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Students seek faculty diversity

Cabinet panel agrees

By Nelson Crisanto
Staff Reporter

Non-white students need more role models among Highline’s faculty, a group of students told a panel of college officials on Tuesday.

“I want to be able to see a familiar face, some one that looks like me, some one that can connect with me on a personal and cultural level,” said student Jeff Cytologo.

The group who approached panel officials is called the Students for Diversifying Faculty. “Some day I would like to look back and say this institution was truly dedicated to the students,” said Theresa Guerro, member of Students for Diversifying Faculty.

Highline Community College Compared to other schools in diversity

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The students presented some strategies to help diversify the faculty of Highline. Two strategies included the securing money to advertise in local and national ethnic-focused publications, and including students in the faculty selection process. Students of color at Highline don’t feel like they are currently well-represented.

“I don’t think we are providing as rich of an education as we can,” said student Kya Daniels. “Bringing faculty of color on campus would enhance the college experience for all students,” said student and Team Highline member Mena Tesfatsion.

“Not having faculty of color I can view as educational icons is a hindrance to my growth here at Highline,” Tesfatsion said.

The cabinet members also said they like the students’ vision of a more diverse faculty in the future.

“How can I work with a diverse population if I don’t have a diverse group?” asked Kay Balston, director of continuing education. “I think it’s really important to diversify the staff.”

“I think it weakens our ability to have a broader sense of excellence in learning,” said Jack Bermingham, vice president for instruction. “Diversity enriches the education process.”

“The students did an excellent job of presenting,” said Bob Hughes, dean of students for academic affairs. Despite the college’s back in diversity, they are making progress, Bermingham said.

Hughes faculty that were hired were faculty of color.

“It’s not acceptable,” said Hughes. “But the college is doing something about it.”

“I see the college making some good progress,” he said.

Financial aid is there for you

By David H. Cole
Staff Reporter

Many students who want to further their education and cannot afford to pay for it eventually arrive to the conclusion that they will need help.

Financial Aid is often the answer.

There are three basic types of financial aid, grants, loans, and student employment.

Grants are usually funds that do not have to be paid back. The only time grants may have to be paid back is if there is intent to not complete registered courses.

Loans are funds that must be paid back once your education has been completed. Lasty, student employment is an opportunity to earn a portion of your financial aid by working.

For student employment, there are on-campus and off-campus jobs.

At some institutions, such as Highline, if your job relates to your major, you may receive college credit while working.

To apply for financial aid, pick up a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAPSA) from the Financial Aid Office.

Qualifications are based on income, family size, background, and possibly ASSET test information. As with all financial aid, the quicker you turn your information in the better your chances of receiving financial aid,” said Steve Seeman, assistant director of financial aid at Highline.

Whether planning to transfer to a four-year institution or returning to finish a two-year degree, don’t delay.

Financial aid packets are due as early as Feb. to four-year institutions, so getting yours in before the rush is key.

Contact the Financial Aid Office in Building 6 at ext. 3358 for more information.
Students rally to help classmate

By Deborah McDaniel
Staff Reporter

Highline nursing student and single mother Kathleen Karimi is carrying a heavy load for the remainder of this quarter. Her eldest child, 17-year-old daughter Aja, died at home Friday night after attending a party.

The mother and daughter were very close. Her daughter was bright and extremely well-liked, said Erin Stanford, Highline Foundation Board member.

Aja recently wrote an essay about a person in her life she admired a lot. That person was her mother.

Stanford has known Karimi since she started at Highline five years ago.

“She’s an amazing woman who has overcome immense obstacles to achieve her goal of a career in medicine,” Stanford said.

Karimi, who has four other children, has received two scholarships from the Foundation, including the McMillin Scholarship this year.

Karimi’s fellow nursing students have rallied to her side, offering everything from home-cooked meals to assistance with child care.

The HCC Foundation has started an emergency fund for Karimi.

Checks may be made payable to the HCC Foundation, with a note that the donation is for the Women’s Program Emergency Assistance fund for Karimi.

Donations are being collected at the Foundation’s office in Building 9.

Justice prevails for student interns

By Tammy Bowlan
Staff Reporter

Highline students are arrested for domestic violence, and get class credit. Students in their second year of the Administration of Justice program are able to participate in Washington state’s Academy Testing Center.

The Academy tests newly employed officers for the state, county, and city.

It is required by state law that police officers pass this academy within the first six months of employment, explains Garry Wegner, head of Highline’s Administration of Justice program.

At the end of their training, officers are required to pass life-like scenarios such as domestic violence calls.

The Administration of Justice interns participate by acting as criminals in various situations.

Officers are dispatched to an apartment (actually a dorm room) where an anonymous neighbor reports hearing arguments and screaming.

Upon arrival, the officers find a woman holding a knife in the kitchen saying, “I’m not going to let you hurt me any more.”

Highline students Alex Chapackdee and Megan Moores are two of the students participating in the academy.

An officer arrests Alex Chapackdee in crime simulation.

Answering questions from the officers about why they are yelling and screaming and why she has a knife in her hand, the students gain valuable experience.

After the scene is quickly assessed with no danger to the officers, they separate the couple to question them.

The officers find that the husband was angry because he came home to a messy house and no hot dinner prepared. The husband had pulled his wife by the hair and pushed her into the kitchen, telling her to cook dinner.

The wife pulled out a knife and just held it, without threatening, to protect herself.

Officers are being tested for basic skills.

“Making sure that the officers are protecting themselves and controlling the scene is important,” said Bradley Graham, one of the testing officers, also a Tacoma police detective.

Officers need to be aware of Washington state laws which declare that a person does not have to press charges against their spouse for that person to be arrested.

By law, Washington state officers must arrest the husband for pulling her hair and pushing. Upon further investigation, officers find a gun in the back pocket of the husband.

Though he does not have a concealed weapons permit, he is in his home with the gun and cannot be charged with possession of a concealed weapon.

Police remove the gun, and have the choice of taking it with them for him to pick up at a later date, or leaving it in the apartment.

Security chief seeks contract

By Jess Kelley
Staff Reporter


Though his position is currently open and applications are being taken, Fisher might not be leaving Highline.

Fisher has reapplied for his job already, and is quite confident he will be retained and offered a continuation on his contract.

“I will most likely be rehired,” Fisher said, “unless someone with more experience comes along, which is doubtful.”

Fisher was originally hired in February 1997, when his predecessor Glenn Brooks resigned.

Fisher became Highline’s fourth security chief in little more than three years.

Highline offered Fisher a one-year contract as the Security Chief of the college.

“In that time, I have done well and have had no problems,” Fisher said.

College officials declined to comment on the hiring process.

According to Highline’s personnel office, as of Feb. 6, no one has applied for the position of Highline Security Chief.

The application process ends Feb. 18.

Colloquy class counts for credit

Students can earn credits for participating in the Spring Colloquy lecture series and panel discussions.

Attendance is expected at the Wednesday colloquy sessions, and students will also have to participate in a discussion on topics on the colloquy web page.

If interested, enroll in Hon 100, item number 4362.
Editorial

Current students left out in advising

Highline is losing 35 percent of its students between Fall and Spring Quarters. College officials are now working to lower that number.

Student advising has been cited as an area vital to retaining Highline students. Despite that, Highline’s Advising Week has been scrapped.

Advising Week, which ran for the last time Spring Quarter 1997, set aside time for students to meet with faculty advisers.

The time that was set aside, however, was one class period per hour.

Many students squandered this time off and many instructors resented their class periods being interrupted.

A better system, known as Project Declare, will begin to pick up the slack. The new system will match up faculty advisers with students who are interested in their fields, Educational Planner Denny Steussy said.

Unfortunately, the new program will not be tested until Spring Quarter. The full fledged Project Declare is slated to take off Fall Quarter ’98.

Students looking to transfer now must match up with an adviser the old fashioned way. The Educational Planning Center in Building 8 has a list of potential faculty advisers that students must take the initiative to get.

Advising is needed, but for now, students are on their own.

Women’s basketball team bouncing back

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The team’s assent was interrupted by a loss to top-ranked Skagit Valley but they came back to defeat the No. 2 team, Olympic.

After a rough start, it would be satisfying to see Highline’s other basketball team go on as well.

On the Wild Side

Slurp, gurgle, slurp, ‘I love you’

Love is filling the air with the sweet scent of affection.

Thank goodness I’m suffering from the emotional equivalent of congestion.

I work in a movie theater (no, I can not get you in for free). I also have the misfortune of working this Valentine’s Day.

Feb. 14 is a special time of year. As one Highline professor put it, “It’s amateur night.”

I’m not a dinky dink kind of guy. In fact, I still hide my eyes during kissing scenes in most movies.

Unfortunately, there will be no where for me to look this Valentine’s Day.

Valentine’s Day is a massacre

For as long as I can remember, I’ve been forced to endure Feb. 14. It comes from being a nerd.

It started in third grade, when Mr. Sherman, the counselor in Duos the Dolphin.

Duo would give us weekly lessons about life in general, and along with the weekly lesson, we also learned a weekly word.

That week of Feb. 14, Duso told us about how to be nice to our fellow students, and the word of the week was “outcast.” Obviously, Mr. Sherman and his degenerate dolphin knew nothing about the nature of third graders.

When he left the room, all hell broke loose.

Heaven was filled with children, my freakin’ classmates, surrounded my desk like, and i.e. the room.

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Lisa’s World

On the Wild Side

Saturday to avoid the little cutie couples tramping in to watch a movie.

I can see them now cuddling together in line to buy tickets. He’ll look at her and she’ll gaze up into his eyes. Then slurp, gurgle, drool, drool, slurp, gurgle, “I love you,” and “I love you too.”

Just don’t get what is so romantic about shoveling all over your significant other in front of people.

Maybe they want to make all of us confirmed singles feel bad for being alone on the most loving day of the year.

More likely they’re just making up for all those years that they were alone.

This year, I beg you, please keep your affection at home where it belongs.

W.B. Heming is the Opinion Editor of the Thunderword and a life-long bachelor.

Lisa Curdy is an outcast.

I know Lisa is an outcast,” Miss Wernick said, “but the least you can do is wait until recess.”

I think the secretly revealed in my moment of sorrow.

Later that week, no one wanted the mushy valentines I gave them.

Traumatized, you ask? Yes, I am.

Valentine’s Day still makes me want to shriek like a rat.

So if you see a girl huddled in the corner of a room, it’s probably just my thumb-sucking self.

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Mother gives daughter the gift of life twice

By Tricia Davis
Staff Reporter

Last January of 1997, my mother, Jan Davis, donated a kidney to my sister, Angela Pap- paps. My family had known that this was coming because my sister had a disease called Polycystic kidney disease. The family decision was that we would all get tested to find out if any of us were a match. We did this because if my sister were to be put on a list for kidney donation, most likely they wouldn’t find a match. So we all got tested. We found out that my sister, my mother, my brother, and I were all matches. Then came the decision of who would be the one to do the donating. That’s when my mom said she wanted to do it. Considering that my mom was not as young as my sister and brother, we were all skeptical about her going through such a major surgery. It definitely was a higher risk. Mom made a good point. She said that Angela could possibly need another kidney 15-20 years down the road, and she definitely wouldn’t be able to do it. Now came the waiting. My sister’s kidneys were still functioning enough to keep her alive. So we had to wait, and maybe we had her get dialysis for awhile. The doctor esti- mated that it could take three months to a year. So as time went on, we did our families an

Commentary

Angela Pappan received a kidney transplant from her mom. and my mom.

We all had thought that when the transplant was over, my sis- ter would be better. No more problems. Just to give you a 100. Both classes transfer as elective credit and, as the article explained, are especially de- signed to help beginning stu- dents become successful stu- dents.

Secondly, while we in the Thunderword staff appreciate our outstanding, timely publication this year. To the managing staff of Inside Scoop, the magazine idea, each edition with its own focus, is terrific!

Margo Buchan

Evergreen State U left out of article

Dear Editor:

I wanted to commend you on your excellent college transfer articles in the Jan. 29 edition of the Thunderword. It was a well-produced, thoughtful look at what it is like to transfer to one of Washington’s four-year schools.

I was disappointed, however, to see that your readers were given no information about the Evergreen State College. It was the only four-year state school not represented in your article ti- tled “My Old School.”

I feel your readers would benefit from hearing the experiences of former Evergreen students now attending Evergreen.

Sincerely,

James W. Spencer

New Inside Scoop makes minor errors

Dear Editor:

Congratulations on the first edition of the new pullout maga- zine Inside Scoop. I really en- joyed the entire publications, but would like to make a couple of minor corrections to the Jan- 29 article, “Transfer Time: Prepara- tion H: Students say Highline gets them ready.” First, College 101’s official title is “Introduc- tion to College.” It is a three credit course. “College Surviv- a” is actually a one credit course listed as Human Services

picture of the life my sister would lead after the transplant.

First, in order to have her body not reject my mom’s kid- ney they have to repress her im- mune system. Which is close to closing it down. This process causes her to get sick very easi- ly. Then she will have to take three-hundred pills a week in- cluding steroids, which will cause her face to be “moon shaped.” Some of the other side affects are: more hair on your head, legs, etc., light sensiti- tive, brittle bones, and by re- pressing the immune system this causes a higher risk of cancer. This was an extremely hard dis- covery for my mom.

The day of the surgery I re- member going to the hospital early in the morning. We had our own waiting room for family and friends. We got to spend time with my mom and my sister before they went into surgery. My family is already a very emotional bunch, so you could just picture us when we had to say goodbye. They took my mom down to see my sister Angela because they had been giving her chemotherapy. Then not too long after that my sister left.

Waiting was the hardest part, but we had a lot of support. Even our minister showed up. I can remember the waiting. Time seemed to go by so slow. I tried to sleep just to let the time pass, but it was hard to sleep, under those circumstances.

Actually, it was hard to do anything. I know people have this surgery done everyday but it’s different when they’re peo- ple you are so close to. I couldn’t tell you how many times I thought the worst. I re- member about halfway through the surgery someone came to give us an update. They said everything was going well. My sister was only twenty-three and my mom’s kidney was very pink, which means it was a good kidney. When the doctor came and updated us, it made everybody feel a little bit better.

Nothing had ever happened. We saw my mom first because Angela was still not done. But the only problem was mom was in a lot of pain. It took the doctors two hours to get control of her pain. It was hard to watch her, but at least I was there to help her through it. When my sister got out she wasn’t in as much pain. Her body was back in control and it just got a new kidney. But my mom was trying to get used to having only one kidney to run on so it was harder for her. Now a year later everyone’s doing as well as can be expected. My sister hasn’t rejected the kidney. She is a straggler and only has to go to the doctor once a month now and she’s down to 200 pills a week. She feels a lot happier and is thank- ful for the gift of life once again from our mother.
It's cuddle, not cash on Valentine's

Remember back in the day when giving a Valentine gift used to be simple?

Making the colored paper card holders that hung on the back of your tiny wooden chair was the highlight of this heart felt event. Well, those little heart candi- dyes that would say stuff like, "hot stuff," never hurt either. (And you wonder why some women now have such a high self-esteem.)

Card holders that hung on the back of your tiny wooden chair send his fine self over this way.

One day can be.

Highline students tell their best and worst.

By Rachael Watkins
and Scott Ludke
Staff Reporters

Highline student Kristen Couch has a very fond memory of Valentine's Day.

"My boyfriend and his friend set up a 'scavenger hunt' for me and my friend with roses at each spot. They led us around town finding a rose and a clue to the next one. At the 12th rose, they had a candle-lit dinner waiting for us," Couch said.

Most Highline students say Valentine's is just another day, but some recall happy and horrorific times on the designate- ed day of love.

Tony Osterholtz remembers a childhood memory from elementary school.

"In sixth grade I was 'going out' with the finest girl in the school. The night before Valentine's Day, I spent three hours on a huge construction paper card. When I gave it to her the next day, she dumped me and threw the card in the trash."

Highline student Jessica Johnson has an old-fashioned memory that made her smile.

"It was our first Valentine's Day together, and my boyfriend sent me a gift in every class. I got a rose, some chocolates, a card, and some stuffed animals. That night he gave me a promise ring. It's been four years and we're still together, but now I have an updated version of the ring."

Jelani Hauser wasn't alone and decided to get it over with.

"I went on a blind date with my girlfriend, but at the time I was trying to date this other girl. I hadn't talked to this other girl for a month, so I didn't think we had plans for Valentine's Day. On Valentine's Day, the other girl page me, and I ended up canceling my plans with my girlfriend to go out with this chick. It turned out that she couldn't go anywhere, and we ended up sitting on her front porch all night. Some- how my girlfriend found out and now I don't have either one of them."

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By Tina M. McDonald
Staff Reporter

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Garfield valentine was my self-esteem.

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Valentine's day in the eighth grade back scratcher, (Hall- mark maybe?) I bought a clue and a Garfield stuffed animal who was holding a heart that said, "When does the kissing start?"

Hmmm...can we say hor- mone problems?

Nevertheless, from there I took Valentine's day pretty darn serious.

For years, I spent gobs and gobs of money on my past boy- friends, and I would buy things that they never even took plea- sure in. This year, Christi is lay- in' back, and boycotting Valen- tine's day.

Hey, if you have a significant other, everyday should be a cherished one. Valentine's day is just the icing on that good date of cake.

I see too many good folks freak out about what to get their precious love bugs. Relax! Go see a movie! Heck, Thannie will be out for another decade, go see it again for the fifth time.

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By Johnnie Nguyen

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Mr. Food does the salsa

When you want to make a foray into authentic Mexican food, consider La Costa Mexican Restaurant, because it doesn't "costa" too much. Seriously!

I brought my special "Mr. Food" menu, consisting once again of my sister Emily, my new best friend Jim; and myself. I got a hot tip about good Mexican chow and headed down La Costa Mexican restaurant, located in downtown Burien.

Mr. Food

By Scott C. Murray

As we entered the restaurant there was the loud, rich sound of cheerful Mexican folk music pouring out of a jukebox. Soon after being seated, we were given a bowl of hot tortilla chips with a side of refried beans, and two different kinds of salsa. One salsa was the traditional kind with peppers and tomatoes. The second salsa was a more spicy version of the first with a different touch to it.

Emily ordered two chicken enchiladas, made from tender pieces of shredded chicken covered with enchilada sauce rolled up into two corn tortillas. Her meal cost close to $7. She also ordered a chimichanga. His meal cost a little over $8.

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Lady Thunderbirds climb into playoff position

By Kris Petersen
Sports Editor

The Highline Lady Thunderbirds ran their recent hot streak to five wins in six games with a 75-72 win at Whatcom on Saturday. The victory puts them in position for a playoff spot.

The squad is tied with Peninsula for fourth place in the Northern Region. The top four teams in each region battle for two spots in the championship tournament.

The victory on Saturday allowed Highline to leapfrog Whatcom in the standings. In a matchup earlier in the season, Whatcom benefited from poor officiating to pull away with a 10 point victory on the Lady Thunderbirds’ home court.

This time, however, Highline would not be denied.

After extending an early lead to 18 points, the squad went into halftime with a 15 point lead. Ice cold shooting hurt Highline in the second half.

Whatcom dominated the boards in the latter stanza while the Lady T-Birds shot a frigid 31 percent, allowing the Orcas to climb back into the game.

After a Marla Johnson layup with 42 seconds remaining, Whatcom sat within only two points.

After Whatcom’s fouling strategy failed, the Lady T-Birds sealed the victory.

A last second three-pointer by Renee Cameron served merely to make the score appear closer than the game really was. Karen Nadeau led Highline in scoring with 25 points. She also dominated the defensive backcourt with eight steals, part of a team effort which created 29 Whatcom turnovers.

Valerie Nater also played well, contributing 14 points, 14 rebounds, and six blocks.

Kristi Duggan scored nine with five boards and Jennifer Tarbet had eight points, six rebounds, and four steals.

Johnson led Whatcom in scoring with 16, which came with nine rebounds.

Laurie Hoskins played a major role in the Orcas’ resurgence, snatching 20 rebounds.

“We have to think ‘increase the lead,’ instead of ‘keep the lead,’” said Nadeau.

The Lady Thunderbirds dominated the backcourt defensively, forcing Whatcom point guards Wendy Wright and Jill Jacoby to six and 10 turnovers, respectively.

“We smothered them, then by Renne Cameron served merely to make the score appear closer than the game really was,” Nadeau said.

“We have an awesome defense,” Nater said.

In the six game stretch, Highline has won close games with rebounding and defense.

“The team has played particularly well together defensively. ‘It seems like we talk more,’ said Nater.

Nadeau has wreaked havoc on opposing backcourts, averaging over four steals a game, while Nater has dominated interior defense.

“All four games will be key to the Lady Thunderbirds’ playoff chances,” Nadeau said.

“Heck yeah, we’re going to keep winning!” --Freshman guard Karen Nadeau

Men’s team annihilates Whatcom

By Michael Stampalia
Staff Reporter

Highline’s men’s basketball team defeated Whatcom on the road Saturday (104-69), bringing their winning streak to 21 games. The Thunderbirds recorded an NWAACC best 22-1 overall and 11-0 in league.

The Thunderbirds never trailed Whatcom Community College in a game where they led by as many as 34 points. Highline jumped out to an 11 point lead in the first half and never looked back.

“We did a very good job playing defense in the first half,” Coach Joe Callero said.

The Thunderbird bench scored 52 of the team’s 104 points, outscoring Whatcom’s bench by 25 points (52-27).

With the score 104-50 the Orcas managed two quick baskets in the last two minutes of the game to make the score 104-54.

On a night when only three players managed to score in double figures, the Thunderbirds fed off of their defense.

Quincy Wilder and Marty Delange each had five steals as Highline forced 32 Whatcom turnovers. Wilder is second on the team in points, and also has 14 steals.

Adam Enfield led the Thunderbirds with 24 points, 18 of which came on 6 of 7 shooting from three-point range.

“Adam shot the ball well offensively. His shots were set up by Gabe Ladd and the other guards. You have to give credit to the people who passed him the ball,” Callero said.

Enfield’s stellar performance raised his three-point shooting percentage to 45.3.

Forward Todd Watts added 15 points.

Coming off of their first bye-week of the league season Head Coach Joe Callero was concerned about his team’s play.

“I was happy with the things we added during the week. I thought we executed them well,” Callero said.

“We didn’t let them set up their offense, but we played well on defense and on the fast break.”

During the week off, the team added new wrinkles on offense and defense.

“We were not crisp on offense, but we played well on defense and on the fast break,” said Nadeau.

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Results from Wednesday’s game versus Edmonds were unavailable at press time.

Following the Edmonds game, Highline plays Everett on Saturday, Feb. 14, then travels to Peninsula on Monday, Feb. 16, before playing at Bellevue on Wednesday, Feb. 18.

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“ Heck yeah, we’re going to keep winning!” said Nadeau.

Home on the range

Championship opportunity brings Home on the range

By Osman Munroe
Staff Reporter

It has been five months since Marty DeLange left his hometown Lynden to play basketball at Highline.

Lynden is a small town, about 10 minutes away from Canada. It’s about a two hour drive from them to Des Moines.

DeLange had a lot of offers to play basketball at other community colleges coming out of high school, but he chose Highline because he wanted to find out what city life is like.

Lacking experience in the city, he wanted to try some new things.

“I had a feeling the city was going to be like from talking with other people that have been in the city,” DeLange said.

DeLange says he likes the new experience of being down here in Des Moines, meeting new people, having fun playing basketball with his teammates, and also seeing different sites.

At Lynden, DeLange was a shooting center for the varsity basketball team for three years.

His team took third and sixth in the AA state tournament, losing twice in the semi-finals on last-second shots.

When the season started, DeLange had no idea how the college competition would be.

“I wasn’t on the starting line for the first game, which was expected, but there is one thing that he had to work hard for, which is being one of the starting five on the team.

“I wasn’t on the starting line for the first three games, which made me work hard” said he. Now he is the starting center on the team, averaging 8.4 points and 6.5 rebounds per game.

DeLange said he likes playing basketball, but school is more important to him. He doesn’t know what he wants to major in at this point, but he likes the fact that he is in school.

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DeLange said he likes the experience of being in the city, but he would rather be in the country where they have less people, less traffic lights and he gets a chance to work on the farm with his dad.

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Watts back at Highline

By Deonne Taylor
Staff Reporter

Todd Watts is playing basketball again because he doesn’t like selling jeans.

Not that basketball is going to make Watts a pile of money. Watts came back to continue his education and get a better career.

Watts, a 6-4 guard, is back at Highline after a year away.

“I was tired of just working,” Watts said. “It just wasn’t working.”

And he missed playing basketball.

“It feels right to be back on the squad,” Watts said. “The team’s goal is to win the NWAACC.”

The 21-1 Thunderbirds are defending champions of the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges.

Watts starts, supplying a potent outside jumper and tough defense.

He averages 10.7 points and 3.1 rebounds per game for the Thunderbirds and is third on the team in minutes played.

In the team’s last game, at Whatcom, Watts scored 15 points and had nine rebounds, four assists, and only one turnover.

When Watts is finished with his Associate of Arts degree he says he would like to attend a four-year university.

He says he will attend Central Washington University if teammate Reggie Ball joins him.

Watts will be expecting his first child in about four months from his girlfriend.

In playing the father figure role, he says he’s nervous but happy and ready at the same time.

The strong parts of his game are shooting around the perimeter and passing.

His passing ability and high assist to turnover ratio are especially appreciated by his coaches.

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Trevor Howard

Coaching is top priority for Oakeley

By Garrett Miller
Staff Reporter

Janelle Oakley once lived for playing basketball.

Now she lives for coaching it.

“I would be able to make the transition to head coach easily,” said Oakley, who is dropping hints that she would like to be Head Coach Dale Bolinger for the last two years.

Bolinger is departing at the end of this season, leaving the job open for next season.

Oakley has some experience.

She had played under four different coaches while she attended college, allowing her to learn many different coaching techniques over the years.

Oakley played her freshman year of basketball at Big Bend C.C. in Moses Lake.

“I decided to come to Highline for my second year of college so I could be closer to home,” Oakley said. “I grew up in Federal Way.”

While at Highline, Oakley played under Bolinger, and helped take the Lady T-Birds to the play-offs.

After Highline she went to Newman College in Wichita, Kans. to play basketball and soccer for two years. In 1996-97 she came to Highline to be the assistant coach for the women’s basketball team.

“Janelle has made a lot of progress with her coaching endeavors,” Bolinger said.

Many of the freshmen on the team this year would like to play for Oakley next season.

“I like to have a woman coach because she’s easier to talk to,” freshman Amanda Eckert said.

although friendly and easy going off the court, her players say Oakley is intense “when she needs to be.”

Oakley has been a good complement to Bolinger’s coaching style.

Oakley said she is the emotional part of the duo, while Bolinger is a “great X and O coach.”

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Wrestlers try for nationals

By Frankie Ceniceros
Staff Reporter

The Highline Thunderbird Wrestling team is hoping to send at least six wrestlers through regionals to nationals.

The T-Birds’ regional match will be Friday, Feb. 13, at Northern Idaho CC, in Coeur d’Alene, Idaho.

One wrestler who is expected to do well is Nelson Crisanto, who won regionals last year before a seventh-place finish at nationals.

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Highline cheer busts a move

By Tracy Wilcoxen
Staff Reporter

Highline cheerleaders love to perform. They work at basketball games during time outs and at half time.

They have to come to get trained and move on舞蹈," they said in unison.

Coach Dale Bolinger.

Quite precisely," said Basketball Squad members say it is a lot of work putting routines together and practicing them together on the same beat.

"I cheer because I did it in high school and I love to perform in front of people," said Nikole Jack.

Terry Dixon is the adviser for the cheerleaders. Dixon has 30 years of experience advising cheerleaders. She is also the adviser for Evergreen High School cheer squad. Cheerleading is not a sport at Highline and therefore not funded by the college. This is why the cheerleaders don't cheer for sports other than basketball.

"It comes from my own salary," Dixon said.

The women of the squad pay around $200 for their uniforms. Squad members say cheering is a good way to meet new people, exercise, see some great basketball games, develop your personality and a great chance to learn how to become a leader.

A leader once and you will always be a leader," Dixon said.

If you are interested in becoming a cheerleader for Highline, call Terry Dixon at (206) 243-3993. Tryouts start next September.

Hughes dances his way to Highline

By Tracy Wilcoxen
Staff Reporter

The best dancer on the Highline cheer squad, Jaret Hughes, is not a student at Highline. But Hughes is taking his passion and making it happen at Highline.

He is one in the line up of 10 in the Highline cheer squad.

"Jaret has great moves and he can work it baby," said Karen Nadeau, player on the Highline women's basketball team.

Besides Hughes being a dancer he is also the choreographer and coach. He puts the dance routines together covering all different types of styles and music. Along with that, he has to teach the squad the moves to the routines and coach them too.

"I put in about 24 hours plus in a week practicing," Hughes said.

Hughes is a senior at Evergreen High School where he is on the cheer squad, doing the same job. Hughes helps here at Highline on his own time because he loves dancing and performing in front of an audience. "I feel the girls and I do a good job performing and feel appreciated by the crowd," said Hughes.

Hughes is planning to come to Highline next year to study computer technology and business. At the same time he will be following his dream and attending dance school at the Bus- tier Dance Theater.

"He is wonderful and everyone just loves him because they see that he is so talented," said adviser Terry Dixon.

Hughes said he has been interested in dance and cheer since he was a child. It all started by watching Michael and Janet Jackson videos.

"Janet Jackson is my favorite choreographer because she performs different types of dances and she presents her own style in a very unique way," Hughes said.

Hughes has taken dance lessons since he was in the seventh grade. This last year, when he went to the Seattle Center Academy, he made his mind up to become a dancer.

"When I perform it takes me to another level where I'm able to express myself," said Hughes.

Meanwhile he is cheering and dancing at Highline women's and men's basketball games. His fellow cheerleaders think very highly of him because they see how much talent he has and his ability to perform in front of an audience.

"He is the glue that holds us together, the best dancer I have ever seen, he is just phenomenal," said cheerleader Claire Kriesel.

Sports Briefs

A golf challenge for the Foundation will be held August 21, but fundraising now. Packs will be available in March, it's the event's third year and $1000 is needed to enter. Half of the mon- ey teams raise goes back to the team and half goes to the founda- tion.

Water polo: Registration be- gins Feb. 17. The class starts up again, opening on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 2 p.m.

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New drainage system will put end to floods on track

By Christopher Louck
Staff Reporter

Flash floods and natural destruction will soon come to an end with the addition of settlement ponds to Highline's campus.

A ravine that runs behind the track field is currently flooding the wetlands on campus.

All the water that drains from the parking lots, paths, and building rooftops runs west through the campus, into the ravine. Because it is a wetland, the ground is already saturated with water, and any addition of water causes flooding.

Facilities Director Pete Babington said that because most of the campus is paved, large amounts of polluted water rushes into the ravine. Apartments west of campus also have reported flood problems. Because of the increase in paved surfaces, the current water runs too fast to be soaked up.

A committee has been selected to make designs for the settlement ponds. These ponds would be arranged in stairsteps, similar to an ice cube tray. The water coming in the first squares would be slowed, and the water runs too fast to be soaked up.

The design will start next summer and should take a year and a half to complete. The design committee is going to try to make the ravine into a park where people can enjoy nature and watch the water.

"We are going to tear up the land anyway, so we might as well make it something beautiful," Babington said.

Ravine on the west side of campus will soon be replaced.

Lights go out on campus

By Alex Henney
Staff Reporter

The lights went out at Highline yesterday. At about 10 a.m. on Wednesday the power went out in buildings 5, 6, and 11. The power outage was caused by a plumbing leak in the basement of Building 6.

Water found its way from an old galvanized pipe into the breaker panel and shorted out two fuses. The outage affected virtually everyone in these buildings. "There's not much I can do without electricity," Marsa Mair, a secretary in Building 11 said.

Richard Hust with campus facilities indicated that the power in Building 6 would be back on when they could find the right fuses. "Those fuses are hard to find," Hust said.

S&A prepares budget

By Andrew Campbell
Staff Reporter

It's time for the $800,000 Highline sweepstakes. Up to 40 campus organizations, from art to volleyball, will spend the next few months trying to convince the S&A Budget Committee that some of your money should go to them. The S & A Budget Committee determines who gets what student funds, which stood at $785,925 at the beginning of this year.

Because of the increase in credit fees, up to $49 for 10 credits. The money pays for additional programs outside of the basic classroom. "The S & A budget basically pays for anything you don't get credit for," said Chad Cornish, committee chairman.

All other funding comes from the Instructional Budget, which covers teachers' salaries and most other things that you get credit for.

The S & A committee is hoping that the Instructional Budget will take on a few of the services and programs that the S & A currently provides. "The accompanist for the choir for example, we don't feel that we should be paying for the accompanist because choir is a credit class," Cornish said.
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said that they are more frequent and less intense than they are in South Korea, where students are not permitted to work.

S.A.D.

said that many of the students are suffering from depression due to the end of the quarter. The depression is caused by a number of different factors, including the change in lighting conditions.

The winter blues normally do not last for the entire winter according to Hagerty, and the mild depression that follows the holiday blues is usually not as severe.

Hagerty is part of the 13 percent in Washington who have S.A.D. She discovered that she had the disorder nine years ago. What clued her in was the desire to be more energetic and less productive, and the realization that she was fatigued and had less energy.

In the summer time, however, Hagerty has to put thick dark curtains over her windows in order to cut down on the light. She also uses a light simulator in her room that helps her wake up in the morning. The light simulator works by gradually getting brighter in order to trick the eye into thinking the sun is rising.

For further treatment you should consult your physician, she said. She also recommends that you experiment with different treatments, including diet, light, and environment.

S.A.D. or even post winter blues should experiment with different treatments.

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said that when the women cooperate, Seattle is a great place for a hang gliding competition. Edris, who is a native of Egypt, said that she enjoys the climate and culture of this country.

Edris's only goals for her upcoming season are to have fun and to do well in the competitions. She participates in a variety of competitions and enjoys the challenge of each new event.

The sport of hang gliding requires a great deal of money and self-funded travelling to the competition sites. However, it is a sport that Edris enjoys.

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