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T-Birds soar into basketball playoffs as heavy favorites

By Ben Erickson, Davenne Hoge and Tim Wynn Staff Reporters

The Highline men's basketball team is the team to beat in the NWAACC playoffs this year, according to coach Roger Valentin.

"Highline's team is very well balanced, they play as a whole and they really don't have any weak members," said Lower Columbia coach Ben Roffler.

Olympic, on the other hand, will be trying to squeak into the playoffs, Olympic's coach Barry Janusch.

"Olympic's team is kind of unique. They have a lot of guys who can play at all positions and they have a good chance of winning," said Lower Columbia coach Ben Roffler.

Lower Columbia is looking for its first NWAACC tournament appearance, while Highline is going for its second. The Thunderbirds are looking to build their tournament experience and are seeking a spot in the semifinals.

Olympic has the luxury of having a veteran team, led by seniors Steve Smith and Tim Wynn.

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Collins put adventure into Highline events

By Eryn Redmon Staff Reporter

It was odd to see how shy Bruce Roberts appeared to be in the one-on-one interview. He fidgeted with his glasses, clearing them with a crumpled up napkin. He studied them and cleared them again as he smiled and explained why he likes to teach. "I like school. I like college. I just like the teaching life," he said.

Born and raised in San Francisco, Roberts was the youngest of two siblings. He went to University of California at Berkeley, majoring in Economics. "It fascinated me. Economics was easy for me," he said.

Roberts moved up to the Seattle area in the early 1970s looking for a new city to live with his wife. He found that finding a full-time teaching job was difficult at first. He ended up commuting to several different schools such as Bellevue Community College and the University of Washington, teaching classes part time.

He taught at a university school for five years and then landed a job teaching economics here at Highline in 1975. "I like teaching at the community college level because of all the different student types," he said.

Roberts hasn't really found anything difficult in teaching. "I just feel bad when a student doesn't do well," he said.

In his spare time Roberts enjoys being a member of the Des Moines City Council. He was on the Des Moines City Planning Committee for 13 years and when a position opened on the city council he applied and was appointed. He is currently involved in the Redondo annexation, working on rezoning the area. "I plan on probably running for re-election when it comes up," he said.

Roberts is currently planning events for Earth Day (April 22), the Career Fair (May 2), and the College in a Career program.

Collins is also working on expanding the International Student Program and making Cram Night, a finals week activity in the library, a completely student-run activity. Collins is dedicated to her position and welcomes every new challenge.

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Campus Life
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Collins enjoys life, despite long school days

By Gina Carpinito Staff Reporter

You are busy. You have responsibilities outside of school and you might look forward to darting out after class. It's part of the appeal of community college: no commitment.

As a student herself, Kassandra Collins is encouraging you to find spare time to get involved. It might even make college more enjoyable.

Collins, 23, is completing her first month as the new special events chairperson of the Events Board. Her position replaces the speakers and forums chairperson position that was dissolved after the last officer stepped down.

With a full schedule, the Events Board wanted to have someone focus on events that sometimes get overlooked.

The Events Board is considering an expansion and is trying out the position for this quarter and next, said Denny Steussy, Events Board adviser.

Steussy said that Collins meets the expectations of a special events chairperson. "We're happy to have her. She has the ability to work with and relate to people on all levels. She can go from working one-on-one with a student to meeting with a faculty member," he said.

Collins likes to be involved at school, and she wants others to be involved, too. She especially wants to see people branch out and meet other students outside of class. "I think there's been a drop in student participation. I want to get students involved," Collins said.

Collins plans to accomplish this with a simple strategy: she talks to a lot of people. When Collins isn't putting in her 12-15 hours a week at the office, she is concerned about her future. She is studying to be a paralegal and will finish her degree in the spring. She has wanted to do something in law since junior high and chose Highline because of its paralegal program. After graduation, she plans to move to Atlanta to pursue her career.

"I was born and raised here. There's no more room for me to grow here. So, I'm ready to go on with my life. I just want to get out and adventure life," she said.

She is considering the field of corporate law and says that there is a 99.9 percent chance that she will go back to school to become an attorney.

In her spare time, Collins likes to read fiction, listen to music (mostly R&B, no rap), and ski.

"I love to ski. I get a burst of energy when I go skiing," she said.

She is adventurous, but only with certain things. She doesn't have any death wishes and she is against skydiving or bungee jumping because she's afraid of heights.

Collins has plenty of time to catch up on her reading during her commute to and from Seattle. "Rides sometimes don't have a car. It's a 1 hour 45 minute ride each way. If it wasn't for that double tall hazelnut mocha in the morning, I don't know how I'd make it," she said.

Collins finds time to be a volunteer herself. "I like volunteering. I like just being a part of something. It makes me feel good," she said.

For the past three summers, she has given her time at the Rotary Boys and Girls' Club as a big sister. And every spring, she coaches track for St Therese School in Seattle.

She lights up with delight to talk about her two nephews. She carries a photo in her wallet and plans to bring a framed one to her new desk.

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Roberts to meet with career students

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Job prospects worry IMP students

By Matt Wade
Staff Reporter

In Building 30, a sea of computers fills room 305, each occupied by a student. Geoff Wennes, instructing the class, stands at the front of the room pointing at the image of a computer monitor projected onto an overhead screen. His use of technical terms doesn't seem to concern the students, whose eyes shift frequently from the monitor in front of them to the screen at the front of the room.

This is the classroom of IMP 101, the second course of the Interactive Media Program, a two-year program at Highline that gives students training in interactive media and allows them to earn an A.A. degree.

Interactive media is defined as "anything that combines different aspects of technology, such as video, sound and text," said Susan Landgraf, who coordinated IMP last quarter and developed it for Highline.

The program began last quarter. After completing the introductory courses the students may choose one or a combination of three different majors to specialize in beginning next fall. They are the multimedia writing track, the multimedia webmaster track, and the multimedia production track. Each track includes 16 to 18 credits per quarter.

Landgraf does more than teaching

By Bryn Redmon
Staff Reporter

You would never be able to guess that Susan Landgraf was 35 years old just by looking at her. Her bright red skirt, colorful sweater and purple boots display her outgoing personality.

Landgraf's smiling disposition was recently dampened with anger and frustration by Peter Sacks. Sacks, a former Highline Community College professor, criticized Landgraf and her teaching style in his new book, Generation X Goes To College. "He did not check his facts," she said.

Landgraf's typical day starts at 5:30 a.m. when she gets up to write. She writes for an hour or two. Then she takes the time to exercise and meditate. After all that, she dunks a few cups of coffee down her throat and finally gets ready for work.

She commutes to Highline and starts her busy day. She juggles classes, students' needs, meetings, and another cup of coffee, often spending long days and late nights on campus. When finished at school, she goes home to spend time with her husband of 35 years, who is also her best friend. Often they go to dinner, a movie or even the ballet.

Landgraf smiles as she speaks of her husband. "He puts up with me and we work together," she said. "He gives me the space I need and I give him the space he needs. We compromise and it works."

Landgraf has four children and 10 grandchildren. She recently had the opportunity to hold her sweetest grandson not even an hour after his birth.

She also enjoys travelling. She has visited 10 different countries, including Hungary, Greece and Thailand. "I like to see how others do things," she said. Landgraf plans on visiting several more countries in the future such as Tibet, Nepal and New Zealand, just to name a few.

Landgraf loves to write. She was a journalist for the Valley Daily News. "I thought being a reporter was wonderful, it was fun," she said.

See Landgraf, page 8

Barton hangs up her abacus

By Matt Wade
Staff Reporter

Wilma Barton, longtime fiscal technician lead in Accounts Payable at the Highline Business Office, is retiring today.

"She will be missed. It will be hard to replace her," said Alcia Tan, controller.

Barton's retirement party is from 2-4 p.m. tomorrow, Feb. 28, in Building 2.

Barton, who has been at Highline since 1971, said she can't think of anything she hasn't liked about her job.

"I've enjoyed the job, as well as the people," she said.

"It's just been fun coming to work each day."

Barton started her career as an employee in the Washington state Office of Public Instruction. Just before coming to Highline, she worked as a substitute teacher in the Highline School District.

Before that, she was at home raising a family. Barton has four children and five grandchildren.

She came to Highline when she felt it was time to get back to the work force and choose Highline because it was close to home.

During her 26 years at the Business Office, Barton has made quite an impression on the employees at Highline.

"I've learned so much from her," said Accountant Senior Brenda Mason. "We're going to miss her."

Barton was employee of the year in 1995.

"She's a hell of a great person," said Dennis McGlaughin, who works on campus maintenance.

"When she leaves every one on campus will miss her."

"She always took the extra step to help people," Tan said.

Barton's plans after retirement include getting back to her hobbies and spending time with her grandchildren. "I'm going to do some catching up of all the things I let slide over the years," she said.
Fans should do their part

This year Highline Community College men’s basketball team is heading into the North West Athletic Association of Community College’s playoffs as the heavy favorite, according to a team.

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Even though the team may seem invincible the T-Birds will need as much support from their peers as they can possibly get. In pressure packed games, such as the playoffs, it can be extremely important to have fan support. This will be especially true when the team goes on the road. Having the familiar faces and cheers of the HCC fans will help to tame the hostile environments the T-Birds will encounter on the road.

Not only can the fans help to make a hostile environment more friendly, but fans have the ability to get the team fired up. If our team makes a great play and the fans go crazy, the team feeds off this energy and gets fired up. And as we all know if our team gets it going they’re virtually unstoppable.

The fans also have the ability to pack their team up if they get down. If the game gets tight and the team looks like they need a boost, the fans have the responsibility to let the team know that they are behind them.

Most people have experienced being in front of an audience of your peers, and although the experience can sometimes be scary, everyone always tries harder when their peers are watching.

All of the teams are going to try their hardest to knock the T-Birds out of the playoffs. All of the oddsmakers are going to cheer their loudest when their teams meet up with HCC.

Everyone at HCC would like to see our team bring home a championship this year. In order to ensure victory, all students, faculty, staff, and friends are encouraged to come out and root for the home team.

Everyone has heard at some time or another the phrase “home court advantage.” An important factor of home court advantage is having your fans there to support you. By attending the away games HCC fans can do their part to take away the home court advantage for the opposing teams. By attending the home games fans can establish the T-Birds advantage.

So come one, come all and watch the T-Birds make history as they make their way towards a championship to cap off a fabulous season.
Local photographer exhibits work

By William Straubhaug
Staff Reporter

The fourth floor of the Highline College Library has an exhibit of photographs taken by Vincent T. Brown. The 71 photographs, chosen from a growing catalog of 2,000, represent Brown's ability to leave his job of buying and selling used computers to and from corporations and go on to pursue his passion, photography.

The photographs cover a time period from 1993 and profile everything from nature (A Wall Flower, Pakistan 1995), to man's attempts to ease his burden (Life Time Value Seattle 1994). These photographs exhibit Brown's attempts to capture the quiet beauty that inhabits the world in many different forms. From the surreal (Static Neon, Memphis 1994 and Ribbons set, 1994) to the easterly beauty in nature (Two Trees Sunset, 1994 and Almost Wreath, 1996), the exhibit is Brown's sec-

Black History Month ends with Da' Rage

By Jenny Hagan
Staff Reporter

The Black Student Union is putting on a Da'Rage dance on Friday, Feb. 28, in celebration of Black History Month.

Everyone is invited to come dance and have a good time. Dress will be casual, but no jeans, tennis shoes or athletic wear should be worn. KUBE is providing the disc jockey and the drinks.

The dance will be in Building 8 from 8 p.m. to midnight. Drinks and other munchies will be provided at the dance. Tickets are $6 in advance and $8 at the door.

"The tickets are the basic fundraiser but most of all it is for students of all color to get involved with activities on campus," BSU President D'ann Bowman said.

"This is a finale for Black History Month," BSU secretary Mona Wadson said.

BSU has been planning this as well as other events in celebration of Black History month since November. BSU is also planning on having a "Did you know" information board and a trivia question each week, with prizes for the winners.

"We want to continue Black History Month even if it is not the actual month and continue educating people about African Americans that have contributed to the world we live in," Bowman said.

Donations from Pepsi with the Kool Kiddy's campaign are contributing to Red Cross relief for the earthquakes in Pakistan. The BSU and Multicultural Office are also looking for students to go to "the Student of Color" conference in April which will be held in Yakima. It is open to all students.

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The photos illustrate his desire to travel and view the world through the lens of his camera. As can be seen in his quiet and solemn portrait of man at his leisure (Peg Fisherman, 1995); at rest (Life Time Value, Pakistan 1995); or at the beginning of manhood (Measuring Bread, Amazon 1993).

While Brown "likes to test the limit of his ability," he likes to project a positive image, not a negative one, through the lens of his camera.

He enjoys a large variation of work and likes to stretch the realm of knowledge. Be it something as exciting as photographing Orca (killer whales) from a kayak and looking $500 dollar camera in the process, to the more serene such as taking his two sons ages 5 and 7 to the zoo on a photo outing.

Brown's exhibit will run from Jan. 28 until March 30. The exhibit then moves to Shoeline in June.

The exhibit can be seen on the fourth floor in the Library Gallery during regular operating hours, 7 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday; and 6 a.m. to noon on Saturday.

The second annual Flight Path writing conference will be 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 1, at Highline.

Contests in fiction and poetry writing will be held. Prizes will be awarded in the contests: $50 for first place, $25 for sec-

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Horrorscope

By Red Dawn

Pisces 2/28-3/20

Time to unchain your passions; prove your devotion to that someone special with night after night of unbridled abandon.

Aries 3/21-4/20

Another month of your life drips by. Make something of this one, like maybe a vase or a lava lamp.

Taurus 5/21-6/21

You're in a bullish frame of mind as spring appears; so stay away from china shops.

Gemini 6/22-7/21

You are a fine raconteur to everybody who mixed out on the spui run last weekend. Lane 9 is walled and ready for this week's "Bongo Bowl-
down," so see you Sunday!

Virgo 8/22-9/22

Don't think the fun is over just because you've lost so much that mattered to you in such a short period of time.

Some of it is likely torment when the ice begins to thaw.

Libra 9/23-10/22

Elves aren't going to arrive overnight and clean up the mess you've been making. You're going to have to take care of the one yourself.

Scorpio 10/23-11/22

You've been feeling blue, hangdog, ill-at-ease, unsettled. The French have a word for it, but you didn't take French.

Sagittarius 11/23-12/21

Long-last relatives are due for a visit. Whatever you do, don't let them look in the gar-

Capricorn 12/22-1/19

Hands off the treats until you've finished your homework. Try to get something done before the quarter ends. Wouldn't a 1.0 look better than that collection of zeros you usually bring home.

Aquarius 1/20-2/19

Imagination runs wild as you enter an exciting new phase of your life. If only it wasn't all just make-believe, think how rich and good-looking you'd be!
Ethnic Crafts fair draws diverse crowd

Picking pets prevents puppy pitfall

Wise wear for spring

The Thrifty T-Bird

By Bonnie Char

ing and vet bills involved with a new pet?
Next it's time to ask about your needs and wants.
What qualities do you find desirable in a pet, and what can you not tolerate? Large dogs may be destructive in smaller spaces. Certain exotic cats such as the Abyssinian and many toy dogs have a seemingly caffeine charged temperament. Long haired pets can require considerable amounts of time in maintenance and they often shed on furniture and clothes. Aggressive nature, barking, chewing, digging and running away are all more common in certain breeds of pets. Carefully consider what you can and can't live in the next decade, because that is how long the average dog or cat will live.
After you have considered what you have to offer, decide what you want and don't want. Study the varied intrinscic qualities of prospective dog and cat breeds. Taking these measures before obtaining a dog or cat will help to ensure a perfect fit between pet and pet-owner.

To start with, there are some of the important questions you should ask yourself before deciding what kind of pet to buy: How much room do you have for a pet? How much time do you have to spend on exercise, grooming and playing with a pet? How much cash outlay can you spare for the purchase, feeding, medical care, and vet bills involved with a new pet?

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What kinds of dogs or cats are put to death in American animal shelters each year? Count Chief Dan Graves of King County Animal Control said that many of these deaths wouldn't occur if people would take serious consideration before buying a dog.
If the ghosts of those one million animals put to death each year could talk, they would join Chief Graves in telling you that it's extremely important to do research prior to the purchase of a new dog or cat. Consider what resources you have to offer. Decide what you want and don't want. Study the varied intrinscic qualities of prospective dog and cat breeds. Taking these measures before obtaining a dog or cat will help to ensure a perfect fit between pet and pet-owner.

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Little lady plays big

By Damion Birge
Staff Reporter

Highline point guard Vicki Watson plays with skill and agility. She handles the rock similar to Damon Stoudamire and has a sweet jumper like Jordan himself. Watson dominates her opponents with a quick step and a quick crossover. Watson stands only 5'3" and runs the floor very quickly and smoothly. Opponents have a little hope of stealing the ball because of her dribbling ability.

"She's great!" said Coach Dale Bolinger. She practices hard to keep the team on their toes. "I'm playing good ball, but I need to get more assists and steals so we can win games," said Watson.

Vicki is averaging over 20 points a game and shooting 46 percent from 3-point range. "I don't think there's anyone that can stop her on defense," said Bolinger. "I want to tell the team good luck for next season and keep working so we can win games," said Watson.

"I've played good this season due to having a new coach and a new team," she said. Next fall Watson plans to go to a private university in Washington, so she can be close to her son.

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Women net Dolphins but fall to Cardinals

By Neil DeMerritt
Staff Reporter

The Highline women's basketball team split its last two games of the season, beating Shoreline before failing to keep up their intensity and poise in the whole game.

It was hard for Shoreline to come back from such a flat start but they did find a way to counter some of the things that Coach Dale Bolinger had been doing to keep the Dolphins out of the game. The Dolphins couldn't get back into the game due to the strong defensive plays of the whole T-bird team also, they couldn't keep under control the play of Kelly Stubbert and Jennifer Tarbet on the offensive and defensive boards.

This was a big difference going into the second half and that was when the T-birds made their move to take the game away from Shoreline and succeeded.

The sophomores who dedicated two years of their lives to the sport of basketball here at Highline had their last game at Skagit Valley last Saturday night, and guard Vicki Watson and post Bryn Redson each contributed in a close first half with the Cardinals. It was again the great play of Kelly Stubbert that helped the Thunderbirds dominate the offensive and defensive boards in the first half. Also on the offensive end Past Angie Stowe contributed by hitting a few key jumpers.

The T-birds were only down by two points at the break, but they did find a way to create some havoc in the second half. The Cardinals came out on fire and hit a few threes in a row and made quite a few more.

It then became a uphill battle for the T-birds and (finally Skagit prevailed 107-67.)

Men's hoops finish with wins

By Ben Erickson
Staff Reporter

The Highline men's basketball team ended its regular season with victories over Shoreline (97-67) and Skagit Valley (95-79).

Last Wednesday the Thunderbirds beat Shoreline for the second time this season.

"This was our best game of the season, we picked up the pace on defensive and offensive," said coach Joe Callero.

Quincy Wilder led Highline scorers with 27 points. Reggie Ball added 22 points, five assists, seven steals and two turnovers. Brian Scalabrine recorded a rare triple double, finishing with 15 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists. Justin Adam and Garrett Miller each added 10 points.

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College seeks repair funds

By Ryan Wilson
Staff Reporter

Highline wants $399,000 from the state of Washington to fix a failed part of its drainage system.

The failed piece is known as an outfall structure and is causing property and environmental damage in the city of Des Moines, west of Seattle.

The structure is supposed to filter out deposition of soil into the hill and prevent flooding of the nearby access road.

The water runs down the hill, picking up soil and other pollutants from the parking lots, which are supposed to filter out soil and prevent flooding of the nearby access road.

This is causing property damage to the apartments and is destroying the medallion and its capability to retain the runoff water. The apartments are supposed to filter out soil and prevent flooding of the nearby access road.

Special reporter

The beauty of the building and its appearance of a quiet place to work, 72 percent.

Library staff member and communications student Mary Lee Mills said, "I love it. It's a good library, but need updating and 15 percent said it's not. When students were asked to rate the staff and how polite they were, the scoring was 72 percent.

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The library and overall staff performance receive a good rating with 72 percent of those surveyed.

The library was set up to teach students to keep the rainwater flowing through the system, to slow the water down and discharge it into a downstream wetland. This causes a flood spill into the creek and this floods a nearby access road.

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A bioretention swale, which is a porous disk, will be needed to filter out the pollutants and to keep the water clean. The system will be put in to help students find the library, west of Seattle.

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Library staff member and communications student Mary Lee Mills said, "I love it. It's a good library, but need updating and 15 percent said it's not. When students were asked to rate the staff and how polite they were, the scoring was 72 percent.

The Summer program gives the staff a free day while 15 percent felt it was too stressful. When students were asked to rate the staff and how polite they were, the scoring was 72 percent.