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Staff union to negotiate three-year deal

By Christi Croft
Staff Reporter

The Washington Public Employees Association and Highline are involved in contract negotiations to improve the old contract for staff at Highline.

"We want to make the contract more of a formal agreement," said WPEA President Brenda Mason.

The two sides will say very

little about the content of the negotiations. The new contract will be a three-year agreement.

WPEA and the Highline College Education Association (HCEA) are the two unions that represent workers at Highline. The WPEA represents classified



Mason

staff at Highline and the HCEA represents faculty.

HCEA had its contract negotiations approximately a year and a half ago. The main issue was pay-raises for faculty.

"Our negotiations went very smoothly," said Lorain Stowe, HCEA president.

The first session of the WPEA negotiations took place on Sept. 30. The next three meetings are scheduled for January. Negotiations could last

until February 1998, when the old contract expires.

Mason said if the negotiations are not finished by the time the old contract expires, Highline staffers will still work under that contract until the new contract is finalized.

"It's hard to tell when the new contract will be in effect," said Mason.

A couple of key issues that
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Lazy people are always looking for something to do.
—Luc de Clapiers
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Smoke Out

Students say smoking is bad, but do it anyway

By Gina Carpinito
Staff Reporter

It's a cold, rainy day. The kind where you can't feel your toes, and your fingers are almost too numb to grip a morning cup of coffee. But you stand outside to get in one last cigarette before class.

This scenario is repeated day after day at Highline, but with so much publicity about health concerns, why do people continue to smoke?

One student, Angk Srisomasajjakul, 19, has been smoking for about one year.

"I think it's a social thing. I never smoked until I came here [Highline], but all the people I know smoke," he said.

Smoking was a way to meet people. He could ask someone for a cigarette and



Photo by Bruce Jarrell
Student Mary Carlisle takes a smoke break.

then start up a conversation. "I think it's trendy and people just want to try it. I've been smoking one year, so I know," he said.

Angk started smoking because he wanted to try it. He wanted to know what it would

feel like, and he saw his friends smoking. Yet, after one year, he said he wants to quit. He said he has cut back from smoking a half-pack a day to one cigarette a day.

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New paragraph to aid disabled

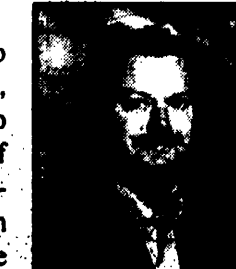
By Menna Tesfatsion
Staff Reporter

A new paragraph will grace all course syllabi this winter.

The paragraph is focused toward disabled students and tells them where to go to get services they need.

"We want students to know that services are available here if they need them," said Dean of Students Bob Hughes.

Access Services sent a memo to all Highline administrators, faculty, and staff. In this memo was the following example of how faculty could inform disabled students of services on campus: "If you need course adaptations or accommodations because of a disability; if you have emergency medical information to share with the instructor; or if you need special arrangements in case the building



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must be evacuated, please provide the instructor the Letter of Accommodation from the Office of Access Services. Access Services is located in Building Six
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S&A panel turns down contingency proposals

By Shannon Stroud
Staff Reporter

The Student Services and Activities Budget Committee turned down all of one proposal and part of another at last Friday's meeting.

By a 4-0 vote, the committee found the money requested by Concert Choir and Vocal Jazz Ensemble to pay a staff accompanist inappropriate to come from S&A. The committee believes this money should come from Highline's instructional fund.

Choir Director Dr. Victoria Kincaid is upset by this outcome. She said that S&A has always provided funding for her program until this year. Kincaid expressed the importance of an accompanist to the performing groups.

"Highline has only two performing groups, and I can't imagine a college without performing groups," Kincaid said.

Kincaid has decided to appeal this denial.

Team Highline, College in a College, and the Library's request of \$900 to cover Fall Quarter's Cram Night has been granted \$300. The decision for the other quarters will be discussed later.

The committee felt Cram Night, an event that occurs during finals week to provide students with a place to study and refreshments, had been very popular last year.

The Thunderword's request of \$600 to cover printing costs for Summer Quarter will be voted on in the next meeting.

The next meeting will be Dec. 5 at 1 p.m. in Building 23, room 113. The meeting will be open to all students, faculty, and staff.

Editorial

Turkey time is here, time for thankful cheer

Thanksgiving is here, and there are plenty of things to be thankful for this year.

Students should be thankful for going to school here at Highline and getting a valuable education. Highline's large, friendly, and diverse student body allows the opportunity to make many new friends. And we all know a good friend is something to be very thankful for.

We can all look forward to mass quantities of poultry products, cranberry goo, mashed potato goodness and other assorted Thanksgiving fare.

Students can be thankful that this long and tedious fall quarter is nearly at an end, and that our lengthy winter break is just around the corner.

We can give a hearty thanks to El Nino, for delaying our usual icy cold November weather, to a later date, still yet to be determined.

We can be thankful that the holiday season is upon us and allows us to spend quality time with family and friends.

And at the same time be thankful that the relatives coming to visit for the festivities will not be staying all year long.

We should all be thankful that we live in the grand country known as the U.S., instead of some poor nation that is burdened with famine and civil war.

And most importantly, students should be very thankful that they have such a wonderful school newspaper that delivers hard up-to-date news that tells it exactly how it is.

And it's also useful as packaging material.

Letters to the Editor

Hendrix family represented badly

Dear Editor:

I would ask that you review your student's articles before you publish inaccuracies. I was appalled at the quality of writing displayed in the article of October 16th. I attended the Hendrix lecture in Stephanie Haigh's History of Rock and Roll class and saw a family who is trying to make the best of a lost loved one. Please give the Hendrix family the respect that is due to them.

Jimi Hendrix is a local legend and his father Al and Janie (note the spelling of the name) were kind enough to give us their time. Take into considerations that Al is an aging man. Al and Janie's disagreement on facts, such as where the first guitar was purchased, was clearly due to age. I saw a man, father, still mourning the loss of his son and sister with a much clearer memory. Al Hendrix has lived and mourned in the view of the public eye. He has had his family insulted by many publications, including top national magazines. The Thunderword needs more experience before taking on Al Hendrix.

Next time I read an article in the Thunderword I will be very cautious knowing that the facts may not be accurate. I hope that the Hendrix family does not see the article published about

them. They deserve respect from us, as they expressed their appreciation for our college.

Sheree Atwood
Highline student

People should ease off Running Starters

Dear Editor:

Just thought you would like to know, Running Start students do not have priority registration any more.

Also you forgot to mention how easy it is to remove "bad" Running Starters. Did you actually talk to any Running Start students?

My teachers haven't complained. Especially when you see 30 year old students make complete asses of themselves.

We, in Running Start get so much crap from administration and other students, but our G.P.A. average is higher, and let's face it, most Running Start students are the cream of the high school crop.

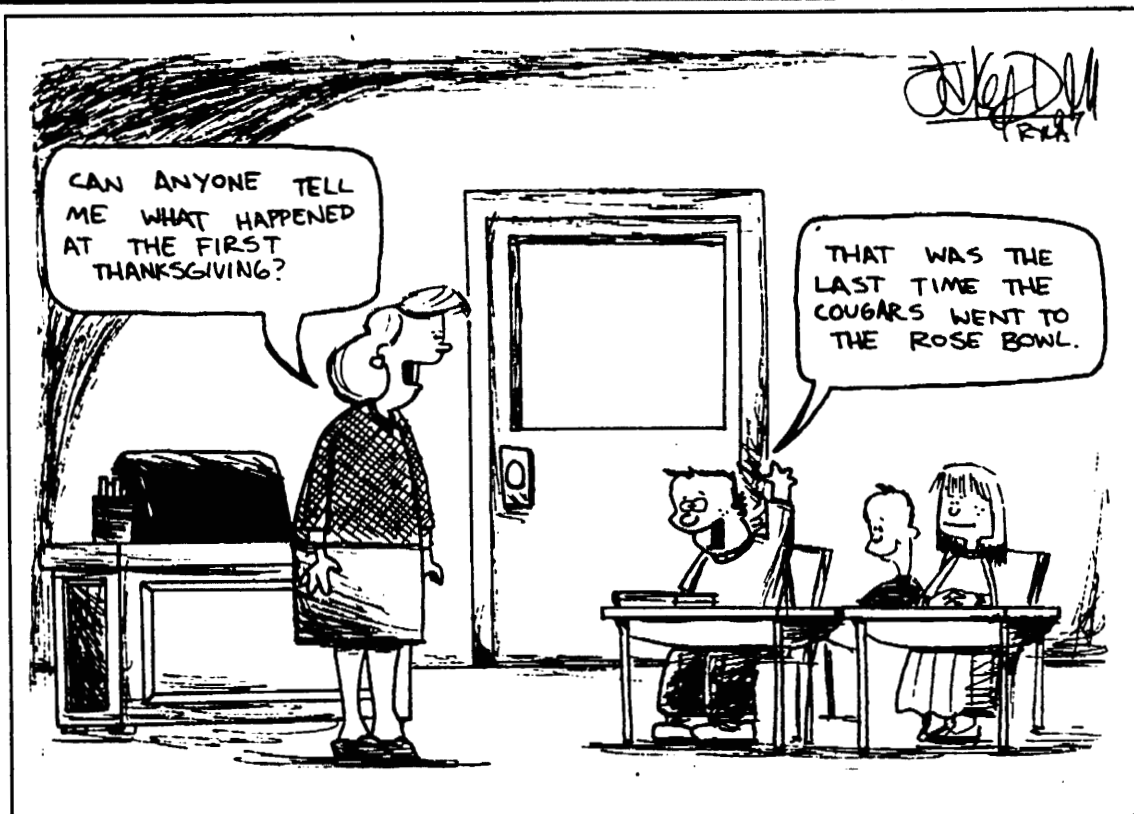
Maybe the voice of the students should be the voice of all the students, not just the ones old enough to vote and smoke. An irate Running Starter.

E.C. Schnackenberg
Highline student

Corrections

Running Start students do not get priority registration at Highline College.

Katrien Wayenberg's name was misspelled in last week's Thunderword.



Letters to the Editor

Running Start kids deserve respect

Dear Editor:

As Director of Educational Planning, which includes the Running Start program, I feel I must reply to your editorial of November 20, regarding screening of Running Start students. This fall we have over 300 Running Start students. For the most part they are committed, dedicated, serious students. A few of them, unfortunately, are not. But that is so about all students at Highline.

You suggest in your editorial that we need to do "further testing...to see if students are ready to handle the responsibility and work load of college education." Highline, like all community colleges, is an open door institution, and the only admission requirement that we impose on you is that you have an ability to benefit from being here. You, and other "regular" students, need merely to show that you are working above basic education level. Running Start students are held to a much higher standard--they must test at college level. We do not impose on any student that they demonstrate a maturity level that makes them acceptable to us. And how would we do that? Is there a maturity test? Would you want to take it? Would you pass?

Your editorial states that Running Start students get priority registration over all other students. That is not true. Running Start students get registration appointments based on the number of Highline credits they have, just as you do. Further, you suggest that some of them are disruptive in class. True, a

few of them are. So are some "regular" students. I propose that you and other students might, when your own learning is interrupted, take the initiative to say to any student in your class, "Excuse me, I'm trying to hear this. Would you please stop talking?" If disruptive behavior continues, talk to your instructor. The college has procedures for dealing with such issues.

A college education is a precious thing. You know that or you would not be here. Students who enroll in Running Start know that too. The vast majority are here to learn, not to play. One of our Running Start students last year earned a full scholarship to FLU, partially based on her work here at Highline. A few years ago, a Running Start student from

Highline was the dean's award recipient in computer science at the UW. He achieved the highest G.P.A. of all computer science majors graduating that year. A former Running Start student is now an active member of student government here at Highline. They were all ready and able to be college students. I am proud of these students, and of all of our Running Start students who work hard to be successful, just as I am proud of all students who take charge of their learning and make it through. I would hate to see any of them excluded because they didn't pass a maturity test. After all, many students, maybe even you, come here to "grow up." That's what we're here for.

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and Educational Planning

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Turkey time: HCC choir, jazz group to perform two shows

Oh, boy is it relative

Turkey day is upon us. It is time to give thanks for things like personal hygiene products and canned peaches. It also happens to be the time that we begin secretly cursing the arrival of our slightly abnormal family members for the holiday festivities.

By Carrie Sukert
Staff Reporter

The Highline Choir and Jazz Ensemble will give you something to sing about during their winter concert on Dec. 4.

"The Holiday Choral Concert," will start at 7:30 p.m. in Building 8, and are free of

charge.

The Concert Choir will be performing a collection of songs called the "Ceremony of Carols" written by Benjamin Britten.

While being accompanied by a guest harpist, the Jazz Ensemble will be performing medieval carols sung in old English style.

Three featured student vocalists, Kim Seung, Sharon Rivera, and Kim Yoo-Seung, will perform a vocal recital on Dec. 5.

All three will be doing duets, trios, opera sounds and solos during the evening.

Featured songs include "Un Bel Di" from "Madam Butterfly" and "Summertime," by Gershwin.

"All these students have done a great job and it is very impressive," said Victoria Kincaid-Therault, choir director.

"It is a good way to support fellow students in performance and it is a great way to get into the holiday spirit," said Kincaid.

Lisa's World



By Lisa Curdy

Thinking about this special season of familial togetherness, I was reminded of my own spastic relatives.

Each one is a caring and wonderful person.

But by God, they're classic cases of Three-Mile Island babies.

First, you have Uncle Ted. Now, the guy is local. He's lived in Washington his entire life.

But somehow he ended up with this southern drawl.

Sometimes when he's feeling extra frisky, he sports his cowboyish go-go boots and a big ol' hat.

This whole look is accentuated by his ability to do really stupid things, like eat dog biscuits.

I attribute all of that to an alien abduction, because he's missing a few teeth, too.

And I think Uncle Ted got Attention Deficit Disorder. Read on.

Married to my Uncle Ted is Aunt Lubertha.

She is a great gal, but tends to egg on my uncle's repeated attempts to be a stand-up comedian at the dinner table.

She smiles and does that "oh boy!" clap after each of his dumb jokes.

And Uncle Ted likes to laugh at his own jokes.

This startles people who don't know him, because he has this "I'm a rottweiler choking on a cornish game-hen bone" laughter that is almost enough to inspire one to call 9-1-1 and give the Heimlich.

All the while, our geriatric dog Linus, who is blind and deaf, stands in the corner and empties himself on the carpet with this faint look of pleasure on his little cocker spaniel face.

Only if we could all be Linus at this treasured time of the year.

Lisa Curdy is Focus Editor and is thankful for the kamikaze turkeys who gave their lives for this holiday. Now let's stock up on dog biscuits!

Get out of the house

The Group Theater presents "Voices of Christmas," Nov. 26-Dec. 27. Come celebrate vocal gospel at its finest. Performance schedule varies, and some performances are sold out. For ticket prices and more information, call The Group Theater Box Office at 206-441-1299.

Team Highline presents "Tickle Tune Typhoon Returns," Friday, Dec. 12. Enjoy educational songs and dancing characters in elaborate costumes. First show is at 11 a.m., second show at 1 p.m. Tickets will be sold in the Student Programs Office, Building 8, starting November 24. Admission is \$4.00.

The Wing Luke Asian Museum presents, "Renewal of America: Voices of Recent Asian Pacific Immigrants." This exhibit explores the personal experiences of immigrants and refugees arriving in the United States after 1965.

The exhibit will run through Jan. 11. For ticket prices and information call, 206-623-5125.

The Wing Luke Asian Museum presents the ikebana and chado display, through Jan. 11. The display features Priscilla Uno's special artifacts. For more information, call 206-623-5124.

The Arcturus (Literary Magazine) submission deadline will be Dec. 5. Send submissions to Sharon Hashimoto, Building 5, room 212 or call ext. 3158.

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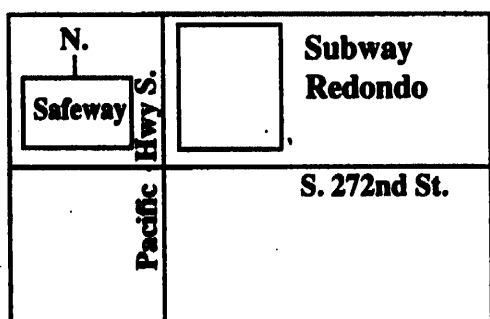
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College weighs designated smoking areas

By Michael Stampalia
Staff Reporter

The push for smoking areas has reached Highline's campus.

Twenty-two percent of Highline students smoke, according to a recent survey. That's 5 percent greater than the national average.

Smoking is not allowed in any of the buildings, according to state regulations, and signs are posted in front of some doors on campus asking students not to smoke there.

"It [smoking] bothers whiney ass nonsmokers, that's why I do it," said an 18-year-old student.

But if student-at-large Yenerma De Las Alas has her way, designated smoking areas may be on campus as soon as next year.

"This is a complex issue, because we are dealing with smokers' rights. But we also have to



Photo by Bruce Jarrell

Robbie Poupore and Andy Phillips enjoy a cigarette in the fresh sunshine.

protect the rights of the people who are effected by secondhand smoke," De Las Alas said.

Last year, Highline's Board of Trustees gave the issue to student government to study.

"We handed it over to student government because we felt that it was an issue that effected students," said Vice President of Administration Laura Saunders.

A survey of students last year

found division on whether the campus should have designated smoking areas.

Those in favor of such areas suggested that ashtrays be moved away from doorways

and that covered areas be put up where people can smoke without getting rained on.

Smokers were cool to such suggestions. "I don't like people who chew gum. Maybe we should ban them from chewing gum near doorways, too," said student Garret Whitney said.

Most students were in favor of not allowing smoking near doorways where many smokers huddle to escape the weather.

Students against smoking areas stated repeatedly that they were against any funding for designated smoking areas.

Student government wasn't able to come up with a consensus on how students wanted the current policy to be changed, but will be looking at the issue again in February.

De Las Alas's goal is to have closure to the issue by Spring Quarter's end.

Reporter Santi Permpool contributed to this story.

Nicotine is addictive, dangerous, deadly, experts say

By Ami Westberg
Staff Reporter

Smoking-related diseases claim more than 400,000 American lives each year, according to the American Cancer Society.

This includes approximately 3,000 people who die from lung cancer due to exposure to secondhand smoke.

That is more lives claimed than from alcohol, crack, heroin, murders, suicide, and car-related deaths.

Cigarettes contain at least 43 distinct cancer causing chemicals, reports the American Lung Association.

Smoking is directly responsible for 87 percent of lung cancer cases.

Smoking causes most cases of emphysema and chronic bronchitis, and is also a major factor in coronary heart disease and stroke.

Other diseases that have been linked to smoking include bladder cancer, breast cancer, and colon cancer, said Bob Hirnle, a respiratory care instructor at HCC.

"You'd have to be blind or paid millions of dollars by tobacco industries to miss the link between cigarettes and cancer,"



Photo by Bruce Jarrell

Students Zac Hunziker and Morgan Fernandez smoke.

said Hirnle.

Asthma, sinusitis, and peptic ulcers have also been linked to cigarettes.

Smoking by parents is also associated with a wide range of negative effects in their children says the ALA.

This includes intensity of asthma, an increase in frequency of colds and ear infections, and sudden infant death syndrome.

The American Cancer Society says smoking has adverse

effects to the well-being of a fetus.

Pregnant smokers have a greater amount of stillbirths and more babies die during the first month of infancy.

So why do people smoke? "I smoke for addiction," said a psychology student at Highline. "It is both physical and mental. My body has been conditioned on a reward system that controls me."

Smoking is a physical addiction. It is the number one addict-

ing drug, even higher than crack or cocaine, says the ACS.

Nicotine is the addictive drug in cigarettes. It reaches the brain faster than any other drug that enters the body intravenously.

Smoking delivers nicotine in bursts, which reinforces continued smoking.

The body requires nicotine to avoid withdrawal symptoms which could include cravings, anxiety, irritability, and difficulty concentrating, according to Block Drug Corporation, who makes smoking cessation materials.

Smoking is also a behavior, an oral fixation.

You may smoke to be social or to keep your hands busy, said Block Drug.

Stress and negative emotions also may trigger the want of a cigarette.

But quitting smoking benefits your overall health, reports

"You'd have to be blind...to miss the link between cigarettes and cancer."

**--Bob Hirnle,
respiratory care
instructor**

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Underage smokers safe at HCC

By Tanya Foster
Staff Reporter

Smoking is a habit many underage Highline students enjoy.

Younger students find it easy to smoke here because of the simple fact that students here are treated like adults.

"If I don't have any on me I can just ask someone for one. It's not like they know I'm not 18," one student said.

Though it is illegal for people under 18 to buy tobacco products, underage smokers are undeterred by this law.

At high schools, all tobacco products are illegal. If a student is caught smoking or chewing on most high school grounds, they are suspended, and expelled if the offense is repeated.

But no hall monitor is looking for underage smokers at Highline. Many underage smokers say they were smoking before they came to Highline.

Some students said they feel weird lighting up around people their parents' age, but you won't find that stopping them from smoking any time soon.

Stop smoking now, you might just live

By Shannon Stroud
Staff Reporter

Smokers claim that quitting smoking is the hardest thing they have ever had to do.

"If you want to stop smoking, stop right now, because the longer you wait, the harder it is," said one male student.

It is already known what smoking does to your health, but how can those who are caught in its dangerous trap get out?

Bob Bonner of respiratory care, found that people stop smoking most easily by quitting cold turkey.

A woman claimed she had tried using Nicoret gum for years with little success.

One night she came from work, sat down with a whole pack of cigarettes and smoked all twenty of them, one right after the other.

"I was literally green in the face and spent the entire night vomiting," she said.

"Every time I smell cigarette smoke, I get that feeling back."

This sounds like a great plan, but who actually has the will to do it?

In order to stop, there has to be a high level of commitment



Photo by Bruce Jarrell

Jackie Dodson and Brien Woods smoke and study.

and motivation.

Without this, Bonner has seen many people start up again after quitting.

"The best way to stop smoking is to never start," Bonner said.

A document from the Lung Information and Service Center gave several tips to stop smoking:

- ⇒ Tell everyone you are going to do it.
- ⇒ Exercise.
- ⇒ Get rid of anything cigarette-related.

⇒ Have healthy snacks around.

⇒ Make plans to beat the urges.

Wanda Robertson, M.D. often introduces a prescription tablet called Zyban to her patients.

"It is actually an antidepressant that helps people stop smoking," Robertson said.

She also recommends hypno-

sis, prayer, patches, and Nicoret gum to quit the unhealthy addiction.

"The motivation I give my patients to stop smoking is from a health standpoint. In this day and age we live a long time, even in poor health. No one wants to see a loved one die," Robertson said.

Bonner believes that smoking today is not as socially acceptable.

Still, 3,000 teenagers start smoking each day in the US, according to the Lung Information and Service Center.

Many agree there are more smokers on Highline's campus than anywhere else.

Bonner would like to see Highline make more rules about smoking on campus.

"Smoking not only affects those who smoke, but those who inhale secondhand smoke," Bonner said.

With willpower and commitment, anyone can stop smoking.

Quit for yourself and for those who love you, because it is a matter of life and health.

Poster artist doesn't like smoke

By Nathan Golden
Staff Reporter

When it comes to art, Clare Hebert is smokin'.

But not in real life. Hebert's entry in the student government-sponsored Smoking Awareness poster contest won first place last week.

Student government member Yenerma De Las Alas, who organized the contest, wanted the posters to be creative and convey a message about the effects of smoking.

When Hebert saw the fliers posted around campus for the competition, she wanted to enter and grab her audience's attention through her drawing.

She whipped out the poster in about 10 minutes, the night before the contest.

"It's nothing special, just a simple line drawing," Hebert said.

Her poster, which shows an attractive woman smoking, gazing at a decrepit mirror image, was one of eight entered in the contest.

Student government members judged the contest.

"The image depicts the long term effects of smoking," De Las Alas said. "She is a very talented artist."

Hebert received a \$25 check for her efforts. It was the first time the third-year Highline stu-



Illustration by Clare Hebert

Student Clare Hebert won smoking poster contest.

dent had entered an art competition.

Hebert gets annoyed inhaling cigarette smoke between classes.

"The [poster's] message is

pretty clear," Hebert said.

She is majoring in graphic illustration and is looking to transfer to a four-year art institute after her graduation this spring.

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Crisanto injures knee

By Brian Scalabrino
Staff Reporter

The Highline T-Bird wrestling team was routed 40-3 against junior college powerhouse Northern Idaho College last Friday night.

The team also lost its best wrestler when Nelson Crisanto went down with a major knee injury.

Northern Idaho came out with a vengeance, winning nine of 10 individual matches.

"This was a great wake up call for our team. We are not in as good as shape as we would like to be in," Crisanto said.

Crisanto damaged his knee during a 9-5 loss at 126 pounds.

It will be evaluated by doctors this week and Crisanto will likely miss next week's match.

This was Highline's first Region 18 competition of the season. "It showed on Friday that we need better preparation both physically and mentally," said heavyweight Mark Kissler.

Jason Olson, at 275 pounds, came through with the only varsity win, stopping NIC from completely shutting out the T-Bird wrestling team.

"We didn't look great, we just didn't get the job done," said Assistant Coach John Clemens.

Aaron Hall at 118 pounds, and Tim Pattison at 150, both won exhibition matches. "We looked liked we were not coached as well as Northern Idaho," Hall said.

"The match should have been a lot closer, because we have good potential and great talent," Kissler said.

Next up for the T-Birds is tournament competition on Nov. 28-29, at Lassen College in Susanville, Calif.

Polo team finishes sixth

Team makes a big splash in first season

By W.B. Heming
Staff Reporter

The Highline water polo club paddled into sixth place at the Northwest Collegiate Water Polo Championships last weekend in Federal Way.

The tournament consisted of 12 teams from Washington, California, Oregon, British Columbia, and Utah. Highline's team, which has been together for only three months, was the only squad from a two-year institution to participate in the tournament.

The Highlanders, as the team calls itself, fell to Sacramento State College Sunday afternoon in the fifth place game.

"We lost because they were a varsity sports team that practices every night," player/coach Gilbert Rosencrans said. "We're a club-team that practices twice a week for an hour."

Because the Highlanders were only reestablished in September, they were tossed into group D, the lowest of the four groups at the tournament.

"Every team we played was suppose to beat us...we were the underdogs," Rosencrans said. "The tournament director didn't think we were good enough to win."

Rosencrans, however, was the tournament's top scorer with 22 points.

Rosencrans took over the duties of coach from Sam Shabb, who was unable to attend the tournament.

Sunday morning brought the Highlanders a victory



Photo By Bruce Jarrell

Justin Pritchard looks to pass in a polo match last week.

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--Gilbert Rosencrans

over Washington State University, 12-9.

Highline put a crimp in Utah State's day, spanking

them 13-6 on Saturday.

"We beat them soundly," Rosencrans said.

The Highlanders battled the University of Washington B team to a tie after four quarters. Highline struck early in sudden death overtime to end the game 10-9.

The club will continue to practice throughout Winter Quarter, but will not participate in another tournament until spring.

Highline hires new volleyball coach

By Michael Stampalia
Staff Reporter

Highline's new volleyball coach, Shawna Gibson, said that she knows that she has her work cut out for her.

Highline Athletic Director Fred Harrison hired Gibson last week after she was recommended for an interview by Cara Hoyt, coach of the Thunderbird softball team.

Hoyt and Gibson play together on an adult softball team called the Seattle Express.

Gibson, who is a domestic transportation manager, graduated from Kentwood High School and attended Pacific Lutheran University, where she played both volleyball and softball.

She became an assistant coach on the volleyball team at Kentwood in '92 and has coached volleyball in the United States Volleyball Association's 16-and-under division the last three years.

"I'm hoping to get the girls together for an open gym, so that I can see where we're at," Gibson said. "Unfortunately I haven't had a chance to contact any of the girls. After I see what I have, I'll have a better idea of what I need to do."

"I played aggressively and I expect my team to play the same way," she said.

Gibson has plans to conduct local clinics and involve the players more in the community.

"I'm going to stress education and try put together some local clinics where the girls can get more involved. I think it's important for them to get involved," she said. "Of course, education will always come first."

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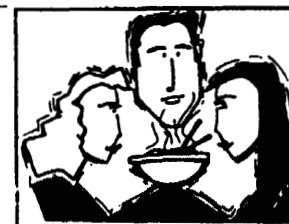
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T-Birds mend broken wings as season nears

By T.M. Wyse
Staff Reporter

Fall scrimmages have been full of ups and downs for Head Coach Joe Callero and his basketball team.

The men's team has had three scrimmages and have won them all.

"We have been steadily improving each game," Callero said. "The freshman have all improved so far, as have the sophomores."

Callero said sophomore center Garrett Miller has already stepped up and played really well.

"Garrett has given us solid play at both ends, he passes well, and has been running the court extremely well," Callero said.

On the down side, the T-Birds have three players who are hampered by different injuries.

Gabe Ladd, a backup point guard, is out three to four weeks with a knee injury that, according to Callero, is pretty serious.

"Gabe hurt his knee in the first scrimmage on Nov. 8 and has been out ever since," Callero said.

Ladd was supposed to be able to spell Reggie Ball when entering the game, particularly on defense. Now the T-Birds will have to rely heavily on the point guard playing of Ball and Quincy Wilder until further notice.

Brian Guy, a 6'7" forward-center, is out because of a bronchial problem.

"When I went to the doctor, he said I was playing at about one-third of my strength," Guy said.

Guy is a big presence inside and Callero feels he will be a definite asset to the team when he is healthy.

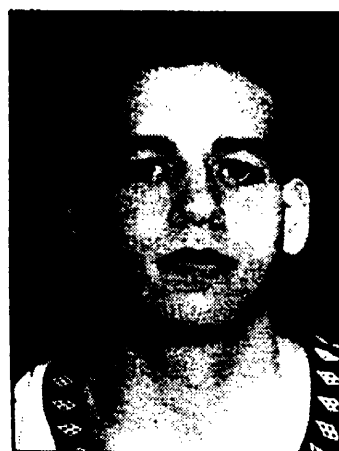
Todd Watts has been experiencing ankle problems for a couple of weeks, but is back scrimmaging and is expected to be healthy soon.

Callero said that a lot of other things need to be ironed out, along with the injuries.

"We have to be able to establish and inside offensive attack. We have plenty of guys that can shoot the jumper, but not enough down low," he said. "We need offensive balance," he said.

More importantly, the injury to Ladd really slows down the team's defensive intensity.

"Gabe is our quickest defensive player, and we are already having problems playing the in-



Garrett Miller

tense defense for 40 minutes," Callero said.

Three of the first four pre-season games are on the road. These games will be a good test for the team.

Two of the teams they will be playing, Yakima and Chemekeeta, were T-Bird playoff opponents last season.

"We are obviously shooting for the title again, but we have to figure out what areas need most improvement first," Callero said.

Highline's first pre-season game is on Friday, Nov. 28 at Centralia at 8 p.m., followed by a game against Chemekeeta on Nov. 29 at 7 p.m.

Their first pre-season home game will be against Centralia on Dec. 4 at 7 p.m.

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will be brought up by the WPEA are: parking problems with employees, and training and training funds for classified staff at Highline.

"Employees at Highline are dealing with the same problems as students. They have to pay for parking, and most of the times there are no spots available," said Ken Brett, chief negotiator for the WPEA.

These issues are still being negotiated.

More detailed and additional articles are another feature of

Honors Colloquy addresses multicultural adoption issues

By Scott C. Murray
Staff Reporter

Dana Franks and Susan Landgraf will lecture today on their experiences of having a multicultural family in Building 7 at noon.

This lecture is part of the Honors Colloquy series on families.

Franks, a Highline Librarian, has adopted children. Landgraf, a journalism/writing instructor, who has adopted children also, teamed up with Franks.

"My experience is that people make judgements about other cultures, or validity of family, or about various people in adoption," Franks said.

"I want people to remember that we need to do what is important, and that is for each of us to decide," Landgraf said.



Franks



Landgraf

Landgraf feels that when she adopted her children back in the '60s, there was a push for white people to adopt minority children. She feels that presently there is more of a spotlight on adopting children.

"There weren't as many of us, [adoptive parents], some of us believed we could save the world and overcome anything," Landgraf said.

Franks said she adopted her children for "selfish reasons."

"Our society is much more accepting of multicultural families than they were in the past. Adoption is more out of the closet now than it was in the '60s," Franks said.

Both Landgraf and Franks have experienced prejudice. Franks has had remarks made, such as, "isn't she a sweet china

doll," "of course she'll be smart, she's Asian," or, "Where's your daughter from, China? I hear they kill children over there."

Some of these things were said in front of her child. Franks's response was to remove her child from the situation.

Landgraf was also hurt by comments made toward her children.

"I thought it was ugly and stupid. I was concerned about what it would do to and did to my kids," Landgraf said.

Franks said there is overwhelming support from the Asian community toward her daughters.

"They show support. On campus employees ask to share lunch with me. People in grocery stores are kind," she said.

Landgraf and Franks said they still feel anger, sadness, and irritability with people who are insensitive, prejudice and ignorant toward multicultural families.

Smoke

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He's worried about his health and it's expensive, he said.

"The way to stop smoking is to stop buying," he said.

Angk is not alone. Other students said that they, too, started smoking because their friends

the new contract.

As of now, the WPEA has 23 out of the 42 articles tentatively agreed on.

"Because the contract is still under negotiations, we are not able to disclose the content of the new articles at this time," Mason said.

The college's negotiating team has been hampered by the absence of Vice President of Students Jim Sorensen, who is recovering from an appendectomy.

Brett said Sorensen's absence is a minor set-back in the negotiations, but said that overall the two sides are making a lot of progress.

did.

Kyoko Tachihara, 20, started smoking with friends.

"[I was] just curious and my friend was smoking, and she gave me a cigarette," she said.

That was four years ago. Now she wants to quit smoking, but said she can't because it's addictive and because so many of her friends smoke.

Sam Son, 21, started smoking one and a half years ago.

"I thought it was just going to be occasional," he said. One-and-a-half to two packs a day runs him about \$30 a week.

He said he does care about his health, but he isn't ready to quit yet. Maybe for his New Year's resolution, he said.

Many students said they have quit at one time or another, but started smoking again. Often it was because they felt stressed out, so it was easy to start again.

Highline Psychology instructor Eve McClure said that there may be psychological and physical aspects to building up a smoking tolerance and driving it into addiction.

"Tolerance is actually where we need more of the same drug to get the same effect. And when we're experiencing tolerance, we're usually addicted," McClure said.

"Probably some people have a psychological need that makes smoking addictive. But there is a physiological addiction that some people are susceptible to," McClure said.

And so, on chilly winter days, smokers will brave the weather to stand outside and satisfy their habit.

Mary Carlisle, a smoker, explained it this way, "The non-smokers have every place to go when it's raining and cold."

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Highline to solve drainage problem

By Brandon Grooms
Staff Reporter

An ongoing drainage problem may now come to an end due to recent government funding.

Highline has been plagued by a serious drainage problem in the lower western region of Highline campus, just below the football field in the wooded area for many years.

The drainage system is designed to collect rainfall and runoff water, then disperse them equally into the earth, but the system fails to do so, causing standing water and flash flooding on nearby roads and apartments.

"This has been an ongoing problem for the last few years," said Associate Director of Facilities Shirley Bean. Recently the state has given Highline the funding necessary to complete the ravine project.

The budget for the project is \$909,800. This money will go for services such as contractors, permits, as well as architectural drawings.

The project itself consists of a brand new drainage system including a retention pond to control the rate of the water flow, a biofiltration swale (a grassy ditch used in filtering out pollutants as well as controlling water flow rate).

Check dams will also be placed to help prevent erosion and unwanted soil deposits.

The catch basin at the bottom of the ravine will also be enlarged to prevent the destruction of wetlands.

"The ravine project should be completed in the summer of 1999," Bean said.



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Highline has been granted money by the state to fix up its drainage system by the summer of 1999.

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(6) in the Student Development Center."

"Through statements like this we are trying to get the word around of who we are and what we are," said Director of Access Services Jim Fields.

Hughes has asked all faculty to include this paragraph by Winter Quarter.

Some faculty on campus have already included paragraphs such as this, but this is an attempt to make it uniform.

Faculty on the whole seem to have no problem with this addi-

tion. "It's a great idea," said math instructor Helen Burn. "It can really help students clearly understand how to get the services they need."

Access Services serves students with Attention Deficit Disorder, (ADD), Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder, emotional disabilities, visual impairments, hearing impairments, learning disabilities, and physical disabilities.

"We don't change the essential requirements of a class or program, rather we provide reasonable accommodations within the classroom to allow students with disabilities to compete on a level playing field," Fields said.

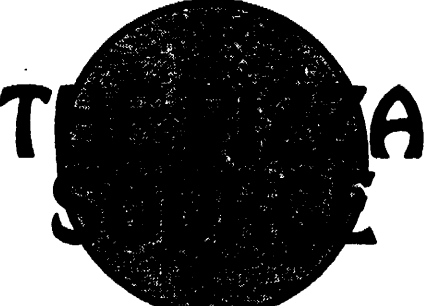
AIDS pamphlets to be given out

HIV/AIDS awareness pamphlets will be distributed around campus between classes on Monday, Dec. 1.

The pamphlets, which will be distributed by ASSHC Vice President of Legislation Paul Gerhardt, will give students

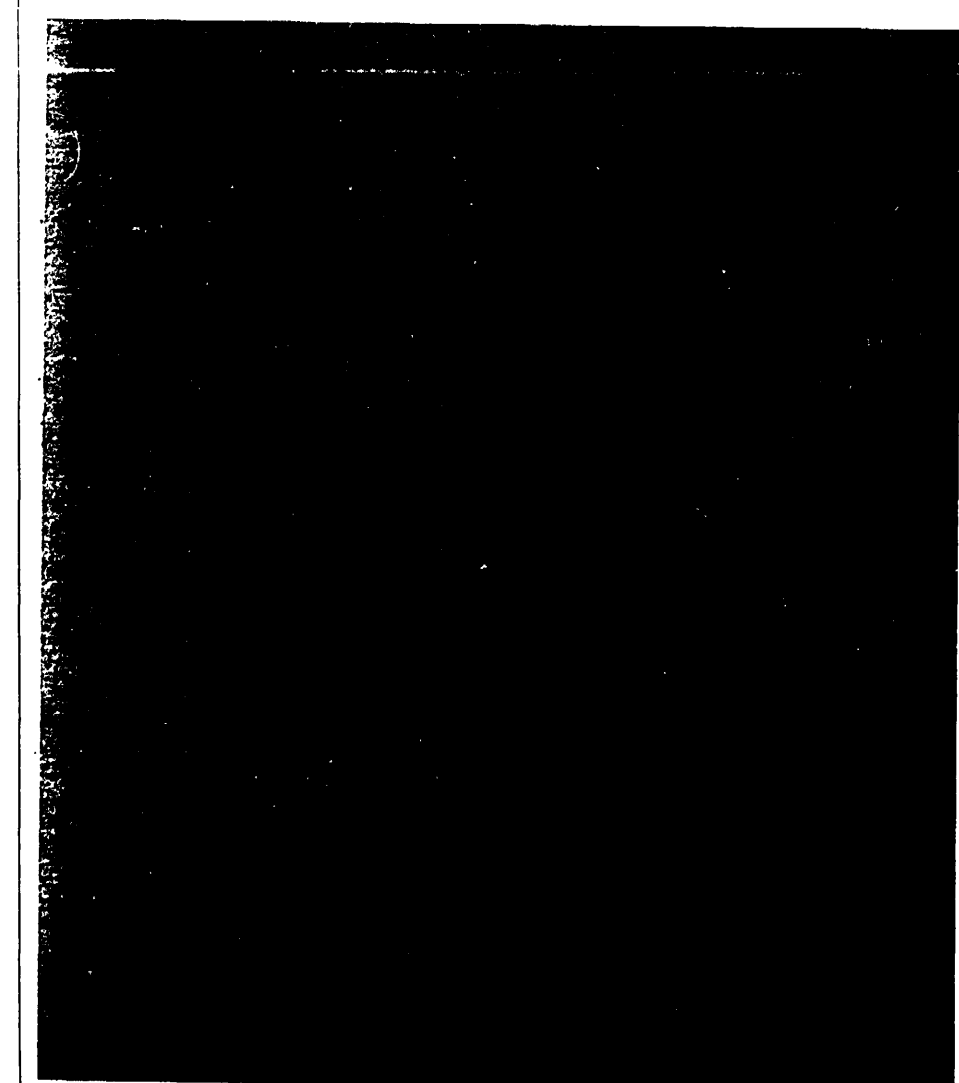
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