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At last! T-Bird men take title

By Tim Wyse
Staff Reporter

It took the men's basketball team 35 years and seven coaches, but they finally won a championship last weekend.

They took a 28-1 record into the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges tournament last Thursday and came out with a 31-1 record.

"31-1 sure does have a nice ring to it," Head Coach Joe Callero said.

Playing against three teams that they didn't even face in the regular season, Highline still managed to make it look relatively easy in defeating their three opponents: Chemeketa, 92-66; Yakima Valley, 78-55, and runner-up Blue Mountain, 85-74.

Against Chemeketa, the Thunderbirds used their stifling defense to overpower the underdog opponents, taking a 48-27 half-time lead.

The big three: Quincy Wilder (Q-Dogg), Reggie Ball, and Brian (Big Red) Scalabrino combined to account for 56 points.

JJ Ivy and Justin Adam, who both had outstanding three game series, scored 12 and eight points, respectively.

In the second game, backed by Ball's seven steals, the T-birds again used their defense to



The men's basketball team celebrate after their championship performance Saturday. Photo by Bruce Jarrell

prevail against Yakima, the second best team (according to the standings) in the NWAACC. Highline allowed only 19 first-half points and went on to win by 23.

"Reggie has improved as much in a season as anyone I've ever coached. He competes. He went from a very good high

school point guard to an excellent college one," Callero said. Ball also scored 23 points. Wilder 21, and Scalabrino 19 as the Thunderbirds made what was supposed to be a tight contest look more like a pick-up game.

Highline figured to have an easy time in the finals last Saturday against Blue Mountain. But the T-birds came out a little flat-footed at the outset.

Blue Mountain on the other hand came out hotter than cayenne pepper, hitting 68 percent of their first-half shots. Sharpshooter Scott Holtzen led the

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Part-timers decry conditions, wage gap

By Matt Wade
and Gina Carpinito
Staff Reporter

Highline College increasingly is turning to part-time instructors to teach classes. Many of these instructors complain of low wages and poor working conditions, but college and state officials say that budget constraints make it difficult to hire more full-timers.

"If the state would provide funds, it would be terrific to increase the amount of full-time faculty. We would like to see part-time pay increased, but not at the cost of full-time," Vice President of Instruction Jack Birmingham said.

Highline currently employs about 300 part-time instructors who teach nearly half of the class hours; the college has about 115 full-time instructors.

A statewide survey, conducted by the Washington State Board for Community and Technical Colleges, revealed that on the average, part-time



Part-timer Gini Paulsen works at her computer. Photo by Bruce Jarrell

faculty earn about 38 percent of full-time faculty income.

The average full-time instructor earns \$39,000 a year for teaching 15 credit hours per quarter. For working the same amount of hours, a part-time instructor will average \$15,000 per year. This figure varies

throughout community and technical colleges statewide, going as low as just under \$10,000.

"I gave up a very well-paying job to teach at Highline," part-time instructor Kraig Schwartz said.

"We spend at least two hours

outside of class for every hour inside of class," said Gini Paulsen, part-time sociology instructor. "It is not compensated."

Gov. Gary Locke has proposed a 2.5 percent increase for all two-year college employees in his 1997-1999 budget. He has also allowed for \$4.5 million to be distributed among the part-time instructors of technical and community colleges to help narrow the gap in the pay. An additional \$3.1 million would be used for increment raises.

The difficulty with his proposed budget is that although there will be a general pay increase, the additional funding for part-time instructors will probably not affect Highline.

"The money will go to the part-time faculty who are below the average pay," Bruce Botka, spokesman for technical and community colleges board said.

"At this institution, our part-time faculty are paid in the top

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"There are moments when everything goes well; don't be frightened, it won't last."
Jules Renard

Marquardt rolls through Highline

By Candice Fenison
Staff Reporter

After 4 years at Highline, Kristin Marquardt will be graduating this spring with an Associate of Arts degree with an emphasis in journalism.

Marquardt can be found wheeling around campus in her motorized wheelchair, or she can be found at Circle K meetings every Thursday.

Although Marquardt has Cerebral Palsy, this doesn't stop her from being president of the Circle K club on campus or a spokeswoman for I.D.D. (Iodine Deficiency Disorders).

As a spokesperson, Marquardt goes to different Kiwanis clubs to explain what I.D.D. is and to help set up I.D.D. fundraisers.

I.D.D. is the world's leading cause of preventable mental retardation and can be virtually eliminated if fortified salt is maintained in the diet forever, according to Kiwanis International.

"Hopefully we won't have to deal with I.D.D. after [the year] 2000 because it will all be eradicated," said Marquardt.

Off campus, Marquardt is involved with her church youth group and she does the newsletter.

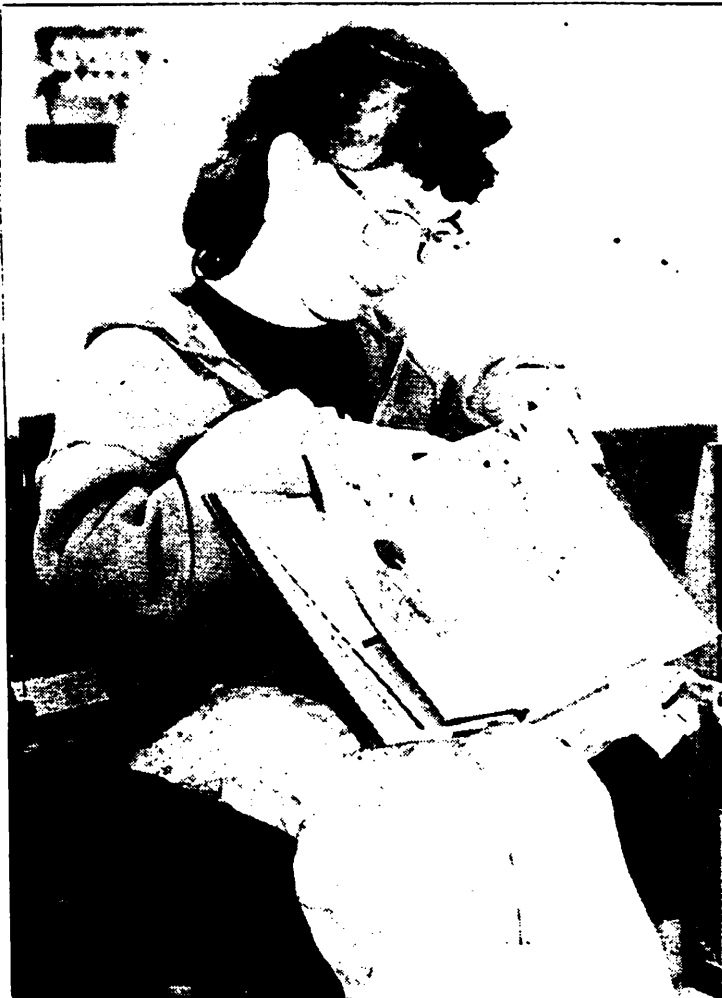


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Kristin Marquardt reads to child care students at Highline. Kristin Marquardt reads to child care students at Highline. Kristin Marquardt reads to child care students at Highline. Kristin Marquardt reads to child care students at Highline.

a disability. I can't see myself not being involved," Marquardt said.

Marquardt can speak Spanish OK but can't paint her nails, "I don't mind that," she said, "I can't be as physically independent as you are or somebody else can but I have to be intellectually independent."

Circle K president, Marquardt will be running for District Editor of the Pacific Northwest district of Circle K. She would run the newsletter, e-mail, and website.

The most important thing to her isn't that she wins but it will be another hurdle that she has overcome just by running it, Marquardt said.

In her spare time, Marquardt loves writing poetry, singing and reading. "People don't realize we don't even consider our disabilities," said Marquardt.

"At 10 years old, I was shy and stuck to my mom, but my mom told me I needed to get involved and independent in some way," said Marquardt.

There are many things that Marquardt has learned and accomplished. "I couldn't do it without my family, friends, and teachers, who have put a lot of trust in myself and my self-esteem," said Marquardt.

Cram nights offer chance to catch up

By Jeff Del Rosario
Staff Reporter

Finals are just around the corner. The slack and procrastination from early this quarter begins to surface.

With jobs and term papers and projects also due, it is difficult to find time to study. College in a College Program, the library, and the Events Board are all sponsoring Cram Night.

Cram Night is an event where students have the opportunity to study or cram for finals.

Cram Night starts on Monday, March 17-19. The second, third, and fourth floors of the library will be open for the students from 9:30 p.m.-2 a.m.

Lecture notes and the books are the only things needed because admission will be free and refreshments will also be served.

This quarter will be the fourth Cram Night held at Highline. It started winter quarter 96 by John Koehler (former bookstore administrator), and student Robert Daniel.

"They were like the founders of Cram Night," said Laura Westergard, coordinator of College in a College.

The first Cram Night event was held downstairs in the cafeteria in Building 8. Not very many students showed up.

Therefore, the next Cram Night event (spring quarter finals 96), was permanently moved to the library where the atmosphere is more comfortable to study in.

Last quarter, about 120 students took advantage of the event on the first night.

"We thought it was very successful," said Westergard.

Every quarter during finals week, it is certain that Cram Nights will be available.

The College in a College program plans on continuing to be a sponsor of the Cram Night events.

Bookstore to buy back books next week

By Apisit Sajjapabul
Staff Reporter

In the final week of Winter Quarter, you will see a long line in front of the bookstore. Each person in line will be carrying textbooks.

Everyone is used to doing this, and it happens at the end of every quarter. "I have to stay in line for 30 minutes to sell them back," said Kittika Thakkar.

How does the bookstore give you a price for your book? "I bought them for almost \$200 and they gave me back just \$40!" said Thakkar.

You may not think this is fair considering the price you paid but this is how they adjust it.

"It depends on the book. If it was ordered from any instructor

or going to be used again next quarter, we will give you back 50 percent of the original price," said Pat Miller, the bookstore manager.

As Miller said, if your book is going to be used again next quarter you will get half-price back from that book.

You still can have your money back, but not all of it.

"There are wholesale companies which buy used books from colleges and sell them to other colleges who want them," said Miller.

The Highline bookstore is now open for buying back books from the students. If you don't think you need your books anymore, sell them back and get back some of your money.

The bookstore will be open

to buy back books on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of the last week of the quarter. Spring

quarter buy back is also on Wednesdays and Thursday of the final week of the quarter.

Books offered on Math board

By Tim Wyse
Staff Reporter

If you are looking for a TI calculator and cannot afford to pay \$80-120, then check out the new math bulletin board.

It is located outside of Building 17, room 101. Outside of the room, used calculators are offered for a cheaper price; books are also offered.

The books may not be cheaper, because it is the student's choice to sell for however much he/she pleases. Sometimes the

bookstore runs out of a book and this provides students with an opportunity to get that book.

There is also tutoring help offered on the bulletin board and a basic information of what's going on in the math department.

If you are looking to sell calculators, books, or are successful enough to help others in your math field, please contact Helen Burn in Building 18, room 204, or ext. 3496.

You can also contact any other math professor.



Bubbles fly at Valley View

Everyone is welcome to explore the scientific principles of bubbles at Bubble Blast on March 15.

The event is part of the

King County Library System's Wild and Wacky World of Science of Math.

Bubble Blast will be at 1 p.m. at Valley View library. The library is located at 17850 Military Rd. S and can be reached at (206) 242-6044.

T-word announces appointments

W.B. Heming has been promoted to managing editor of the ThunderWord, editor-in-chief Carmine Coburn announced this week.

Also receiving promotions for spring quarter are Gina Carpinito, to chief copy editor; Tim Wyse, to sports editor; Lisa Curdy, to arts editor; and distribution manager Sheri Ingraham.

Continuing with the staff will be Bruce Jarrell, photo editor; Anita Coppola, business manag-

er; Chris Griffin, graphics editor; and Jake Dill, cartoonist.

Diversity taught at council meeting

There will be a student council meeting today in the Board Room on floor 5 of the library at 2 p.m.

Toni Castro, director of multicultural services, and Kayleen Oka, multicultural students programs coordinator, will be holding a diversity training workshop at the meeting.

Family fun night at Highline pool

Highline's pool will open for a family fun night on April 11 from 7-9 p.m.

The cost for the evening will be 50 cents for children 12 and under and \$1 for adults. Children under the age of six must have an adult with them in a one-to-one ratio.

Students interested in the event need to sign up in the Student Programs office by April 7.

Professor retires, plans new school

By A.J. Feroe
Staff Reporter

After teaching at Highline Community College for 30 years, Mike Campbell will be retiring to pursue other interests. Campbell's last day of teaching will be March 21.

Campbell is a man with lots of energy, a great sense of humor and a lot on his mind. Campbell admits to being "a bit of a futurist" and once taught a class entitled "Computers of the Future."

From March 21-April 31 he will be on campus working on a joint project with Highline and Green River C.C. to promote communication between the schools, and develop on-line classes and websites for the internet.

Over the years, Campbell has become unsettled with the idea of "competing with Hollywood" when it comes to studying and education. "Kids come home from school and are bombarded with television, Nintendo, Sega, MTV..." Campbell said, and other forms of Hollywood, instead of hitting the books. As a result, "Many students are coming to college with little study skills, and a ninth or tenth grade reading level," he said.

When Campbell is finished with the internet project, he is going to work on a solution for



Mike Campbell is leaving Highline, but not education.

this problem. He is going to open a middle school with some very different approaches to education.

The first challenge is to combat "Hollywood" by scheduling classes from 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. and not assigning homework.

"When you are done with school, you can go home and be with your family or play games or whatever," said Campbell.

The next challenge is to get all the children, teachers, and parents to interact more so that the children do better. There is an incentive for all. The students will take a standardized test at the beginning and end of the year. For all the teachers, the more students you have who do well, the more you get paid. Likewise for the parents, the better your child does, the less

you pay.

Maximum enrollment at the school will be 140 students.

The goal of the school is to better prepare students and strengthen family bonds. "He will definitely be missed," one student said.

Campbell is well known for the interesting, informative and bold speakers he has had in his Human Sexuality classes. Speakers have included gays/lesbians, a female sadomasochist, and a male stripper, all of whom, students found interesting and educational.

Campbell's educational background includes a B.S. from the University of Washington, and an A.B.D. (All But Dissertation) in anthropology.

Campbell began teaching at Highline in 1967 part-time while working on his Ph.D. dissertation. Before Highline, Campbell taught for a few years at the junior and senior high levels, but did not enjoy that much, and opted for the community college level instead.

In the beginning, he taught mostly cultural anthropology, with interests in cross-cultural healing and child rearing.

About 17 years ago, he changed his focus to human sexuality. He taught both anthropology and human sexuality.

Campbell is a believer that it is "appropriate to add some humor to lighten [class] up."

Photo by Bruce Jarrell

Area code changes make dialing difficult

By Gordon Smith
Staff Reporter

Many area codes in the 206 region will be changing as of April 1997.

Currently, Washington is divided into three area codes.

The Tacoma-Seattle-Everett metropolitan area and east to the Cascade crest is in the 206 region.

All other numbers in Western Washington have the 360 prefix. East of the Cascades the area code is 509.

Area code 360 was installed in 1994. Three years later, there are already a shortage of available phone numbers.

U.S. West Communications Area Manager George Chappelle said that phone numbers are being snatched up at a rapid rate.

"Because of the increase of customers using the Internet, cell phones, and pagers, we are simply running out of numbers," Chappelle said.

Beginning April 27, Western Washington will be split into four area codes. "We expect the additional area codes to provide enough numbers for the next 10 years," Chappelle said.

Seattle, along with Des Moines, will remain with the 206 area code. The Tacoma area to north Kent will change to 253, and north Kent to Everett will change to 425.

The new codes will carry with them a seven-month "permissive" dialing period through Nov. 16, 1997. The permissive period allows either the new or the old prefix to be dialed. "The extended permissive dialing period is to allow the customer extra time to learn the new codes," Chappelle said.

"These decisions are not made lightly," Chappelle said. "It takes extensive studies of the area which include growth patterns, community input, technology availability, and independent research councils."

Long distance zones will not be changing with the new area codes.

Highline students attempting to call the Des Moines campus from the Federal Way satellite will have to dial four extra digits, but will not have to pay extra for the call.

Book buggies, bags bear bundles

By Lisa Curdy, Shellie Sicilia and Tim Wyse
Staff Reporters

Backpacks are the preferred method of lugging books, say 230 Highline College students.

Coming in a rainbow of colors, the zippered strapped pouched backpack has won the hearts of 73 percent of those surveyed. "Backpacks are the easiest way to carry so many books, and are cute!" said one excited backpack user.

Looking much more popular than they actually are, wheeled luggage carts make up a mere 7 percent of the survey. These book buggies were chosen because "books and supplies get a little heavy," one student said. Bok booghies (as they are called in some parts of East Bookistan) are used mostly by females aged 35 and up.

Bags, whether purchased at Eddie Bauer or given to you by ol' grannie, are used by 19 percent. "I chose to use a bag because it has a strap," a user said. Yes, straps are good, but some have made the switch to bags because "backpacks are too small, and I can use it for more than just school books," a dedicated bag carrier said.

Used the least, by only one



Photo by Bruce Jarrell

Dannette Martin wheels her books up the hill by Building 8.

percent of those surveyed, arms came in dead last.

The 2.3 students who chose

to use their arms weren't available for comment, as they were busy retrieving fallen books

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Editorial

T-Birds prove that if you play as a team you can become a champion

As many of you know the Highline Community College basketball team became the NWAACC champions. The team rolled through the season and finished up at 31-1. That's 31 wins and 1 loss. This is an amazing feat, especially in basketball. Basketball is a sport where on any given night one team can be hot and another cold. Heck, even the immortal Chicago Bulls get beat occasionally.

The T-Birds consistently showed solid team play throughout the year. They played especially hard at the defensive end of the floor. This in a day and age where everyone wants to be the highest scorer on the team. Highline had different people step up every night, and proved that basketball truly is a team sport.

Coaches always stress defense and team play, and on many teams this idea goes in one ear and out the other, but HCC's T-Birds have proved that this is the formula for becoming champions.

Yes, it's true that Highline had one of the best players in the state on its roster, but one man cannot win a championship alone. One of the great things about HCC's team this year was that you never knew who was going to go off. Maybe it would be Reggie, or maybe "Big Red," or J.J., actually it could anyone on the roster. These guys trusted each other, supported each other all year long. The T-Birds were the epitome of the word team this year.

Not to mention that they had great fan support throughout the year. If future teams at Highline want to become winners then they should follow in the footsteps of this years team, and if fans expect their teams to continue to stay on top, they should keep up the excellent support.

The season is over, and it has been a great ride. The memories will last a long time, and the banner in the Pavilion will remind us of the wonderful season.

As the seasons change however, so do the sports, and so now that basketball is over we mustn't forget about all of the other hard working athletes that are preparing for the spring. So come out and support the spring sports and let's continue to show pride in our school.

Students should put mouth where money is

Everyone could use an extra \$20.

That is about the amount of money that each student would save on text books every year if House Bill 1229 were to pass the Washington State Legislature.

HB 1229 would waive the sales tax that students pay on required text books.

Although it isn't tuition, \$20 can be the materials that students need for a special presentation, groceries, or almost enough to pay for parking for a year.

Unfortunately, students aren't likely to see that money. It's business as usual in Olympia and that means that Republicans and Democrats are too busy pushing their own agendas to pay attention to what the people want.

The main problem with passing the bill is that Republicans (who control the Legislature) are too busy trying to sneak their property and business cuts through the House.

However, for a bill to pass, people need to throw their support behind it. For a bill such as this to pass, students need to call their representatives and spread the word.

Unfortunately it seems students haven't gotten the word themselves. A trip was planned to visit Olympia and rally support for the bill. Only eight students were signed up to go.

If students are serious about cutting the price of education, they need to take the initiative and push it through themselves.



Generation X is doing fine

Everyone seems to have this preconceived notion that Generation X is a bunch of under-achieving, mindless, misfits. Well, I'm here to state otherwise.

This quarter I have been taking a speech class. Now speech class is designed to make you a better public speaker of course. Speech class also teaches the value of communication in society. Communication allows thoughts and ideas to be shared and understood by others.

Speech class is different than any other class because the lectures and talks are given primarily by the students. So, what does all of this have to do with Generation X? Well, for the last quarter I've listened to my fellow Generation X'ers give talks about things that they had on their minds, and I honestly believe that Generation X is going to be O.K..

These talks have ranged from racism, to why condoms shouldn't be distributed in schools. These young minds have put thought into their world. They care about their world, and want to see their world become a better place. Recent numbers have shown that enrollment in higher education is up. Generation X is getting educated.

There is another trend evolving, it might not have originated with Generation X, but we are helping it grow. I'm talking about the fact that Generation X's females are a force to contend with. Our generation is growing up in a time when women are encouraged to participate in sports, and are more and more being treated as equal. Generation X is recognizing women as equals.

Our Generation is growing up in a time when we are learning to appreciate other cultures, and races. We recognize our differences, but also acknowledge our similarities. More and more you will begin to see whites, blacks, Asians, Hispanics, you name it, hanging out together, celebrating diversity. Our generation might not be totally without its prejudices, but

What's on my mind...

By Carmine Coburn

we are taking steps in the right direction.

Our generation is growing up in a more environmentally conscious age. We are bombarded daily with ads encouraging the practice of recycling, using recycled products, and becoming more environmentally aware. Generation X is making an effort to save the planet, the beginnings are humble, but hopefully future generations will continue to fight the good fight.

Generation X gets a lot of crap from the older generations. Even recently students here at HCC have endured abuse from the author of "Generation X Goes to College," by Peter

Sacks, who is presumed to have been an instructor here at HCC. Well, my fellow Generation X members, I think it would be cool if we all gave our critics a collective politically correct, "go to heck!" We won't lower ourselves to profanity.

The point is that I'm sick and tired of hearing about what losers Generation X are. Generation X is alive and kicking @! We're all just trying to make sense out of a crazy messed up world, that by the way we inherited from the generations before us. So, please members of the older generations, please don't take the easy way out and blame us. Like I said, we're doing our best, and quite frankly I think we're doing a great job!

So, don't get down by all of the negative publicity about us. Soon enough we'll be in charge, and not only will we be doing it better, but hopefully we won't be blaming what mistakes we do make on the generations that come after us.

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Eerie phenomenon sparks hypothesis

Spring is in the air, bringing with it those wondrous final exams that every good Thunderbird is eagerly waiting to take before enjoying a fantastic week of relaxation and personal growth.

It would be great if that were reality. Unfortunately, for those of us who are human, we have to take our finals before we can get out for a much deserved session of R and R (Rainier and reruns).

The world is a mysterious place, however. Even as students slump into the realm of incoherence and bad tempers,

On the wild side

By W.B. Heming

professors all around campus are getting happy.

This phenomenon was noticed by Assistant Athletic Director John Dunn and mentioned to his first aid students at the blissful hour of 7 a.m.

The overly ecstatic Dunn then went a step further in his intellectual pursuit to explain the difference between students and teachers in the last few weeks before spring break.

After contemplating the issue, Dunn struck upon an idea. If students' attitudes/mindsets and teachers' attitudes/mindsets were plotted together, they would both diverge from a central point and move outward toward spring break.

The resulting teacher/student spring break attitude meter was then hastily constructed by Dunn to illustrate his hypothesis.

At the beginning of winter quarter, everyone starts out being happy.

Well, maybe not everyone, but for the most part, people are in a general state of lightheartedness.

As midterms creep up on students, their mood tends to drift toward grumpiness, and some students go the extra mile and jump directly to being pissed.

Even as students become less than ecstatic, professors begin to become really happy as they realize that the quarter is half over.

As time drifts by for students, they enter the state of non-responsiveness. At the same time, instructors float through the realm of giddiness to "oh-my-God-happy."

Finals have crept out of the closet and have come gunning for students once again.

That rather unhappy feeling of test paranoia ("I'm going to fail all of my finals") coupled with foaming-at-the-mouth stress, causes most students to fall into the old routine of hating everyone in general.

However, even as some stu-

This is your brain normally.



Your brain after finals!



dents begin to plot the malicious defacing of many popular instructor's automobiles, professors continue in their gaiety, just like Christmas.

They only have a couple of scantrons to feed through a machine and they're done, Dunn said.

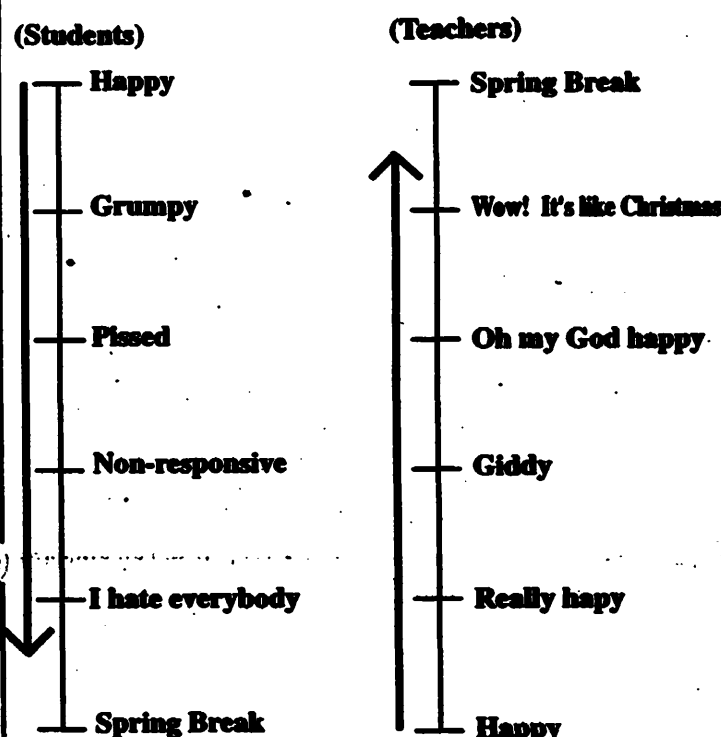
Before the destruction of life as we know it, spring break does

creep over the campus.

For a week, everything is quiet. It's sort of like that scene from the beginning of "Bambi" where everyone is happy and little fuzzy bunnies go scurrying about everywhere.

However, spring quarter is lurking just around the corner, waiting for unsuspecting students to stumble upon it.

Teacher and Student Spring Break Meter



Tips on why to tip servers

By Pauline Espinoza
Staff Reporter

You're sitting at a table finishing the last of your meal, and Molly, your server, comes to the table with her warm smile that she's had all night and asks you how everything was.

She cared about all of your wants and needs, making sure the water glasses stayed full, coffee hot, and the food prepared and served to your expectations. Molly provided more than just good service, she provided a lasting memorable experience that you enjoyed and won't forget.

At the end of the meal, Molly comes back to the table and drops the check off after making sure you don't need anything else, and lets you know that she is going to be the cashier when you're ready to pay. You look at the check and see that the bill is \$40. Typically, you would leave a 15 percent tip, which is \$6. Unfortunately, some people don't feel it necessary to tip that much or even tip at all.

Here are some reasons how-

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ever, why it is necessary. As a server, Molly makes less than \$5 an hour, and averages a 3-5 hour shift per day. She doesn't get paid time and a half when working holidays.

Molly more than likely never works enough to get overtime, because most restaurants don't allow it, and she probably doesn't have medical or dental insurance.

Molly also has to tip people at the end of her shift. She has to tip 3 percent of her total food sales to the busser, bartender, and hostess working with her that day.

This means on a \$200 sale, she would make about \$30 in tips, and has to give 0.75 percent, which is about \$1, to the hostess; 1 percent, which is \$2, goes to the bartender; and 1.5 percent, which is \$3.50, goes to the busser.

So if she received 15 percent tips from all of her tables, she would actually walk home with \$23.50. It could even be less than that at times if people don't

leave 15 percent.

She could even lose money out of her own pocket if people don't leave any tip at all.

"It doesn't happen often, but it's happened to me before. I was waiting on a group of 20 people and they all wanted separate checks. A few people in the group walked out without paying at all while I was trying to get change for the others. I had to pay \$36 out of my tips to cover for the food they ate," Michelle Lewis said.

Sean Dayley, who works at Cucina Cucina, says that you're paying for the service at the restaurant.

"You pay just like you would pay someone to come in and install cabinets in your kitchen. Just because you paid for the cabinets doesn't mean that you wouldn't pay the person to install them."

"I just want people to understand how important it is to leave a tip. If anything leave at least an 8 percent tip to cover the cost of what servers get taxed on by the government," said J.P., who works at Tony Roma's.

Students should just say no to vinyl

Dear Editor,

Recently, (I am applying the term recently loosely, I actually mean any time within Winter quarter) I was walking to my 11 a.m. class on a day with a rare occurrence; the sun was out.

It was already hard to see when a bolt of light stabbed me in the eye. Since I was walking away from the sun and none of the buildings had windows, I used some deductive reasoning, and assumed the glare was not coming from a window or directly from the sun (you can learn deductive reasonings as I did by taking a logic class by John Fox).

So where was the offending light coming from? I narrowed it down to a group of girls, all of whom were wearing synthetic leather. This offended me, and it had nothing to do with the glare in my eyes. You may be asking yourself why this offended me because it's not as if they were wearing their dead grandfather. Well, I'll tell you.

To be honest with you readers, I wouldn't care if they did wear their dead grandfathers. Normally clothing or lack there

of, doesn't bother me at all. What does bother me is that these people are going out of their way to destroy music.

You may be wondering what my connection between music and synthetic leather is. It's very simple; because every vinyl mini skirt you see means one less copy of Sgt. Peppers in the world.

These heathen girls are melting down copies of classics for the sake of fashion. Oh the humanity! Before we live in a society that doesn't have any culture I ask you, no I beg you; please stop wearing vinyl.

If these girls continue to be selfish they are going to have the same fate as the countless generations before them. These girls will become like their parents who regret wearing bell bottoms and lavender leisure suits in the seventies, and like their older siblings who just had to have a red or black pair of Michael Jackson parachute pants in the mid-eighties.

So for your sake, for our sake, for the Beatle's sake, and for all of humanities' sake, please stop wearing vinyl.

Sincerely,
A member of P.A.V.E.
(People Advocating Vinyl Enlightenment)

T-Birds get into the swing of things Track keeps cruising along

By Jenny Hagan
Staff Reporter

The Highline women's fast-pitch softball team has been practicing at 5:45 a.m. to 7:45 a.m. all winter quarter. They started out playing fall ball and continued their practice and conditioning after the fall season.

The only time off the team has had is two weeks during winter break. The season will begin on March 14 and 15 in Oregon against George Fox and Clackamas Community College, respectively. This will be the team's first trip out of state. The team held a clinic on March 9 for high school fastpitch players to raise money for the trip to Oregon.

"We need lots of support this year in order for us to keep up our confidence, come out and see us," third baseman Kristen Brown said.

The team is coached by Ces Coulson, Cara Hoyt, and assistant coach Debi Butler. Jill Butler and Stacie Mock are the co-captains for the '97 Thunderbirds.

"We have great unity and this will help us pull through hard games," Mock said.

"We want to have fun and beat Clackamas," Jill Butler said.

The teams to beat this year are Spokane, Walla Walla, and Edmonds, said coaches Hoyt and Coulson.

Practice is so early in the morning due to gym time. "Between basketball and recreational volleyball leagues this is the only time of the day the gym is available to us," Coulson said. "I think that we actually have an advantage and are more disciplined than the other teams because practice is so early."

Another reason for such an early practice is so players can work and will not have to worry about going to practice after class.

The punishment for being late is to run for the amount of minutes the athlete was late. "We understand that it is early but they haven't really been late, they have actually been early," Coulson said. "It is a huge compliment to them, they have been doing awesome and we are very proud of them."

Coulson also said that it will be easy for the team when spring comes. "Last year we weren't as disciplined as we are this year and I know it will pay off."

Most of the players' days look like this: Wake up at 4:30 a.m., go to practice from 5:30 to



Photo by Bruce Jarrell
Jen Francis and her team gear up for their season.

8 a.m., go to class for the next three to five hours, go home and change, then off to work around four or five to about 11 p.m. just to wake up at 4:30 the next morning and do it all over again.

"Friday nights suck because we are too tired to go out and do anything fun," Reagan Freed said.

Jennifer Francis is the starting catcher and is a transfer from University of Oregon. "It isn't as hard as playing for U of O but it is also a lot more fun," Francis said. "My goal is to go to NWACC and I want to have a better batting average."

This year's starting pitcher will be Katie deCastro, freshman from Kent Meridian.

The team does get to sleep in on Wednesday morning because of their night practice. The team has two days of hitting practice and three days of defense. There are 15 women on the team with six sophomores and nine freshmen.

"Our goal is to be in the top four and go to the NWACC competition," Hoyt said. "We also want to go 8-0 at home and win 90 percent of our games on the road."

"If we utilize our talent we can go all the way to state," first baseman Carrie Frisinger said.

Many hours have been put into this year's team. "This is the best team we have ever put together here at HCC," Hoyt said. "We want to draw a big crowd to support us and help us win."

The team made an agreement to come to practice and to go to class. If they don't they will spend the next practice doing homework.

The coaches watch their players' academics very closely. One of the goals that has been set this year is a team grade point average of 3.2. This goal has helped the team stay on task in both the classroom and on the field, Coulson said.

By Meghan Pattee
Staff Reporter

Highline's track team placed third overall at the Salzman Invitational Meet on Saturday.

The team was running against 13 different schools and clubs, all of which are part of the local National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics.

In the 400 meter relay, Shelby Buchanan, Dave Blair, Demone Taylor and Ryan Youmans took first place with a time of 42.50. The 1600 meter relay, composed of Ryan Youmans, Shelby Buchanan, Dave Blair, and Todd Girtz, also took first with a time of 3:20.07.

In the individual events, Wes Young jumped 6'8" in the high jump to snag first. Shelby Buchanan set a personal record

in the 400 meters and made fourth on the all time list at Highline in that event.

Several other people set personal records as well. Quyen Hoang placed fifth in the javelin with a personal record of 183 feet, 4 inches and in the shot put, Brent Twaddle placed second with a distance of 49 feet, 5 inches, his personal best.

"This was the best outdoor meet this early in the season ever," Coach Louis D'Andrea said.

Meets with the four-year schools are good exposure for recruitment and coaches from these schools were talking with some of Highline's runners.

The next meet is the Decathlon and the Western Washington Open in Bellingham on March 14 and 15.

HCC students want hardball

By Eryn Redmon
Staff Reporter

A Highline student is pitching for a men's baseball team, but college officials say "show me the money."

Jerry Davis wants a chance at bat for HCC. "I want a chance for students at Highline to be able to play baseball," he said. "And to have the opportunity to be seen by four-year colleges and maybe get offered scholarships."

College officials say it's a question of finances, however. "Sports are possible."

In order to create funds for a new baseball team something has to give. "We have to adjust. It all comes down to mon-

ey," said Athletic Director Fred Harrison. It can cost \$25,000 to \$30,000 just to start up a new program which doesn't even include the proper facilities.

"We have to pay for coaches, equipment, travel costs and scholarships," he said.

"John Dunn (assistant athletic director) and myself are taking what we do have and are maximizing that."

Harrison is working on a proposal to accommodate student athletes such as Jerry Davis who want a chance to play sports that are not offered at Highline. This proposal will allow students who are enrolled at one school to play a sport at another school that's not offered at his or her original school.

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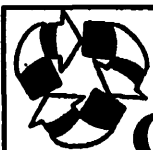


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Spring sprouts fine fashions

By Apisit Sajjapaibul and
Angkarn Srisomasajjakul
Staff Reporters

There is only one month before Spring Quarter. Let's check out what Highline students are thinking about fashion and what they are going to be wearing.

According to a survey of 200 Highline students, more than half said that the current fashion trends influence the way they dress.

"The trends amuse me and also keep reminding me that I enjoy fashion, the creative part. It influences me to be creative," one Highline student said.

"In a small way, I dress pretty general. However, I do introduce new fashion trends into my wardrobe," Moizza Windon said.

On the other side of the fashion coin, 48 percent of those surveyed do not really care about the current fashion trends at all.

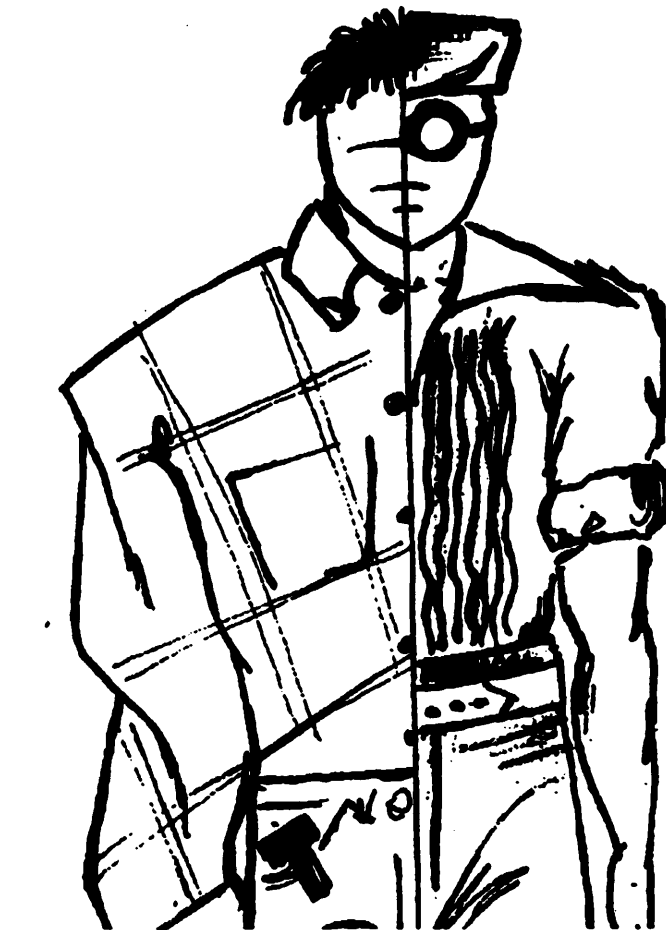
"Because most everyone's dress is the same and I like to have my own individual style," Camisha Jackson said.

Many students prefer to wear what is comfortable for them instead of the latest fashion direction.

You may think Highline guys do not like to dress up, but they do. Forty-seven percent of the guys attempt to be trendy. "Everyone takes pieces of different people to create their own personality and part of personality is dress," Tanner Hansen said.

Almost all students buy their clothes for themselves.

"I do buy them myself. No



one can choose your clothes except yourself. I appreciate what I buy with my parent's money," Rapeepun Rug-Reuang said. Only 17 percent let their parents or other people buy for them.

Since they buy their own clothes and fashion still influences the way they dress, price is the most important thing for students in making a decision about which clothes to purchase.

"Sometimes I feel I can get a better deal for the same style but maybe with a different brand name at a different department store. I am a bargain shopper,"

Olympia Smith said.

Only 15 percent said price does not change their desire for beauty.

"If I like it and I have enough money for what I want, I don't care about the price," Ann Ngoc Dao said.

The average cost of one outfit that a Highline student can afford is approximately \$50, with another large percentage spending \$50-100. Five percent can afford from \$100-150 and 25 percent can afford more than \$150.

If the money is really important and you can't afford the ex-

pensive brand name, a good way to keep on the fashion track is to spend your day in the secondhand stores.

Don't be surprised because 64 percent already own some used clothes in their closets.

"I like the thrill of not knowing what was done in those clothes before," Nick Bellies said.

"Cheap, cute, and they seem to fit me better than brand new," Mayuko Shibutani said. "Sometimes it takes time to get good materials from these shops. But if you are lucky, you'll find some."

Some students do not like the idea of wearing somebody else's clothes. They can be dirty or torn.

"I bought a pair of jeans, but I don't like the idea of wearing something that someone else has worn," Michael Kelly said.

In spring, everyone is probably ready for a new outlook, and 58 percent will definitely do something to change their look.

"I can't wear all these dark colors in the spring; I must wear bright and light colors and I can wear skirts, dresses and sandals," Ann Ngoc Dao said.

"Spring means smaller, shorter, more revealing outfits," Shery S said. Many women seem to like to wear something lighter and more colorful and guys seem to be prepared with shorts and a tanktop and shorter hair.

And finally, about 42 percent will save their money for something else instead of buying new clothes, but they will still be themselves with their own style.

Relationships explained in 'Chasing Amy'

By Kirk Elliott
Staff Reporter

"Chasing Amy," the conclusion of Kevin Smith's trilogy (following "Clerks" and "Mallrats") continues the theme of two guys hanging out.

Chasing Amy is considerably more mature and has better character development. With

Movie Review

Banky (Jason Lee) and Holden (Brian Affleck), the relationship between them is real. They're not just the straight man and the funny guy. Both are multidimensional, and go from making you laugh to making you feel thoughtful.

But "Chasing Amy" is not just a film about two guys, it's also a love story. Holden meets a fellow comic book artist, Alyssa (Joey Lauren Adams), and immediately falls for her. However, Alyssa has her romantic sights elsewhere and yet decides, nevertheless, to pursue a friendship with Holden.

This presents Holden with a dilemma: Feeling the way he does, can he merely be friends with this woman? Banky, who knows Holden best, doesn't think so.

Smith says all three films depict a time that "for many of us was painful and forgettable: the years just after high school and beyond when we're being forced into adulthood. Everything seems raw and dramatic then. And when falling in love, emotional for us at any age, is especially turbulent."

"Chasing Amy" is just as funny as the previous two installments. "Mallrats," which had a \$6 million budget, was basically a money loser at the box office.

The Producers wanted "Mallrats" to be a commercial movie, and that took effectiveness away from it. "Chasing Amy" had a \$250,000 budget, which gave Smith total control, and last cut, which allowed the movie to be what it is supposed to be.

Plot, character development, cinematography continually gets better throughout the three movies, with "Chasing Amy" having the best of all three.

If you have the time, and want to be truly entertained, or if you are, were, or going to be involved in any type of relationship, rent the first two movies, then see "Chasing Amy" when it starts in theaters, and you will be very pleased with the experience.

"Chasing Amy" opens in Seattle in April.

Insects: the other white meat

Someday, food servers in American restaurants may ask if you'd like a side of flies with your meal. According to the World Encyclopedia of Food, termites contain 75 percent more protein than a T-bone steak and research is being conducted toward making food staples out of them.

Brian Holmes, professor of anthropology at Highline Community College said that Americans are being childish by not considering bugs as a possible food source. Holmes, who has

The Thrifty T-Bird



By Bonnie Char

eaten worms and ants, said that "fried worms taste very similar to french fries," while he described chocolate covered ants to be like Raisinettes with a bit of a crunch.

While many are repulsed by

the idea of eating a bug, what number of these same people could take a shot gun and a carving knife to a calf without feeling disturbed or nauseated?

Some forms of seafood certainly resemble bugs. Take for instance the crab, lobster or shrimp. Americans think nothing of eating these animals dipped in garlic butter, yet the idea of eating bugs is unacceptable because as a culture, Americans have not been raised with the idea that bugs are suitable forms of food. Holmes said that people of other countries have been eating bugs for thousands of years.

There are many ways to eat bugs. In China, beetles are fried in oil and salt, and eaten like nuts. Samoans think nothing of popping the grub of the long-horn borer beetle into their mouth raw. Europeans prepare the wickety grub by putting it into hot ashes to singe off the hair, and then eating.

Escargot, a food made from

the common garden snail, can be found at some of the most elegant restaurants in America, yet the slug, a cousin of the snail, will evoke sounds of disgust. This "boneless" escargot was often eaten by Native Americans who prepared them by skewering them on sticks and roasting them over a fire.

Much of the prejudice against insects is due to cultural immaturity and unwarranted squeamishness.

As a result, we Americans may be missing out on untold culinary delights. How many Americans would be appalled at the thought of eating insect vomit? Yet they have been eating it for centuries in the form of honey.

For those who need a higher authority to sanction the eating of bugs, four varieties of grasshoppers are sighted as "kosher" in the Bible's book of Leviticus. That's right, even God says bugs are suitable for human consumption.

Writers win at conference

Winners in the Second Annual Flight Path Conference Awards have been announced.

Out of 10 short story submissions, first place was awarded to "Bedelia's Predicament" by Sally Sell.

A second place finish was earned by Donna Landgraf's "A Deciding Moment." A tie between "Ripples" by Ann De-

Heide and "Beginner" by Rachel Thorne rounded out it out for third place.

There were 41 entries in the poetry competition. "Except for the Church" by Pat Tylia took home first place. Second place was awarded to "Dryer Love" by Laura Snyder.

Third place was won by Janice Baugher's "Umbrella Ways."

Physics professor has fun with classes

By Jeff Del Rosario
Staff Reporter

If anybody thinks that there aren't any D.J. here at Highline, think again.

Dave Johnson, better known to his students as D.J., has been teaching physics for 31 years here at Highline.

He prefers to be called D.J. because he doesn't want a gap between the student and the teacher.

"I'm not a doctor, 'Mister' is too formal, and 'Dave' is too personal. 'D.J.' is sort of a compromise," he said.

Just by his name preference, it is clear that he is unique. "I think everything is funny," he said. He is humorous and teaches physics in an interesting and entertaining way.

For instance, he needed a piece of string for an experiment demonstration. He had it and pretended that he somehow misplaced it. So, he stood in front of the class thinking where he misplaced it.

Soon enough, a student noticed a piece of string hanging out of his button-up shirt. With



Dave Johnson explains a finer point of physics to his students.

Photo by Bruce Jarrell

a surprised look on D.J.'s face, he slowly pulled the string out and voila, the missing string.

To go along with his lectures

is a book that he wrote himself. He believes that his book will be more effective than the books from the past in helping the stu-

dents understand the concepts of physics.

"I couldn't find a book that would do what I wanted it to

do," he said. So, he took a quarter off to write the book.

D.J. attended Wheaton College in Illinois and majored in physics. He went to graduate school at the University of Michigan.

In his first year of teaching, he was at a high school in Michigan.

Next, he went to California and taught for a year. Then he taught in Centralia for two years and finally, landed here at Highline.

For many years of teaching, D.J. said that the students stay the same. "People are still people. They're still nice people," he said.

But, the education system has changed. He thinks that the abilities and expectations before the college level are lower.

Therefore, "[We] are required to lay everything out [for the students]," he said.

When D.J. is not in the classroom in the summertime, he likes building houses. So far, he has built 17 houses.

He also enjoys sports such as golf, pickleball, bicycling, and skiing with the family.

Finding functional day care fundamental to child's future

By Gordon Smith
Staff Reporter

Leaving your child with a sitter for the very first time is traumatic enough without worrying about whether junior is being left with the right person, and in the right place.

Finding dependable child care is no longer as easy as picking up the phone and enlisting grandma, or the next door neighbor.

With extended family often extending outside the city limits and many grandmothers working themselves, the mother is forced to rely on a stranger to help raise her child.

Finding the ideal caretaker can be a time consuming process, so allow as much as two months for the search.

Several trails can be taken to track down the perfect day care for your child. The first person you should ask is your child's pediatrician. Nobody else knows as many babies, mothers, and fathers, as your baby's doctor.

Ask him or her for recommendations. Check the office bulletin board for notices put up by local day care. Most pediatricians require such businesses to leave references at the front desk.

Other parents are a good source of quality care as well. Ask fellow mothers if they are pleased with the care given to their children.

There are nursing agencies

and registries that offer trained, experienced, and usually expensive care through the use of nannies.

Most companies have already done the legwork and checked references for you.

Check with your local hospital. Many hospitals offer babysitting referral services. Generally, most sitters have taken classes at the hospital in baby CPR, and infant first aid at the hospital.

One thing you want to avoid is endless days of interviewing the wrong people. Sift the applicants out by use of resumes or quick phone conversations. Before you begin talking to people, figure out what it is that you want in a sitter. Day care facilities range in quality from top of the line, to bottom of the barrel, with most falling in the mediocre middle.

If you want only the best for

your baby, you will want to examine each aspect of every possibility.

There are several aspects to consider. First and foremost, eliminate any day care that is not licensed. Look for a trained and experienced staff. Consider also the teacher to baby ratio. A sane teacher, is a safe teacher.

Day care facilities should have a loving and stimulating atmosphere, and should encourage parent involvement. Stay away from places that do not allow "drop in" parents. The true test of a day care is in the middle of the day.

Day care facilities should also have a strong regard for nutrition. They should have strict safety, health, and sanitation rules.

The day care on campus is an fits the above mentioned criteria. On a scale of one to ten, Highline child care would have

to be a high nine.

All employees at Highline have degrees in early childhood development, some have bachelor degrees, and some are working towards a masters.

No matter which day care you choose for your child, be alert for signs of discontent. Sudden changes in personality or mood, clinginess, and fretfulness that does not seem attributable to anything else.

If your baby seems unhappy, check into your child care situation; it may need altering

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Student programs compete for funding

By Ryan Hilson
Staff Reporter

A panel of students and faculty are voting on how to fund all of Highline's programs outside the classroom.

Last year's Service and Activities budget was \$789,000 with 35 different programs sharing the pot. This year, there are 39 groups asking for about \$840,000.

The S & A Budget Committee gets its money from S & A fees paid by all students. They take \$47 from each full-time student to fund these programs.

Although the committee does not currently have a projection for next year's enrollment, they do not expect a significant increase in revenue. Enrollment should remain steady. Without increased revenue some programs may suffer.

This is a problem because all groups are either asking for more money or the same amount they did last year. In addition, four new are groups competing for a piece of the pie.

College in a College, Parents Place, Student Art Exhibition and Golf have submitted their bids into the committee.

That will be left up to the S & A Budget Committee to decide.

The S & A funds are used to enhance learning outside the classroom. These programs range from athletics to ethnic programs. They deal with any activity, outside the classroom, that is related to Highline.

Like last year, athletics and the child care center are asking for the bulk of the money. The center alone would like over \$230,000 for their expenses.

The job of the committee, which is made up of several students and faculty members, is to divide the money between the

different programs.

"I think it's important to support a variety of activities," said Diane Anderson, director of student programs and ex-officio of the committee.

Every group must fill out a question form and submit it. They must tell about their program and what students will benefit when involved in their program or activity.

They must also disclose any other additional funding sources such as grants and subsidies they receive.

A 20-minute presentation in front of the committee, is also

required.

After all the presentations are done the committee will decide which money goes where and the amount.

"We try to look at different ways to fund things," Anderson said.

They look to see if money can be obtained from different sources so more money can be left over for other groups.

The committee will be done with the budget in mid-April.

The budget must be approved by the Board of Trustees before it is final. This will be decided in May or June.

Part-time

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three, but our full-time faculty is in the median," Birmingham said.

One reason for the growing reliance on part-time faculty is reduced state funding. Tuition pays only for about 25 percent of the cost of a college education in Washington state. Botka said that state funding for community colleges has declined by 5 percent due to inflation, but enrollment is going up, so colleges have to serve more students. "The demand exceeds the supply," Botka said.

Part-time instructors at Highline are kept to no more than 10 teaching hours per quarter. Part-timers can get health benefits if they teach 50 percent of full-time and retirement benefits at 80 percent. Instructors may have to teach multiple colleges to reach those levels; statewide, an estimated 200-300 part-time instructors do just that.

"If you want to work full-time, you become a freeway flyer. Part-time faculty travel between 60-80 miles a day," Paulsen said.

Part-time instructor Ruth Frickle teaches three classroom courses and 10 correspondence courses. She travels between Highline, Green River and City University to secure retirement

benefits. Because instructors spend so much time traveling between classes, Frickle said, it leaves them very little time to plan for instruction and to keep material fresh. Students end up short-changed, she said.

Highline officials don't see it that way. "To the credit of part-time faculty who teach a lot of courses and teaching is their primary income, the quality continues to be good," Birmingham said.

Nor does a part-time instructor's contract does not guarantee employment. "There's no guarantee of employment, no job security and no job stability," Paulsen said. A part-time teacher is only guaranteed employment if the class they're teaching stays on the schedule. If that course is dropped, they may be out of work for the quarter.

In addition, priority is given to full-time faculty. "If they need to take my job for full-time faculty, they can take it anytime," said Eleanor Hartmann, a part-time writing instructor.

Part-timers work harder to preserve their jobs, they say. "In some cases, part-time instructors are better than full-time instructors," Hartmann said.

A now retired full-time instructor once told Hartmann, "You have to scare the students the first week of class." This tactic would cause many of the

enrolled students to drop the class, giving the instructor less work. If a part-time instructor were to do this, Hartmann said, they would get a poor evaluation or lose their employment.

In general, part-time faculty say that their chances of achieving full-time status are slim.

"When a full-time position opens," Paulsen said, "we are not given any priority or consid-

eration and may be discouraged from applying."

"I've applied three times," Hartmann said. "There seems to be an agreement that part-timers who become established don't have a prayer."

Part-time instructors also feel they lack the respect of their co-workers.

"There is a tendency in community colleges to take part-

time faculty for granted because we must go somewhere else to make a living and can't be here for the full course of the day," said John Fox, part-time philosophy instructor at Highline and Green River. "We also paradoxically lack respect because we don't make as much money. Part-time teachers lack self-respect for exactly the same reasons."



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Evening students bemoan lack of access

Too much on campus closes too soon, students say

By Thunderword Staff

Many campus facilities that day students take for granted are not as available to students at night.

Many of Highline's 2,000 evening students say that they would like more access to campus services such as food and child care. College officials say that many services close early due to lack of funding or demand.

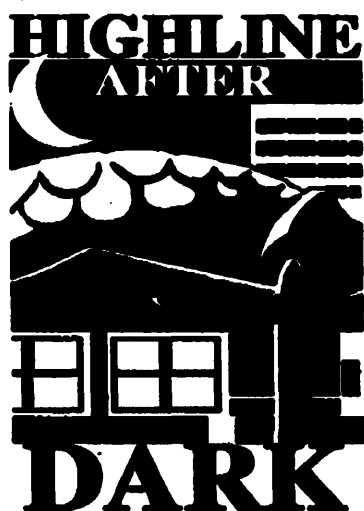
Only the computer center stays open much beyond class times, and almost nothing is open on weekends despite Saturday class offerings.

* Despite students' interests in a hot meal, budget constraints are chillin' the grills every day at 1:30 p.m. at the Union Cafeteria.

The cafe's service hours are 6:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m. These limited hours do not give night students an opportunity to eat a hot meal on campus.

"There is not enough money," said Loretta Westfall, cafe manager. She said the cafe used to be open 6:45 a.m.-9 p.m. The hours were cut about four years ago due to budget constraints, she said.

"Night students basically bought coffee drinks and cookies or doughnuts," said a lead person at the cafe who asked not to be identified. "Now they can get those items at Tazza," she



said.

Tazza Bakery and Espresso, owned by Pam and Jim Scott, which opened six years ago next to the cafe, currently serves night students with refreshments such as hot drinks, sodas, juices, muffins, and pretzels. They offer cold sandwiches after the cafe closes.

"We used to offer specials at night such as pretzels and bagels for half price," said John Miagness, a Tazza employee. "But not recently."

So, one might ask, where can a night student get a hot meal on campus?

"Nowhere," said Westfall, and she cannot foresee any time in the future when they might be able to.

* Evening students at Highline do not have the luxury of on-campus child care. Direc-



Photo by Bruce Jarrell

Students are concerned about the lack of lighting on Highline's campus.

tor Joyce Riley blames this on a lack of interest. "If we had enough people that needed the care, we would be more than happy to provide it for them," Riley said. "We offered it in the past, but the interest always seems to dwindle off through the course of the year."

In order for night care to be considered, at least 20 children would have to be enrolled in the center.

* Night students must adjust their schedules to allow time before class if they need books or supplies from the campus book store.

The book store hours are 7:30 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Thursday, and 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. on Fridays.

"We will be open the Saturday before spring quarter, and extend the hours to 8 p.m. Monday-Thursday the first week of

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Joyce Riley
Child care director

the spring quarter," said Katrina, a buyer for the book store.

The book store will be open Saturday, March 29 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. This will allow students to buy books before classes begin Monday, March 31.

* The library on campus is open Monday-Thursday 7 a.m.-9:30 p.m., Friday 7 a.m.-3 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m.-noon.

Six staff members and two reference librarians work during the morning hours, falling to three and one ratio after 4:30 p.m.

Some students work during the week and can only go to the library in the evening before and after class or on the weekends, library officials say.

"The library hours are based on the needs of the students and when there are classes in session," said Library Director Marie Zimmerman. "Traditionally, there are less people who go to the library on Friday afternoon."

"We were not open on Saturdays last year, until we received a number of requests. Our budget allowed us to staff the library for four hours on the weekend," she said. "We chose the hours of 8 a.m.-noon, opposite from the computer lab 11 a.m.-4 p.m. so students can use both facilities while they are here."

"The busiest times are weekday mornings," said Darlene Rangitsch, night lead technician. "By having Saturdays open give those students an option to use the library when they can't attend during the week."

* Highline's Tutoring Center stays open until 7 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, but closes at 4 p.m. Monday and at noon on Friday.

Also closing early is the Health Center in Building 6, which locks up the medicine cabinet at 1 p.m. daily.

"If our number of students shows a need for more hours, the administration will probably allow more hours," said Pam Hill, certified medical assistant at the center.

(Thunderword reporters L. Oestreich, J. Chase, Marian Hackl, T.L. Schultz and Gordon Smith contributed to this story.)

Computer center opened late for students

By T.L. Schultz
Staff Reporter

As the rest of the campus goes dark, the HCC Computer lab keeps humming along.

With over 450 computers to maintain, two full-time technicians, three part-time software support staff and a handful of student helpers to pay, the computer lab still manages to stay open many hours when most other facilities on campus close their doors early.

"The computer lab is funded a little different. We get our money from lab fees," said Sheri Richter, the Instructional Computing Support Coordinator.

To use the lab and all it has to offer a student must pay a quarterly fee of \$22.50 or buy a \$6 one week pass for special projects. This money is used to help pay for all of the overhead incurred by the lab.

This allows people who pay



Photo by Bruce Jarrell

Students type away in the computer center at Highline.

for it to use the service whenever they need it. It also doesn't require students who are not interested in the lab to fork out money to support it.

More than 1,700 students or approximately 20 percent of the HCC student body have passes for the lab. The computers consist of 75 percent IBM-compatible and 25 percent Macintosh.

Many different classes are held in the lab during the day and evening. Math classes, writing, business, drafting, engineering, and even an Internet class are offered at there. However, everything the lab has to offer is available to anyone who has a pass, not just those enrolled in the classes.

The computer lab is open

6:45 a.m. - 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 6:45 a.m. - 4:45 p.m. on Friday and 12 - 4 p.m. on Saturday. It opens very early to accommodate students who are at school before the rooster crows and it stays open late during the week for the night owls on campus.

During the day, the lab is bustling with activity. "There have been times when every computer has been occupied," Richter said.

Although the busy hours for the lab are between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. the doors remain open well into the evening.

"We want to be open when the 7:00 classes are over. Even if it is only for a half an hour," Richter said.

Regardless of whether you are a night hawk or an early bird, the computer lab is open to allow you to get at the keyboard. More importantly you only pay for it if you use it.

Cheating; a sure fire way to get to jerkdom

By Thunderword Staff

You're involved in a relationship with the girl or guy of your dreams. It feels as if love is truly conquering the both of you and can now relate to the words, "together forever." At least, that's what it seems.

It is not safe to be in a monogamous relationship anymore

because you will be cheated on or be tempted to cheat, especially in the 90s.

In a recent survey done of 400 Highline students, more than half said they have cheated or have been cheated on by their so-called significant other. Some cheated because they were drunk or they thought it would be fun. Most people did it

as retaliation.

"I was doing it to get back at my boyfriend," said student Jessi See who became a cheater after being the "cheatee."

"She cheated on me," said 23-year old Jeff. "[It's] pay back."

Being cheated on also affect some people seriously. It can affect how they view future

mates.

"I felt like a part of me died once that happened. It was hard for me to trust and open up again," Shelly Olsen, said. "It's the worst feeling anyone can experience. Hopefully not too many people will feel the way I did."

"I was devastated and wanted to kill him," Tosha Virgilio said.

"I felt very low and felt like I had been done wrong for the whole relationship," Kerri Porter said.

People have different definitions of cheating. Cheating to one person might not be cheating to someone else.

"Spending time and thoughts on someone other than your significant other [is cheating]," Jenn Hinds said.

"Any kind of intimate expressions to another person other than girl/boy friend such as kissing, sex, hugging, touching, etc.," said one student.

"[Cheating is] only when they catch you," said student Jeffi Davisson.

The fact that students have various definitions of cheating, it may be the reason why more than half of the students surveyed considered themselves

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Manh Do
Highline Student

being cheated on.

The ones who never got cheated on know it's so devastating that it can ruin their relationship.

"I'd have to let her go [if she cheats on me], no matter how much I love her," said Manh Do.

(Raychell Limpin, Beth DeDonato, Pauline Espinoza, and Jeff Del Rosario contributed to this story)

Highline student identification cards are more than pretty face

By Mike Etzkorn
Staff Reporter

A student I.D. card is only 3 inches wide and 2 inches tall, but if you can flash it to the right person it might save you some money. Any student enrolled at Highline can purchase a card for a fee of \$8.

Every quarter when a student's tuition is paid, the card is updated for free.

The student I.D. cards that we have now were put into use three years ago. The library wanted a picture I.D. for signing out books.

"We accept any picture I.D.

but without a student I.D. the check-out will be slower," said Elizabeth Richardson, Highline librarian.

Here at Highline, checking out books is not the only thing an I.D. card is good for. It is also good for cashing checks in the book store, getting your lunch tax free, and showing your parents that you really are enrolled in school.

Having a student I.D. card outside of Highline is good anywhere a student discount applies.

Amtrak offers the Student Advantage Program. Any student with a valid I.D. card can

purchase a one-year membership for \$20, which gives you a 15 percent discount on all Amtrak travel. Trans World Airlines offers a similar program. The program requires an updated I.D. card and a fee of \$15. For one year you receive a 10 percent discount on airfare.

Some local businesses also offer a student discount. Kinko's Copies gives a discount to students who have an I.D. card. Admission to movies at some theaters such as AMC Seatac 12, as well as admission to the Woodland Park Zoo, is less expensive if you show them that I.D. card.

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