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Union to file unfair labor charge

By Kevin Wintersteen
Staff Reporter

The union representing non-faculty employees at Highline may file an unfair labor practices complaint against the college.

The Washington Public Employees Association is looking

into filing the complaint because management at Highline has refused to participate in mediation with the union.

"Their refusal to negotiate has put us in a fixed position," said WPEA Employee relations specialist Ken Brett.

The union filed the impasse request after negotiations last

fall failed to reach a compromise over college plans to raise parking fees. The union says parking fees are part of employees compensation package, which is a contractual matter. The union represents about 160 staff members on campus.

The college challenged the impasse, because administrators

don't believe the union has the right to request it.

"Subsequently, someone from Highline sent notice that they refused to participate in the mediation," Brett said. "Because they've refused to negoti-

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Credit center may equal jobs

By Tina M. McDonald
Staff Reporter

A new call center in Federal Way may mean more jobs for Highline graduates.

Capital One Services Inc., one of the nation's top 10 credit card issuers, will soon be opening an operations center, employing an expected 500 people within two years.

Capital One will potentially offer students jobs in accounting, public relations, customer service, processing credit card statements and bills, and many other areas.

The company will operate a temporary center beginning in May 1999. They plan to open a 130,000-square-foot processing plant in the East Campus Corporate Park in Federal Way.

The facility will be fully equipped to support 24-hour, seven-day processing for Capital One's credit card business.

Benefits offered by Capital One will include tuition support for job-related course work.

Although nothing is set in stone, Highline's new Call Center Program, which was opened in Spring '98 at the Federal Way campus, may soon have an agreement with Capital One as

Towed away: Wendy's lot cracks down

By Amy K. Cords
Staff Reporter

Wendy's has gone from "where's the beef?" to "where's my car?"

The vacant lot surrounding the abandoned Wendy's on Pacific Highway South east of the college now is a U-park lot. If you don't pay the \$1 parking fee, or buy a \$15 parking permit, your car will get towed.

ABT Towing has been commissioned by the owner of the lot to remove illegally parked cars starting yesterday morning. A reported 13 cars were towed before noon.

Notices were posted in the parking lot and leaflets were left on windshields starting Monday. The leaflets listed the daily and monthly fees as well as the towing and storage fees.

The fees collected from people retrieving their cars ranged from \$80 on site to as much as \$140 at the impound lot.

Parking on campus costs \$8 a quarter, but the lack of close-in parking spaces drives students to seek parking anywhere other than the Midway overflow lot.



Photo by Amy Cords

Approximatley 13 cars were towed yesterday from the old Wendy's lot.

A number of businesses along Pacific Highway South have started towing students' cars, including Baskin Robbins and Skippers. Students have parked as far away as the Midway Transmissions on the east side of the highway.

"We didn't mind if students used our south lot as long as they parked correctly," said a representative of the transmission shop. "But they weren't, they parked crooked and blocked our access. We notified the school that we were going to

start towing students' cars." Many students were unaware that the gravel lot bearing the U-Park sign and payment box are considered to be the same park-

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College, businesses wrestle with Year 2000 bug

By Santonena
McDaniels
and Nate Patterson
Staff Reporter

Highline is ready for the millenium.

Although survivalists and conspiracy theorists predict all sorts of calamity from the year

2000 computer bug, college officials say they are prepared.

Other local businesses say they also are prepared for Y2K.

The Year 2000 problem stems from when computers were first coming out in the '50s and '60s and storage memory for data was prohibitively expensive. So computer program-

mers cut corners in various areas.

One area was the way the years were put on the computers. Instead of using four digits such as 1976 they would use two digits such as 76. Therefore the Central Processing Unit or computer brain chip in the early computers and most early soft-

ware would read the year 2000 as 1900. This practice continued all the way up to the early '90s and in some software programs up to 1997.

Left unattended, this could cause malfunctions in computer systems all over the world. Many businesses are working on the problem, but the fear is

that those who haven't fixed their systems will cause an effect on other systems, making it hard for businesses to send bills, collect money or send out paychecks.

At worst, some fear the Year

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Crime Blotter Jan. 24-Feb. 2

HCC Security steps up lot patrol

Let's give it up for Highline security! No car break-ins were recorded this week.

Officer spots prowler

A Highline security officer witnessed a juvenile male suspect prowling around cars in a Highline parking lot on Jan. 27.

Push leads to shove, then to fistfight

Two males were seen fighting on the first floor level of building 10. The confrontation was witnessed by dozens of Highline students on Jan. 27.

Students loses ability to plan day

A day-planner was reported stolen by a Highline student, on Jan. 28. The student, who was in the cafeteria, noticed the planner missing from her backpack.

Rabid fans lose treasured momentos

Pictures of Paul Walker, Ryan Phillippe and Barry Pepper, were reported stolen by Highline students. The incident occurred in the late evening hours of Jan. 28. The photos were last seen in Building 10-106.

Van doesn't brake, neither does student

A Highline student was hit by a van while using the cross walk, in the east parking lot. The student reported injuries to his left knee and leg. It is unknown whether the driver of the van was aware of hitting the student. The incident occurred on Monday, Feb. 1.

What white lines?

On the same day, a car hit another while parking in the east lot. An unknown student driving a Toyota hit a parked car as he was pulling in to a parking space. The parked car suffered minor damages.

-Compiled by
Sarah Crowley

Horner argues God's existence

By Sarah Crowley
Staff Reporter

Science proves that God exists, Michael Horner says.

Horner, a professor at Trinity Western University in British Columbia, drew a full house of students to bear witness to his presentation in Building 7 on Tuesday.

Horner has traveled around the world to spread his philosophy on the connection between science and religion.

"Our universe is like a big, hot cup of Starbucks; it is slowly cooling down," said Horner.

The universe had to have a beginning, something cannot start from nothing, he said. Since it is known that the universe had a beginning, there must be a cause for that beginning. Horner ultimately believes that God is this cause.

"We have no theory to explain why the universe is so orderly after a huge explosion like the Big Bang, which would typically result in disorder," said Horner.

A personal, intelligent and



Photo by Raul Sedano

Michael Horner says that science proves God exists.

willful entity must exist to produce something as powerful as

the Big Bang and form a universe such as ours, he said.

Horner, who has spoken at many college campuses, feels most students see science as disproving religion. This atheistic philosophy claims the universe arose from mere chance, says Horner, although scientifically the odds do not support this idea.

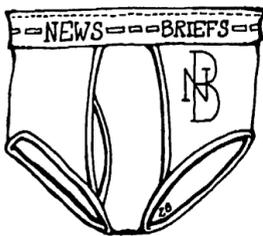
"The atheist belief that the universe was created out of nothing, is absolutely absurd," he said.

To support his argument, Horner quotes prominent scientists such as Einstein and Eckles, who both believed science supported, not refuted the idea of a creator. There are two options, says Horner: You can either believe the universe had a beginning or that it has always existed.

The majority of scientists, including Horner, believe in the Big Bang theory, which states that the universe did begin rather than has always been.

"If the universe is a random chance event, all of this that happened would just be good

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Give blood, no biting necessary

Puget Sound Blood Center will be at Highline today from 9 a.m. to 11:15 a.m., and noon to 3 p.m. to take blood donations. They will be set up in Building 2. Anyone with any questions may contact Christine Stevenson at (206) 878-3710, ext. 3537.

Volunteers needed for commencement

HCC's Commencement Committee needs volunteers for both commencement planning and set up. Those interested should call Margaret Hunsperger at ext. 3875, or Jason Prenovost at ext. 3188.

Advisors on hand to help plan classes

A chance for students to check to make sure they are taking the right classes to graduate will be offered Feb. 8-12. Faculty advisors will have their advisee transcripts on hand and will schedule extra office time to talk to students.

Essay contest for HCC ESL students

International Student Programs will be offering students whose first language is not English an essay contest, part of an "Around the World Celebration" put on by ISP.

Students must also have lived in the U.S. for less than three years. Essays should be written in English, two or three pages, less than 500 words, in 10-12 point font and double spaced. This year's topic is "Learning to Live in a New Culture."

The grand prize is a \$400 tuition credit to be used in any upcoming HCC quarter. The deadline will be Feb. 8, by 6

p.m.

Questions can be directed to Mariko Fujiwara, ext. 3844.

Metro to improve bus routes

Metro will be changing some of their bus routes, effective Feb. 6. Some routes will have added stops or extended hours, others will have different routing and hours of service. Any questions about local bus routes can be answered by Aimee Beckworth at (206) 684-1008. Metro's website also offers maps, located at <http://transit.metro.gov>. Detailed questions can also be answered on Metro's Rider Information line, (206) 553-3000.

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Fisher aiming for safer campus

By Sarah Crowley
Staff Reporter

Richard Fisher has always been a cop.

The Highline Security Chief began his career fighting crime 34 years ago. In 1965, Fisher was drafted into the military where he served for two years as a military police officer. Upon his release Fisher promptly obtained a position with the Washington State patrol as a trooper.

During his 25 year career as a state trooper, Fisher worked with the organized crime unit for eight years and the narcotics unit for two years. Fisher also served on the governor's security staff for over eight years, overseeing the protection of governors John Spellman and Booth Gardner. He then served as sergeant at arms for the Washington State Senate.

Fisher said these four years were the most fulfilling in his law enforcement career. The safety of all the senators and their staff was Fisher's sole responsibility.

A year and a half ago, Fisher permanently became Highline's chief of security, the chair still spinning from the previously high turnover. Within the last year his outstanding performance has proved his commitment to Highline.

Fisher has developed a sentimental attachment to Highline faculty, students and staff.



Photo by Raul Sedano

Fisher, former M.P., stepped up HCC security, reducing car break-ins and vandalism.

"The purpose of security officers is to make students and faculty feel safe when on campus," said Fisher.

It is his feeling that Highline has become one of the safest college campus's in the greater Seattle area. Since Fisher has been here, security officers have taken a more active presence on campus.

Currently Highline has five full-time and five part-time officers. Car break-ins and vandalism are occurring less often than they were two years ago.

"Things run much smoother now that Fisher is here," said Highline Security Officer Kevin Gunderson.

Fisher says Highline needs a few improvements, such as computerized system for keys. In Highline's present system, if a key is lost or stolen the only options are to change all the locks or do nothing. As of now, nothing is done, increasing the risk of crime.

Off-campus Fisher enjoys golfing and is a self described football fanatic. This

Superbowl he rooted for the Atlanta Falcons.

To relax, Fisher listens to jazz or reads a book.

While not an advocate of underage drinking, Fisher believes that this issue is an example of one where young people could band together to make change. After all, 18 yr olds can vote, why not vote to change the policies they don't like, said Fisher.

"I would really like to see young people get more involved in the political process," said Fisher.

Ed Commando approved by S&A committee

By Tyler Hurst
Staff Reporter

The Service and Activities Budget Committee approved only one request last week.

The Thunderword was granted \$600 to start a t-shirt fundraiser. They plan to sell Ed Commando t-shirts to purchase new computer equipment.

The Geology Club asked for funds to pay for field trips in the Spring and Fall 1999 quarters. The request was postponed because the committee will not yet approve requests for next year.

Kristi Neiser, who submitted the request, was not discouraged by the results, planning to try again next meeting.

The Printing and Graphic Design Programs request for money to attend "Tech Graphics '99" was turned down, as was a coordinated studies class field trip funds request.

The committee will next meet Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Building 10-202. This will mark the first day for 1999-2000 budget proposal presentations.

Boly preaches happiness

By Solana Kloby
Staff Reporter

Happiness is a state of being, claims Father Craig Boly, published theologian, formerly of Gonzaga University.

Boly shared his Christian perspective on happiness Wednesday with students in Contemporary Conversations.

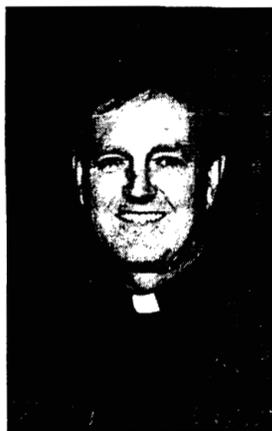
"Happiness is the fulfillment in us of our uniquely human potential," said Boly.

An experience that changed Boly's life was when he went to a maximum security prison in Australia for one year. He was asked to counsel maximum security prisoners.

"They would just as rather slice you up than look at you,"

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--Father Craig Boly, on inmates in Australian prisons



Boly

he said.

Boly learned that it didn't matter how much patience and love he had, when it came to the prisoners all they needed was someone to listen in confidentiality, "they just wanted to tell their story."

He said he was lucky that he had a collar to protect his neck.

This experience in the prison made Boly realize that he had to show prisoners that he was continually working on his faults to better himself. This provided a model for the prisoners to learn that no one is perfect and we all

need to better ourselves.

Boly shared that humans have two basic hoops to jump through in life. The first is to have a dream, something that gets you out of bed in the morning. Second, someone that you can share that dream with a companion.

Boly told students that Jesus says if you want to be happy to contain these attitudes: "Poor in spirit, to mourn in a loss, be humble, be merciful, have a pure heart, peace maker, pursue what is just and right."

"Happiness will not be completed in this life. Fulfillment of happiness is achieved in the next life," said Boly.

He told students that people can tell if you are happy or fake. The happiness comes when you grow spiritually.

The gift of God can change a life. Boly said that when he meets people that say they are Atheist he gets excited. He asks the person what they enjoy best in life, and used health as an example. He said "Health, great, then that is your God."

"It doesn't matter what religion, or spiritual level you are at," Boly said. "Find what makes you happy."

Break into the world of investing

By Sarah Doan
Staff Reporter

Here's your chance to make your money work for you.

"Traditionally, the world of finance and investing was a male domain," said Lisa Robbins, president of Pacific Capital Consulting, a women owned investment firm.

According to Robbins, women tend to be more conservative than men when it comes to investing, usually relying on men for financial security. This workshop is designed to help anyone get a leg up on investing.

The workshop being held here at Highline, "Suddenly Single," will be held on Thursday, Feb. 11, from 6-8 p.m. in Building 10-105.

They hope to educate general financial concepts within a comfortable, non-threatening environment.

"Suddenly Single" is available to everyone. The purpose is to get a better understanding of stocks, bonds, mutual funds, 401k's, along with how to tailor your everyday investment plan.

The workshop is designed to empower women to conquer any financial problems or questions they may have.

"It's crucial that women know exactly how to make their money work for them, to support themselves and to achieve their goals," said Robbins.

Karen McGrann, marketing coordinator at Pacific Capital Consulting, believes the biggest drawback for women today is they don't get involved. Most of the reason for the workshop is to get women involved and create an awareness about investing.

Robbins and McGrann plan to answer questions and help women plan for future financial investments.

The \$30 registration fee will support Highline's Women's Programs scholarship fund. It would be an investment in people's lives and the college.

"90% of all women will eventually be responsible for their financial future," said Outreach Coordinator Rebecca Rhodes.

McGrann believes that "Suddenly Single" should be a unique and fun way for women to explore their feelings about money along with learning how to have their money benefit their lives. This is a chance to support Women's Programs and prepare for your financial future in one night.

Make your reservations soon at 878-3710 ext.3340, 30-40 seats are available.

Editorials

Harrison's retirement will be a blow to the college

Highline will be losing a legend this spring. Athletic Director Fred Harrison will be retiring after 23 years here at Highline.

Harrison is primarily responsible for the high quality of Highline's current athletics program. The program owes more to Harrison than to any other individual in its history.

As well as being athletic director, Harrison is head of the Physical Education Department and was head coach of the men's basketball team for many years.

Harrison is also a former Highline student. He played basketball here in the '60s when the T-birds took second in the NWAACC. As a coach, he brought Highline basketball back to respectability in the mid-1970s. He eventually coached a team featuring Joe Callero to a third-place NWAACC finish, then had the good sense to hire Callero as head coach -- twice. (Callero's tenure produced back-to-back conference championships, the program's first. Harrison was an assistant coach on those teams.)

Harrison is one of those people on campus who really care about the college and the students. Harrison tried to end the track program last year, but was overruled by the Service & Activities Budget Committee. He handled the setback professionally.

Despite a gruff exterior Harrison is truly dedicated to Highline and the campus will miss him dearly.

Tazza is an important part of the college's flavor

Tazza has a new lease on life after signing a new five-year contract with the college. The coffee shop in Building 8 isn't just a place to get your morning cup of joe, but a place where everyone belongs.

Tazza has become an important part of this campus in the time it has been here. Now the college, after a year and a half, has done what needed to be done to allow Tazza to stay.

The wonderful thing about Tazza is that it is so supportive of the campus. Tazza employs students, and stays open for evening students.

It's not clear why it took so long. Tazza is to be commended for sticking it out; the college is to be chastised for dragging it out. Was another vendor going to do a better job, or be more supportive of the institution? You sometimes have to wonder why it can take so long for decisions to get made on this campus.

Letter to the Editor

Your mother doesn't work here

Have you ever strolled up to Building 8 between the hours of 12 p.m. and when the janitor comes? Have you ever smelled or accidentally sat on spilled ketchup on the seats?

Well I have and believe me getting the ketchup off my khakis before I head off to work is annoying. Have you ever tried picking up most of the trash yourself?

Well I have done that too, and getting ranch dressing on your fingers is not fun.

When I gaze outside of the Student Government office, I see students studying, students socializing, and lunch trays all over the floor.

There are lunch trays, pop bottles, half eaten burgers, French fries, used napkins, cups, candy wrappers, and already been chewed gum on the tables and the floors.

What is wrong with this you

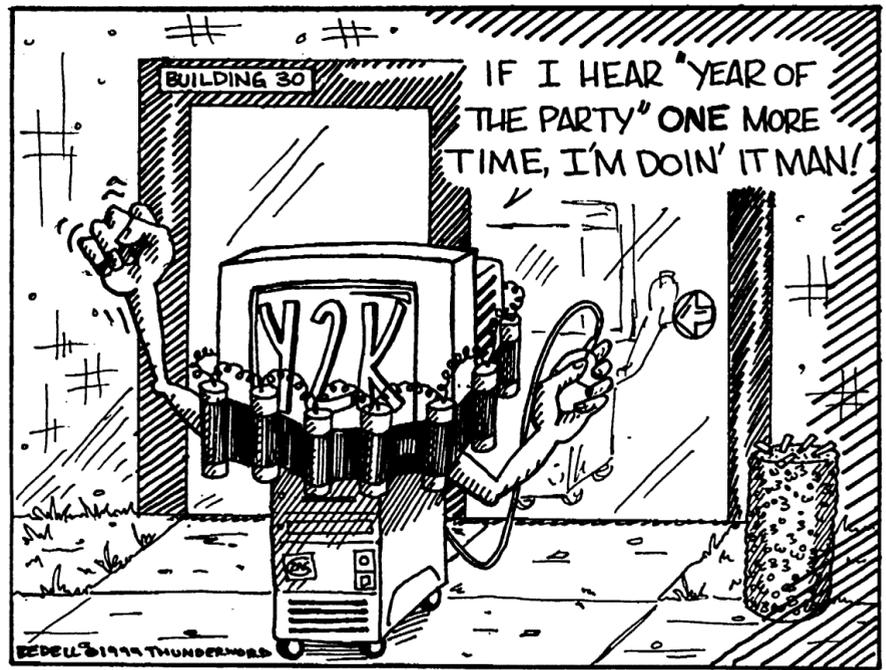
may ask? Well take a guess? We are college students for goodness sakes. This isn't your house (although some of us may spend more time here than at home).

So what if we have a janitor, be respectful and clean up after yourself anyway. (You wouldn't have your mom clean up after you would you?) We are all adults here, well physically anyway. Let's be more respectful.

When asked if student Bobby Brokenshire, who came to read, was bothered by the mess, he said, "Yes and people need to be responsible for their mess."

We as students have to work upstairs everyday, and to look at the mess is quite distracting. There are four garbage cans located at all four exits. On your way out take your garbage with you.

Chris Ly
Student Senator



Skinny journalists drive women wild

Groundhog Day is a pointless event. The groundhog comes out, sees his shadow, doesn't see his shadow...Who cares? Pointless media event.

Want to look better naked? I do. I am planning to go buy some Fat Assassin, so I can get all the benefits of exercise without all the unhealthy strain. Unhealthy? Exercise? When did exercising become a bad thing?

What exactly does Fat Assassin do? I think that it speeds up your metabolism, so you burn more calories. That makes you hungry all the time, so people probably end up eating more food than normal, so they don't lose weight.

Since I have above average control over my appetite, I will control my hunger. Then I would be a Calvin Klein model, minus the heroin, money and bug-eyed look. No bigger pecs, no bulging biceps, just a Steve Urkel bod. The girls would pine

Thinking Out Loud



away for that.

I once read that "Life is a waste of time, time is a waste of life, so get wasted all of the time and have the time of your life."

It's true. Most drunk people are a blast to be around, save the guy who popped me in the eye. He needed to drink a little bit more. Ever see *Good Will Hunting*? Remember the playground scene? Man, I want to do that.

I have always wanted to catch somebody's fist in my hand. Just like the movies. Then I can deck the guy in the jaw and make my breakaway. I also want to have a threesome,

kill someone in hand-to-hand combat, and make a speech to the world.

It'll happen. Really.

I have finally figured out how to impress women. Just tell them you write for a paper. Works every time. Women just can't resist a man who can handle his pen with ease.

They have told me they dream about a man who can write about other people, gain little fame, and make even less money. Then they laugh, look at me with pity, and say "No, what do you really do?" Ouch.

I have a friend who claims that people are screwed up if their computer talks to them. What my little friend doesn't know is that computers can be programmed to say anything.

Smart guy. I made his computer say "I love you" in a female voice last week and I think he took it on a date. Don't worry, though. I am sure he wore his best white Levi's.

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Kickshaw kicks it into high gear at Highline

By Dalon Howard
and Raul Sedano
Staff Reporters

Acapella group Kickshaw entertained students last Thursday in the student center cafeteria.

The Team Highline-sponsored event was coordinated by first year member Amy Studley. Team Highline members first saw the group perform at a National Association of Campus Activities (NACA) conference earlier this school year. The conference is designed to connect performing artists with potential clients or college activity coordinators.

Members of Team Highline were impressed by the group's unique ability to simulate various instruments with their mouths, thus eliminating the need for real ones.

Last Thursday, Highline students enjoyed this talent firsthand at the free lunchtime concert, and audience involvement was high. Many students sang along with Kickshaw as they serenaded Highline student Michelle Lee, to the Everly Brothers song, *You've Lost That Loving Feeling* in an attempt to



Photo by Raul Sedano

Acapella group Kickshaw serenades Michelle Lee last Thursday in Building 8.

re-enact the Top Gun scene with Kelly McGillis and Tom Cruise.

"It was one of the most embarrassing things I've ever been through," said Lee.

She also said she found it ironic that they had chosen to sing that song to her because she had "lost that loving feeling" earlier that day. Overall, Lee enjoyed the group and said she would like to see them perform again.

As well as covering tunes from the Temptations, The Steve Miller Band, Lenny Kravitz, and Grand Funk Rail Road, Kickshaw also performed a few selections of their own work, which they have been refining during their time together. All of the pieces were very unequaled in their originality, in that they were done solely with vocal talent. At first listening to the music, one could hardly tell

that there were no instruments actually being played. Kickshaw has performed their music at college campuses all over the Pacific Northwest since the group was formed a little over two years ago.

The band seemed at home amongst the youthful Highline crowd, since three of the members, Andy Marshall, Jake Molton, and Danny Figgins are 23 years old. Jim Castaneda is the

oldest of the quartet at 25 years old.

During the first year that they were together they completed their first album under an independent label. Now they are on the way to completing their second album, due to be released the summer of 1999.

For more information about booking and merchandise call (425) 482-1753 or e-mail at kickshaw@aol.com.

'Smoking' brings laughs, joy

By Marta D. Pelayo
Staff Reporter

Currently making waves at the Sundance Film Festival, *Lock, Stock, and Two Smoking Barrels* is a *Pulp Fiction*-esque comedy about a group of guys trying to pay back a gambling debt to sex-toy kingpin Hatchet Harry.

If they can't come up with the dough, then Eddie's father, (Sting) will lose his beloved bar.

The film stars Jason Flemying (Tom), Dexter Fletcher (Soap), and Nick Moran (Eddie), and Jason Statham (Bacon) as the indebted group.

With their backs to the wall, the group comes up with a plan that will pay off their debt as well as leave a little extra for themselves.

Sting is in a great role here as Eddie's father, JD. A tough-love sort of father, JD doesn't think twice of punching out his son, bailing him out of jail, or letting him walk in the rain to teach him a lesson.

The film also features a drug-dealer who looks like Martin Lawrence with a British accent, a debt collector named Little Chris, and a pair of bumbling robbers who mistakenly sell antique muskets and now face death by Hatchet Harry.

However, the plot sometimes gets a little too Tarantino-esque.



Gramercy Pictures

Jason Flemyng, Jason Statham, Nick Moran and Dexter Fletcher in 'Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels.'

The requisite *True Romance* style shootout is there, as well as a number of coincidental meetings at the wrong place at the wrong time.

Nevertheless, *Lock, Stock, and Two Smoking Barrels* is an entertaining and exciting caper.

Notable elements in this movie are the interaction between Big Chris and his son, Little Chris, who doesn't even flinch at his father's violent ways, and Soap's decline into a

knife-wielding nutcase as he falls deeper and deeper into the crime world.

Also the stress-induced beating of a traffic warden is hilarious considering it comes right after the violent events that preceded it.

The raves the film is currently receiving at Sundance is well deserved. *Lock, Stock, and Two Smoking Barrels* is witty, chock-full of likable characters and humor at every turn.

Canada's backbeat has a past

Finding out that one of your favorite celebrities has a shady past is always traumatic, as evidenced by the recent Eugene Robinson incident.

I know how it goes, you think the world of a celebrity, think they can't go wrong, when all of a sudden, "whammo!" tapes of a kinky fetish surface.

I know just how that goes.

I became a huge fan of actor Barry Pepper after seeing him as Private Jackson in *Saving Private Ryan*. For those of you who need reminding, Pvt. Jackson was the bad-ass southern sniper who quoted the Bible before he took out the bad guys.

After seeing him in *Enemy of the State*, as Pratt, the evil NSA agent who kills Jason Robards in the opening sequence, I realized that not only was he talented, but hot as well.

To add to this heap of coolness, he just wrapped filming *The Green Mile*, an adaptation of Stephen King's thriller originally published in six parts. Pepper plays the part of mild-mannered prison guard Dean Stanton.

Everything was going great with my obsession with Mr. Pepper, until my favorite internet fansite, *Meet Barry Pepper*, posted some disturbing news.

It turns out that Barry was once in a Canadian pop band called *Banned in the UK*. They

Marta's Moment

By Marta
D. Pelayo



even posted some ghastly pics of him with long hair, breaking to a techno ditty called "C'mon get my love."

I was shocked.

Where did my beloved Barry go wrong? Didn't he have any guidance? More importantly, what's going on in Canada that makes them think breakdancing is still in?

Anyone familiar with Alanis Morissette's dance music past knows how bad Canadian pop is.

What my kooky canuck was thinking, I'll never know, but I've decided to get over it and move on.

I mean, anyone can make mistakes, and Barry Pepper has more than made up for them.

So if you haven't already seen the performance that made him famous, then be sure to catch *Saving Private Ryan* when it comes out in re-release on Friday, Feb. 5. You won't be disappointed. And don't worry, *Banned in the UK* is not on the soundtrack.

Artist brings St. Petersburg to Highline

Russian artist displays work in library gallery

By Talitha Vanzo
Staff Reporter

Marina Shats, native of St. Petersburg, Russia, displays her still life paintings of her home town in the Library's fourth floor gallery this month.

Shats hopes to show people what it is like in Russia and to enlighten them to the beauty that it possesses.

With a master's degree in painting from the Repin Institute of Art in St. Petersburg, art has been an influence in her life since she was 7 years old. This has enabled her to create these wonderful masterpieces.

Take for instance "Apple Tree is Blooming," an acrylic, she was able to convey that even small things are wonderful and can be beautiful if it is portrayed in the right way.

She was able to do this with only the top branches of an ap-



Photo by Raul Sedano

One of Marina Shats' landscape paintings currently on display in the Library.

ple tree in bloom with dark pink to light pink for the flowers and a light blue for the sky with a hint of white for clouds.

Another one that she did that shows her talent was "Ioan-

novsky Bridge" which bares a close resemblance to a foggy London night.

Her use of brown, gray, black, and a hint of pink at the bottom gives a sense of nightfall

over the bridge and that people are turning on the lights to light their way through the dark. Like in the building off to the right of the bridge.

Shats' talents at landscapes

shows through with one piece of art that has a lilac bush in the front of a white house with a metal fence. And in front of the house yet behind the fence is a large tree with two little girls playing the tree. At first glance you don't really notice them but, look again and you'll see them.

Shats uses mostly acrylics and her main focus to her art is landscapes and bridges. These landscapes are her interpretation of her homeland and of where she grew up.

With 13 of her pieces on display, she hopes to give outsiders a new look into her world and where she came from. She also hopes to give them chance to see what it is that they hear about all the time.

With this in mind, Shats has exhibited her work not only in Washington but also in New York, Massachusetts, Europe and of course Russia.

We are pleased to have the chance to have such a worldly artist show their work on our campus and we hope to have the chance again.

'Red Line' packs poetry, but still lacks punch

By Derek Roche
Staff Reporter

The Thin Red Line, Terrence Malick's long awaited, unanimously acclaimed World War II drama, is not so much a bad film — to deny its ambition, risk, and occasional moments of artistry would be irresponsible — still it's a movie that never quite realizes it's potential.

Malick (*Bad Lands*, *Days of*

The Roche Motel

By Derek Roche

Heaven) completely abandons the concept of storytelling, instead opting to bombard the audience with a conceited exhibition of "supposedly" profound voice-over narration, and a relentless array of incoherent poetic imagery (rays of light shining through trees, jungle wild-

life, etc.). I slightly appreciate Malick's intentions, which in part, is to expose war's primitive and barbaric nature, akin to that of the violent "survival of the fittest," animalistic world. Yet his attempts comes off as nothing more than a glossy Na-

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tional Geographic episode — with battle scenes injected to awaken our slumber.

Technically, *The Thin Red Line* is well done, but lacks the polish, intensity, and breathtaking scale of *Saving Private Ryan*, or the authenticity of Oliver Stone's *Platoon*.

The film's central storyline revolves around the U.S. army's invasion of Guadalcanal, a Japanese-occupied island during World War II, which, history verifies, was a significant Amer-

ican victory.

Malick's screenplay, however, is not in the least bit concerned with plot, realism, or character development. Submerged in dirt, sweat and blood, it's arduous, often impossible to tell one soldier from another, and though Private Witt (Jim Caviezel) is introduced as the would-be main character, he's given limited screen time.

Sean Penn, a charismatic actor who rarely misfires, sleepwalks through the film, mumbling bewildering dialogue like, "Maybe all men got one big soul that everybody's a part of." I'm unconvinced that grunts, amidst death and fear, mutter such honeyed, poetic drivel.

Although far between and few, the film does have its moments. There's an intriguing subplot involving Capt. Satros (Elias Kotes) and his refusal to follow suicidal orders handed

"Maybe all men got one big soul that everybody's a part of."

--Sean Penn in 'TRL'

down from Lt. Col. Tall, portrayed with fiery conviction by the always reliable Nick Nolte.

Herein, however, lies the movie's greatest flaw. The film in entirety consists of several dislocated subplots that are denied payoff. Because we're not provided a character to identify with, each soldier's situation becomes that much more depersonalized. We're presented flashbacks of different G.I.s' idealistic remembrances of back home, but we never get to know the soldiers well enough to care.

I did take into consideration a cinematic philosophy that I was made aware in film class: War films, like war itself, tend to concentrate their focus among the group objective, unlike classical Hollywood narrative where plot is individualistically driven. Yet, the residing disparity between "great war films," and *The Thin Red Line* is a well-defined intimacy that exists between the audience and an identifiable character. i.e. Charlie Sheen's role in *Platoon*.

I liked very little of *The Thin Red Line*. It was neither engrossing, galvanizing, nor deserving of the critical praise it's overwhelmingly garnered.

But then again, what do I know? I hated *The English Patient*, (nine Academy Awards) and liked *Armageddon* (Worst film of the Year according to Roger Ebert). Consider me a nonconformist.

Where it's at

For those of you looking for activities on campus:

- Find something to rhyme February with for the poetry reading that will be held on Feb. 11 in Building 8 from 5-6:30 p.m.
- Enjoy the rhythm and movements of African Dancers Thursday, Feb. 18 in Building 8 at 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- During the week of Feb. 22-

26, the Union Bay Room in Building 8 hosts the quarterly Really Big Art Show 9-3 p.m. So get your photos, drawings, and the like ready for the contest!

- Diversity events continue on Feb. 26 with the Hip Hop/R&B Talent Show in Building 8, 9 p.m.-1 a.m.
- The quarterly Comedy Cafe is set for March 5, 8-10 p.m. in Building 8.
- All you Nancy Drews should mark March 9 on your calendars, because that's the

date of the Mystery Theater Lunch, 11-noon and 1-2 p.m. in Building 8.

And for those of you looking for something in the big city...

- Tula's is hosting The Seattle Women in Rhythm and Blues Vocal Jam, featuring Blues singer/guitar player Laurette Langille, Monday, Feb. 8, at 8:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m. Located at 2214 Second Ave., in Belltown, Tula's recently received the Golden Ear Award for their support of regional talent. Call (206) 443-4221 for details.

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Damn, February is boring

Damn, I have to write another column. Normally, I wouldn't complain, but man there isn't much to write about. The Super Bowl has been talked to death. The NBA doesn't start for another day, and baseball is still a month away.

Which is why we should all get down on our knees and thank god for the Lady T-Birds.

Stone Gold Sports



By Kevin Wintersteen

With the struggles of the men's team, and the expectations on the ladies, the season they're having is nothing short of awesome. For example, you'll remember a certain member of the T-Word staff printed a rather dire prediction for their season. And it wasn't entirely without merit; the team had a total of seven players at a time during this year.

Obviously, they are pretty good, but seven isn't enough to produce a crappy remake of *Eight is Enough*. Don't confuse this column with last week's though. There is no lost bet involved in my complimentary tone this time around. I'm kissing ass because I want to this time, not because I have to.

My community college math skills show me Highline has the second best record in the NWAACC. They would be in first if it wasn't for those damn amazons from Umpqua, and their weaker than communion wine Southern Division.

If you have a jones to watch a dominant team in the Pavilion this year, you'd be wise to get to the men's game two hours early and see a quality team in action. I'm assuming you all aren't all saving yourselves for the NWAACCs at Lane.

Speaking of the men, anyone that went to the game last Saturday got to see what fan support can do. Olympic brought down a busload of drunken, loud fans. I could tell they were drunk because one of their fans was wearing a piss yellow shirt. You'd have to be drunk to wear that shirt.

Highline's fans have a couple more entertainment options than Oly's fans, but the support should still be there. And if that isn't enough just think how much fun we could have cracking skulls in Skagit Valley.

Women wax two to reach No. 2



Photo By Kirk Elliott

Highline's Ami Johnson drives the lane in last week's 91-66 win over the Lady Rangers from Olympic.

Thunderbirds spoil Skagit's home win streak, run record to 17-5

By D.T. Demouchet
Staff Reporter

The Highline Thunderbirds grounded Skagit and climbed Olympic last week, vaulting into the No. 2 ranking among Northwest community college women's basketball teams.

In the weekly coaches' poll, the T-Birds trail only Umpqua — to whom Highline lost in overtime earlier this year. The T-Birds are 17-5, 10-0 in Northern Division play.

"Highline can make history," said T-Bird Dru White.

The Lady T-Birds get some time off this week, hosting Whatcom Saturday at 6 p.m. in the Pavilion before traveling to Edmonds on Feb. 10.

For the second time this year, the T-Birds grounded the Skagit Valley Cardinals, the defending NWAACC champions. The 65-54 victory ended Skagit's season-long home-court winning streak.

At one point Highline had pulled to a 15-point lead but Skagit battled back. Late in the game nothing separated the two

teams except a few minutes and one point. The T-Birds had to play intense but smart with four players all with four fouls.

The small crowd of Highline supporters began to out-cheer Skagit's home crowd. Much like the crowd, Highline pulled together and started to run Skagit with quick passes and teamwork. With a couple of clutch free throws by Ami Johnson and Annette Goff, Highline pulled away.

With two days' rest and practice the T-Birds broke out the uniforms and strung up their laces for their second confrontation with the Olympic Rangers on Jan. 30. The teams traded leads throughout the first half.

The second half was a different ballgame, as Highline showed Olympic exactly what patience and the ability to move the ball could do.

Highline came out fueled and fired up as they took control both offensively and defensively to win 91-66.

"We're not only an offensive team but we can hold people defensively as well," said post player White.

T-Birds drop two in tough hoop week

By K.M. Petersen
Staff Reporter

The Highline men's basketball team suffered two crucial defeats last week in a 90-73 loss at Skagit Valley and a 84-78 home loss against Olympic.

The losses drop Highline's league record to 6-4 and drop the team to third place in the Northern Region standings.

Heading into the games, the Thunderbirds sat in a tie for second place with Olympic, one game behind Skagit Valley for the top spot.

A win at Skagit Valley would've moved Highline up to a tie for first place.

That task proved too tough, as a hostile environment in Mount Vernon and constant pressure on Highline's only point guard dismantled the T-Birds' chances.

Highline managed to stay in the game early on. At halftime, the squad was only down by eight points.

In the second half, however, the Cardinals exploded on the Thunderbirds with a 19-4 run, keyed mostly through penetration and good ball movement creating lay-ups and three-point attempts.

From then on, with the crowd on its side, Skagit Valley refused to relent, extending their lead until it eventually reached 26 points with only four minutes left in the game, far out of reach.

"You can say all the excuses you want," sophomore forward Shaun Madsen said, "but plain and simple, on that night, they

were a better team than us."

The Cardinals shot a blistering 55.2 percent. Highline was led by Adam Enfield's 19 points, Madsen's 15, freshman Tom Hubbard's 13 points and nine rebounds, and Brad Heppner's 10 points.

Also losing on Wednesday were the Olympic Rangers, Saturday's visitors, setting up a matchup for second place.

Unfortunately for Highline, however, the game happened to be played on a day in which Olympic sophomore Billy Landram apparently decided against missing shots.

Landram lit up the Thunderbirds for 43 points, hitting an amazing 9-of-11 shots from three point range.

Even with Landram on fire, Highline managed to stay in the game, clawing back in the second half after trailing most of the game and tying it with 9:48 remaining.

"I thought we played really hard, but that guy was just in a zone," redshirt freshman Niki Sylve said.

From then on, Olympic scored 11 of their 21 points from the free throw line.

Landram clearly carried the team, as the only other scorers in double digits were Adrian Egger with 13 points and Sam Moore, who put in 12 points with his eight rebounds.

Highline also had its share of good individual performances, as Hubbard scored 27 with 12 boards, Madsen had 23 points and six rebounds, and sophomore point guard Brian Johnson fell just short of a school record with 16 assists.



Photo By Kirk Elliott

Forward Rob Stafford goes up for two in last Saturday's game against Olympic.

Hopeful T-Birds host regional wrestling

By Raul Sedano
Staff Reporter

The Highline men's wrestling team is coming upon the end of a rough season, and is battling additional challenges at the approach of the regional tournament.

The Thunderbirds are preparing for the NJCAA region XVIII tournament in the Highline Pavilion on Friday, Feb. 5. In order for a wrestler to continue onto the NJCAA national tournament in Minnesota, he must place third or higher in his weight class.

The long season has dealt the Thunderbirds many challenges. Practices began on Sept. 21, and the team has been plagued with illnesses, injuries, and attrition. Of the 39 wrestlers to start the season, only 11 remain.

"It's gonna be really interesting for us. There is a lot surfacing," said assistant coach John Clemens. Of the remaining wrestlers on the team, nearly half have recently been fighting a disabling flu virus. Besides the problems within the wrestlers' health and attendance, there are other challenges as well. The team just found out last week that assistant coach Brian Ransom will not be returning next year.

"Coach [Todd] Owens and I are broken up over it," said Clemens. This is Ransom's sixth season with Highline, and he has chosen to move his family to Southern California for employment related reasons after the upcoming recruiting season is over.

This news may help or hinder the Thunderbirds' performance tomorrow. With a disappointing record of seven wins and 10 losses, the Thunderbirds are far from their potential.

"It's gonna be a tough, hard tournament," Clemens said, referring to returning national powerhouse Northern Idaho College (NIC), and No. 1-ranked Ricks College. "If we take third, we'll be happy."

Clackamas Community College Coach Lloyd Martindale has a few favorites of his own. Wrestlers likely to finish well from CCC are Ben Vombauer at 125 pounds, Able Valdez at 133 pounds, Luke Heuburger at 157 pounds, and Dennis Olsen at 165 pounds. Martindale is hoping all of these wrestlers make it to nationals. He said he expects Shaun Williams of NIC to do well at 125 pounds.

Ricks head coach Bob Christianson is hoping to win the tournament, as three of their wrestlers are coming into the tournament boasting undefeated seasons. These competitors with unscathed records are B.J. Wright at 149 pounds, Bill Walker at 165 pounds, and



Photo by Raul Sedano

Wrestlers Bobby Brokenshire, Andy Twardis and Sean Wright at practice last week.

Incredible shrinking T-Birds press on

By Micah Adams
Staff Reporter

The Highline wrestling team started the season with great expectations.

With a full roster of more than 30 athletes and depth in every weight class, the squad was ready for the season after finishing eighth in the nation last year.

Then the Christmas break came and thus began the shrinking of the wrestling team.

"Just couldn't handle it," said redshirting sophomore Jon Roseveur.

The team is down to around 11 wrestlers but is still keeping their heads up.

"It is hard to keep guys out with a sport that lasts

over two quarters and having a long break during Christmas," said wrestling coach John Clemens. In matches against PLU, Northern Idaho, Clackamas, Southwest Oregon, and recently Yakima Valley, Highline has been unable to come up with a victory due to lack of numbers.

"It hurt us," said heavyweight Jason Olson. "The team is not able to wrestle to its full potential."

The team is beginning to notice its lack of wrestlers, giving up at least two forfeits a match. That puts the T-Birds down 12 points to start each meet.

Most of the missing persons on the team were freshman, the transition being more difficult than they were

expecting.

"It's a huge difference between high school and the college skill level," said Roseveur. Two of the T-Birds' key losses were returning national qualifier Andy Clark and All American Adam Catterlin. But the team also lost many up and coming freshmen who could have made an impact on the squad next year.

Despite that, the team still is ranked 10th in the nation according to NJCAA wrestling polls. "My focus is on the guys that we have now," said Clemens. With returning All American Trevor Howard and returning national qualifier Jesse Barnet, the T-Birds are still a formidable opponent.

Heavyweight James Humle.

Christianson is optimistic. "We won last time it was at HCC," he said.

Not surprisingly, the Thunderbird coaching staff is more concerned with individual results than the team's finish. Region XVIII is the toughest in the entire country, and has consistently produced more All-Americans than any other region in

the U.S. in the last 25 years.

Clemens says this is why more energy is spent on building individual wins than team wins. "Everything is focused on experience, on learning, and on developing skills for the end of the year," he said.

Of the 11 Thunderbirds entering the tournament, Clemens expects at least four to qualify for nationals. Sophomore Jason

Olson at 215 pounds is expected to finish in the top three with his speed and experience. At 197 pounds, Trevor Howard, a returning national third placer, is expected to win the regional tournament and possibly win the

What: NJCAA Region XVIII Wrestling National Qualifier
Where: Highline Pavilion
When: Friday, Feb. 5, All day starting at 10 a.m.
Who: Highline Thunderbird Wrestling team. Free to students.

national tournament as well.

"He is the best wrestler in the history of Highline Community College," said Clemens. Howard also said he would be disappointed if he didn't win the regional tournament. He also expects himself to be a national finalist.

Clemens says Jesse Barnett at 174 pounds, a returning national qualifier, could go onto nationals if he wrestles his potential.

"He's as tough as anyone in the room when he wants to be," said Clemens. "If he decides to want it at regionals, nobody will touch him."

At 165 pounds, Erik Worden's perseverance is expected to earn him a trip to Minnesota. "With [Worden], you cannot know the result of the match until the fat lady sings," said Clemens. "He doesn't wrestle with a lot of finesse, but he never quits."

Other wrestlers that Clemens thinks have a good chance at qualifying are John Morgan at 184 pounds and Brian Whiele at 157 pounds.

Despite the adversity and less than satisfying season, Clemens says the remaining wrestlers are ready.

"There's a tremendous potential in the remaining group," Clemens said, also adding that the Thunderbird wrestling team wants to give Coach Ransom a great memory before he goes.

"We're gonna rip [it] up," said heavyweight Jason Olson.

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			Skagit Valley	7-2	16-4	Tacoma	6-2	18-5	Centralia	5-3	8-13
			Everett	7-3	14-8	Pierce	4-4	7-14	Green River	3-5	4-16
			Whatcom	7-3	12-9	Grays Harbor	2-6	8-13	S. P. Sound	0-8	4-18
			Bellevue	5-5	7-11						
			Olympic	3-7	6-15						
			Shoreline	3-7	8-14						
			Peninsula	2-7	9-12						
			Edmonds	0-10	0-19						
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			Big Bend	5-1	15-7	Lane	8-0	21-0	SW Oregon	6-2	12-6
			Spokane	5-2	17-4	Clackamas	4-4	13-8	Umpqua	4-4	13-9
			Wen. Valley	5-2	16-6	Chemeketa	3-5	12-10	Linn-Benton	3-5	11-11
			Col. Basin	4-3	8-12	Mt. Hood	3-5	8-14	Portland	1-7	7-15
			Blue Mt.	3-4	4-17						
			Walla Walla	1-6	4-15						
			Yakima Valley	1-6	5-13						

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			Pierce	0-8	1-20						

Homecoming at Hec Ed for three former T-Birds

Wilder, Scalabrino, Callero come home to battle Huskies for USC

By Kevin Wintersteen
Staff Reporter

Last Thursday could have been homecoming night when USC rolled into Hec Edmunson Pavilion to battle the Huskies. Former T-Birds Quincy Wilder and Brian Scalabrino had their

first visits home since both were stars at Highline. Scalabrino, Wilder and former Head Coach Joe Callero led Highline to back-to-back NWAACC championships in the last two years (Scalabrino redshirted last year to preserve a year of eligibility). In a surprise move USC

Head Coach Henry Bibby gave Wilder his second start of the season. Unfortunately, USC needed more than Scalabrino and Wilder had to offer as they went down to the Dawgs 85-83.

"It felt good coming home, being away from family is tough," said Wilder.

Wilder has had an up and down season since transferring to USC. He started off the year at back-up shooting guard, his natural position, but has made the switch to point.

"I had to make a lot of adjustments. It's a whole other level. It was a tough transition," Wilder said.

Wilder's transition to the point guard spot hasn't been entirely his choice, though.

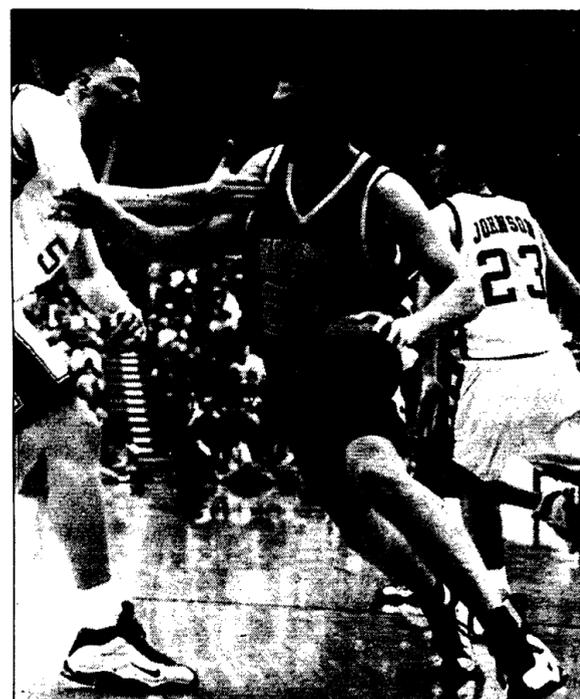
"They (the coaches) run the program. I can't make the decision," he said.

As it seems his basketball career has gone since graduating from Decatur as the top player in the state and then not being able to get into Washington, Wilder continues to battle through adversity. Wilder left the USC team for a few days in the fall. He used that time to get his focus back after struggling early on.

"It helped out a lot, I've been working in practice getting better at point. School's going good now, it's pretty cool, I'm getting better I'm trying to lead now, get everyone involved," said Wilder.

"He has to work around," Scalabrino said of Wilder, noting that his teammate can't just jump over people as he did at Highline.

Scalabrino has been the star newcomer on the USC team.



Photos by Kirk Elliott

Brian Scalabrino goes to the hoop for USC.

Scalabrino, the much lesser known of the two is leading the team in scoring and rebounding, and at the season's half way point, leading candidate for PAC-10 newcomer of the year.

"I wasn't in shape the first eight games, I feel good now," said Scalabrino. He's making his presence felt in the Pac-10

and the league has taken notice.

"Scalabrino is an all-leaguer. He's the closest thing I've seen to Detlef Schrempf

since Detlef Schrempf. He can bring it on the break. He can pass and he can shoot it. He's a pro, no question," said Arizona Coach Lute Olson.

Washington coach Bob Bender would agree. "We like him, we wanted him, and we

went after him early," said Bender with a glare.

Highline's former basketball coach can relate to both Scalabrino and Wilder. Callero, after coaching six years at Highline, followed his two star players down to Southern California and joined the Trojan coaching staff.

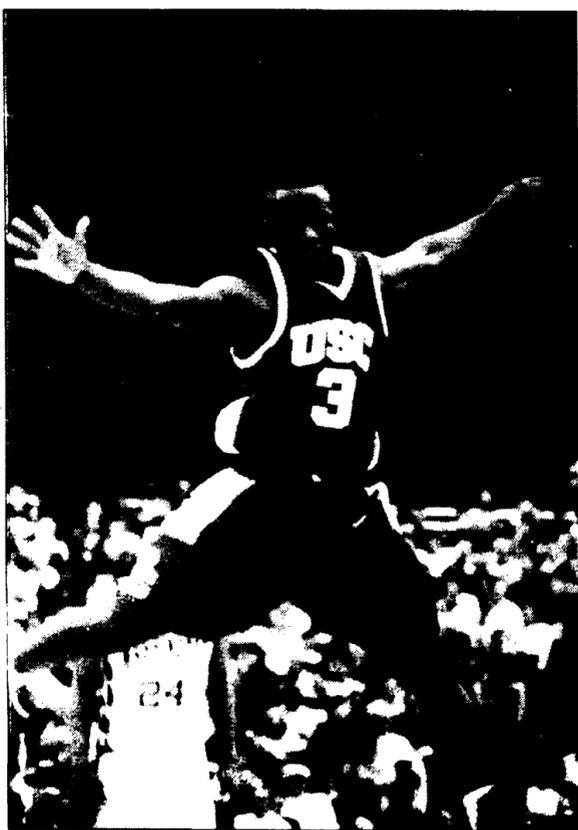
Callero said the biggest difference is how businesslike USC is.

"It's very professional, that's the biggest difference. You don't concern yourself with the high school counselor stuff," said Callero.

"You put in 14-hour days in during the season. It's a test of endurance," he said.

Despite the loss, it was a Highline homecoming, as a truckload of Highline students, faculty and alumni came out for the game, then stuck around to greet the trio afterward.

"I got to see a lot of people," Scalabrino said after the game.



Highline grad Quincy Wilder in action against Washington last week.

Safety and Health institute gets started

By Russell Halsey
Staff Reporter

Highline is thinking safety first.

The college's Center for Continuing Education has developed an "Industrial Safety and Health Institute" for students looking to pursue or who may already be involved in a career in environmental health and safety.

The institute has identified a demand in the community for courses that teach specific topical issues in environmental health and safety. These courses could benefit those individuals already involved in the field of environmental health and safety, or those interested in obtaining more information on the career field.

Currently, Highline is offering 10 new industrial safety courses this quarter and have scheduled 11 more courses for the Spring.

"The purpose of this institute is to provide short-term, non-credit training on specific topics related to the field of industrial safety and health," said Steve Fenton, the Center for Continuing Education's project manager.

The instructors for these courses all have extensive backgrounds in industry and adult education. Some instructors are current and former Washington Industrial Safety and Health (WISHA) employees.

The courses are geared to attract many safety directors, safety committee members, or those with safety responsibilities who need to brush up on specific topical issues related to their jobs. In addition, those new to the field or who want to get into the field could benefit from these courses.

"At this time the institute is running these first courses as part of a larger strategy, which includes the development of a full, two-year degree program," said Fenton. The program is in the developmental stages right now but hopes to be underway in the near future.

If anyone has questions about the institute contact Fenton at ext. 3278 or e-mail him at sfenton@hcc.ctc.edu.

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Smoking concerns still smolder

By Katie Haidle
Staff Reporter

Establishing a distance from doorways and starting a program to help smokers quit smoking were some of the options discussed on Tuesday for solving the smoking dilemma.

Highline contains an abundance of smokers, approximately one third of the students on campus.

This creates a problem for non-smokers who do not appreciate passing through a cloud of smoke to reach their destination.

It was found that the majority

of smokers on campus do not cause problems, and are courteous enough to keep their smoke to themselves. Yet, there is a small group of smokers who are not as polite, and it is these that are causing the problem.

Vice President of Administration Nashonne Watkins, a non-smoker, said, "I don't think people (non-smokers) should have to smell cigarette smoke...I don't think that's fair."

The Smoking Committee met on January 26th to brainstorm ideas for solving this problem.

ASHCC President Santana

Villa led the meeting, which was attended by students, Student Government members, and a faculty member.

One option mulled over was regulating the distance of smokers from doorways and buildings. Watkins said, "It bothers me when I go into buildings and entrances and I'm forced to walk through a bunch of smoke."

Making this distance rule would allow non-smokers to safely go where they want without having to worry about inhaling unwanted substances.

Another idea introduced was

the possibility of creating a program for smokers who want to quit. This "Smoker's Anonymous" club would help people find alternatives to smoking.

"If people want to take the initiative to stop smoking, there should be help available for them," said Watkins.

These ideas will continue to be discussed in the Smoking Committee, which will be meeting again in the next couple of weeks.

Anyone with comments or concerns can contact Villa in the Student Government office in Building 8, ext. 3215.

Planning your education is no joke

By Lateef Thomas
Staff Reporter

More students need advisers, the interim director of the Educational Planning Center says.

Next week is Highline's quarterly Advising Week, and Siew Lai Lilley says she hopes students -- and faculty -- will take advantage of it.

"It is always a good idea to have an advisor," said Lilley. "It might set you back a few quarters or a few years if you don't know what to take to get your AA."

The planning center can help students who intend to transfer to four-year schools, Lilley said.

Programs include AA Transfer Degree Workshops, which will be held Wednesday Feb. 10 at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. in Building 21 room 205.

"It's a good time to explore AA options and learn about AA programs," said Lilley. "They're happy to answer any questions about the AA."

"Don't wait for graduation review to figure out the AA degree, so attend one of these workshops," Lilley said.

The center can also provide mentors and tutors for students



Photo by Kirk Elliott

Denny Stuessy works with a student in the Education Planning Center recently.

who need help. They also can help you with your course selection and scheduling.

"Advising week is a good time for them (students) to talk to their advisors about their field and to hear their point of view," said Lilley.

The Center also provides advising appointments available

throughout the day and explanations of Highline's rules, procedures, and policies.

If you would like more infor-

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Y2K

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2000 problem could make telephone systems go down, cause power outages, and shut down elevators. College officials say it won't happen here. Angela L. Parsons, Assistant Director of Planning and Development, is responsible for coordinating the efforts of the administration support in dealing with the Y2K problem. She is responsible for making sure that the support network, the computers in which student records are filed, are compliant.

"The students records are my No. 1 priority. If the equipment running and the network is affected, this could be a problem," says Parsons.

The biggest problem Parsons foresees is getting to all the computers on campus, because there are so many.

At least 500 computers here on campus all must be tested, evaluated, and the problem then has to be fixed or the whole computer must be replaced. The administration has set a target date of June 1, 1999 for Y2K compliance.

"You can't be completely sure of anything, because of the complexity of the problem. There is no absolute quick fix," says Parsons.

If systems failed, students wouldn't be able to register. The complexity of the situation could be as simple as a minor inconvenience or as great as a complete shut down, according to Laura Saunders, Vice President for Administration.

Saunders says that the calendars in computers control a lot of the systems in the school and if the dates get off, it can mess a lot of things up.

Saunders' job in preparing for Y2K is to oversee efforts to organize three areas: computer

systems, embedded chips (such as the computer chips that control heating and cooling systems), and business operations, in planning for contingencies.

Saunders says that because of the complexity of the problem, there is no way to be completely sure.

"There is a plan in place," says Saunders. "Students will be able to continue to go to school and we will continue to work on it."

According to Timothy Wrye, Director of Instructional Computing, if systems failed, the college wouldn't have access to particular programs and student records could get scrambled or lost. He says the new system won't be implemented by the year 2000, but they will work on the old system to make it compliant.

Wrye's Y2K job is to make sure that all computers in the computer labs are compliant. He says that most of the com-

puters are compliant, the BIOS (pieces of code in the motherboard that boots the computer, what controls the hardware) are OK.

"We won't really know until Year 2000 if the RTC (real time clock) will fail," says Wrye.

The Year 2000 is a global problem. Every business who operates with computers will be affected.

Several local organizations say they are ready.

The Highline Water District says its systems are Y2K compliant today.

"Billing will not be effected," said Craig Violante, Finance Treasurer of the Highline Water District.

Many people worry about what will happen to banks, but banking officials say they are on top of it after being ordered to do so by federal regulators.

"We have done an assessment on what is mission-critical and what is not," said Kim

Brace, executive vice president of Pacific Northwest Bank in Seattle.

Pacific Northwest, like many if not most banks, also is working with vendors and commercial customers to ensure that they also are Y2K compliant.

All banks operating in the United States are by federal mandate required to be year 2000 compliant before the end of 1999, Brace said.

The Internal Revenue Service itself is preparing for the Y2K problem.

"By Jan. 31, we will be on schedule and fully year 2000 compliant," said David Haikin, Public Affairs officer for the IRS in Seattle.

Further testing will cover the rest of the year to insure that all the computer systems and other related electronic equipment will be ready, Haikin said, and the IRS doesn't foresee any major problems at the change of the year.

Towed

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ing lot as the vacant Wendy's lot. The lot owner and business owners on Pacific Highway have been towing cars for the last week. Midway Transmission has towed at least three cars, and others such as Skippers say that they will begin to tow because the problem is increasing.

"There should have been more warning," said one student whose car was towed. "They should be nicer."

A representative from the towing company said it's not about being nice.

"The owner of the lot is here to make money, and he wasn't make any money out of people parking here for free," said David L. Reid, sales representative for ABT.

Impasse

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ate it leaves us no choice but to file a petition with the Washington State Personnel Resources Board."

College officials see things differently: "They have no right to mediation or arbitration," said Highline President Ed Command.

"And we'll argue that they have no right for mediation to the board. I can understand the staff's concerns, but we also need to do something about the parking."

Highline wants to increase quarterly parking fees from \$8 to \$20, along with higher fines for parking violations. The hope is to raise funds to build a parking garage.

The union believes the college can't unilaterally impose an increase.

"We don't believe they (Highline) can justify the raise of \$8 to \$20 for anything but for the parking garage fund. One of the things we discovered was that salaries were being funded by parking fees," said Brett.

"I'm not happy with the way they are treating us," he said.

Brett said they also will ask to meet with Highline's Board of Trustees. "I'd like to send some positive message," he said.

"How the [personnel] board rules on the suit and will influence the mediation," Brett said. "It certainly won't help the college."

Capital

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far as training employees go.

Highline's Call Center Program focuses on Customer Service, Telecommunications, and Business/Microcomputer applications, which could potentially be beneficial to Capital One's needs for training employees.

"We are still undecided as to what role Highline and Capital One will play as far as a partnership," said Janine Quinichett, director of the Work First program at Highline. "However, we do know that Highline will play a major role for recruitment, testing and assessment for

the various positions they (Capital One) will have."

"At this point in time, it is undecided as far as our call center in particular," Quinichett said.

When deciding where to open their new facility, Capital One began by looking for an area with a highly educated work force.

"They liked the opportunities for expansion here and, since they are a very community related company, they liked that this area was conducive to their culture," said Virg Staiger, from Public Relations at Highline.

"I'm very excited about this," said Ed Command, President of Highline.

God

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luck," Horner said.

Scientifically it is impossible to say there was no cause for the Big Bang, which resulted in our current universe. Horner believes this cause was no other than the Judeo-Christian God. His personal feelings for this God run deep.

"Through Jesus Christ, I have come into a personal rela-

tionship with this God," said Horner.

The controversial nature of Horner's talk provoked mixed reactions from the audience.

"He is not giving chance a chance," said Highline philosophy student Robert Estrada.

"His arguments were compelling, but I think they could still be refuted," said student Lori Meier.

Horner was consistently able to back up all of his arguments and statements with logical explanations, said another student.

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