Predators stalk Highline parking lots

By Lisa Curry
and Shadie Millette
Staff Reporters

You've seen them. They wait at the end of the parking lots, maniacally, a slime-brained gorp on their mission when a parked car0ddy enough to waitearly to the parking lot. There are two species to fear. One, venemous, like every search for a host or to give them what they need—a superior parking spot.

These are Parking Predators. They infiltrate every parking lot that is not purchased a space permit between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. But it happens—two or three times you see one.

This venomous species is best noted by its single-minded approach to taking over the parking lot.

The Predator in question actually does not pay for a spot but rather وكان the ends of the parking isles, motionless, a white-beamed creature poised to strike. The ends of the parking lot are seen as the perfect place to find their prey-mobiles—other drivers who have paid for parking spots and can be the perfect host.

When observing this beast, keep a keen eye out for the occasional Florida spaghetti, it can be a terrifying experience. One recent evening saw a black blob of a car sitting in a dark corner of a parking lot.

Students pay for services they can't use

By Kati Monahan
Staff Writer

Highline students are paying services and activity fees, largely for services they do not receive.

Students, as part of the fall tuition payment or a separate parking permit, pay $47 for each quarter they are enrolled in.

Organizations that receive money from the S&A budget include student clubs, athletics, child care, performing arts, and small groups. Some groups do not receive their entire amount from the S&A, but still receive a considerable amount of money.

Most student groups said they receive too little money from the S&A budget to cover their costs, and many groups said they have to rely on fundraising to cover the gap.

Highline offers a wide range of activities and services for students, but many students said they feel they do not receive enough money from the S&A budget to cover their needs.

Of course, there's always the exception.

During the past two years, Highline has received more than $4 million in donations, which has allowed the college to open new buildings and expand its programs.

Students have been vocal about their concerns, and the college has been working to address their needs.

The college has also been working to improve its fundraising efforts and increase its revenue from other sources.

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Carol Wood, Mr. Ranier grad, regional counselor, and long-time physical education faculty member turns 40.

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Brooks returns to law enforcement at HCC

By J.T. Coppola
Staff Reporter

After 20 years in law enforcement, Glenn Brooks this year became Highline Community College's new campus police chief.

Brooks is a graduate of the FBI National Academy for Career Training. Before coming to Seattle, he lived in Fairbanks, Alaska with his family while he ran a family entertainment center. The family spent their winters in Hawaii.

Brooks was also the campus police chief at the University of Alaska before he retired to go into the family business.

The campus chief said he

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took the job at Highline because he was interested in getting back into law enforcement.

"I enjoy students and my plans are to settle in Washington state," he said.

The Woodinville resident and father of three believes the campus security has two jobs: "One is to protect the students and the other is to protect the faculty."

Brooks said, "Sometimes these bus-riders are involved in things that go against the law."

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Dickson speaks

Former Black Panther leader Aaron Dickson speaks to students last week at Highline's Lecture Hall. Dickson, who now is a counselor in Seattle, came as part of the Footsteps program. Author Charlotte Watson-Sherman read from her work on Wednesday. Members of the Total Experience Gospel Choir will sing Feb. 26 at noon.

Club, kids learn together

By Candice Fenison
Staff Reporter

It's Friday afternoon at Highline and the day care children look to the door with anticipation because they know it's story time. Every Friday at noon students from the Circle K club make their way over to the day care to read to children and teach them computer software. Many kids go over to the computers to turn them on. Neil McLean, Circle K member, has the kids push their names on a list in order to take turns. Some of the children have obviously used the computers before but others require McLean's help.

Of all the games that are played, the most popular is probably Miller's Math House, McLean says. This game uses various graphics to teach the kids numbers. All the computer games make the kids familiar with the mouse.

There's usually a line-up to work on the computers, which have interactive stories and games that teach the children how to match letters through the keyboards.

A Highline Circle K member reads to the day care children. Some of the kids prefer the painting and scavenger hunt programs.

Circle K International is a worldwide organization dedicated to community service and leadership development.

"The bottom line of Circle K is service... It's all about doing things to enrich somebody's life," club secretary Marge Tomlinson said.

Circle K International's mission is to involve college students in campus and community service while developing quality leaders and citizens.

On campus, the Circle K club tends a meeting at 10 a.m. in Building 8.

Photo by Bruno Jarrell

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Circle K meets every Thursday in Building 10, Room 204 at 1 p.m.

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News Briefs

Diversity for sale at arts, crafts fair

Local artists and vendors of ethnic art will have an opportunity to display their wares at the Ethnic 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. in the Union Bay Room of Building 8. Some of the items for sale will include incense, dolls, oils, hats, clothing, and baskets.

For more information, contact the Ethnic and Diversity Programs Chairperson Ivory Ellison in the Events Board office at 878-2710, ext. 3903.

Free movie

The movie, "A Time To Kill," will be showing in the Student Center today and tomorrow.

The movie is being sponsored by the Events Board. It will be showing today at noon and 5 p.m. in the Group Study Area. Tomorrow's show time will be at 11 a.m.

Pick up litter, get pizza party

There will be a campus-wide highway clean-up on Feb. 22.

Participants will need to attend a meeting at 10 a.m. in Building 13, room 107 before donning the litter bags for the next 3-4 hours.

The event, being sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa, will then get pizza party for everyone.

Marines visit HCC

The U.S. Marines will have a representative on campus today from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Building 6.

Choir to finish "Footsteps" path

A quartet from Pat Wright and the Total Experience Gospel Choir will complete the "Footsteps" series.

The music group will perform in Building 8 at noon on Feb. 26.

"This is a must see," said Ivory Ellison, Ethnic art. Diversity chairperson for the Events Board.

UW in Building 6

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

Corrections

The name of AHCC President Neil McLean was misspelled in a recent issue.

The name of Ricky Mcgee was left off a letter to the editor entitled "I wouldn't stop there" in the Feb. 13 edition of the Thunderword.
Wrestling team sends seven to nationals

By Timothy Wyse

Highline’s wrestling team qualified a school record seven wrestlers for nationals in Blaine, N.D. on Feb. 28. Leading the pack were Nelson Christians and Jens Pulver.

Christians, recently recovering from knee surgery, won the 118-pound championship with a convincing victory.

He started off 2-0 but recovered and eventually pinned his first opponent, said assistant coach John Clemens. Christians won his semifinal and final matches 18-3 and 14-6 respectively.

Despite woes lady
T-Birds sink Orcas

By Neil DeMerritt

It has been a very long season for the Highline women’s basketball team, full of distractions and problems.

One of the biggest problems that hurt the girls from the start was the injury of one of their leading scorers, Rachel Watkins, who was diagnosed with a torn anterior cruciate ligament ACL.

The same things — lack of rebounding, defense, and that extra something at crunch time — have ended up hurting the T-birds. They were even without their coach for a game due to illness.

Nonetheless, the Thunderbirds have not been getting blown out in hardly any of their games and are taking most of them down to the wire.

The girls came out with something to prove and started out really well and ended up beating the Wasco Orcas with a score of 61-50. Highline was led by a strong performance by Kelly Snodgress both on the boards and on defense. The "Birds dropped their last home game of the year, however, falling to Bellevue 79-62. Sophomores Bryn Redmon and Vicki Watson started the game and gave a good effort but Highline came up short.

The Thunderbirds, now 5-17, finish up their season this week with two away games. Results from last night’s game at Shoreline were unavailable at press time. The season ends Saturday at Skagit Valley.

Mental illness has warning signs, too.
Learn to see the warning signs.

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Thornton's 'Blade' cuts clean

New drama is a mix between 'Forrest Gump' and 'Of Mice and Men'

By Kirk Elliott

"Sling Blade" is a compelling drama of a mentally retarded man who is released back into the community for committing a gruesome murder. Co-starring with Thornton, John Ritter convincingly portrays the mentally retarded man Karl, who is killed accidentally by a car. Thornton also directed this all-American drama of a mentally retarded man who is released back into the community for committing a gruesome murder. The film is a subtle and sensitive portrayal of Karl, the main character, and his interactions with the community he returns to. It is a powerful and moving story of a man who tries to find his place in the world, but is met with resistance and discrimination.

Movie Review

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Hopefuls audition for Thunderfest

By Jodi Lenfestey Staff Reporter

She waited until it was her turn. The room was not quite as she didn't think it would be fun," she said. Another common, plastic Herman Cain said, "I want to perform for exposure and to be heard by my music." Thornton also directed this all-American drama of a mentally retarded man who is released back into the community for committing a gruesome murder. The film is a subtle and sensitive portrayal of Karl, the main character, and his interactions with the community he returns to. It is a powerful and moving story of a man who tries to find his place in the world, but is met with resistance and discrimination.

GOT SOMETHING TO SELL?
The Thunderword is now offering classified ads to Highline College students for only $5 an inch. Thats a 15% off the regular price! Bring your ad (and the cash or check) to Bldg. 10 Room 106, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. daily.

ARTS

Thornton's 'Blade' cuts clean

Writer's block: all in your head

Dear Gabby:

I'm currently experiencing the common problem known as writer's block. Is there a cure?

Dear Gabby:

Well, uh......

Dear Gabby:

I'm just starting out and wondering how to get started. Can you give me some tips?

Dear Gabby:

How can I improve my writing skills?

Dear Gabby:

I keep making mistakes. Can you help me?

Dear Gabby:

I'm having trouble with my head. What can I do?

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