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Pollution foils college plan

Pacific Highway entrance to be gas station again

By Martin Smith
Staff Reporter

The corner of Pacific Highway and South 240th Street is going to be sporting a new BP gas station by early 1999.

Highline looked at purchasing the site about four years ago so it would have an entrance from Pacific Highway and give the school more visibility.

"It would reshape the entrance to the campus, giving it a better front door," said Laura Saunders, vice president of Administration.

But environmental concerns kept the college away, as the state wouldn't let the college, or any state agency, buy property with potential environmental liability.

State officials say the site had substantial pollution from its three decades as a Unocal 76 station.

Saunders said the college had environmental testing done on the site in 1995. Drilling samples found contamination extending down to the water table and flowing toward the college.

A state Department of Ecology official said the records on the site include two manila envelopes four inches thick. In one incident in 1988, 3,000 gallons of un-



Photo by Kirk Elliott

Construction workers dig the hole for the new BP gas station that is scheduled to be up early next year.

leaded gasoline were spilled at the site.

Unocal 76, the previous owner, could not be reached for comment. By law, the site would have to be cleaned up, with the cost typically shared by both new and previous owners. A drilling rig was seen on the site last summer, by Peter Babington, director

of facilities here at Highline, however, indicating that clean-up work did happen.

Concerns over spills and leaking underground gasoline tanks led the state to require stations to install new, double-walled tanks by the end of this

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Highline, union reach impasse

Parking issue pushes college, WPEA apart

By Ami Westberg
Staff Reporter

Highline's administration and the Washington Public Employees Association have reached an impasse in their negotiations of raising parking fees and fines.

The college wants to raise the parking fees and fines because they want to build a parking garage to help alleviate Highline's lack of parking space.

But the WPEA, which represents staff approximately 162 employees at the college, says parking rates are a part of their contract.

"There are not enough parking spots for everybody, and we took it on," said Norma Finsterbusch, President of the WPEA on Highline campus and financial aid office assistant.

"We have not been able to reach an agreement," said Ken Brett, Employee Relations Specialist for the WPEA.

Laura Saunders, Highline's vice president for Administration, had no response other than to acknowledge the fact that they met with the WPEA three times and that they discussed mutual issues with regards to parking.

"I am not at liberty to discuss details," said Saunders.

The college and the WPEA have held three meetings in an effort to hammer out an agreement regarding parking fees and fines. The last discussion was held on Nov. 3, where, according to Brett, Highline administration made its last and final offer to raise parking fees from \$8 to \$16 per quarter.

"We think the amount is excessive. They could have set a lower rate," said Brett.

According to Brett, the college administration also proposed charging a higher rate for parking infractions. They want to raise base parking fines from \$5 to \$20. They also want to raise the current fine for parking in a handicap spot from \$25 to \$175, the fine levied by the city of Des Moines.

Brett felt that part of the proposal was more appropriate than doubling the parking fee.

The problem that the WPEA has with the administration's proposed increases is that they feel that the college could look to generate money from other areas.

According to Brett, \$126,000 comes out of the parking fund for staffing purposes. Brett said that the college could take that money out of the general fund instead of the parking fund and use the \$126,000 towards the

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College says computers safe from hackers

By Nate Patterson
Staff Reporter

Highline's computers systems are secure, college officials say.

Although the college doesn't encounter hackers — rogue computer users who try to steal information, or just make trouble — it still takes precautions to protect the more than 500 computers on campus.

Highline protects its computer systems in many ways.

One is by using different user profile accounts for students, teachers and administrators. This ensures that the Systems Operator is aware of who is accessing what level of the network.



Another method of security is password expiration enforcement, where you are not allowed to have a certain password for an extended period of time, said Angie Parsons, director of System Services.

Security policies also dictate the ethics and procedures of se-

curing a computer network, such as not leaving a computer that you have logged into.

Highline's computer gurus also don't say a lot about the network's security capabilities, making it harder for potential hackers to figure things out.

The college also has an am-

ple supply of tried-and-true virus protection software to guard against the sometimes comical but often harmful viruses run constantly on the college's networks.

It all seems to be working.

"Fortunately, we have not had problems with hackers," said Frank Cunningham of System Services, which manages Highline's computers.

Cunningham is less confident about on-line registration and voting in student elections, which require students to enter their student identification numbers — usually their Social Security numbers, a favorite target

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Crime Blotter

Des Moines Police:

Other than falling trees and power cables, traffic stops and loud party complaints were the only major events reported into the Des Moines Police Department. Evidence that crime has not shown its ugly face in this fair city of ours.

Nov. 24

Falling wires, blown transformers and a blocked road were the main items. On the 1000 block of Woodmont Beach Road South, a 10 inch diameter tree fell down and blocked the street.

The second road hazard involving a street blocking tree was on Des Moines Memorial/Marino View Drive. The last tree falling was on 23400 14 south street. The worst road hazard was probably on the 1600 block and Kent Des Moines Road where power wires fell down when the transformer blew.

HCC Campus Security:

For Highline college no major crimes have been reported.

The number of car battery jumps remained at a steady count of seven. While locked cars keys dropped like a rock to one. I asked a local resident about the above figures.

"It wasn't and breaks my heart," said the grizzled army man.

By Bekah Johnston
Staff Reporter

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Career Center's Gintz is gone

By Bekah Johnston
Staff Reporter

After 18 years of managing the Career Center, Ingrid Gintz is saying goodbye to Highline. On Friday, Dec. 4, Gintz will be changing her career to be a financial consultant for Salomon Smith Barney in Federal Way.

Gintz doesn't feel that it is a large career jump considering her past education and experience. Gintz majored in math and computer science. She taught for 13 years at Pacific Lutheran University before coming to Highline.

She has been here since the fall of 1980, when she spent her first six months assisting Michael Grubiak in the Dean of Students and then taught some classes. In 1990 she began to manage the Career Center while



Ingrid Gintz

she also has managed to take care of five high school foster boys.

Gintz plans to partner with her husband who has been working for this company since 1975.

"This career offers a lot of

flexibility," Gintz said.

Consulting companies used to hire new graduates, but now are looking for people with experience. The companies are wanting more women workers to relate with mothers in charge of homes and their children's education.

She first started seriously thinking about going into financial consulting a year ago when she attended a conference with her husband. Being interested, she began taking college financial planning classes at home. By taking the classes at home, she is now licensed as a paraprofessional.

Gintz still has six months of training, with three weeks of training on the East Coast. Once she passes all of the many exams she will be a financial consultant.

Gintz said she has brought much to the Career Center in the last eight years. She has built the library from having 20 books to 400. Gintz also brought in software, a website, and computers. The Career Center is ahead in technology compared to other colleges, said Gintz.

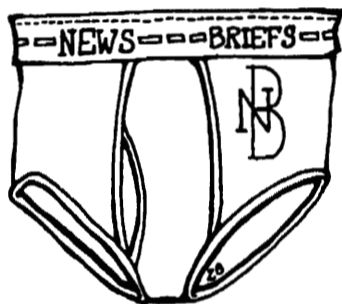
"We've got great resources and services here," Gintz said.

Gintz is sad to leave Highline. Most of all she will miss the college campus.

"I'll miss the people I've gotten to know," Gintz said.

She will miss the variety of working with many students and staff. Gintz is glad that she will still be able to continue helping people one on one, but in a different area.

"I'll be doing something I love and because it helps others," Gintz said.



Cooperative Education hosts Internship fair

The Cooperative Education Department will be hosting an Internship Fair today from, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. The event will be held upstairs in the TUB (Thunderbird Union Building) AKA Building 8.

If you are interested in interning make sure to pop on by. If you have any questions contact Carol Stiefer at ext. 3343.

Cram Night!

Cram Night is coming. The event will be held Dec. 6, 7 and

8 from 9:30 p.m. - 1 a.m. in the Library. Tutoring and refreshments will be provided.

Come study up so that you don't flunk out.

Kid's Book Drive

Phi Theta Kappa is having a book drive for kids. Drop-off boxes are located at the entrances to the Bookstore, the entrance to the library and in the TUB.

This drive is for kids so no trashy novels.

Copies of Dr. Seuss's classic Yurtle the Turtle would be especially appreciated.

Blood Drive!

Team Highline and the Puget Sound Blood Center are holding a blood drive tomorrow, Dec. 4 from 9 - 11 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. - 3 p.m. in Building 2.

For more information contact Team Highline at ext. 3537 or the Blood Center at 800-266-4033.

Text-book drive

The Office of Instruction is holding a text-book drive. The books will be donated to a South African high school in time for next fall.

If you would be interested in donating text-books (remember how little they yield at book buy-back) please drop them off in Building 9, room 3 by Dec. 4.

Correction

The Winter Quarter Schedule was printed with incorrect information about the times of certain art classes. The quarterly states that classes will be held on Monday and Wednesday. In fact, classes will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Art 171 section #5169 will be held from 1 - 3:55 p.m. Art 171 section #5173 will be held from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. Art 172 section #5177 will be held from 1 - 3:55 p.m. Art 172 section #5181 will be held from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. Art 173 section #5185 will be held from 1 - 3:55 p.m. Art 173

section #5189 will be held from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.

T-word appoints new editors

Paris Hansen has been named editor of the Thunderword for Winter Quarter, Dr. T.M. Sell announced this week.

Hansen previously served as reporter, copy editor, chief copy editor and news editor.

Tyler Hurst has been promoted from projects editor to managing editor. Marta Pelayo has been named arts editor; Jamie Kirk will be sports editor; and Andrew Campbell moves from managing editor to opinion editor.

Continuing in their current positions are Zac Bedell, graphics editor; Kirk Elliott, photo editor; and Chi Lieu as business manager.

"The paper currently has a paid opening for an advertising manager, and continues to need photographers and artists," Hansen said.

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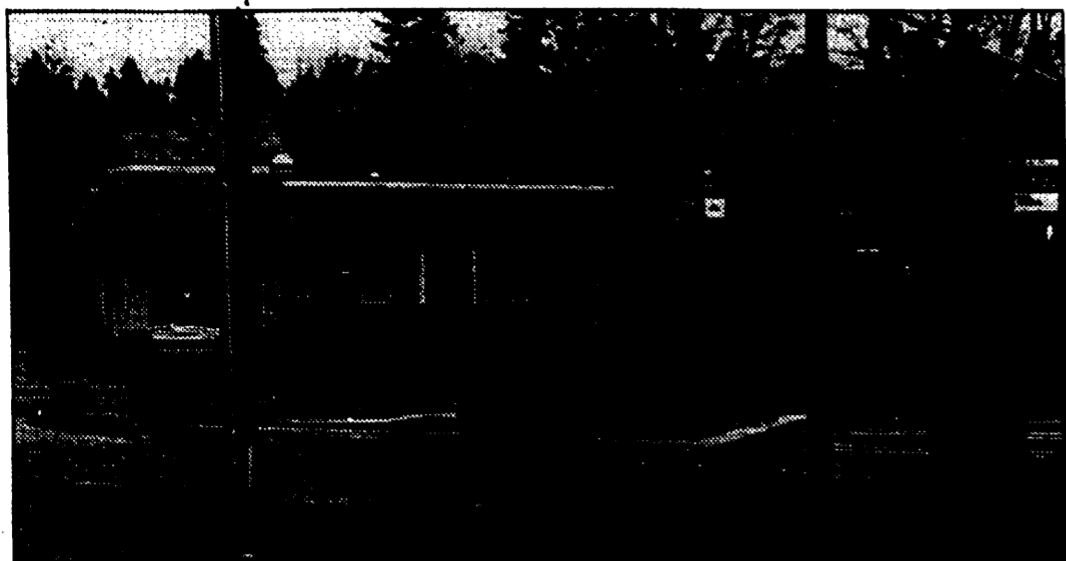


Photo by Michael Stampalia

The annual appearance of Lake Taco in Des Moines, above, closed Kent-Des Moines Road last week. At right, city crews used concrete blocks to rebuild support for 16th between Kent-Des Moines and South 240th Street.

Storm takes out road to Highline

By Sandra Kruike
Staff Reporter

Damage from a mudslide before Thanksgiving that closed a section of 16th Avenue South has been repaired. The road reopened late Monday night after being closed for repairs for five days.

Some of the trees finally gave way under the weekend's torrential rain.

"They probably had been helping to retain the soil for a long time," Tim Heydon, public works director for the City of Des Moines, said.

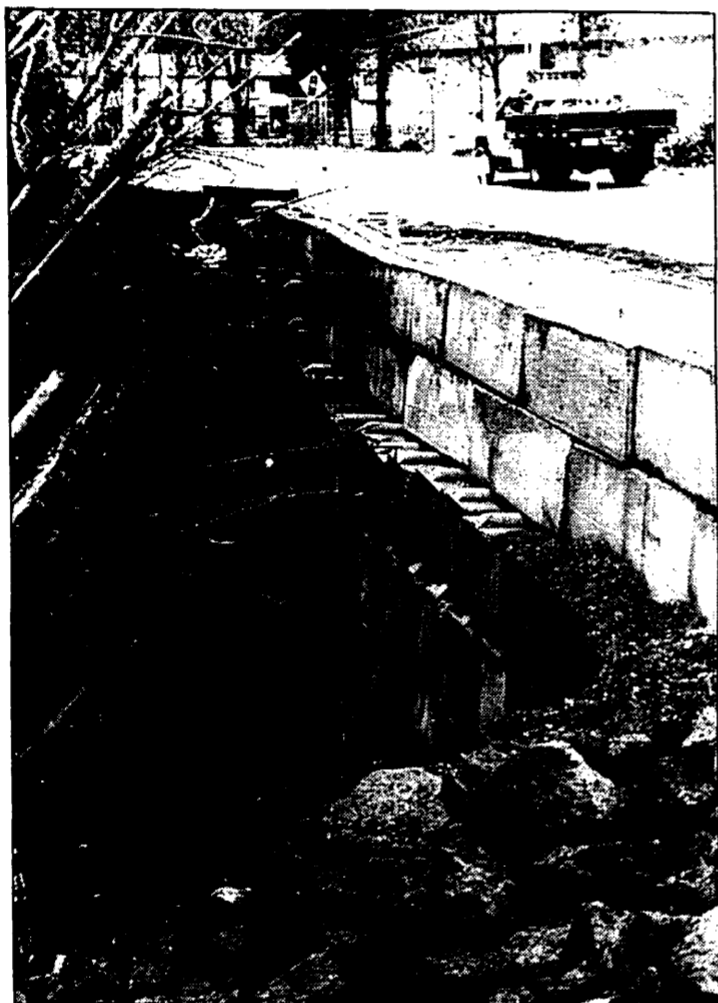


Photo by Kirk Elliott

Crews worked straight through the holiday until 2:30 or 3 a.m. the next day.

"Thanksgiving was a very long day for one of my engineers," Heydon said. The slide exposed a 12-inch, high-pressure gas main and a sanitary sewer. It also knocked over a guardrail.

"The exposed gas main

posed the greatest danger. It wasn't built to be hanging out there," Heydon said.

Workers had to work around the high-pressure main. It belongs to Puget Sound Energy and they were there to watch it. Workers used concrete ecology blocks to build up from the creek to the road.

Students still paying at BCC

Student government voted to impose fee to build new student center in Bellevue

By Stacy Nelson
Staff Reporter

Bellevue Community College students have been paying for seven years for their new student center.

Highline, with half as many students, could be paying twice as long.

Highline has recently been considering remodeling the aging Building 8. Though many are in favor of this change, the funding could be a problem. One solution could be to have a self-imposed fee like Bellevue did.

The recent addition to their center has cost students \$4 every quarter since 1990, and \$5 a quarter after 1996.

This money was taken out of their Services and Activities fee which has been \$47 for many years. Since any state college's S&A fee can only go up to \$47, the money for the building was taken away from other programs.

Highline, with a smaller budget and an S&A fee already at \$47, would face the same problem. Requests for S&A fees from campus groups last year totalled \$100,000 more than the roughly \$700,000 S&A budget had to offer.

College officials say no decision on how to pay for a student center has been made.

Bellevue's decision to take the money out of the S&A fee was voted on by Student Government, not the entire student body.

However, the money collected from the students only

made up a small portion of the money needed to fund the center. Barbara Martin, vice president of Administration at BCC, said that the money came from a "variety of sources."

Six different sources in fact:

*\$613,559 came from the state appropriations budget.

*\$800,000 came from the students.

*\$1.6 million came from bookstore and food service revenue.

*\$585,000 came from miscellaneous auxiliary enterprises.

*\$410,000 came from grant, contracts, dedicated revenue and interest earnings.

*Finally, \$622,000 came from the local capital fund balance.

Total price: \$4.63 million. That came from construction costs of \$3.54 million; Washington sales tax of \$304,440; contingency which cost \$354,000; design fees of \$400,000; and building permits/miscellaneous costing \$31,560.

All of this money provided for an "addition of 11,000 square feet to the center of campus," stated the BCC Board of Trustees funding plan. Martin said it was a "large addition."

This addition included casual meeting rooms, quiet study areas, new offices for student government and student programs, a coffee bar, a game room, and a dramatic glass entry way.

"Upstairs we put in a whole new area," said Martin. "We put in new lighting, and added really attractive space."

"The students are really enjoying it," Martin said.

Head of College in a College leaves for UW

By Erik Gyll
Staff Reporter

Laura Westergard, Highline's College in a College program coordinator and student advising counselor, spent her last day at Highline Tuesday.

Westergard has left to pursue an advising position at the University of Washington-Tacoma. Westergard took the job so she could continue working with students.

"I just love working with students; I'm just going to be doing it at a new location," said

Westergard. Westergard previously had worked as an event planner for trade shows as well as other student advising positions.

Westergard has been an inspiration to many students, her co-workers say. Offering guidance and direction, she has helped students accomplish their academic goals, said Educational Planner Siew Lai Lilley.

One student agreed. "I went to Laura not really knowing what classes I wanted or needed. After talking with her she helped me decided the



Laura Westergard

classes as well as offer a long term goal," said freshman student Siam Boonsirapail.

As well as working with students directly, Westergard also worked with programs. She was the coordinator of College in a College, a program she helped build.

"As coordinator of the College in a College program, Laura has helped build the program from the very beginning and been able to provide students with support they need," said Lilley.

College in a College is a

three year old program which tries to offer a more collegiate experience for students who intend to transfer to four-year schools.

Classes the students take are held primarily in the afternoon and students stay with a core group of people with whom to share their college experience.

Taking over for Westergard as interim coordinator of College in a College will be Nga Pham.

"I really enjoyed working at Highline, I will miss it," Westergard said.

Editorials

Reclaim the meaning of holiday season

'Tis the season. Problem is, it seems no one knows what exactly the season is for anymore. In recent years it appears as though people tend to view the holidays as a bother. The holiday season, as cliched as it sounds, should be a time for rejoicing in the harmony and giving spirit of humanity.

It appears however that the holidays have become a time more to celebrate the latest sales and coolest toys than the true spirit of the season. The season begins with outrageously large crowds of shoppers heading to the mall. The countdown to Christmas has changed from tallying the 12 days, to keeping track of the shopping days left.

Instead of being the outright happiest time of the year, it is the season with the highest suicide rate.

People really should spend time this season enjoying the holidays and getting in touch with that little bit of holiday spirit that is inside all of us, no matter how buried it has become.

Instead of spending your time hunting down that Furbie your little sister just has to have, maybe you could spend the money doing something a little more meaningful with her. And with the time you save by not fighting the crowds you could take some time to do something nice for someone in the true spirit of the season.

If you need help coming up with an activity that fits the true holiday spirit look to the Inside Scoop in this issue.

If we all do our best to catch the real spirit we can make this a holiday season to remember.

Charles Stores leaves void in Highline's space

For the last 28 years, Charles Stores has been a staple at Highline. Unfortunately that time is near its end.

After this quarter science instructor and Highline landmark Stores will give up his full-time position at the college. Since Stores began teaching at Highline in 1970 he has made his mark. It has been the unwritten rule for years that a Highline education wasn't truly complete until you had been hollered at by Stores.

Stores' flagrant and unique classroom teaching style has endeared him to students and staff alike. Even in his disagreements and ongoing battles with other faculty members Stores has maintained a level of respect and professionalism virtually unheard of today.

No other teacher has affected the campus in quite the same way as Stores. Highline will undoubtedly experience a great loss when he is gone.

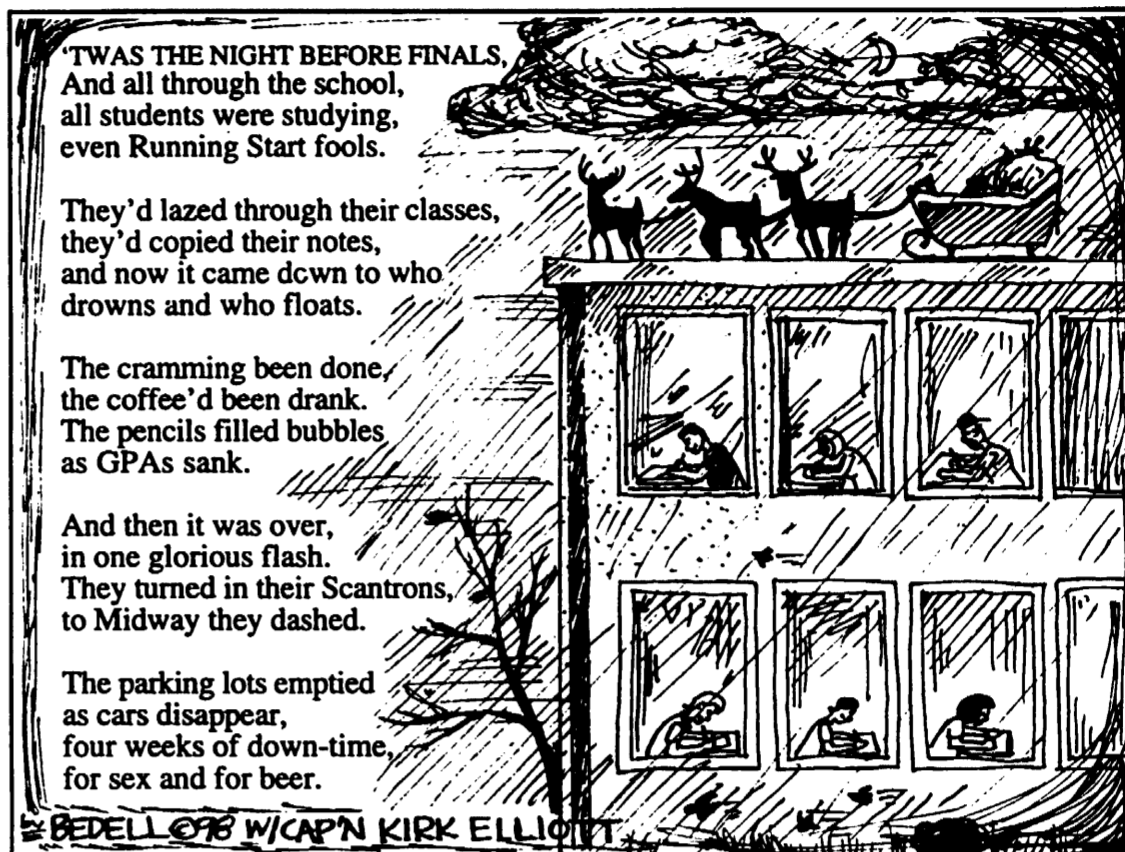
Stores will be missed and never replaced. A fond thank you and farewell is in order.

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All I want for Christmas is a lot

I love Christmas time. At what other time of the year do you get to ski, give gifts and expect something in return, and not go to school? I can think of none, and that is why Christmas is so special. The following is a slightly humorous rendition of my Christmas wish list, all of which I'm not sure Santa can deliver on. Enjoy and have a happy holiday.

- A date with that special someone I've had a secret crush on all quarter. It would probably help if I asked her out.
- A car that doesn't need a new paint job, suspension, rear windshield defroster, and an assortment of other things that are wrong with my current transportation unit. While you are at it, how about a couple of elves who could wash my car whenever it was the slightest bit dirty.
- Days that have 25 hours instead of the standard 24, because you can never have enough time. Except when you

It's supposed to be funny



By Mike Stampalia

are sitting through that boring U.S. history class and time can't go fast enough.

- My wardrobe could use some updating. I've still got NO FEAR t-shirts from 1992 that I actually wear. I know that I've said before that I won't wear Tommy Hilfiger, Polo Sport, Nautica or any of those other brand names, but I'm finally caving in and telling people that I'll wear them if I don't have to pay for it. After all, anything that's good enough for Derek Greenfield is good enough for me. Does he really wear FUBU?
- That I never have to hear

about members of the Thunderword editorial staff and their things again.

- That no one gets me a Furbie. I would be too tempted to teach it profanity, and that is a temptation I just don't need.

• Lots of snow for me to ski on this year. With the way things are going this year I will break my leg as soon as I get up on the slopes.

- Underwear that don't have my name written on them. I don't think there's any chance someone will return them.

• That I don't have to use another Macintosh computer for the rest of my life. Which by all accounts won't be very long after I told select wrestlers that their sport was just an excuse for them to get fresh with other guys.

- That I will think of something funny to write about in my column that doesn't consist of a list.

Mike is tired of being teased.

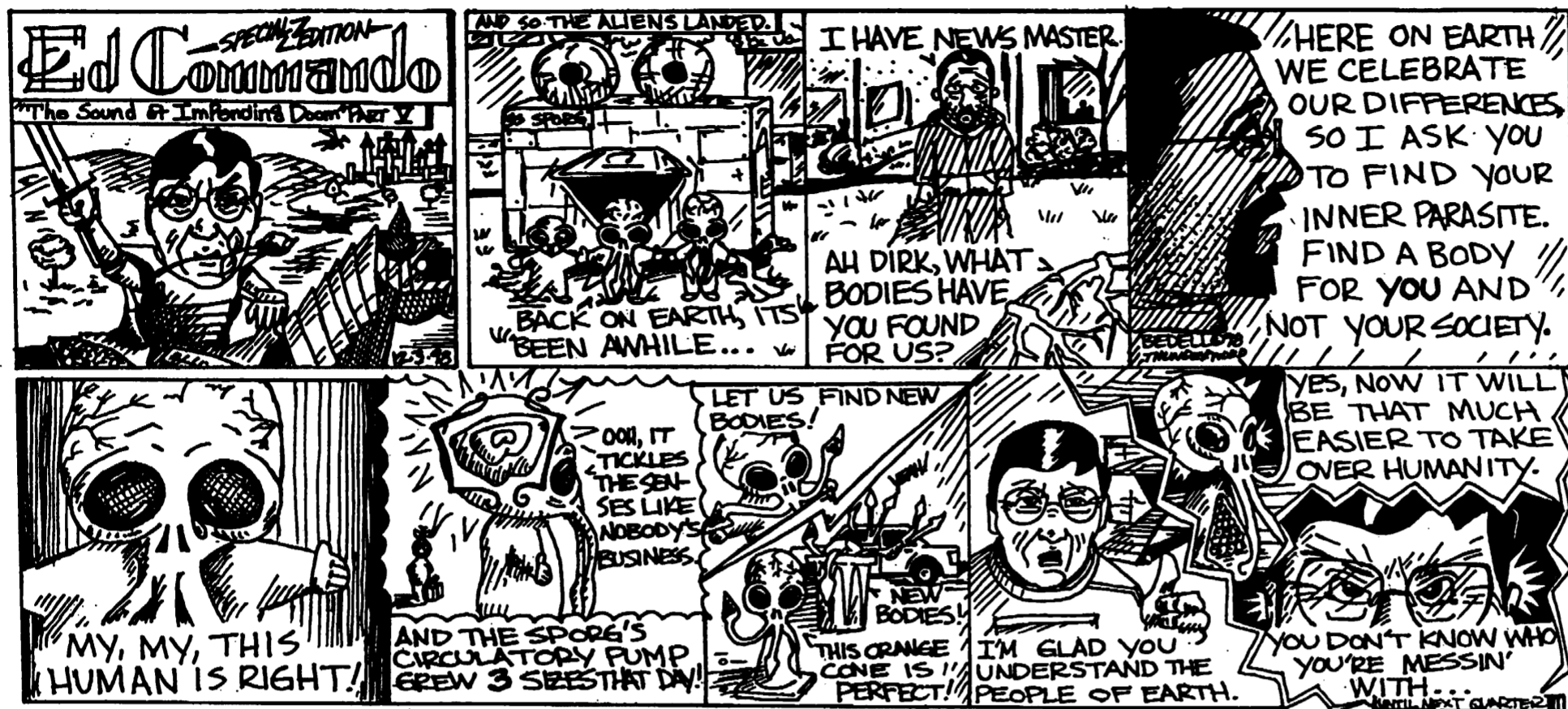
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Some of us need a good guide Most men grope for chivalry

A few weeks ago in the Thunderword newsroom there arrived a book. Now this was no ordinary book. This was *The Guide to Getting It On!*

Now, I have been looking at this book for a while and have read almost all of it. And do you know what? It's a really great book.

The best thing about this book is that it covers everything. It has something to say on everything from anatomy to romance and everything in between, all you could want to know and more.

One of the best things about the book is that it presents sex in the way that most young people understand it. The presentation is light and humorous but still

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By Andrew "Dr. Love" Campbell

manages to get the point across clearly and concisely.

One of the shortcomings of the book is that the illustrations, while amusing, seem largely extraneous. The drawings mostly fail to support the text.

Another thing about this book is that it touches on everything over the course of 668

pages which means that nothing is dealt with very deeply. Most topics are dedicated only a paragraph or two. This is probably the book's biggest failure.

Fortunately, the author realized that this was the case and included references on almost every topic addressed.

So while "The Guide" may not be the perfect sex book it is definitely the perfect place to start.

The Guide to Getting It On! was written by Paul Joannides and is available from Goofy Foot Press P.O. Box 69365 West Hollywood, CA 90069-0365.

The phone number at Goofy Foot is 1-800-310-PLAY so give them a call and order yours today for \$20.

By Jewanna Carver
Staff Reporter

Remember the good old days of dating? When Jimmy Joe would ask you out for a Friday night?

He'd show up in his Sunday best and meet your parents. Then he'd whisk you off to a flick and to get a bite to eat. Afterward you'd reward him with a kiss on the cheek, because you're a lady and you don't kiss on the first date. Remember that? Me neither.

Jimmy Joe has been replaced by J-Dog. He won't come in because he "don't meet the 'rents." The movie is now a Blockbuster rental, (not even a new release) and that bite to eat is from the 99-cent menu at Wendy's. As far as the kiss afterward goes, we all know what's up with that.

I know that I'm supposed to be a self-sufficient woman of the '90s. But a part of me wouldn't mind having guys demonstrate some old-fashioned manners.

I'm not saying that guys should give a girl the shirt off their back, or carry her off into the sunset, but a little chivalry now and then would be appreciated.

There, I said it. The dreaded word that men thought they banished when women burned their bras.

Chivalry: the noble qualities a knight was supposed to have such as courage, honor, and a readiness to help the weak and protect women.

It's not that there aren't any "knights" on campus, I believe there are, they're just hiding themselves very well.

Don't get upset guys. This story is backed up by scientific facts (sort of).

Before I decided that chivalry was dead on campus, I gave out a couple of surveys on the

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topic.

Most of the men surveyed thought that holding the door open and offering to help a woman with her bags was the gentlemanly thing to do. "It's the way women should be treated, at any age," one male student responded.

Another guy said "it depends on who you are around."

The women felt that acts of chivalry weren't outdated, but admitted that they rarely received any.

"Some guys are considerate, but some are just clueless," one woman said.

"It should be brought back, it's nice and shows respect," said Allegra, an 18-year old student.

A couple of people responded with a blank look and asked "what's chivalry?"

Chivalry seems to have gone out of style. Most women my age don't even know what they're missing. And a lot of young guys weren't brought up to open doors for anyone besides themselves.

Maybe it stems from a lack of father figures for young men. Or perhaps from movie images of the rough, crude guys always getting the girl.

My No. 1 theory is that men of the '90s have gotten lazy.

They aren't expected to go out of their way for the opposite sex, and women no longer expect them to either.

I guess you could blame the absence of gallantry on everyone. Although I've gotten used to the fact that chivalry may be buried and gone, a part of me still thinks it can be resurrected.

If bell bottoms and afros can come back, why can't chivalry?

Studies need more coordination

By Nashonne Watkins
Special to the Thunderword

Recently, I learned about the Faculty Senate's proposal to have all students take a coordinated study course and a diversity course. If the Faculty Senate only understood the real truth about how these classes operate then they might want to reconsider the proposal.

The reason why this issue is so important to me now is because a number of students have brought to me some of their complaints about their coordinated study classes. Their classes are similar to mine and I think that it is time that we take a closer look at the way this program is structured. The problem is not related to all coordinated study classes, but more so the classes that consist of a writing course.

The first complaint was made by three students who came into the Student Government office with several com-

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plaints about their coordinated studies class. The two underlying issues were that the two courses in the class were being taught unequally and that the teachers would spend the majority of the time on lecture and group seminars. Little time was dedicated to the instruction of how to write a research paper.

One of the students said "We have been given no guidelines or specifics on how to write a paper." Another student stated "I took this class because I wanted to learn how to write a research paper and I still do not know how to write a paper."

In my own personal situation, I took a political science and writing 101 coordinated studies course last Fall and in this class I found that the majority of the time was spent on

classroom discussion of political issues. Again there was little in class instruction on how to write a paper and review of grammar.

I do not know, maybe it is the teaching style of the teachers. But are these two issues just a coincidence? I doubt it. I think there should be more emphasis on the writing part of the coordinated class because learning how to communicate through writing will determine if we get the job we apply for or not.

Before Highline votes to make this program a requirement of the AA degree, it is extremely important that we take a closer look at the courses and evaluate if the goals and objectives are being met by the students. My question to Highline now is how will we ensure that both courses in all of the coordinated studies classes are being taught equally and effectively?

Nashonne is Vice President of Administration for student government.

Highline: a haven for intellectual growth

So here it is, my last column and I decided it would be a good idea to pass on the knowledge I have gained while attending this fine institution.

It may be rather difficult to encapsulate within the space I have allotted but I will try.

•My first quarter here, I took a 7 a.m. class. It was a nice

Liz's Lens

By Liz Doolittle



idea, but let's face it, getting up before 9 a.m. just isn't natural.

•If after the third day of "farming rituals of malnourished countries," you still don't think you're going to like it, but chances are you aren't. Drop it and look for a new class.

•Parking at Midway is almost always avoidable. Either take your classes before 9 a.m., after 11 a.m., or get to school 5 minutes before class starts. Simple logic states that people will be leaving school, thus leaving the parking lot.

•There's more to class than just passing.

•Teachers don't like it when you sit in the back of their classroom reading the paper while they lecture.

•Teachers also get a little bit irritated when you sit in a car parked across the street from their house.

•As long as instructors are allowed to enter their artwork in the Really Big Art Show, don't bother entering. I'm pretty sure I could go back to kindergarten and have the best finger painting, but you don't see me doing it.

•Although annoying when a fellow classmate's pager goes off in class, oddly enough it's rather amusing when it is one of your instructor's three pagers.

•Human Sexuality is a load of fun, until your instructor crosses that imaginary self-disclosure line.

•Skipping class is an art. Know when to say when.

•It is generally not accepted for you and four of your friends to register for your classes as a team.

•On a related note, you know it's your last quarter when asked if you're going to class your response is "Class? It's not my turn, I already went to class once this week."

Liz secretly wants a DeLorean.

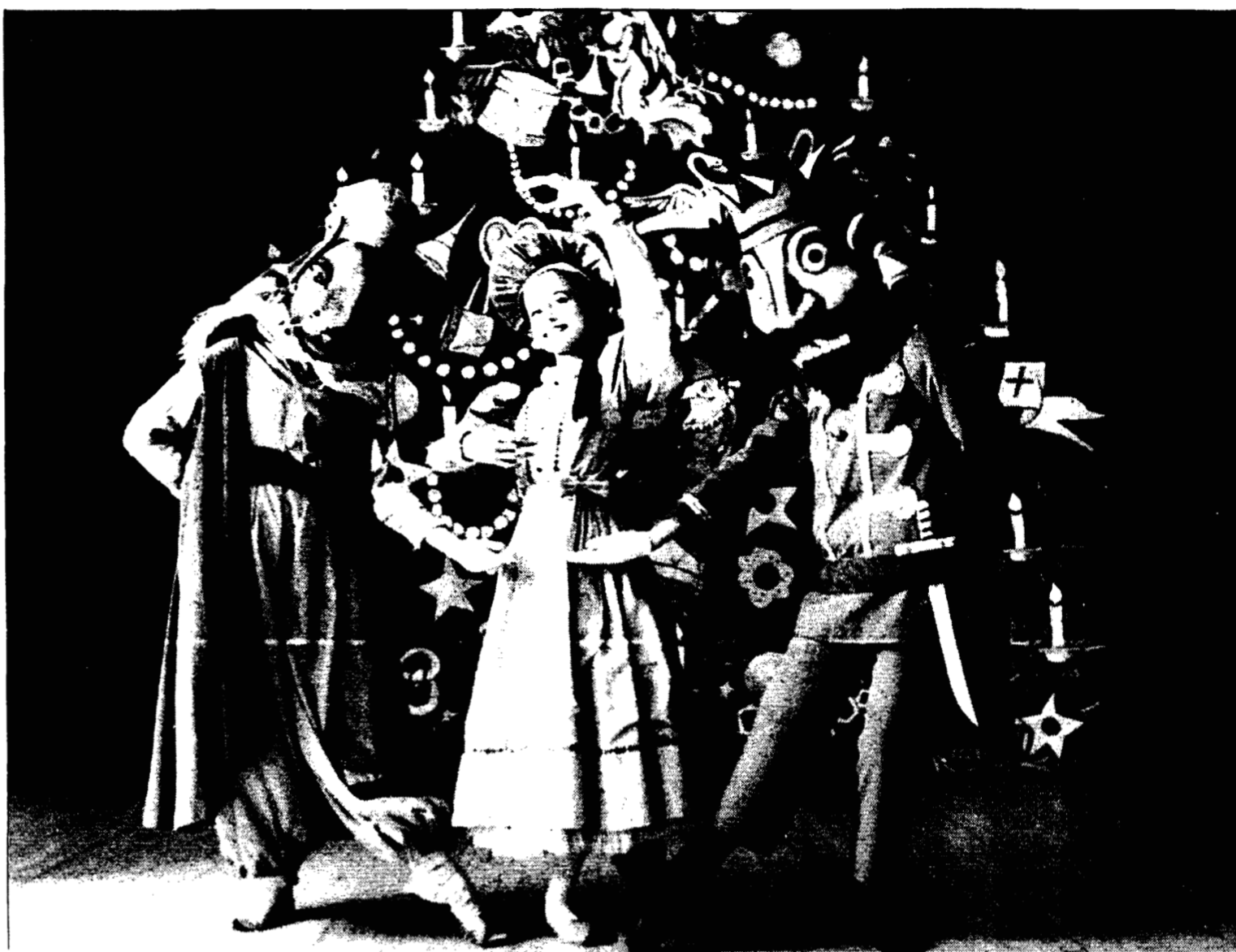


Photo courtesy of the Pacific Northwest Ballet

Clara and the Mouse King in the Pacific Northwest Ballet's *The Nutcracker*

The Nutcracker

Timeless classic returns for annual Seattle holiday run

By Sarah Song and Jennifer Young
Staff Reporters

Fairies and toys come to life on stage when the Pacific Northwest Ballet presents their annual winter production, *The Nutcracker*.

There will be 40 performances of the *Nutcracker* from Dec. 3 through Dec. 28 at the Seattle Center Opera House.

This *Nutcracker* will be PNB's 15th anniversary, using the same choreography and sets as when they began in 1983.

By Jennifer Young
Staff Reporter

At the Tacoma Art Museum, Picasso's works of art emerge from the ground like a Zen garden, comprised of fire and clay.

"Picasso: Ceramics from the Marina Picasso Collection," and "Picasso's Studio," is currently on view at the Tacoma Art Museum now through Jan. 10.

Well-lit and presented, the exhibit achieves a state of quiet minimalism. The objects are the

The *Nutcracker* is a Christmas fairytale set in a young girl's subconscious.

Clara, the young girl, receives a nutcracker and drifts into a fantasy world created by her godfather.

She defends her nutcracker from mice and it transforms into a prince. She also assumes the identity of a fairytale princess fit for her nutcracker prince. The couple is escorted to an imaginary kingdom filled with toys and fairies.

The *Nutcracker* has 374 roles in two casts, featuring the entire company of professional dancers, students from across the country and as well as over 170 Pacific Northwest Ballet School students.

"It's fun because you get to

dance with the company dancers," said Denise Yavuz, a six-year PNB student.

The *Nutcracker* is choreographed by PNB's Artistic Director Kent Stowell and the costumes and sets are designed by children's author and illustrator Maurice Sendak.

"Our sets are unique from any other production in the United States," said Taryn Essinger, PNB's public relations coordinator. "[Sendak's] style is unique and has renowned talent."

One set designed by Sendak has a huge Christmas tree constructed by Boeing engineers in a hangar.

"The tree grows from 17 x 17 to 24 x 24 feet," said Essinger. More than 115 props and 180

costumes in the production with approximately 700 different pieces to them are used for every performance.

"[The costumes] are really cool," said 12-year-old Shannon Mitchell, a seven-year PNB student. "They're colorful and well-made."

"Going to the *Nutcracker* has become a tradition in many households," said Essinger.

The tickets range from \$14 to \$70 and may be purchased at the PNB Box Office at 301 Mercer St., Ticketmaster on-line at www.ticketmaster.com or by phone at 206-292-ARTS in the Seattle area or 253-627-TIXS in Tacoma.

For group sales information call the PNB Box Office at 206-441-2424.

Picasso showcased at local museum

main focus of attention, yet they're not obtrusive or pretentious.

Neatly aligned, and well-spaced, the first floor features vessels, sculptures, and tiles made from 1945 to 1969.

A series of small clay figures are also displayed on the main floor. Directly modeled, the figures take on a broad range of gestures and poses.

The second floor, "Picasso's Studio," features drawings and prints that date from 1930 to 1970. Dim-lit, the works are

displayed within a dark background, while the viewer is left in an open field of space.

Themes such as the "weeping woman," and the "artist and his model," are heavily explored. Drawings of Picasso's "Guernica," and prints from the "Vollard Suite Etchings," are two highlights.

In the lower level, objects made or influenced by Picasso are displayed. More clay figures and clay objects are showcased. Ceramics done by Stadium High School students are

also on view.

Serene and sedate, both exhibits are a marvel to behold.

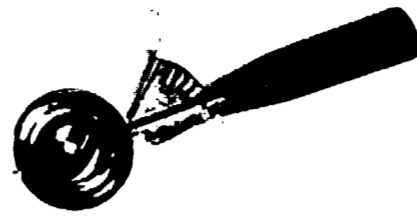
Museum hours during the exhibits are 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Tuesday through Sunday, and 10 a.m.-8 p.m. on Thursdays.

Admission is \$8 for adults, \$6 for students with ID and seniors, \$3 for children ages 6-12. Ages 5 and under are free.

Admission is free on the third Thursday of the month.

For more information call the Tacoma Art Museum at 253-272-4258.

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1998 HOLIDAY SURVIVAL GUIDE



Strollers, screaming kids and long lines await

BY TALITHA VANZO
Inside Scoop

For those wanting to lay down a ton of cash, Pacific place, with stores such as Tiffany's, will take your money and run with it. The Cartier's, J. Peterman's and Victoria's Secret also tempt shoppers with high end goods at even higher prices. Starbucks Cafe will beckon to rich caffeine junkies, while Gordon Biersch offers casual dining for the beer and burger crowd. Its new cinema, with eleven screens, all-digital sound, and a bartender waiting to mix up drinks makes the trip downtown worth it. The theater itself should be able to draw weary shoppers in, and hopefully make a couple more purchases on their way out.

Southcenter has every thing from baby carts to ice cream, personalized shot glasses and glow in the dark Yin Yang signs that spin. It is an everyman's mall that is within short driving distance of South King County residents. The food court tends to disappoint, with fast food dominating the choices. A too small eating area also tends to make for a less than enjoyable experience.

The theater, which is located in the parking lot, tends to be disappointing. It looks like an old, short water tower, and the choices range from one movie to one movie.

Northgate is a great mall if you want to drive a few miles north, park a couple miles away, and backpack in with a couple days supply of food.

From the outside it looks drab yet promising, but the moment that you walk in that idea changes. This mall seems to be missing something, maybe charm, maybe a reason for being, but I couldn't quite figure it out.

This will haunt you for the rest of your life.

Seatac Mall, the closest mall to this place we call higher education, is probably the worst. It seems that every mom with a stroller goes there, and drags their screaming kids to store after store. Long lines plague the food court, both because the hallways are too tight and the strollers take up way too much space.

Westlake Mall is the choice of those who are already downtown or entertaining an out of town guest. It is one of the smallest malls, meaning you don't have to spend an entire day just to see the stores. The Monorail also stops at Westlake, giving those who don't like walking a couple of miles of quick trip to Seattle Center. The Monorail is also helpful to get away from those pesky friends or relatives.

On the top floor of Westlake there are a wide range of foods to pick from and surprisingly enough they are all not fast food. You have Italian, Greek, Mexican, Thai, and so on. Once you are done with the main meal you can end it by going one of two ways, to the cookie counter for some fat loaded cookies or to the yogurt stand for some really good fruit smoothies. Either way, your sweet tooth will

Talitha rates the malls

Malls	Location	Parking	Store price	Food
	4.5	4	High	3
	5	2	Average	4
	2	4	Average	3
	1	4	Above average	1
	5	3	Average	5
	3	2	Above average	5
	3	1	Below average	4
	1	2	Above average	3
	2	3	Average	3

(Worst 1-5 Best)

be satisfied.

The Supermall of the Great Northwest tends to have the worst parking, and it is located in the middle of nowhere, forcing people to make a drive to the Supermall a day long trip. Being an outlet mall, it attracts a slightly different clientele than most malls. All right, it attracts the bargain sniffing cheap people. Not that it is a bad thing to go hunting for bargains, but I witnessed a rather large woman trying on pants three sizes smaller than she should just because they were on sale. Once you find your way to the rack of clothes you want, long lines at the register await those brave

enough to venture in. The Supermall boasts Cinema 17, the largest theater in South King County. It offers the widest selection of movie titles in the area, and has most hit movies.

Parking is a problem at the Bellevue Square and Factoria malls and it will be struggle to find a parking spot without accidentally rubbing a BMW or Mercedes that some ungrateful owner didn't quite park inside of the lines. Once this precarious task is accomplished, both malls greet shoppers with enough twists and turns to make anyone but a professional tracker lost.

A movie theater resides next to Factoria Mall, instead of in-

side, which eases the amount of people inside the mall on Friday and Saturday nights.

For art buffs, Bellevue Square has an array of works to view, if you can find them in this maze of a mall. Directions are available if you can convince the expensively dressed employees you are worthy enough to be helped.

Of course, skipping the whole mall experience is possible with internet access. Shipping fees will then apply.

This shopper will stick to the malls and fighting inch by inch for parking. After all, parking can't be that bad, I do go to Highline.

View from the driver's seat: bungee is not a crime

BY JOE McLAUGHIN
Inside Scoop

If you have a few friends, a few hundred bucks and nothing to do on New Years Eve, may I suggest a night out in a limousine.

I'm sure by now at least half of the people on campus have been in a limo for a homecoming, prom or a wedding. Believe me, none of these occasions compare to the crazy lunacy you will encounter looking out of the smoked windows of a polished, black chariot on New Years Eve.

It is true, for all of you sickos who are interested in the sexual escapades of others, that it is a fantasy of many people to perform various sexual acts in the back of a limousine. I, fortunately, have never been witness to any such acts in my two years of driving. If such acts have occurred while I was driving, I'm sure everything was wonderful. As a chauffeur, I pride

myself on always delivering to my clients a smooth ride, minimizing all unnecessary jostling. However if it is wholesome stories about obnoxious drunken people that tickles your fancy, then I am your spy.

It was New Year's Eve, 1996. I arrived on time as usual. I was driving a black Lincoln Towncar stretch limousine. My client's home was a very beautiful country estate located in Fall City. As is usually the case on party runs, the clients were not quite ready. Translation: they were not quite drunk enough. Finally, about forty-five minutes later, they came stumbling out of the house. I knew at first glance that I was in for a long evening.

There were eight passengers total. The first to come out were the two gentlemen paying for the evening. Both were in their late twenties. We exchanged pleasantries and I did one of my customary kiss-up jobs. I did me best to make them feel really

important without letting them think I could easily be taken advantage of. I have this technique down to a science. They seemed nice enough. As they stocked the car full, and I mean full, of various cocktails, beer and champagne, the rest of the crew started to pour out of the house.

After everyone was safely inside the car I pulled out of the driveway headed toward Seattle. On the way to the first stop, which was dinner at The Brooklyn, I was asked every possible question in the book.

"How do you turn on the radio?" said one passenger who was sitting directly in front of the stereo with her finger on the power button. Another started asking questions about every button and gadget in the car. Eventually they found the divider window button and proceeded to raise the glass. I will let you in on a little secret. The driver can hear every word you say when that window is up. As

we drove I eavesdropped on the conversation. This is when you truly get to know your customers. We finally made it to the restaurant and they all filed out of the car. As one of the female passengers climbed out of the car she felt it necessary to tell me what she thought of me. Let's just say that she gave me something good to think about as I waited for them to finish dinner.

Two hours later they came out of the restaurant, having probably drunk of good deal of their dinners. By now all of them were slobbering drunk. At this point, it is only 10 p.m. and I started to realize exactly how long this night was going to be.

On the way to The Romper Room the girl who shared her feelings with me earlier began to get a little more friendly. Have you ever tried to drive with a pair of breasts staring at you in the rear view mirror? Guys, as exciting as this may sound, believe me, it is not all

that spectacular. Besides, as a professional chauffeur it is my responsibility to remain focused on the road and to see to the safe delivery of my passengers to their destination.

They stayed inside of the club pass the stroke of midnight. While they were inside I stood outside of the car and chatted with people passing by. I saw a man vomit on the sidewalk, and then I made a game out counting the amount of times that I saw people step in the pile. I counted at least fifteen people. One woman wearing open-toed shoes was especially upset after wading through the chunky slop. Pardon me for not being a gentleman and warning people of the hazard on the sidewalk. I was feeling blue. There I was wearing a black suit and catering to the needs of a bunch of rich bastards on the best party

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One man's shopping advice: go really, really early

BY JOE McLAUGHIN
Inside Scoop

Like it or not, the holiday season has landed on us. Time for all of those endless trips to the mall to do some serious hunting for parking. When you finally park your car two miles away, it is time to enter the madness.

Experienced shoppers know what to expect year after year. A gift is found, which probably was \$10 cheaper a week prior. This does not deter anyone. Hell no! This is a mission. After that you must take it in the shorts and go pay for this overpriced trinket. After wading through moms with strollers, screaming kids, women with six full shopping bags and men who still think they are playing football, a thought will occur.

"Do I really need to go through this crap every year?"

Relax my faithful little holiday elves. I am here to ease your pain. I have done some research which you can use to make your holiday season considerably less dreary and instead make it much more cheery.

I went on a fact-finding mission to Southcenter Mall. It was early in the day, about 10 a.m. Believe it or not, I even found parking in the same county. I took a couple of deep breaths and did a quick mental run through of my grade school judo training, just in case an overzealous shopper invaded my personal space. As I entered the mall, a calm came over me. The place was empty. No long lines, nobody taking Santa pictures and visible cash registers in the stores. I was sidetracked briefly by a turtle-neck sale at the Gap (don't ask). To my surprise, I had more than enough sales people to assist me with my purchase. It was the same at all of the stores. Everyone was so



Photo by Kirk Elliott

Southcenter Mall has extended its hours this holiday season. Weekdays it will be open a half an hour later and will close at 11 p.m. on weekends.

helpful. You could see the fear in their eyes though. They knew that the crowds of crazy, greed-blinded holiday shoppers were on the way, but for now the workers and I enjoyed the calm before the storm.

As I made my way through the nearly empty mall I noticed something that I never had during holiday seasons in the past. The small vendor carts in the middle of the mall. You know the ones. They sell various items. I know that these places are there throughout the year however I thought they were not out during the holiday season. I had never noticed them before. I guess I just couldn't see them through all of the shoppers. At

these little islands in the middle of the mall, you can find some good deals on some decent merchandise.

I noticed some good, quick gift ideas. The calendar stand for instance had all different types of calendars for the last year of the millennium. They had calendars ranging from a collection of Claude Monet works to dog calendars. I actually looked at a calendar full of terriers. What a way to bring the 1900's to a close.

As I continued to shop at the carts I noticed my list was shrinking. Slippers for Dad, some smelly candles for Mom and wildlife photos for my brother. Most of the people

working at the carts were very friendly. The majority of these carts are owned and operated by people just trying to make a living. Some bigger stores such as Wilson's Leather have carts also, but the majorities are original, self run businesses.

A note to all of you seasonal employment seekers, I did notice that the Hickory Farms cart is hiring. What I great gig. Sure it might get boring pushing smoked cheese and sausage all day, but at least you get all of the free samples you could possibly want.

For those of you who are parents of young children the mall still has all of the hot items. In the center of the mall is perhaps the hottest of all. The Beanie Baby store. You can buy a three inch tall stuffed flamingo for \$3.50 or if you really love your kids, you can spend \$1300 on a first edition bear made out of silk. The reason why these things cost so much is beyond my comprehension. To all of you people who just love those little Beanie Babies, they are just fabric with some stuffing inside. They are not made of gold and your child will live if he or she does not get Crunch the Shark in their stocking this year.

The makers of last year's hottest ticket item, Tickle Me Elmo, are at it again. This year they have re-introduced many of the Sesame Street all stars in the Tickle Me style. They have Rubber Ducky Ernie, who sings the ever popular Rubber Ducky song when you squeeze his hand. They have a Big Bird and a Cookie Monster baby toy as well but some kids were hogging those so I couldn't get close enough to see what they did.

If you are looking for a way to avoid all of the merriment, which can only be found in the

malls than, the Information Super Highway is the place for you. Everyone knows you can find just about anything on-line. What people might not realize is most of the stores in the malls have web sites. At these sites you can find the same items you see in the stores with very few exceptions. Most of the stores will ship the gift pre-wrapped if you request it. Unfortunately, many people have a phobia of shopping over the internet. I do admit it can be frightening if you don't know exactly what you are searching for.

"If you shop on-line make sure that the sight you are buying from is a Socket Secured Layer," said local Internet vendor Robert Nelson. "The SSL sights basically ensure that your purchase will not be tampered with and that your credit card information will remain confidential."

The decision is yours to make. Do you want leave the mall behind and shop in the comfort of your own home by simply pointing and clicking? Could you really give up all of the tradition that is the mall? Think of it, no more walking in the rain for twenty minutes from that parking spot by the tire store. No more hearing the sales person say "I'm sorry but we are all sold out of that item". No more wasting your whole weekend shopping for Christmas presents. What will you do with all of the time you will save?

Perhaps you could invent the next new holiday craze. Just find some fabric and some beans and see what you can come up with because apparently the American public is really stupid and they don't care how they spend their hard earned money. Here's tip: donate to the Thunderword.

Good luck and Happy Holidays!

Party the night away at these popular spots

BY JOE McLAUGHIN
Inside Scoop

In the words of The Artist (Formerly known as Prince) it is time to "Party like it's 1999".

If you are of legal drinking age there are numerous opportunities to party the night away in the Seattle area.

Pioneer Square will be catering to the needs of the city's drinking population. The joint club cover, which features one charge for seven clubs in the area will be in effect. One of the joint cover clubs, The Fenix,

will have four bands playing on two separate stages. On the above ground stage, The Pleasure Elite and Marginal Prophets will play, while on the underground stage, notorious party band Jumbalassy headline with the Diablotones. If you do plan on going downtown this New Year's Eve, bring plenty of money and patience.

"It is just a mass of humanity down here on New Year's Eve," said one Pioneer Square area club bouncer. "Parking is tough to find and the crowds can get a little out of control but for the

most part everyone has a good time."

If you are under age and you still want to be part of the action this year, perhaps the bowling alley is the place for you. Hi-Line Lanes in Burien is having a big party featuring music, food and of course, bowling. For \$30 you receive dinner, those stylish multi-colored bowling shoes, all the oldies music you can handle and colorama bowling. \$20 buys you bowling and sodas.

No matter how old you are the Space Needle's New Year's Eve fireworks display will im-

press.

"The scaffolding that you see currently on the Needle is for the nearly completed painting project," said Space Needle representative David Dixon. "The project will be completed in plenty of time and the New Year's Eve fireworks will go on."

The Needle will be having three parties going inside on the various levels. The prices of the parties are \$60 for the two lower level parties while the restaurant level party will cost you \$150. Tickets can be purchased

through Ticket Master.

Another idea is to get a group of friends together and go to one of the Queen Anne neighborhood parks and watch the display from there. The view is better and, provided you spend more than \$7 at the grocery store, the champagne is better too.

Every year thousands of people go out on New Year's Eve and without fail many of those people drive drunk. Please choose a responsible designated driver and most importantly, have fun.

Helpful hints for to get rid of last year's cake

BY TALITHA VANZO
Inside Scoop

Do you remember that weird mass that people call a fruitcake that your Aunt sends you every year along with those pink-footed PJ's with a fluffy white bunny tail?

Here is a helpful list of things to do with this toxic waste. But first you want to read these notes of caution so as not to cause bodily harm.

- Be careful, it might be an explosive.
- Wear gloves when handling.
- Keep away from children, it might cause them permanent mental damage.
- Avoid contact with skin for it might cause a rash.
- Keep away from eyes, it might cause blindness.

Once you have read and understood and followed these tips to help you save your life, you may proceed with mutilating an already mutilated piece of food.

One idea is to use it as spackle. To do this you must first take the cake and place it on a cutting board. You proceed to take a sledgehammer and mash it into mush (if possible).

Once this is done you can add a little water to it if it is dry, but you can then use it to cover any hole, crack, or what-not.

You can also use it as a door stop. This is an easy process. All that you have to do is wrap it in plastic wrap or wax paper or it will start to emit a horrible smell

that reminds you of your old gym socks that have been under your bed for three or more years. Place in front of any door and presto: Instant door stop.

You can take a saw and slice the cake into even pieces and freeze them to use as teething rings for those little rugrats that won't stop screaming just because it hurts.

For all you handymen or women you can just take the cake as a whole and use it as a hammer. This method dates back to the stone age when they used rocks as hammers.

Pyromaniacs, you will like this. Take the fruitcake and pour gasoline on it. Chuck it as far as you can throw it as soon as you light the end of it.

Now for all you pranksters. Carefully place the cake in a lunch sack. Twist the top close so as to make it a point. Place it on someone's door step, light the point, and run for your ever lovin' life.

Kiddies don't try this at home or even in your own neighborhood. Not a good idea, for they know where you live.

All of those people who feel the need to give around the holidays this might work for you. Ever heard of the gift that keeps on giving? Well that takes care of that cousin that put honey on you when you were camping, hoping that bears would come and attack you so that he might get your share of the food.

Lights, camera, action. It's the

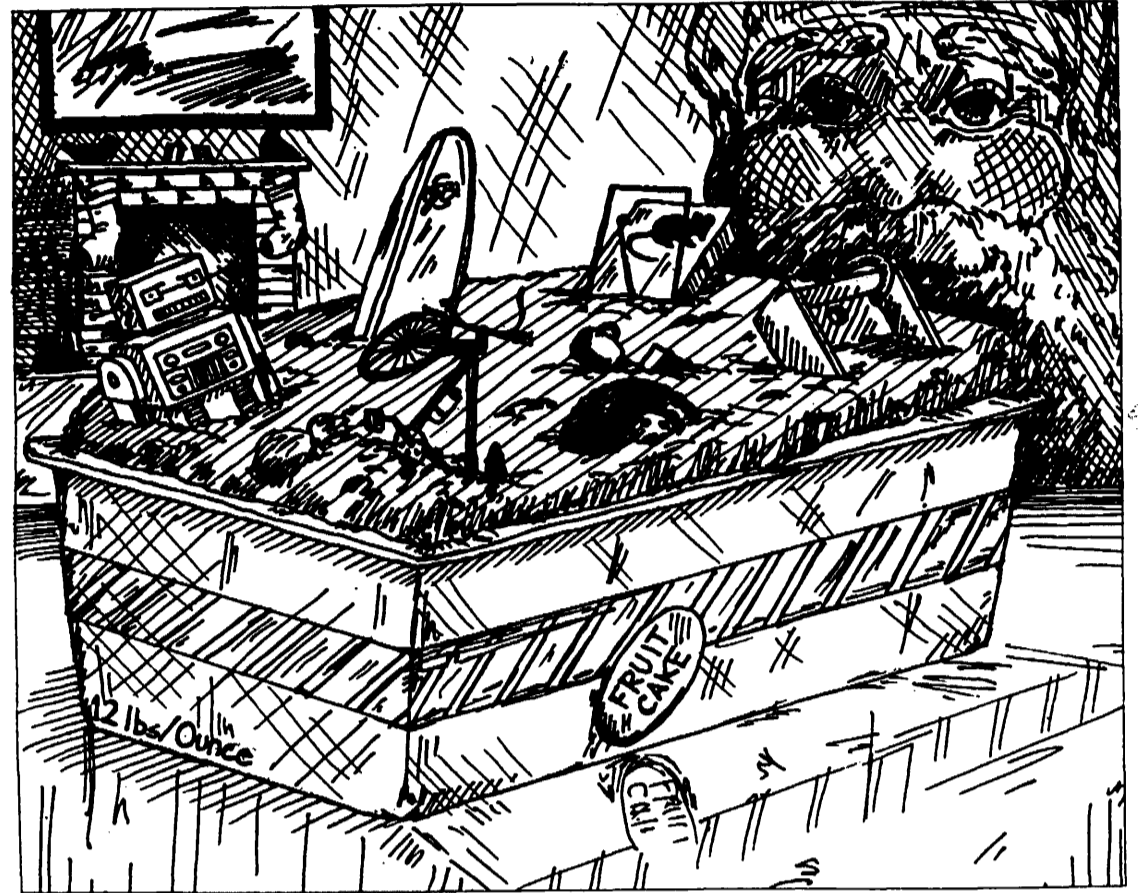


Illustration by Zac Bedell

Each fruitcake comes with an assortment of items in them, some more interesting than others.

premiere of "Attack of the Killer Fruitcake." If you feel the need to scare little children you always can make a movie out of it that is about fruitcake and staring fruitcake.

Fruitcake has been haunting us for years. This is the classic way to get ride of the unwanted, unneeded, and hideous waste of

good flour. First take the fruitcake and insert a piece of dynamite, making sure that it is well hidden. Attach a long fuse to the end of the dynamite. About 20 yards will do fine for you want to be far enough away so as to not blow yourself up. It also might be good to do this in a open field far away from civilization so as to

not worry the authorities. Now want to light the fuse, and as before with the fruitcake in the sack joke, and run for your ever loven life. Then comes a big BOOM and bye-bye fruitcake.

This also works with those pink PJ's with the fluffy little bunny tail. But don't try it with your Aunt.

Gifts for the giving challenged

BY DIANA RUGGIERO and
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Inside Scoop

During the Holiday season it always seems like you're tight on cash. Finding the right gift to fit your budget is always difficult, so here are a few ideas to make your money go a long way.

For anyone gift certificates are always a good way to go, you choose the amount and they pick something that they like. Every mall in the area offers books, McDonalds even has books of five dollars worth. This is the perfect gift for anyone who is tough to shop for or if you just can't decide between things. But watch out, don't give a gift certificate to a significant other, they may think you took the easy way out. Certificates to Gene Juarez for a day of beauty are acceptable to most women, however.

For family members you can make a chore coupon book, in-

cluding such things as washing the car, doing the dishes or your siblings chores for a day.

You can always bake home made treats, people love goodies during the holidays.

For that special someone, taking a special picture and framing it is always a nice gift, or you could take it one step further and make an entire photo album.

Now that recordable CD's have been released, making a CD of person's favorite songs is possible. Of course, finding a CD recorder may be a challenge, so check that computer or stereo buff that always has the newest and most expensive hardware.

If you know someone who is home from college for the holidays, a great gift for them is a care package of there favorite soap and other bath and body supplies. Just fill a small basket with lots of stuff that will make them feel at home.

For example, since the holidays are in the middle of winter a nice scarf or gloves with a cap make a thoughtful yet inexpensive gift.

Or if your really low on cash and nice romantic dinner with a

little bit of cooking works just as well. Candles smell good, they're festive and they come in a variety of style for any occasion.

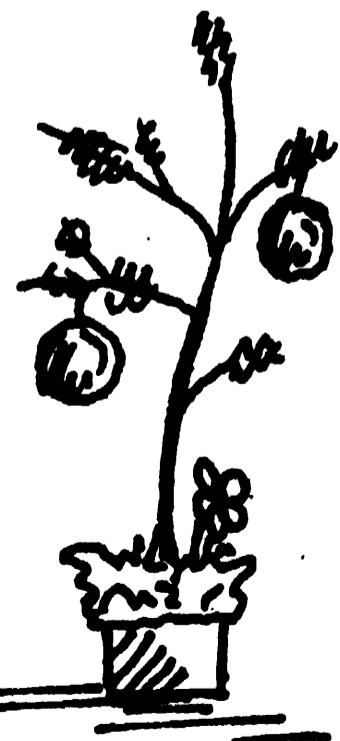
You can also make a trip to the ever popular dollar store, which obviously has low prices. Be prepare to search, it may take time to find something of gift giving value.

For those seriously cash strapped or the extremely lazy, just pick up something kind of new from your house and wrap it up. Make sure the other party involved both didn't give you the gift, or has seen it around your house.

To find that perfect gift, you don't necessarily need to shop at Nordstrom, the Bon Marche, or Tiffany's. The key isn't how much you spend, but how much you care that matters. How much you pay for a gift is just it's perceived value by some outside party. A gifts real worth is only determined in the eye of the beholder. So make sure you size up who you're shopping for, think about it a while, and give it your best shot. Even if you screw up, it is always the thought that counts. Just make sure it's from the heart.

Bad present? Here's how to respond

- I'm allergic to Chia Pets.
- Sorry, I only wear American-made.
- Is that fruitcake fat-free?
- Darn, I just bought the exact same lighted Rudolph sweatshirt.
- I live too far from Value Village to redeem this gift certificate.
- Thanks for signing me up, but I already have a long-distance carrier.
- You look so good in that, maybe I should just borrow it sometime.
- Second hand clothes give me rashes.
- It's against my religion.
- Did you keep the receipt? I need a different size.
- My mom won't let me keep it.
- I already have a pair of thong underwear.
- I already have a tree for this year.



Christmas more than just candy and presents

BY BEKAH JOHNSTON
Inside Scoop

The celebration of Christmas time means many different things to people. A time of giving to family, loved ones and others that are less fortunate than ourselves. For younger children it is receiving presents on Christmas morning from Santa Claus. For Christians it means celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ the Messiah.

Whatever Christmas means to an individual, and however each person celebrates it, or doesn't celebrate it, we can see and feel the festiveness of the time, and the warmth that grows in our hearts to give and love others.

A child at Christmas time is excited to find all the presents under the tree. I remember opening one brightly wrapped present on Christmas Eve, and then waking in the morning to find even more left by Santa Claus.

When the tree is decorated, presents are below, and all the Christmas lights are shining, do we ever ask ourselves how this celebration came about? Everything has an origin, a beginning.

When did Christmas start and why? Christmas started with the Christians. In Israel, about 2,000 years ago a baby was born. Not just any baby, according to the Christian Bible, but Jesus Christ the Savior.

Why was he born? God had made a covenant with man to restore man to the state that Adam gave up, the fellowship with God himself.

Man did not have the ability to keep the covenant, since man is imperfect and God is all holy. In order to cut an everlasting

covenant, God cut one between himself and man, all in one person; the Lord Jesus Christ, who was all man and all God.

Jesus was placed into the womb of a virgin, Mary, in the form of a human baby. Jesus lived and died to fulfill the ultimate covenant between God and man, in his own human body in his death, burial and resurrection. Jesus Christ came to destroy works of the devil and to set people free.

Mary was a young woman, who loved God with all her heart. At first Mary was troubled, disturbed and confused about this, as anyone would be. When an angel explained God's plan for her life, she unhesitatingly allowed God to have his way.

A star was placed in the sky to lead the wise men and shepherds to the birth place of Jesus, so that he could be worshipped and adored.

What about the star? Modern astronomers are able to turn back the cosmic clock to arrange the stars in the exact position they were in 2,000 years ago.

On Dec. 17, 1603, astronomer Johannes Kepler recorded that Saturn and Jupiter moved so close together in the constellation of Pisces that they had the appearance of a brilliant, single star.

Looking back at his notes, Kepler remembered a rabbinic writer noting an unusual influence that early Jewish astronomers wrote about; a conjunction of Saturn and Jupiter in the constellation of Pisces. This was seen as a sign of the coming Messiah.

Kepler made thorough calculations and observed that the



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Most believe Jesus was born in a manger like this one.

same thing happened almost 2,000 years ago, when Jesus Christ was born.

Most everyone knows that Dec. 25 is not Jesus' actual birthday. The date was found to be miscalculated by a Roman monk. It has been calculated since, that he was born in the spring, when shepherds would be out in the fields.

Dec. 21 is the shortest day of the year. Pagans would celebrate festivals at this winter solstice. Most of the festivals had to do with worshipping the sun. They used yule logs, candles, bonfires, greenery, mistletoe, holly and ivy in the festivals. This was all used to ward off winter and to remember that spring would soon triumph.

This festival was celebrated on and around Dec. 21 to 25. As the pagans celebrated the sun, the Christians chose this time to celebrate the Son. They called it epiphany, which means "the appearance of the true Son of God."

Christians used this time to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Because the pagans were so busy celebrating and drinking, it was the safest time to celebrate without being noticed and then persecuted.

What about the Christmas tree? In Germany, they worshipped the oak tree as a symbol of their god. A Christian missionary in Germany replaced the oak tree with a fir tree, because in those days it represented resurrection and new life.

Tradition says that Martin Luther cut down a fir tree and placed it in his house, decorating it with candles. The candles represented Jesus, the light of the world. The next custom to come about was the hanging of bread wafers on the tree, representing Jesus, the Bread of Life. The star at the top of the tree was the star of Bethlehem and Jesus, the bright and morning star.

What about great Saint Nicholas? Saint Nicholas was a very godly man who was born

into a religious family in Turkey, around 280 AD. He was called into the ministry and it was said that he would study the Word of God all night long. He was known for helping the poor, for fasting, praying and standing steadfast in faith and goodness.

St. Nicholas became very popular following his death. The day of his death, Dec. 6, became a gift giving day in France. This tradition spread all across Europe. With the Protestant reformation in England in the 1500's, the worship of saints was denounced and St. Nicholas was no longer celebrated.

St. Nicholas' role then became a mythical character called Father Christmas, who came from the Roman god Saturn, the god of peace and plenty. In Holland and Belgium, Sinter Klaas rode down the streets on a white horse giving out presents to good children.

The American Santa Claus came from a mix of Old World cultures: The Dutch Sinter Klaas, the German Kris Kringle, and the Russian Santa with a team of reindeer to accompany him on his journeys.

The story of the true St. Nicholas is a great picture of the giving that Christmas is all about. Our Father God is a giver of good gifts, the greatest gift of all being Jesus Christ the Savior. He is the meaning of Christmas. "Christ mass" means "anointing celebration."

This year, when we celebrate Christmas, no matter how and why we do, we need to remember the past, the history behind the celebrating.

We must look at ourselves and question, "What is the true meaning of CHRISTmas to me?"

Holiday giving tree helps those less fortunate

Season full of helping those in need

BY TINA McDONALD
Inside Scoop

Every Christmas most people think of beautiful decorations, heaps of food, and pretty trees with tons of presents piled underneath, but not everyone enjoys this elaborate holiday dream. In fact, there are people at Highline who suffer Christmas alone, without presents, a tree, or even a holiday meal. These are people in need.

This Christmas season, Student Government, the Bookstore, and Women's Programs are co-sponsoring what is called the 'Holiday Giving Tree.'

The purpose of the Holiday Giving Tree is to help students at Highline who are in need of financial support or an inspirational boost during the upcoming Christmas season.

Each child or family requests what gift they want for Christmas. These requests are then put on an ornament that is placed on the Giving Tree. Then the group or organization that has signed up to be a sponsor picks an ornament off the Giving Tree and gets the child or family their requested gift.

"As a student senator it is my job to help students at Highline know that people on campus care about them and support them," said Chris Ly, Student Senator at Highline.

Multiple departments, clubs, and organizations will be involved in supporting children or families for the Holiday Giving Tree.

"My goal is to get at least 40 groups involved with the Giving Tree this year," Ly said.

Kelly Johnston, Director of Women's Programs, recognizes that there are many, single mothers, low income students, and even families on campus that are in need of help this holiday season.

"We know that this isn't going to meet all of their needs, but it will at least help out and let people know we are there to help," Johnston said.

Johnston is currently identifying people who are in need of the Giving Tree, while Chris Ly in Student Government is gathering the sponsors.

"The Giving Tree is a really neat opportunity for people who want to help out during the holiday but don't know how, and for them to know that they are helping someone within their community," Johnston said.



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Area charities looking for a few good volunteers

BY JANELLE MARSH
Inside Scoop

For those still searching for the perfect Christmas gift, charities around the area are in need of volunteers willing to give their time to benefit the less fortunate.

Northwest Harvest is a non-profit community outreach program that is dedicated to providing food to hungry people throughout the state. They operate the state's largest food bank, located on Cherry St. in Seattle, and provide food to 280 hunger programs.

According to Ellen Hansen, director of Community Relations, Northwest Harvest operates without using any tax dol-

lars and no fees are charged to recipients.

"We rely heavily on volunteers," said Hansen. "Last year volunteers donated over 23,000 hours."

Northwest Harvest depends on food and cash donations from the community in order to provide to hungry people.

"What makes us unique is that we don't ask recipients for proof that they are in need," said Hansen. "We don't believe that people should have to jump through hoops if they are hungry."

Mail Boxes Etc. and Albertsons are official drop off sites for Northwest Harvest.

Volunteers are needed during the week to drive vans and pick up barrels. To inquire about volunteering call: 206-625-0755.

If providing the joy of a new toy to a needy child sounds more like your style, try donating to Toys for Tots.

The Marine Corps Toys for Tots program is a community service program that has been providing new toys to needy children during the holidays for over 50 years.

Last year, the Toys for Tots program provided new toys to over 55,000 children in the Puget Sound area alone.

"Toys for Tots is an amazing program where many slices of the community are represented," said Sgt. Douglas Wood, program manager. "Local businesses, sports figures, radio personalities, and individual citizens are all a part of the giving."

Toys for Tots accepts new unwrapped toys for children of all ages. You may donate at regional JC Penney stores, Seattle fire departments, or anywhere that has a barrel intended for Toys for Tots.

Toys are collected by the marines and then distributed to non-profit and social service agencies throughout the Puget Sound.

"We are only able to distribute as many toys as we receive from the community," said Wood. "Each year the need for toys is greater than the last."

Special fund raising events



throughout the season provide funds to purchase toys.

A benefit concert will take place at the Phoenix nightclub on Dec. 6. Entertainment will include the 80's sound of the band Toyz. Cover charge will be \$5 at the door, or a new unwrapped toy for Toys for Tots.

"Anyone who donates during the holidays should feel proud knowing that they did something for someone that they do not even know," said Wood.

For those with less time on their hands to shop for food or toys, the Salvation Army could use some spare change.

According to Lt. Col Chris Buchanan, Salvation Army divisional commander, the demand

for holiday support programs will be higher than ever this season.

"We have already seen initial results because of the weather this year," said Buchanan. "We had a rocky start and applications for help are higher."

Just look for the red kettles with the workers ringing their bells, which are located throughout the community.

Cash donations are used to support programs that provide food, clothing, rent and utility assistance for families in need.

Anyone interested in volunteering should ask their local Parks and Recreation program about are charities. Happy Holidays to all!



Holiday season full of festivity and criminals

I am wearing a thong.

Not the summer sandal type, actual butt floss underwear. They are black Jockey from the Bon Marche.

Why am I wearing a thong? Well, the Thunderword editorial staff was talking the other day, and the subject of women's underwear came up. Being the hormone charged students that we are, the news editor was dared to wear a thong for a day. She refused, but said she would agree if a few of the male members in the class agreed to try it. We talked, we discussed, we weighed the options, we agreed.

I must say, they are not as bad as I thought. I got used to the back after a few minutes, but the front is a bit constricting. Maybe I should buy a couple for my brother and dad this holiday season.

Ah, Christmas.

The family togetherness, the fighting mall crowds, the giving, the despair when given the wrong gift, the love of fellow people, the middle fingers that inspire road rage during winter

Thinking out loud



By Tyler Hurst

traffic... I could go on and on.

The holiday season is full of many things, some bad, hopefully some good. All that matters is what you make of it. For anyone who has seen National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation, they know that making the best of it is the only sane way to survive these holidays.

Isn't it strange how the biggest vacation of the year ends up being the most stressful? I work in the mall, so the holiday shopping will be hell. Kids wanting to try on every pair of sunglasses, parents too tired or to oblivious to stop them. I have

seen kids play with a \$200 pair of sunglasses and then drop them on the floor. My parents would have killed me, but somehow this kid didn't seem to have parents around. Lucky little...

Of course, no one buys. They seem to spend the first two and a half weeks looking, although most stores don't change anything after the first. Then the last three days before Christmas Eve, everyone and the family dog rushes to stores and buys everything at once. My aunt used to do this, but now she buys her gifts in August. Which is great for her, but how often do you still want something that came out in August.

One year she gave my sister a New Kids on The Block T-shirt as a present. The exact same shirt my sister had bought in July, and had worn in front of my aunt numerous times. Huh.

Then there is New Year's, which should be the biggest party of the year. If you are over 21. If you are under age, the night becomes a struggle to find

some place to drink without anyone's parents catching us. That tends to be the hard part.

There is also the overbearing parent who is scared to death something bad will happen to their precious child, and makes them be home by 1 a.m. Hah! Anyone out of high school better not be coming home by one in the morning. If you do have to be home that early, maybe you should hang out with my ex-girlfriend, who still has to be home by midnight.

I eat chili on Christmas Eve. Well, my family does, because I can't stand home made chili. I don't like those huge chunks of tomatoes. I munch on Chef Boyardee Beefaroni, which is very, very good. More people should eat Beefaroni. No wait. Then there won't be any left for me. Stay away from the Chef Boyardee aisle. They're all mine.

I used to wake up at four a.m. on Christmas Day to go search for my presents. My dad would stand at the top of the stairs and stop my siblings and me from

running downstairs to see what we got. I usually tried to sleep again. It took me years to realize that was probably because he hadn't set out the presents yet. Oh, I mean Santa hadn't set them out yet. I'm sorry, you thought Santa Claus was real? You must be in Running Start.

Speaking of a crime, the worst thing about the holidays are criminals. Fake credit cards run rampant, people steal from stores, and cars get broken into. Some bastard ripped off my car stereo last week, probably to pay for his heroin habit. But hey, if the guy was half noble, or a screwed up version of Robin Hood, he stole it to pay for presents for his family. So if someone you know shows up with an unexplained \$200 this season, just remember, the presents were on me. Don't worry, I won't expect a thank you card.

Tyler has to sing to himself in the car, 'cause he don't have no tunes. Anyone wanting to donate to his car stereo fund can call 3318 for more info, or just to send condolences.

Humbug! Holidays no time for cheer

Before reading any further, you should understand that I'm not much of a holiday person. Easter, Thanksgiving, New Year's, St. Valentine's Day (ouch), Groundhog Day, National Frozen Food Week, whatever, I don't get caught up in holidays. In fact, I do what I can to avoid them. And now, the biggest challenge of my holiday year looms. Christmas. Yes, Christmas, which is as about holidayish as you can get. Why do I feel this way about this most joyous of holidays? I'm not sure why exactly. It may be a result of my childhood experiences; if you looked up the definition of dysfunctional Christmas family in an encyclopedia, you would see my family's picture. If trophies were given out for disgruntled Yuletide attitudes, we would have had to build an addition to our house to store them (both the trophies and the attitudes). If blue ribbons were handed out for those most likely to be looking forward to January, well, you get the picture. But what-

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By Jack Harton

ever the reason for my lack of Christmas spirit, it is one of my most unfavorable times of the year.

Now you might say that I'm overreacting and not getting into the spirit of the season. Humbug, I say. Season? Christmas season? There is no Christmas season. Christmas lasts all year long. And I don't mean the way it did with Scrooge after he had the daylight scared out of him by the ghosts of Christmas Past, Present, and Future. Remember Scrooge at the end of the story? Dickens had Scrooge holding

Christmas within him every day of the year. Maybe in 19th century England. These days, if someone has the Christmas spirit all year long, all it means is that they go to the Bon or Nordstroms every weekend and run up their credit cards.

The Christmas season. Did you realize that Thanksgiving is just a speed bump on the road to Christmas malldom? (malldom is like martyrdom, but worse. It involves lots of people acting like idiots in a Darwinistic struggle to buy a furby at some Wal-Mart in Knoxville, Tennessee at 6:03am on the Friday after Thanksgiving). We all know that Thanksgiving isn't a day to give thanks. It's a day for people to load up on carbohydrates for the shopping marathon the next day. The day after Thanksgiving is the busiest shopping day of the year; the retailing industry refers to it as Black Friday because of all the sales they make, (you know, black ink for profits, red ink for losses). I also refer to it as Black Friday, but for different reasons.

Uncontrolled, unbridled avarice in the guise of peace on earth is not a pretty sight. Christmas is supposed to be a time for charity, but tell that to the realtor from Burien who has her hands around your throat as the two of you compete for that last Hell's Angels Barbie.

No, Christmas is a time I could do without, from the first Marilyn Manson Snarls Out His Favorite Christmas Carols commercial in July to the last after-Christmas sale sometime in April. Do you know what the second busiest shopping of Christmas is? That's right. After Christmas. People say they shop at this time for the deals, the sales, the discounts. Yeah, right. If you don't need something and buy it for 50% off, did you waste only half your money? Can anyone say Tickle Me Elmo? Inquiring minds want to know.

I'm going into holiday hibernation now. Wake me up in June.

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A gift is a gift, it doesn't require a thank you note

Finals are so unfair.

How can teachers expect me to concentrate when I am still drunk from spreading too much holiday cheer?

They should rethink their entire system. I have a solution to this nagging problem.



Commentary

By Stu Dent

Have finals at the beginning of the quarter. That way teachers could spend the entire quarter teaching us everything we obviously don't know. I could also skip class at will without having to worry about missing something.

This smoking thing on campus bugs me. I smoke, so what if you don't. I have a solution for you: Don't breathe around me. I can hold my breath, I even can inhale smoke. It should be a simple thing to hold someone's breath for a few seconds.

onds.

Christmas always means so much to me. I always clean up at Christmas. Tons of presents, tons of money. I also never write thank you cards. The way I figure it, I was given a gift. A gift requires no thank you. A favor requires a thank you. I give without expecting a thank you in return. Anyone who expects something in return for a gift is missing the entire point of Christmas.

I am also tired of those fake Santas asking for money outside of malls everytime I go shopping. A hobo in a red suit doesn't inspire much of a festive mood in me, no matter how loud he rings that damn bell. Speak-



ing of things that are fake during the holidays, I refuse to watch another Christmas parade. Who ever had the bright idea of putting parades on TV needs to be run over by a sleigh. Since when does a two-hour commercial equate to yuletide cheer?

The saving grace of this season is that it's the only time of year I get to see my relatives well dressed, and showered. Atleast until my dad's side of the family arrives.

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night of the year. My friends were at a party less than a mile away and I wanted to be there in the worst way.

It wasn't all that bad. The bar is located in the shadow of the Space Needle, so at midnight I got to see the fireworks and my friends all called me from the party to wish me a Happy New Year.

At about 1 a.m., my passengers came out and we were off to yet another club. This time I took them to The Catwalk. The Catwalk is a fetish bar located in Pioneer Square. At this bar you can see just about anything imaginable. They were inside for only a short time. One of the men in the group was slapped

by a cross-dresser and kicked out of the club.

One of the people in the group was part owner of another club in the city so that was our next destination. While inside the group as a whole gained their second wind. Before I knew, two guys pulled up in pick-up and knocked on my window. They asked me if I was Joe and when I answered yes, started handing me all of this equipment. One after another I piled the buckets of rope and clamps and straps into the car. After we were done loading, the two guys went into the club. About twenty minutes later the whole group came pouring out of the club with much excitement.

"Joe," said one of the passengers. "Take us to the Aurora Bridge."

Two words came to mind as I

figured out what the rope and clamps and straps were for. "Bungee Jumping," I realized.

These crazy fools actually wanted me to take them to the Aurora Bridge so that one of them could jump off. So I took them. The whole way there they planned the attack. My job was simple. I made it clear that I was only going to drop them off mid-bridge and then they were supposed to call me when they were ready to be picked up at the end of the bridge. I would be well hidden on Queen Anne Hill, with good visibility of the action. To be honest, I was not at all worried for their safety. The two guys from the pick-up are experts who own their own bungee company.

Time for action. I screwed up and dropped them off a little bit away from the spot they wanted to jump from. Due to all

of the adrenaline rushing through everyone, they didn't even care. They started running toward the launch site high above the water. I sped away and got into position on the hill. I reached my perch just in time to see the jump. I stood there in awe as I watched this guy free fall from the bridge. It was a pretty sight. The jumper later claimed he yelled "Happy New Year" on the way down.

As the rest of the crew pulled him up to the surface of the bridge a police car pulled up with his lights flashing. Needless to say I was nowhere around. I saw the lights coming and took off over the hill. It was agreed that if I saw trouble I would be gone. My heart stopped when my phone rang five minutes later. It was the leader of the group calling to tell me that they were ready to be

Hot holiday vacation spots

BY AARON JOHNSEN
Inside Scoop

Warm sun is shining on you as you listen to the sound of the waves crashing on the beach. Your toes are in the hot sand and the smell of tanning lotion fills your nose. You reach to grab an ice cold tropical beverage, and beep, beep, beep.....

You can not hit snooze again because you are running late. You rush off to class and think of how nice a vacation really would be.

There are ways a college student can afford to go on a vacation if you have the time between quarters. Southern California is warm and sunny this time of year and besides the long drive through rainy Oregon, you can fly for less than \$120 if you book your tickets in advance or find a good deal with the air lines.

Hawaii is a dream paradise for most people and with specials like \$250 round trip and hotel for 4 days & 3 nights per person, you could go there on a student loan and still have enough left to pay tuition for winter quarter.

Las Vegas is all so warm and if you are 21 you could win millions or lose every cent you have. Check out a time share presentation and you can receive a free trip to some warm vacation paradise.

You could enter a contest and win a trip to the Marlboro ranch in Arizona, which is warm this time of year too.

Join the Marines and you could travel the world meet interesting people and kill them.

Call the air lines and check the news papers for deals, or search the internet at sites like, www.cheapertickets.com and you too may get a way on that vacation you were dreaming about.

picked up.

As I pulled up to the north end of the bridge the group was waiting. No cops in sight, I continued toward them with amazement at what I had witnessed. The cop let them go with a warning "Because we knew what we were doing" said one of the bungee masters.

Nothing could top this feat so it was time to take them home. As I let them out of the car each one of them, men and women alike gave me hug or a handshake. A bond was formed. We had all witnessed something that we will never forget.

As I pulled away from the house (with my pockets full of tip money) I thought to myself, "Happy New Year, indeed." Joe believes it is okay to have sex in the back of the limo. He does warn to be quiet, though, because the driver is listening.

'Tune' offers holiday harmony

Children's show entertaining for entire family

By Derek Roche
Staff Reporter

The holidays are upon us and Highline is geared to celebrate. From 11 a.m. to noon, on Friday, Dec. 11, Building 7 will play host to the family centered performance of Tickle Tune Typhoon.

Tickets can be purchased in the Student Programs office for \$4 a person, but only 25 are available to Highline students — families, particularly children being the show's target audience.

However, Dennis Westphall, director and co-founder of Tickle Tune Typhoon has found that grown-ups enjoy the show as well.

"We like to do it (the show) for all ages," Westphall said.

"We get people dancing and moving. We get the people excited."

The extremely popular event, sponsored by Team Highline and The Parent Education Department, has been a Highline tradition, going back 18 years,



Photo courtesy of Team Highline

Tickle Tune Typhoon in full performance garb.

and is, of course, open to local community families and students.

Westphall says that some of the songs are performed in dif-

ferent languages, and a variety of colorful costumes will be incorporated.

Refreshments are available after the performance in the

with our music, from science to reading and writing to physical fitness," Westphall said.

Tickle Tune Typhoon is more than just child's play.

Union Bay room, as well as the sale of Tickle Tune merchandise.

Westphall strongly believes the show (consisting of four musicians and two dancers) is also a platform in which the performers can educate children, yet at the same time, entertain, which is the show's primary purpose.

"We

teach things

'Egypt' now on display at SAM

By Jennifer Young
Staff Reporter

When you step off the elevator at the Seattle Art Museum, and enter the "Egypt: Gift of the Nile," exhibit, brace yourself.

The piercing screams of small children resound in a room full of ancient artifacts.

"This is a tomb designed for an Egyptian Don't get too close! Yes, it's bright isn't it kids?" says a frazzled, middle-aged woman.

Herds of people crowd and ogle at exquisite pieces of art, while flashes of light appear and disappear in perpetual rhythm. Lovely.

The exhibit, which features 130 objects, is divided into four galleries. Religion, philosophy, and government are key elements found in each room.

One gallery displays objects found in wealthy homes, such as make-up and wine jars.

Another gallery showcases objects found in a pharaoh's palace, such as statues of the kings and fragments of stone from the ruins of Egyptian palaces.

The other galleries contain objects found in temples and tombs, including portions of a funerary chapel wall. Jewelry, carvings of deities, a sarcophagus lid, and an elaborately painted mummy case are several highlights.

The relics are well-presented and a marvel to look at. Yet, the number of museum-goers exceeds the amount of space available.

The noise-level can be decreased though. The Seattle Art Museum offers free use of a CD-ROM audio tour.

School groups tend to view the exhibit in the afternoon, so early mornings and late evenings are ideal times to meander around.

Aside from the disturbances, the exhibit is a spectacular sight.

"Egypt: Gift of the Nile," is on view until Jan. 10. The museum is open Tuesday-Sunday. Museum hours during the exhibit are 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tickets are sold through Ticketmaster and discounts are available the first Thursday of the month.

Admission for children 6 and under is free. Adults are \$10 and students/seniors \$7. For more information call 206-654-3100. The Seattle Art Museum is located at 100 University St. in downtown Seattle.

'A Bug's Life' fun for larvae and pupae alike

By Marta Pelayo
Staff Reporter

For most families, Thanksgiving is a time of tradition. A time to reconcile the past year's events. A time to consider our family dynamics. For my family, however, Thanksgiving is a time to see movies.

Perhaps it says something about us that we've seen every holiday release, whether it be *Armageddon* last Fourth of July, or *Men in Black* the Fourth before that, on the first day of its release. There's just something frightening about spending an entire day together that sends my family scattering for the movie section of the Times.

This year we partook in the ritual by viewing the new Disney/Pixar release, *A Bug's Life*.

Made up entirely of computer animation, *Bug's* is the second insect-themed feature released this year, after the surprisingly spectacular Dreamworks SKG film *Antz*.

Both films have parallel elements, from the worker ant/princess ant romance to the insect stuck in a drop of water scene.

Although the story elements are similar the overall tone of the movies are completely different. Where *Antz* is dark, violent, and brooding, *Bugs* is enlightening, charming, and far



Flick and co. take flight in *A Bug's Life*

Disney/Pixar Animation Studios

Review

more appropriate for children.

With their offbeat characters, namely pillbugs Tuck and Roll and young princess Dot, *Bugs* offers original fun that does not insult the intelligence of its adult viewers.

Another bonus is the underrated Dave Foley as ingenuitive hero Flick, a brainy inventor with a love jones for Princess Atta.

Although the casting of Foley is a plus, the casting of Julia Louis-Dreyfus as Princess Atta is a total waste. The former Seinfeld star has supreme comedic talents, but the writing offers her no opportunity for laughs. Ditto for John Ratzen-

"Bug's is enlightening, charming, and far more appropriate for children."

berger as Circus owner P.T. Flea. His trademark Boston accent is undetectable until his final scenes, leaving me no time to yell out, "Hey! That's Cliff Claven!"

The movie is a waste if you don't stay for the closing credits. And don't be fooled by the boring scenery shots they show

in the beginning. One highlight is the grasshoppers' drunken version of "La Cucuracha," which offers a glimpse of what people like me endure everytime someone tries to prove they're bilingual.

Like Pixar's first full-length feature, *Toy Story*, *A Bug's Life* has the drawback of failed additions of different species to the film. Just like the plastic looking humans in *Toy*, the birds look similar to real-life wildlife footage edited into those old cartoons when the cartoonist ran out of ink.

So now that my family has given *A Bug's Life* their stamp of approval, swallow your pride and go see it. You won't be disappointed.

Slice, dice and sizzle: steak house says "konnichiwa"

By Aaron Johnsen &
Janelle Marsh
Staff Reporters

At Tokyo Japanese Steak House in Federal Way, you will find flying shrimp tails, flaming food, and chefs that put on a captivating performance right at your table.

After driving by the restaurant for a few months, we decided to go on in to see what it was all about.

Our server was wearing a Japanese kimono and greeted us by saying, "Konnichiwa," which means good afternoon in Japanese.

Tokyo Japanese Steak house is a family owned restaurant that has been open for only seven months.

The tables are in the shape of a horseshoe with a Tepan yaki grill in the middle that is used to cook your food on.

"Come in and enjoy our special concept of a restaurant," said Ho Joo, restaurant manager. "Our chefs cut, dice, season and fire your food right before your eyes."

We found more than just dicing and chopping, our chef created a very entertaining experience.

It was hard not to laugh when he called our zucchini, Japanese

french fries and drew a smiley face on the grill with cooking oil.

According to our waitress Grace Kim, in Japan the chefs do not entertain you while they prepare your meal.

"This way is American modified," said Kim, "We laugh here, they are serious when they cook in Japan."

Menu specialties for lunch range from chicken yaki soba, to steak and seafood.

All lunches include soup, vegetables, hot tea and rice and prices are \$5.95 to \$8.95.

Dinner entrees range from a vegetarian platter to scallops and lobster. Dinner prices are \$8.95 to



Photo by Aaron Johnsen

A chef at the Tokyo Japanese Steak House exhibits his culinary skill.

\$22.95 and you will also receive salad, a shrimp appetizer and a sherbert dessert.

to keep up with everything that was going on around us. While our chef was lighting our shrimp

We decided on Teppan Yaki steak and shrimp for lunch. The price was reasonable at \$8.95.

Every one of the six chefs are experienced in cooking and entertaining with their own unique methods.

"All chefs are different, they each have their own style," said Joo. "It takes about six to nine months to learn."

Their experience was obvious to us, every knife that flew through the air landed safely in our chef's hands.

It was hard

on fire- Andre Son, a chef from another table, was joking with his customers, "If you want me to come to your house and cook, call 1-800-I-COOK4U."

"My job is to make the customer happy," said Son, "Even if I am having a bad day."

When our meal was served it was hot, fresh and delicious. The steak and shrimp was served with vegetables, rice and two flavorful sauces.

Dining at Tokyo Japanese Steak House is truly an enjoyable experience. The prices were affordable, the service is noteworthy, and the food was fantastic.

As we were leaving the manager said, "Arigato," -thank you in Japanese.

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Attention sheep: 'Bald Haggis' a tasty treat

By Ben Olson
Staff Reporter

If you thought the Seattle rock scene ended with Nirvana and Soundgarden, that perhaps local music has given in to the more popular, trendy bands such as Harvey Danger, you've never heard of Bald Haggis.

Haggis? Isn't that a Scottish dish full of sheep entrails? Yes. But Bald Haggis is an up and coming local band you may want to go and see.

Last Saturday at The Extreme in Fife I had the pleasure of attending my first Bald Haggis show. Full of dark deep notes, at first I expected them to

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sound like another stereotypical metal band, but as the set went on, I actually heard intelligent lyrics and original music.

Despite the crowd being more friends and family than fans, those present got a taste of what the four could do, if only they had the right settings.

The Extreme, formerly known as the Java Jump, has its heart in the right place, giving local bands a chance to perform in front of a fresh audience, but its location is too isolated to attract anyone who isn't prepared for a

long and confusing drive.

Chad Wells, the lead singer and backup guitarist says, "That kind of taught us a lesson about playing so far from the city."

Until I visited the band's practice studio a couple nights later, it was hard to really appreciate what the "pioneers of back alley rock" are capable of doing.

At The Extreme, the house system was experiencing feedback and glitches throughout the show, but in the comfort of their studio, with their equipment, Bald Haggis almost made me want to start a one man mosh pit.

One of the 10 foot long walls

in the square, value decorated room, is covered to the shoulders in speakers. The wall of sound, as it's called, resonates every corner of the vaulted ceiling, and shakes the sofas like a bumpy car ride.

Chris Zombro, the band's lead guitarist, and his brother Ben Zombro went to the same high school as Chad Wells, while drummer Jamie Cappini attended another local school. The four weave in and out instrumentally, while Wells adds in the perfect voice and emotions to music.

Sometimes the feelings get so intense you could almost swear there are 100,000 raging

fans out beyond the walls, screaming them on.

And that's what separates Bald Haggis from others. They truly care about their music, their lyrics, and on top of that they don't pretend to be full of angst and despair.

They know who they are, what they want to play, and they do it. Instead of trying to duplicate someone else's sound or style they perfect their own of each.

So the next time you hear of Bald Haggis, don't think of sheep guts, think of going to the show.

Ben secretly eats haggis while wearing a kilt.

Art show a really big success

By Talitha Vanzo
Staff Reporter

The Really Big Art Show, a Team Highline sponsored event, was a big hit.

"It was extremely successful," said Rachel Thorne of Team Highline.

There were about 70 pieces of work entered in the show within four different categories.

With an average of 250 people that went each day, there

was a total of 273 votes.

The effect of these votes in the Misc. category placed Umberto Rodriguez in first with *Rhines*; Sherlyn Shera in second with *Black is Beautiful*; and last but not least, Amy Studley in third place with her candle *Everlasting Rose*.

In the Photo category, Lori Mullins placed first with *In Another Perspective*; second place went to Molly Reitz for *A Special Journey*. There was a tie for third place going to Toni Whal-ter with *Untitled*, and Kirk Elli-

ot's glorious photo, *Balancing Rock*.

Sculpture and pottery had highline ceramics instructor Mark Horuchi in first place with *Fruit Bowl*; Second place went to Josh Monderville with *World Hunger*; and third place went to Phil Droke with *T'au Teih*.

Mike Rimbey made a clean sweep in the drawing and painting category with *Coming Out Of The Cold* in first place, *Our Daily Bread* in second, and *Past, Present and Future* in third.



Lori Mullins' first place photograph, *In Another Perspective*.

Women's basketball shortchanged

The Highline's women's basketball team is now down to seven eligible players for the start of the season. Because of a multitude of problems ranging from grades, player apathy, and lack of recruiting the team is rail thin when it comes to athletes, talented or not.

Because of the late hiring of Head Coach Dennis Olson there was an appalling lack

Stone Cold Sports



By Kevin Wintersteen

of time for recruiting.

After former coach Dale Bolinger was fired in the spring, in the end they had to convince Olson to fill their void. Because of the timing of the firing, in the height of the recruiting period Highline basically threw away a season. "We're dealing with what we have, we're bringing in people to practice. But, if anyone gets sick or hurt we're in trouble," said Olson.

"It's hard to adjust because of the lack of players, and frustrating to run practice. These girls have to work twice as hard," he said.

Even when they get Dru White and a recruit from Juanita High School for the Winter Quarter, it still only gives them nine players.

Until Winter Quarter the team has games against Lower Columbia, Centralia (twice), Grays Harbor (twice), and Green River (twice). They also have a tournament at Clark to compete in. All of this with only seven players to rotate through.

It should be interesting to see how long it takes for the other coaches in the NWAACC to realize you can run Highline out of the gym. What is Highline going to bring in fresh players?

The team only has one freshman starting, Shawanna McElroy, and though the bench is likely to get many minutes this year, it doesn't make them talented.

Assuming they have a tough season this year, which isn't a reach, the recruits are sure to flock to Highline.

Which means this season will be one long and painful preview of next season.

This is Steen's last column so he's wearing a thong to celebrate, are you?

Thunderbird men turn back Green River in basketball opener

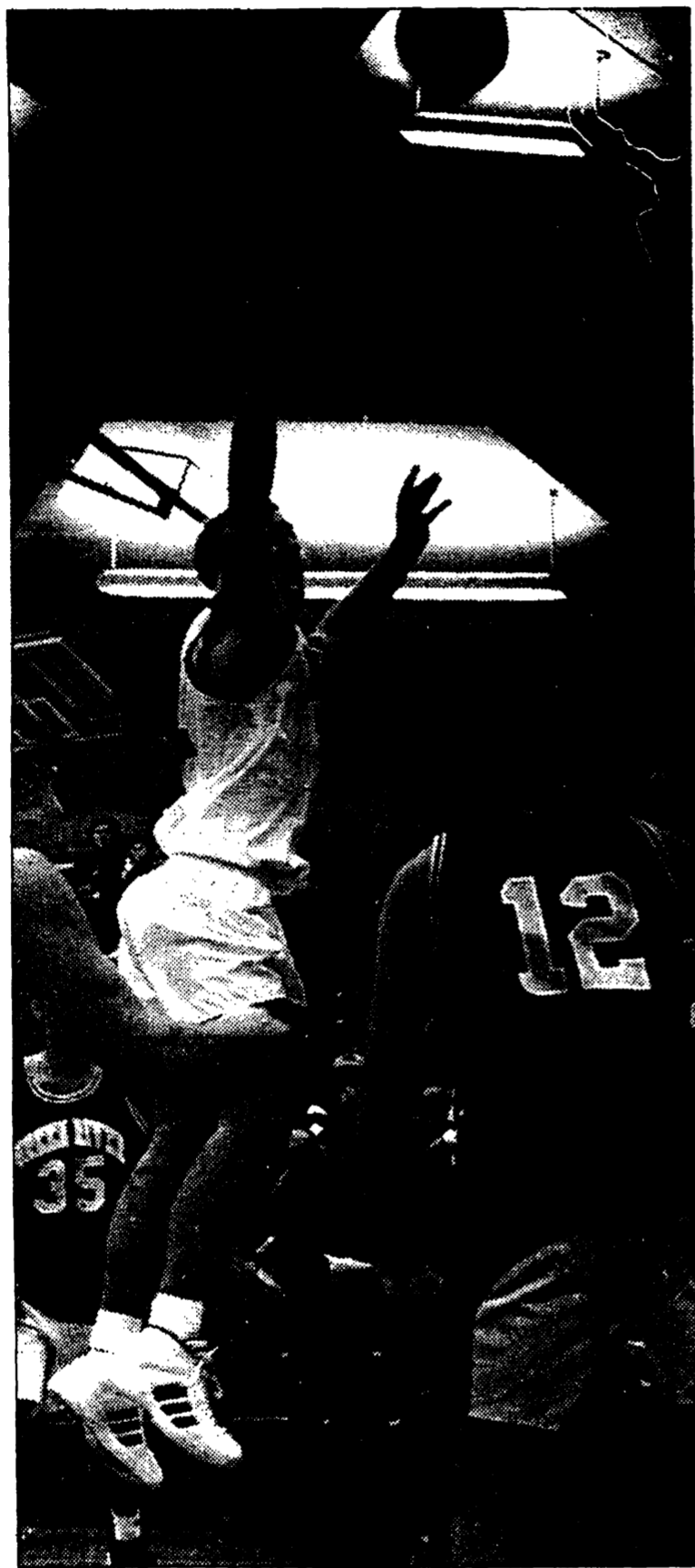


Photo by Kirk Elliott

Shaun Madsen throws in two of his 33 points Monday against Green River.

Madsen makes strong showing

By Michael Stampalia
Staff Reporter

The Thunderbird men's basketball team destroyed a weak Green River unit 111-60 on Monday in the Pavilion. In Highline's first game of the season they played a GRCC team that had been soundly beaten by Chemeketa last Friday by more than 50 points.

The game got off to an ugly start with both teams struggling to score points. With nearly two minutes gone in the quarter the score was 2-0 in favor of the Gators.

With both teams misfiring from outside, it wasn't pretty. Highline scored its first two points of the game at 18:00 when Brad Heppner tipped in a missed three-pointer.

"We were nervous," T-bird Head Coach Jeff Albrecht said. "You could tell we were rushing our shots."

Apparently, the Thunderbirds were only suffering from first-game jitters. It wasn't close for very long as Highline went on to establish a 14-5 advantage in the next three minutes. They eventually opened up a comfortable 15 point lead with 10:00 left in the first half.

"We got more comfortable as the game went on," Albrecht said.

The Thunderbirds lead grew to as much as 19 points before they ended the half leading 45-27. Forward Shaun Madsen carried the Thunderbirds on his

6'6" frame, scoring 24 of Highline's 45 points. He was 10 of 14 from the field while hitting 2 of 4 three-pointers. The next highest scorer was center Tom Hubbard with six points, no one else had more than four points in the half.

"Shaun Madsen stepped up his game," guard Marcus Mosby said. "He took his toll on Green River with his scoring."

"I had tons of room down low so I could do my moves," Madsen said. "I was in the zone. I was just puttin' it up and it went in."

In the second half Madsen was tripled teamed by the Gators everytime he touched the ball as he managed only five shot attempts the rest of the way. But the Thunderbirds dominated Green River in the second half with Pat Elvidge and Adam Enfield finding themselves open on the perimeter. They finished with 18 and 10 points, respectively.

"Adam and Pat finally hit their threes," Mosby said.

Albrecht credited his team's scoring success to easy baskets that were created by the T-Birds' defense. On defense Highline forced 29 turnovers and had 18 steals to go with a 52-44 rebounding edge.

"Our goal was to hold them under 65," Albrecht said.

Madsen's scoring binge wasn't totally unexpected from a player who was third on the team in scoring last year. He finished with 33 points, his highest total in a Highline jersey.

The Thunderbirds will face a truer test of their basketball skills when they face Centralia and Grays Harbor. Results for last night's game against Centralia were not available at press time. Highline will be playing Grays Harbor at the Pavilion on Friday at 8 p.m.

Wrestlers split matches on road

By Kevin Wintersteen
Staff Reporter

Highline's wrestling team was in Susanville, Calif. over the weekend competing in the Lassen Tournament. The team continues to make progress but is still being challenged.

"We didn't do as well as we hoped, it was a much more difficult and challenging," said Head Coach John Clemens.

Highline wrestled as a team Friday and as individuals Saturday.

"We actually started out great, we beat Clackamas 23-16 and every wrestler won except one," said Clemens.

The second match on Friday was versus Ricks College, and things went a little differently.

"We got nailed 39-6 and everyone lost except Trevor Howard," Clemens said.

The third and final match of the day was against Lassen college, a perennial power and host of the tournament. The match, though, was cancelled after only six matches because the gym

lost power.

Saturday the wrestlers competed individually, and Highline had two wrestlers reach the finals. Trevor Howard took third place at 197 pounds, while Anthony Latan took fourth place at 133 pounds.

"For us it was a really good test," said Clemens. "The important thing we emphasize to the guys is that up to the fifth of February we want them to build their skills."

February fifth is when the regional tournament begins for all

the National Junior College Athletic Association member colleges.

"Win, lose or draw it's more about improving," said Clemens.

Clemens believes as long as the T-Birds keep their attitudes solid and work ethics high good things are in store for the team.

"Overall this group, they're a little frustrated," he said.

"They're competing at a new level and it's frustrating not being able to jump right in," said Clemens.

Men's Basketball

Highline 111, Green River 60.

Highline: Johnson 6, Laurence 7, Simonson 13, Enfield 10, Madsen 33, Elvidge 18, Hubbard 12, Heppner 5, Hubbard 12, Mosby 7.

Rebounds: Madsen 12, Mosby 8.

Assists: Johnson 9, Mosby 8.

Green River: Olofsson 2, Nicholson 9, Campbell 6,

Carroll 3, Swain 18, Ratcliffe 9, Geiger 9, Ehig 2, Lewis 2.

Rebounds: Harrison 1, Olofsson 2, Campbell 5,

Carroll 1, Swain 4, Ratcliffe 5,

Geiger 5, Ehig 7, Lewis 11

Assists: Nicholson 1, Campbell 2, Swain 2, Gei-

ger 3

Upcoming games**Men's basketball**

Dec. 4 Grays Harbor, 8 pm

Dec. 11 at Grays Harbor, 8 pm

Dec. 17-19 at South Puget Sound Crossover TBA

Women's Basketball

Dec. 4 Grays Harbor at 6 pm

Dec. 17-19 at Clark Crossover TBA

Dec. 22 at Centralia 6 pm

Dec. 23 at Green River 6 pm

Wrestling

Dec. 4 PLU/CCC Double Dual at Parkland 7pm

Dec. 11 PIMA Dual 7 pm

Sat. Dec. 12 CCC / Ricks / YVCC / SWOCC / PIMA triple dual 10 am

Dec. 18 CWU Dual at Ellensburg 7 pm

Jan. 2 PLU open Tournament

Jan. 7 N.I.C. / PLU Double Dual 6 pm

Jan. 9 CCC Open at Oregon City all day

SCOREBOARD**Women's B-ball goes without**

By Diana Ruggiero
Staff Reporter

The Highline's women's basketball team continues to struggle through its lack of players. The team is now down to seven eligible players, but will be getting two more players Winter Quarter. The lady T-birds are looking for a good few players.

"It's frustrating and hard to practice when you don't have enough bodies," said Head Coach Dennis Olson. "If one player can't make it to practice, we can't work on our offense and that hurts us."

The players have noticed the effect of it on the team.

"It's frustrating because we have no competition against each other and we can't feel the pressure," said Highline forward Kristi Duggan. "We have to deal with it because we have no choice."

Highline opened its season Wednesday night against Centralia, with results unavailable at press time. The T-birds take on Grays Harbor 6 p.m. Friday in the Pavilion. They face Green River next Tuesday at 6 p.m.

They travel to Grays Harbor for a rematch on Dec. 11, followed by the Clark Crossover Tournament Dec. 17-19, before visiting Centralia on Dec. 22 and Green River on Dec. 23. Highline finishes the winter break at the Lower Columbia Tourney Dec. 29-31.

League play begins Jan. 2, at home against Skagit Valley, again at 6 p.m.

Even with the lack of women it doesn't seem to affect all of the teammates.

"I figure the players that really want to be here are here and that's all that really matters," said T-Bird Molly Rutter.

The team has to work hard together to make up for the short bench.

"I commend the effort of the players now because they have to work twice as hard," said Assistant Coach Janelle Oakeley.

As soon as grades come out, which will be official on Dec. 16, one of the two ineligible

players will be able to play. But until then the team will have already played four non-league games.

"I came from Bellevue with not enough credits so now I have to wait until this quarter to be eligible," said T-bird player Dru White.

The other player will be coming from Juanita High School and attending Highline Winter Quarter. She won't be eligible until January.

The team is short on players because of the timing of the firing and hiring of their coaching staff. The coaching change came during the height of the spring recruiting season, which scared away many recruits.

In the beginning of the season the team was looking good with the number of players on a roster, but as the quarter wound down players began to drop like flies.

Most of the girls who dropped just didn't have the talent, weren't having fun, or they needed to work.

"The players we have work hard, but we don't have height at all. We can't play teams where our tallest player is 5-8," said Head Coach Olson.

"It's quality not always quantity that matters," said White.

The T-birds are hoping this is such a time.

"We'll get tired but we're mentally there," said forward Karen Nadeau.

"We are a competitive team. We will surprise a lot of people," said Oakeley.

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Water polo surfaces**Growing coed sport gains foothold at Highline**

By Jamie Kirk
Staff Reporter

The water polo team returned from the Northwest Collegiate Water Polo Championships not fulfilling their expectations.

"They played really well," said Adviser Sam Shabb.

"The team played above expectations," Shabb said.

Highline competes against many four-year universities such as the University of Washington; Western Washington University; University of California Maritime; and Oregon State.

Water polo is a coed club at Highline and ranges from the experienced to just novice beginners.

The team captain Ron Granquist is an experienced player and led the team this past season. The most experienced women's player is Becky Celuer.

"She helps provide guidance for the newer players," said Shabb.

Water polo is a growing sport at area high schools, and the club is getting stronger each year. And there are more women participating in the sport than ever before.

Highline will begin practicing



Photo By Kirk Elliott

Water Polo member Chris Lebo practices before the Northwest College Water Polo Championships

again in the spring, with plans to compete in a few area tournaments.

"Everyone is welcome to come out. We have a lot of fun," says Shabb.

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Child daycare during the night time

Child care center proposes to offer child care during the evenings

By Tami Stuart
Staff Reporter

A proposal for evening child care at Highline has been submitted to the State Board of Community and Technical Colleges.

Evening child care is in high demand. Eleven other community colleges have also applied in Washington state.

"The staff and I are anxious to implement the much needed evening child care, to accommodate the families of

Highline Community College," says Joyce Riley, Program Director of the Child Care Development Center.

Highline has about 2,000 evening students. She said evening child care would allow people who have day jobs and families to continue to attend college.

The proposal will be reviewed by Rachael Langen, a Department of Social and Health Services staff person, and Rhonda Coats from the State Board. They will review all 12 proposals, but only three to six colleges will be funded. Highline's proposal is for \$23,192.88 for partial funding for six months. The rest of the funding will come from parents' fees and DSHS funds for welfare recipients who are at-



File photo

Enrollment at Highline's Child Care Center is down, but the center wants to offer services to evening students.

tending Highline.

The results of Highline's request will be known next week, and if this proposal is approved, evening child care will be available starting Winter Quarter 1999.

The proposed hours for evening child care are from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m., Monday-Friday. The evening child care will have a program like the daytime child care but with scheduling to meet the needs of an evening setting. Dinner will be included and will meet the USDA food program as does the daytime child care.

Despite the perceived demand for evening child care, enrollment is down for the daytime program. The pro-

gram currently cares for about 32 children a day, versus a normal load of more than 40.

"We think it's all because of the welfare reform program," says Riley.

Welfare reform in Washington state is requiring more welfare recipients to find work as soon as possible, making it harder for them to attend college.

The age for the youngest children accepted at the center has been lowered to 16 months. The center is currently enrolling for Winter Quarter.

For more information on day or evening child care, please call 206-878-3710, ext. 3224.



"The staff and I are anxious to implement the much needed evening child care."

--Joyce Riley

Survey shows students aren't prepared

By Tina M. McDonald
Staff Reporter

Say you're sitting in your Political Science class, listening to your teacher talk about the evils of free trade, when suddenly the entire room begins to vibrate. For a second you think maybe it's just a huge plane really close overhead, but then it doesn't go away and the room starts to swerve back and forth. You then realize you're sitting in the middle of an earthquake.

Would you know what to do?

In a Geology survey done during Spring and Fall Quarters at Highline, 16 percent of the 142 students surveyed did not know what they should do during an earthquake.

"The purpose of the survey was to find out what people knew and didn't know about earthquakes and their hazards," said Eric Baer, Geology instructor at Highline and advisor to the Geology Club.

Of the students surveyed, 25 percent were not aware of any type of earthquake hazard in Washington State and 84 percent were not aware that Washington's earthquakes are more hazardous than California's earthquakes.

Most people surveyed were found to have only basic awareness about earthquakes and their hazards in Washington, yet not a lot of specific knowledge.

"We wanted to do two things: number one, find out what we need to teach and what people

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Chiropractic program needs students

By Jember Woldeab
Staff Reporter

The Highline Chiropractic Technician Program receives many calls each day from all over the country asking for chiropractic technician graduates, but it only has few students in its program.

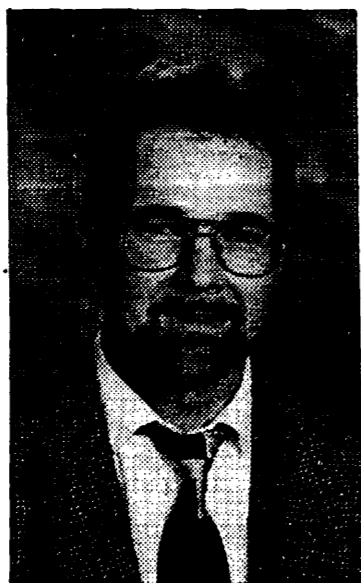
"Chiropractic really needs help. Lots of jobs are available," said Dr. John S. Huber, manager of the Chiropractic Technician Program.

The field offers long-term employment locally and nationally, but its lack of popularity is the major problem.

When thinking of health related fields, chiropractic technician may not be something that comes to everybody's mind.

"They think about nursing, dental, not chiropractic. Those are traditional," said Huber. "There is less interest in chiropractic because it is non-traditional."

Nonetheless, the need for spinal care is rising, especially among recent immigrants working in manual labor, which is the reason the program values people with language skills, said Huber.



John Huber

"We get a lot of requests for Spanish-speaking people, Filipinos, Japanese," said Huber.

Huber sees a definite need for chiropractic, for those who do not have access to high-tech drugs or surgery or for those who believe in alternative methods of treatment.

"Taking a medicine is not going to help your structural problem," he said.

The program was established in 1995, after the recognition of the great demand for trained chiropractic technicians.

"There was resistance to starting this new program, how it would effect other programs," said Huber.

The establishment of the program meant less money to other programs on campus, but Highline took the risk.

"To start a new program like this, it takes about a quarter of a million," said Huber. "That's a big commitment."

Highline's program is the only one in Western Washington. The pressure from outside to produce students is high.

About 25 students go through the program each year. Students receive training in life x-ray, spinal imaging, spinal assessment, muscle strength testing, narrative report writing, case histories, and insurance processing.

"Graduates can practice in 30 states because of our credential," said Huber.

Just recently, the program produced a new book, *Skill Standards for the Chiropractic Technician*, which identifies the knowledge, skills and abilities an individual needs to succeed in the workplace.

"It is the first in the country," said Dean of Instruction Robert

H. Eley. Highline hopes to use the book as a model for other occupations: Optician, Library Technician, and Early Childhood Education.

In its fourth year, the program aims to attract more students, who can take advantage of the many jobs.

"I hope to have a waiting list like the Nursing Program," said Huber.

"I had a lot of questions"



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You can hear in Building 13

By Bekah Johnston
Staff Reporter

Students are now hearing better in class as a part of the remodeling of Building 13. When the building was remodeled the rooms were outfitted with assisted listening devices for the students with poor or less-than-perfect hearing.

Students who have to strain to hear the instructor can now wear headphones to help them hear the lecture better.

The instructor wears a lapel microphone, which picks up his/her voice and even the voices of the students near the instructor in the front of the class. There is a wall-mounted unit in the three larger rooms that sends out a silent message into the room.

The headphones are handed out to students who need them. Students can adjust the sound as they need it. It is required in the building code that remodeled classrooms of these sizes must be outfitted with the assisted hearing devices, said Director of Facilities Pete Babington.

Access Services here at Highline offers different means of help for students with disabilities that limit life activities, such as learning, said Jim Field, director of Access Services.

Students can use a portable hearing unit like the one in Building 13, where they can check it out for a quarter. The unit is a black pocket size piece of equipment, about the size of a pack of cigarettes. This comes with a microphone for the instructor to wear and headphones or an earphone for the student.

Access Services also provides books on tape for blind students, sign language interpreters for deaf students and many more services.

To be eligible for these accommodations you must have proof that you have a physical, mental or sensory impairment. To find out more information contact Field in Building 6, room 244. Or you can call 206-878-3710, ext. 3857.

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year. The state doesn't check the sites, but station owners must get an OK from an environmental engineer before the state will let them pump gas again.

How much pollution was cleaned up isn't clear, nor is who paid for it. The site's new owner, local businessman David Mallik, and the general contractor each said no pollution

Diggin' it



Photo by Kirk Elliott
A worker swings his pick-axe while working on a new drainage ditch outside of Building 13 earlier this week.

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need to know, and two, see if it would make a difference and increase awareness to instigate an earthquake awareness course," Baer said.

Most of the students surveyed knew what to do to prepare for an earthquake, but only 70 percent had done so.

The Geology Club hopes to coordinate a plan for earthquake awareness for both teachers and students. Since the Geology survey showed that 47 percent of the students surveyed learned about earthquakes from school, they feel it is important for teachers at Highline to educate their students.

"We want teachers to be able to know what to do if there was an earthquake and people were hurt. We also want students to know what to do at home to prepare for earthquakes, such as earthquake kits and how to secure stuff in their homes," said Anthony Barnum, treasurer of

was found at the site.

The new station's design hasn't been finalized, but it reportedly will consist of four fuel dispensers, a store and a drive thru window of some sort.

"The station will be a clean and crime-free gas station," said Mallik, who owns three other local BP stations.

Mallik said that he plans to hire Highline students to work in his store. He also plans to sponsor Highline sports.

"I want to be a family with Highline and its students," Mallik said.

the Geology Club and coordinator of the survey.

Each Highline staff member has received a brochure telling what to do in case of emergencies, including earthquakes.

"I only know of one instructor that has read the emergency brochure to the class," Barnum said. "A lot of the outside balconies at Highline aren't attached very well and if people went running outside during an earthquake, it would be more dangerous than staying inside."

"I just hope that faculty members would know what to do if there was an earthquake," Barnum said.

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of cyber-criminals.

"I don't think there is enough safe guards at this time to ensure the integrity of online voting and registration," Cunningham said.

"All access to student records is run in accordance with the Privacy Rights Act," said Registrar Scott Hardin.

If one is unlucky enough to be caught while trying to break in to the network, then Highline Campus Security takes over and administers the appropriate punishment for the crime. If the crime is serious enough the Des Moines Police Department then takes over the case.

All of the student records and other sensitive materials are on a separate system, isolated from any Internet access and any of the local area networks. This network configuration effectively eliminates the casual hacker. To access any of the records a security form has to be filled out through System Services in accordance with certain rules.

When it comes down to it,

are Highline's computer systems safe enough for our student records and other sensitive documents?

"Yes I believe they are. Although, nothing is truly safe from a determined hacker," said Cunningham.

The chances of a hacker getting in the college's sensitive data computer system is pretty remote, Cunningham said. One of the reasons is that the college computer system is not connected to the Internet or any of the Local Area Networks. Only a select few computers have access to the any of the sensitive data such as grades and finances.

Even then if one had access to one of these computers, every user log-on has different levels of security clearance, further complicating matters. For example, any teacher will have access to only his or her grades on the server.

Plus whenever someone logs onto the network their every move is monitored and recorded by the server, taking in name, date, time, and exactly what files and programs were accessed.

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parking garage.

In the reserved staff parking lot, people may park if they are willing to pay \$40 a month. The college proposed raising the monthly charge to \$60 a month. According to Brett approximately 12 people are currently taking advantage of the 35-space lot. Brett said that although it would generate money slowly, it would be better to lower the monthly rates, which would entice more people to park there.

"We thought the lower rate would attract more people to participate," said Brett.

The WPEA has requested impasse mediation from the director of personnel for the state, to help them reach an agreement with the college. If that does not work, they say they will proceed to the next level, impasse arbitration.

"I am hoping that getting an outside party will allow us to have opportunity to exchange proposals," said Brett.

Saunders said there are no meetings planned between the college and the WPEA right now, but said that "after Christmas we will know more."

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