Puffed up over smoking issue

Students agree: Campus shouldn't be smoke free

By Kim Nipal
Staff Reporter

Highline students disagree when it comes to smoking on campus.

Out of 195 students surveyed, 53 percent of students are non-smokers, while the other 47 percent are smokers.

In 1996 and 1997, Thunderword surveys have found that 49 and 71 percent of students said they smoked, respectively.

The survey also showed that the actual number of smokers on campus is not known. However, one can only walk around campus and recognize that a lot of people here smoke, said one student.

A total of 42 percent said that they would not attend here if the campus were to go non-smoking completely, but would consider staying if there were designated areas for smoking.

Some smokers feel that they would be upset with restrictions on smoking, that they would feel just like they were in high school again.

“Others oppose the ethics of the school,” one student said.

Some students feel that smoking is their right and that quarantining them is a violation of their freedom.

In that it is violation of their constitution at school? said one non-smoking student.

“It would infringe upon everyone’s rights to smoke if he or she wants to,” one student, said.

Some students are ex-smokers or have never smoked.

The surveys are non-scientific and the results are not known.

However one has only to walk around campus to recognize that a lot of people here smoke.

Highline student Lisa Lamkin enjoys a cigarette while studying.

“Of the 47 percent non-smoking students, 62 percent are ecstatic about the school,” one student said.

“Highline is inviting students and staff to donate non-perishable items. Any food in cans, boxes, non-breakable bottles and even dried foods like pastas and Top Ramen will donate. It is a great idea for it promotes the canned food drive,” said Kaylene Oka, Multicultural Student Association co-sponsor.

Other ideas that have been suggested are to give bonus points to students who donate canned food or to give bonus points to students who participate in the canned food drive.

The drive started on Oct. 19. The last day for donations is Dec. 4.

Rachel Thomas, a member of Team Highline, encourages everybody who can to donate. “It really goes for a good cause,” Thomas said.

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Campus hosts food drive

By Nita Patterson
Staff Reporter

Team Highline and the Washington Public Employees Association are co-sponsoring a canned food drive.

Everyone on campus is asked to donate non-perishable items.

The food will go to the Sea Home Food Bank and benefit thousands of people in the Seattle-Tacoma area.

Any food in cans, boxes, non-breakable bottles, or even dried foods like pastas and Top Ramen are needed.

Blue and yellow donation bins are located around campus in buildings 6 and 8, upper and lower levels, in Building 25, the computer instruction center, and the Library on the ground level.

Team Highline is hoping students and staff will donate non-perishable items in charge of making sure the canned food gets picked up.

“Every day that the canned food drive goes on is another day that a student can be upset with restrictions on smoking,” one student said.

“I would lose spirit of every student’s rights to smoke if he or she wants to,” one student said.

Highline student Lisa Lamkin enjoys a cigarette while studying.

“By this story,” said one non-smoking student.

“A lot of people here do smoke,” one student said.

“I could always go to Green River,” said one student.

“We should host a canned food drive,” said one student.

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Instructor comes all the way from Wales to teach at Highline

By Bekah Johnston
Staff Reporter

"I’ve come over here to learn as much as I can about the college system to bring it back to the U.K."

--Bernie Hayward

The first thing you notice when he speaks is his strong British accent.

"He just talks different," said Highline student Romero Rodriguez.

Bernie Hayward is from Barry College, Wales, in the United Kingdom. He is a new instructor at Highline this year in the engineering department.

Hayward found his way from the U.K. to Washington through a life-long friendship with Bob Maplestone, Chairman of Pure and Applied Science. Maplestone and Hayward have known each other for over 32 years.

The first time they met was when they were in track and field back in Cardiff, Wales. They also went to the University of Wales together in the '70s. By being in the same sports club and going to the same university they became "pretty good friends," said Maplestone.

In 1974 Hayward joined Barry College, while at the same time Maplestone joined Highline.

"Over the years we’ve gone over there (Bany College) in postage costs."

"I’ve come over here to learn as much as I can about the college system," Hayward said, "to bring it back to the U.K."

"I feel I know a great deal about the topic," said Hayward. "His education includes a master’s degree in industrial engineering from the University of Wales at Cardiff and extensive industrial experience. In Wales he was the head of engineering and taught at the same subjects as he is here. He has been teaching for 24 years, this January."

"Every student understimates their full potential," Hayward said. "Try to get them close to their full potential."

Hayward tells his students that there are four "Fs" to reach their full potential; "be firmly, be fair, be firm and be focused."

After his 12 months are over, Hayward plans on returning to the United Kingdom."His daughter, Frances, is attending Highline through the Running Start program."

Since being in the States, Hayward and his family have been able to see Mount Rainier, and they plan on seeing Seattle.

"I want my children to experience living in another country," Hayward said.

Hayward wants to be remembered as, "a normal person who did his very best for the students."

College is no longer mailing grades

By Janelle Marsh
Staff Reporter

Highline students no longer get their grades by mail.

Beginning Summer Quarter, Highline stopped sending out grades. To get your grades now, you can call the school touch tone, use the computer kiosk in Building 8, or get it over the Internet via the Highline homepage.

"A majority of the 32 community and technical colleges in Washington state have stopped mailing grades," said Robert Kurtz, director of Student Services and Information Systems.

"Highline is just now coming online." The new system will be available beginning Summer Quarter, Aug. 15, grades will be available. The hours of operation to receive grades are Monday-Thursdays 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Fridays 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Students say they like the new system.

"I think it is a good idea because everyone is going paperless these days," said Douglas Wood. "It seems that Highline is taking steps to adapt to the 21st century."

Affirmative Action debate at HCC

A debate will be held Wednesday, Oct. 28 about affirmative action. It will be held in Trest Hall (AKA Building 7) at 2 p.m. In favor of affirmative action is Terry Russ squaring off against Steve O'Donnell.

This event is free.

Lecture to be held

There will be a Community Conversation with Richard L. McCormick, president of the University of Washington on Tuesday Oct. 27, from 7:45 p.m.

The lecture will be at the Washington State History Museum in Tacoma. For more information call (206) 543-2580.

Save in the TUB

Entertainment coupon books will be sold upstairs in the TUB (Thunderbird Union Building) this year.

Breakfast Forum

Highline's Federal Way campus is holding a Breakfast Forum on Thursday, Nov. 12. The subject will be, "What if the Hockey Pockey is What It's All About: Goal Scoring in the Year 2000." The featured speaker is Pat Schwab. For info call 206-670-3757.

Cheap Flicks!

The Student Programs office is selling movie tickets at a discount. Tickets are only $5 and are good to use at various Cinplex Odeon theaters.

The National Guard is in the house

The Washington National Guard will be on campus Tuesday, Oct. 27 and Tuesday, Nov. 24 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. to speak to students about their program. They will be in the lower level of Building 6 by the bookstore on either of those days.

Used book sale

The Friends of the Valley View Library are sponsoring the annual Used Book Sale and Trick-or-Treat Saturday, Oct. 31 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. The Valley View Library is located at 77850 Military Road South.
Saving Face
Students vie in Faces of Highline pageant

Story by Morgan Fernandez
Photos by Paris Hansen
Staff Reporters

They came to sing, to juggle and to die in the Student Lounge yesterday.

Team Highline hosted the second annual Faces of Highline Pageant yesterday at noon in Building 8. The pageant brought out a lot of faces with many amazing and shocking talents.

The contest to determine the 12 new faces for the 1999 Faces of Highline Calendar.

There was a panel of six judges, comprised of students and faculty. Winners will be announced tonight at the ‘70s and Beyond Dance Party.

Each contestant came on stage to a catchy tune. When the music stopped, contestants gave a brief history as to what they’re about, where they intend to go in life, and something unique about themselves.

Then came the pressure: Judges interrogated the contestants on matters of life and love. Each contestant then finished with a show of talent.

Students’ answers varied from goals of being the first female president to having a Captain Crunch tattoo on one’s rear end.

Hobbies were varied also; many contestants enjoy playing sports; softball, tennis, running, and outdoor events. There were also those students who enjoy indoor activities, writing, computers, poetry, and cooking.

Here are a few examples of the question and answer segment:

What is equality to you?
“Equality is a trait that someone possess—it’s a good thing,” said contestant Theresa Moreau.

How do you feel about interracial relationships?
“They’re fine!” said a smiling Trevor Howard. “You like someone for who they are, not for the color of their skin.”

What would the perfect evening with your girlfriend consist of?
“A lot of people didn’t show up,” said Amy Studley of Team Highline.

Profits from the calendar will go to Multicultural Services.
Editorials

Changes in student government may need refinement

One of the goals of student government should always be trying to find better ways to represent the students. The new Evening and International student senator positions that were elected for the first time this week are a step in the right direction.

They are not, however, the ideal. Ideally, the candidates would have to be a part of the groups they were chosen to represent. In this last election only one of the candidates for each position was actually a member of the group they were trying to represent. It is hard enough for an elected official to represent the wants and needs of an entire group; imagine how hard it will be for someone who isn't even a member of that group.

The other issue with the new positions is how deserved they are. There are plenty of evening students to justify an evening senator but, perhaps, with only 370 enrollees, there are more deserving groups than international students. There are much larger groups on campus that are equally lacking in representation.

The most recent numbers show that 42 percent of Highline students are over the age of 30. Shouldn't there be someone to look out for the special needs of older students?

The drafters of the new student government by-laws claim that the specialized senator positions were designed to merely give newly elected students a direction. One might reason that the people these candidates are chosen to represent are hoping for a little more.

If there is going to be specialized representation in student government, it should be fair and genuinely representative of the groups they are representing.

Election turnout disappointing, but not surprising

Once again, the turnout for ASHCC elections were pathetic. There are 7,000 students on campus, all of whom are eligible to vote. However, only 160 took the time.

The winning candidate for International Student Senator received 38.5 percent of the votes -- a whopping 62 votes.

Turnout has never been great at Highline elections, but this was horrible. In the last election nearly twice as many students cast ballots.

Student government has made attempts to increase turnout. This election was hosted online. Having the election online made it more accessible to students, especially evening and Running Start students.

It is difficult to say why students didn't vote. There wasn't a lot of publicity for the election, so it is reasonable to say that maybe the student body didn't know about the election.

However, with the amount of campaigning the winning students did, the logical reason for poor turnout is general apathy. It is time the student body at Highline took a stake in how things are run. That includes, and should start with voting.

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If someone looked like they had dressed up for the event and their clothes matched, then I gave them a good grade.

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Walking to the Heartland for a good cause

By Sarah Song
Staff Reporter

This is America, isn't it? The land of the free? I do. It's satisfying. If you don't like it, nobody's making you. But if you do smoke — and I do — it's your right to do so. I'm probably saving you money on smokes by sharing mine for free. You should be paying me for second-hand smoke.

Do you smoke? Wouldn't a cigarette really help somebody recover from lung cancer? Or to stay focused during one of those pointless lectures? In group exercises, smoking could be an activity that binds the group together, allowing them to form more cohesive teams, enhancing learning in the process.

“Yeah, right. And what do you want me to do? adipose tissue? Do you really think I'll just back out today and go outside?”

“Hey! You want you. Think you can't help me? You lazy human. You can't even do something as simple as wear a mask!”

“Hey, this isn't half a minute. What's Camp Heartland?”

Walk with him on his last two miles of his two-year, 5,200 mile journey to raise money for the children to go to Camp Heartland.

Camp Heartland is the largest HIV camp and caregiving, free of charge, for children ages 7-15 impacted by HIV/AIDS. It used to operate in five different locations every summer, but in 1997, the camp purchased 7-15 acres out of an old resort to do the Space Needle.

“Hey, this isn't half a minute. What's Camp Heartland?”

The camp funds everything from food to transportation, even for children who don't live near Camp Heartland. The children are sometimes children with AIDS, sometimes they're just kids with AIDS.

The camp funds about $1,250 for a child for one week, so the walk will help,” said Williamson. “The ones who help the most are mostly college and high school students.”

You heard the man! Walk and raise money for the children. If not for the children, do it for your conscience. The walkers must meet at Waterfront Park between Pier 57 and Pier 59 at 10 a.m. on Saturday Oct. 24. The walk will begin at 10:30 a.m. sharp, so don't be late. There will not be any transportation back, so arrange your own ride if you don't feel like walking back to the pier.

If you still don't feel like walking and you would like to send money instead, call 1-800-724-673 and pledge.

Smokers sick and tired, still enjoy smoking

I'm really tired of hearing about the evils of smoking. I have a right to smoke. Smoking is fun. It's cool. It's satisfying. If you don't like it, you don't have to smoke. Nobody's making you.

But if you do smoke — and I do — it's your right to do so. This is America, isn't it? The land of the free?

If it stains my teeth — hey, they're my teeth. If I drop an ash and it burns a hole in my clothes — they're my clothes. Somebody told me it made me smell bad. What about people with body odor, or bad breath? Are we going to outlaw them too?

I say that kissing a smoker is like licking an ashtray. What's Stewing

By Stuart Dent

How would anybody know this? I'm probably saving you money on smokes by sharing mine for free. You should be paying me for second-hand smoke.

Oh, sure, you're going to say that lung cancer was virtually unheard of before people started smoking heavily early in the 20th century. But those are just statistics. I want proof!

It's bad enough that we can't smoke in class. Wouldn't a cigarette really help somebody relax before or during a big exam, or to stay focused during one of those pointless lectures? I think my smoking does help some athletes to relax. The North Carolina Tar Heels basketball team has a designated place for them to smoke in the locker room.

So if I want to smoke, I should be able to do so — when and whenever. After all, it's my lung.

Stuart Dent is a student at Highline.
Gary Nelson's varied pursuits keep him busy

By Marta Pelayo
Staff Reporter

When looking for creative inspiration, students need look no further than Gary Nelson.

"I just can't imagine being anything else other than being a creative," said Nelson, Coordinator for the Production Illustrator Program.

A professional ski instructor, fly fisherman, hiker, graphics illustrator, and wooden boat builder, Nelson has spent his life being a "creative".

Nelson first developed his love for painting after receiving words of encouragement from his kindergarten teacher when he painted a purple turkey.

Nelson feels that his watercolor paintings have helped him in life. A painter in the "English" style, which uses water to make colors lighter instead of white paint, Nelson feels that, "It forces me to 'see' things rather than just 'look' at things."

Nelson's works of art are usually environmental, from landscapes, seascapes, and NW locals, but his sketchbooks are filled with anything from a table top complete with your requisite condiments or a mountain view from a campsite.

Wanting to integrate his artistic talents with his career choice, Nelson trained to become a professional ski instructor,

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Beloved', a film not to miss

By Marta Pelayo
Staff Reporter

The most disappointing factor about the Fall release of Beloved is that most people will not watch it. They'll be going, talking about the atrocities of slavery, and even make plans to visit a friend to see it opening week.

But they won't go, because they're more interested in seeing Chucky get it on with his new bride or because they'd rather see Sandra Bullock wiggle and juggle around with Nicole Kidman.

And that's truly a shame, because Beloved is a story every person should know.

Set in rural Ohio in 1873, the film flashes back to Sethe's life as a slave in 1855, just before she runs away from her tortuous master. Starring Danny Glover as Paul D. and Thandie Newton as the title character, Beloved illustrates what happens when you ignore your past.

Basically, it comes back to haunt you.

For Sethe, her past comes back in the form of Beloved, a mysterious stranger looking to make Sethe's family her own.

Both Sethe and her daughter Denver take Beloved in, only Glover's Paul D. looks on with skepticism at the wanderer with the croaking voice and awkward gait.

Unaware of Sethe's horrible secret, Paul D. has no idea what kind of hold Beloved has on Sethe and Denver.

Sensing her growing cynicism and fear of his power over the family, Beloved runs Paul D. from Sethe by magically encouraging him to sleep with her.

Denver, having heard the crypts, begins her first doubts towards Beloved and her intentions.

Do not be misled by the title because this is no chick flick. Pulling no punches, if you stay at this movie it will be due to shock at the harrowingly violent scenes depicting hangings, rape, beatings, and murder.

Acknowledging that slavery existed is far more easier than watching it play out. Detailed scenes depicting a slave Sethe being whipped by her slave owner is difficult to watch.

Although Winfrey turns in a strikingly internal performance, the real heroine of the film is Kimberly Elise. Playing Sethe's youngest daughter Denver, Elise has a timid view of the outside world and tortured life living in Sethe's haunted house. Her need for affection from her mother is a complete flip when compared to her unforgiving coldness towards Paul D. Denver learns to find her inner strength to save her fallen family.

Among the growth achieved in the story is Sethe's own acceptance of her past. Having minimized past events, Sethe finally comes to grips with the guilt she has harbored most of her life.

When Sethe relays her feeling to Paul D. that Beloved is her, "best thing" Paul D. delivers the true message. "You're the best thing." The best thing indeed.

By Derek Roche
Staff Reporter

Penn and Tell'er they're not, and thank God for that. This past Friday night, the comedic act of Haines and Preston entertained a rather diminutive but enthusiastic audience in Highline's cafeteria.

The cafeteria was perhaps an unwisely chosen locale for the given production — the small floor-level stage left little maneuvering room for the duo's frolic. Nevertheless, Haines and Preston delivered the goods.

With an overwhelmingly diverse performance, ranging from varied stand-up and political humor to juggling and a near dozen or so musical numbers, Haines and Preston successfully kept the audience's undivided attention at a concert for an education.

The pair is indubitably talented, and their comic timing is impeccable. Eric Haines with his mighty and refined singing adeptness and Morgan Preston radiating a facile face, yet undeniably charming personality, together they are a pure, unadulterated comedic face.

"Chelsea Clinton isn't a college for an education... she's there recruiting White House interns," Preston joked, followed by laughter insinuating a "low blow" sentiment.

For the most part, the political humor remained objective, maintaining neither a "Pro Clinton" nor an "Impeach the President" type temperament. "Either way the politically incorrect cracks were immensely witty and entertaining."

The dynamic duo are remarkably gifted jugglers, instilling the act with plastic pins, evolving into machetes and finally employing torches. A surprisingly cooperative audience member, willing to be placed in the line of fire, stood with bated breath as pins whizzed by him — the folly of an H & P juggler.

Haines & Preston virtual crowd pleasers

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Team Highline brings you the Arts & Entertainment section of Team Highline. Other acts, are unscheduled, but if they're not as rollicking as anything they do, it's impossible to make out.

Despite the audio imperfections, the show was a lofty success. The Slipstick was precise, the dance numbers were exquisitely choreographed and the chemistry beautifully polished. They share a symmetry that works to a dazzling perfection and their comic timing is impeccable.

This is the third of three Comedy Cafe productions organized by Team Highline. Other acts, are unscheduled, but if they're not as rollicking as Haines and Preston, count me in.

Where it's at

Team Highline presents the '70s and beyond party. Come and shake your groove thing tonight from 8 p.m. to midnight downstairs in building 8. The price of admission is $5 or $3 if you bring two food units.

Faculty Speaks on Oct. 29 from noon to 1 p.m. in building 7. Various members of Highline's staff will be reciting their own poems, short stories etc.

Outspoken words, a prose reading at which students recite poetry, spoken words and short stories. This will be held Nov. 2, from noon to 1 p.m. in Tazza located in the TUB (Stadium union building).

Team Highline brings you the Ann Frank Performance. The performance will be held in building 7 on Nov. 5, from 11 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. The performance is free.

Come check out the Reality Big Art Show. The art show is an excellent way to check out the work of highline's talented students, staff and alumni. The show will be in the Union Bay Room located downstairs in Blg 8 Nov. 17 & 18 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The drama department presents their fall production The King Stag. The play runs from Nov. 12-14 and 19-21 at 8 p.m. in the little theater.
Stone Cold Sports

calling Jim Carrey a great actor, it just isn't so. This tripe is the best propaganda play since Mayor Rudy Giuliani's spiel on how safe New York now is. It just isn't so, folks. (No truth to the rumor "Hey, it's safer than Beirut" was his second choice as a slogan.)

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Staff Reporter

Times are tough for the Thunderbird volleyball team. The ladies were defeated by the No. 1 ranked, 21-0 Skagit Valley in the Pavilion on Oct. 14. Although the ladies fought valiantly against the notoriously tough team, they were unable to carry it on to a full five game match. "They lost in four, 5-15, 15-6, 7-15, 10-15," That game helped decide the T-Birds' rank in the league. It tied them for the fourth place spot along with Edmonds and Edmonds.

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Marsha Goodchild makes volleyball look easy.

She is a different player this year, one that is mentally there," said Coach Shauna Sheppard.

The Thunderbirds defeated the T-Birds 3-1, 15-11, 15-2, 15-7," said Sheppard.

The Everett rematch is at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23 in the Pavilion.

The ladies will then have a week to recuperate, before factoring Olympic in the Pavilion, 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 2.

At 3-4, Highline is in third place, tied with Olympic. A strong finish could land the T-Birds a playoff spot only a year after the team finished last in its division. Two years ago, Highline won the division going away.

Results from Wednesday's Shoreline game were unavailable at press time.

Men's cross country sets the pace

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Staff Reporter

The Thunderbirds men's cross country swept the top three places in Lower Columbia coming home with a first place trophy. Four of the eight men runners and one of the three women runners placed in the top 10 and received ribbons.

Dagen Bendixen, Andrew Russell, Andy Gist, Chris Bendickson and Becca McKenzie received ribbons.

"It was a good feeling coming in first out of the top 10," Bendixen said.

Head Coach Tracy Brigham is proud of the team's improvement.

"Each meet that we run in, Russell seems to step up his time and get closer and closer to the top," Brigham said.

Individuals they placed as follows: Bendixen took first; Russell finished second; Gist placed third; Bendickson came in seventh; Rutter placed 11th; Lekanoff placed 15th; Reed placed 20th; and McKenzie placed 24th.

"It felt good to come in second," Russell said. "The team is looking a lot better and we are improving greatly."

Two unattached students also ran well in the meet. Frankie Ciniceros had a sideache and didn't run to his full potential but still pulled off fourth place and Rob Sundine placed sixth.

"For an un sponsored team we are doing pretty good," Rutter said.

The women's cross country contingent also did very well.

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McKenzie placed eighth, Karla Booth placed 30th, and Erin Stevens placed 31st.

"It would be nice if we can have a full team to compete. That way it gives us something to run for," Booth said.

Even though they did not place as a team, the next meet will be much different. Brigham picked up two more women runners.

"Now that we will have five runners we can place as a team and find where we rank," Brigham said.

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Women's soccer begins playoff run

By Michael Stampalia
Staff Reporter

The women's soccer team had its playoff hopes dimmed last week by losses to Skagit Valley, 2-1, and Green River, 3-0.

The Lady T-Birds are now tied for second place in the Eastern Division, with their record standing at 7-5-1 with three games left to play. In order to make the playoffs the Lady T-Birds must finish in the top three in their division.

Before the Lady T-Birds had a bad week, they were sitting alone in second place in their division after tying Columbia Basin on Oct. 10 and defeating Everett on Oct. 12. This was a major blow to the Thunderbirds after they fought hard to gain sole possession of second-place last week.

"We just need to win the rest of our games and not worry about what everyone else is doing," Head Coach Shari Andresen said.

Against Skagit Valley last Wednesday, Oct. 14, the Lady T-Birds went on the road thinking they were playing at Skagit Valley, but instead ended up playing at an alternate field.

"It was way out in the boonies or somewhere. It smelled like a port-a-potty," said Jaime Kirk, Highline defender.

Highline managed to outshoot Skagit Valley 16-8 but still lost by a score of 2-1.

They didn't have their best game against a team they should have beaten, a team that won once coming into the match-up.

"We were just really flat. We did not play well, we just couldn't put the ball in the net," Andresen said. Andresen said that her team made a lot of defensive mistakes and she attributed them to miscommunication.

This loss hurt the T-Birds the most in the standings where Skagit Valley only trails them by two points in the race for the third and final playoff spot.

The game against Green River was another chapter in a fierce rivalry between two schools who have always played very physical against each other. Green River scored early in the first half to take a 1-0 lead. From that point on Green River was able to stop Highline on offense, allowing the T-Birds to score only once on their way to losing 3-1.

The women now head into the last three games of the regular season only two points ahead of fourth place Skagit Valley. They play Southwest Oregon Community College on the road Saturday before facing the Northern Division's top two teams. They will need to have their best games against Northern leader Tacoma at home on Wednesday, Oct. 28, before taking on Edmonds a week later on Nov. 4 for the regular season finale.

Basketball team looking for a few good women

By Martin Smith
Staff Reporter

The Highline women's basketball team is looking for a few good players. They have already started practice and the first game is going to be at the end of November.

But there is a problem. The team is short on players. As of today they are at least two or three players short.

"We need some people with height who want to hustle," said co-captain Krist Duggan.

The team is short because Dennis Olsen was informed of his head coaching position last and therefore was not able to keep up on high school basketball players. By the time he was informed of his coaching position, most high school players had already chosen their colleges. The late start on recruiting, paired with a couple of players leaving the team in recent months, led to the shortage.

Dennis Olsen and Janelle Oakley became head coaches this year with Oakley assisting last year. Olsen has been coaching basketball for 25 years, with 18 years at Auburn High School. While at Auburn, he lead them to nine state tournaments, including two state championships.

Basketball team looking for a few good women
Staff
By Jamie Kirk

Green River edges out HCC 2-1

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Men’s soccer suffers first loss
Green River edg
Students, faculty and staff decorated t-shirts last Thursday as a way to show their opposition to domestic violence.

Team Highline and The Women's Center cosponsored The Clothesline Project at Highline. It started in Massachusetts and gradually became nationwide.

Decorating a t-shirt is a way for people to speak out against domestic violence. Some shirts are carried over from year to year and are designed only by people from Highline. This year 20 more shirts were painted to add to the collection. The t-shirts will be hung up around Buildings 8, 6, and possibly the Library until the end of the month.

I was really impressed by student participation. Team Highline did an excellent job. They set things up and made it inviting for everyone, and they participated in it themselves," said Rebecca Rhodes, assistant director of the Women's Center.

Students booking study time at Tutoring Center

The Tutoring Center is already going strong this fall, but it has room for more students. Only four weeks into the quarter, 300 students are signed up. Last fall 500 students were assisted.

"I don't think awareness is what it should be," said Erena Hibbs, assistant director of Pre-College Studies and Academic Support Programs.

"I don't even know where it is," said student Dan Norton.

Even though the center is off to a good start, they still want more students, which means more tutors.

"We rely heavily on faculty and staff to recommend tutors," said Hibbs.

You can be a tutor by talking with your professors or just going into the tutoring center and applying.

"I just walked by and noticed the tutoring center sign," said Bob Baldwin, tutor for math and physics.

There is a high demand for more math and writing tutors. "Two to three writing tutors an hour just isn't enough," said Hibbs.

"Sometimes there aren't enough tutors — depends on the hour," said an anonymous student.

Students who have used the tutoring center say they have found it to be very helpful.

"I probably wouldn't have passed math last summer without this," said Michelle Barth.

"They helped me with writing," said Michael Grigolewsky.

"I am getting the help I need.

I think it's a great source," said an anonymous student.

Help at the Tutoring Center is free. Most tutors are unpaid volunteers. Those students who decide to volunteer must realize they have to enroll in a one credit class, which is held every Friday for one hour.

The center has 6,000 work study hours this quarter and not enough work study students. If you want to help out and be a tutor, talk to professors or someone at the front desk of the Tutoring Center. Students who need to be tutored are always welcome.

Hours for writing tutors are 8 a.m. — 4 p.m. Monday through Thursdays and 8 a.m. — noon on Fridays. Math tutors are available 8 a.m. — 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 8 a.m. to noon on Fridays. For other classes sign up in the center for group sessions.

The Tutoring Center is located in Building 19, room 206.

Prepare yourself and your car for winter

By Matt King

Staff Reporter

Although winter is two months away, it is never too late to prepare yourself for the harsh weather that lies ahead. Scientists are predicting a hard winter in the Northwest this year. If you are right most of us have some preparing to do.

One key to surviving the winter and staying in a good mood is having a worry-free vehicle. For the majority of us who drive to school every day, our vehicles become a major part of our lives. Your vehicle should be your best friend not your worst enemy!

People don’t realize how much their lives are influenced by their vehicles. When your vehicle isn’t running properly it can lead to nervousness, frustration, or even road rage.

Here are some tips and ideas to take into consideration before heading out on the road this winter.

"Brakes have to be checked," said Shaun Samterfield, Manager of Midway Midas. "If brakes are worn down they may not perform as well as they should in cold, wet or panic situations."

Mike Donahue, owner of a B.P. in Federal Way says the most important element in preparing vehicles for winter is adding anti-freeze into the radiator so the mixture is close to 50/50.

"The biggest problem people have with their vehicles in the winter is blow off freeze plugs and blown water pumps," Donahue explained. "This happens when the owner of the vehicle does not add anti-freeze to the radiator, causing the water inside the engine to freeze and expand. This forces the water pump to break off of the side of the engine."

Depending on how far or where you drive the manager of Schuck's Auto Supply in Tacoma, Scott Nelson, recommends carrying a box of emergency supplies in your vehicle. It should include: fuzzy tire (which fixes flat tires), extra anti-freeze, a flash light, tire chains, and any other items that will make you feel more secure while driving.

These are a few simple solutions that could potentially save you a lot of problems. Of course there are many other services that your vehicle may require and for that you should consult a dealer or a recommended specialist.

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Retraining program rescues students, director

By Banana Romain Staff Reporter

Being unemployed is a reality of life, regardless of what field you are in. Jeff Snyder knows this. He is the advising manager for Highline's Workforce Retraining Program and has been unemployed twice.

"You can't be devitalizing," Snyder said. Snyder has his unemployment experience come in contact with students in the program. The first criteria all prospective clients must meet in order to be considered for receiving unemployment benefits or to have received them within the last two years.

"I am a crab fisherman off Alaska for eight months of the year," Snyder said. "Jeff was the first guy to explain what college was like," Daly said. "When I got in a math class that was too high for me, he gave me a lot of moral support." This is Daly's first quarter. It is a reality of life, thinking it, and now I'm doing it," Daly said.

The "moral support" Daly spoke of is part of the ongoing help students get with informal advising, resume development, and other occupation-related skills. They also get suggestions on how to approach employers.

"I will talk about how the world has changed," Snyder said. "You don't work hard but you've got a set of skills that you can take with you to several companies."

Barbara Shell, another program student, is almost ready to graduate. She has already learned most of the skills she needs to work in production illustration. She describes her former employment experience as negative. When she was laid off, she went to California to red a friend and instead of a program there, "I ended up in a 'house,'" Shell said.

"I was motivated to search for something better," she said. "I'm very excited about my position in the Student Center," Daly said. "I'm really glad to see that the University really is where I want to be, that I'm making a difference."

Highline has made some improvements for evening students, but some say inconveniences remain.

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"We are willing to hire more tutors for evening students, but some say inconveniences remain."

The security staff of Highline has also been expanded. The number of female students has increased, too. Many of the female students pointed out that even though there is a full-time security staff, they are afraid to walk out of the parking lot because it is simply too dark.

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