Central to move westside campus to Highline
By Alex Credgington

Highline will move its SeaTac branch back to its Highline campus. This is the first and most important step in co-locating the CWU branch here on one campus — back to where they belong," Highline President Edward Command said in a recent memo to faculty and staff.

"I believe a partnership will be best for our students and provide the best services for the citizens of our area," Command said.

Highline's pool, which closed last month, will be built on campus by Ivory Nelson, president of Central Washington University. The new building will be located where the current lease on the SeaTac campus will be vacated, as required by the university.

The plan calls for a $2 million building here by 1999, Command said. The new building will house 600 students and provide the best educational opportunity for students. We look forward to establishing a partnership with Central," Command said.

The partnership will allow students to enroll directly from Highline's two-year programs of CWU for an additional two years of a bachelor's degree program, without ever leaving the campus.

"We will continue to be a two-plus-two," said Robert Edington, west-side divisional director at Highline. The plan was proposed after two decades, Command said. The process that will turn Harrison's recommendation into a reality is already under way. The S&A budget will be finalized this month, and based on the budget committee's recommendations it should be finalized this week, Command said.

"Every year we evaluate all of our athletic programs," Harrison said. "This year may be the last for track and cross country at Highline. It was the best idea I ever had." Harrison said.

The process that will turn Harrison's proposal into reality is already under way. The S&A budget will be finalized in time for the spring semester, and based on the budget committee's recommendations it should be finalized this week, Command said.

"It is very unlikely that we will recommend different than the committee," Command said.

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College steps up advising

By Anna Hackenmiller
Staff Reporter

The Educational Planning Center wants to help undecided students save time and money by having them declare their major as soon as possible.

"Even if they're not sure of a major we (the staff) can help them focus in on an area," said Key Balston, Educational Planning Center director.

Why is it so hard to decide?

"There are so many different choices, and like so many different things," says Highline student Juli Rasmussen.

Students are taking six years to finish college because they are taking classes that aren’t prerequisites of their major, Balston says.

The center recently had Project Declare week where they encouraged students to meet with an adviser to get started with the process of declaring a major.

A poll was also held, asking students what the most popular majors and four-year colleges are.

The results, will be used to help the center focus resources where students need them most.

For example, they have found that psychology is a popular major. This causes psychology teachers to be overloaded with advising requests.

One plan to solve this is setting up group advising sessions where a teacher can answer everyone’s questions at once.

Student can declare their major any time just by dropping by the Educational Planning Center in Building 2.

"Project Declare was just a way for us to get students more focused on this," said Balston.

Students hacky-sack in the Building 8 courtyard and take advantage of this crazy weather of ours. Spring fever is rising as spring break approaches, leaving students hacky-sack in the Building 8 courtyard and taking advantage of this crazy weather of ours.

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Correction

A story on page 4 in the Feb. 19 issue of the Thunderword incorrectly identified Gina Erickson as Science Adviser to the drainage project.

Hey kids: Get jiggy with it in your pj’s

The BSU-sponsored Jammi Jam is tomorrow.

You can get your booty shakin’ in Building 8 from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. for $5.

 Beware, those in inappropriate bedtime attire will not be allowed inside.

Beat those math blues into a pulp

A workshop is here to rescue the student who is floundering in math or is avoiding it altogether.

Workshop sessions meet at 1 and 6 p.m. on Tuesday, March 3 in the upper level of Building 8.

Find the job of your dreams here today

Leading employers will be on hand today from noon to 1:15 p.m. in Building 2.

Office and the Graduation Review Board, explaining their situation.

Affected students can then decide whether or not to take Math 97. Summer Quarter, or geting a score of 45 in the intermediate algebra section of the ASSET test.

The Graduation Review Board decided to allow the affected students to keep the Philosophy 120 class as a quantitative skills credit.

The board will send letters to every student explaining the policy of this one-time decision, and recommends that they take the math requirement.

Philosophy instructor Lorraine Stone said "the school is just beginning to implement this requirement policy. The main objective is to help students get a better transferring degree.

The problem is that some four-year schools will look for Math 97 or above when you apply for graduation," said Denny Steussy of the Educational Planning Center.

Failure editions of school planning materials like quarterly schedules will have better information about the subject," he said.

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What A Bargain!
Tax help comes to Highline

By Paris Hansen
Staff Reporter

Current and former accounting students will offer income tax help to Highline students, family members, and the community starting March 2 in Building 8.

In its second year at Highline, Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) will offer its services to the campus community.

Accounting students will receive training through the Business 115 income tax class or through review sessions.

Training and training will also be provided by the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP).

AARP, a group of retired people who had been involved in accounting and taxes, volunteered their time in libraries each year to provide public tax help.

Again this year, some Highline students will be assisting AARP on Saturdays with the Pitts tax help at the various public libraries.

Fifteen students, former and current, will be involved in the tax assistance.

Every hour, at least three people will be helping with taxes. Two current accounting students will be doing this for the first time, and one former accounting program student will supervise.

"This is also being done in cooperation with cooperative education," said coordinator Cathy Pitts. "The students that participate get cooperative education credit. In a way it's a little bit like an internship."

Income tax help is open to Highline students and their families and friends.

The service is free to everybody involved and tax forms are provided. Anybody interested must remember to bring their W2 and 1099 forms and two pieces of identification.

"We don't have a lot of people...connected to Highline, coming here," Pitts said. "One of the reasons for this is that we limit what we are doing to filing the 1040A and 1040EZ. We are basically doing the short forms.

"The students are not only getting some additional business education, but they're also doing a community service, which I think is important," said Pitts.

Income tax help will be offered between March 2 and April 15, Mondays and Wednesdays from 2-6 p.m. in Bldg. 8.

Women's Day Celebration lifts off with aviators

By Ijeoma Agu
Staff Reporter

Come hear about the women who have broken historical ice.

The International Women's Day Celebration is Wednesday, March 4 in Building 8, and will broaden your view of women.

Building on the theme, "Women Who Soar With Eagles," a panel of women aviators, including Highline instructor Marian Carter, will talk about their careers, how they made it happen, and answer questions from the audience.

Discover Bessee Coleman, the first African American to earn her pilot's license, as well as Pancho Barnes, the woman who broke Amelia Earhart's speed record. Valentina Teresikova, the first woman in space and many others!

"Bring your children, especially your daughters so they can see the possibilities," said Pat Flores from Women's Programs.

In addition to the speakers, there will be books and videos showing all day in Building 8, and a scrap book will be on display.

It will be from noon-2 p.m. on Highline Campus. For further information, call Women's Programs at 878-3710, ext. 3340.

One ad. One inch. Call our boy Scott for the details. Ext. 3318.
Editorial

Men, women hoops teams make playoffs

Both the Men’s and Women’s Basketball teams have made it to the playoffs this year and are seeded first and fourth respectively.

Despite the teams’ dual successes the paths they traveled to get there are very different.

The Men’s basketball team seeks a repeat of their last season record. The Men’s lost only one game last year and as the season nears an end, the team, with only one loss, looks as though they may do it again.

But more important than any record is the title they hope to retain, North West Athletic Conference of Community Colleges Champions.

The Women’s team, on the other hand, did not make the playoffs last season.

At the beginning of the season it did not look like the women would come any where near the playoffs.

The Women’s team lost nine straight games early in their season. However, the team turned things around and are now off to the top seeded Skagit Valley tonight at 7 p.m.

Both teams deserve to be told congratulations and good luck in post season play.

Highline choir still looking for voices

Dr. Victoria Kincaid-Theriault hopes that college choir, a two-credit course being offered Monday-Thursday from noon-1 p.m., fills up.

Kincaid, musical director, also hopes to find a bass singer for the Jazz Ensemble soon.

Unfortunately for Kincaid, Highline students don’t seem to feel that choir is a worthwhile activity. The choir currently consists of 25 people, but 40 students are needed, Kincaid said.

Students should join “for the joy of singing,” Dr. Kincaid said. Apparently only 10-11 students wish to experience that joy so far next quarter.

Music is important to culture. Ballads, hymns, and even musicals have helped cultures around the world express who they are. A strong choral program at Highline can express what kind of school Highline is.

Dr. Kincaid hopes to take the Jazz Ensemble to Victoria B.C., but won’t be able to do so unless she a bass singer joins the group. The trip to B.C. is a way for Highline to promote the college.

Beyond expressing culture, singing is just fun. Making music is a far more rewarding than humming along in the car to the latest Spice Girls song.

Students interested in joining the choir should sign up for college choir in Spring Quarter. If credits are a problem, students can contact Dr. Kincaid at (206) 878-3710, ext. 3346.

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Opinion

Mr. Stinky needs to go easy on the atomizer

There’s a basic rule when going into a theater, go easy on the atomizer.

Unfortunately, just like at the theater, students tend to pour it on when coming to class. I understand that it may not be easy to find time to shower in the morning, but that is never an excuse to bathe in perfume or cologne instead.

Just the other day I was sitting in class trying desperately to pay attention. All of the sudden the door crashed open and in stepped Mr. Stinky.

I have no idea what scent he was wearing nor do I think it really mattered. Whatever Mr. Stinky was wearing, he sure didn’t leave much in the bottle. Mr. Stinky walked over toward me and took the empty seat just in front of me.

The rest of class passed in a religious haze.

On the Wild Side

With W.B. Hemsley

The worst part of the whole situation is that I was too polite to say anything to him. It doesn’t end there. I came back the next day and expected that Mr. Stinky would have cleaned up his act. Instead, Mr. Stinky was back in full force.

That guy must have a 50 gallon tank full of that stuff.

Odors can be just as distracting as noises. Beyond just being distracting, some people are sensitive to the chemicals in perfumes and colognes.

We must know the disease before a vaccine can be produced, we must make ourselves aware of the circumstances from which these rages stem.

Recently I was witness to one such turd affair involving a Highline parking space and two desperate pursuers.

A friend and I when walking up the hill in the south parking lot when our deep conversation was interrupted by some commotion ahead. Before us was a vehicle we will label Sporty Spice (for pending legal safety) fully parked in a space with another car, Crazy Spice. Crazy Spice pulled up bumper to bumper with Sporty. The driver of Sporty was soon attempting to lock his door and continue on to class hoping that Crazy Spice would grip her flailing anger and move on to any number of open spaces. Sadly though, Crazy Spice too left her car and approached the much younger driver of Sporty.

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Crazy then dashed back to her vehicle with intent to flee. Sporty Spice then leaped in front of Crazy Spice’s car stopping her retreat. Crazy bumped Sporty with the bumper as he demanded his keys.

Crazy replied with more screaming and humping, driving Sporty to record the license number and make of the Crazy-wagon. Crazy Spice knew she would be caught if Sporty succeeded in his record keeping so she gave the throttle more weight. Sporty then bunched up onto the hood and pounded the driver’s side wheel well of Crazy’s car in with his fist. Sporty rolled off the hood leaving just enough time for him to slap the window and kick at the air as Crazy sped away with the Sporty keys. Sporty then remained on vigil at the Sporty-ride as I and my co-witness succeeded in reporting this gross display of animalism to campus security.

Amidst our return, Crazy Spice verbally assaulted us, “You want to know why I did this; we are so true as civilized and human as we hope to be or are we nothing more than babbling monkeys?”

This, my friends is a question that must be answered inside everyone of us as before fits of rage, like this example, can possibly begin to decline. For I have seen that any man, woman, or child can be reduced to the most carnal of human existence, that of a raging driver.

Diagonal crosswalk from Midway would save time

By Nathan Golden

The joywalking problem on the way to the Midway parking lot is getting out of control. Not only is it highly dangerous, it’s illegal.

Have no fear, the solution is here.

I propose the addition of the "Slant," a diagonal crosswalk from the northwest corner (Highline’s side), to the southeast side of the intersection, (Midway).

Not only will it get students to the drive-in parking lot quicker, but it will be more safe than walking across the street from side-to-side.

Looking at it from a walker’s perspective, it seems to be the perfect way to avoid excess walking. But what about the drivers?

One might draw the conclusion that all cars would have to come to a complete stop while the flood of students walked to their cars, but this is not so.

While you walk, cars would be able to turn left from either side of Pacific Hwy.

Right now, if Dick and Jane want to cross the intersection cars zooming to try to make the light before it turns red have a higher probability of flying out of control and killing the lovely couple likely.

Cars turning couldn’t reach the rate of speed that a car going straight could, therefore, if hit, Dick and Jane would have a chance of being injured, not killed.

The only addition besides the white paint, is a posted sign that would let walkers know they need to push a newly installed magic button, to use the "slant".

Think about it and discuss.

Letters to the Editor

Discrimination also works in reverse

Dear Editor:

Isn’t it discrimination to deny a teacher because they are a white man? Because they are not ethnically qualified? Because they don’t look like me?

To the student who said “non-white students need more role models among Highline faculty,” okay fine, hire “non-white” teachers but I have hazel eyes and I think that if you are going to hire “non-white” teachers then you should hire hazel-eyed teachers too.

And when these “non-white” teachers are hired then will you only take classes from these teachers in hopes of finding a role model?

Another student said, “I want to be able to see a familiar face, someone that looks like me, someone that can connect with me on a personal level.”

First of all a person doesn’t have to “look like me” in order for me to connect with them on any level.

In fact, it is nice to have diversity in my life. It is a great learning experience for me personally and culturally to learn about others growing with our common interests and exploring our differences.

So, I don’t go to school to find teachers that look like me. I go to school to learn what they have to offer academically, if we connect— well then it is a bonus deal for both of us.

If I wanted to see people who look like me all I have to do is go home, travel to Nevada or even to the Basque lands in northern Spain. My dad’s side of the family all look similar. We all have dark hair, brown or hazel eyes and olive skin.

If I want to be with people who my common interests all I have to do is find a soccer field or my Tap Rovan Do class.

Graded, a familiar face is always nice to see, especially in a sometimes uncomfortable or stressful situation. However, I don’t believe that Highline Community College should hire teachers based on their color or cultural background. They could possibly be cheating out a teacher who is ten times better for the position, only because they born to a white family.

Eryn Redmon

Highline Student

Sporty, Crazy demonstrate road rage

By Zac Bedell

Road rage seems to be plaguing this great city of ours.

 Shootings on the highway. Road rage's potential for violence has become a disease to which we seem to have no cure, no way of "curing" these violent outbreaks.

We must know the disease before a vaccine can be produced, we must make ourselves aware of the circumstances from which these rages stem.

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The moral here is simply this, are we so truly as civilized and human as we hope to be or are we nothing more than babbling monkeys?

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Thunderbird men eye another championship

Team goes undefeated in league play for the first time since 1982 as Ball reaches for Callero's record

By Michael Stampalia

Highline's men's basketball team finished the regular season by defeating Bellevue on the road last Wednesday and Shoreline at home on Saturday. The victories upped the Thunderbirds overall mark to 27-1 and makes them 16-0 in league.

The Shoreline Dolphins came to Highline on Saturday looking for an upset. Led by the duo of Kevin Bradley and Alastair Faux, the Dolphins jumped out to a 14-7 lead in the first five minutes before Shoreline went on a 10-0 run to take a 17-14 lead with 13:40 left in the first half. The Thunderbirds were down 10 points 36-36 with 8:14 left in the half before going on a 15-0 run in the next three minutes to take a 41-36 lead. Reserve guard Gabe Ladd ended the first half by making two free throws to give the Thunderbirds a six point advantage 54-48.

Highline extended their lead early in the second half to a game-high 12 points, before Shoreline came back to make it as close as five points with 12 minutes remaining. Marty DeLange launches a hook shot against Shoreline.

The Thunderbirds held off the Dolphins to eventually win 95-87.

Highline came out in the second half and shut down Shoreline offensively, holding them to 38.2 percent shooting after the Dolphins shot 51.4 percent in the first half. "They are a very difficult team to guard. They have a lot of perimeter players," Head Coach Joe Callero said. Thunderbird guard Reggie Ball was on the verge of setting the northern division.

Coach Callero could not get penetration against Highline's defense in the second half, as a result 19 of their 34 shot attempts in the second half were from beyond the three-point arc. The Dolphins made only 26 percent of their three-pointers in the second half after shooting 50 percent in the first half.

Highline's Quincy Wilder led all scorers with 29 points. Garrett Miller added 12 points and nine rebounds while shooting 66 percent from the field. Shaun Madsen scored 19 off the bench as Highline's bench outscored Shoreline's 34-8.

Faux and Bradley led Shoreline with 28 and 26 points respectively. Last Wednesday the Thunderbirds took the road against Bellevue Community College, whose 4-10 league record had them in eighth place in the northern division. Bellevue came out looking for an upset of the defending Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges champions, keeping the game close for most of the first half.

The Thunderbirds went halftime tied with Bellevue 44-44 in a game that had no impact on the division standing of either team. "We played uninspired and tired basketball," Callero said. Highline came out in the second half and outscored the Dolphins 57-39 to win by a 26 point margin 101-83.

"We were able to put together a nice second half and win the game. We have to come out and play inspired basketball," Callero said. Highline held Bellevue to just 39 percent shooting from the floor, compared to the Thunderbirds 56 percent.

The Thunderbirds clinched the northern division against Edmonds a week earlier. "We were probably a little more tired," Callero said about his team's sluggish play since clinching the northern division. Highline's undefeated league season is the second in school history, the 1981-82 team also accomplished the feat. Last season the Thunderbirds were 24-1 with a loss to Everett Community College keeping them from going undefeated for the first time in school history.

Starting point guard Reggie Ball is on the verge of setting Highline's mark for assists in a season, the record is currently held by Callero at 240. He set the mark during the 1982-83 season.

Ball has 234 assists entering tonight's playoff game against Shoreline, which leaves him just seven assists shy of setting his fifth individual record at Highline.

Ball also holds the records for three-point field goal attempts in a season (175), three-point field goals made in a season (69), steals in season (96), and steals per game (3.0). Highline now plays at home tonight at 7:00 p.m. against Shoreline in the first round of the northern region playoffs. The winner goes on to the final to play the winner of the Olympic vs. Edmonds game. Callero expects his team to come out with a lot of intensity. "They're gonna be ready," Callero said. "I expect them to be excited, crisp, and enthusiastic.

Garrett Miller isn't worried about teams trying to knock the Thunderbirds off. "I'm focusing more on us knocking ourselves out," Miller said.

Highline Thunderbird Regional home playoff games:

2/26: Highline vs. Shoreline
2/28 (With Highline win): Highline vs. Olympic/Edmonds winner
Both games are at 7 p.m. and are free to Highline students with Student I.D. or $5 general admission.
"I have had personal experience with homelessness and I remember all of the help I got. It meant a lot to me and now I want to give back."
--Thomas Briley
president and founder of SWASH Club

Highline students give hope to the homeless.
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"People of color often have to struggle and overcome obstacles more than others, so it helps to recognize that there are groups united to create positive change."
--Denise Gloster
United Chicano Latino Association Advisor

Hispanic students create a community on campus.
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Black Student Union attempts to overcome racial barriers at Highline

By ALYSSA PPAU
Inside Scoop

The Black Student Union at Highline strives to continue the dream of Martin Luther King Jr. by educating the campus about African-American and African cultures.

President Kris Daniels says that as an African American student, he feels well accepted at Highline. He describes Highline's campus as being moderately tolerant of African American students, but says that prejudice is still a problem at Highline.

"I think prejudice is as much a problem here as it is anywhere else," Daniels said. He hopes to break some of the barriers that exist through educating more people about the African American community.

Menna Tesfatsion, a representative from BSU, says that the problem lies on everyone's shoulders.

"The burden should not just be on BSU; it should be on every member of the HCC campus," Tesfatsion said. He adds that prejudices are formed and broken through our everyday interactions with people.

"Every person inherently knows the ideal; however, not all people are willing to act on that ideal," Tesfatsion said.

Daniels has high aspirations for BSU, he says that he would like to see the club get more involved in campus life and that he would also like to see an increase in membership. Currently there are about 25 members, he said.

"The club is planning a full itinerary with more lectures and events throughout the rest of the year. Through the club's success, Daniels hopes to increase both awareness and involvement from all students at Highline.

Behind the scene of BSU is Kayleen Oka, the club's adviser. "I like a lot of the work to be initiated by the students," Oka Black Student Union said.

Oka says that her job as BSU adviser is to guide the club by making suggestions and comments, and to support the decisions they do make.

"I think BSU's goals involve speaking to the remainder of the school year, said both Daniels and Tesfatsion. The club is planning a full itinerary with more lectures and events throughout the rest of the year.

"The African American population is the second highest on campus so I would love to see them increase there membership and take more of a leading role," Oka said.

According to the Registrar's office, 543 African American students attended Highline in the fall of 1997, and only a handful were involved in BSU.

Through the club's predicted success, BSU hopes to increase awareness of African American issues and also hopes to increase its membership.

The club meets every Thursday at noon in Building 8 upper.

For more information about BSU call Kayleen Oka at 206-878-3710, ext. 3904.

The second weekend of this quarter many clubs and organizations hosted a club fair. Since then clubs have kept busy.

"A few weeks ago the International Club hosted the International Food Festival. Several different clubs participated and many students attended. The various dances presented helped attract many people to several food booths.

Also the Computer Club attended Comikes in Vancouver several weeks ago.

These are just a few of the many recent activities coordinated by clubs here at Highline.

Clubs are an excellent outlet for leadership and also for the development of skills necessary in the work force. The involvement of students in clubs aids in the learning process as much as any curriculum here on campus.

It is my opinion that every student should be affiliated with at least one club or organization for personal growth.

Not only do clubs bring people with similar interests together, but they also teach you how to work in groups. This is an important skill that many value, but few people actually have.

A lot of people do not know how easy it is to be involved with clubs.

If you are interested in starting your own club or simply joining an existing club, contact me in the Student Government office at ext. 3212 or pick up a clubs directory in the Student Programs office.

Raul Sedano is the Student Government Club liaison/treasurer.

Start your own club: The possibilities are endless for persistent students

By ALEXIS EASTREBROOK
Inside Scoop

OK, you have looked at all the clubs available, and still feel like they aren't for you. What are you going to do now?

Why not create your own club or organization? In three simple steps you can form a club.

The first step is to stop off at the Student Programs office, located in Building 8, and get a Associated Students of Hightline Community College (ASHCC) policy letter and Clubs and Organizations forms.

The second step is to get together with at least five other people -- your best friend with the multiple personality disorder does not count -- and come up with a clear purpose for a club. Fill out the Clubs and Organization forms and get it approved by student government.

The third and final step is to present your club idea and proposal to the Associated Council. This does involve speaking in front of a group of people.

When your club is approved the only thing you need to do is maintain it.

A $100 can be given by the Services & Activities Fund to help keep the club going, as long as politics and religion are not involved.

Other services that the Student Programs office provide the clubs are mailboxes, photocopying, facilities on campus to meet in and a big old tank of helium (for balloons) to help promote the club or organization. If an adviser is needed Student Programs will help find one.

"We try to help out as much as we can, because we know a $100 does not go far," said Kayleen Oka, Multicultural Student Program Coordinator.

So start thinking of a snazzy name for your new club.

Photo By Bruce Jarrell

The Black Student Union celebrates Black History Month with a soul food festival.
The Highline Artist Guild: 

By ALEXIS EASTERBROOK 

A revamped Highline Artists' Guild is out to promote, educate and support the artistic students of Highline.

"I've got a great group of people working hard to make Highline Artists' Guild the best club on campus," said L. Daye Roberts, newly elected president of the Highline Artists Guild.

It looks like Roberts is working her way to her goal with ongoing events like field trips to the Seattle Art Museum and a Friday the 13th party in March.

Currently plans for a newsletter to help promote Highline's artists to the community and to provide guest speakers is also becoming a reality.

Also in the works are discounts at local businesses for members and recruiting of students to develop art scholarships.

The Artist Guild recently visited a packaging plant.

Focus on family: students, parents, educators, and kids

By NANCY MILSTID

The SPEAK Club is focusing on the family here at Highline.

The club, which stands for Students, Parents, Educators, and Kids, has done many things to make the campus more family friendly.

"The SPEAK Club is designed to make the campus more accessible for families," said Carolyn Davis.

The club was started because there weren't enough resources for parents on campus.

Many students here have children, and the club has made them more welcome.

"The original members of the club were involved in starting Parents Place," said Davis.

The club is trying to arrange visits to local hospitals such as Harborview's burn center to see different aspects of the field.

Along with the learning experience, the NSNA comes with a lot of benefits, members say. With the membership (so members will enjoy many discounts such as cruise, hotel, and printing fees.

These discounts are also useful in affording the conventions the NSNA holds.

Yancey attended the convention in Phoenix last year and said, "It's fun. It puts you in touch with nursing on a national level.

This year the national convention will be in Cincinnati on April 15-19. In September the international convention will be in Jerusalem.

"It's fun to get together with other professionals and see how things are done differently," said Mary Fendy, club treasurer.

Community service is also important part of being a member. Members help out with Northwest Harvest and the Chicken Soup Brigade.

"NSNA is not just consuming it you are serious about nursing. The community service is just," said Fendy.

The club also does fund-raisers. The money earned goes toward equipment for the nursing program and funding for the graduating classes.

The club is open to anyone, and pre-nursing students are encouraged to join. The quarter the meetings are every other Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. For information, call Mary Newell at 206-878-3710, ext. 3462.
CULTURAL CLUBS BRING DIVERSITY TO HIGHLINE

By OSCAR TIGLAO

The Japanese-American Friendship Club aims to introduce Japanese language and culture to the student body. The club is open to any student interested in Japanese language and culture.

Japanese-American Friendship Club helps east, west bridge language gap

By OSCAR TIGLAO

The Japanese-American Friendship Club works to bridge the gap between the two cultures.

Rainbow Pride shines over campus

By LUC DOODLE

Rainbow Pride is a club that promotes a safe and accepting environment for the LGBTQ+ community.

Sharing culture: give a little, get a little

By OSCAR TIGLAO

Sharing culture is important for building understanding and connections between cultures.

Asian Pacific Islanders

Asian Pacific Islanders Club shares ethnicity

by LEONID KITU

The Asian Pacific Islanders Club aims to continue members' ties.

Hispanics create a community at HCC

by LEONID KITU

The Hispanic Student Association is an important part of the student body.

International Club aims to promote tolerance

by JENNIFER GONZALEZ

The International Club is an inclusive space for students to learn about different cultures.

Vietnamese create home away from home

by MATT JUILLI

The Vietnamese Student Association brings Vietnamese culture to the campus.

The Club

The Club hosts an annual International Food Fair, which is a great way to explore different cultures.

The Club

The Club holds a monthly meeting, which is open to anyone interested in attending.

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The Club meets every first Friday of the month, and is open to anyone interested in attending.

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Students find hope in Real Life

By DANIEL APOLONI
Inside Scoop

Have you ever wished that "real life" wasn't so hard?
If the answer is yes, perhaps you should try the Christian Fellowship club, which meets at Highline Community College every Thursday from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on the second floor of Building #6.

Real Life Club

The Highline Christian Fellowship Club provides a supportive system where students can learn about God and the word, tell the group members about Him and tell each other what God is doing with their lives. It's a good way to meet people.

In-Liners explore outdoors in style

By TRACY WILCOXEN
Inside Scoop

Highline In-Liners is the club to look into if you're interested in exercising in the fresh air and meeting people with the same desire as you.

Highline In-Liners is an alternative for its members to get together and worship, even those who don't agree with Christian beliefs, do so "outdoors."

I-Liners is not only a physical place to get together, but also a social one. The members are excited to burn some calories and have a great time. In addition, they also enjoy the opportunity of meeting with people of all ages. Its "My intent is to expose as many people as possible to the fun of staying in shape."

Relaxing and trying to grow spiritually during the grueling years of college is part of a nationwide community of Real Life groups. The main reason for the creation of this group was to get together and worship, giving them the necessary support system to make it through the grueling years of college. The club provides an environment where students can meet new friends, relax, and more importantly learn about the Bible.

"This is a place where we can get together and worship," student Kelly St. John said. Real Life meetings usually begin with a prayer, in an effort to get everybody involved in the worship.

Spiritual teachings extracted from the Bible are practically applied to real life situations, and this, along with the group dynamics that characterize every session, makes everybody feel as if they are part of a family. Besides the weekly meetings, the club also organizes retreats, and excursions as another alternative for its members to relax and try to grow spiritually.

St. John's advisor, Sam Shabb, said, is "to promote the sport of rollerblading and have fun."

I-Liners is planning to bring corporate-sponsored sessions to the campus, a good way to show off the products.

The club's meetings are every two weeks where we play ping-pong, and read scriptures aloud," said St. John.

In-Liners will gladly help anyone who is interested in learning how to skate. Anyone can do it if they have the desire," Scott said.

In-Liners Skating Club will post the club's information telling you when, where, and what time events will be held. For more clarification a map is posted with directions to all club events. When the weather is wet, rollerblading brings a sense of camaraderie, Scott said. If you are interested in joining, Kristin Baldwin, the club's adviser, will be glad to tell you what's happening with Highline In-Liners. Call Baldwin at (206) 878-3710 ext. 3342.

"This is for purely fun," said Baldwin.

Water Polo Club splashes back to life

By W.B. HEMING
Inside Scoop

Highline's Water Polo Club has been reinvigorated this year. The purpose of the club, Ad- viser Sam Shabb said, is "to bring water polo to Highline."

The club meets Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 11 a.m.-noon in Building #10.

Beyond just promoting the sport, the club also participates in water polo tournaments. "We play primarily universities that also have club teams," Shabb said.

The Water Polo Club will pick up again Spring Quarter.

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Christian club caters to all students

By LUKE BARNETT
Inside Scoop

Baptist Student Ministries is for both the committed Christian and the curious student.

"It's a time to meet with and be one with people to meet with the Lord, by studying his word, tell the group members about Him and tell each other what God is doing with their lives," said Kelly St. John, a member of BSM.

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"The pleasure of setting up positive social activities is the fun of getting to know people's lives," said Sill.

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Sill is also an adviser for Real Life, another Christian club on campus. Having something in common with the students has led to him succeeding with these clubs.

Baptist Student Ministries meets in the Student Lounge conference room every Thurs- day at noon. Real Life meets Monday at 5 p.m. in Building #10. For information on the Tuesday location as well as other information, dial ext. 3053 for Tom Sill.
Veterans Club brings peace to Highline

By ALYSSA PFAN
Inside Scoop

Hundreds of veterans attend Highline, but only a handful are involved in the Veterans Club.

The club’s main purpose is to provide a network for veterans.

“We are here to support all veterans with or without problems,” President Eric Hawthorne said.

Hawthorne retired from the U.S. Army after serving 13 plus years.

“If I had to do it all over again, I would,” Hawthorne said. “I loved it.” He added that as a young black man out of high school, the army opened a wide array of opportunities.

“The Veterans Club ensures that veterans at Highline receive their full benefits. They work with disabled veterans, reserves, and the siblings of veterans to make sure they are receiving full benefits. The Veterans Club, which was reactivated this quarter, plans to meet regularly to plan fund-raisers for the needy.

“We especially enjoy helping the needy children,” said Melvin Williams, club vice president.

He added that veterans have a special bond and can relate to one another.

Williams served in the Navy for six and a half years, and has a bullet scar on his right arm to prove it.

Unlike Hawthorne, Williams attended college out of high school and paid for it with scholarships and financial aid. However, due to Reaganomics, his funding was cut. Williams joined the Navy as money got tight, but wishes he would have stuck it out.

“If I could do it over again I would [either] suffer it out or get an education, or get a job,” Williams said.

One positive aspect of Williams’ experience in the Navy was the opportunity to meet people all over the world.

“We are all the same,” Williams said. He added that to obtain world peace, “We should focus on our similarities rather than our differences.

“The Veterans Club is centered around this same concept, world peace,” he said.

“Not only do we care for veterans, we care for those who are not in the service as well,” Williams said.

The desire to help others has lead the club to participate and organize charity events. Club members like to fill in where they can, to care for and support people in the community.

In the past, the club held a charity auction to raise money for needy children, and has also held other fund raisers to help a woman with cancer.

A small part of campus is dedicated to veterans. Students, and faculty walk by the small plot of land in front of Building 5 on a daily basis. Even so, the area often goes unnoticed, said Williams. The fountain that once marked the spot was dismantled in the 1970s.

Sometime before Fall Quarter 1998, a new fountain will replace the large rock that sits in the center of the peaceful park-like setting. Members of the Veterans Club hope that the new fountain will bring more attention to the area.

The land dedicated to the veterans is very symbolic, said Williams. The wooden mushroom is a symbol of the atom bomb dropped in Hiroshima during World War II. It is supposed to be a reminder of all the people who died during that time, he said.

If you are interested in being a part of the Veterans Club contact the club officers at the registration office. Building 6, or call them at 878-3710, ext. 3285.

Phi Theta Kappa rewards scholarship

By CHAD CORNISH
Inside Scoop

With more than 250 members, Phi Theta Kappa is the largest international organization at Highline.

The goal of Phi Theta Kappa is to recognize and encourage scholarship among two-year college students.

“We’re looking for students who will be here next year and are interested in learning and holding an office,” said Bettina Casad, president of Highline’s chapter.

Members of PTK are eligible for a variety of two-year transfer and national scholarships. An increasing number of universities are offering scholarships that are available only to members of the organization.

All students eligible are encouraged to join because of the benefits, such as community service, which can enhance a student’s resume.

The focus of PTK’s community service this year is to clean up a two-mile stretch of I-5 freeway between the Kent-Des Moines Road and 272nd Street exits.

PTK has chapters across North America and Europe. It was founded in the 1920s. Highline has had a chapter since the 1960s, making it one of the oldest continuously operating clubs on campus. Several Highline students have been elected to national office.

“There are a couple openings left for the international convention in Nashville,” Casad said. The convention will be held during the first week in April and will entail social events and an opportunity to travel.

To learn more about Phi Theta Kappa, contact the club’s advisor, Tim Morrison, at 878-3710 ext. 3852.

Club bringing hope to homeless

By MEGAN MOORER
Inside Scoop

Students Who Are Showing Hope is a club with the goal of helping those less fortunate.

Their purpose is to get involved with the community by helping out wherever there is a need.

“A lot of homeless and poor don’t have hope. When I named the club I wanted to include the words students and hope to show them that," said Thomas Briley, president and founder.

SWASH was founded Fall Quarter, making it one of the newest clubs at Highline. Since forming, the main focus has been recruiting new members.

“We welcome anybody who has the desire to help others. All it takes is a good heart,” Briley said.

Members of SWASH are currently working on several community service projects with his church for several years. Briley hopes SWASH will continue on long after he leaves Highline.

While SWASH is about helping others, they are in need of some help themselves. They currently have no faculty advisor.

“If any staff members are interested, we could really use the help,” Briley said.

SWASH meets on campus every other week. Students and staff who are interested in being a part of the club should contact Thomas Briley at (253) 859-4403.
Multimedia Club collaborates ideas
BY LISA NOVAK
Inside Scoop

The Interactive Multimedia Club caters to those students entering the growing field of interactive multimedia. The club provides an environment in which students can learn by sharing ideas and knowledge.

Interactive multimedia is computer-delivered text with sound, music with action, and more.

Interactive Multimedia Club
Jobs relating to multimedia are in growing demand with the salaries to prove it. A webmaster can start anywhere from $40,000 to $60,000 a year. Various production jobs including writing, graphic arts, music, and project management positions don't start at less than $25,000.

"We need people at each end—technical and artistic," McDaniel said. She added that students' talents range from a variety of writers, graphic designers, artists, musicians, gamers, computer programmers, and people with or wanting a website.

The club plans to take field trips, have speakers, and would love to work with other clubs.

The plan is to serve as a multimedia ambassador for other clubs to help them with multimedia tools such as setting up their own web sites.

The club is seeking individuals with good ideas who want to build their portfolio, both written and digital, as well as develop the important skill of "learning how to learn," McDaniel said.

The club's website is www.highline.cc. edu/home/students/mcmedia.htm.

If you want to talk to the club advisor, Marc Lentini, he can be reached at 878-3710 ext. 6106.

College in a College Club

The College in a College program began in the fall of '96 to help students form a sense of community with others in the program as well as instructors on campus.

What most students don't know is that there is a College in a College club that started this last fall.

The club consists of about 20 members and five members of a leadership team headed by Rachel Thorne.

Adviser Laura Westergard said that the club goals include fundraising for scholarships, development of leadership skills, and having fun building a sense of community.

While the club was founded by and for College in a College program members, it is open to anyone.

Anyone interested in joining the club or the program contact Laura Westergard at 206-878-3710 ext. 1313 or leave a note in the College in a College box in the Student Programs office.

Environmental Club

The Environmental Club is looking to save the world says Adviser Gerry Barclay. This club has been a part of Highline off and on in the past and is currently looking for students to help with its reorganization.

"You can put as much time as you want to give, there's always something for someone to do," Barclay said.

Bringing awareness about environmental problems to our student body is one of the club's key concerns. They want to work on and off campus to improve our surroundings.

Last quarter the Environmental Club went to the Old Growth Forest and Bellevue Botanical Gardens. They plan to naturalize parts of campus, pulling weeds and putting in native plants.

Anyone interested in joining can contact advisers at 206-878-3710 Gerry Barclay ext 3522, or Ken Shroeder ext. 3487.

Ping Pong Club

The Ping Pong Club is promoting a stress-free environment. It is a fairly new club and hopes to expand it's membership.

"We are trying to create a healthier lifestyle for students," said Tony Castro, Adviser for Multicultural Services.

This first year program is available for all students who are interested. The club has ordered ping pong tables which will be set up in Building 8.

"The club currently consists of eight students, who are seeking more students for play," Castro said. "There is no cost to join."

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Environmental club members put up posters in Building 8 to promote and increase awareness of the club.

Highline clubs offer diversity

Adviser Marc Lentini, president Debra McDaniels and members of the Interactive Multimedia Club admire their web page.

The Interactive Multimedia Club is the first club on campus to start a website. The club has grown to 15-20 active members.

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Regional foes prepare for playoff battles

Players to Watch

By Nathan Golden and Frankie Ceneceros
Staff Reporters

Opposing coaches agree that Highline is the still the team to beat going into this weekend’s regional tournaments.

Olympic College is set to play Edmonds today. If the Owls win, they will play the winner of tonight’s Highline-Shoreline game.

“Our chances aren’t really good against Edmonds,” said Olympic Head Coach Barry Jamieson. “We have beaten them twice this year.”

Olympic began the year 13-0, but couldn’t keep that level of play up, suffering major injuries to several key players.

Only eight Rangers are physically able to play, with four or five guys capable of scoring making their bench weak, said Jamieson.

Olympic has competed against Highline twice this season and fallen short in each meeting. In the first game, Highline broke the Rangers’ undefeated run, crashing them by 17 points. Paul Felker, arguably Olympic’s best player, was down with a season-ending injury early in that game. Olympic also lost the second game, but only by four points. Olympic’s opponent, Edmonds, relies on its strong interior. Coach Keith Kingbury said “We have two big kids, 6-8 and 6-9, and they give us an advantage in some situations.”

Kingbury thinks his squad may have lost a couple games they should have won. “We had nine freshmen playing,” he explained.

Everett Coach Larry Walker, whose Trojans were the only team to beat Highline last year, said this year’s team is better.

“They’re a better rebounding team,” he said, although he thinks Highline is vulnerable to hot shooters on the perimeter.

He expects Highline will be “ready. Joe does a real good job,” Walker said of Highline Coach Callero.

The NWAAC tournament will be in Moses Lake on March 5-7. Jamieson said he will be there even if his team is not.

“I plan to be there either playing or waiving to play,” he said.

Scoreboard

**Note:** Games may be moved up or rescheduled due to weather or other circumstances.
Sports

Feb. 26, 1998

Sports Editor

Lady Thunderbirds soar into playoffs

Victories over Bellevue, Shoreline send Highline to regional playoffs

By K.M. Petersen

Sports Editor

For the first time since 1991, the Highline Lady Thunderbirds are playoff bound.

Another three game win-streak, combined with a Whatcom loss to Peninsula, gave the team sole possession of the fourth and final playoff spot in the Northern Region.

The Lady Thunderbirds needed to finish the season 9-7, an unexpected result after an 0-5 start.

After their President's Day victory at Peninsula, the Lady T-Birds hit the road to face last-place Bellevue, winning 68-52.

Unlike previous games since the impersonal, Highline didn't play a first half to stay in the game before shutting down the opposition's offense in the second half.

Instead, they limited Bellevue to 17 percent shooting in the second half, only allowing 20 points - 10 of which came on free throws.

The defensive stand gave the Lady Thunderbirds an 11 point halftime lead which they would never relinquish, eventually winning by 16.

Valerie Nater scored 19 points on 8-11 shooting, and had seven rebounds and nine blocks.

"I made a bunch of post moves...and they just went in," she said.

Kristi Duggan added 13 points, including a 3-5 performance from long range, and seven rebounds.

Suffering from a 3-16 shooting slump, Karen Nadeau compensated in other areas, grabbing 12 boards, dishing six assists, and snatching five steals.

Despite a 1-16 shooting performance, Alecia Rochelle led Bellevue with 11 points thanks to 12 appearances at the charity stripe.

Teresa DeDonato also had nine points and 10 rebounds for the Helmswomen.

Following the victory, the Lady T-Birds hosted Bellevue, a team they beat in overtime in their prior meeting.

This time, however, no extra time was needed as Highline put away the Dolphins, 68-54.

Although Shoreline resided near the bottom of the standings, the game was of utmost importance to the T-Birds.

A loss would have meant that if Whatcom won, the season would be over for Highline.

"We should have never been in that position. We should have killed the Orcas the first time," Tarbet said.

Instead of finishing their season, the game turned out in Highline's favor.

After dominating the game's opening moments, the Lady Thunderbirds let Shoreline back in, but still managed to control the game's lead, extending it to nine points just before halftime.

In the second half, Shoreline's hopes for a comeback were sliced by the very passes which exposed holes in their defense.

Highline attackers routinely cut to the basket, where well-timed passes were completed for easy layups.

"Shoreline was thinking about tight defense and stealing passes, which made those available," Coach Dale Bolinger said.

Sophomore Tracy Wilcoxen, playing in her last home game at Highline, delivered many of the passes, finishing with eight assists.

Duggan benefited the most from the passes, finishing with 22 points to go with her 8 rebounds.

Nater barely missed a triple-double, finishing with 12 points, 10 rebounds, and nine blocks.

"We know how important this game was to us," Nadeau said.

Shoreline's lone offensive threat, Rickesha Beavers, scored 18.

Following the game, Highline coaches received word that Peninsula had defeated Whatcom, meaning no Monday tiebreaker game would be necessary and the Lady T-Birds would travel to Skagit Valley on Thursday to take on the top-ranked, unbeaten Cardinals.

In two prior meetings, Highline lost by 14 in Mount Vernon and 33 at home.

If the Lady Thunderbirds win tonight, they will travel to face the winner of tonight's other playoff game, Olympic versus Everett.

Lady Thunderbirds soar into playoffs

Tracy Wilcoxen fights for a loose ball against Shoreline.

Photo by Bruce Jarell

Highline Community College Building 2

NWAACC, winning the championship once and routinely finishing atop of their region.

The Lady Thunderbirds started off league play by losing five straight. They have, however, managed to turn the season around and clinch fourth place in the league to give them a playoff birth with a 9-7 record (10-15 overall).

The difference between finishing third and fourth is huge, but the difference between fourth and fifth is radical," said Bolinger.

Whatcom was tied with Highline until the last game of league play, when Highline beat Shoreline and Whatcom lost to Peninsula.

"I was relieved to find out that we didn't have to play on Monday against Whatcom for the last playoff spot," Co-Captain Rachael Watkins said.

Now they have to get by Skagit, who they played tough at Mount Vernon but not tough enough to win.

Highline lost the two games by an average of 23.5 points.

"We have the most difficult assignment in the entire conference," Bolinger said.

Many players on the team have had playoff experience and said that the key to winning in playoffs is to "stay calm and play like we did during league," said freshman Amie Johnott.

"We need to stop their three-point shooting to beat them," said sophomore Tracy Wilcoxen.

The Lady T-Birds will get to play the winner of the Olympic Everett game on Saturday, if they can upset Skagit Valley.

"They think they can," said freshman guard Karen Nadeau.

Although their opponents are better, they believe they can upset Skagit Valley.

"It's never too early to start your job search."

For further information call JOB CLUB at (206) 674-3710 ext. 3337 or 3226

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"NED A JOB? 
Runners deserve another shot

Why would you cut the entire track program? Dropping cross country by itself would be marginally acceptable, but cutting the entire program? It all leaves me asking why? Why track and cross country? Why now when Highline has one of the NWAACC's best teams? If Highline's talented runners bring home the NWAACC title, they won't even be allowed to defend it.

On top of that, the athletic department presented to the S&A budget meeting last week that they would like to add golf and tennis next year. Golf. Tennis. I don't know that I want to go to a college (even a community college) that has a golf or tennis team and not a track team.

Harrison looks at the track team and sees a lower turnout compared to other schools.

I look at the track teams and see a lot more coaches on the other teams.

More coaches means more recruiters, which is why other schools have more athletes on their track team.

Sounds basic to me.

It's not a stretch to say that most if not all of our track team members will qualify for the NWAACC tournament.

While those other schools will be lucky to qualify 20 of the approximately 70 student-athletes on their teams.

Why did we build all of the new track equipment if we are not going to use it?

The way some people tell it, sounds to me like this plan has been in the works for a long time.

Did you really think that no one would find out, when you tell the S&A committee that you were going to cut track and cross country?

Couldn't you have taken some time out of your busy schedule and tell all of the track team members what you planned to do?

There are so many questions.

Mike writes more than he runs.

Highline runners react to news

By Todd Watts
Staff Reporter

Highline's track and cross country athletes are angry about the possible end of their sports here.

"The whole situation baffles me. I really don't understand why track would be cut. It's become such a popular sport," said sprinter Niki J. Sylve.

Track members have drafted a petition that has been passed out all over the campus. With enough signatures, they hope it will help prove the student support for track, and maybe even save it.

"We have had a huge success with the petitions. I can't remember any student not wanting to help us out. I really hope there's still a chance," said distance runner Frankie Concosco.

Money has been a word frequently involved when this subject is brought up, leaving many curious if the decision will be based on track and cross country's lack of revenue.

"Athletics shouldn't be based on money. Track is a great team sport that unites quite a large number of students here at Highline," high jumper Wes Young said.

"Even though track is not a big source of revenue, it should be used to diversify the school," long jumper Paul Davenport said.

"It doesn't really affect me (because I'm a sophomore), but I do feel for the freshmen who will need somewhere to go next year," Dominique Taylor said.

"Although I came here for academics, I do run track, and it really disappoints me that a school would give up on programs that easily," said decathlete Osman Munroe.

"Lucky for me this will be my last season to compete here at Highline, but I will still feel sorry for those who are freshmen and now must find somewhere to run for next year," said high jumper Garrett Miller.
Oscar is a man I'd love to date

Ah, the Oscars. You gotta love 'em, don't ya?

All the superstars that you thought couldn't get any more glamorous find a way to do it on this night. It's that time of the year when L.A. as well as most of the women in America are painfully reminded while eating a Snickers bar, that they are not a size 5 1/2, and they don't have that dreamy Winter-Arts status that most men drool over.

It's also the time of year when the majority of the men in America look at those Faro looking stud, and actually ponder: "Hey, would I look like that if I lost 50 pounds and dyed my hair blond?" Keep dreamin' pal!

Ah, but let's not overlook (even though it is quite hard) the true essence of the Academy Awards. Whatever or be it, for I cannot tell you.

Instead of taking time to bow to these brilliant entertain- ment superstars that we all could never live without. I'm surprised, admit that I usually keep my eye out for the fold-ups during the presentation. Women who trip their $500,000 gold headed, only wear once gowns, while trekking up the stairs.

Winners who make a fool out of themselves while making their short (oh, sh*t) acceptance speeches ("And lastly, I'd like to thank my dog for making this happen. Bowser, this one's for you buddy")

It's a sad reality, I know. The thing I'm most curious about this year, is how many times I have to hear the theme song from "Titanic." Obviously an Academy favorite.

Believe me, it better do good, knowing that it has half of my tiny bank account swimming in its huge profit pool of mo$$. It's too bad "Spiceworld" didn't get nominated. Im cryin over here!

Christi Croft is the Arts Editor of the Thunderbird. She is currently cryin over the love theme of "Titanic," again.

The Oscars are back with more movie bang than ever

By W.B. Heming
Staff Reporter

The nominations are set for the 70th Academy Awards, to be unveiled March 23 at 6 p.m. on ABC.

Unlike last year's independent film fest, this year's best picture nominations come mostly from the large studios. "Titanic," leading the pack with 14 nominations, is the prime example. The other nominees are: "As Good as It Gets," "The Full Monty," "L.A. Confidential," and "Good Will Hunting.

While "Titanic" is a good film dealing with the tragic 1912 disaster in the North Atlantic, it has a canned love story that is hard to swallow.

It deals with the classism of the day fairly well, however, and it has shocking grand special effects. "Titanic" walked away with the Golden Globe for best drama and is likely to take the Oscar as well.

"Titanic" may be the favorite to win, it pales in comparison to the other films in its category, especially "L.A. Confidential.

Eerily real, "L.A. Confidential" was released during the summer and memories run short in the movie biz. In 1995, "Braveheart" took the best picture Oscar most likely because the popular vote split. "As Good As It Gets" is in an excellent position to do this.

Besides any film with Jack Nicholson playing a crazy man has to turn some heads (such as "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" in 1975). Both "The Full Monty" and "Good Will Hunting" are films worth seeing, but neither stands a strong chance of taking home best picture honors.

Nicholson is likely to walk home with a golden statue for his role in "As Good As It Gets." Again, a split in the best actor category could play to his advantage.

By Lisa Novak
Staff Reporter

Highline actors go on trial this weekend

Highline's Drama Department presents Franz Kafka's "The Trial," Feb. 26-28 and March 5-7 at the Little Theater in Building 4. The show starts at 8 p.m. and tickets are $6 general admission, $5 students and seniors, and $4 for high school students.

"The Trial," performed by the 14 member cast under director Chuck Hudson, is anything but conventional.

"The play is about a man who goes on trial for a crime, and he doesn't know what it is," said Carolyn Bing, who plays the character of Mrs. Grogan and the judge.

"It's like a nightmare," said Brandon Fekler playing the lead role of Josef K.

Many of the drama students agree this play is unlike anything they have done at Highline.

The Trial can be described as a dreamlike where the main character Josef K. wakes up on his birthday only to find himself arrested. He is forced to go on trial for unknown reasons and spends the time during the play trying to figure out what the charges are.

"Josef comes to conclusions about the legal system instead of why he's on trial," said Rick Long, the show's set director.

"The very weird, really interesting, unusual elements make the play worthwhile to see," Bing said.

One of the unusual elements of the show include Hudson's use of movement. This highly stylized choreography tells parts of the story through movement. In addition to the physical orientation, Hudson's high expectations makes the performance more difficult.

Dench is drawing fierce competition for Oscar and may fall to either Helena Bonham Carter ("The Wings of the Dove") or Julie Christie ("Afterglow"). Helen Hunt may still be in the running as a strong-willed New York City "As Good As It Gets."

Thankfully Kate Winslet stands little chance for winning a best-actress Oscar for "Ti-

tanic.

In every other category "Titanic" is an otherwise appealing picture, but James Cameron deserves recognition for his vision in the best-director category. Cameron carefully constructed one of the most expensive and one of the most successful movies of all time.

The other nominees can't even touch the plateau Cameron has secured for himself. Dennis and Ben Affleck ("Good Will Hunting") may be able to grace the fine place with a golden goat for best screenplay directly written for the screen.

The boys face competition from Mark Andrews and James L. Brooks for "As Good As It Gets."

Simon Beaufort's "The Full Monty" is the dark horse in the category, but Woody Allen's "Decon- structing Harry" and Paul Anderson's "Bogie Nights" are both well-written scripts.

Best-adapted screenplay will go to Brian Helgeland and Curtis Hanson for the cop drama, "L.A. Confidential," as it should.
Italiano, mamma mia!

Mr. Food's choice this week was Vince's Italian Restaurant located in downtown Federal Way. 32441 Pacific Hwy. S., kitty corner to Seattle Mall. Their phone number is (253) 796-1299.

Mr. Food's grade: 4.0 stars

Vince's Italian Restaurant and Pizzeria, sized up in four words: excellent!, excellent!, excellent!, and excellent! every time.

I was so happy with my dining experience this time around, I look forward with current longing to eat with at least one of them every time. So, I went all out for my luscious self, (ugh, hum) to Vince's. Please don't play me.

Vince's was spacious and comfortable. I was seated and right away I was brought a jar filled with crunchy breadsticks and butter, and a glass of ice water.

I ordered the eggplant parmigiana, which had close to water, and butter, and a glass of ice thick cooked together with provolone, fresh basil, mozzarella.

I ate the eggplant very delicious, and accurately priced food I ordered was toothsome. I went with the Vince's Italian Restaurant because it is famous.

A dramatic celebration for women

Highline helps to recognize voting rights for women

By Ijeoma Agu

Get out of the house

By Scott C. Murray

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Pool to be replaced

By Osman Munroe
Staff Reporter

Water and time are running out for the Highline pool.

The pool facility will be closed by the year 2005, unless money is found to complete a new building.

Highline College officials are now focusing on finding the space for a new pool.

"The pool building consumes way more space in comparison to other buildings at Highline," said Director of Facilities Pat Bedington.

Plagge provides students with the joy of mathematics

By Prakash Friedman
Staff Reporter

With a long gray ponytail, beard, and classic gray suit, Dr. Plagge appears calm, cool, and collected.

In fact, this is precisely how Plagge brings enthusiasm to math students at Highline.

"He is the best teacher I have ever had," says student A.J. Plagge.

"He knows everything about math. He is great!" said student A.J. Plagge.

Plagge tells her that she should use her enthusiasm to share her knowledge with students.

"I think that this is the best teaching method that the education of mathematics has ever seen," says student A.J. Plagge.

"I really love teaching math," says Plagge.

Plagge other then teaching math, Plagge enjoys playing the piano and hiking. He is a fan of nature and believes that the natural world is the best teacher.

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