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One more time
Highline guns for second title

By TIM WYSE
Sports Editor

After 18 years of trying, last year the Highline men's basketball team finally won a championship. Now they want to do it again.

The T-Birds came away with a 32-1 record and a regional crown last season. This year's team is looking to build upon that success.

With seven new players and only five returning, the scheme of things is a bit different. "Obviously we don't have one guy on this team this year, but I believe that we have three or four guys who can do what he did the past two years," Head Coach Joe Callero said.

Gone is Brian (Red) Scallop, one of Highline's top shot blockers last season. "Just a great defensive player," said Callero. Also gone are Travis Byrn, who was a point guard, and Justin Adam, a great perimeter shooter; and Brandon Webb, who was a big burner on the boards and on defense.

Callero believes that ball handling, "is a very high on this team. We can keep the ball out of our hands." As he pointed out, "We're going to have a month of non-league games until January. Before the season opens, we will have a month of non-league games."

The T-Birds have a scenario this Saturday against Centralia and Yakima. T-Birds are at Skagit Valley and Chemeketa, to name a few.

Their first league game is November 17 against Olympic. Both games are at 7 p.m.

Addition of a returning Highline player, guard Mitch Enfield, and returning for-ward Derek (Juice) Johnson have added height in the lining. "Obviously we don't have the height we had last year," Callero said. "I think we will...""}

Student rights to be reviewed

By K.M. PETERSON
Staff Reporter

What students call off the Highline campus could be reex-amined by Highline authorities if proposed changes to the Student Rights and Responsibilities Code are adopted.

A group of Highline staff and students decided that the code is in need of an update, so they decided to hold an open hearing on December 5 at 5 p.m. in Building 21, Room 111.

If adopted in 1992, deals with rights governing students and what levels of discipline the college administration is allowed. According to the District of Student Affairs, "the draft is not final, and the date is not final at the handbook. "I think the code is not final and needs to be revised," he said.

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Welfare plan may end school day

By Candace Fentien

Highline students on welfare may soon have to go back to work.

1,000 Highline students may be required to work with the Washington Work First Temporary Assistance to Needy Families Act as enacted by the state on Nov. 1.

Students could have to work 20 or more hours a week, or at least look for full-time work while trying to continue their education at Highline in order to get help.

Response is expected to be a joint letter to the Washington Welfare Re- form Coalition.

Debra Rahn, full-time Highline student and mother of two, said she was going to have to drop out of school and go to work. "They [the state] are going to people. You have to be on top of the laws to know what your rights are."

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Women's programs offers help

Small center provides big service to many
By Tara Cormell
Staff Reporter

Women's Programs offers help

Women's Programs provides a welcoming place for potential students, current students and women in the community.

Founded in 1979, the program has grown exponentially in the last 10 years, said Women's Programs Director Kelli Johnston.

The program serves as an entry into school and also provides ongoing support for students, Johnston said.

Students can get advice on choosing the right classes, enrolling in workshops and taking part in services focused on issues facing women today.

The ongoing services they offer include personal and career counseling, job search assistance and resource referral.

"We see here for the reason that we support and serve women in transition," said Office Manager Liz Carroll.

A total of 14 women work in the Women's Programs. The staff employees and four work study students.

Their office is in Building 21A on the south end of campus.

Women's Programs has also become involved in welfare reform issues. Welfare reform was implemented beginning in August 1997. Women's Programs is serving women affected by welfare reform.

Now 1,000 students enrolled at Highline are receiving Temporary Assistance to Needy Families.

WorkFirst, which became law Nov. 1, was created to help individuals find jobs. The new welfare program, however, discourages education, Johnston said.

"Education is the way to help people out of poverty," she said.

Welfare recipients can be aided in several ways by Women's Programs. One way in which the program can help is to provide information on new laws.

Another way the program aids is to give referrals social workers that can offer counseling.

Despite the lack of space, Highline's program is one of the largest in the state. Green River Community College doesn't have a lot of room and South Seattle Community College has a small program, Johnston said.

Women's Programs offers scholarship assistance.

An emergency fund is offered to students in need of money. These awards, up to $100, can be repaid. If the student does repay the loan, there is a greater chance that student will be helped next time there is a need.

For women who lack a high school diploma, the Women's Programs offers support while they obtain their General Equivalency Diploma (GED).

GED recipients are honored at a party put together by Women's Programs at the end of each year.

Kelli Johnston says Women's Programs needs more space.

Industry, college set sights on optician program
By Lindsay Morishima
Staff Reporter

Highline has added a program with real vision. The Optician Apprenticeship Program or the Dispensing Optician Apprenticeship Supplemental Classroom Training offers classes over a three-year period to registered apprentices. The first two years of the program are free.

"With the Baby Boomers aging, there is a growing need for good opticians," said Larry Shank, program manager.

The program is offered to currently employed registered opticians. It meets Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. The program is also being offered at Everett Community College and Snohomish Falls Community College.

So how are these lucky students earning credits for free? Highline mailed a program application and information to all registered apprentices in the area. Still, the program is not currently at its capacity.

The program is funded by the state of Washington's work force training and education coordinating board. The only fee currently enrolled students are required to pay is the $8 parking fee. This may change in the future when the program becomes more established. It could become a tuition-based program like other programs at Highline.

Donations have been made by local optical businesses of lab equipment, training materials, handouts, video and audio tapes. These donations help offset grant dollars, Shank said.

The course is designed to help apprentices prepare for licensing and certifying examinations. They must learn to pass to become opticians. A great need exists in the community, Shank said.

This type of program is new, the curriculum for future classes is still in development. Before this program, many apprentices were trained in a work environment, rarely getting a classroom, lecture setting. Many apprentices can not learn everything they need to know in a work environment because they may not come across all situations at work and the information is not presented in a logical, orderly manner Shank said.

"It's not prevented in a focused, correlated manner," Shank said.

The course is offered Fall, Winter and Spring Quarters over the next three years with one class offered every quarter. Students can go for the three-year program or just take classes in an area where they feel they need help. The program is so successful, students are driving from as far away as Bellingham and Burlington.

"The students have been open and attentive and really enjoy the training. It's hard to believe that focused when you're dealing with patients," said Shank, who instructs the class every other week.

Highline surveyed the region to find the areas where there are
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SURVIVING WELFARE REFORM

Highline students worry whether new plan will keep them out of school

By Alyssa Pfau
Staff Reporter

In 1992 Randy Radley suffered a leg injury that changed his life for the better. Up until his injury, Radley abused drugs and alcohol. He and his wife shared this problem, which had a detrimental effect on their son. It was in 1992 that Radley endured an on-the-job leg injury that permanently paralyzed him, but at the same time saved his life. The result of Radley's injury was a permanent disability which knocked him out of his skilled profession, construction and roofing, placed him into a drug and alcohol recovery center, and ultimately put his family onto welfare. Radley and his wife are now receiving TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) program.

By Davidson Dodd
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After being in a job retraining program for two years, Radley expressed concern and apprehension about his future. "With the new welfare reform, the changes, and the fact that my financial worker is now being called upon to be a professional vocational rehabilitation counselor, I have to question what the future holds," Radley said. One change that Radley said he is most concerned about is the extermination of a program called JOBS (Job Opportunity and Basic Skills) training program.

The JOBS program provided him with a professional vocational rehabilitation counselor, whose expertise was in getting welfare recipients through retraining programs, Radley said. The JOBS program has been axed by the new welfare reform laws.

What concerns Radley is that DSHS (Department of Social and Health Services) is attempting to fill the shoes of the JOBS program.

"I have had monthly problems with DSHS over the past two years," Radley said.

Highline political science professor Davidson Dodd said Radley's concerns are real. "I think that TANF will get people off the relief rolls, but it will not get them out from under the poverty line," Dodd said.

Dodd addressed the fact that unlike AFDC, TANF is a program that provides for temporary aid for no more than 60 months or five years. If the TANF program and the new welfare reform laws had gone into effect in 1992 Radley said that current welfare students at Highline, himself included, would not be where they are today.

"The lion's share of the approximately 1,000 students currently on the welfare at Highline would have been directly affected. To my understanding, the new laws mandate a maximum one-year training program, and I would not be in the Chemical Dependency Counseling program because it is a three-year program," Radley said.
Editorial

New advising week doesn't measure up

Advising week has gone through a change this fall, but not a change for the better. The Educational Planning Center has discontinued the very helpful and convenient method of advising that was experimented with last year.

Last fall Highline introduced the “advising week,” and in doing so, allowed one period per class during the week strictly for advising students. Although students efficiently used the free class time during fall quarter, they didn’t during the winter and spring quarters. A survey administered to the faculty showed that most students were not coming to class at all during these free periods.

Although most students didn’t take advantage of the convenient advising time, there were a decent amount of students who did.

Perhaps the Educational Planning Center was a bit too hasty in pulling the plug on this method of advising. Many students didn’t know why they didn’t have class on those certain days, and many had no idea that these days were set aside for students who sought help in registering for future classes.

Highline should have given this method another year to see if it would catch on, with instructors emphasizing more on what was being offered to students on these days.

By taking one class period out of the week strictly for advising, you don’t force students to make an appointment, which they may not have time for. In reality, there is no better way to give students help in registering, than bringing the time to the students.

This fall, all advising days have been eliminated. Now, if students want help registering for classes, they need to make an appointment with their instructors. All instructors have been given more office hours to help accommodate all students who need help in registering.

If this is inconvenient, then drop in registration help is available at the Educational Planning Center located at the top of Building 6. Help is available from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday - Thursday, and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Fridays.

Basketball season is a must see event

Basketball season is nearly upon us, and if anything, a very exciting season is being anticipated. The men's b-ball team is coming off of an incredible season last year, after going 31-1 and taking the NWAACC title.

Many of last year's stars have returned, so a repeat of the state title is by no means out of reach. The games are very exciting and always provide ample entertainment for those in search of a little something extra in their evening schedules.

Also starting their season soon, is the women's basketball team. The new and improved Lady T-Birds are expecting a much better season.

The team is expected to play exceptionally well with a wider array of talent, including better outside shooting, and much taller inside players.

Both teams will be looking forward to bigger fan support, so come on out and watch them play.

On the lighter side, the women's basketball team will be taking on the faculty in their annual game on Nov. 14.

This year's game should be a heated one, with the faculty team seeking revenge. The faculty has lost the past two years in a row. Both were very close games. The game will, no doubt, be a serious nail-biter.

Admission to the event will be $1 or two cans of food. All benefits from the event will go directly to Northwest Harvest and the Des Moines Food Bank.

Basketball season will be thrilling this year, be a part of it.

Letters to the Editor

Athletics, physical ed. are different

Dear Editor:

In an attempt to alleviate any confusion that may exist on campus, I would like to make some points on the relationship between the Physical Education department and the Athletic department.

The Physical Education department, as part of the Health, and Physical Education division, provides a variety of theory and activity classes that encourage students to build and maintain life-long, healthy lifestyle behaviors. In addition to promoting physical activity, our classes enable students to fulfill the three credit physical education requirement necessary for graduation.

The Athletic department is supervised and funded by the Student Programs office, and provides full-time students with an opportunity to compete in intercollegiate athletics. As part of the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges and National Junior College Athletic Association, our athletic teams compete against other Washington and Oregon schools in a variety of sports.

While several of our part-time and full-time faculty are also coaches, their coaching duties and stipends are completely separate from the Physical Education department. Since the Physical Education and Athletic departments share some of the same facilities, it is necessary that the two coordinate their activities. However, all funding, equipment, and supplies for the two departments are independent.

For information or questions regarding Physical Education or Athletics, contact Fied Harrison (Athletic Dir.) at ext. 3454.

Sincerely,

Keith Paton
Physical Education Department

All programs make Highline great

Dear Editor:

I thoroughly enjoyed your article in the T-Word, “School and Life Are A Lot Better With Sports.” I have been fortunate to see it as a student, coach, and administrator.

It is a must see event that all activities are important to our diverse student body. All of our clubs, the T-Word, drama, music, and student government provide our students with added educational experiences. Dealing and sharing with people is such an important part of our lifetime education.

So, Tim, thanks for your thoughts and kind words, but again — I would like to recognize all of our actively involved people who help make Highline the great school it is and continues to be.

Fred Harrison
Athletic Director

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Learning second language can enrich life

By Donna M. Wilson, Chairman, Arts and Humanities Division

Learning a foreign language is commonly believed to be beneficial in helping you converse with new friends, learn more about a country’s culture and political structure. Speaking in simple minds language opens avenues of major languages and even some volvcd politically. economically, challenges inherent in our world.

Learning a foreign language and using it correctly can strengthen inductive as well as deductive reasoning abilities. Rigorous study and use of a second language can stimulate and sharpen skills essential to good scholarship: memorization, analysis, creative and critical thinking.

Documented setbacks that American students have suffered in their abilities to read, comprehend, write and reason may have been averted if foreign languages were more universally taught. Students who learn another language frequently show greater writing and reading ability and reading comprehension is both the language and their native one. Knowing another language seems to deepen the student’s involvement in the process of language, whether writing or speaking. The student acquires a richer foundation and sensitivity to words and images than peers who study only English. This benefit enables and enhances reading ability, comprehension, and expands the horizon of writing from a creative, as well as a technical point of view.

A general frustration in learning another language can be best explained by not setting goals for yourself. If you anticipate spending some time in another country, or want to retain the use of the language, it is advisable to spend some time in learning another language. The rate at which you acquire sound patterns, voice inflections and vocabulary build-up depends upon your own personal commitment, attitude and affinity to learning another language. Adults learners must retain and retain more phrases when elements of realistic communication are taught communicatively through the use of photos, personal experience and role play.

Enrolling one month prior to travel departure and expecting to learn all of the language in limited sessions (weekly, twice weekly) within an English speaking environment is unrealistic. As a foreign language instructor, I continually combat our English environment which overshadows the language that I am teaching. Each person receives unconscious messages from television, radio, advertising, newspapers, magazines and crowds of individuals talking, all of which unconsciously interfere with the active learning of another language. Instruction takes time, quality time in the target language (as much as possible) to permeate English patterns which must be mastered superficially. Students also need real practice in role play-

To facilitate encoding of grammatical structures and vocab-

Learning a foreign language is not something that you just think and talk about, like rules and theories. It is something that you do, a physical activity, a little like learning to play the piano or the violin, except that it is easier. Learning any skill requires a great deal of practice. Since using a language means using sounds, you must do much of your practicing aloud.

Learning a foreign language makes you able to talk more like a local person.

Through targeted exposure, students can and do learn foreign languages with minimal frustration and aggravation. By accepting initial obstacles, students can master any foreign language in a few weeks. Mental and verbal comparisons to English can diminish to a point where a object is mentally selected and learned in the language, rather than being translated.

Letters to the Editor

Cars pollute more than tobacco does

Dear Editor:

This article appears to be about smokers' rights, therein an overarching issue thrown into such considerations small by comparison. I'm going to get to that point in a moment. First...

Now, I'm a reasonable man and I don't smoke my pipe around children, or indoors. Even when I'm enjoying a bowl of my favorite blend, if someone is offended, I often choose to stop or move somewhere else. This unspoken arrangement has worked pretty well so far because the majority of people on campus are equally reasonable. Occasionally, however, I have been accused and vilified for my habit, an assault that I regard as similar to the witch hunts that were so much in vogue during the dark ages. Of course, I'm not so foolish as to allow those attacks to escalate into something ugly, but even a patient man has his limits as well as his faults. I'm in total agreement that smoking is bad for anyone's health, but the current campaign against the tobacco companies ignores cigarettes' contribution to housing a gaping hole in the smoking-argument. Namely, that every non-smoker on campus, or anywhere in the U.S., at some point comes up with a spike for the air in impressive quantities.

Not only are these emissions many times greater per car than a hundred smokers could produce in a week, but they are many times more toxic as well. I am forced to wonder that poisons thick one can see them still day from miles away have become the target of self-appointed reformers and savages.

So far I have ignored the more militant anti-smoker individuals, but now I find myself unable to ignore their about any longer (which is giving exactly what any fanatic group most desires, attention). So, for all the extremists, avelonging angel perfectionists that may read my rebuff, I will offer you a deal with the devil, so to speak. Since your exhaust fumes contaminate my home, the restaurant where I eat, the bodies of my children and pets, and none of us has any choice in the matter except to quit breathing (an option which I suspect some people will find entirely reasonable), if each and every person that claims staunch opposition to smoking trade their car for a bicycle, horse, or other non-polluting form of transportation I will give up my pipe. I'd call that a fair bargain. But, should anyone find this proposition unacceptable then all I can say is, "That's your problem. Deal with it."

Mark J. Koons
Highline Student

Financial Aid gives students stress

Dear Editor:

Webster's Dictionary defines stress as a physical or emotional factor that causes physical or mental tension. Highline students relying on financial aid define it as physical or mental tension caused by long delays in financial aid award letters. Why all the stress? Students did not begin receiving financial aid award letters until three weeks prior to the beginning of Fall Quarter. Maybe this doesn't sound so stressful but if you take into consideration when the application process began, the picture looks bleak.

Students began applying for 1997/98 tuition assistance in January. PELL Grant applications had a deadline of April 15. Highline's deadline for applications and documents was July 11. Award letters were to go out to the end of July if all deadlines had been met. Then the date was moved to the first week of August. The second, third, and so on.

The first round of letters were received on Sept. 3. So, from reading the above, does it sound as if the process couldn't have been any faster? I considered that myself. So I called other community colleges in our area. Bellevue Community College led the pack. Their first round of awards were mailed on July 14. All of the other colleges I contacted had mailed award letters by the first of August. They included Green River, North Seattle, Seattle Central and Renton Technical College. Their deadlines were similar to Highline's and they all assured me there had been no delay in the government's processing of PELL Grant applications.

So why the delay at Highline, and who do we go to for answers to these questions? Do we take our frustrations out on Norma and Carolyn as they field questions at the counter? Instead, how about we take our questions straight to the source? Stacey Peterson, Director of Financial Aid: When do students become your priority? Do your job responsibilities take precedence over summer fun and continuing education? Is there a legitimate reason for the delay? If so, now might be the time to go public.

Janet Cassara
Highline student
Lady T-Birds express much confidence

By K.M. Petersen
Staff Reporter

The Thunderbird women's basketball team is looking to improve this year, adding size, depth, and a balanced offensive attack.

Despite a lack of a 6-18 finish last year, the players are optimistic about the upcoming season. "I think we'll be at least in the top four," said sophomore Tre Cornell.

"It'll be more fun because we'll be more positive," sophomore Rachel Watkins said.

Sophomore Kristen Couch said, "We expect a bigger crowd," as enthusiasm trickles down from the seniors.

"They're optimistic because of the considerable progress the team has made since last season," Coach Dale Bolinger explained.

"It's already taller," said Head Coach Dale Bolinger, beginning with the most easily noticeable of his squad's improvements.

The team has added 6-4 center Valerice Nater, 5-11 center Amanda Eckert, 5-9 forward Krist Duggan, and 5-8 forward Karen Reimer in an attempt to add inside toughness.

"(Nater) is probably the tallest player that I've ever had," he said of the 6-4 center. "Last year's biggest people were about 5'9", so we were smaller than every team we played last year."

The team no longer has the high scoring output of guard Vicki Watson, but Bolinger is not worried. "He'll be a lot more balanced," he said. "She carried an awful heavy load last year, and worked very hard to do that, but I think that now we're going to be able to share that more, instead of one person scoring most of the points."

"I think that we're going to have a chance," he said, noting the talents of incoming freshmen Karen Nadeau and Nater, as well as returning players.

New faces help T-Birds defend title

By T.M. Wyse
Staff Reporter

The Highline men's basketball team has added much needed depth this year. "Their bench is much deeper," Coach Brian Scalabrino said.

"I think their bench is going to play a faster pace of basketball," Callero said.

"I like to press, but I don't think we'll be able to put it in," Coach Bolinger said. "I think we're going to be able to run.

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Goalie helps keep 'Rippers' in contention

By Nathan Golden
Staff Reporter

With slicked back hair, and a look of concentration like a mother bear ready to kill to save her cubs, Travis Goodpastor, the Highline soccer goal-keeper jumps out to take his position at the goal.

When it is game time, Goodpastor said, "I hate the other team.

Goodpastor is noted for his intense attitude, but his coach-someone who taught him to control the field verbally, and they noted Goodpastor is doing just that.

The Highline Rippers, with Goodpastor at the helm, have shutout four of their opponents. Captain Tony Rolowicz said it helps to raise the level of play when the goalie is telling his teammates where to go and who to mark up to.

"He is getting the job done," Rolowicz said.

Goodpastor has played goalkeeper for many years. He feels his experience has taught him to control the field.

"If someone is not getting their job done, I let them hear it loud and clear," he said.

Goodpastor blew out his shoulder, and teammate is there because they love the game of soccer and it is their desire to play. During his high school career, Goodpastor blew out his shoulder while playing soccer. He has underwent orthoscopic and reconstructive surgery on his shoulder. He said it has taken him quite some time to get back to the level of play he desires.

Goodpastor hopes to play at a four-year school after his Highline career is finished. The entire soccer team spends a large amount of time hanging out with each other off the field. "It helps with team unity," the goalie said.

Photo by Bruce Jarrell
Travis Goodpastor stops a shot in a recent practice.

Highline men drop two, clinging to last playoff spot

By Nathan Golden
Staff Reporter

The men's soccer team lost to senior at Bellevue, 2-1, and also suffered a loss to Clark, 4-1.

"We were better than both teams, we just played at their level," captain Tony Rolowicz said.

The Highline "Rippers" defeated Bellevue earlier in the season, and it was evident by the glum looks on their faces that the loss was not planned.

"We thought we were going to win," Rolowicz said.

Rolowicz scored the only goal against Bellevue off an assist from Steve Mullins in the first minutes of play. Bellevue tied the game going into halftime, 1-1.

Bellevue scored again late in the game and Highline was not able to catch them.

"Last week we wanted it more, this week Bellevue wanted it more," said Head Coach Jason Prenovost. "It was evident in the way we played."

Goalkeeper Travis Goodpastor turned in a good effort. Although two goals were scored against the Rippers, Goodpastor had many crucial saves that stopped Bellevue from running up the score.

"Travis kept us in the game," Prenovost said.

Prenovost said the game against Bellevue was the first time he had seen his players panic.

Highline lost Saturday, Nov. 1, to Clark, 4-1.

Wrestlers building on '97 success

By T.M. Wyse
and Brian Scalabrin
Staff Reporters

The Highline wrestling team opened it season last weekend in the take-down journey at Clackamas Community College in Oregon.

Seventeen wrestlers from Highline attended this invitational. Seven of them placed in the top four in their weight class.

Three of these seven placed first. Wrestler in the 118-pound weight class, John Ragland, earned first place, along with Nelson Cisnta at 126, and Andy Clark at 134.

Cisnta's first place win was more impressive because he moved up from wrestling at 118 pounds.

Placing second at 150 pounds was Jesse Barnett. At 158 pounds, placing third was Adam Cantril.

Placing fourth, joining Cisnta at 126 was Aaron Hall and Trevor Howard placed fourth in the 190 pound weight class.

The T-Birds' home opener is this Friday at 3:30 in the Pavilion against Bellingham schools, Western Washington University and Whatcom Community.

Last season the T-Bird wrestling team won the Academic National Championship. They are looking to repeat this with hard work in the classroom as well as on the mat, where they sent seven wrestlers to the national tournament.

Super sophomore Cisnta took seventh at nationals last year at 118. "I think it will be a great year," he said. "We have tremendous talent, and at the same time a great learning experience for the new guys." Cisnta said.

Jason Olson and Mark Kiesler will be battling it out for the team's heavyweight spot. Also on the mat for the T-Birds at 190 pounds will be Trevor Howard, who is a state champion in his weight class. He will be battling Cory Friesier, and Marlee Lucas.

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T-Birds aim for cross country win

The Highline Thunderbirds will match up against the best of the Northwest Athletic Association of Community College conference in cross country this weekend.

The battle ground will be Oregon City, and the main event Highline versus Spokane. Spokane is one of the best teams ever, they have beaten every small four-year college.

The T-Birds want to give it all they have in the next week if they expect to win the race at the finals on Nov. 20.

Only the top two teams in each division will advance to post-season play.

The results from the Edmonds game on Wednesday, Nov. 5 were unavailable at press time.

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"We thought we were going to win," Rolowicz said.

Rolowicz scored the only goal against Bellevue off an assist from Steve Mullins in the first minutes of play. Bellevue tied the game going into halftime, 1-1.

Bellevue scored again late in the game and Highline was not able to catch them.

"Last week we wanted it more, this week Bellevue wanted it more," said Head Coach Jason Prenovost. "It was evident in the way we played."

Goalkeeper Travis Goodpastor turned in a good effort. Although two goals were scored against the Rippers, Goodpastor had many crucial saves that stopped Bellevue from running up the score.

"Travis kept us in the game," Prenovost said.

Prenovost said the game against Bellevue was the first time he had seen his players panic.

Highline lost Saturday, Nov. 1, to Clark, 4-1.

The Rippers held a 1-0 lead for the first half of play.

The combination of a great pass from left mid fielder Steve Mullins to center mid fielder Tony Rolowicz, scored Highline's goal.

Clark tied the game in the second half and kept their momentum going, scoring three more goals before the end of the game.

"They were pretty pumped up after their first goal," Rolowicz said.

Highline had many scoring opportunities, but couldn't capitalize against the Clark team.

"We just weren't firing up," Rolowicz said.

Highline plays Wenatchee on Saturday Nov. 8 at the Pea Patch, in Kent, at 1 p.m. Then off to Spokane for their final game against the last year's champion Spokane team.

The game against Spokane could very well decide if Highline or Spokane advance to post-season play.

Current Green River is in first place in the East Division. Highline holds second place with Spokane right behind them. The Rippers have beaten both teams this year.

The T-Birds need to give it all they have in the next week if they expect a shot at the finals on Nov. 20.

Only the top two teams in each division will advance to post-season play.

The results from the Edmonds game on Wednesday, Nov. 5 were unavailable at press time.
Mother, daughter combo leads attack

Wilcoxens draft mom to anchor defense

By Nathan Golden

Forty-eight-year-old Jean Wilcoxen may be the oldest soccer player at Highline, but rarely is her age an issue when it's game time.

Jean is one of the fastest members on the team. She runs and lifts weights to stay competitive and fast. "I don't want to lose my gift," she said.

Jean has her teammates - daughters, Farah and Tracy Wilcoxen, to thank for pushing her to play for Highline, and enrolling her in school as well.

Getting her mom to come to school and play on the team started as a joke, but became serious after Jean played with the Highline team in a practice game against Kentwood High School.

"Our team was shocked at how good she was against Kentwood," Farah Wilcoxen said.

The day after the practice game, "Farah and I took her up for classes," Tracy Wilcoxen said.

Although Jean is confident in her soccer ability, she was nervous about going to college for the first time, but decided to go for it. "I was concerned about getting back to school after 30 years," she said.

Jean is enjoying her classes, and said that she has learned how to take better care of herself through her nutrition class.

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Ice cream truck may be dealing drugs

By Christi Croft
Staff Reporter

The ice cream man in Cathy Laird's neighborhood doesn't seem to be delivering frosty treats.

The Highline student, who lives in Tukwila, had a run-in with an ice cream-van driver that left her injured and suspicious that he might be selling drugs.

Although Laird filed an accident report on the Sept. 4 incident, Tukwila police say they don't have any other complaints about the ice cream vendor.

But Laird's daughter, Angela, also a Highline student, said the vendor, who was accused of common knowledge in the neighborhood.

While outside of her house on Sept. 4, Laird saw the van speeding through her neighborhood, not the first time Mr. Frosty was also Mr. Speedy.

She said that a child was hit by a speeding ice cream van in August, and that is what sparked her anger.

"I was really upset seeing these ice cream vans speeding in my neighborhood," said Laird.

She decided to confront the driver.

Laird said she approached him and told him to slow down before he killed somebody.

"The driver kept on telling me 'It is none of your business,'" said Laird.

Laird asked if she could see his license with him. After she suggested calling the police, Laird started talking to the man who was driving the vehicle, but did not charge him for anything.

Laird went to the Highline Community Hospital to get her ankle examined. It turned out that her ankle was badly sprained, and will not heal for quite some time.

While she was in one of the waiting rooms at the hospital, Laird saw talking to two men in their early 20s.

"They told me that they have come in contact with this so-called 'ice cream man,'" said Laird.

According to these two men, the man who ran over Laird's ankle is not an ice cream man, but probably one of the many drug dealers using this distribution method around Puget Sound.

"I was shocked and scared when they said that," said Laird.

"I knew about the drug dealers prior to this happening, I just never thought to say anything about it. This type of thing happens all the time in our neighborhood," said Angus Laird, 23-year-old daughter of Cathy Laird.

"I've heard that this drug-dealing chain is stretched all the way up to Vancouver, B.C.," she said.

"Most of the residents in their neighborhood speak little or no English. I'm not sure if the parents have any recollection of what's going on," Cathy Laird said.

Both of the Lairds stated that neighborhood meetings about the drug problem haven't produced any results.

Laird also said that she would be able to help the police department in any way so they can crack down on drug dealers in the area. She suggested a sting operation, but said police had told her she didn't have enough funds to hire undercover agents.

"This man is still out there. It's time for this type of thing to stop, even if that means the ban of ice cream sales by vehicle," she said.

According to Don Lincoln, Chief of the Narcotics Department for Tukwila Police, this is the first time he has ever heard of this type of crime happening in this fashion.

Policeman in SeaTac, Federal Way, Burien, Kent and Des Moines also said they hadn't heard of ice cream drug delivery.

"Unfortunately in this case, we don't have a good source of evidence. The only lead that we have is what Laird said she witnessed, and what she heard from the two men in the hospital. There is just not enough solid evidence to investigate this crime," Lincoln said.

Lincoln also said that if another crime were to happen, and the police department had all of the statements and evidence they need, it would be hard to tell what steps they would take from that point.

"It depends on how big of a lead we get," Lincoln said.

Coffee house open to all

The Women's Program sponsors a time for students to meet staff, learn about resources and have coffee.

The coffee hour is every first and third Wednesday of every month from 8:30-10:30 a.m. upstairs in Building 8.
How to end the process of learning

During the first few days of a new quarter, a prudent student can easily pick out the bone of the classroom—the Jabber Wacky. This creature is far from mythical, and I know you’ve seen it in all its annoying glory.

Lisa’s World

By Lisa Curdy

As Instructor Ambiguity takes the floor, the room silences.

To begin class, a hypothetical statement is made by Ms. Ambiguity: “See you later. We held stock in Tazza…”

A horrible rumble erupts. You realize something has gone right by your table, and you start to shudder quietly to yourself, thinking that someone just had an accident which involved too much bran and a sudden release of carbon dioxide.

But, oh baby, were you wrong. Swearing like a bottomfish gasping for breath, you realize the rumbling was the grinding of eggs on the Jabber Wacky’s intellectual wheels, and you are afraid.

Jabber Wacky begins to rectify his horribly ignorant pose: “One time, my best friend’s boyfriend and I were at Tazza, and we got the jalapeño. I started choking on the sausage, and my best friend’s boyfriend had to give me the Heimlich. It was totally juicy. The whole thing was so delicious, because everyone thought he was choking on her with me…”

Like a well-choreographed dance routine, all 43 pairs of eyes in the class rolled at the same time.

Instructor Ambiguity had more heart than the rest of us, and politely answered the Jabber Wacky’s exercise in free speech. That was the first day.

After that, it became frightfully clear that the only thing stopping the Jabber Wacky’s incessant dives off the deep end would be the cow-catcher of a nice freight train.

Instructor Ambiguity gave up her efforts to herd the great babbling beast one October afternoon right after midterm.

“Yes, Jabber Wacky, do you have a question?” Instructor Ambiguity so ingeniously asked. “Well, the other day, I was in my car listening to the radio, and I have this cousin who…”

Students have stars in their eyes

By Alyssa Pina

Staff Reporter

Despite teachers’ efforts to embed critical thinking skills into the minds of students, astrology is both interesting and moderately believable to 73 percent of the Highline student body.

Astrology is fun to look at, but I think it’s pretty trivial,” student Marty Works said.

However, in a recent survey, 96 percent of those surveyed fell for a phony horoscope. Few scientists accept astrology as a science; nevertheless, it seems their belief and practice of this area of study has been increasing, said Highline Professor Bob Baugher.

The survey polled 100 students, 18 of whom were astrology fanatics, 54 were moderate believers and only 26 disregarded astrology altogether.

Astrology is a way for people to shift blame from themselves and place it on something they have no control over,” student Sean Judy said.

Despite student belief in astrology, many surveyed were attracted to a zodiac sign that astrology’s say is incompatible to their own.

Scientists have looked at the astrological signs of marriage partners who have had successful marriages as well as those that have failed.

In all cases, it seems that the zodiac sign of the partners had little or no effect on the success or failure of a marriage, Baugher said.

To examine the validity of astrology, a phony horoscope was created and tested on survey respondents.

Each survey respondent was given definition of their sign, but the respondent didn’t know that all 12 signs were given the same definition.

They were each asked to read the definition of their sign and rate it as to how well it fit their character, on a scale from one to ten.

A ten meant that it fit them to a tee, and a one meant the definition did not fit them at all.

Surprisingly, the average score of the respondent was an eight.

“Most people believe in astrology because it pertains to them, and I believe they fit me to a tee,” Jennifer, a student, said.

Debut CD comes ‘Out of the Dark’

By Lisa Curdy and Wally Monroe

Staff Reporters


Highline student and musician Gabriel started his career at the age of 4.

“My dad bought me a five-stringed ukulele-guitar thing,” Gabriel said.

His interest in guitars increased as he got older.

Continuing his passion for music, he joined the choir and jazz ensemble while attending Mount Rainier High School.

During this time, his first band, Dove, evolved. The band even played at Highline College, and received critical reviews.

After high school, Gabriel joined the Army for six years as an infantryman, but his love of music stayed strong.

This CD is his first project. Except for drums, Gabriel plays all of the instruments featured on the CD, including all guitars and keyboards.

“I’m gifted more than talented,” Gabriel said.

“I pick up the instrument and things happen.”

His inspiration for music is his purpose to share.

“I think about why people do the things they do. If I can’t think of an answer, I try them until I do,” he said.

Gabriel’s work is straight-ahead, retro rock. His guitar style is melodic and firm, nicely backed by Rod’s understated drumming.

“You won’t hear this on The End; at 39, Gabriel is more thoughtful and less nihilistic than the younger artists who get most of the airplay these days.”

The album’s first cut, “Generation X,” is slightly ironic; for the all questions it poses for the 16-30 year-old set, most of them will never hear it. It’s not their kind of music.

He retains, however, through most of the album, an old rockers’ idealism. It doesn’t always work, but the recording is worth a listen if only for the straight, even style of the music.

Gabriel will have to sell a few copies to cover the cost of his three-year, $18,000 project.

The CD will be available in Blockbuster Music, the Highline bookstore, Tazza, and Borders Books and Music by Thanksgiving.

“Over 30 percent of the cost was funded by other people,” Gabriel said.

Gabriel is an independent label, Wav Walker Records, but hopes to someday become part of a major company.

Gabriel graduated from the University of Washington with a bachelor’s degree in arts.

His dream is to make a living at music, by making records and touring.

In his free time, Gabriel partakes in outdoor activities, such as basketball, skiing, and rollerblading, which he enjoys with his wife and two kids.

A future signing party in the HCC bookstore is planned for the release of his CD, so turn to the T-Word for more information.
HorrorScope
By Red Dawn

IF TODAY IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You're really, really young. This will change.

Scorpio 10/24-11/22 — You read an advice column in a newspaper, largely based on the position of the stars and planets at the time of your birth. Despite its relative lack of accuracy, you make frequent reference to it and occasionally make decisions based on the information presented.

Sagittarius 11/23-12/21 — Study penguin dream for hints about what to do about serious job concerns. Maybe they're trying to tell you something.

Capricorn 12/22-1/19 — Early on, you are covered with an abundant variety of life, but later, as things cool off, you become encrusted with miles of ice and nothing lives on you except — no, wait. that's Antarctica.

Aries 3/21-4/20 — You've finally taken the action you needed to take for oh, several months now. So move ahead and sort out problems before they become big problems. Now is the time to dance!

Taurus 4/21-5/21 — Continue with the plan. Hold on for a bumpy ride. They're not kidding. The wombat windowsill; don't ignore his story.

Gemini 5/22-6/21 — We'll be playing the hip-hop version of "Song of the South," now through never at Wild Wally's TacoTecoma. Wally says the drive-thru is up and running, so grab that special someone you have your eye on, pile them in the back of the Pacar, and shake your money maker on down!

Cancer 6/22-7/23 — A career in medicine looks promising, but don't aim your sights too low. Patients now pay what dividends later.

Leo 7/24-8/23 — Leo says the new roasted chicken bits are everything you've heard and more. Bowling for budgies every Sunday!

Virgo 8/24-9/23 — The doctors are talking about changing your meds. Better consult the man at the café to see if this will interfere with your other plan of treatment.

Libra 9/24-10/23 — A newspaper column makes outlandish suggestions, invoking nonsense and falsehoods to get you to act. Will you?

Library program offers drug-free fun

By Ami Westberg
Staff Reporter

"It is not the traditionally oriented library program." — Bruce Greeley, ESCAPE! coordinator

The Burien Library is on a mission to appeal to the young and the young at heart with its new student-oriented library program, ESCAPE! (Escape to the Burien Library).

A驱ale Escape! program was implemented about two years ago and was taken over by Burien Youth Librarian Bruce Greeley.

"They offer a variety of activities for youths ranging in age from 12-19. The best deal of all is it's free," Greeley said.

Classes are held every Friday night from 7 p.m. to midnight for fun, food, entertainment, or just a place to hang out.

The program ESCAPE! is an abundant variety of life, but later, as things cool off, you become encrusted with miles of ice and nothing lives on you except — no, wait. that's Antarctica.

At the end of the program, every participant is able to work toward the completion of a Certificate of Completion (C.O.C.).

The certificate can be earned in three ways:

1. "For attending one of the hands-on workshops offered by the ESCAPE! program, " said Greeley.

2. For attending a special event, such as a movie night or a game night.

3. For attending at least 10 events during the school year, which includes both workshops and special events.

The certificate is a great way to get students involved in the library and to encourage them to read more.

Greeley said that the program has been successful in attracting a diverse group of students, including those who are not traditionally interested in reading or learning.

The program also offers a variety of activities, including workshops on topics such as cooking, art, and science, as well as special events like movie nights and game nights.

The program is open to all students in grades 6-12 and is free to participate in. There are no requirements to be part of the program, and it is open to anyone who wants to come and have fun.

If you are interested in participating in the program, you can contact the Burien Library at 243-3490 or visit their website at http://www.kcls.org/kcls/escape.html.

Library program offers drug-free fun

For more information, call the Burien Library at 243-3490, then press 6, then press 2, for updates on weekly events, or check out their website at http://www.kcls.org/kcls/escape.html.
News

Local businesses put on display tomorrow

By Santi Permpool
Staff Reporter

The Des Moines Chamber of Commerce presents the Second Annual Community Open House and Fall Festival today, Nov. 6, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Greater Des Moines Community Foundation Building in downtown Des Moines.

The Chamber of Commerce, along with local community organizations, will highlight community achievements and introduce new businesses and services.

According to Grubich, the goal of the event is to promote small businesses.

Grubich also is concerned particularly with the ability of small businesses to compete in the market today.

"It's required by law that no small business has to be able to discipline students once they leave the campus," he said.

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Community organizations will be gathering today to discuss topics such as education, human services, economic development, public safety, and city services.

Volleyball still faltering

By Christal Croft
Staff Reporter

The Highline women's volleyball team, who won one match and lost the other in the Continental Champions last Friday in Spokane. On Friday, the Thunderbirds lost to Green River 16-14, 13-15. The determined T-Birds congratulate Blue Mountain 14-25, 15-13, 15-12.

Last year, the T-Birds won 15-10, 15-8. This year, the T-Birds also faced off with Blue Mountain and beat them 15-12, 15-10. The regular season ends on Nov. 15, after which the team will take the regular season.