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All we have to fear is me.

—David Osman

America needs community

UW sociologist says Dr. King's vision unfulfilled

By Gabriel Ladd
Staff Reporter

America needs to work to restore its sense of community, Dr. Albert Black said here this week.

In a speech on Tuesday commemorating the birthday of the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Black talked a lot about race relations, the era of Dr. King and what he felt King stood for.

He told that Dr. King said that community could be restored by love. Black called it "Agape Love," a type of restoring love, not physical love, but by loving yourself you can forgive others.

Blacks and whites are just not informed, said Black, a sociology professor at the University of Washington. He said that people need to talk more candidly about racial issues.

He pinpointed something called the fragmentation of human community.

"Humans divide themselves into nations, and stick with these nations. Dr. King wanted to restore fragmentation," Black said.

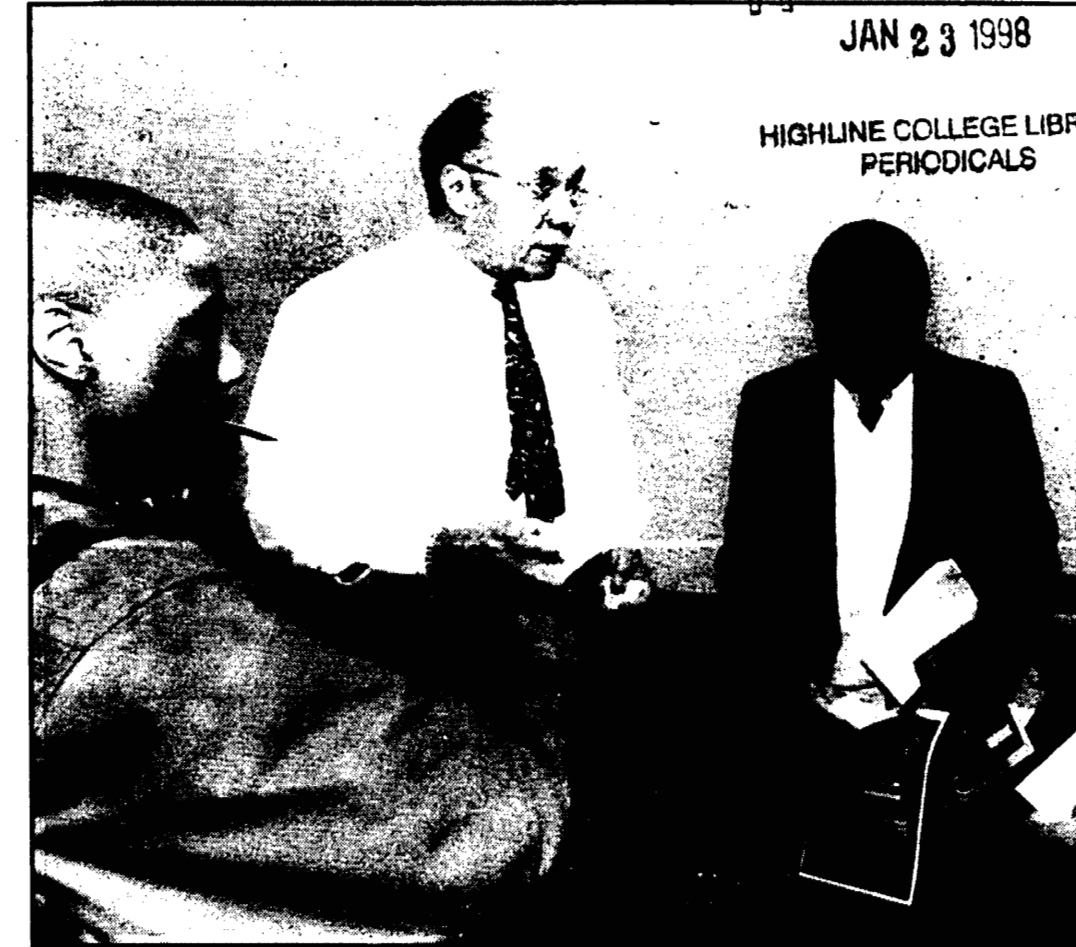


Photo by Bruce Jarrell

Dr. Albert Black, UW sociologist, discusses the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. after his speech on Tuesday. Highline Professor Emmanuel Chiabi, right, listens.

He said that King felt we are all brothers and sisters symbolically in one form, but have yet to portray that act.

"The country has continued to discriminate against blacks until very recently," Black said.

He credited movements such as Affirmative Action.

Black recalled that when he was young, listening to Dr. King live, everybody around him saw King as a race leader trying to stop the violence.

"He isn't just a race leader, because he cares about more than just one fragment, and the one way to restore community is love!" Black said.

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Racism still a problem, students agree

By Scott Luedke
Staff Reporter

Half of Highline Community College students feel that racism is a problem, according to a survey of 103 students last week.

However, 69 percent of students surveyed felt that they re-

gard themselves as racially tolerant.

"I am of the belief of understanding and relating, not just tolerating," student Mariam Ayub said.

In regards to our campus, 48 percent of the campus feels that Highline in general is a racially tolerant campus.

"Yes, I feel that Highline is a racially tolerant campus and will accept any race here on campus," student Daisha Clinton said.

Of the people surveyed, 98 percent know and remember the history of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

"A great man (Martin Luther

King Jr.), who spoke out against racism in all forms," student Andy Prock wrote.

However, 2 percent did not know what King stood for.

"He was one of the presidents of the U.S.A.," one student said.

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Routes leave riders concerned

By Alexis Easterbrook
Staff Reporter

Des Moines-area residents say Metro's proposed bus-route changes will put them and Highline students in a transportation bind.

The proposed route change to consolidate routes 130 and the 132 to a more frequent 131 bus is not making everybody happy.

Currently, route 132 runs from Highline along Des Moines Memorial Drive into the Burien transit center, where it

goes off to downtown Seattle. The 130 bus runs parallel to the 132 along First Avenue, with an off-shoot along Marine View Drive.

The proposed consolidation will have the 131 route run the 130 circuit, just more frequently. A new rush-hour express route, the 134, also will connect with the college, following the old 132 route.

Metro also is considering a new route, the 189. The proposed route has two alternatives. One would run from downtown

Des Moines to Highline's campus. The other would bypass the college entirely.

Routes on which Highline students may make connections also could be affected by the proposed changes. The 137, which currently runs from Burien to White Center, could be altered, with addition of new routes, 122 (Burien to Park Lake) and 126 (Burien to Seattle).

Another hearing has been re-

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Vote today

Winter elections today only in Student Lounge, Building 8.

Three student-at-large positions.

Vote from 10 a.m. - noon and 6-8 p.m.

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Steussy comes out at night

By Liz Doolittle
Staff Reporter

Denny Steussy has moved from Student Programs to Educational Planning.

At least part way. Steussy will continue some of work in Student Programs, where his position has been filled by LaShawn Morgan.

In Educational Planning, Steussy is working on new student orientations.

He also works with Highline Professor Sharon Hashimoto on the Arcturus literary magazine, as well as on the annual Flight Path writing conference.

Hashimoto said Steussy has a broad knowledge of such areas as budgeting, advertising and planning.

She credits his organizational skills and commitment to the student population with making him an integral part of many different programs at Highline.

"He has a lot of links and ties and knows how the college works," Hashimoto said.

Steussy attended Western Washington University, where he earned a master's of education degree.

He has been at Highline since January 1982.

In his 16 years at Highline, Steussy said high points included organizing a lecture by Dr. Timothy Leary, and a series of family and ethnic community concerts.

"I also had the opportunity to be acting Director of Students. It was very satisfying for me," Steussy said.

In his new job, Steussy said one of his main goals is take a deep look at the needs of night students.

Steussy will be available to evening students 5-7 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

He hopes to get feedback from students who attend nights.

Students can reach Steussy at ext. 3534.

Highline enrollment meets goal

By Russell Kirkegaard
Staff Reporter

Highline enrollment this year is up to 100 percent of the administration's goal, college officials said.

The goal for this year's enrollment was 5,000 full time equivalent students, or FTE.

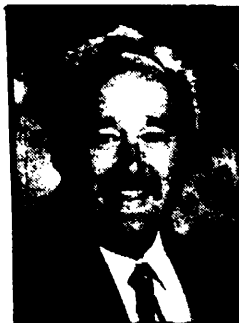
FTE divides the total number of credits taken campus wide by 15.

Currently the FTE count is at 4,985 students. That's up five percent over last year.

"I account the increase in enrollment as a result of the Baby Boom growth which should continue for the next 10 years," said Vice President of Students

Jim Sorensen.

The growing number of students coming out of high school is beginning to make a difference in Highline enrollment.



Jim Sorensen

Total head count for Winter Quarter this year is 8,632, including the 305 Running Start students and 332 international students.

Final numbers from Fall Quarter reveal a varied student

body at Highline.

Forty percent of Highline students are over 30 years of age, and 24 percent are over 40.

Highline's student population has a two-to-one ratio between women and men respectively, with 3,304 men and 6,049 women, with about 300 of Highline's 9,617 Fall Quarter students didn't specify their gender.

Caucasian continued to be the largest single ethnic group on campus, with 4,504 students, or 68 percent.

Asian/Pacific Islander students are the second largest group, coming in at 936 students, or 14 percent.

Black students are the third

largest ethnic group with 549 students, or 8 percent.

Hispanic students are fourth on the list with 279 students, or 4 percent.

American Indian/Alaskan Native students are fifth with 65 students, or 1 percent.

Five percent of Highline students specified other or unknown when they enrolled.

About 37 percent of all Highline students are planning to transfer to a four-year colleges, 16 percent are attending Highline for personal enrichment, and 15 percent of Highline students are either preparing for or are in an occupational program.

Chiropractic program snaps ahead

Highline grads in big demand

By Rachael Watkins
Staff Reporter

Chiropractors are banging on the doors at Highline College.

"We have a lot more job offers from all over the country than students enrolled in the program," said Dr. John Huber, adviser of the Chiropractic Technician Program.

This is the program's third year and Huber, who founded it, says it's going well.

The program is designed to teach technicians how to support chiropractors, give spinal exams, and take x-rays, among other duties.

About 25 students are currently enrolled. The average age for those enrolled is 33.

Highline has the only Chiropractic Technician Program in the Pacific Northwest and offers training to current employees statewide.

Many chiropractic assistants attend night and weekend classes to become technicians.

To graduate from this program with your Associate of Applied Science Degree, you



Photo by Bruce Jarrell

Chiropractic students Angela Scharrelman and Angela La Fontaine marvel over a chunk of spine.

need 90 credits.

Otherwise, you can get a Certificate of Completion with 66 credits which gets you into entry-level employment.

Technician's pay starts at \$12 to \$15 an hour.

"We would love to have more students. Doctors are always anxious to have help," Huber said.

Along with running the technician program at Highline, Huber still sees patients two mornings a week and teaches doctors about new technological discoveries on the weekends.

Huber came to Highline because he was interested in doing research on new technologies in spinal imaging and spinal assessments.

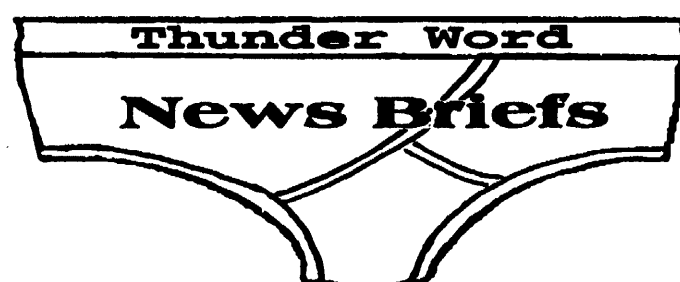
There will be representatives from two schools on campus soon.

Life West of San Francisco will be here on Tuesday, Jan. 20 from 3-4:30 p.m. in Building 26, room 121.

On Feb. 2, from 2-4 p.m. Palmer of Iowa will be in Building 10, room 201.

Resources are available on campus for those interested.

Dr. Huber also invites you to come and talk anytime in his office, Building 9, room 114.



Celebrate MLK today

Enjoy a celebration today from 1-2 p.m. in Building 7.

A slide show honoring Dr. King will be presented, and the Gethsemane Gospel Choir will perform.

A stomp group, Kent-Meridian High's "The Unstompables," will also appear.

The Martin Luther King Humanitarian Award Ceremony will also be presented during the celebration.

Get there early to get a seat.

Appreciation night held for evening faculty, students

Meet other students and take a break from the grind tonight from 6:15 to 8:30 p.m. in the Union Bay Room of Building 8.

Refreshments will be offered, and you'll be able to learn about campus resources.

Comedy Cafe needs volunteers

Help set-up and tear down

the Comedy Cafe on Feb. 6.

Volunteers will need to set-up at 5 p.m., and you will be out by 10:30 p.m.

Your reward will be a pair of free tickets to see the Comedy Cafe performance.

Sign up in the Student Programs or Team Highline office.

U. of Washington visits Highline

Prospective transfer students, bring your admission questions to the University of Washington representative on Tuesday, Jan.

27 from 5-7 p.m. in the Lower Level of Building 6.

Contact the Educational Planning Center at ext. 3584 for more information.

The Evergreen State College visits Highline

A representative will be in the Lower Level of Building 6 on Thursday, Jan. 29 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Call the Educational Planning Center at ext. 3584 for more information.

Thieves strike; S&A responds

By Scott Luedke
and Andrew Campbell
Staff Reporters

Thieves robbed the Drama Department of nearly \$1,600 worth of equipment in November.

The department will receive about \$1,100 of financial help from the Services & Activities (S & A) Budget Committee, one of two requests the committee has decided to fund.

The burglars' performance came in mid-November, just before the opening of the Fall Quarter production of "Under Milkwood."

The thieves took an ampli-

fier, a Sony CD player, and two modules for the amplifier, all valued at \$1,582, including cables snapped in the theft.

Drama Department Coordinator Christiana Taylor said the door leading to the equipment was locked, with no signs of forced entry.

"Either the door was not shut all the way, or else the person who stole it had a key," Taylor said.

"It was really disheartening," said drama instructor Rick Lorig.

The case has been turned over to Des Moines police.

The S & A Budget Committee first considered the department's request in late No-

vember.

The Athletic Department will get \$500 from the S&A Committee, which doles out funds from the S&A fees paid by all Highline students.

Funds will be used to help pay for souvenir hats the department will give to boosters as a thank you.

Athletic Director Fred Harrison said the department wants to spend \$1,055 for 144 hats.

The committee delayed a decision on Harrison's request twice, but passed it last Tuesday, Jan. 20.

Even for a \$500 donation getting a hat is still "the greatest thing in the world," Harrison

said.

Harrison said the hats are also good advertising for the college.

The green baseball-style caps have "HCC" on the front and "T-birds" in white lettering on the sides.

Harrison said it's the first time the department had asked for help in buying give-away items.

The Athletic Department has been rewarding boosters with t-shirts, sweatshirts and hats for several years, he said.

The S&A budget is funded by student fees. The next meeting will be 1:30-3 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 2 in Building 9 in the Wayhut Conference room.

Disabled scholarship needs support

By Deborah McDaniel
Staff Reporter

Highline student Mary Higdon couldn't find a scholarship that suited her needs, so she developed one on her own.

As a result of her work, the Highline Foundation may add a \$500 scholarship for students with challenging abilities.

The purpose of this scholarship is to encourage students with disabilities to pursue their education.

A donation of \$250 in matching funds jump-started the fund-raising effort.

and the anonymous donation doubles any contribution up to \$250.

"The perception out there is that these scholarships already exist," Higdon said.

When Higdon began her search for students like her last summer, she found a lack of scholarships for disabled students who don't fit tightly defined disability categories.

Although registration is not required of disabled students, last fall 160 students registered with Highline Access Services.

This shows a minimum number of students that may qualify for the new funds.

Busy with a full-time schedule, these findings gave her the idea to start a new scholarship.

"I have a lot to do already... [but] how will I feel if I don't do this," she said.

She presented her findings to the Foundation Scholarship Committee last December.

According to the Assistant Director of the Foundation, Higdon's scholarship was approved because her research showed a need for scholarships for differently abled students.

Students, faculty and staff have already donated some money, but the deadline for remaining funds is this Friday, Jan. 23.

A minimum of \$250 will have to be donated before the Foundation recognizes Higdon's proposed idea as a scholarship.

Donations, which are tax-deductible, to the Foundation office in Building 9, room 201.



Higdon

Computer lab gets new hardware

By Tom Rockey
Staff Reporter

Highline's computer center got a serious upgrade over the winter break.

The Instructional Computing Center in Building 30 received a variety of new technology in classrooms, 208 and 207.

The technology included new Hewlett Packard computers and ceiling projectors.

The new equipment required a lot of money, which was not in the instructional computer lab's budget.

"The funding for this came from the president's staff. They gave us a one time allocation to make these improvements," Tim Wrye, director of instructional computers said.

The instructional computer lab received approximately \$150,000 for all of the upgrades they installed, and the lab will continue to be rejuvenated through the next three years.

"The old computers were dying out, getting too old and slow to run the software they needed to run. They were also having too many crashes all the time," Wrye said.

The computer center bought



Photo by Bruce Jarrell

Sandy Preston and Aaron Gibson observe the newly improved computer systems

many new items to help students work more effectively.

"We upgraded software and we installed the ceiling projectors in the remaining labs, so now every classroom lab in this building has a ceiling-mounted projector," Wrye said.

The ceiling projectors are used for the instructors to display examples to the class.

So far, the improvements to the labs have been welcomed by students.

"I think the computers move a lot faster when working with the new programs," student Jason Smith said.

"I felt safer using the new computers because the older ones were slow and would freeze on me every once in a

while," student Sarah Jones said. "I also thought that the newer ones looked a lot nicer than the older ones."

John Cox, a sophomore at Highline, said that it was about time that the computer labs received newer computers for the students to do the work on because the older ones were getting out of date.

Library offering Internet research class

By Rapeepun
Rug-Reuang
Staff Reporter

The Highline Community College Library provides workshops in World Wide Web Computer Information Competency for the student who needs more ability to research.

Karen Fernandez, a reference librarian, said that the Highline library has provided the class session for anyone who needs more experience in using the Internet to help find resources in the library.

"Some teachers will give extra credit for the student who

takes this class, which will be a good experience to enhance the ability in finding the details in the student's assignment," said Fernandez.

Each student who takes this class will obtain a certificate for attending.

There will be four separate classes of the workshop.

The Reference Sources workshop covers print and electronic reference sources of information, such as general and specialized encyclopedias and dictionaries, statistical sources and biographical information.

The Computer/Periodical Resources workshop covers the

use of print and electronic periodical indexes to identify relevant periodical articles and teaches the use of on-line catalogs.

The next class is The World Wide Web Basics workshop.

This workshop addresses the use of the Internet and specifically the World Wide Web.

The last class, which is new for this quarter is the Advanced World Wide Web workshop.

It is designed for students who have completed the World Wide Web Basics workshop or are already familiar with the basics of navigating the World Wide Web.

The workshop covers advanced searching techniques for search engines and the evaluation of Web resources.

"The context of the class session gives you more instructions on the same topic of the complicated strategy of how to get the information on basic and advanced Netscape," Fernandez said.

"We also have the ProQuest Direct program in the program of each computer for the student to find the more information on magazines, journals and news-

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Editorial

Dr. King's methods important as message

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. helped to reshape America. He led a movement that changed the way Americans think.

With the help of many others, King was able to bring civil rights to most Americans. Though his message was great, all too often his methods are ignored.

Dr. King followed the ways of Mahatma Gandhi. Gandhi believed that the true way to change a country was through peaceful protest.

It was through these methods, which included sit-ins and marches, that Dr. King was able to reconstruct this society. Though violent forces often rose up in opposition to him, Dr. King remained true to his methods.

Nonviolence is what separated King from many other men who also played a part in the civil rights movement. When others were trying to stage an armed revolution, King was marching with thousands on Washington, D.C.

Today, Dr. King's message is often thrown around. His methods, however, are sometimes ignored.

Oppression has not left America. Dr. King's dream is still unfulfilled. A recent Thunderword survey of 103 students found that half of these students believe racism is still a problem in America.

Almost all of those surveyed, (98 percent) however, knew who Dr. King was. "I don't think I would be president of this school if Dr. King hadn't done what he did," said Nelson Crisanto, Associated Students of Highline Community College president.

It is encouraging to believe that not only do most students know who Dr. King was, but they will follow his methods as well. Perhaps, that message can even be spread beyond America.

In the words of John Lennon, "give peace a chance."

Students should actually vote today

Student government will welcome three new members this Friday. Before that happens, students must choose who they will be.

Unlike past elections, it would be a welcome change if more than a measly 4 percent of the student body found their way to the Student Lounge of Building 8 and marked a ballot.

"The Student Government represents a voice of the students," said Paul Gerhardt Jr., Associated Students of Highline Community College vice president of administration. "It [voting] allows them [students] to express their voice."

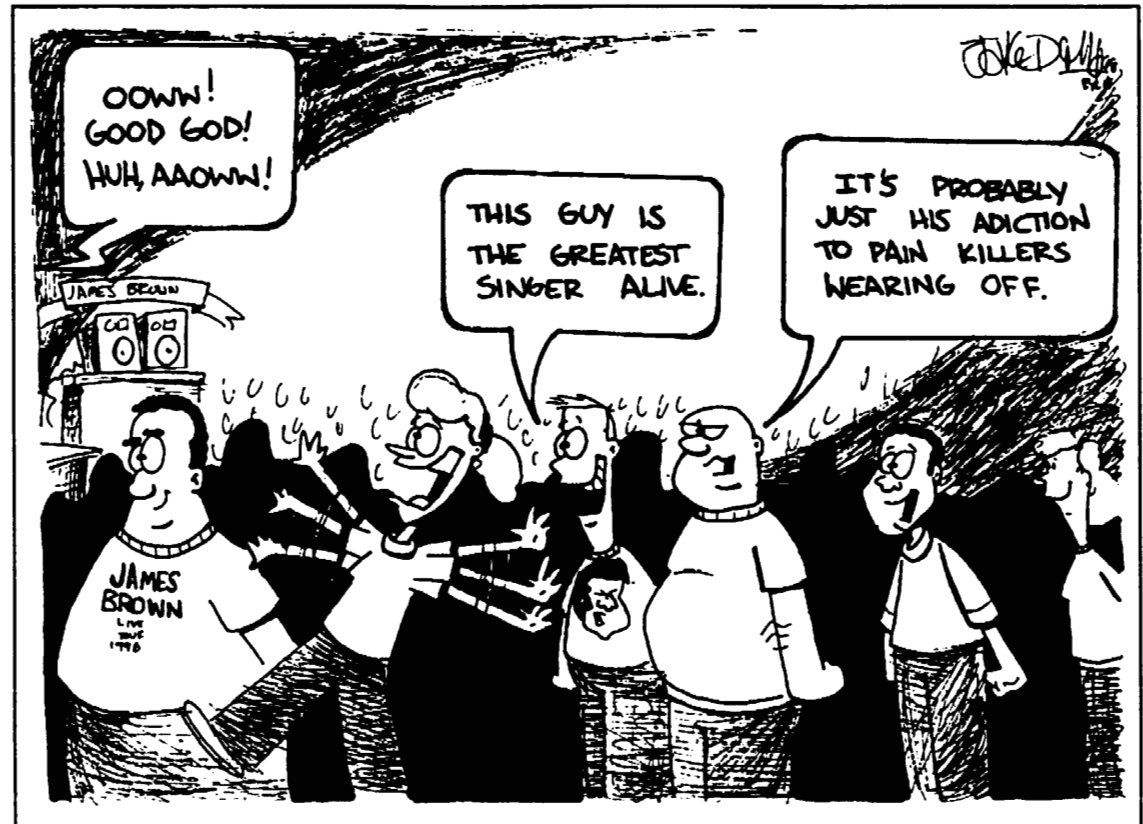
Information on the six candidates is available in both this issue of the Thunderword and also a voter's pamphlet that will be available from political science instructors as well as upstairs in Building 8.

The voting booth will be open from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and again from 6-8 p.m. today.

Letters Policy

♦ Letters should be no more than 300 words. They must include full names as well as signatures, addresses and telephone numbers for verification during daytime business hours. All letters are subject to editing for style and length.

♦ Mail letters, commentaries, Soap box entries, and Dear Gabby questions to: Letters to the Editor, The Thunderword, Highline Community College, mail stop 10-3, P.O. Box 9800, Des Moines, WA 98198. Submissions can also be dropped off in the Thunderword office room 106, Building 10.



King's vision worth seeking

"I have a dream...It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream...I have a dream that one day in the red hills of Georgia, sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood."

This is obviously the dream of Martin Luther King, a dream that sets the ideal for American society. Imagine, because his dream has not yet reached its full fruition of reality, that we existed in a time where this ideal somehow became actuality.

Stealing cart would be sweet

If wanting to steal a Cushman cart is wrong, I don't want to be right.

Ever since I first saw those bright yellow carts come bound-

On the Wild Side With W.B. Heming

ing down the path on a collision course with me, I just wanted to take one for a spin.

I don't want to keep the cart, but it would be totally rad to drive one around.

I could go cruising by and stop and pick up some friends on the way to class (yes, I do have friends).

After class I could take it to the parking lot and open that baby up to full throttle. I'd be cruising around at 5 mph, feeling the wind almost blow through my hair.

Is that so wrong?

W.B. Heming is the Opinion Editor of the Thunderword and he's still wondering if anyone has ever been run over by Cushman.

Soap box

By Kristopher Daniels and Menna Tesfatsion

An existence free from racial inequality. One that would have justice as its flag, equality as its emblem, and love as its leader.

This dream of Dr. King's ideal society is what we celebrate when we remember the man who so eloquently presented this solution to inequality. This included aspects of inequality that ranged from poverty to race.

Some are under the impression that we celebrate Martin Luther King day to only recognize the man, when in truth we all should recognize the ideal set by the man.

If we want our existence to be that of the ideal described, we need to make his dream our dream.

Kristopher Daniels is president of Highline Community College's Black Student Union. Menna Tesfatsion is a member of Team Highline, Black Student Union, and the Multicultural Advisory Board.

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Outbursts contaminate Highline

From the diary of Wanda Hickey, Highline freshman:

Right when I thought my lungs were going to seize up on me from the smoke-belching human chimneys that are the

Lisa's World



By Lisa Curdy

HCC smokers, we got a winter break. Hot dang.

That relaxing sabbatical gave my lungs time to return to their original salmon-pink color, and allowed me to catch up on cheap daytime talk shows.

While doing my keen impersonation of Jabba the Hut on my living room couch, I found myself talking back to the dysfunctionally disrespected freaks of humanity on my TV screen.

So when I came back from the much needed winter break, I found a shocking number of students with Spontaneous Outburst Syndrome.

S.O.S., as it's called in the field, is when a student is convinced that no one else can hear them say things, just like they're at home, yapping mindlessly away at the telly.

During the break, this was acceptable, because you didn't have people paying to sit and listen in your living room.

But that all changed the minute we enrolled and paid tuition.

In one of my classes, there seems to be an entire chorus of students who seem to be a bit delusional in their belief that their arses are parked in front of their boob tube.

One sufferer kept expelling hearty guffaws at some personal funnies she was inventing in her head during the instructor's humorless lecture.

The third had the most advanced case, as he kept muttering "right on, man" throughout the class period.

Unfortunately, S.O.S. is contagious, because "right on" boy seemed to rub off on the running start student to his left, and the middle-aged guy to his right.

But alas, I am secure in the knowledge that this all will simmer down after a few weeks. The notes, the stress, and the reading will replenish the brain-cells the S.O.S. afflicted students lost, and they will once again be able to think silently.

Sanity says, "shh."

Lisa Curdy is Managing Editor and likes this comfy new space on the Opinion Page. You'll find "Lisa's World" here from now until eternity.

Macho man makes men look bad

By Nathan Golden
Staff Reporter

After a recent P.E. class, I headed into the Highline men's locker room to change. I couldn't help but notice a fellow male poised in front of a mirror, lusting after his bare chest.

From the strained look on his face and the red color he was turning, I wondered if he had just returned from a weight training class, or if he had been standing in front of that mirror for the last 50 minutes.

Regardless of the answer, I begin to think of how self-centered males can be. No wonder women find men so disposable.

I guess I can't be too hard on this guy. I too check myself out in the mirror from time to time. But come on, flexing your pectorals in a men's locker room is pushing it.

I could almost hear his

Commentary

thoughts, "Is that a new vein in my forearm?"

I have seen enough Stallone and Schwarzenegger movies to know that this fellow needed some bulk before he should even think to attempt strutting around half naked.

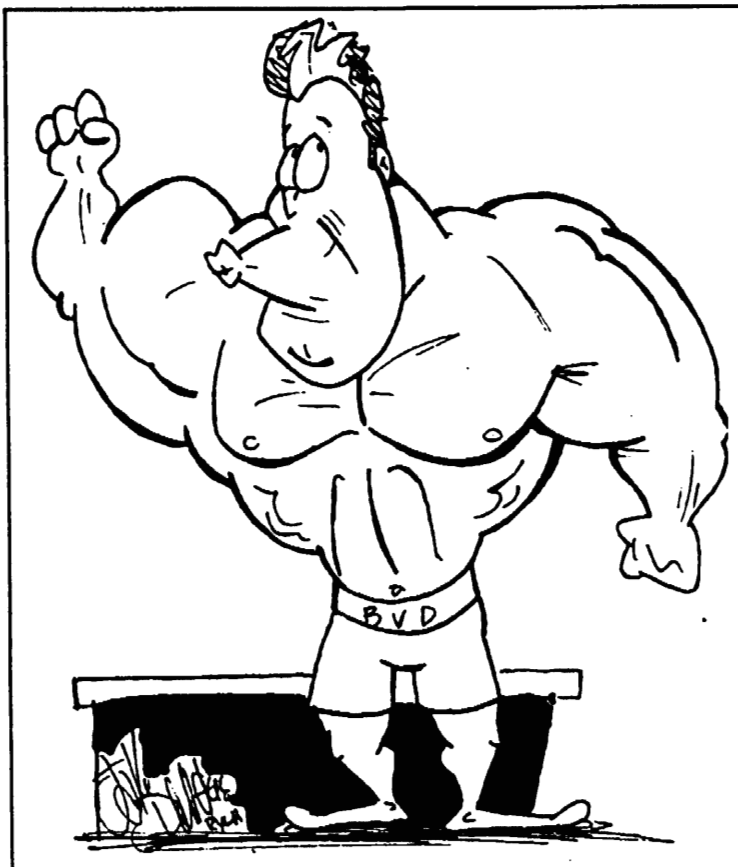
As I left the locker room I just had to laugh, for I finally saw the egotistical level men can reach.

I bet that sucka was late to class because the thought of putting on a shirt was more painful than the 125 pounds he bench-pressed shortly before.

When I see a guy like him, I can't help but to wonder if he was deprived of air as a child.

I bet his bedroom walls are plastered with life-size pictures of himself.

Put a shirt on, "Flexy."



Letters to the Editor

Misquote changes election meaning

Dear Editor:

I'd like to acknowledge the Thunderword for the outstanding contributions that have been made to the Associated Students of Highline Community College. You have been an active voice for our many projects. I must inform you that there was a misprint in the last paper published (Jan. 15, 1998). In reference to the article, "New elections this month," I was misquoted. During the interview I was asked the question, "What is different about the upcoming election?" My reply was (something to the effect of) "We will be focusing our time on putting together a voter's pamphlet, rather than having a public forum, that lacked impact." I did not mention anything about "wasting my [personal] time." The reason I ran for the office in the ASHCC was to channel my talents, creativity and energies into a positive experience. I have gained many experiences which I am grateful for and have grown in many different ways. I really enjoy spending my time on projects, like the elections, that help promote a positive educational experience here at Highline. I count it a sincere honor to hold my position with the ASHCC and take pride in my obligations and duties to Highline students.

The Thunderword has a duty also to report responsibly and accurately for the benefit of the students. I'd appreciate if you could clarify the misquote in the next issue.

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

Thanks for S&A Committee coverage

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the S&A Budget Committee I have been asked to send you and your staff a note to thank them for both attending this quarters S&A Budget Committee meeting and for their professionalism in participating and covering these meetings.

The committee would like to acknowledge the work and commitment you and your staff have put in to develop a consistently high quality student newspaper that covers campus centered events and activities in such a timely manner.

Congratulations on a job well done and thanks again!

Diane Anderson
Student Programs Director

Unprepared reporter reflects on article

Dear Editor:

I am writing in response to the article "Dropouts plague Highline" which you ran in the January 15 edition. Since that article focuses on information gathered during an interview which the writer had with me, I felt I needed to offer you some reaction to what is included in the article.

My immediate reaction after the interview was disappointment. The person who interviewed me took only the briefest of notes, and came into my office unprepared. He had little or no knowledge of the topic, of my responsibilities for addressing the topic, or of the college itself. That's inexcusable in a reporter, but I understand that this is a learning experience. That's why I decided I would provide as much as I could in hopes that

he would go to the other people I mentioned and complete his understanding of the college's retention efforts. However, the article's sparse quotations, its lack of depth in reporting the issue, factual errors, and evidence which suggests the writer only briefly interviewed one other person all point to sloppy journalism. The article is, at best, a weakly supported attempt at sensationalism. It has always been my hope that the Thunderword contained more substance than that.

I understand deadlines and the pressure of publication. And I also understand that they can often lead to errors and misjudgments. This story is more troubling to me than those kinds of mistakes. The article's lack of depth makes you appear as if you, as editor and staff, don't care about the substance of what you produce. And I don't believe that. I've worked with too many students, and I know how much time goes into producing a publication. However, a publication can (and I believe in the case of this story does) at times not reflect the work that goes into it. That's especially true if your writers don't put the time into understanding the issues that you are covering, and if you, as editor, don't demand that writers research and write substantive articles.

I see my participation in this article as a mistake, too. Rather than allowing the reporter to interview me without any preparation, I should have asked him to get some background information first. In the future I will do that. By allowing this writer's lack of preparation to go unchallenged, I helped neither him, nor the college reading community, which now has only the vaguest sense of this important issue, its ramifications, and the people

who are impacting the college's retention effort. In the future, I will expect that writers will come to me after they have prepared to meet with me.

I decided to write this letter because I see it as my responsibility as part of the campus community. While I am disappointed, I would rather that you and your staff know of my disappointment than assuming that your errors and lack of development in this article are unimportant. I believe that the Thunderword is very important and that its ability to report news accurately is its paramount mission. I hope that my letter will help you reflect on that mission.

Bob Hughes
Dean of Instruction for
Academic Transfer

Lockers will solve bookstore problem

Dear Editor:

After reading the editorial column I realized that there may be an easy solution to our problem with the book bag/bookstore problem. There were some lockers located on the bottom floor of Building 6, and these lockers were moved from the building to allow renovation of the bottom floor. These lockers are located on the upper floor of Building 8 right now. Perhaps it is time we moved the lockers back.

If we really want to burn those education dollars, we can get some "high school" style lockers put up outside the bookstore. You the students would have to supply the locks. To keep people from using this as a substitute for the local Shurgard Storage, these lockers would be emptied at the end of each day.

Keith Meier
Vice President Pi Sigma
chapter Phi Theta Kappa

Play whistles its way to Seattle

It could be strange advice for some, but in the theatrical world, it is an interesting title to an award winning production.

"Never Whistle While You're Pissing," a production by Carlos Murillo, was the winner of the 1996 National Hispanic Playwriting Award, and will be

Arts and Croft

By Christi Croft

on its way to Seattle very soon.

While having a somewhat humorous name, the title of the production has a slightly serious meaning.

The phrase, "Never Whistle While You're Pissing," is an eye-catching wartime slogan warning soldiers to remain alert, and not to draw unwanted attention to themselves.

The title of the play has caused some controversy, but hasn't stopped it from being a well-reviewed presentation.

Under the direction of Jose Carrasquillo, "Never Whistle While You're Pissing," is a tale about a Colombian-American family brought together by the wedding of a daughter, and separated by the arrest of a father.

In the middle of the predicament is "Young," the son who finds himself pursuing answers that could spare his family from a lifelong turmoil.

The theme of the production, depicts Carlos Murillo's personal experiences growing up as a Colombian-American in a middle-class America.

Murillo said the performance should reach the audience and make them realize the struggle of a person trying to survive in two different worlds.

After four years in the making, "Never Whistle While You're Pissing" is ready to make its first appearance at the Group Theatre on Jan. 27-Feb. 22. The Group Theatre is located in the Center House of the Seattle Center.

On Saturday, Jan. 27, the Group Theatre will be script signing with Carlos Murillo following the 8 p.m. performance.

For ticket and performance information, call the Group Theatre Box Office at (206) 441-1299.

Christi Croft is Arts editor of the *Thunderword*. She's quite the crafty one.



Photo by Bruce Jarrell

Tattoo artist Dustin Greenhalgh displays an instrument used in tattoo parlors.

A PIGMENT OF YOUR IMAGINATION

By Ami Westberg
Staff Reporter

More than half of the one hundred people who participated in a recent survey said they have a tattoo, body piercing or both.

The most common body modification for males and females shown in the survey was ear piercing.

Almost 45 percent of the people who responded on the survey said they had their ear pierced with one, two, or more holes.

Other body parts that people get pierced are the bellybutton, nose, and the nipple.

One 19-year-old Highline

Many Highline students decorate their bodies

student said he has his penis pierced.

"It hurts," he said.

Dustin Greenhalgh, a tattoo artist at Tattoo Alley in Midway, said that a penis piercing takes about six months to heal.

"It only takes two to three days for a clitoris piercing to heal," he said.

No one admitted to having this done on the survey.

Paul Agne, a professional body piercer at Tattoo Alley, has been asked to pierce just about everything.

He said the most unusual

piercing he has ever been asked to do was the web between the thumb and the forefinger.

"I just don't see the point," Agne said.

Tattoos are not as common as body piercing among Highline students.

Many students mentioned they were thinking about getting one.

"I really want a tattoo, I'm just waiting for the money," said 18-year-old Crystal Ragsdale.

Most people have varying reasons for getting a piercing or tattoo done.

"I'm into self-inflicted pain by design," said Benjamin Lucas, who has his bellybutton pierced.

RaeShawn Gilbert got her tattoo for "a change."

"I'm getting another one," she said.

Not everyone has body piercings or tattoos and not everyone agrees with them.

"It's just not appealing to me," said 19-year-old student Garrett Holm.

"I think they devalue the human body. They are very trashy looking and gross," said a 20-year-old Highline student.

But in all cases of body piercing and tattoos, it is up to the individual.

Tattoo industry calls for safety regulation

One 'no' should lead you to consider a different studio if you value your health and safety.

-- Al D., tattoo artist

By Ami Westberg
Staff Reporter

You may be placing yourself in danger the next time you go to get a body piercing or a tattoo.

Currently there are no health and safety standards or requirements for body piercing and tattoo shops in the State of Washington.

"Before I got my tattoo, I checked out the cleanliness of several shops," said Stephanie, a nineteen year old Highline student.

Al D., the manager and senior piercer at Greenlake Tattoo and Body Piercing Shop, as well as board member of the Association of Professional Piercers, stresses the importance of checking out a shop before you

go in.

"If you don't, you put yourself at risk of contracting hepatitis B and AIDS. Just because a shop looks sterile and clean does not mean that the equipment is cleaned properly," he said.

There are certain instruments used to sterilize piercing and tattoo equipment to ensure customers' safety. One is called an ultrasonic cleaner, and the other is called an autoclave. Both machines are also used by hospitals to sterilize reusable equipment.

An ultrasonic cleaner cleans

off tools before they are put in the autoclave. It does this through intense vibration; breaking down the pathogens of the blood and any other bodily fluids that may be left on the tools after use.

After the tools have gone through the ultrasonic cleaner they are put in the autoclave.

The autoclave kills all bacteria that may be left residing on the tools through steam heat and pressure.

"The use of these two devices is the only way to be sure that the equipment has been

properly sterilized," said Al D.

Al D. advises customers to ask the shop plenty of questions.

He said a good question to ask is if they have monthly spore testing done on the autoclave.

This is to ensure it is cleaning up to standard and working properly.

Another precaution he mentioned was to never get your ear pierced with an ear-piercing gun.

These guns cannot be properly sterilized in an autoclave.

Mr. D. says that it is safer to have your ear piercing done by a professional who uses a tri-level needle.

This is the same needle used for all other non-ear piercings.

"One 'no' should lead you to consider a different studio if you value your health and safety," said Al D.

Mr. Food dines out, Indian style

Do you want to commit a palatable sin of exquisite proportions? Then you'll want to dine at Raja!

Raja is an East Indian restaurant that not only prepares the spiciness of your food to taste; mild, medium, and hot, but also specializes in rich, sugary Indian sweets.

Mr. Food



By Scott Murray

In eating here, I really treated myself to a quality dining experience.

I ordered a dish called a "mixed grill." It contained two pieces of Lamb Boti, which was red in color, baked, and had a gamey delicious taste, as lamb mostly does in my view.

Accompanying the lamb were two pieces of chicken Tikka, which resembled sausage but yummy nonetheless. And, finally, one piece of Tandoori chicken, also delicious. Hey, chicken is chicken, right?

Along with the "Mixed Grill" I ordered a side of Pillau rice. Pillau rice is Basmati rice, cooked with cashews and green peas.

This side dish of Pillau rice was an artistic endeavour consisting of pink and orange colors.

I also ordered a side of garlic Naan, which was pita bread garnished with finely chopped garlic.

The "Mixed Grill" was served spitting with heat and aroma.

My mind was telling my stomach, "EAT, BOY, EAT!" I had to acquiesce and give in. So sue me!

For dessert, I had two orders of Gulab Jamun. Gulab Jamun is an Indian delicacy made from a special dough fried golden brown.

It is served in a homemade syrup, either warm or cold.

Sad to say, I couldn't eat the whole meal. The meal I had ordered cost around \$25, and could easily feed two.

Raja is open seven days a week. It is open for brunch from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. For dinner they start serving at 4-10 p.m.

For an exquisite adventure in dining, you must spoil yourself to Raja.

Scott Murray is Mr. Food, so that means you must eat when and where he tells you to. No exceptions here buddy.

Mobiles make magic art

By Alex Credgington
Staff Reporter

Highline student Vernon Harper knows how to dream. Through his unique art, currently displayed on the fourth floor of the library, Harper offers others a glimpse into the mind of a warrior, artist, philosopher and dreamer.

"What's life without a little bit of beauty?" Harper said, surrounded by his mobiles that now hang in the library's gallery through the end of January. "Art brings beauty into people's lives."

Growing up on a ranch in Colorado, Harper had always been artistic. He learned at an early age, many of the skills of his American Indian heritage.

Now, in his second quarter at Highline, focusing on Environmental Engineering, Harper has the opportunity to share his art with the Highline community.

Harper's use of driftwood, string, beads and other collected items hang in mobile form, bringing a fresh sense of space and balance to the gallery.

"I like the medium," Harper said. "It's something I can really explore and I'm not following in anyone else's footsteps."

Harper attributes some of his creative vision to the work

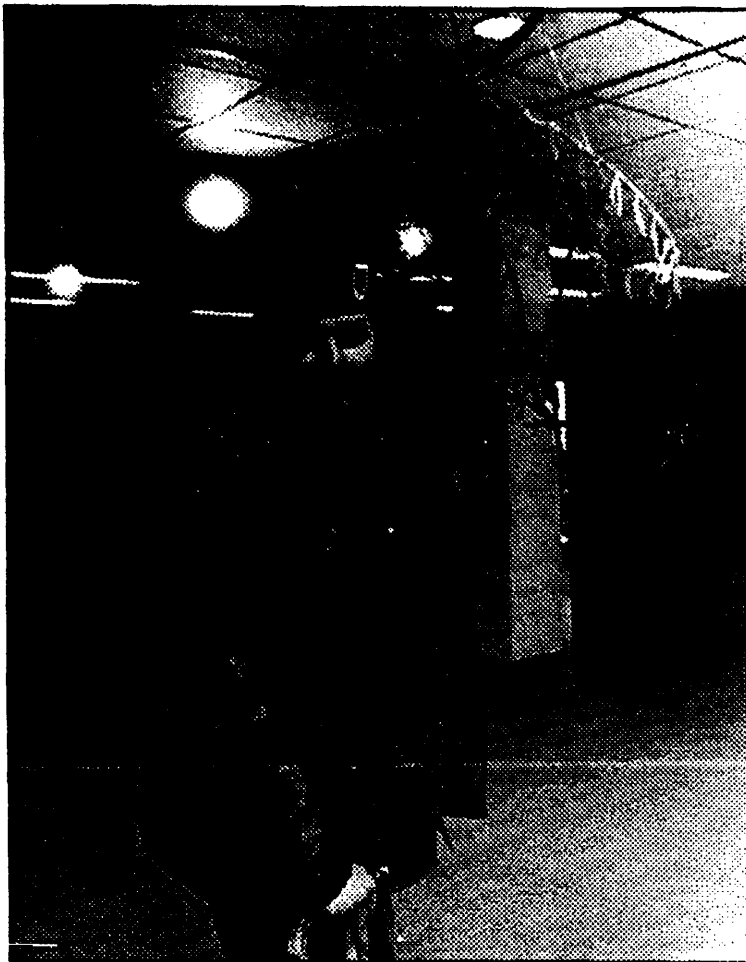


Photo by Bruce Jarrell

Vernon A. Harper III stands by his artwork.

of nature.

"I like the idea of having the ocean sculpt a piece of wood before I use it," Harper said.

With space and balance as an important ideal for his work, Harper art hangs from the ceiling

of the gallery rather than the walls. He said the art must be spacious, and able to move.

Harper hopes his art will give people a sense of serenity, and in return, he feels that the display helps him grow as an artist.

Bakra Bata brings life to campus

By Daniel Apoloni
Staff Reporter

The Seattle percussion band Bakra Bata brought its unique combination of music and dance to a small crowd of about 20 students congregated on the second floor of Building 8 last Friday.

Bakra Bata was founded in 1984, under the leadership of Michael Schantz, who still remains as the head of the band.

Fourteen years ago, Schantz began a quest for an instrument that reflected the musical independence his band was trying to achieve. His final choice was the steel drum.

At the Bakra Bata concert, students seemed to be having problems keeping their feet quiet.

Soon, a few adventurous ones decided to enjoy the concert to the fullest by joining the band in dancing. The sound of the steel drums was both fresh and hypnotic.

"They were awesome. It was a good mix of people that attended the event, especially the international students," said student Moira Windon.

Jazz, soca, calypso and even rock mixed harmoniously. It reflected the mixture of gender and race that Bakra Bata is.

The reaction of the students also demonstrated that this truly



"Bakra Bata" kept Highline students on their feet during last Friday's performance.

is a band of street performers.

Performing in shows in more than 200 art festivals all over the United States, Canada, Mexico and Brazil has given this band the rare ability of involving the audience in not just a concert, but a celebration of life and art through the channels of music and dance.

The highlight of the evening came when Fabiana, one of two Brazilian members of the band, performed a Samba, the typical Brazilian dance.

She was accompanied by the powerful musical background of the drums, she not only danced but also taught the basic fundamentals of the art to a few surprised members of the crowd.

Organizing the concert were Kayleen Oka, from the Student Programs office, and Yumi Okuwaki, member of Team Highline. Both expressed their satisfaction with the Bakra Bata event, although they lamented the lack of a bigger audience.

Ring in a different new year

By Liz Doolittle
Staff Reporter

In celebration of the Vietnamese New Year, the Vietnamese Student Association will be holding a dance Friday Jan. 23 from 8 p.m.-1 a.m. in Building 8.

The cost for admission to the dance is \$7 in advance and \$9 at the door.

Movie gets a good review

By Lisa Novak
Staff Reporter

Based on a 1925 novel by Virginia Woolf, "Mrs. Dalloway," was a film that was described as "unfilmable" in critics' eyes. Director of the movie and Oscar winner, Marleen Gorris is out to prove those critics wrong.

In directing the film "Mrs. Dalloway," Gorris manages to create an emotional and realistic film about English life in the early 20th Century.

The movie takes place in London, where fifty-something Clarissa Dalloway, played by Vanessa Redgrave, is preparing for a party later that evening.

Clarissa was a playful and innocent young girl, who ended up choosing a stable, simple man over an adventurous troublemaker.

While preparing for the party, Clarissa reflects back to times in her life when she was young and carefree.

She looks back at her suitors and contemplates whether she chose the right mate for herself.

In making this decision, she has pondered of how life would have been with the other man.

Unexpectedly, after several years, the old adventurous lover appears in her life once again, unchanged, causing quite a stir in Clarissa's life.

In the meantime, her tale intertwines with the story of a young man returning from World War I, who is shell-shocked.

The soul search of the war vet, who eventually finds his truth, helps Clarissa to uncover her own.

This story mixes romance, great friendship, and the realities of English life in the twenties.

Lively characters such as Sally, Peter, and the young Clarissa, played by rising star Natasha McElhone, color the otherwise dreary tale about what makes us go on in life.

The movie will show at the Egyptian Theatre on January 23, running for 97 minutes. You may purchase tickets by phone at (206) 324-9996.

There will be a variety of music provided by a DJ as well as live music performed by "The Blackstone."

"I hope to connect the students of Highline together, as well as connect Vietnamese students between the different colleges," said Han Dinh, president of the Vietnamese Student Association.

Men's team crushes foes

Victories over Peninsula, Everett and Edmonds run winning streak to 15 games

By Michael Stampalia
Staff Reporter

The Men's basketball team won its 15th straight game on Monday night, defeating Peninsula Community College 78-47 in the Highline Pavillion.

Their record now stands at 16-1 overall and 6-0 in league.

"We played consistent pressure defense," Head Coach Joe Callero said.

Highline forced the pirates into committing 23 turnovers and held them scoreless for long stretches of the first half.

Freshman guard Gabe Ladd filled in well for Reggie Ball after he got into early foul trouble.

"He took care of the ball and didn't turn the ball over," Forward Garret Miller said.

"He played solid basketball."

Ladd played well despite a sore knee that has limited his playing time this season.

"Gabe's knee is quite sore. We were watching his minutes," Callero said.

Ladd had a season-high in minutes played with 18.

Quincy Wilder scored 19 points while collecting 11 rebounds and six assists, shooting 4/6 from 3-pt range.

Even though the Thunder-

birds easily defeated the Pirates, the game left Joe Callero concerned.

"My biggest concern is that we create a lot of turnovers and that should lead to easy baskets, but we only shot forty percent," Callero said. "We need to take better shots."

The Thunderbirds defeated Edmonds last Wednesday on the road 87-64.

The Tritons managed to leave for halftime with a 37-37 tie.

The Thunderbirds were too much for them in the second half, outscoring Edmonds 50-27.

Reggie Ball led Highline with 24 points, making 6/12 three-pointers, and collecting eight assists.

Wilder had a team-high 7 rebounds.

Highline finished their two game road trip by defeating Everett on Saturday 87-63.

Highline pulled away in the second half outscoring the Trojans 55-35.

Shaun Madsen led the Thunderbirds with 20 points, shooting seven for 11 from the floor.

Highline plays at Shoreline Community College on Saturday, the T-birds then come home

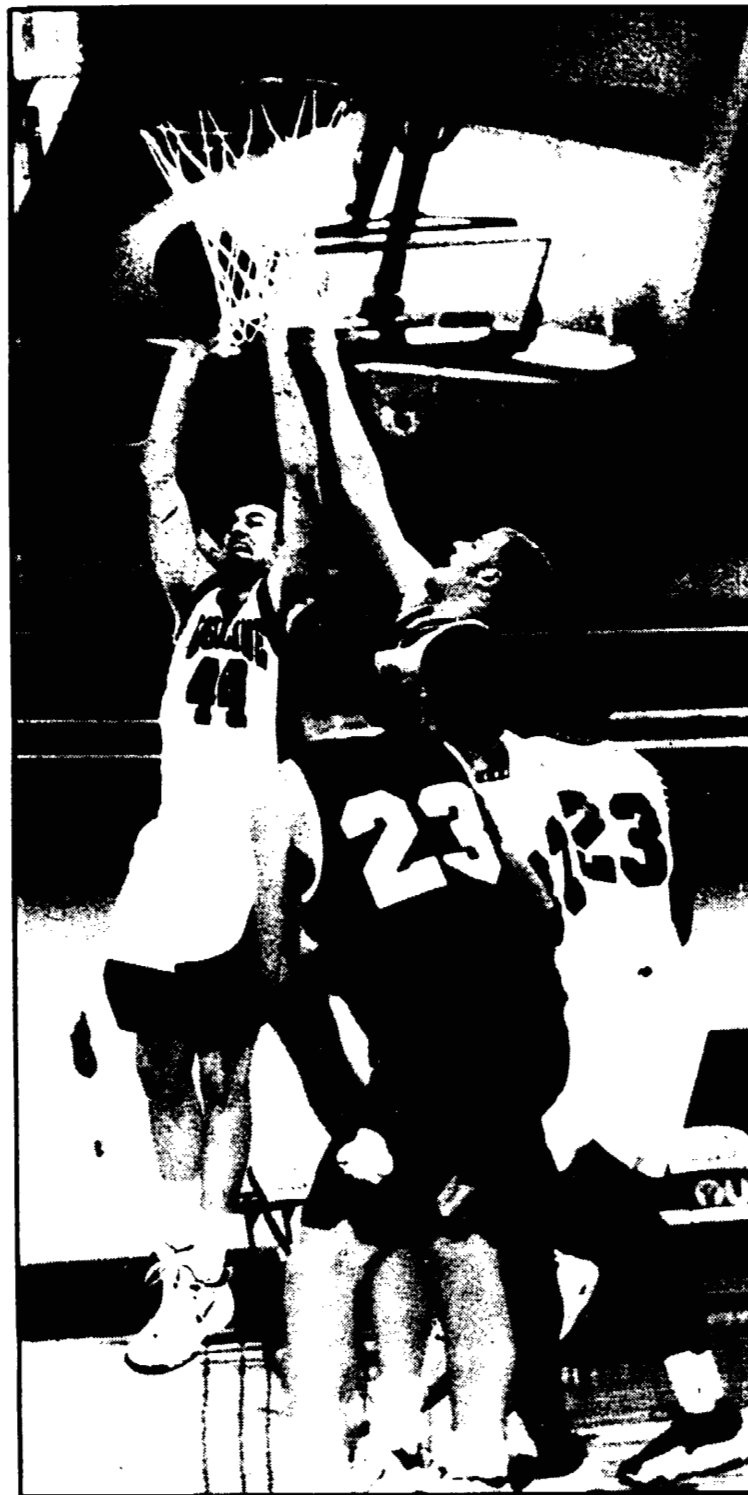


Photo by Bruce Jarrell

Derek "Juice" Johnson goes up strong for a rebound.

Wednesday Jan. 28 to play Skagit Valley.

Results for Wednesday

night's game against Bellevue Community College were unavailable at press time.

Frogs and Broncos will stay alive

It is time for the grandest of all championship games, the Super Bowl.

There are more pregame shows than women claiming to have slept with Wilt Chamberlain.

The hype is bigger than ever and no one knows what to expect.

Packers vs. Broncos in a fight to the finish.

May the best team win.

Packers fans get out your cheese butts (don't ask) and cheese heads.

Spin on Sports



By Michael Stampalia

Broncos fans put down your skiis and snowboards and get out your orange crush John Elway jerseys, it's game time.

The commercials will be huge this year and unlike other years the game will not be disappointing.

No, it won't be over by the middle of the third quarter.

Things will finally come full circle for the NFL this year.

The AFC has lost 13 straight Super Bowls to the NFC and that is where the streak stops.

The Broncos will win.

Yeah, they'll beat the Pack.

An unusual thing will happen, John Elway will not throw for 300 yards and three touchdowns.

No, it will be Terrell Davis, the closest thing to Barry Sanders not in a Lions uniform, who wins this game.

Denver will run the sweep, the screen, the counter tre as if their lives depended on it.

The Packers will not be able to stop them.

They will not be able to contain Terrell Davis.

The reason this will happen is simple, the jinx must be broken.

Thirteen years of misery for AFC teams will end with Denver, a franchise which is 0-4 in the big game.

No AFC team is more like an NFC team than Denver. With their diverse passing and running attacks they beat up on opposing defenses.

The Broncos will win, the Budweiser frogs will not be assassinated and all else will be right with the world.

Now where'd I put my bookie's phone number?

Michael is hoping this won't be read on Monday.

Wrestlers split weekend matches

By Frankie Cenicerros
Staff Reporter

The Highline T-Bird Wrestling team won one and lost one on Jan. 16 and 17.

They lost to Central Washington University 19-15 last Friday. The T-Birds were in better shape when they went against CWU. "We're starting to show in better shape. Everyone's coming together as a team," said Head Coach Todd Owens.

The meet may have hinged on one questionable call. Highline players and coaches felt the referee wasn't in position to see 142-pounder John Rosevear pin his opponent in the first round. Rosevear was pinned immediately after.

After Rosevear was pinned he had words for the referee.

"I called him stupid," Rosevear said. The referee then ejected Rosevear.

At 118 pounds, Nelson Crisanto won his match easily by defeating his opponent 23-4.

Other victorious T-Birds in-

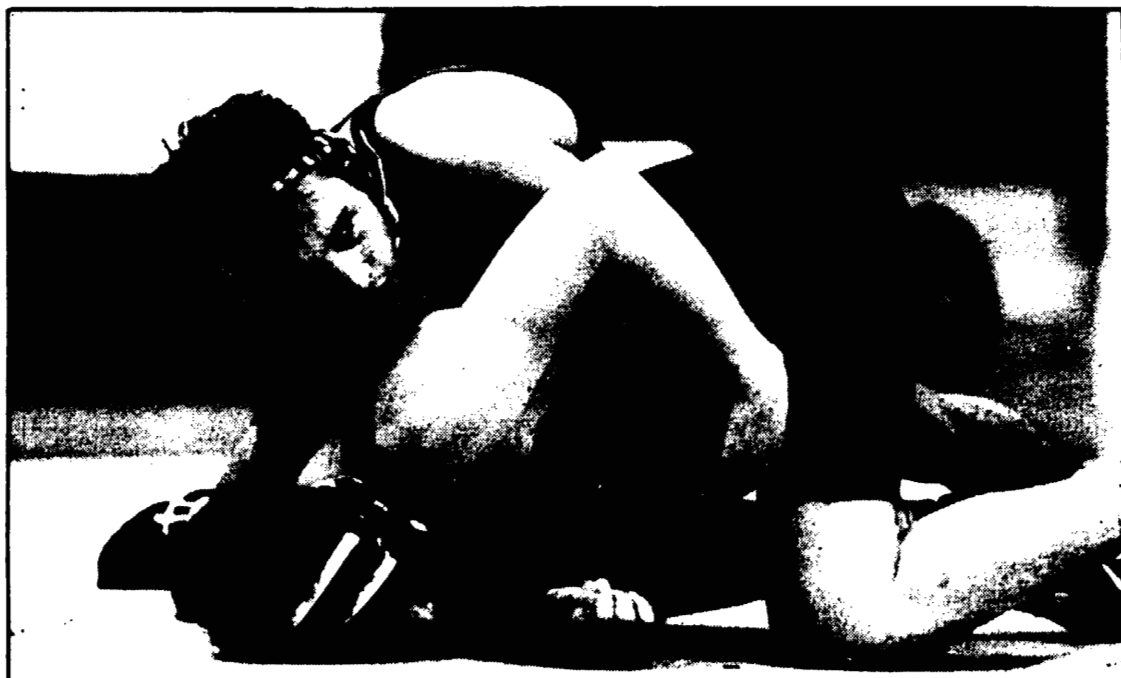


Photo by Bruce Jarrell

Highline's Julian Reynoso works on Central Washington's Brian Ovenell during his 8-2 win.

cluded 126-pounder Julian Reynoso and 190-pounder Trevor Howard, in only his second match after being injured.

"At first I let him get some shots, I was just warming up then I picked it up a notch and won 8-1," Howard said.

On Saturday, Highline beat Yakima Valley 22-15, without Crisanto, who was at a Portland State University tournament.

At 118 pounds, Reynoso clobbered his opponent 16-1, and 167-pound freshman Adam Catterlin won. Other winners

included 150-pounder Eric Warden, Howard, and heavyweight Mark Kissler.

This was the first win and last home match for the T-Birds. Their next match will be at Central Washington University on Saturday, Jan. 24.

Women's team ends streak vs. Peninsula

By K.M. Petersen
Sports Editor

The Highline Lady Thunderbirds basketball team won their first league game of the season on Monday, demolishing Peninsula 63-42.

The game ended a nine-game losing streak for the squad which included tough road losses at Edmonds on Wednesday and Everett on Saturday.

After heading into halftime at Edmonds with a one point lead, Edmonds proved too hot to handle, scoring 42 second half points.

Alison Kirk's 28 points, 13 rebounds and seven steals dominated the game for Edmonds.

Valerie Nater led Highline with 17 points, nine rebounds, and four blocks, and Karen Nadeau contributed 15 points, seven rebounds, seven assists, and six steals.

Three nights later at Everett, three clutch three-point baskets by Kristi Duggan, as well as clutch three-pointers from Nadeau and Rachael Watkins, brought the squad back from a 19 point deficit to within four points in waning moments.

Time ran out on Highline's comeback, with Everett triumphing by six, 66-60.

The bulk of Everett's scoring came from only four players.

Carissa Roosma scored 18, Cindy Vos had 16, Darkfeather Ancheta scored 13 with eight rebounds and eight assists, and Sarah Somers had 12 points and 13 rebounds for the Trojans.

After suffering their ninth consecutive loss, the Lady T-Birds bounced back in an im-



Photo by Bruce Jarrell

Highline's Kristi Duggan and Diana Ruggiero fight for a rebound during a 63-42 victory.

pressive effort.

They crushed Peninsula, allowing only 12 second half

points.

Nater barely missed a triple-double with 17 points, nine re-

bounds, and nine blocks and

Duggan contributed 17 points and 13 rebounds.

Sophomore Tracy Wilcoxon started at point guard, allowing Nadeau to thrive at the shooting guard position.

Wilcoxon has been hampered by a knee injury suffered during soccer and sickness throughout the season.

"My knee was sick and then I had bronchitis and a sinus infection," she said.

"I was pleased with how it went," Coach Dale Bolinger said about the adjustment. "I think it helps Karen and therefore helps the team."

"I'm so excited we won," said Nadeau, who had 16 points, six rebounds, five assists, and five steals in the victory.

Bolinger said that the team's cutting down on unforced turnovers will be a key to winning more games.

"We've been making so many unforced turnovers that no matter how well we're playing matching up, giving the ball up when they don't earn it, it's hard to compete, especially when you're close," he said.

Another area of improvement in the win was patience.

Nadeau said, "Patience is a key to victory."

Bolinger agreed. "If we stay patient in our offense, we're going to get better shots and that also will give us a good chance in a ball game," Bolinger said.

Results of Wednesday night's game versus Bellevue were unavailable at press time.

Following the Bellevue game, the Lady Thunderbirds travel to Shoreline on Saturday, Jan. 24 and host first-place Skagit Valley on Wednesday, Jan. 28. Both games are at 6 p.m.

Highline's Nater making big impact on league

By Garrett Miller
Staff Reporter

Valerie Nater towering over the competition blocks shots left and right to no avail as the Lady T-Birds suffer this season.

Nater is a force on the court for the Lady T-Birds. She is averaging 11.1 points, 7.1 rebounds, and 4.4 blocks a game.

"She is a well rounded player, she contributes well on defense and offense," teammate Tracy Wilcoxon said.

Nater moved here from California after her sophomore year in high school, where she and her sister (Alycia Nater) won the state championship.

Her sister attended Highline last year but did not play basketball because of a knee injury. She is now attending Northern Idaho Junior College.

Her father, Swen Nater, played basketball in the National Basketball Association for 12 years.



Her father encouraged her to play when she was younger and now attends games regularly.

Nater came to Highline because it is close to home and she thought it would be easier to make a transition to a four-year school.

She also wanted to find out how she felt about playing basketball. She has decided to try to earn a scholarship to a four-year program.

"She has become a great asset to defense with blocking

shots," teammate Rachael Watkins said.

There are four year programs that are already interested in Nater and her defensive ability.

"I have never had a shot blocker of her caliber," Head Coach Dale Bolinger said.

Nater is a force inside but likes to face the hoop.

"She is developing the ability and skills to face the hoop," Bolinger said.

Nater is happy that she decided to come to Highline but at the

"She is a well rounded player. She contributes well on defense and offense."

--Teammate Tracy Wilcoxon about freshman Valerie Nater

start, but Nater expects a turn around.

"The team is becoming more serious about winning as the season goes on," Nater said.

Nater has increased her scoring and rebounding contributions in recent outings.

In a loss at Edmonds, she had 17 points and nine rebounds to go with her usual four blocks.

The next game, versus Everett, she scored 10 with nine boards and four blocks.

In the victory versus Peninsula, she had 14 points, nine rebounds, nine blocks, and three assists.

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Track team sets records straight indoors

By Jennifer Tarbet
Staff Reporter

Highline speedster Dominique Demouchet set two school records at the UW Indoor Classic in the Hec Ed pavillion on Sunday, Jan. 18.

Demouchet ran an impressive time of 35.7 seconds in the 300-meter dash, qualifying him

to have his name printed in the record books here at Highline.

One record just wasn't enough; in the 60-meter dash Demouchet again set a school record at 7.09 seconds.

"I felt good for our first race, but we knew we could perform a lot better," Demouchet said.

Four other T-birds placed in

the top three in their events.

Demonne Taylor ran 7.70 seconds in the 55-meter hurdles, just .1 seconds off of the school record of 7.60 sec.

Erik Vann placed third overall in the long jump with a jump of 22 feet 4 and a half inches. Jake Dill also scored within the top three in the 300 meters with a time of 36.2 seconds.

Other contenders who looked very impressive were Pat Boyd who placed eighth overall in the 800 meters, Justin Clark who placed fourth overall in the 400 meters with a time of 50.8 seconds, and Wes Young who placed fifth in the high jump with a height of 6' 4 3/4".

Head Coach Frank Ahern said that his team competed well

in just their first meet of the season.

Ahern said it isn't clear when the T-birds will next compete, but should have the team's indoor scheduled nailed down in the next few days.

Members of the team will appear at Eastern Washington University for a meet this Saturday.

Scoreboard

Men's Standings Northern Division

Team	League	Season
Highline	5-0	16-1
Olympic	4-2	15-2
Peninsula	3-2	7-9
Shoreline	3-2	8-9
Edmonds	3-3	7-12
Everett	3-3	10-8
Bellevue	2-3	8-9
Skagit Valley	1-4	10-7
Whatcom	0-5	4-12

Eastern Division

Wenatchee	3-0	11-8
CBC	3-1	14-5
Big Bend	2-1	13-6
Yakima	1-1	10-7
Blue Mtn.	1-2	6-13
Walla Walla	1-3	10-8
Spokane	0-3	8-9

Western Division

Grays Harbor	4-0	11-5
Centralia	3-1	6-10
Tacoma	3-1	15-3
Clark	2-2	6-11
LCC	2-2	12-6
Green River	1-3	6-11
Pierce	1-3	4-11
South Puget	0-4	1-15

Southern Division

Linn-Benton	3-1	10-6
Lane	3-1	14-5
Umpqua	3-1	12-6
Chemeketa	2-2	14-4
Mt. Hood	2-2	11-7
SW Oregon	2-2	8-9
Clackamas	1-3	10-9
Portland	0-4	6-12

Men's Games

Peninsula (47)

Watson 0-1 0-0 4, Burke 3-9 1-4 10, Jones 2-4 0-0 4, Bro Veltri 2-3 0-0 5, Patrick 4-7 1-4 9, Abbott 3-14 1-4 7, Linde 3-4 0-0 8, Svec 0-0 0-0 0, Bra Veltri 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 7-22 10-22 47.

Highline (78)

Ball 1-5 0-2 4, Watts 4-6 2-3 10, Ladd 2-5 0-1 4, Miller 2-6 1-2 5, Wilder 7-16 4-6 19, Enfield 0-4 0-3 0, Madsen 2-6 0-1 7, Guy 2-6 0-0 4, Luedke 1-3 0-0 3, DeLange 7-13 0-0 14, Johnson 4-9 0-0 8. Totals 17-35 15-44 78..

Highline (87)

Ball 8-17 6-12 24, Delange 1-2 0-0 2, Watts 4-6 3-4 13, Ladd 0-4 0-3 0, Miller 2-4 0-1 4, Wilder 8-19 0-7 19, Enfield 4-8 3-7 11, Guy 2-2 0-0 4, Madsen 3-6 0-0 8, Luedke 0-2 0-0 0, Johnson 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 15-32 18-40 87.

Edmonds (64)

Boyd 0-1 0-1 0, Port 3-6 2-2 8, A. Jones 0-0 0-0 0, Miller 1-6 1-3 3, Mankanani 1-1 1-2 3, Cool 6-9 4-6 17, Wheat 0-2 0-0 0, Mosby 0-0 0-0 0, Bender 4-6 0-0 8, McDonnell 0-3 0-0 0, Williams 2-3 0-0 4, N. Jones 7-9 0-0 21. Totals 15-26 9-23 64

Highline (87)

Ball 3-17 2-8 14, DeLange 3-4 0-0 7, Watts 1-6 0-3 3, Ladd 3-7 0-1 8, Miller 3-6 1-3 9, Wilder 8-11 1-3 18, Enfield 0-2 0-1 0, Guy 1-3 0-0 2, Madsen 7-11 0-0 20, Luedke 3-3 0-0 6, Johnson 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 13-34 19-36 87

Everett (63)

Yost 0-1 0-1 0, Martin 2-10 1-6 7, Johnson 2-7 2-4 12, Dunham 0-0 0-0 0, Schuh 8-21 3-11 25, Willsey 0-3 0-2 0, Beckman 0-1 0-1 0, Decottle 4-13 1-4 12, Dawson 0-0 0-0 0, Trautman 0-3 0-1 2, Ortman 0-0 0-0 0, Fernelius 2-3 0-0 5. Totals 10-27 8-35 63.

Women's Games

Peninsula (42)

Ueda 0-0 0-0 0, Hoch 5-18 1-3 15, Wheeler 0-1 0-0 0, Smith 2-8 0-0 6, Freund 0-0 0-0 0, Ives 0-0 0-0 0, Charles 2-2 1-1 5, Antioquia 1-4 1-1 3, Buckingham 2-9 0-0 4, Soeneke 4-10 1-4 9. Totals 12-28 4-24 42.

Highline (63)

Ruggiero 0-1 0-1 0, Watkins 0-0 0-0 0, Nadeu 8-18 0-2 16, Couch 1-4 0-0 2, Wilcoxon 2-7 0-3 4, Stroud 0-0 0-0 0, Eckert 0-0 0-0 0, Tarbet 2-10 0-0 4, Johnson 2-3 0-0 6, Goff 0-0 0-0 0, Duggan 7-16 3-7 17, Nater 7-14 0-0 14. Totals 15-37 14-31 63.

Highline (60)

Wilcoxon 0-2 0-1 2, Ruggiero 2-4 1-2 5, Watkins 2-4 2-3 5, Nadeau 4-10 2-5 12, Couch 2-4 0-0 4, O'Zey 0-0 0-0 0, Stroud 0-3 0-0 0, Eckert 1-2 0-0 3, Tarbet 0-1 0-0 0, Johnson 2-5 0-0 5, Duggan 5-12 4-8 14, Nater 2-9 0-1 10. Totals 7-22 13-34 60.

Everett (66)

Osmundson 0-0 0-0 0, Simon 0-3 0-2 0, Vos 8-15 0-1 16, Simmons 0-0 0-0 0, May 1-4 0-0 2, Beckman 0-1 0-0 0, Roosma 7-25 3-15 18, Walker 1-4 1-2 3, Paoli 1-5 0-0 2, Somers 6-12 0-0 12, Ancheta 2-7 1-5 13. Totals 13-38 13-38 66.

Highline (66)

Goff 1-1 0-0 2, Ruggiero 0-2 0-0 1, Watkins 3-8 0-0 6, Nadeau 5-15 2-5 15, Couch 1-4 0-0 2, Wilcoxon 0-2 0-1 0, Stroud 1-3 0-0 2, Eckert 4-6 0-1 8, Tarbet 1-2 0-0 2, Johnson 0-0 0-0 0, Duggan 5-14 1-5 11, Nater 7-13 1-4 17. Totals 16-33 12-37 66.

Edmonds (81)

Hoppe 1-10 0-2 6, Zardis 3-8 0-0 6, Kirk 10-18 0-1 28, Trias 3-7 1-2 11, Johnson 4-9 1-2 11, Burton 2-4 0-1 4, Greer 0-0 0-0 0, Maier 0-2 0-0 1, Jackson 0-0 0-0 0, Canfield 5-11 0-1 14. Totals 13-40 15-29 81.

Northern Division

Team	League	Season
Olympic	6-0	15-3
Skagit	5-0	16-0
Shoreline	3-2	9-7
Whatcom	3-2	7-8
Edmonds	3-3	4-13
Everett	3-3	8-11
Peninsula	1-4	1-12
Bellevue	0-5	2-12
Highline	0-5	1-13

Eastern Division

Spokane	3-0	15-4
Wenatchee	2-1	15-3
Big Bend	2-1	9-8
Blue Mtn.	2-1	14-4
CBC	1-3	7-10
Walla Walla	1-3	4-11
Yakima	0-2	9-8

Western Division

Clark	4-0	10-8
LCC	4-0	14-4
South Puget	3-1	11-6
Grays Harb.	2-2	6-9
Centralia	1-3	8-8
Green River	1-3	10-7
Tacoma	1-3	6-9
Pierce	0-4	0-15

Southern Division

Clackamas	4-0	13-3
Umpqua	3-1	17-1
Mt. Hood	3-1	8-8
SW Oregon	2-2	11-7
Chemeketa	2-2	13-6
Portland	1-3	4-13
Lane	1-3	9-8
Linn-Benton	0-4	3-12



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Student government elections to be today

By W.B. Heming
Staff Reporter

The election to fill the three vacant student government positions will be held today from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and again from 6-8 p.m. upstairs in Building 8.

All the contested positions are the office of student-at-large.

The positions opened after three separate resignations and some officer shuffling.

The duties of a student-at-large, as set forth in Article 7, Section 5 of the ASHCC by-laws, include "advocat[ing] the interests of the students of HCC" and gathering "ideas and suggestions from the student body."

Additional duties of a student-at-large include completing one project each quarter. "It's not in the bylaws, but it is required," Gerhardt said.

A total of six candidates will appear on the ballot; Shane

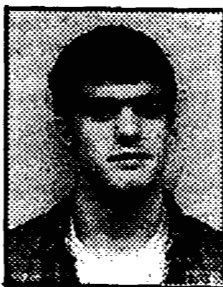
Smith, Nasrin Noori, Kirk Elliott, Santana Villa, Khong Zia Christina Ly and Eric Worden.

"I'm very impressed to get such good response for the positions out there," said Paul Gerhardt Jr., election coordinator and Associated Students of Highline Community College (ASHCC) vice president of administration.

Eric Worden

Worden, a member of Highline's wrestling team, is running to give something back to the campus community.

"I like Highline and I like what it has done for me," Worden said.



Worden's goal if he is elected is to put all of Highline's sports teams on the Highline web page.

Khong Zia Christina Ly

Ly is running for the position after making an unsuccessful bid this fall.



Ly's goal is to increase student involvement. "I would like to

see more information passed out to students about activities," she said.

"My determination to try to complete a project is my number one quality," Ly said.

Santana Villa

Villa is also making his second attempt for the position.

Villa is currently the president of the International Club. Villa was also a member of the Diversity Dance Workshop.

If elected, Villa would like to work toward "more unity among students and faculty," Villa said.

Kirk Elliott

Elliott "would like to see students proud to have attended HCC," he said.

Elliott has written for



the Thunderword as well as being present at many of the Associated Council meeting. "[This has] kept me in touch with my surroundings and student affairs," he said.

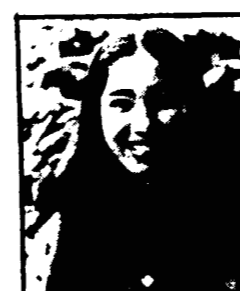
Nasrin Noori

Noori was vice president of her Highline High School's International Youth Association.

Noori is seeking the position "to bring different cultures and races together," she said.

Noori also said she would like "to inform students about the different things Highline offers."

Information and photo were unavailable for Smith, the last candidate.



Internet

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paper which are connected from the database through the World Wide Web. It is helpful way for people to get information," she added.

This program will accept 14 students in each class.

"We have 24 computers in the library and two new laser printers. And we will add 10 more computers in this quarter," said Fernandez.

The class will be in the Library room 120B.

This class is offered for all student at no extra fee. Anyone who is interested in this program can sign up for the class from now on at the Library reference counter.

The classes will be offered during the fourth, sixth, and eighth week of the quarter.

The Library is open 7 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m.-3 p.m. Friday, 8 a.m.-noon Saturday, and 5:30-9:30 p.m. Sunday.

For more information about the description and the schedule of the workshops, students can connect to <http://www.highline.ctc.edu/library/ref/WRKSHOPS/Sch-w98.htm>.

Year of the Tiger begins with celebration

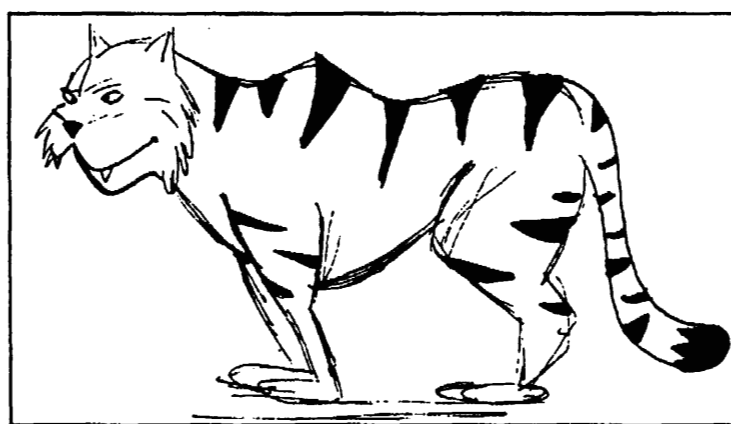
By Alyssa Pfau
Staff Reporter

According to Asian and Vietnamese students on campus the lunar New Year is the most important festival in Chinese tradition. It's a time to enjoy family, eat traditional foods, make wishes for the coming year, and practice tradition.

Chinese New Year is on Jan. 28 this year. It is often called Lunar New Year because it is on the first new moon of the year.

Asian and Vietnamese students said that, although they would love to go back to their native country for Chinese New Year, they plan to celebrate in Washington.

"I live in the US and celebrate the New Year on the first of January, it's not necessary to do that one more time here," said Han Dinh, the president of the Vietnamese student association.



Graphic by Jake Dill

Many people of Asian or Vietnamese heritage travel back to their country, Dinh said.

A representative from United Airlines said that travel to most Asian countries is heavier than normal two weeks prior to lunar New Year. Departing flights are typically at capacity, while during other times of the year the planes are about 75 percent full.

"I will send luck to everyone in the family, even if I can't visit them," Dinh said.

A phone call is a common way to send your love to family and friends during this time of year; however, a commonly practiced custom of the culture is to send money in red envelopes, Dinh said. The color red symbolizes luck, prosperity, and happiness, he said.

Spending time with family and friends is important in the celebration of the coming year.

"In Vietnam, the first week of the year is spent with family,"

student Quynh Tran said. She added that most people who celebrate the Lunar New Year take time of work to be with their family. It is suppose to be a time to relax and reflect on the previous year, she said.

Traditional Chinese food is also an important part.

Unlike holidays celebrated by most Americans, like Christmas and Thanksgiving, a larger variety of food is served during the Chinese New Year festivities, said a Hong Kong native and employee at Uwajimaya grocery store in China town.

The Vietnamese student association at Highline is holding a Chinese New Year dance on Friday, January 23. The dance will be held in the upper level of Building 8, starting at 7 p.m.

On Chinese New Year, January 28, a celebration will be held at Union Station starting at 5:30 p.m. The event is free. Call 206-382-1197 for information.

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Black

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Even though Black talked a lot about restoring, he also pointed out that violence does take place. At ages 15-25 the No. 1 cause of death for black males is homicide, he said.

He also said that the history of America by law and custom is to discriminate against blacks.

"American society systematically denied blacks access to the two major sectors of the economy: the industrial sector and the sales and clerical sector," Black said. "And it was these two sectors that acted as elevators allowing individuals and groups to move from a lower class

status to a higher class status."

As a professor, Black said he wants black history to be more than just dates. "I'm trying to shape the consciousness of the young," he said.

He wants students to understand the complexity of social issues and how to solve them, the same reasons he became interested in sociology.

"Dr. King felt that we could confront the system, and because of this he was once called a communist, and also blamed for the race wars down South," Black said.

"I look at King as a great intellectual or an outstanding philosopher."

Thunderword Reporter Paul Davenport contributed to this story.

Buses

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scheduled for tonight, Jan. 22 at White Center Heights Elementary School from 6-8 p.m. to explain the proposed changes to the community and to hear the public's voice on the subject.

At a similar meeting Jan. 15, Metro representatives greeted people as they filtered in and out of the room at the Des Moines Fire District 26 office.

Kathy Hall, Metro's community relations representative, was on-hand to explain the changes in Metro's South King County area.

Dorthea (she declined to give her last name), a rider of Metro since 1973, was attending to protest the proposed changes for the 132 route because the bus is her only means of transportation.

Other people in attendance were also upset with the proposed route changes.

"Highline Community College should be the hub of bus routes in the area," said Gary Lewis, sometime bus rider and Highline alumnus.

Some offered solutions to the other possible problems they viewed Metro has, for example more transit security patrols at night, better lighting, and more stops with shelters.

A Metro publication detailing changes to the routes is available in Building 8, the cafeteria.

Metro is continuing to seek comments from area bus riders on the proposed changes, until May. Contact Hall at 821 Second Avenue M.S. 92, Seattle, WA 98104-1598, phone (206) 684-6755, FAX 689-3489, TTY 684-1682, or E-mail: kathy.hall@metrokc.gov


Survey

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Of the African-American students surveyed, 85 percent felt that racism is a problem today. And all of them consider themselves as racially tolerant.

Some 38 percent of white students surveyed felt that racism is a problem today, and 98 percent of them regard themselves as racially tolerant.

Some 88 percent of Asian students felt that racism is a problem, compared to 93 percent of students of various ethnic backgrounds.



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