you are attacked—try not to delay your reaction to the situation.

♦ If you feel it is necessary, look into a self-defense course. Classes are available through HCC or private lessons through other programs in the community.

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