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The voice of the students

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"Manners maketh man."
William of Wykeham

Dropouts plague Highline

College has second-worst retention rate in Washington

By Nathan Golden
Staff Reporter

Retention rates at Highline are among Washington's lowest for community colleges, but college officials the problem is no longer going to be ignored.

Retention, as described by Bob Hughes, dean of instruction for academic transfer programs, is an institution's ability to retain students.

Last year, 47 percent of the students who started at Highline in the fall were gone before the end of Spring Quarter.

Hughes cites retention as an area of major focus and is taking the problem very personally.

"I feel absolutely responsible," he said.

In the last four years, Highline's retention has never reached above second worst when compared to the other 26 community colleges in Washington. Retention rates are based on the number of students enrolled in fall, compared to the same students enrolled in spring.

This being the case, Hughes said it is impossible to ever reach a 100 percent retention rate, because students may graduate, take a quarter off, or start their schooling in the spring.

But, he said, Highline can do better than last year's 53 percent mark.

Hughes is pushing for better advising for students and possibly offering classes to help students understand how college works. He has also asked for a federal Upward Bound grant of $300,000 for retention.

"I have no doubt that it will be higher then last year," Hughes said of the retention figure.

Athletic adviser Margo Buchan is undergoing negotiations with Hughes to take a Coordinator of Retention position to further address the problem.

Buchan has made leaps and bounds in the athletic department, helping to retain more than 90 percent of her student-athletes.

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Winter storm watch '98

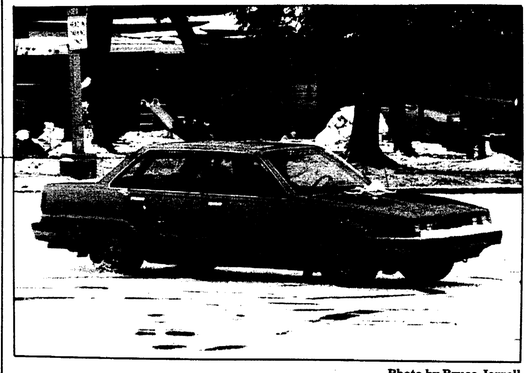

Photo by Bruce Jarrell
Associated Student Body President Nelson Crisanto practices his winter driving in the campus parking lot.

Snow, icy roads close college, keep students home

By Alyssa Pfau and Michael Stampalia
Staff Reporters

Highline President Ed Command looked out the window of his house Sunday afternoon and saw that it was still snowing.

"I saw the weather reports and they said that it wasn't going to stop snowing so I decided about six o'clock to close school. It was obvious," Command said. "The worst thing you can do to someone is to have them drive through all

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Highline honors King's life

By Christi Croft
Staff Reporter

Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday will be far from unnoticed at Highline during the week of Jan. 20-22.

The festivities will be funded by the Highline Multicultural Programs, and sponsored by the Martin Luther King Planning Committee. The committee consists of Highline staff, faculty, and community members.

Dr. Albert Black, a popular sociologist from the University of Washington, will discuss the legacy of Dr. King, in his speech "Where's the Dream?"

"Dr. Black is a very dynamic speaker," said Kayleen Oka, coordinator of Multicultural Programs.

This lecture honoring the late Dr. King will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 20, from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in Building 7. Refresh-

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Metro eyes changes to Highline routes

By La Tonya Kemp
Staff Reporter

Metro Transit will have an information table available today, Jan. 15 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. to address proposed bus route changes that will affect students. Representatives from community relations and transit service staff will be downstairs in Building 8 to answer questions and take suggestions.

Highline students are also needed for their input at a community meeting 6-8 p.m. tonight at the Des Moines Fire District 26 office, 2238 S. 223rd St.

Metro is planning improvements to bus service in southwest King County, including routes to and from Highline. Metro wants input from students about what would make their travel easier.

Currently the routes 130,

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File photo
New bus routes may make it easier for students to travel.

New elections this month

By W.B. Heming
Staff Reporter

Three at-large positions in student government have opened up this quarter, following three resignations in the last month.

Students interested in running can pick up information packets from Paul Gerhardt Jr., election coordinator and Associated Students of Highline Community College (ASHCC) vice-president of administration.

Candidates must obtain 50 signatures to run for the office of student-at-large, according to the ASHCC by-laws. Candidate applications are due tomorrow by noon and must be approved by Gerhardt.

The winter elections will not be promoted at the same level as the fall balloting, Gerhardt said. "I'm not going to be wasting my time doing a promotion that doesn't have any impact," he said.

Gerhardt

The election itself will be Thursday, Jan. 22 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and again from 6-8 p.m. The voter's table will be overseen by student government members.

The resignations came in a hurry. Student-at-large Jon Rugan resigned his post Fall Quarter to attend school in eastern Washington.

Former Vice President of Legislation Alexandria Peacock resigned due to personal reasons. Student-at-large Yenerma De Las Alas will take over her role.

De Las Alas is planning a trip to Olympia in February as well as working on ASHCC by-laws revisions.

De Las Alas

Moira Windon, former clubs and organizations liaison, has taken a job in the Student Programs office.

"My situation has changed and my goals have changed," she said.

Windon will be replaced by student-at-large Raul Sedano.

"I'm going to take up some of Moira's ideas," Sedano said. "They were good ideas." Some of those ideas include creating a club directory and club calendar of events.

King

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ments will be offered at the discussion.

On Wednesday Jan. 21, Building 8 will play host to the Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Bash from noon-2 p.m.

The pot-luck celebration will feature a video on Dr. King's accomplishments, plenty of food, and music.

"This is considered our 'fun day' of the week's celebration. Since it is a pot-luck, the students are welcome to bring any dish they would like to the Birthday Bash," Oka said.

"We've had committee pot-lucks in the past that were a great success. I do hope this one has the same effect," she said.

Lastly, the Martin Luther King Freedom Celebration will be held on Thursday, Jan. 22 from 1-2 p.m.

This celebration will feature a slide show about Dr. King, and the Gethsemane Gospel Singers.

The Kent-Meridian High School's Stomp Group, "The Unstompables," will also appear at the celebration, along with the Martin Luther King Humanitarian Awards Ceremony.

The ceremony will present awards to staff, faculty, community members, and students who make a difference at Highline.

"It is important to note that this week is not the only time that people should recognize how important Martin Luther King Jr. was to our society. All people should recognize his accomplishments every day of the year," Oka said.

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Financial Aid focus

The Financial Aid Office will conduct a workshop on Jan. 20 in Building 2 from 12:30-2 p.m.

The meeting, which will be hosted by the Associated Students of Highline College (ASHCC), will feature speakers such as the Director of Financial Aid Stacy A. Peterson and Financial Aid department administrators.

Topics of discussion will include how to qualify for financial aid; who can qualify; deadlines for financial aid; how transferring students qualify for financial aid; types of financial aid; and some of the common complaints dealing with financial aid.

Evening students meet

Evening students will have the opportunity to attend an informal reception this Wednesday , Jan. 21 and Thursday , Jan. 22 from 6:15 to 8:30 pm, at the Union Bay room located on the lower level of Building 8.

The event was organized by Denny Steussy of the Educational Planning Center.

The main objective of the meeting is to expose evening students to the wide variety of resources that the school offers them while trying to reach their educational goals. Faculty members will also be available to answer questions that students might have regarding their studies at Highline. Free refreshments will be provided.

Last fall, when the event made its debut, it widely surpassed the expectations of its organizers, with 120 students showing up for the two dates scheduled. This time, attendance is anticipated to be equally numerous.

For those unable to attend this time, additional dates are already in the plans for the month of February.

Contract talks continue

Negotiations between Highline and the union that represents more than 120 staff members continue to proceed smoothly.

Representatives of the Washingtion Public Employees Association and Highline have met several times in the past few months to discuss undisclosed issues.

"There's no gag order," said Brenda Mason, president of the WPEA, "but we need to respect the table." Issues will be disclosed after the new contract has been finalized.

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Spring Festival will bring Spring Fever

Bringing in the new year means bringing in fun and interesting events the whole student body will enjoy.

The Highline Spring Festival will make its mark at Highline on May 1 of this year.

The festival is a combination

Arts and Crofts

By Christi Croft

of different program events, all combined into one. The event will be sponsored by the entire campus.

"There are many departments involved in making this festival a success," said Kelli Johnston, director of Women's Programs.

The co-op, outreach, student activities, and publication offices are just some of the many departments involved in planning the festival

"We've been doing spring celebrations for 15 years at Highline, all with different forms and focuses. This year we wanted to expand the celebration," said Barbara Muller, counselor with the Women's Programs.

The festival will offer many free events. A wide array of workshops will be set up, with all types of things to do.

The morning hours will feature a 50-employer Career Fair sponsored by the Co-op Office. Following the Career Fair will be a wide array of workshops offered in the afternoon. Body fat analysis, watercolor demos, starting a home-based business, and taking your blood pressure are just some to name a few.

"We are trying to get more workshops available for the festival," Johnston said.

There will also be plenty of sports activities and music that everyone can enjoy.

The evening events will include a community dinner with jazz music by the Ellen Finn Trio. Following will be Cecile Andrews, a keynote speaker and columnist for the Seattle Times. Her speech, "Finding and Living Your Passion", will be based on her book, "The Circle of Simplicity: Return to The Good Life."

The price of the dinner and speaker has not been worked out as of yet, but we'll keep you posted.

Although some minor details are still being worked out with the event, it will definitely be a must-do thing at Highline.

Christi Croft is Arts Editor of the Thunderword and admits to owning and using a Thighmaster. The shame of it all.

Photo by Bruce Jarrell

Heather Simms, left, Kevin Hookano and Vinny Tula show their stuff in auditions.

Students try to go on 'Trial'

By Lisa Novak
Staff Reporter

Cool and confident, the drama students sit outside the theater, awaiting their auditions for the Highline Drama Department's Winter Quarter production of "The Trial," by Franz Kafka.

Students must participate in a closed audition where they give a prepared monologue and do some cold readings.

"I had a good audition on Wednesday. I like closed auditions because there is no one else watching," said Megan Playle.

"The Trial" is an existentialist play which has many of the drama students eager to perform it.

"Kafka is a phenomenal writer and philosopher," according to Drama major Vinnie Tula, "The script, actors, and set will make it a phenomenal show!"

Although several of the actors have not yet read the script, many knew of Kafka's work and were thrilled to be taking part in the production.

Phil Lira, Highline actor, rented the video, and called the play "different."

Lira's synopsis revealed a story about a man who has been arrested, not knowing why, and yet everyone else in the story does.

Not only are the students looking forward to the new production, they expressed excitement about working with director Chuck Hudson.

Hudson is new to the Highline Drama Department, previously directing at the well established Seattle Repertory Theatre.

Hudson may be new to Highline, but he is already gaining respect from his actors, who are impressed with his extensive resume.

The Drama Department's rendition of "The Trial" is scheduled to appear on Feb. 26-28 and Mar. 5-7. All performances will be in The Little Theatre, located in Building 4 at 8 p.m.

Ticket prices are $5 for students, and $6 for the general public. Tickets will be available at the door.

Do your thang at Club Night

By Matt Neigel
Staff Reporter

Eat, dance, and win big prizes this Friday afternoon in Building 8. Club Night will offer music, food and bingo from 4-6 p.m.

Team Highline is putting together the first opportunity for students to meet new people while getting their boogie on, with entertainment that will make you yearn for more.

The exotic sounds and beats of the steel drum band Bakra Bata will roll from 4-5 p.m.

Then after the band, you can take part in an addictive game of bingo with some of your fellow Thunderbirds.

The game will be fast and furious because there are some big prizes up for grabs.

Admission will be $1 in advance in the Student Programs Office in Building 8, or $3 at the door.

If the steel drum band and bingo are not your thing then you may still want to attend because Team Highline is bringing in D.J. Daisuke to spin some dance tunes.

For more information about Club Night contact Yumi Okuwaki in the Team Highline office in Building 8 or at 206-878-3710, ext.3537.

Arcturus entries needed

Highline's student literary magazine, the Arcturus, is looking for artwork by Feb. 6.

The Arcturus is put together by students in the Humanities, Graphic Design, and Printing departments, is offering all Highline students and faculty the opportunity to submit their work for publication.

Photographs and artwork should be reproducible in black and white.

Arcturus Adviser Sharon Hashimoto will collect students' work in Building 5, Room 212, until Feb. 6.

All submissions should include artist's name and telephone number on the back.

Tell someone you love them.

(maybe even someone you know!)

Thunderword Lovelines: Tell someone you love them for $1 a pop! Ads will run Feb. 12. Deadline: Friday, Feb. 6. See Anita in the T-word office, 10-106

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Editorial

Bag check takes first step, but not enough

The Highline Community College Bookstore has taken measures to combat book bag theft.

Thanks to an employee suggestion, students have been able to check their bags before going into the store.

The bag check, Bookstore Manager Randy Fisher said, will operate for the first two weeks of every quarter during normal bookstore hours as long as he has staff available to run it.

The bag check system has received "all kinds of positive response," he said. That response has come with good reason.

In the past, students were forced to leave their bags unattended as they ran into the bookstore to pick up their textbooks. During the beginning of the quarter, lines in the store could force students to leave their bags unattended for more than 15 minutes, sometimes even longer. Sadly, thefts of book bags sometimes were the result.

With the new system, even if students are not able to get a spot in the bag check, there is still a responsible party keeping watch over their precious cargo.

While the book bag check does solve the problem of book bag theft, it is not a foolproof solution. The checking system is only operable when there is enough staff to run it. On more than one occasion over the past two weeks, the booth has been left unattended.

Perhaps the long-term solution would be to install lockers for students use. Even if the lockers were to cost 25 cents every time a student used them, it would be cheaper than losing $100-200 worth of textbooks.

It's a shame that precautions must be taken to guard against theft at Highline. Despite this, further steps should be taken so that no student should ever have to worry about running into the bookstore at any time.

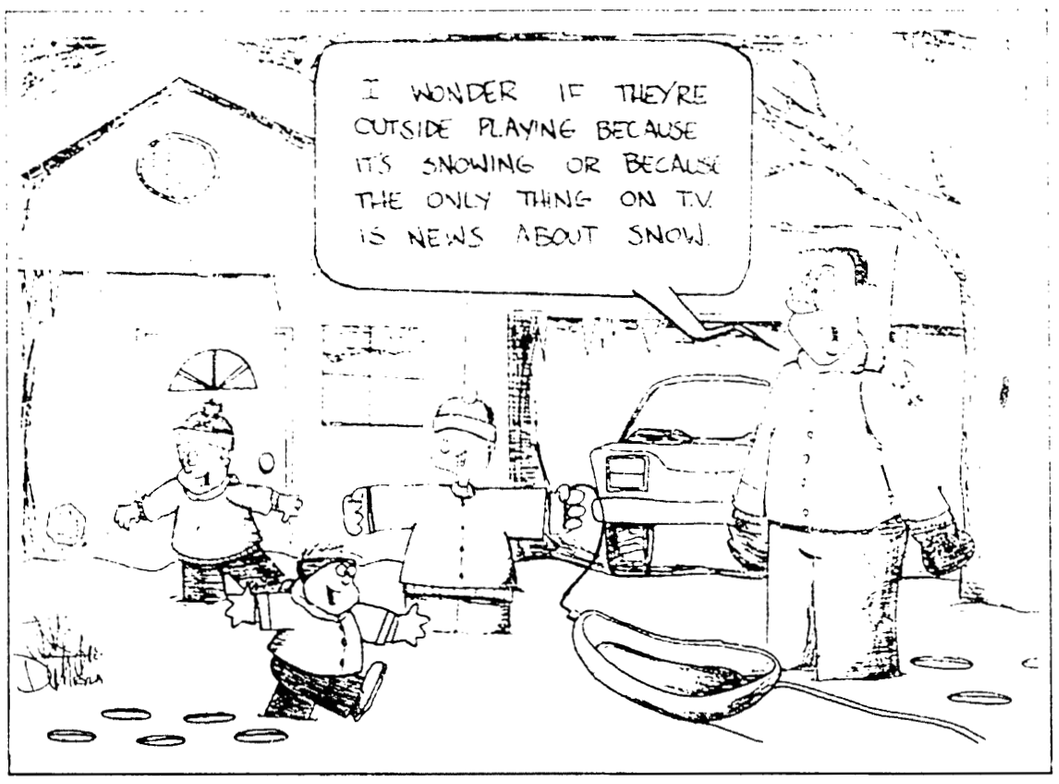
Highline opens after long hours of work

The parking lot was relatively clear when students arrived on Tuesday for class. The paths that students walked down were clear of snow.

The campus was cleared thanks to a lot of work by facilities and grounds workers. Ten of these workers labored long hours so that Highline students could get to school on Tuesday.

Missing school is fun for a day, but after that, the missed lectures start to add up. Without these workers' efforts, Highline might not have been opened until Wednesday morning.

The Facilities department should be proud of the long hours they put in.



MLK day requires action

Soap Box

By Kayleen Oka

A friend of mine works at a large retail clothing store in downtown Seattle. She was lamenting the other day about the growing number of young shoplifters that frequent the store and how they are becoming bolder and bolder in their "five finger purchases." Apparently the store's policy is not to confront or accuse the suspected offender.

The frequent visitors have caught on. "It makes me sad," she said, "Because a number of them are black and I wonder if they realize the harm they are doing to their race."

A few days later I was driving to work thinking about the upcoming Martin Luther King week of events. I began wondering if Highline students even think about Dr. King and what he stood for, or do they just consider the holiday another day off? I thought back to the shoplifters. Is it the inequality that Dr. King was talking about that results in these actions? Has our society produced this massive competition for designer clothes and cool cars and fancy cell phones and if so, to what end?

What harm is that doing to the whole human race? I searched my memory for any recent incidents I had read or heard or seen (that weren't movies) that gave me some sign that the fight for peace and equality is still being fought. Nothing outstanding came to mind. "It makes me sad too," I thought.

As we remember Martin Luther King next week let's not just remember Martin Luther King Jr. next week. Let's act on the injustices, even the little ones we might witness against people of all colors and that we often let pass everyday. I plan on making my own personal promise towards some kind of social change. And it involves a dream too...

Kayleen Oka is Multicultural Programs Coordinator at Highline.

Smoking, parking are one problem

On the Wild Side

With W.B. Heming

Shuttles and smoking are both problems that have come up in recent editions of the Thunderword.

Though these problems have been presented separately, they have a common solution, the smoking shuttle.

Just think, students who want to strike up a butt can catch the shuttle and be magically whisked away to the wonderful world of nicotine indulgence. Granted, that magical world will be located in the Midway drive-in.

Here's how it will work. When students apply for parking they'll have to check a smoker/nonsmoker box.

Smokers will be issued a Midway parking pass and a shuttle pass.

The smoking student would then park and get picked up by the super smoking shuttle.

In between classes, if the need arises, they can just hop the shuttle and smoke away.

Don't worry about the cost, Joe Camel and company would be more than happy to sponsor this little hunk of smoking.

The shuttle itself could contain a cigarette machine that would almost pay for the shuttle in a week.

The location of designated areas are a big headache and the shuttle would be too expensive. With the smoking shuttle, however, all these problems would be solved.

W.B. is the opinion editor and he dresses like an old man.

The Thunderword

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Time, care make holidays warm for elderly

Soap Box

By Yenerma De Las Alas

Photo provided by Yenerma De Las Alas

Asian Pacific Islander Club members sang carols at Keiro, the Asian Retirement Home.

something a little bit different this past holiday season. That's right. All it took was a guitar, a piano, some vocal chords, smiling faces, and some carnations. Presto, you have the A.P.I. Caroling Crew.

Friday afternoon, on the twelfth day of December, the A.P.I. Club embarked on a visit to the Asian Retirement Home, Keiro, located in Seattle. Carefully organized by Secretary Yenerma De Las Alas, President Jayson Medina, Club Historian Jeffrey Crisologo, Multicultural Committee Advisor, and A.P.I. Club Advisor Kayleen Oka. Caroling and spreading warm spirit was the main goal for that eventful day.

"Our club was inclined to do something for the community, and this was a great way to bring a lot of warmth into these senior citizens' lives," said club members.

The Club members sang songs from "Joy to the World," and"Silent Night," to "The Twelve Days of Christmas."

We rehearsed a few times prior to going, and we sounded really good," said Medina

Several solos and duets such as, "The Love Story," "Greensleeves," and "Oh Holy Night," were performed by pianists, Jeffrey Crisologo and Yenerma De Las Alas.

Residents of the home cheered loudly as A.P.I. Club Advisor and Highline's Math Instructor, Barbara Hunter, played her guitar and sang to "Long Time Ago in Bethlehem."

"I really enjoyed the time we spent at Keiro, not only was it uplifting, it was a lot of fun," De Las Alas said.

Close to the end of the visit the A.P.I. Club gave their new friends at Keiro hugs and carnations. Expressions of joys and tears were displayed as carnations were being given.

"It feels really good to know that three hours of your time can bring a lifetime of happiness into other people's lives, " said Ray Lauzon.

The Asian-Pacific Islander Club would like to thank Keiro Retirement Staff for allowing this opportunity to happen, and everyone else who participated in this event: Margie Macam, Frances Ymo, Myra Rivera, and Titchie Nguyen.

Yenerma De Las Alas is secretarty of the Asian Pacific Islander Club.

Letters to the Editor

Freedom comes with responsibility

Dear Editor:

I am profoundly incensed and appalled by some of the ill-suited, inappropriate, ill-mannered, and derogatory language that has been part of certain articles in The Thunderword.

We do have freedom of speech, but along with that freedom rests the responsibility to serve our fellow man with sensitivity. It is a fact that 10 percent of the population is disabled. Anyone of us could become disabled in the next 24 hours of our lives. All of us are only one incident away from joining this group of "people with disabilities."

Unfortunately, people with disabilities do have many obstacles to overcome, and two of those obstacles are not necessary.

One is the insensitive use of labels for people with disabilities. The other is the lack of parking for people with disabilities.

As the caring community of adults that we are here at HCC, I call on your higher level of thinking. If you have constructive criticism then make it. Belittling people with name-calling is not constructive.

Part of our college education is about developing a higher level of thinking, and that involves caring and concern for your fellow man. Those who have columns in The Thunderword have a fantastic opportunity to promote worthwhile projects.

To think that some Thunderword writers would sink to the level of the playground bully, and be so intolerant as to remark about people because of age, race, clothing, or disability is beyond my level of understanding.

Please refrain from name-calling. It is a form of abuse. If you are not a person with a disability, do not park in one of the few (26) parking spaces for the disabled. The little extra that you will walk will be good exercise for you. I challenge you to strive for the higher standard of behavior and thinking. Let us all try to make our community a better place by caring and being more sensitive to our fellow-man.

Thank you,
Connie Gibb, Cindy LaRocque, Linda Starnes, Dee Anderson, Jennifer Olson, Joy Armstrong, Maile A. Mallor, Amy Carlisle, Martina Couldry, Becca Kui, Andrew Elicker, Claudia R. Bryson, Nicole Garton, Aimee Burns, Melissa Valdez, Colleen Masusko, Heidi Ann Freet, Jannifer Ritthaler, Alice D. Madsen

Speakers invited, not confirmed

Dear Editor:

I wanted to give you a quick note of thanks for publishing the ASHCC information in last week's edition of the Thunderword. Nelson Crisanto, ASHCC President, wanted me to write this letter for clarification on a couple of inaccuracies. In the article titled "Vice president invites suggestions," the reporter sites that "Gov. Gary Locke has been invited to speak," and that "Congressman Steve Largeant will also speak." I must clarify that it is our intent that these two leaders be invited as guest speakers. However, they have not yet been invited. The Multicultural Leadership Conference is still in the foundational stage. We (Tourann Smith, Nelson Crisanto, and myself) hope to have all the details and arrangements worked out over the Fall/Winter break. I appreciate the generosity and thoughtfulness of your reporter, Bill Randall. Bill should be commended because of his outstanding job this quarter as a mature-serious writer for Washington State's finest community college weekly paper, The Thunderword.

The other misprint was also found on page six of last week's paper. The article, "Student-at-large resigns post," stated that "Paul Rugan...resigned yesterday." The name of the person who resigned is Jon Rugan. We will miss Jon and wish him the best at Eastern Washington University. The ASHCC is eagerly anticipating working with the next student-at-large. We would like to encourage your readers to run for the posted position this quarter, especially if they really want to be a part of a team that wants to make a positive difference in the lives of Highline students.

To all students of Highline, from the student government, thanks for a great quarter! We look forward to serving you for the next two quarters and are always open to help and listen to any student who needs our assistance.

Sincerely,
Paul L. Gerhardt Jr.
ASHCC Vice President of Administration

Proposal to serve only lazy students

Dear Editor

Sue Stroppa's proposal for a shuttle from Midway to the campus has given me some good ideas. Everyday I have to walk all the way from Building 21 to 17 and back again to 21, clear across campus! I think that we need a tram service similar to the train at Disneyland!

Or better yet, let's provide battery powered wheelchairs for every student. I'm sure that if we asked those already confined to wheelchairs, they would tell us how convenient it is not to have to bother using their legs!

Wait! I have an even better idea! Let's turn Midway back into a drive-in. We'll line up all the profs on the big screen and students can tune their box to the appropriate lecture; then we won't even need to leave our cars!

This is my third year at Highline and every quarter the Thunderword is filled with whining about "the parking problem." When I read, last quarter, that some student waits up to an hour for a parking space, I laughed at how ridiculous she sounded. Everyday I cruise into Midway and park, and in five minutes, am on campus. As hard as it may be to believe, I'm actually grateful for the small amount of exercise I get! To top off the benefits, the cost to park is negligible.

Sue Stroppa, do you honestly believe that anyone would stand around waiting for your shuttle? You could be on campus by the time it made one round trip! Soon you would be demanding a second shuttle, then a shelter. The more I think about it, the more problems I envision.

Now, if you want to whine about algebra or smokers, count me in, but a shuttle? You must be joking!

Lynnda Sullivan

MLK day poem

We are the Same

No matter what's going on
No matter where we were born
What kind of skin we have worn
What color of hair we have
What language we speak
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Highline men go undefeated over break

By Michael Stampalia
Staff Reporter

Highline's basketball team defeated Whatcom Community College on Saturday 102-53, making their overall record 13-1 and league record 3-0.

The Thunderbirds wore out Whatcom with crisp outlet passing on the fast break the entire game.

The Orcas kept the game close until the final 10 minutes of the game, when the Thunderbirds went on a 44-14 run to close out the ball game.

"We played 'til the last minute," forward Todd Watts said.

"We've talked in practice about keeping our intensity the entire game, because that's what championship teams do," Head Coach Joe Callero said. "When we do that we will wear teams out."

Reggie Ball led Highline with 23 points and 12 assists, making four of eight three point attempts. Quincy Wilder, Adam Enfield, and Shaun Madsen scoring 18, 15, and 11 points respectively.

After losing a non-league game at Chemeketa 83-73 in only their second game of the season, the T-birds have won 12 straight games.

They beat Centralia in their next game 80-63, with Wilder, Garret Miller, Madsen, Todd Watts, and Marty DeLange all scoring in double figures.

The T-birds then defeated Yakima 89-64 on the road before defeating Wenatchee 71-60 and Walla Walla 95-74 at home.

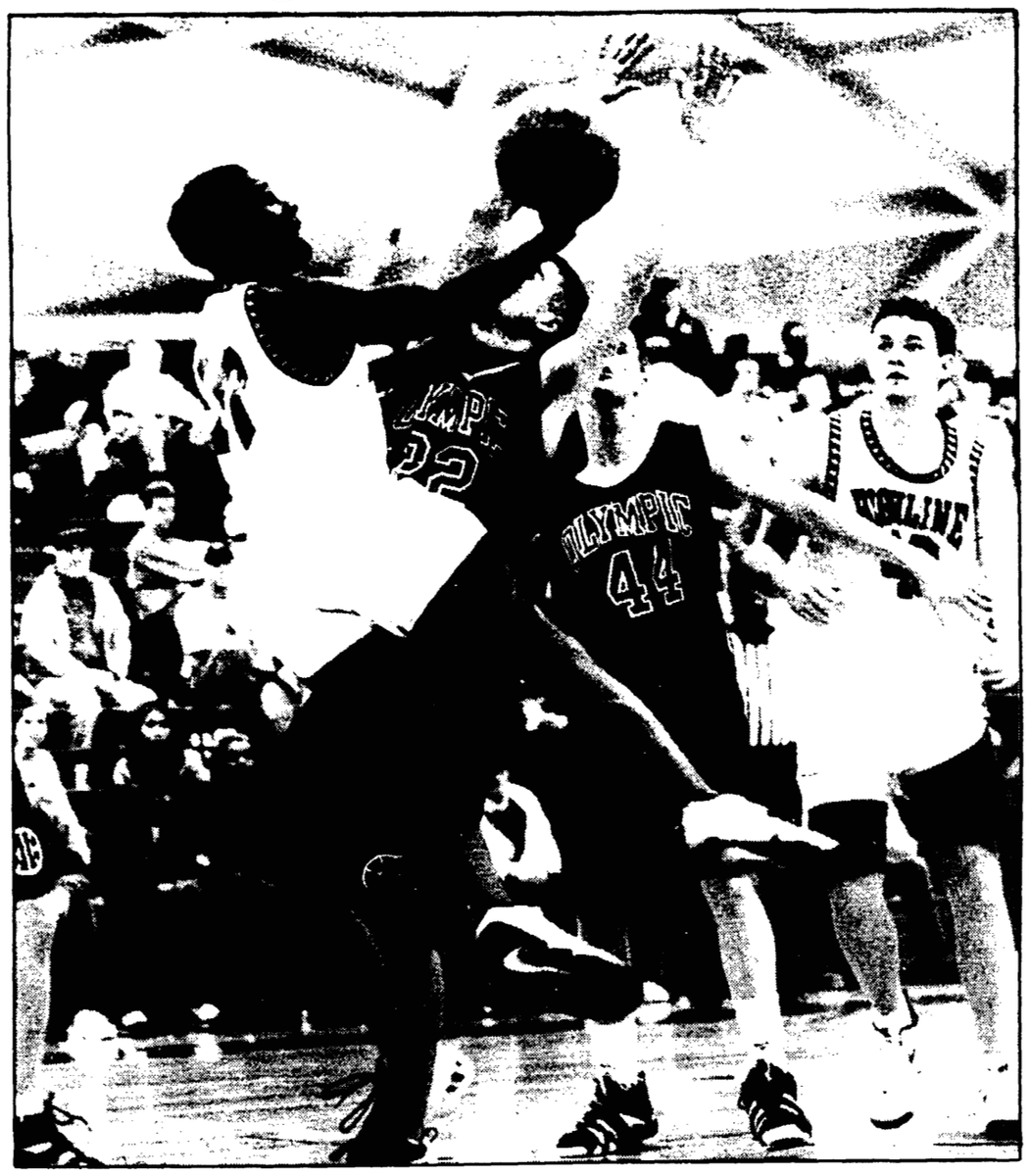

Photo by Bruce Jarrell

Gabe Ladd makes an amazing move to the basket during Highline's 81-64 win over Olympic.

Highline won its own Crossover Tournament, defeating Spokane 90-73, Portland 114-65, and Clark 76-70 in the three day invitational.

On the road at Mt. Hood in the Saints Crossover tournament the T-birds defeated Big Bend 94-86, Lane 72-66, and Mt. Hood 80-73.

"We get up by 20, but we let off and they come back," Watts said.

The win over Mt. Hood closed out the T-birds non-league schedule making them 10-1 in non-league games.

The Thunderbirds opened league play at Skagit Valley with an 82-72 victory. Madsen led Highline with 22 points.

At home the Thunderbirds faced Olympic, winning 81-64 despite shooting just 39.5 percent from the floor. Highline limited the Rangers to 29 percent shooting and held a 63-42 rebounding advantage. DeLange led Highline with 21 points, with Wilder adding 16.

As the defending NWAACC champions, the Thunderbirds aren't worried about teams trying to knock them off.

"Everybody likes to knock off number one," freshman Gabe Ladd said.

"I can't worry about what other teams are going to do because I can't control that. I can only control what my team does," Coach Callero said.

Highline now hits the road, facing Edmonds on Wednesday night and Everett on Saturday.

The T-birds then come home to play Peninsula on Monday and Bellevue on Wednesday.

Results for Wednesday night's game at Edmonds were unavailable at press time.

Lady Thunderbirds win, then drop seven straight

By K.M. Petersen
Sports Editor

The Highline Lady Thunderbirds dropped their seventh straight game on Saturday, losing to Whatcom 94-84.

Despite forcing 39 Whatcom turnovers and leading for most of the game, unfavorable officiating cost the T-Birds down the stretch.

While Whatcom shot 46 free throws for the game, Highline shot only 27.

Whatcom took advantage of the chances, outscoring the Lady T-Birds at the line by 22 points. Whatcom's Marla Johnson capitalized, hitting all 14 of her free throw attempts and scoring 36 points.

The discrepancy proved to be more than Highline could handle. Two technical fouls and one intentional foul were whistled on the frustrated squad.

Strong performances for the Lady T-Birds were turned in by Jennifer Tarbet, Karen Nadeau, Kristi Duggan, Amie Johnson, and Valerie Nater.

Duggan and Johnson both had double-doubles, with both scoring and rebounding in double digits. Johnson managed the feat in only 17 minutes.

The game was much like many of their prior performances. The team turned in strong individual performances and scored enough points to stay close, but didn't win.

"Each game we play, we're getting a lot better, but we're just not coming out with a win," Nadeau said.

After starting winter break with a three point loss to Centralia, the team earned their first win of the season, beating Chemeketa 98-86 in overtime.

Nadeau was on fire, shooting 12-15 from the field to score 32 points to go with 12 assists and 6 steals. Duggan scored 23 and Nater put in 15.

The squad then travelled to South Puget Sound to participate in a tournament, where they lost to both South Puget Sound and Big Bend.

The normally high-scoring T-Birds managed only 54 points in the South Puget Sound game, led by Nadeau's 13, and 61 in the Big Bend game, led by Duggan's 16.

The next weekend, the Lady T-Birds competed in a tournament at Lower Columbia.

They lost to the host team by 24 points thanks to shooting a mere 30.1 percent from the field and committing 31 turnovers.

The next night, they lost to Mt. Hood by 11. They again shot only 31 percent and were put away by Mt. Hood's 54.5 percent accuracy from three-point range.

The Lady T-Birds began their league season at perennial powerhouse Skagit Valley.

Skagit Valley entered the game undefeated, and proved too tough for Highline.

The Highline squad was very competitive in the game. Despite being down 70-37 with nine minutes remaining in the game, they refused to give up, eventually trimming the lead to 12 points before losing 76-62.

Following the loss, Highline faced Olympic at home. Despite controlling the game early, Olympic rallied in the second half, taking a lead with nine minutes left that they would never relinquish.

Saturday's game left the team with a 1-11 record.

"It's frustrating, but we're hanging in there," said Nadeau, who leads the team with 18.1 points, 4.2 assists, and 4.3 steals.

"We're doing well, but we can't finish," she said.

Results of Wednesday's game at Edmonds were unavailable at press time.

The Lady T-Birds play at Everett on Jan. 17 before hosting Peninsula on Jan. 19 and Bellevue on Jan. 21.

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Spin on sports

By Michael Stampalia
Staff Reporter

All this snow has made me wish I could just quit everything and become a full-time ski bum.

That would be the life.

Just me, the snow, my skis, and the ski bunnies (This is my fantasy, after all.).

Lots of ski bunnies.

I'm telling one of my eager coworkers about how much I wish I was on the slopes and not slaving for the 'Company', and they have to bring up dead guys.

Ya know, Sonny Bono and Michael Kennedy.

Bono was a pretty decent politician, no scandals ever dogged him, and not a bad singer.

Kennedy might have had his share of damaging rumors but I never had a problem with him.

I don't mean to make light of their untimely deaths, but their accidents don't reflect on the dangerousness of skiing.

There are several unwritten rules of the mountain all skiers should know.

Always ski with at least one other person.

Bono was by all accounts an expert skier who had skied the same run where his death occurred countless times. He was alone and when he hit the tree no one could get him medical attention before it was too late.

Ski in control and watch where you are going.

The Kennedy family has a tradition of playing "snow football", where they pass a canteen of frozen water while skiing down the mountain.

Michael Kennedy was in charge of taping the event for the family archives. The video ends with him trying to pass off the canteen as he hits the tree.

Any other family would be kicked off the mountain if caught playing such a game.

While Bono and Kennedy lie in caskets, many wonder about the safety of skiing.

Helmets are not the answer, as some people have suggested.

Rules need to be posted and ski patrol needs the ability to fine those who break them.

A $15 fine would wake up some skiers.

Skiing is a lot like driving a car. If you ski out of control you not only endanger yourself but all the other skiers and even the snowboarders.

Highline grapplers fall, 41-6

By Frankie Ceniceros
Staff Reporter

The Highline T-Bird wrestling team came out wrestling hard on Thursday, Jan. 9 but came up short losing to Northern Idaho College, 41-6.

The team was without 190-pound freshman Trevor Howard and 126-pound sophomore Aaron Hall. Howard has a knee injury and Hall has a broken arm. Combined with a forfeit at 177 pounds, the vacancies represented a 36-point swing against Highline.

It was still better than Highline's previous meeting with NIC, which they lost 41-3.

Head Coach Todd Owens said Highline wrestled well in at least four matches. "We have a long way to go for nationals," he said.

Nelson Crisanto was back after knee surgery that caused him to sit out for a month and a half. Crisanto had said he would be back and on this day he showed no signs of the injury.

The 118- pounder defeated his opponent 12-6. "It felt good to be back," Crisanto said.

"Nelson may be the No. 1 seed at regionals," Owens said.

Crisanto wasn't the only T-Bird to come out with a victory. Freshman Adam Catterlin defeated his opponent 7-3. This victory was the 18th of Catterlin's college career.

With the absences of Howard and Hall the T-Birds were no match for Northern Idaho. Part of the problem was that the T-Birds had to forfeit matches in the 126,177 and 190 classes.

Photo by Michael Stampalia
Andy Clark tries to pin his North Idaho opponent.

Winter intramurals offered

Slam, jam, and kick your way through the winter blues on an intramural team this quarter.

Highline will offer intramral leagues in basketball and indoor soccer beginning Jan. 25.

John Dunn and Jeff Albrecht are organizing the leagues and recommend that anyone interested in competing contact either of them as soon as possible.

Basketball will include teams of 5 on 5 which will play on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Teams with the best records will have the chance to compete for the championship trophy.

Soccer will be played Mondays and Wednesdays. Teams will comprise six players each and will also include playoffs.

Teams for both events are to be put together by the players themselves. Those individuals who do not have a team need to contact Dunn or Albrecht at 206-878-3710, ext. 3455 and they will find a spot for all students who wish to compete.

Cross country runners named all-America

By Garrett Miller
Staff Reporter

Highline cross country athletes Frankie Ceniceros and Brian Smith have been named All-Americans.

The top seven runners in the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges were given this award. A total of 30 runners in the entire United States received this award.

Smith placed fifth with a time of 25:55 and Ceniceros finished sixth with a time of 26:20. Each race is approximately five miles long.

"Both of these athletes definitely deserve it," said Head Coach Adam Leahy.

The styles that Smith and Ceniceros run are almost completely opposite, Leahy said. Smith is a front runner, meaning he likes leading the whole race. Ceniceros stays back then explodes for the finish.

Both runners plan on continuing their education at four year schools. Neither know exactly where they are going, but both are entertaining Division 1 opportunities.

"I want to run with the best competition," Smith said.

Scoreboard

Men's Basketball
Highline 102, Whatcom 53

Whatcom (53)
Crisp 1-3 0-0 3, Van 4-10 0-0 8, Toby 1-4 0-0 3, Collier 0-1 0-0 0, Van Kooten 6-11 4-4 16, Jennings 0-2 0-0 0, Lalonde 1-1 0-0 2, Olsen 0-2 0-0 0, Gale 5-8 2-4 12, Galbraith 3-7 0-0 6, Hawkins 1-7 1-2 3. Totals 22-56 7-10 53.

Highline (102)
Ball 9-16 1-1 23, Watts 3-8 0-0 7, Ladd 2-5 0-0 6, Miller 2-5 0-0 4, Wilder 5-13 6-10 18, Enfield 4-8 3-3 15, Madsen 5-9 1-2 11, Guy 2-5 0-0 4, Luedke 1-2 0-0 2, DeLange 3-7 0-0 6, Johnson 3-3 0-0 6. Totals 39-81 11-16 102.

Halftime - HCC 39, Whatcom 27. Fouled out - None. Rebounds - HCC 47 (DeLange, Madsen 8), Whatcom 34 (Toby 6). Assists - HCC 32 (Ball 12), Whatcom 17 (Toby 7). Total fouls - HCC 14, Whatcom 16.

Women's Basketball
Whatcom 94, Highline 84

Whatcom (94)
Wright 2-4 3-4 8, Visser 1-4 0-0 2, Jacoby 0-2 0-0 0, Roen 2-6 1-3 5, DeVries 3-8 8-9, Bruner 0-0 0-0 0, Hoskins 3-7 4-8 10, Brayton 3-8 0-0 6, Cameron 2-5 8-8 12, Alaniz 0-0 0-0 0, Maria Johnson 11-20 14-14 36, Brionez 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 17-64 38-46 94.

Highline (84)
Ruggiero 2-6 0-2 4, Watkins 0-2 0-0 0, Nadeau 10-20 3-3 23, Couch 1-5 3-5 5, O'Zey 0-1 0-0 0, Strode 1-1 0-0 2, Eckert 0-0 0-0 0, Tarbet 5-7 1-2 11, Wilcoxen 0-3 0-2 0, Johnson 5-7 0-2 10, Duggan 9-18 5-6 23, Nater 1-16 4-5 6. Totals 34-86 16-27 84.

Halftime - HCC 41, WCC 38. Fouled out - HCC 3 (Nater, Ruggiero, Duggan), WCC 1 (Hoskins). Rebounds - HCC 55 (Duggan 13), WCC 48 (Hoskins 10). Assists - HCC 24 (Tarbet 7), WCC 22 (Brayton 6). Total fouls - HCC 29, WCC 20.

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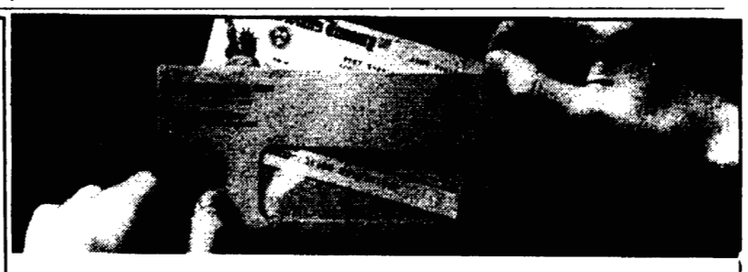

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132, 166, and 174 provide access to the college. However, the 130 and the 132 only run once an hour. The other two run on a half-hour basis.

The major complaints by students include: a lack of efficient connection times, infrequent service, and price.

Kathy Hall at Metro said that approximately 1,500 students use the bus to reach campus every week.

A concern for many students is the price. A monthly peak-hour one-zone bus pass costs $39.50. In June it goes to $45.

The Seattle Community College District has a contract with Metro that provides discounted two-zone peak bus passes for its students and staff. Students there are charged a $10 transportation fee, plus $78 per quarter for a Go Pass.

Highline Vice President of Administration Laura Saunders is talking to officials at Metro, and the college could join the Go Pass program.

Saunders hopes to have a forum on parking some time at the end of January, after Metro has finished its meetings.

Several route alterations will directly affect riders attending Highline. Plans for route 130 include replacing local service south of Burien with a new bus, the 131. Major changes are in store for the 132 also.

The 166 would expand east-west connections from Highline down South 240th Street , however, the hours wouldn't be altered. There's a possibility of a new shuttle bus, the 189, to service Des Moines and the college directly. Dueling options for the 189 may or may not serve the college.

For additional information contact Metro Community Relations representative Kathy Hall at (206) 684-6755 (voice), (206) 684-1682(TTY), kathy.hall@metrokc.gov (E-mail).

Retention

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All freshman athletes must enroll in a supervised study course which is taken their first quarter and possibly up to a year, depending on the student's needs.

Buchan said this is often times considered insulting, but it works.

"If we are not retaining students, we are not doing our job," Buchan said.

Buchan and Hughes agree that if students are linked with a caring adviser who points them in right direction, student retention rates would drastically increase.

"I feel bad when we lose students," Buchan said. "I really, really do care if they are successful."

Snow

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the snow and ice and see a sign on the door that says 'we're closed'."

Students, for the most part, didn't argue with Command's decision to close school. Most students agreed that the driving conditions were treacherous.

"It took me a half hour to get from Des Moines to Federal way," student Pete Clark said, a regular road trip that usually only takes 10 minutes.

"I felt I was imprisoned in my house, forced to spend quality time with my family," student Michelle said.

Other students said that they enjoyed the time off, saying that it gave them a chance to catch up on school work, household chores, and sleep. Some students even got a chance to get out and play in the snow.

Student Jesse Woodmanse walked to work Monday morning due to road closures on First Avenue.

Road conditions were not any better in other areas. For some, it was almost impossible to get out of the house due to road closures or simply not being prepared for the snow.

In Des Moines alone 46 accidents were reported during the snow storm.

"That's a lot," said Officer Bob Collins of the Des Moines Police Department, adding that under normal weather conditions only two to three accidents would be reported every two or three days.

Several school employees braved the harsh road conditions in order to get the school ready to go by Tuesday.

Using a pickup truck to plow the parking lots and a tractor for plowing the walkways, facilities employees worked overnight to have the campus ready less than an hour before school opened at 11 a.m. Tuesday morning.

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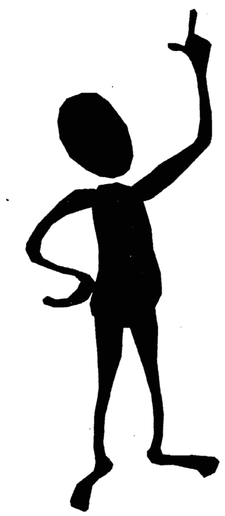

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