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Evening security to get upgrade

By Katie Haidle
Staff Reporter

Campus safety for evening students is in the midst of some improvements.

Evening Student Senator Liah Walker and Educational Planner Dennis Steussy are organizing a new plan to make the Highline campus safer at night. This plan includes improving the lighting of the campus and ensuring that security officers are available as escorts, if needed.

"People feel our lighting in parking lots and on the campus is a bit inadequate," said Steussy.

Over the years, the technology of lights has evolved to a higher level, yet the lighting at Highline has dimmed in comparison. New, brighter, more cost-efficient lights are available now, and will be replacing the current lights in July, says Richard Fisher, Director of Security and Safety.

However, as students meander their way through Highline's walkways and parking lots, they may notice bulbs that need to be replaced. Fisher ensures that lights will be replaced if security or maintenance are alerted to it.

"When people see a light that is out, call us and let us replace it," he said.

"Students who do not feel that the lighting on campus is sufficient should voice their opinion, and they will get attention," Steussy said. "Be a helper to us by giving us your concerns."

In addition to the lighting on campus, the issue of personal safety is being addressed. At a recent social event that centered

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MARRIED, WITH STUDENTS

Ron, Christie and R. Wilson Engstrom share space in Building 11.

Highline employees nine married couples. All of them are still on speaking terms.

By Sarah Crowley
Staff Reporter

When Margo Buchan stops to check her mail each day, it's not always there. Some days, her mail has been mistakenly delivered to her husband's office on the other side of campus.

Dr. Robin and Margo Buchan are just

Eric Baer and Emmanuela Agosta-Baer

one of the 10 married couples at Highline.

Other campus couples include printing instructor Dave Weber and Donna Weber, assistant to Dean Bob Hughes; Barbara Applegate, mail services and Duke Applegate, Central Services; psychology professor Bob Baugher and Kris Baugher, Worker Retraining; Highline President Ed Command and physical education instructor Marge Command; engineering professor Phil Sell and secretary Sally Sell; Sandy Hall, Continuing Education, and Lee Hall, maintenance; Richard Noyer, security, and Linda-Spence-Noyer, administration; and Ron Engstrom, math professor, and Christie Engstrom, reading instructor.

The drawbacks are small, in comparison with all of the benefits, says Buchan. Just a few years after they were married, Dr. Buchan obtained a teaching position with Highline's history department. The couple then went on to produce nine children before Mrs. Buchan came to teach at Highline in 1984.

The Buchans recommend teaching on the same campus, but say you must first make sure your relationship is strong enough to withstand the stress.

"He's my best friend. Who better to spend all your time with than your best friend?" said Margo Buchan.

Highline has become the ideal place for the Buchans and other married couples to share their lives and careers together.

"There are so many good things about working on the same campus, I cannot think of even one negative," said Sally Sell.

Sally Sell, a secretary in Building 5, has been working at Highline since 1989. Her husband, Dr. Phil Sell, has been an instructor here for 32 years. In October the couple celebrated their 34th anniversary.

For them working on the same campus has been a blessing. Sell listed

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College, district settle on senior center

By Stephen Taylor
Staff Reporter

The Highline Senior Center is getting a new life.

College officials and the Highline School District have been working for months to try to come to a consensus about the use and upkeep of the facility in Burien, which is owned by the school district but operated by the college.

Over the holiday break they agreed on a new contract that will lease the Senior Center to Highline until December 1999. Highline will pay $1 a year for the lease, but will be more responsible for custodial and maintenance work on the building, said Scott Winslow, Director of Continuing Education. The building apparently needs significant repairs.

"This contract is an attempt to settle any potential feuding between Highline and the school district," said college President Ed Command.

Officials will meet again services on Feb. 23 to further discuss a solution to the ongoing need of senior programs such as Meals on Wheels, recreation activities, and medical. Highline hopes to see a commitment to form a broad-based community for a long time to come, said Command. This might mean a different building for the Highline Senior Center.

"It looks like the paint is holding it together," said Command, speaking of the building at 1210 136th St. S. "We are not going to take money from education and put it into structual support."

"Whatever happens, the college will continue to provide classes like we have forever," said Winslow. The center offers classes such as: Spanish, Art Studio, Senior Arts, and Theater Arts.

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Center focusing on career choices

By Stephen Taylor
Staff Reporter

Highline's Career Service Center is now free to students.

The $25 fee for the use of three computerized career guidance programs has been dropped to more effectively serve Highline students.

"We need to work smarter," said Career Information Specialist Glenna Russell, who nearly single handedly operates the center.

The Career Service Center offers a free 15-minute test designed to give students an idea of some of the occupations available based on personal interest.

As of recently, they also offer the following guidance programs free to students: Choices, Discover and Eureka. These three programs provide an appropriate list of occupations available based on a combination of interests, work skills, abilities, experience, and values. Each program takes about two hours to complete and provides information such as demands, growth, and what workers like or dislike about a particular job. An appointment is needed to use these programs.

"We try to make sure we refer people to places that they might not even know exist," Russell said of helping people with various career searches.

Students say the Career Service Center is an excellent way

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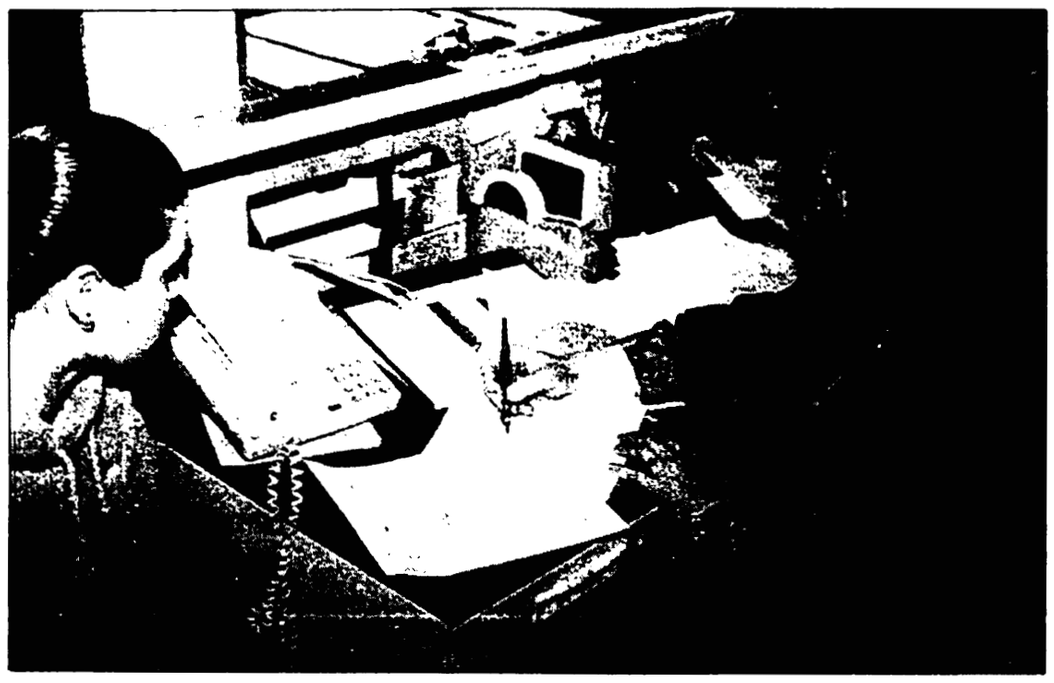


Photo by Kirk Elliott

Glenna Russel, right, instructs Erica Bogdan, a second year student.

Crime Blotter for the week of 2/2-2/9/99

Love crimes heat up as Valentine's nears

Crimes of passion increase as Valentines Day draws nearer. Two Highline students were harassed by their ex-boyfriends this week, one suffered a damaged car, the other; verbal abuse.

Supposed creator spills hot chocolate

A Highline student reported that her ex-boyfriend while verbally harassing her, knocked a cup of hot chocolate out of her hands. The ex then stormed away chanting, I am God. The incident occured on Feb. 5.

Car damaged, victim keys in on culprit

A similar incident transpired, when another student found her car had been keyed. The student reported that her ex-boyfriend was the most probable culprit. The car was parked in the East lot on Feb. 8.

Economy takes off from student

A notebook and an economics book were stolen from a student on Feb . 5. The items were last seen in the library.

Stolen calculator adds up to big loss

A student discovered his TI-92 scientific calculator missing from building 13-104, on Feb. 8. The calculator is worth $200.00.

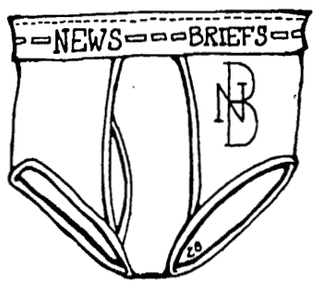
Rabid fans discover lost pictures in class

An anonymous source revealed the location of previously pilfered pictures. The pictures, stolen from building 10 last week, were recovered by the heartbroken victims. The location of the pictures was undisclosed.

Firecracker reported

An unidentified suspect set off a firecracker near building 21 on Feb. 9. No damage was reported.

Compiled by Sarah Crowley



Rainbow Pride to hold dating forum

Designed for anyone with an alternate lifestyle, this forum will have speakers available to talk about dating for those under 21.

Angelique von Halle, a former HIV/AIDS & Sexual Health Educator, will be on hand to talk about her own dating experiences and give advice.

Adam Tenner is on the board of the National Youth Advocacy Coalition, the only national Lesbian, Gay, Bi-Sexual and Transgender organization that caters to young people. He has long been involved in queer politics, and will be giving his own advice to those attending.

The forum will he held on Feb. 11, from 11:30-12:30 p.m. in the Union Bay Room, located in Building 8, lower level.

Any questions can be directed to Allison Green, advisor of Rainbow Pride, at ext. 3512.

Introduction to Islam, and free food

The Muslim Student Association will be holding at intro to Islam. The featured speaker will be Mohammed Jordan, and food will be provided. The meeting will take place Tuesday, Feb. 16 at 11 a.m. in building 7.

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.

Valentine's Day Quiz Key

A. Command	**3.** Command
B. Sell	**5.** Sell
C. Buchan	**1.** Buchan
D. Applegate	**4.** Applegate
E. Baugher	**2.** Baugher

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President Commandsays he

By Michael Stampalia
Staff Reporter

Not every college president has his own comic strip, but Dr. Ed Command is not your typical president.

Despite frequent trips to Olympia in the middle of a busy legislative session he took some time to sioe8 -. 9.rw65orter

Letters to the Editor

Impeachment has gone far enough

Dear Editor:

The public dialogue on the Clinton impeachment is like many involving issues effecting the 275 million people who live in the USA. So many things go unsaid.

A couple dozen witty writers who make around $500,000 per year monopolize the discussion with the amplification and support of about the same number of talk show hosts: from Oprah through some raspy voice on Cleveland AM.

So what is omitted? Here is my eclectic list:

1. The president has a former cabinet member, Henry Cisneros, under indictment for lying about sex under oath. His former mistress has already served a year in jail for blackmailing Henry.

2. The Oval Office is not a bedroom. Having to point this out is a bit like saying that the SAC base at Omaha is not a recreational area.

Actually, the Lincoln bedroom is just barely a bedroom. Have sex in an auto insurance office a few times, see how far your suit to hold your job gets.

3. [This is the big one] Bill and Hillary are sick people. They both have low anxiety personality disorders which have contributed immensely to their clear success as Yuppies, without expanding the knowledge of real estate.

Bill has a low anxiety disorder of the sexual variety as well as another of the narcissistic variety. Hillary is less interesting. She appears to be sexually repressed, perhaps chastising him, while being narcissistic.

Low anxiety disorders can give the polish of a fine Persian oil, making the skin tough and glistening.

4. The world is confused by these impeachment procedures over sex. The world is also confused by the sexual harrassment law which led to the proceedings.

5. Republicans rule through the government; Democrats through the Party. This reality has led the Republicans to pursue impeachment on the narrow grounds of the letter of the law, while ignoring the spirit of the law.

It has also led the Republicans to a forceful bare-bones effort to kick out a President who rules though aura and fluff rather than substance.

6. If the Republicans were to play the Dick Morris-Clinton game, they would get a fat white guy from east Texas worth about $800 million to endorse Clinton in the name of abolishing sexual harassment law. It is hard to understand why they didn't do so, considering that Dick Morris has worked for both Jesse Helms and Trent Lott.

7. "Both the wife and mistress of President Mitterand of France attended his funeral." Monica wasn't a mistress.

Were the President to have as a mistress a gorgeous art historian from a prestigious university on the east coast, I am certain that, then were the President to die soon after leaving office, the Chief Justice and the Commandant of the Marine Corps could treat her with respect. Why not? They do well in formal settings and in the presence of beautiful women.

8. Ken Starr is Winnie the Pooh among prosecutors. This plump ex-judge is dogged, dilatorious, prejudiced, but unfocused, passive-aggressive, cunning and patient.

After being foiled in his hope of indicting these two narcissistic yuppies over their naive aspirations in real estate, he lingered like a raven above the chamber door until Monica walked out.

Had Senator Lott secured a fresh pony (i.e. new prosecutor), Clinton's support would have been much less.

9. Likewise, these Clinton people are so public relations-oriented and so manipulative, that I really believe had OJ Simpson been convicted, Clinton would have resigned.

10. Nonetheless, Clinton is a fairly good President. Although he ranks below Bush in "the vision thing," his dependence upon polls has led him in moderate ignorance to adhere to the deep-seated drive for domestic focus and repair which emerged with the end of the Cold War.

He was a good governor who probably learned every month during his tenure, allowing him as President to assist local governments in achieving budget surpluses which they now hide.

11. Clinton is a shallow, superficial person who displays a powerful ennui and sincere desire to be a real, whole person, but his difficult childhood and adolescence closed the door on all that.

At the same time, this painful life groomed him for mammoth financial support from Hollywood.

12. Don't look now, but Clinton has given more latitude to white male employers than NOW can bare to face. Why should we expect NOW to face it, when he keeps several women in his cabinet and raises money for feminist candidates for the US Senate?

13. He has no foreign policy, as employees of the US State Department in Africa probably know, especially since the bombing in the summer of 1998, and as students of the new Euro currency probably know. The exception is Russia where he has done a lot of damage. Perhaps the next president can undo some of the damage he has done in Russia.

14. I do not want to see him convicted because too many healthy people support him. Let this harmless piece of fluff float into retirement to work for Dreamworks, while we keep Allan Greenspan hard at work with the cerebral US Senate.

NOW can reshuffle their game when the smoke clears, while Bob Packwood chuckles.

Don Stevens

Malice is not appreciated when parking

This is a letter to mean spirited students on campus. If you do not fall into this category, don't bother to continue reading.

What I'd like to address is the parking situation, especially those of you that leave the campus during peak parking hours. When you walk to your vehicle and you see cars trolling for a parking spot, that you are going to create, it is downright mean of you to slow your step, stop and chat or worse yet sit in your car and stall.

What kind of satisfaction do you really receive? Maybe you think we should have gotten up earlier or signed up for 7 or 8 a.m. classes?

I would have loved to come early and avoid the parking antics but I have to stay home until my kids leave for school.

Others are working around class and work schedules. What kind of pleasure do you derive adjusting your mirrors, applying makeup or eating a snack.

You are just doing it out of spite because you have something we want. Grow up.

We all pay the same for parking and if you got yours effortlessly because you got here early, it really doesn't give you the right to an attitude.

If you're that mean spirited at 9 in the morning, I hate to think of how the rest of your day progresses.

Nancy Heathman

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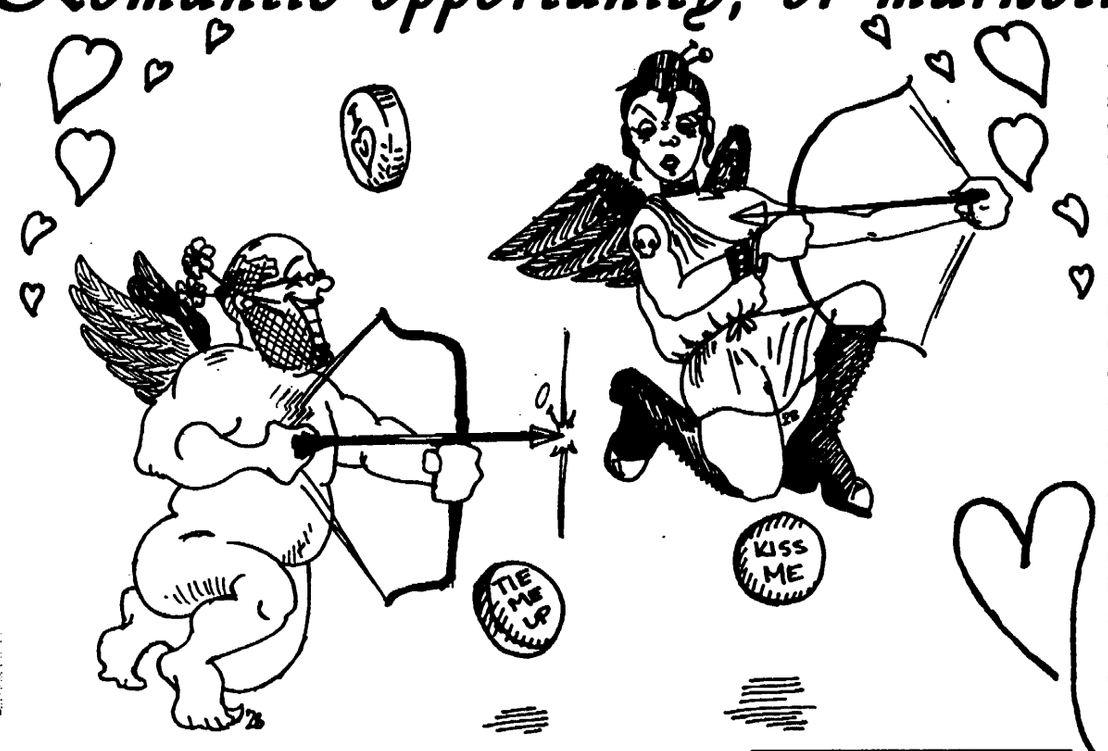
V-Day: *Romantic opportunity, or marketing ploy?*

Valentine's Day doesn't take gifts, just some desire



By Young Ellis

To celebrate or not to celebrate: That is the question.

Valentine's Day started in the time of the Roman Empire. Feb. 14 was a holiday celebrated to honor Juno, Queen of the Roman Gods and Goddesses. She was also known as the Goddess of women and marriage.

A festival to commemorate Queen June, known as Lupercalia, started the day after the celebration.

In ancient Rome, young men and women were strictly segregated. However, one of the customs of their day was to hold a name drawing.

A young man would choose a name out of a jar with a young woman's name on it. For the duration of the festival the couple would join together in the celebration.

Sometimes the drawing would last for an entire year, the couple would fall in love and often result in marriage.

At that time, Rome was under the rule of Emperor Claudius II. He campaigned many unpopular and bloody wars and was having a difficult time getting soldiers to join in his militia.

He thought that the reason they didn't want to join in his cause was because the soldiers did not want to leave their wives or loved ones. As a result and at an enormous shock through out Rome, the Emperor canceled all marriages and engagements.

In lieu of the cancellation, a priest known as St. Valentine and his side kick Saint Marries aided the Christian martyrs and secretly married couples.

Unfortunately, as most good things usually do, it came to an end. Saint Valentine was apprehended and persecuted for his beliefs. He was condemned to be beaten to death with clubs and to have his head cut off.

This happened on, you guessed it, Feb. 14.

So what is the significance of Valentine's Day you ask? It is a special day set aside to honor "love."

A day in which you tell your significant other how much you love and appreciate them.

There are two sides to the proverbial coin of course. Those who love it and those who don't.

The ones who love it, are the ones who generally have someone to enjoy this wonderful occasion with and the ones who don't . . . well, enough said.

Valentine's Day doesn't always have to be accompanied with a dozen roses, chocolates, or trinkets, although it doesn't hurt.

It's the ambiance, the ability to create a hot passionate moment in which two people share their undying love to one another.

In other words, it's your lucky night!

Yong's favorite candied heart is the pink "be mine" heart.

Valentine's Day? I say bah, humbug; this ain't romance

By C. Mathison

Every year, right in the middle of those lack-of-sunshine winter blues we all seem to get here in the Northwest, we engage in the wholesome exercise of exploring our romantic sides.

We celebrate this Roman priest that used to perform forbidden wedding ceremonies. He happened to be killed on Feb. 14. I'm sure it was by parents who hadn't seen the sun for six months. So he was a nice guy! Do we really have to have all this crap crammed down our throats?

I wish Valentine's Day was more religious. Then you could at least have one religious group or more clamoring about how the ads on TV, the cheesy cards and those horrible chalky candies with "hot stuff" branded on them violate their civil rights. Then V-day would have to be toned down and we'd get "Happy Mid-Winter!" cards with lovely snowcaps and small forest creatures.

I watched Discovery channel the other night and I discovered that human version of pheromones is based on bacteria we have on our skin. Apparently when we get turned on we perspire. These little bacteria eat the sweat, and their "byproducts" are what attract us to one another. Yummy. Another cause for romantic jubilee.

At some point, later on this week, USA Today will release figures on how many millions of dollars are annually spent on chocolate, lingerie and red roses, or will it be a billion this year? (Hallmark's income on valentines and corny/horny cards, selling at only $2.95 a piece, has to be calculated separately, lest we realize that this holiday, like most others, is about moolah, not romance.)

I'm certain there is someone else who noticed all the wonderful chick flicks being released the during last two weeks before The Event. Not even Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan could have hoped for such luck. DQ and Mc Donald's have gotten in on the actions by attempting to have us associate fast food grub with true love.

It isn't that I hate romance. I'm actually a romantic freak. My favorite movie, Strange Brew, has romance. I've heard of Buttercup and Wesley, but I just don't buy it. In a nation with a 50 percent divorce rate, is true love what we need to dedicate an entire holiday to? We don't seem to do so well in love. Perhaps a day dedicated to self-help books would be more apropos.

If what you have is true love, then that love should be celebrated everyday and valentine's day would be redundant. Has anyone considered the impact Valentine's day has on those that are celibate. I wonder why they aren't suing. Was Al Capone the only one who knew how to celebrate Valentine's Day?

Catherine's favorite holiday is Canadian Boxing day.

Happy V-Day to the Thunderword Staff. Thank you for all your hard work.
-- Paris

To that special someone (you know who you are).
-- love, Zac

R-
There was a spark in my heart. I like the cookies, I like the card.
-- K.

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

Jonathon—
My dearest husband.
love, always, Sphyncter Girl

E, another great day to share with a great guy. Thank you for taking care of me through this quarter.
--

My Valentine lives so far away from me. I wish Sunday wasn't so far away, too.
- love, Kevin

Nancy, you are the toppins on life's salad.
— TMS

The Tutoring Center wants to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude toward our tutoring and support staff. You guys and gals are awesome! HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY! MAY LOVE ALWAYS FIND YOU!

Education, or propaganda? You decide

Fearing our virgin eyes and ears, a parent group has taken steps to make sure that our younger siblings/children/ friends never have to read about gays and lesbians. Or, at least, not in high school libraries.

A book of essays from teens dealing with their sexuality, *One Teenager in Ten: Testimony by Gay and Lesbian Youth*, was pulled from three Seattle School District libraries after a complaint by Parents and Teachers for Responsible Schools.

The group formed after the

Seattle School District accepted a grant specifically to purchase books portraying gay and lesbian families for Seattle school libraries.

Apparently, the group feels that teenagers can not handle reading about the angst and confusion teenagers feel when handling puberty with the added pressure of being gay.

Perhaps this paranoid group will realize that teenagers need books like this in order to combat the high amount of hate-filled messages they hear about homosexuals every day.

I wonder if this group of Reading Rangers would have come to my rescue when I came across a children's book in an old mom-and-pop store in North Bend.

You see, I was perusing the magazine rack when I came across a children's book. It had these thumbprint, green-colored characters.

Apparently, these thumbprint dots were a father and his son having a family conversation in their living room.

The gist of their conversation can be best summed up as close-minded gay bashing. When the son asked his father what AIDS was, the father promptly responded that AIDS was God's way of taking care of "faggots." The father continued to explain to his son that homosexuals were infesting the earth with their disgusting ways and that God was now "handling" the problem.

I was 9 years old.

Where were the Parents and Teachers for Responsible Schools back then? How come they didn't bring their sanctimonious guerrilla tactics to protect me from material like that?

I guess they didn't feel it was their "responsibility."

'Last Days' tells survivors' stories

By Marta D. Pelayo
Staff Reporter

A documentary of Hungary Holocaust survivors, *The Last Days* is the latest effort from Steven Spielberg's The Shoah Foundation, which works to educate about history and events of the atrocities during World War II.

The film has never-before-seen photos of the survivors' families, concentration camp footage, and even current testimony from a former Auschwitz doctor who performed medical tests on Jews in the Auschwitz camp.

The documentary follows five survivors as they relive their experiences through newly found photos, relatives, and from returning to the camps.

The film focuses on Hungarian Jews because of the intense crimes that occured there in a short time. The number of deaths that occured in Germany over the span of 12 years took place in four months in Hungary.

The title *The Last Days* is in reference to the last period of the war, when Hitler knew he would be defeated, but accelerated his movement to end the Jewish race anyway.

The five survivors profiled were all teenagers in 1944, the year Hungary was invaded.

Among the five profiled are U.S. Congressman Tom Lantos, artist Alice Lok Cahana, teacher Renee Firestone, businessman Bill Basch, and grandmother Irene Zisblatt.

The documentary follows them as they recall the horror of concentration camps, losing their families and friends, and holding on to the one thing Nazi Germany couldn't take from them.

After wondering what Hitler could possibily want from her after having taken her mother, father, siblings and friends, Cahana realized the one thing that could not be stolen, the one thing that would pull her through: "They'll never take my soul."

Swinging with zing

Photo by Raul Sedano

Tom Sill and friend demonstrate how to swing the night away at the swing dance held last Thursday, Feb. 4. The dance was sponsored by Team Highline.

'Tis a night for poetry

By Talitha Vanzo
Staff Reporter

Team Highline is putting on its quarterly poetry reading event, where anything goes and it's free, Feb. 10 at 5-6 p.m. in Building 8 in Tazza.

This program is coordinated by DJ Howard and Amy Studley of Team Highline and they "hope to have a better turn out then last quarter."

In the fall this event was planned in the middle of the day which attracted only afternoon students.

"We hope to have a bigger turnout since it is at nighttime this quarter," said Howard.

With it being planned for evening, they are hoping to get more evening students involved. This will only be the beginning of programs that include evening students.

With this being open to all students, faculty, and anybody off the street, everyone is more then welcome to come and read their work. All that you have to do is go up to Team Highline and sign up so that they know who goes on when so that everyone doesn't rush the stage.

'Martian' your typical cheezy fare

By Derek Roche
Staff Reporter

Movie Review

For a film like *My Favorite Martian* to work, a certain amount of charm is necessary. Without it, the end result is nothing but slapstick farce, with little or no heart to propel its plot. We leave the theater with an empty feeling, coming to a depressing realization that our last two hours have been spent on mindless fluff. *My Favorite Martian* is yet another bad TV sitcom adapted into another bad movie. What next? A Brady Bunch Film? Oops, it's been done before.

Jeff Daniels plays Tim O'Hara, a struggling television news producer stuck in a dead end job. He's talented, but he makes bad decisions. Michael Lerner, in a thankless role, plays his loud-mouthed boss whose daughter (Elizabeth Hurley) is an obnoxious reporter for the very same station.

It's a talented cast, Daniels is always credible, and here, plays the straight man role adequately. Daryl Hannah, who appears embarrassed to be in such a film, gives a dull performance as Lizzie, the station's camera-woman.

Buena Vista Pictures

Elizabeth Hurley invites aliens in 'My Favorite Martian'

The characters are nothing but cardboard cutouts — sitcom dialogue, insipid personalities, and predictable antics.

On his way home after being fired, O'Hara sees what he believes to be a plane crashing in the distance. It's of course, a Martian spaceship, which has the ability to morph into a small toy, and does so to disguise itself from O'Hara. He takes the spaceship home, the alien hides in O'Hara's car trunk, becomes a human in the form of Christopher Lloyd, and soon the two become close friends.

In the crash the alien space ship is damaged, and Uncle Martin (his alias) strolls around the city, and we're given tired scenes (lots of bathroom humor and sight gags) in which he gets into trouble — all unoriginal, uninspired, and unfunny.

Some of the special effects are impressive (there's a cool CGI monster near the end), yet most are fairly routine and lame. Like most of today's big budged eye candy, computers do much of the work in terms of creating realistic effects. However, there still is an artificial, "computer-ish," look in many of the moderately budgeted film's digital effects. I especially like when actors are made to interact with computer effects because they're added in post production, the actor's relation with the effect seem awkward and unconvincing. *MFM* has scenes like that.

What we have here is yet another retread of the "Fish Out of Water" genre. This particular plot device is difficult to pull off. For them to be successful, we must first care about the characters and secondly, the screenplay must have imagination and freshness, much like the original Beverly Hills Cop movie did. *MFM* lacks charm, and the characters, even Lloyd, are unlikable.

Director Donald Petrie provides toneless direction, and his comic timing is completely absent. The gags are simply set pieces — they're heavy on special effects but they create very few laughs This may keep small children's attention, but will have parents checking their watch.

Highline goes 'All Around the World' in a day

By Marta D. Pelayo
Staff Reporter

Take a trip around the world Feb. 17 in Building 8. The event, sponsored by ASHCC student government, and international student senator Miyoung Tran, features several hours of cultural events.

Described as a food festival, cultural fashion show and more, the event also includes an international essay/speech contest.

Tran organized the event because, "I knew February was the New Year, so I wanted to inform everyone about the Vietnamese/Chinese Lunar New Year," Tran said.

Opening at 11 a.m. with a Dragon dance performed by a Chinatown youth group, the festival also includes dance performances of several different cultures, including Vietnamese and Latino, as well as the Kent Meridian High School Stomp Dance troupe, "Unstompables."

Tran and others are performing a Vietnamese dance to a song called, "Tuong Tu Khuc."

The variety culture of foods includes chow mein, fried rice, egg rolls, Thai food, Indonesian cuisine, quesadillas, and Ethiopian food.

During the explanation of Vietnamese and Chinese New Year traditions, there will be a money tree including raffle tickets and "good luck" blessings for audience members.

The festival is also an extension of last year's fashion show,

Learning the ABC's of Salsa

By Derek Roche
Staff Reporter

Although my once flourishing dance career came to an unexpected, sudden halt when I pulled my groin muscle in a sorry attempt to break-dance, I still possess aspirations of one day becoming a world renowned dancer. Well, so I never dream about dancing. Bob Dole has more rhythm than I do, but if I find myself forced yet again to take to the dance floor, I vow to be well prepared. I want to learn how to dance. I want to salsa.

No, salsa has absolutely nothing to do with the macarena. Thankfully, that once trendy, awkward jig has vanished from the collective conscience of our all too fickle pop-culture.

Widely popular in Miami and California, salsa, merengue, and cumbia have fast become the latest crazes among a wide range of age groups, perhaps most notably among what I call, the "Puff Daddy Generation." Puff Daddy himself is a fan of the fast paced, graceful, and sexy choreography.

Films such as the recent *Dance With Me*, music videos (Will Smith's *Miami*) and even the cult classic movie *Lambada*, have all aided in salsa's crossover appeal.

Forty-one year old Patricia Escabez, a former professional salsa dancer in Long Beach, Florida, believes there is a certain intimacy and sexiness that attracts the younger crowd to this particular style.

Photo by Raul Sedano

Janine Jovet practices her moves at the recent salsa dance

"It's hot right now, more night clubs are offering salsa nights, and teenagers and adults like the closeness and erotic movement," says Escabez.

From beginners to professionals, couples to singles, Seattle and its surrounding cities offer a multitude of venues for people interested in the Salsa dancing.

Latitude 47 on Lake Union has no cover charge and offers Salsa seven days a week. China Harbor, also on Lake Union, has a $3 entrance fee, and is an extremely popular salsa dancing site on Thursdays, known in particular for its' stunning dance floor.

Because style differs from region to region, there is no clear-cut method or technique, yet the basic concepts remain similar. The music is regular in terms of tempo, and is usually counted as four quarter notes per musical measure. Basic position employed in executing many of the moves, is called the "close hold," which has the leader holding the left shoulder blade with his right hand, while holding her right hand with his left hand, with his left arm bent at the right angle. Confusing?

Like all intricate dance steps, including swing dance and the tango, the movement and timing of salsa dancing takes practice and commitment, but one can very well acquire the fundamental skills in a relatively short period of time.

Escabez, who has turned in top-notch performances in salsa competitions, has also acted as an instructor for several years. She's quick to point out that many of her students are eager to return and continue the session because they always find the first practice remarkably encouraging.

"I loved teaching, but performing has always been my passion, and I think my students come in with a hunger to dance," Escabez says.

"I've been dancing since I was 12, and I will be dancing until I can't walk no more."

Now all I need is a dance partner.

African Dancers come to Highline

By Solana Kloby

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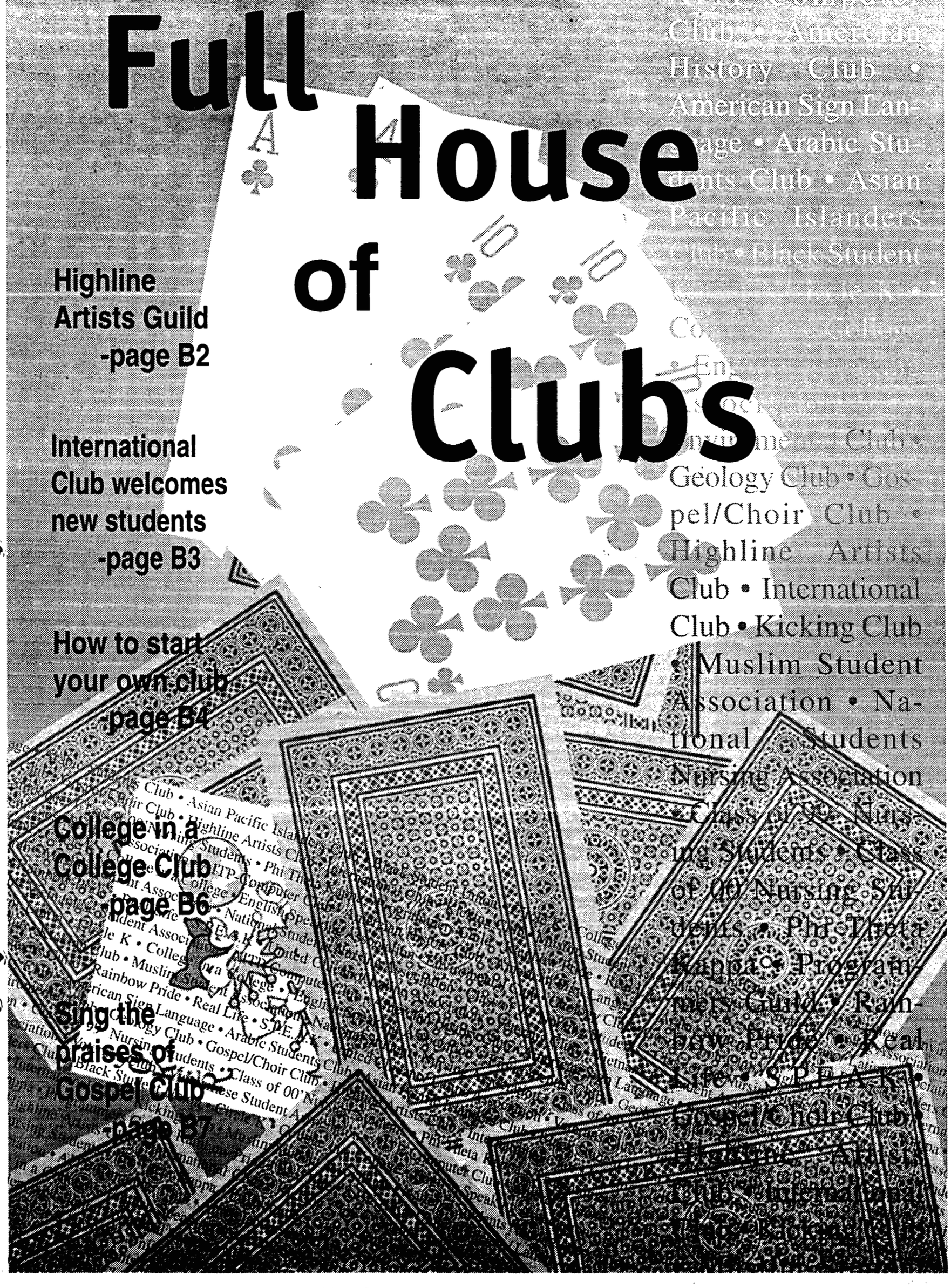

Highline Artists Guild: You gotta have art

Students gather to learn more about themselves

By KATIE HAIDLE
Inside Scoop

The Highline Artists Guild is open to students who are interested in learning to interact successfully in an environment where they have a common interest.

"I believe in it as an educational experience," said Gary Nelson, the Guild's adviser, and teacher of graphic design.

The Guild meets twice a month, and has a membership of approximately 20 students, most of whom have an interest in graphic and visual arts. Anyone interested in joining the club may do so by calling Gary Nelson at 206-878-3710, ext. 3506.

Activities of the club include field trips to art museums, galleries, corporations and organizations that employ and utilize creativity.

Fundraisers and other social events also take place occasionally.

"Just participate, that's the key," said Nelson.

Annually, the club organizes and implements a portfolio review for the graphic design department.

The Guild raises money for gifts and prizes, and at the end of each year each student is rewarded accordingly as to his or her participation in the Artists Guild.

Nelson says the largest accomplishment of the Artists Guild is giving students the opportunity to join and participate.

"This experience helps to solve real interpersonal problems," he said. He believes the key to success is learning how to work out problems that occur in everyday life.

Photo by Kirk Elliott

Highline Artists Guild members gather at a recent club meeting.

"This experience helps to solve real interpersonal problems."

--Gary Nelson, Highline Artists Guild adviser

He encourages diversity of students in the Guild because it gives them a chance to cope with each other's differences.

"That's good (diversity) because it makes you work out your differences, which is more real to life."

The club's purpose, in Nelson's words, is "to provide a learning experience that gives an opportunity to learn about interpersonal relationships and organizations And it does this in an environment that provides for common interests and motivation."

"The people who succeed are those who are willing to give of themselves," Nelson said.

Environmental Club looks out for the earth

By CHRISTIAN YLESCUPIDEZ
Inside Scoop

The Environmental Club is a fun-oriented friendship group, members say.

The club does not always deal specifically with environmental issues, but also your own perspective of the environment. Right now there are about 15 members, and they are hoping for more.

It all started when Natalie Frauli, a student of Gerry Barclay's, a science instructor and the Environmental Club advisor. In 1997, Fraulie asked Barclay if he was interested in being an adviser for the environmental club. Barclay was interested, and they have been meeting for two years.

"She (Frauli) comes back to visit me," Barclay said.

"My goal specifically is to facilitate their activities and to make sure that it's a meaningful experience for all the students. And that they become good stewards of the earth so they can take care of the earth and inform others on taking care of the earth," Barclay said.

The Environmentcal Club takes field trips and does projects on campus. The club helps increase the amount of habitat available locally for birds and wild animals, and has discussions about environmental issues.

"We hope that there would be more to come. It's a way to make new friends and have a different kind of conversations," said Genesis Dancer, the president of the environmental club.

Dancer is having a lot of fun with the club so far.

"I met Gerry Barclay the fall before this last and I got involved with the Environmental Club last Spring Quarter. Everybody in the club is very intelligent and very enlightened in environmental issues. We get along great and have a good time and we do have a lot of ideas," said Dancer.

The Environmental Club has been lobbying for more recycling bins on campus, led by student Kare Steele.

The club also is working on the campus naturalization project, which means replacing the weeds with native plants in woods near the east parking lot.

In April the club will celebrate Earth Day.

"We're hoping this year to spend a lot of time preparing for Earth Day and have some fun activities on campus," Barclay said.

For more information about the Environmental Club contact Barclay at ext. 3522.

ULA club is for all at Highline

By SOLANA KOLBY
Inside Scoop

United Chicano/Latino Association (ULA) promotes awareness of Latino issues on Highline Campus and provides a social network and support for Highline Latino Students.

ULA is for everyone, even if you are not Latino.

There are many activities that ULA members participate and host, they include, cultural awareness activities including food sales, club outings to attend events within the Latino community, and dances. The most recent dance, a Salsa dance, had a large turn out.

ULA also participate in leadership outreach opportunities in high school and team work building skills.

Guerrero

The adviser of the ULA is Toni Castro, director of multicultural services at Highline.

"Toni is a beacon of support, inspiration and guidance for our club," says Theresa Guerrero.

Guerrero and Federico Olivas are the Co-President's.

Currently there are approximately 10-15 members. ULA meets every Thursday at noon in Building 8, student lounge.

"People should join for a social outlet and to connect with other clubs, academic, and personal resources that are available to students on campus. People should also join to become involved in creatively fun activities and events," Guerrero said.

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Nurses find clubs are healthy

By STEPHEN TAYLOR and FARAH WILCOXEN
Inside Scoop

Becoming a registered nurse is a lot of work in a short amount of time. Highline students have started several organizations to help them with the task.

Nursing Students, Class of 2000 is a group of 44 first-year students working together toward their Registered Nursing degree.

They meet together every month to work on community projects, prepare new student orientation for the fall 1999 first-year nursing students, and involve themselves in the community.

The students in the group aide and support one another in nursing projects and classes involved in the program.

"Two years is a very short time to learn to be a Registered Nurse, and they need the support of others," said adviser Mary Newell.

The club's goal is to raise enough money doing various fundraisers, so they don't have to pay for any schooling expenses such as tuition, books, graduation fees, etc. The last couple years they have raised enough from fundraisers to go on a graduation trip after earning their degree. Some trips in the past involve a banquet and an Argosy Cruise.

The National Students of Nursing Association (NSNA) has been a club for 4 years and has about 20-25 members. To join the club you must be in the nursing program.

"To incorporate nursing students into the community at a higher level, more that just a nurse in a hospital," said Mary Fouldy the President of (NSNA). This is just one of the clubs goals.

Other goals are encouraging students to pursue a higher education, helping them keep up with technology, and educate the public on health care.

Nursing students who are interested in joining NSNA should attend a meeting. They meet once a month in Building 26-219, time and date varies so get in touch with Fouldy or Newell at ext. 3379.

In February, the NSNA is supporting a clothing and blanket drive for the Salvation Army.

BSU aims for excellence, achievement

By YONG ELLIS
Inside Scoop

Living the dream and remembering the struggle. That is the basis for the Black Student Union Club.

It was established to promote pride, unity, self-respect and education of African-American culture at Highline Community College.

The club has been around for the past three years. They meet every Monday at noon in Building 8.

The BSU offers support, guidance and advice for its members to aid them in the pursuit of academic excellence and achievement.

There are currently 16 members in the Black Student Union Club. The officers of the BSU is as follows: President, Mario Lockhart; Vice President, Jarvis Henderson; Deepa Seneviratne, Secretary; Kimisha Turner, Program Director; Errin Walton, Treasurer.

"The BSU is here to promote cultural awareness amongst African-Americans, to have a sense of belonging and a sense of direction. That's what our purpose is here at Highline Community College," said Lockhart.

Aside from attending the meetings and being committed and devoted, there are no other prerequisites to being a member of BSU.

"That's the biggest misunderstanding. That people think that you have to be African-American to be a part of the Black Student Union. You can be any race, any color, any creed, any domination, it really doesn't matter. I think the more, the better," said Lockhart.

Highline will be holding several activities to celebrate Black History Month.

Eyes on the Prize - America's Civil Rights Years: No easy walk 1961-1963 video will be shown in Building 8, upstairs between noon-1:00 pm on Tuesday, Feb. 16.

"All Around the World" an Ethnic Fashion Show and International Food Fest will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 17.

African Dancers: "Adefua" on Thursday, Feb. 18 in Building. 8, upstairs at 11:00-1:00 PM.

"African-Americans in Aviation" features an interactive discussion with members of the Tuskagee Airmen Seattle Chapter in Building. 7, noon-1:00 pm.

Free, hip hop dance on Friday, Feb. 26 in Building. 8, 9:00 pm-Midnight.

For more information about , please contact Multicultural Services at (206) 878-3710, ext. 3857, or, TTY (206) 870-4853.

Photo by Kirk Elliott

BSU members at a recent meeting in the conference room upstairs in Building 8.

International Club helps travelers

By CHRISTIAN YLESCUPIDEZ
Inside Scoop

The International Club was started four years ago.

Mariko Fujiwara became the adviser Fall Quarter of 1997. This club's goal is to help American and international students get to know each other better.

The International Club will be attending the "Around the World Celebration" on Feb. 17. They will have a booth serving international food.

The president of the international club is Kaek Chanthavong.

"Kaek meets with the advisor and plans the agenda and then they have a general meeting for the whole other international students," said Fujiwara.

Fujiwara was herself an international student. In taking a job at Highline, she decided to help international students, so they wouldn't have to face the same problems she had.

Chanthavong has been in the club for two years.

Chantavong

Chanthavong says she is having a good time with a lot of international students and encourages Highline students to know more about the international club.

"The International Club doesn't target on only international students, it's for everyone," Chanthavong said. "We encourage new people to come to the group, so it will help out international students to feel more comfortable."

Highline's Kicking Club awaits drier weather

By RAUL SEDANO
Inside Scoop

The rainy season has put Highline's Kicking Club on hold until better weather returns.

Due to the harsh precipitatin in the Seattle area during this time of year, The Kicking Club has postponed their meetings until more desirable weather returns, said student representative Christian Itarugga.

Normally, the club meets every Sunday at 10 a.m. on the Thunderbirds' soccer field. During this time, novices and veterans alike can participate in recreational, noncompetitive soccer.

"During regular meetings, we have about eight experienced players that come on a regular basis and help teach the others", said Itarruga.

Some of the regular members compete in an indoor league, or other sort of team, while others are new to the sport, and are just there to learn from the experienced players.

Itarruga says that the club was formed to connect people who either don't know how to play soccer, or didn't have anyone to play with.

He also says that most people who are going to college don't have the time during the week to be involved in any other soccer activities.

"The Sunday meetings allow people the chance to come almost every week," Itarruga said.

Itarruga is anticipating better weather soon, so the club can resume it's regular activity.

If you are interested in refining your soccer skills, teaching others, or just plain having fun, then contact through the club mailboxes in Building 8.

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Get a group, form a club, have fun

By AMY K. CORDS
Inside Scoop

Highline has a diverse student body that within itself has many different interests. This fact shows in the number of organized clubs on campus. If you have investigated all of these clubs, and none of them spark your interest, then start your own.

To start your own club you must first have a following, find people with the same interests you have. Collect at least six signatures of these followers interested in joining your club and present them to the ASHCC.

It's almost that easy. You must then attend at least three student government meetings.

There are advisors in student government that will help you get your club off the ground. The first person to talk to is the Club Diplomat Kristi Neiser.

Her office is in Building 8, and is usually available between the hours of 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. daily. To make an appointment with her call ext. 3215 from any campus phone.

When you have a group of interested members and a name, you've been recognized as a club. Next, it's time to advertise around campus to up membership, or just to get the club's message out.

Photo by Raul Sedano

Kristi Neiser, clubs diplomat, speaks at the club training seminar in January.

Advertising for clubs is simple. Just make signs, have an advisor approve them, and hang them up around campus. There are poster boards all around campus, as well as bulletin boards in Building 8 designed with advertising in mind.

If your club needs a place to get together, contact Carol Helgerson, who is in charge of student projects. If you would like to plan an activity with your club and would like to use campus facilities, it is a good idea to speak to your club advisor about reserving a building as soon as possible.

You should also contact your advisor if you plan to have guest speakers come to campus. In this case you must make the times and dates the speaker will be at Highline available to the entire student body.

For all your effort, you are given a budget by student government to help fund your club., to help pay for club interests. If this is something that interests you, or you already have a club in mind, don't hesitate. Members agree that too many clubs at Highline is never enough. Go see student government today.

Club sings with signs

By SARAH DOAN
Inside Scoop

The American Sign Language club isn't loud, but it says a lot.

The ASL club was designed to help teach sign language to students already in the ASL class and is recruiting the deaf community to come and learn.

Community contact was a big reason the club was formed, according to President Dale Bird. Supporters of the club say the more people learn about the hearing impaired, the less obstacles the deaf community will have to overcome.

"ASL is harder to learn than Mandarin Chinese."

--Dale Bird, ASL president

The club is willing to teach and help all willing to learn.

"ASL is harder to learn than Mandarin Chinese," said Bird. "This club is good practice for anyone."

The ASL club meets Mondays and Wednesdays in the cafeteria, a time has not yet been set.

About once a month the club holds " Silent Games." Silent Games is where games such as bingo and other games are played. No speaking is allowed, and a small fine is imposed if someone breaks the rule.

The club is always looking for new members, or just drop-ins wanting to learn sign language skills, said Bird.

Bring what you know or want to know to this club and see the fun results!

The club offers a better understanding of sign language and brings it right here to Highline's community.

Come better your skills in sign by attending., You can e-mail at asl.hcc.hotmail or there is a box in the student center, building 8 for questions, comments or concerns.

Rainbow Pride provides community

By TYLER HURST
Inside Scoop

Rainbow Pride was started to create a community for those with alternative lifestyles.

"I wanted to create a support group for Gays, Lesbians, Bisexuals, Transexuals and their friends," said Allison Green, club advisor.

The club began in Spring 1996, after Green saw that there wasn't enough of a GLBT presence on campus. She wanted to show students around campus that is okay to be out at Highline.

Since creating the club, Green believes that more students are not hiding their sexuality here at Highline. She is quick to admit that society has become slightly more accepting of alternate lifestyles, and is glad that student's here are not afraid to show who they are.

According to Green, it is hard for GLBTs to meet others on campus like them without a club like this. It also provides an oportunity to talk and study with other people.

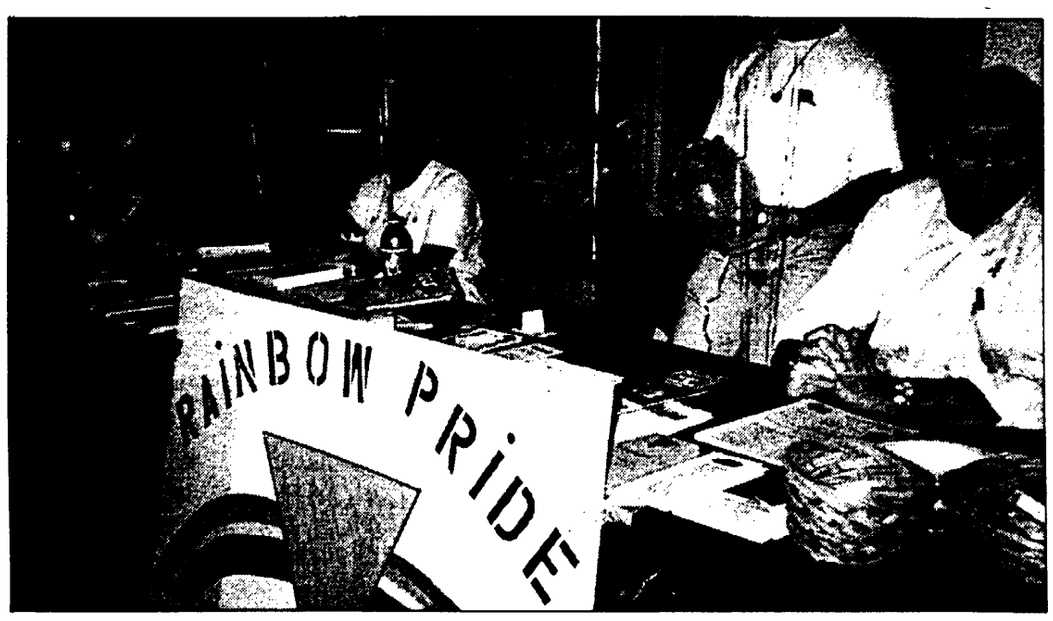

Photo by Kirk Elliott

The Rainbow Pride club meets at the September Club's Fair.

"It can really improve a student's ability to get an education," said Green. "They more connected a person is, the better they will do."

The club has provided a lot of security to not only those with alternate lifestyles, but also people who have friends or relatives that are GLBT. Straight members have been indispensable in the past, both collecting signatures for petitions or just being there as allies and friends.

"We're all in this together," said Green.

"We're all in this together."

--Allison Green, Adviser

SPEAK club starting over

By SANTANA VILLA
Inside Scoop

Speak club can help low-income students.

"Speak club lost all its members this year," Gwyneth Windon, club advisor said. Mayor Kellar was elected president of the club this quarter when all the club officers and most of the members either transferred or graduated from Highline.

The main purpose of Speak Club is to provide support for the student-parents with low income, and can't afford childcare.

"Another purpose is to make sure that student parents are represented in campus because there are many activities or clubs that student-parents can't participate because there special needs," Windon said.

The club members work together providing emotional support and encouraging student parents to succeed in their academic goals, helping one another to solve individual and group problems.

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High achievement is the norm in this club

By HEIDI YI
Inside Scoop

Phi Theta Kappa (PTK), meaning wisdom, aspiration and purity in Greek, is a group of students with high achievements.

Right now 250 Highline students are involved in this club, which requires members to have a 3.5 minimum cumulative GPA.

Morrison

Activities include general meetings held the first Wednesday of every month, 2 p.m., Building 22-203, induction ceremonies to welcome new members, social events, and service projects.

Currently they are working on the campus recycling project, tutoring second through ninth graders at the Kent Regional Library, and tutoring students at the local elementary schools.

They also clean up along Interstate 5 near the college every six to seven weeks. 15 members participated in the clean up of the area around exit 149 the second week of January.

"We want to have more participation in the activities. Students sign up and pay the membership fee, but some of them never show up for the general meetings," said Tim Morrison, an adviser.

The organization offers a myriad of opportunities for scholarships, intellectual enrichment and personal development through programs based on Phi Theta Kappa's four hallmarks of Scholarship, Leadership, Service and Fellowship.

Members will get the Golden Key lapel pin as the symbol of academic excellence in two-year colleges, gold-embossed certificate of membership, a wallet-sized membership card, access to more than $28 million in transfer scholarships, and many more.

PTK has a membership fee of $50 to be an active member and $70 to be a non-active member. If you become an active member, you need to participate in at least four activities during the quarter but non-active members are not required to do any activities.

Those of you who want to join must have the grades, and those with questions may call ext. 6116 to get more information about the club.

Rocky times are good times for club

By ERIC WORDEN
Inside Scoop

Earthquakes, volcanoes, faults opening beneath Seattle, could sound like a prediction for the year 2000. However, it also serves as a description of a Geology club field trip.

The Geology club was formed in order to discuss and examine the geology of the Pacific Northwest. They use their acquired knowledge to increase the awareness of the campus and community.

"We educate the campus and community about geological events and hazards in the northwest," said club representative Kristi Neiser.

Last quarter in order to increase awareness they passed out earthquake preparedness surveys to see how much students know about earthquakes in our area and in California.

"It can happen to you, our earthquakes can be more violent and bigger than California's," said Geology Club member James McCallum.

Photo courtesy of Kristi Neiser

The Geology Club on a field trip last summer.

This club is for anyone who enjoys the beauty of the earth's layers and geological formations.

The main way the club experiences geology is through their excursions. Field trips include Discovery Park, Seattle fault, Olympic National Park, Mount St Helens, and Tiger mountain.

"I'm a geophysics major, the club gets me involved with what goes on in the area," he said.

"If you have any interest (in geology) whatsoever come to our meetings." said McCallum.

The Geology club meets Thursday at 2 p.m. in the conference room of Building 15.

Vietnamese club plans to have dance

By LATEEF THOMAS
Inside Scoop

The Vietnamese Club here at Highline Community College has been at Highline since 1982. There are 250 Vietnamese students in the club and about 40 of them come to the meeting once a month. The meetings are from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., usually in Building 8. Building 7 is also used, but only when the club invites speakers.

The club is also involved in a lot of fun activities, they have a dance once a year, games during the quarter and the club also does activities for students to get to know each other.

They are also putting together a cruise dance with all the schools from the Vietnamese clubs.

If you would like more information about the Vietnamese club please contact Nga Pham, Adviser. The office is located in Building 6 at Educational Planning.

Speak

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One of their achievements as an organized club is that now evening child care is available. Evening child care is one of many accomplishments that the Speak club is proud of and is able to offer to single parents and club members on our campus. The club hopes to extend the child care hours next quarter, to accomodate those with later classes. As of right now, they are unsure about any time changes, but hope to know soon.

"Providing free daycare for those who can't afford it makes the Speak Club special."
--Gwyneth Windon
Club Adviser

"Providing free daycare for those who can not afford it makes the Speak club special," Windon said. The club needs more members, since most of the members are gone and there is a lot of work to do.

Students who would like to participate in activities with children or want to become members come to Parents Place Building 23-113 for more information.

"Our doors are always open to any one who wants to come visit," Windon said. Meetings are every second and fourth Monday of every month in Building 12-114 at 12:30 to 1p.m. or call Gwyneth Windon at ext. 3030.

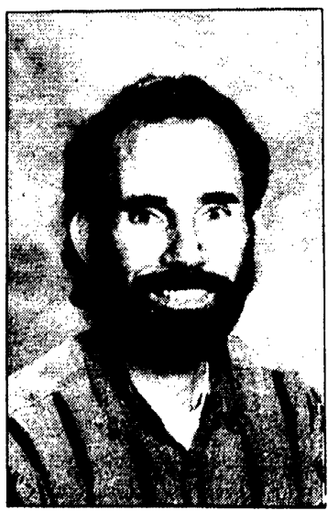
Real Life is about religion

By STEPHEN TAYLOR
Inside Scoop

Real Life is a Christian fellowship that provides a place to belong and opportunity to make friends with other students who are interested in developing a personal relationship with Jesus.

Real Life is a group of 15 to 20 people and is advised by Tom Sill and Kelly St. John. They meet every Tuesday from noon to 2 p.m. in Building 10-202. Meetings include Bible study, prayers and other activities to help encourage biblical principles.

"It made a difference just to be around some Christians," Sill said, speaking of a Christian club he was involved in as a student.



Sill

Real Life organizes and participates in social activities and retreats with other community colleges in the area and the University of Washington. Last year they participated in a fall retreat of about 120 students and a Christmas retreat which involved about 1,000 students from the area.

"It made a difference just to be around some Christians."
--Tom Sill,
Real Life Adviser

Real Life also helped plan the campus lecture that was held on Feb. 2. The speaker was Michael Horner and the topic was, "Does God Exist?"

Call Sill at ext. 3053 for more information.

ESA helps students learn English

By YONG ELLIS
Inside Scoop

There's a new kid on the block, it's called the English Speaking Association.

The ESA formed in the spring of '98. The purpose of this club was to have a group of students who help each other study and to interact with other students as well as to create diversity among each other.

The campus has had a high volume of Japanese students enroll and in lieu of that this program was designed to help the students improve their English and interact more with the community.

Fujiwara

Although the club is comprised of Japanese students, students of other ethnic origins are welcome to join.

"We are trying to introduce culture and hopefully if we mention this English Speaking Association, then they will know that they can talk to other Japanese students here and they will feel more comfortable," said Mariko Fujiwara, adviser to the English Speaking Association.

The ESA group meets every other Thursday in the Conference Room upstairs in Building 8, between 2-3 p.m.

To be a member of the ESA you must be a Highline student, English should not be your first language, and you have to have lived in the US for less than three years.

There are currently 12 members in the ESA group.

The President of ESA is Chiharu Ebihara. Other officers include vice-president Keina Kiryu, secretaries Naho Saito and Yukiko Sekine, and treasurers Miyuki Uemishi and Yumi Segawa.

"We are trying to change the environment, to an English speaking environment for the international students. When students see others from their own country, they tend to stay in their language and not try out English," said Fujiwara.

For more information about the ESA contact Fujiwara in upstairs in Building 6 or 206-878-3710, ext. 3844.

Muslim group rises again

By DALON HOWARD and ERIC WORDEN
Inside Scoop

The Muslim Student Association was inactive for a number of years due to loss of interest. The club was reactivated in Fall 1998, with new students and adviser Highline student Hawwa Djuned.

"People have and always will continue to have misconceptions about Islam," said Djuned. "Our mission is to spread the truth about Islam and to clear up the misconceptions to Highline and our community."

The MSA has 15 to 20 members as of Winter Quarter. Djuned's goal is to unite the Muslim population on campus by providing a support system and to spread the awareness of the Islamic religion.

"Everyone is always trying to look like a model," said Djuned. "Islamic women wear hijab to cover themselves out of respect for God, their husband and for themselves.

"People wonder why we cover ourselves," Djuned said. "By covering your body you are free from the competition. Any man will respect and appreciate you more, as well as for yourself to concentrate more on the inside than on the outside."

The Islamic religion is often confused with the Nation of Islam, said Highline student Fayel Siraj.

"The Islamic religion is completely different," said Siraj. Siraj is a Muslim and is also one of the new members of the MSA.

The Nation of Islam started 1920s to uplift the black race and the Islamic religion is a way of life for all people that are based five main pillars, says Siraj.

To find more information about Islam and Muslim students here at Highline, their meetings are every Tuesday on the sixth floor of the library from 9 a.m. to noon.

The first big event sponsored by the MSA is an "Introduction to Islam" with guest speaker Mohammed Joban, Tuesday, Feb. 16 at 11 a.m. in Building 7. Refreshments will be provided.

Circle K works to help community

By SARAH CROWLEY
Inside Scoop

Making the world a better place to live in — this is the goal of the Circle K Club.

Circle K is a club based on community service.

In the past club members have serviced the community in many ways, from singing at nursing homes to taking children's pictures with Santa Claus.

In all Circle K has about seven members. Club officers are president Wendy Leathers, vice-president Shaundra Hartell, and secretary/treasurer Jamie Turner. Club adviser is Bob Baugher.

Meetings are held Building 10, room 205 from 11 a.m. to noon every Wednesday.

Currently the Circle K club is developing a program in which they will read to children.

"Its a lot of fun, you learn leadership skills and meet new people," said Leathers.

Leathers has been involved with the club since its creation three years ago. Her love of people and community service gives her motivation to lead the club in its activities.

Photo by Kirk Elliott

Circle K Club members Jamie Turner, Shaundra Hortell, Wendy Leathers and Rachel Thorne.

There are Circle K club chapters in seven countries across the world, said Turner.

Turner says the club could use more members to help in community service efforts. Anyone is welcome to come to a meeting to find out more about the club.

All Circle K club officers share a common interest in helping people, decreasing violence and improving society as a whole.

"In order for our society to make this world a better place, everyone must get involved," said Turner.

College in a College seeks togetherness

By TALITHA VANZO
Inside Scoop

College in a College is a Program to get you moving in the right track to transfer to a four year college like the University of Washington or Seattle University. The program helps you to get the required classes for the college of your choice that let you go in as a junior once you get your AA degree at Highline.

"It's a really good program because it builds a community of students," said program director Rus Higley.

A community of students to Higley is a help because they have a support system to fall on for help with school work or to be there when they just need someone to talk to.

Higley thinks that students helping students is one of the best ways of counseling. He is there to help any students if they need it and to help them plan a course of study.

College in a College has been an active program for two and a half years and a club for one year. You would never know that this program just got rolling since they have already planned events like bowling nights and dances.

This quarter they are planning a movie night for club members and a trip for them to Pike Place Market Theater.

If this trip is successful they plan to try and bring the theater to Highline for a few shows. Already the plans for this are in the making.

To be able to participate in the College in a College club you have to be a member of the program and have to follow a few requirements like have a few afternoon classes and go to a few required classes.

Some of the perks that go with being in this club is the fact that registration for Spring Quarter starts Feb. 16 at 8 a.m. and College in a College members get to register at that time.

If this sounds good to you, call Higley at ext. 3135 and he would be happy to set up an appointment with you. The only thing that you will have to do is fill out a one minute application and talk to him about your plans to go to a four year college.

You can also contact Jim Sorenson at ext. 3351 and he would also be happy to answer any questions.

Join a club today. or maybe start one.

Gospel group brings people together

By C. MATHISON
Inside Scoop

Photo courtesy of Kristi Neiser

Gospel Choir members perform on campus earlier this year.

Promoting unity through the enjoyment of Gospel music is the goal of the Gospel/Choir club.

"Although this club was started during Fall Quarter, it has taken until now to gain momentum," said Liberte Patrick. The club currently has 10 active members.

Partrick is the club president and has a long love for gospel music. Both Patrick and April Pennix, vice president, look forward to new members.

"You don't have to have a perfect voice to join," says Patrick, rather they are looking for people with a love of music that have a desire to create unity accross racial and socio-economic lines.

"Music can do that," says Patrick.

The club meets on Fridays, at noon, in Building 4. They have a fun time selecting music together and getting ready for the many performances they have. Patrick says that they have had so many offers that they spend most of their time together rehearsing for the next performance.

Patrick says that she and the club draw much of their inspiration from Gospel pioneers like Mahalia Jackson and Shelley Ceasar. She is looking forward to a Kirk Franklin concert. His new album "New Nation Project" is bringing rave reviews. Most poeple will be familliar with the hit single "Stomp."

They are looking forward to a Gospel extravaganza that will take place in April.

History club looks for roots

By SHAWANA MCELROY
Inside Scoop

If you want to find your ancestors, here's the place.

The American History Club invites anyone and everybody to come have fun and excitement of discovery around every corner. This club brings the awareness of American History students on campus. It also wants to enhance people's appreciation for past events.

"It has tremendous potential for growth, it's a fertile place," says Gwenyth Windon, acting president.

Meetings are held in the library on the sixth floor in the far south west corner Wednesdays from noon-1 p.m., twice a month.

Contact adviser Emmanuel Chiabi at ext. 6194 or Windon in Building 23, room114, ext. 3030 on how to join and for additional information.

The club began Fall 1998, so it is relatively unknown.

Currently there are five members who plan to assist in collecting data for centennial Information for Highline entering into the next century.

The club will also partner with Burien and Des Moines for the Historical Society. It is in a process for great change.

"What is so unique about this club is that every president from Highline is still alive," says Windon. "So history happened, let's celebrate."

Thunderword may be Highline's oldest club

By KEVIN WINTERSTEEN
Inside Scoop

The Thunderword is Highline's independent student newspaper.

The "T-Word," as it's known, is the weekly voice of the students, and is the place to read about news on campus.

"The Thunderword is probably the oldest organization on campus," says Thunderword adviser Dr. T.M. Sell.

Sell has been the adviser since the fall of 1996, and has seen the newspaper grow steadily each quarter under his watch.

"We teach people about journalism, the newspaper business, and give people an opportunity to participate on campus," said Sell.

"Our goal week in and week out is to make the Thunderword the indispensable source for news on campus," he said.

The Thunderword manages to come out every week, even with what one student phrased a "horribly inadequate" computer system.

"We're constantly working on that issue," said Sell.

The club fights a constant battle to keep their computers operational.

"If you don't have the equipment, you can't do the job," he said.

Most of the newspaper's computers have been donated by other departments and a few have been bought by the club.

"We generate more money than most of the clubs on campus," said Sell.

Most people get involved in the newspaper by taking the Journalism 101 class, but it is a club open to anyone on campus.

"We're always looking for photographers and writers, we're always in need of help," said Sell.

Anyone interested in joining should visit Building 10, room 106. The staff meets Mondays and Thursdays at 1 p.m.

API club shares heritage

By FARAH WILCOXEN
Inside Scoop

Saldivar

To promote diversity in all aspect and to help recognize the cultural background and historical events of Asian Pacific Islanders is the goal for the Asian Pacific Islander Club.

This club has been around here at Highline for about two years and has about 20-25 members. Jeff Crisologo is the president, Jayson Medina is the vice-president, and Chris Saldivar is media coordinator of the club.

It's really easy to join and anyone can. Just show up at the meetings with an open mind and be willing to have fun. The club meets every other Thursday upstairs in Building 8 at 1:30 p.m.

A dance sometime in April and a karaoke night is some of the upcoming events this club is working on. In December the club went caroling at a nearby nursing home.

Arab students have story to tell

By DALON HOWARD
Inside Scoop

The Arab Student Club wants people to be aware of who they are.

"Their mission is to create awareness of the Arab nation in the community," says adviser Amal Mahmoud.

"People in the Pacific Northwest are not very familiar with the Arab nation. We want to help others understand us more," Mahmoud said.

Reactivated in Fall 1998, the club has about 20 members now.

Their goals are to support one another as members of a foreign country, provide students with support for each other and themselves, for social and religious gatherings, and to correct stereotypical images of Arabs.

The difference between the Muslim Student Association and the Arab Student Club is that the Muslim group accepts all students who wish to study Islam, while the ASC focuses on ethnicity.

Not all Arabs are Muslims; some are Christians and Jews. Most Arabs speak Arabic, which is primarily spoken North Africa and the Middle East.

Mahmoud is in his second term as a full-time teacher here at Highline. He teaches English as a Second Language and has been in this field for 26 years.

The most important thing club members want others at Highline to know that Islam is a religion practiced by 1 billion people, or one-fifth of the world's population, and that Arabs are just like everyone else.

The ASC has held two meetings so far, but are working on getting a regular meeting established.

For more information, contact Mahmoud in Building 19, room 202; call 206-878-3710, ext. 3023; or via e-mail at amahmoud@hcc.ctc.edu.

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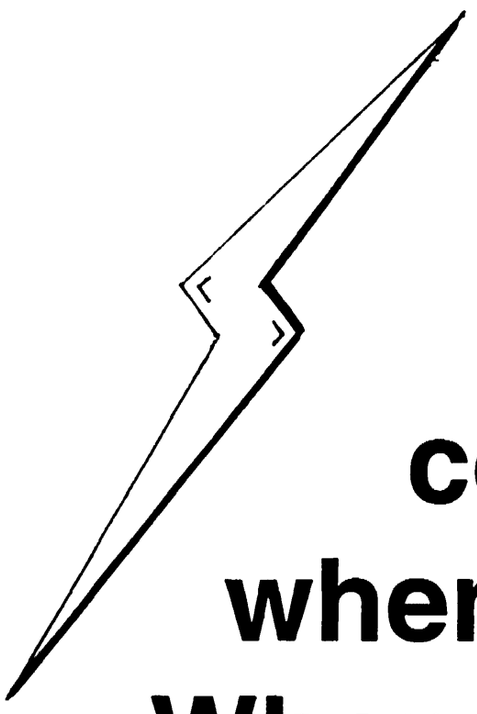

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T-Birds rebound, whip Whatcom

By K.M. Petersen
Staff Reporter

The Highline men's basketball squad rebounded from a tough two-game losing streak, defeating the Whatcom Orcas 66-54 on Saturday night.

Despite a subpar offensive performance from leading scorer Shaun Madsen and a sluggish first half, the team managed to put away the visiting Orcas in the game's final 10 minutes.

For most of the first half, despite keeping a lead for most of the period and sophomore guard Adam Enfield's long-range marksmanship, Highline played a largely uninspired band of ball, repeatedly allowing Whatcom back in the game.

"We probably underestimated Whatcom's talent," Madsen said.

After seven lead changes, the teams headed in to the half with the Orcas leading 32-29 on the strength of a 7-0 run over the final 3:22.

"You've got to give them credit," Head Coach Jeff Albrecht said. "They're a tough team to play, very methodical and good at what they do."

The teams battled back and forth throughout much of the second half.

Midway through the half, with a seven-point lead, Highline appeared to be taking control, yet again they fell asleep on the court, scoring only four points in five minutes as Whatcom whittled the lead to two on a pair of Jordan Heeringa free throws with 6:31 remaining.

Photo by Kirk Elliott

Brian Johnson plays defense against Whatcom in last Saturday's win.

At that point, something clicked with the Thunderbirds, as their defensive pressure led the way to a 12-0 run, highlighted by six points from Enfield.

"The coaching staff said to us 'If we're going to win the game, we have to play defense,'" Madsen said. "We just buckled down and did what we had to do to win."

From then on, Highline controlled the clock, finishing with a 12-point victory.

The key to the victory was the Thunderbirds' ability to shut down Whatcom defensively in the second half, allowing them to make only 28 percent of their shots and forcing the Orcas to 14 of their 22 turnovers.

"We put forth a little more effort defensively," Albrecht said of the second half.

Hubbard's deadly outside shooting touch and low post scoring proved far too tough for the Orcas to handle, as he led the squad with 27 points to go with his eight rebounds and three steals.

Other double digit scorers for Highline were Enfield with 12 and Madsen with 11.

Johnson only managed two points, but had eight assists and eight rebounds in the victory and freshman forward Rob Stafford had six points, seven rebounds, and five steals.

Heeringa led Whatcom with 19 points and six rebounds.

Results for Wednesday night's battle for third place at Edmonds were unavailable at press time.

Next up for the Thunderbirds is Saturday when they travel to Everett to take on the Trojans. Tip-off is scheduled for 8 p.m.

Skagit fans use racial slurs vs. T-Birds

By Kevin Wintersteen
Staff Reporter

A group of Skagit Valley College students may have used racist taunts while heckling a couple of Highline players in a game in Mt. Vernon on Jan. 27.

The taunting was directed at two Highline players, Niki Sylve and Brian Johnson. The two players, both of whom are African American, each said they had racist remarks shouted at them.

"They were saying racial slurs before the game trying to get into my head. They found out my name in the program and began with 'Niki the Nigger'," Sylve said."They (the booster club) should get a warning, but if it keeps going they should get a more severe punishment. The fans can talk to you but no racial slurs or cuss words," he said.

Sylve

"They can support the team, but to get to that, it was too much," said Johnson, who also was taunted throughout the entire game. "They were calling him [Sylve] a 'nigger.' They kept it up for the whole game."

After the game, which Highline lost, Sylve and Johnson confronted the group of fans apparently responsible for the taunting. Skagit Coach Roger Valentine stepped in to break things up.

"After, the game the coach (Valentine) said he would take care of it."

"The game can do without it," Sylve said.

Valentine did not return numerous calls placed by the Thunderword.

Skagit Valley Athletic Director Gary Knutzen said he was unaware of the incident.

"This is the first I heard of it," he said. "The booster club got started to help supplement the athletic program. Alumnus and community members make up the booster club."

"He (Valentine) never mentioned anything to me," said Knutzen.

Thunderword reporters Jamie Kirk and K.M. Peterson contributed to this story.

Hubbard raises his game at Highline

By Shawana McElroy
Staff Reporter

The Thunderbirds new center, 6'7 freshman Tom Hubbard, is a former Kentwood all-star who brings inside and outside game to the team.

"Tom has been a surprise as far as scoring and rebounds averaged," says Assistant Coach Tyler Geving.

Hubbard, who has been playing since the third grade, certainly has made the adjustment from high school to college ball, averaging 16.8 points and 6.7 rebounds per game, and leading the team by hitting over 90 percent at the free throw line.

"I feel my strength is my shooting and my weakness is my dribbling," Hubbard said.

"Tommy has really good hands," says teammate Brad Heppner.

"At this level the game is at a faster tempo and more of a challenge," says Hubbard.

Hubbard was a three-year starter at Kentwood. In his senior year, he was selected SPSL North first team, all-area, all-tournament, and played in California for the All-star game.

Photo By Kirk Elliott

Tom Hubbard calls a play in the game against Olympic.

He attributes his game to his mother Colleen Hubbard, who has shown support throughout his basketball career.

"I chose Highline because it has a good basketball program and recruits well," says Hubbard.

Hubbard hasn't chosen a major, but he wants to transfer to a four-year university.

"Hubbard really improved since the beginning of the year," says Geving. "Work on foot speed and improve game in the off-season, there's no doubt he can play Division I."

"Hubbard is definitely Division I talent offensively," says Head Coach Jeff Albrecht. "He can shoot the three, has great post moves, good passer, and an overall good guy to be around."

Hubbard has feet to match his height.

"I wear a 15, which are hard to come by unless you go to Nordstrom," he said with a smile.

Hubbard didn't expect to starter so soon in his Highline career.

"I didn't expect to be part of the starting five at the beginning, but it took hard work and determination to get there," he says. "I like being part of this team because the guys are great and I feel very comfortable."

"Hubbard is very easy to work with, like a sponge sucking up all the knowledge. The key for him is getting in the weight room to get strong," said Assistant Coach John Dunn. "Very few people have his talent on the outside, in the inside his game will be stronger."

"Defensively his is the most improved player on the team this year," adds Coach Albrecht.

"He has great enthusiasm for life and the game, which shows when he plays," says Dunn. "He displays this with a great attitude."

T-Birds splashed by Orcas, stay in first

First league loss may be wake-up call, players say

By D.T. Demouchet
Staff Reporter

The Highline women's basketball team had a tough game Saturday, losing 78-70 to the visiting Whatcom Orcas.

With a 10-1 record in league Highline remains one game ahead of Skagit Valley.

The loss to Whatcom, though dramatic, may prove to be an eye-opener for the Lady T-Birds.

"It's a life lesson," said post player Dru White. "No one can under-estimate it."

"We weren't as focused as we should have been," said guard Karen Nadeau. "It was a reality check."

Photo by Kirk Elliott

Nicole Ulrich looks for an opening last week against Whatcom.

The night started off badly for Highline when starting point guard Shawana McElroy had to leave the game in the opening minutes due to a knee injury. McElroy found herself back in the game after walking off the injury.

Luck seemed to play against the women's team as well. When a multitude of questionable fouls call by the officials found a few players in foul trouble early in the game. In the closing minutes of the game Highline found themselves without three of their starters due to fouling out.

McElroy was the first to foul out when she was handed her fifth foul on what clearly seemed like a clean play. Annette Goff was next in line to fall victim to foul trouble with Amie Johnson leaving to join McElroy and Goff soon after.

Despite the loss to Whatcom some of the Thunderbirds came away with big nights. Leading the team in both points and rebounds was Kristi Duggan with 22 points and 12 rebounds. Nadeau followed right behind with 20 points and three rebounds. White added nine points and 10 rebounds. Highline has already put the loss behind them and put all of their concentration into last nights game against Edmonds.

"Whatcom is over and done with," said Nadeau. "We just have to get ready for the next game."

"Wednesday's game will be treacherous for Edmonds because they will feel the wrath of our previous defeat," said White.

The results from Wednesday nights game were unavailable at press time. The T-Birds will be at Everett on Saturday, Feb. 13 and will host Peninsula in the Pavilion Monday, Feb. 15 at 6 p.m.

Two-sport star faces challenges head on

By D.T.Demouchet
Staff Reporter

Amie Johnson didn't want that ball to get away.

It was early in the game and Highline and Shoreline were locked in a close struggle. A tipped ball was heading out of bounds, and Johnson threw herself at it, literally taking it on the chin to reopen a once-healed scar.

Johnson yelled, grimaced, looked at her mom in the stands and pointed at her chin. She bled so much the referee told her that she had to leave until she took care of both the wound on her chin and the blood on her uniform.

After numerous bandages and a new uniform, Johnson came back, no less fired up and with a new nickname, "Rough Rider."

Daughter of Ruth and Dave Johnson, Johnson is one of Highline's few multi-sport athletes. Johnson came to Highline last year on a softball scholarship and decided to try out for the basketball team. Johnson not only made the basketball team but she became an eventual starter before a broken finger late in the season cut into her playing time.

Playing down low at the post position in basketball and left field in fastpitch she adapted well to both sports in the high school to college transition.

"The transition is so big," said Johnson. "It's a lot faster and more competitive."

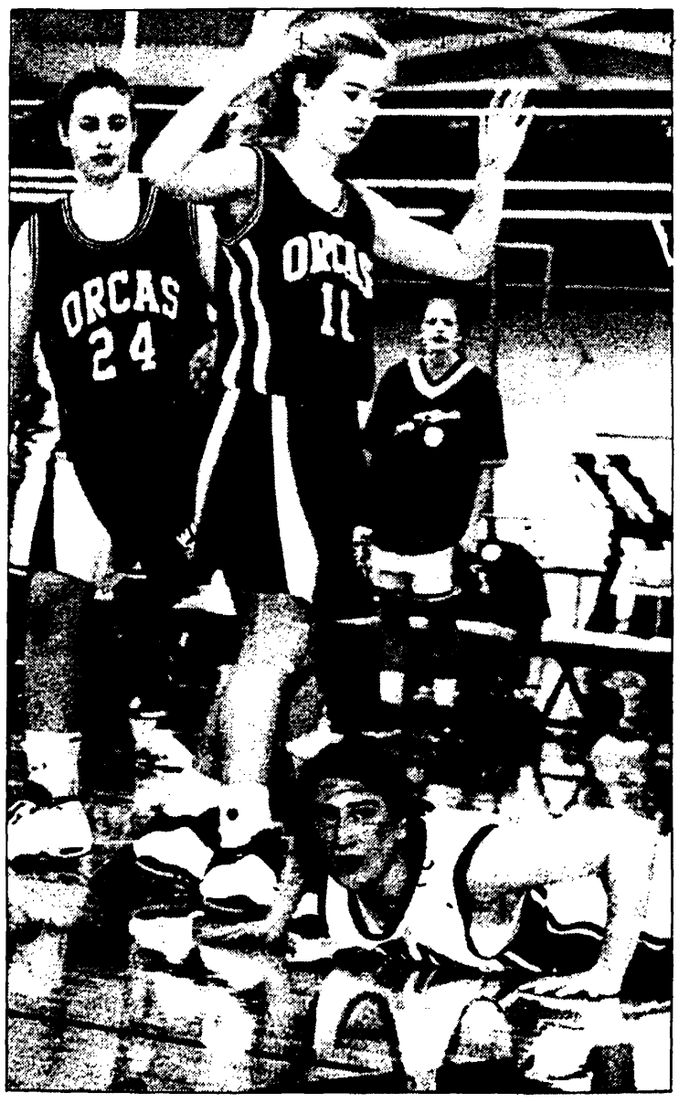

Photo by Kirk Elliott

Amie Johnson goes to the floor for Highline in Saturday's game against Whatcom.

Johnson started playing basketball in the fifth grade but didn't unite her talent in softball until grade seven. She continued to play both sports through junior high and high school where fastpitch coach Cara Hoyt heard about Johnson's skills on the diamond and persuaded her to join the Highline team. Even though Johnson's skills both on the court and the diamond are worthy of the university level this will be her last year competing in either sport.

" This is it ," said Johnson. "I've been lucky.to have gotten the college experience in two sports."

After receiving her Associate of Arts degree from Highline, Johnson will continue her education to receive her major in special education from the SeaTac branch of Central Washington University. Johnson's plans are to become a special education teacher while staying close to home and the heart of her fiancee Bill Ludwig, whom she will be marrying this summer.

Even though Johnson will be leaving Highline next year, the Highline association with the Johnson family will not cease. Johnson's younger sister Erin will be following the footsteps of big sister in competing on scholarship in duel sports, track and basketball.

Johnson's love for sports has grown immensely since high school much by the help of coaches and teammates. "I couldn't ask for better coaches," said Johnson about coaches Cara Hoyt and Dennis Olson. "Dennis, he sees things that no one can see and knows how to bring it out."

And as far as teammates go, she says she couldn't ask for a better group of girls.

"They're like a part of my family," said Johnson.

Her coaches and teammates speak highly of Johnson as well.

"She's the enforcer. She's the one that gets everybody fired up," said teammate Annette Goff. "It's nice to have someone like her, knowing that there's someone who's always got your back."

One might think that Johnson is crazy for being a 5-foot, 9-inch post, always guarding and playing up against people five or six inches taller than her, but it's where she feels she belongs.

"I'm not the best dribbler plus I'm just a lot more comfortable down low than outside," she said. Johnson uses her quickness and aggressiveness to minimize the size deficit.

Being a two-sport athlete for Highline means that she also has to do twice the work. During the month of February one can see Johnson living in the Pavilion. She makes the r long voyage from Bonney Lake at 5:30 to get to Highline for morning fastpitch practices. Concluding practice, she's off for her morning sessions of school with a short hour break where she ventures back to the Pavilion to meet up with Louis D'Andrea for work study. Following work it is back to the world of lectures and note taking until she finishes off her day with basketball practice.

Softball starts at the end of basketball season,with about a month overlap .

"I miss out a lot in one sport because of the devotion to the other," said Johnson.

SCOREBOARD

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL STANDINGS

Northern Div	LEA	SEA
Highline	10-1	17-6
Skagit Valley	9-2	18-4
Everett	8-4	15-9
Whatcom	8-4	13-10
Bellevue	6-6	8-12
Olympic	5-7	8-15
Peninsula	3-8	10-13
Shoreline	3-8	8-15
Edmonds	0-12	0-21

Eastern Div.	LEA	SEA
Big Bend	7-1	17-7
Wen. Valley	7-2	18-6
Spokane	6-2	19-4
Col. Basin	5-3	9-12
Blue Mt.	3-6	4-19
Walla Walla	1-8	4-17
Yakima Valley	1-8	5-15

Western Div.	LEA	SEA
S. P. Sound	9-1	18-6
Clark	8-2	18-7
Green River	8-2	19-5
Lo. Columbia	5-5	8-14
Grays Harbor	5-5	11-13
Tacoma	3-7	8-15
Centralia	2-8	10-15
Pierce	0-10	1-22

Southern Div	LEA	SEA
Umpqua	10-0	24-0
Chemeketa	7-3	20-4
Clackamas	6-4	16-9
Portland	4-6	7-13
Lane	4-6	11-13
SW Oregon	4-6	13-10
Mt. Hood	3-7	7-15
Linn-Benton	2-8	6-11

MEN'S BASKETBALL STANDINGS

Northern Div	LEA	SEA
Skagit Valley	10-1	18-4
Olympic	9-3	18-6
Highline	7-4	16-7
Edmonds	7-5	14-11
Peninsula	6-5	17-6
Whatcom	5-7	11-12
Bellevue	5-7	8-16
Everett	2-10	5-18
Shoreline	1-10	4-18

Eastern Div	LEA	SEA
Yakima Valley	9-0	24-1
Walla Walla	7-2	14-9
Big Bend	5-3	19-4
Wen. Valley	4-5	13-12
Col. Basin	2-6	11-10
Spokane	2-6	9-12
Blue Mt.	1-8	6-17

Western Div	LEA	SEA
Tacoma	8-2	20-5
Lo. Columbia	7-3	16-8
Clark	7-3	12-12
Pierce	6-4	9-14
Centralia	6-4	9-14
Green River	3-7	4-18
Grays Harbor	3-7	9-14
S. P. Sound	0-10	4-20

Southern Div	LEA	SEA
Lane	9-1	22-1
SW Oregon	8-2	14-6
Chemeketa	5-5	14-10
Umpqua	5-5	14-10
Clackamas	4-6	13-10
Linn-Benton	3-7	11-13
Mt. Hood	3-7	8-16
Portland	3-7	9-15

Highline hosts Peninsula Saturday, Feb. 15 at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Women's track on the prowl for more players

By Karen Nadeau
Staff Reporter

Highline's first year women's track team is looking for a few more teammates.

"Anyone can come out and compete, we still have scholarship money available," said Tracy Brigham, first-year track coach. The women's track team currently has about 15 members, but look to have 25 or more come spring training.

Highline will have women competing in every event, but more distance runners and throwers are needed.

"It is awesome that we have women competing in track. I cannot believe Highline didn't have a women's team before," said freshman sprinter Amber Rutherford.

The decision to have a women's team here at Highline was very last minute — the program was created near the end of Spring Quarter 1998 — giving Brigham no time to recruit.

While still looking for more woman to compete this year, Brigham is still very pleased with the talented athletes she already has.

"Hopefully we will get more women out on the practice field come spring, but we are looking towards a fun and successful year," says Brigham.

"The team is small, but we are going to do real well this year. With good teamwork, hard work, and rigorous training, we will compete with the best of them this year," said freshman sprinter and long jumper April Pennix.

"This year is definitely a building year for the women's track team," says Brigham.

This year's team has high hopes and aspirations.

"Our team is very small, but the fear in our hearts will not reflect on how this year's team does. We are training to compete and win on any level," said Rutherford.

The 1999 track season begins in spring. Anyone interested is encouraged to tryout for the men's and women's teams.

For more information on Highline's track team please contact Tracy Brigham at 206-878-3710 ext. 3449.

T-Birds place well in Portland meet

By Karen Nadeau
Staff Reporter

A handful of Highline track team members took home a fistful of ribbons at the Portland Invitational track meet last weekend.

Dominique Demouchet, sophomore sprinter, took first place in the 300 meters, third in the 50 meters, and fifth in the long jump.

"I think I will do farely well this year," said Demouchet. "My practice and determination will tell me what it has in store for me."

Frank Walton took second place in the 50-meter hurdles.

Freshman Tim Richart finished fourth in the 4x300 and 10th in the 600 meters.

The only female that competed in Portland was freshman Rachael Schwartz. While she didn't finish in the top three, she still placed ninth in the pole vault.

Shwartz said she didn't really feel prepared. "Not really, the starting height was higher than I was used to." But with the little practice she has had, she feels good about how she competed.

Shon Harris, freshman pole vaulter, came close to placing. He misssed out on three close jumps but ended up scratching on each attempt.

The next meet will be in Idaho on Feb. 12 and 13.

Friday is invite only and four Highline track stars were chosen. Demouchet will competing in the 60 meters; Walton competing in the 55 hurdles; Sean Steele will be jumping the high jump; and Justin Clark will be competing in the 400 meters.

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Highline crowns a champ

In case anyone missed it, the National Junior College Athletic Association Region XVIII wrestling championships took place last Friday in the Pavilion. The meet brought together an awesome array of athletic talent from across the globe. Wrestlers from as far away as South Africa to as close as Kent competed in the championships.

The meet was participated in by Clackamas; North Idaho (defending national champion); Southwestern Oregon; Yakima Valley; and Ricks (currently ranked No. 1 in the nation).

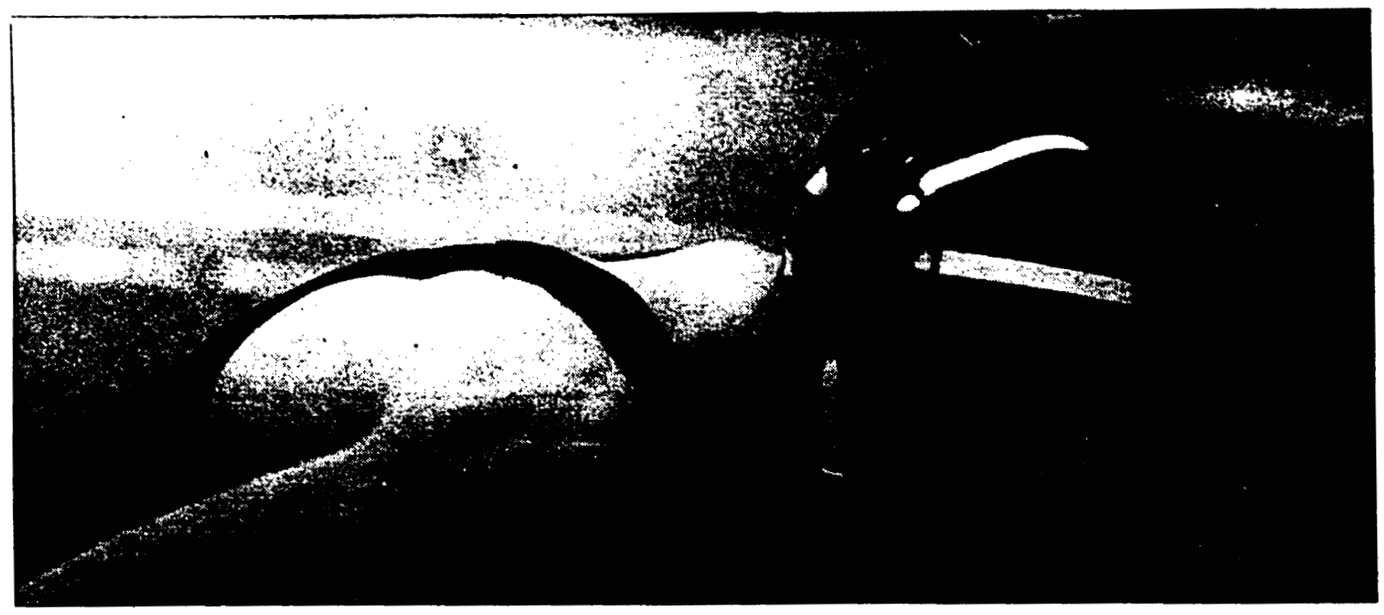

Photo by Raul Sedano

Highline's Eric Worden grimaces on his way to a fourth-place finish at last Friday's regional meet.

Stone Cold Sports

By Kevin Wintersteen

All total the meet included 22 high school state placers, 29 high school state champions, and seven NJCAA All-Americans were represented.

Included in this cavalcade of talent was Highline's own returning All-American Trevor Howard.

At 197 pounds, Howard is a mass of spine tingling speed and spine breaking power. Not that there was ever a doubt Howard would be the eventual champion at 197, but this time he won with some style.

After his first round bye, Howard tore through James Adams(CCC). Howard seemed to spend just enough time with his man to be sharp for the finals later that night. After a 2.37 minute "warm up," Howard pinned his foe and prepared for the finals later that night.

After the consolation round was through, the wrestlers returned from their break to begin the real match.

In an ironic twist, the final round was filled mostly with wrestlers from the eventual champion North Idaho and the runner up Ricks. Of the 20 athletes introduced, Howard was the only wrestler not from either Ricks or North Idaho.

Howard continued his display of dominance in the final, never in danger of losing. He dominated Kent Bowman of Ricks with a workmanlike 6-2 decision.

Howard claimed his second straight NJCAA championship that night, and with it the right to be called the best wrestler Highline has ever seen.

Steen once pinned himself.

Wrestlers head to nationals

By Micah Adams
Staff Reporter

Highline finished fourth in the wrestling regionals last Friday, but will send five wrestlers to nationals this weekend in Minnesota.

Leading the T-Birds will be Trevor Howard, who won his second straight regional crown at 197 pounds.

North Idaho College took the overall team title, edging Ricks 115 to 113, followed by Clackamas in third place and Highline in fourth.

NIC had eight wrestlers in the finals and came away with five individual champions, including the tournament Most Valuable Athlete Shaun Williams, a returning national finalist at 125 pounds; Scott Rasmussen at 133 pounds; Troy Sabot at 141 pounds; returning national finalist Justin Springer at 165 pounds; and Ry Stone at 184 pounds. NIC will have 10 wrestlers representing them at nationals.

Ricks followed close behind with nine wrestlers going to nationals. Ricks had seven in the finals and crowned four individual champions: BJ Wright at 149 pounds; Joshua Wright, a returning All American at 157 pounds; Hank Weiss at 174 pounds claimed his second regional title; and James Huml at 285 pounds.

The Highline wrestling team ended the tournament with five wrestlers heading for nationals.

Jesse Barnet earned his second trip to nationals the hard way, first losing in a dismal performance to Curtis Owen of NIC 10-3. In his third round match, against Yakima Valley, Barnet was down 8-5 coming to the end of the third period of action.

But he was able to earn a reversal and finish his opponent with a pin. Barnet finished the tournament taking third over Ryan Schumann of Southwestern Oregon.

"I had to fight the ladies off after that match," said Barnet. On his second trip to nationals, Barnet hopes to become an All American.

"All American -- that would be sweet," said Barnet.

Joining Barnet on the trip to nationals is heavyweight Jason Olson, who finished the regionals with a third place finish.

"I feel swell," said Olson about match that qualified him for nationals. "I feel I have a good chance at being an All American."

Highline also got the luck of the draw by sending Eric Worden at 165 pounds and James Morgan at 184 pounds on wild card selections. Region XVII was granted six wild card spots, which allowed Worden and Morgan via their fourth place finishes to go onto nationals.

Nationals will be in Rochester, Minn. on Feb. 19 and 20.

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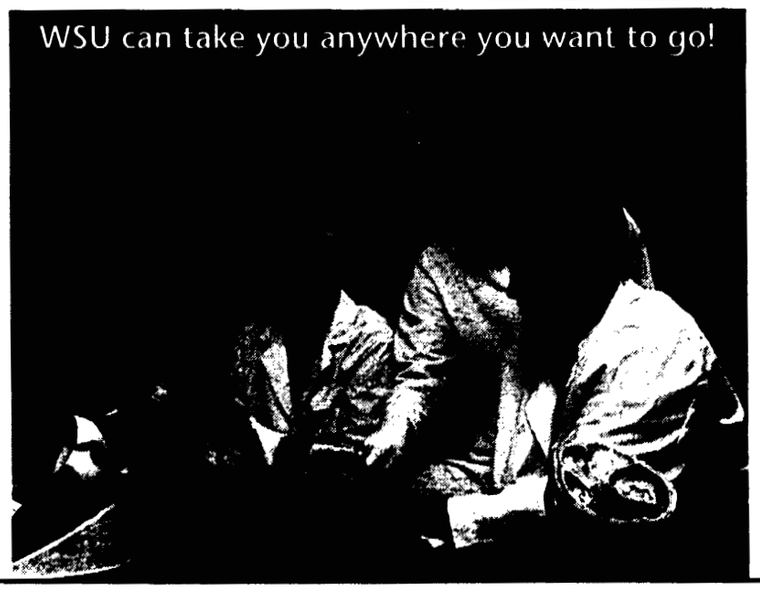

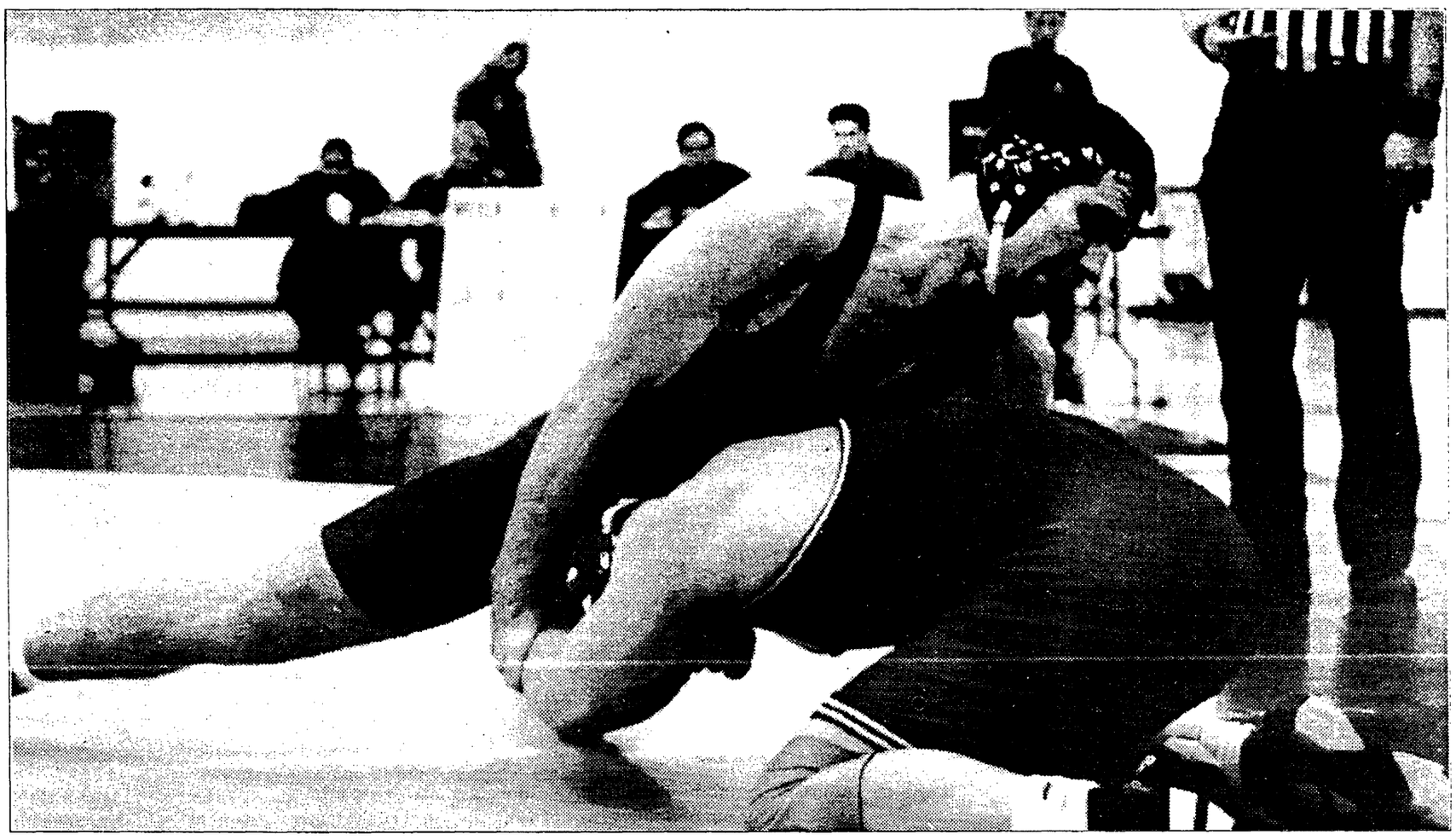

Highline's Trevor Howard dominates Kent Bowman of Ricks college for the 197 lbs. championship. This is Howard's second straight NJCAA title.

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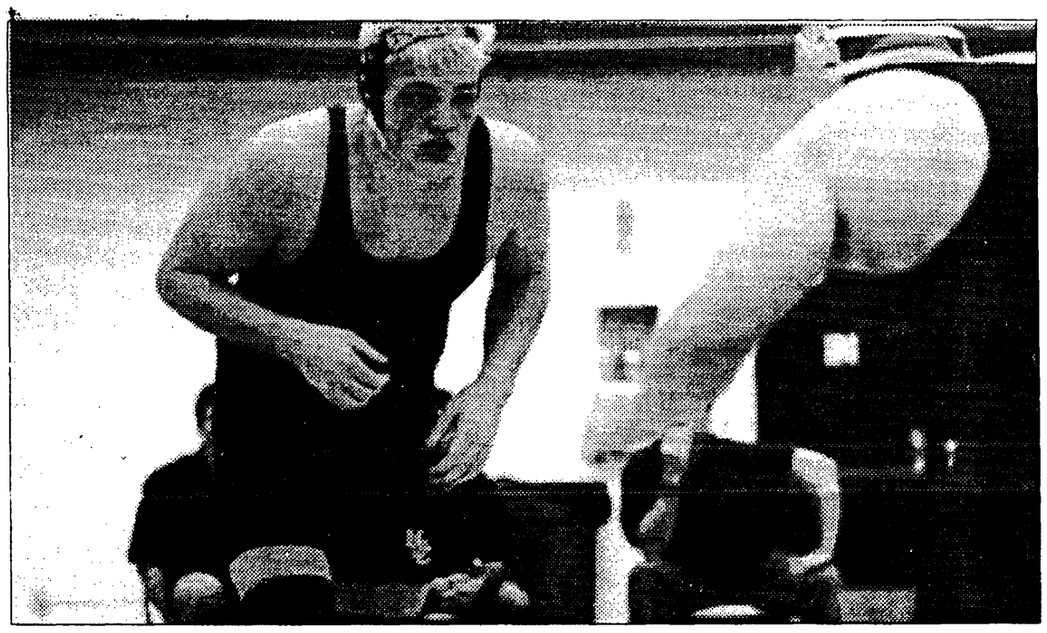
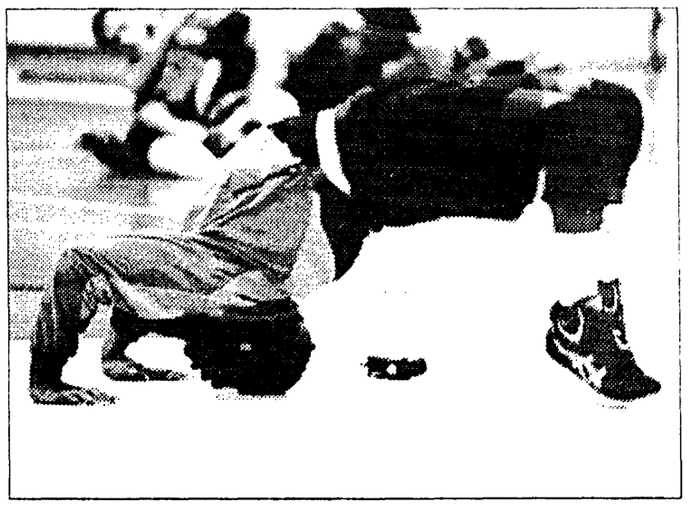
Regional wrestling championships in photos by Raul Sedano

Hank Weiss of Ricks and Curtis Owen of North Idaho battle in the 174 lbs final.



Jason Olson looks for the whites of his opponent's eyes before his consolation match at 285 lbs.



Above: Jesse Barnet of Highline gets bent during his warmup before the meet.

Left: John Henry of Clackamas gets bloodied by Highline's John Morgan in a semi-final match

Adviser has firsthand experience

By Heidi Yi
Staff Reporter

At her desk on the upper level of Building 6, International Student Adviser Mariko Fujiwara helps international students deal with all sorts of problems.

Being an international student herself, she knows how tough it is to live in a foreign country by oneself without knowing anybody.

"It's so difficult to live as a foreign student in USA. There are so many obstacles," said Fujiwara.

She's been an international student since she was a senior in high school. Back in Japan, she got a partial scholarship from Sony for her education, so she finished high school in Connecticut.

She got her bachelor's degree in Pennsylvania in three years, majoring in German language, and got her master's degree in TESOL (teaching English to speakers of other languages).

While she was in graduate school, she was offered a German/Japanese teaching position in the Lake Washington School District.

So she came to Washington and worked as a language teacher, and at the same time, she was offered a Japanese teaching position at Bellevue Community College.

She worked as a language teacher in the Lake Washington School District for about one year. Then she worked as a contractor for four months as a test engineer. She worked on the German and Japanese versions of Microsoft's Internet Explorer 4.0.

From there, she landed at Highline as international students adviser.

Photo by Kirk Elliott

Mariko Fujiwara's experience as an international student made her want to help others.

"So I applied because I thought this would be a wonderful chance to use my background and as well as relate to my major," said Fujiwara.

She started at Highline about two years ago.

"I don't want to go back to schools to teach just languages. I love what I do here. I like to help people because most of all, I know what it feels like to be alone on this vast country," said Fujiwara.

There are many things international student advisers do. They are like families to their students, so they go through every problem students deal with, like relationship, immigrants, class schedules, banking, car accidents, hospitals, setting up a telephone, etc.

"We don't have to go too deeply for problems," Fujiwara said. "It's not mandatory, but think about it.

"You are an international student who just got here, you barely speak English, don't have a car, don't have any relatives nor friends, and you get sick, what are you going to do? You don't have anybody to rely on," said Fujiwara. "Then we are the one who could help them. We actually go visit their apartments and take care of them, trying our best. And most of all, that's what we really want to do, not just for the money."

Fujiwara is also the adviser for the International Club and the English Speaking Association here at Highline.

Also, the advisers advertise for Highline's international program. They put the ad on the magazines and go to the different countries and speak about it.

She's currently working on her status to stay here as long as she wants and she's hoping to get it done sooner and better.

"I wish the college would come together to a multicultural environment, faculties, staff, and students. I want this college to be one. Unite together.

"If you go to cafeteria, then you will be able to see that students are all separated by race; white people sitting only with white people; Chinese people sitting with Chinese people: and so on. I don't want to see that anymore. I like to see many people from different countries sitting at one table and talking," said Fujiwara.

They started an international lunch table every Wednesday at noon to 2 p.m. about six months ago.

Fujiwara encourages every student at Highline to come and join the lunch table in Building 8.

College books library tech program

By Heidi Yi
Staff Reporter

Highline will start an evening apprenticeship program for library technicians this fall.

The college has received endorsement from both the state Workforce Education program and the Public School Employees Union, which first asked Highline to investigate it.

College officials say there is a demand for additional training. About 500 librarians work in King County; a survey done by Highline got about 200 responses and found out that the majority are not well-trained.

Library technicians earn in the range of $20,000 per year.

"Money is not the first thing we look at in the education. They like to work with people and help them to meet their goals. That's why they choose to work in the education area. If they like money, they would become engineers," said Dean of Instruction Bob Eley.

"This new apprenticeship program is being coordinated very closely with our existing Library Technician Associate of Applied Science degree program," Eley said.

Library technicians usually work under the direction of professional librarians. They are employed in businesses and government libraries as well as public libraries, schools, and colleges. The program will be offered at night because most library technicians work during the day, Eley said.

Tuition equals tax credit

By Sarah Crowley
Staff Reporter

Highline students can now receive tax credits on past tuition payments.

Any student who attended Highline in 1998 should have received a 1098T Tuition Payment Statement in the mail, this statement can qualify you for either the Hope or Lifetime Learning tax credit.

To be eligible for the Hope credit you must be enrolled at least part time in a degree or certificate granting program during the first two years of post-secondary education. If you are eligible you can receive a tax credit of up to $1,500 .

The Lifetime Learning tax credit will allow undergraduate, graduate or continuing education students to claim a tax credit of 20 percent of $5,000 per family for educational expenses. Any expenses/tuition paid after June 30, 1998 and any course work that is to improve job skills, qualifies. Restrictions may apply to financial aid, Running Start and International students.

Student payment information is located on the college home page at www.highline.ctc.edu. After answering some basic questions, you will be able to access your personal information.

For further information the Hope and Lifetime tax credits you can refer to the tax publication 970 "Tax Benefits for Higher Education," or log on to the IRS web site @WWW.IRS.USTREAS.GOV/PROD/HOT/NOT97-60.HTML.

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for people to get an idea of what to work toward in the future.

"I was looking for an area to fill in some of the gaps," said Eddie Weber of using the computerized career guidance programs, "I managed to find a path appropriate."

Weber is now in school working toward a degree in Human Services.

The center also offers the use of a library with a substantial amount of career, employment, and college information.

They have programs to help search for colleges and even a resume writing program to provide samples and guide you through creating your own resume.

"If you want to be a powerful person you have to have information," said Russell.

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GARDNER'S HARVEST

PHOTOGRAPHER, SCULPTOR, OLYMPIC HERO FINDS HOME IN HIGHLINE'S HALLS

By Amy K. Cords
Staff Reporter

Art professor Jim Gardiner has taken the art program to a whole new level.

Gardiner has been an instructor at Highline for more than 30 years.

He earned his Bachelor of Arts and his Master's in Fine Arts in Geology and Art from Wayne State University in his hometown of Detroit.

His next adventure led him to Washington, where he decided to stay and teach at Highline.

Gardiner discovered his talent early, or rather it was discovered for him. He was taken out of a mainstream elementary school and given the opportunity to attend a special arts school so that his gift might evolve.

He has often wondered over the years, "Why was I alone, out of 200 other kids given that chance. I might not have been the only gifted child there."

He soon entered high school and his interest shifted from art to sports and girls. The sports would eventually pay off for Gardiner.

His membership on the crew team in college led him to train and become a member of the Olympic Crew team. He competed in the 1956 and 1960 Olympic Games. Taking home the silver medal with his teammates is something that Gardiner remains proud of.

Gardiner has had many interesting travels and adventures, all of which he says has made him a better artist. Traveling has made him more flexible and has forced him to be more open minded. His open mindedness shows in his art work

He has no specific focus. He has taught just about every course in the art program at Highline from Art History to Drawing. He is a sculptor and a photographer.

Gardiner

In his sculpting he utilizes almost every material from clay to neon and in his photographs he takes pictures of landscapes and creations he pieces together himself.

His talents never seem to end. He has participated in several art shows and photography contests. All of which he considers to be assets to his teaching abilities.

Since taking over as art department coordinator five years ago, Gardiner has insisted that Highline's art instructors must be active professionals in their chosen fields of instruction. He says that this aspect adds to the confidence in the classroom, both of the instructors ability to teach and the students level of trust in them.

Gardiner allows advanced students to choose their final projects in their own areas of interest, to offer a more active learning process.

Gardiner defines the art program as a foundation program, because Washington state law requires all students in the pursuit of an associates degree or a four year degree to have at least five credits of art. He provides the means for them to discover their own talent. If they are better suited as a bio-engineer than as a painter he encourages them to pursue that. But at least they can reap the benefits of finding their own way in life.

If indeed art is the path a student is meant to follow, he will help the student discover what their individual talent is.

"Whatever you choose to do in life, be the best," he says.

Gardiner chose teaching as his career because it allows him to be an active participant in his field while providing him a steady income and also allowing him to take extended vacations to enjoy his life and his family.

He shied away from the ultra competitive life of a professional artist as his only occupation because he didn't want to become a slave of his success.

Gardiner says that once you start to sell one kind of art, and you know what will make you the money, you begin to stop taking chances and simply become an instrument.

Gardiner now shares life with his second wife and his three daughters. He has never pushed his daughters into art careers, but he has encouraged them to explore their own talents as he does with his students. He tells them to do what you love in life, regardless if it makes you a lot of money.

Anyone interested in taking an art class or who thinks they might have the slightest bit of artistic talent should either visit the Gardiner in Building 5 or sign-up for an art class Spring Quarter. You never know what you might find.

Jim Gardiner's *Nuked* was taken two years ago. He took the picture because he liked the "funky situation" that symbolized "vulnerability as a human being."

Valentine's Day Quiz

Match the college couples, win the admiration of dozens!

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pros such as sharing friends, supporting one another and discussing mutually concerning ideas.

Eric and Emanuela Baer (both geologists) came to Highline almost two years ago. The couple teaches the same subject and share an office.

A little too close for comfort? Not for these newlyweds, who listed countless advantages to spending so much time together.

"We have the same friends, get a chance to share ideas and carpool," says Emanuela Baer. "Because of all this, our communication is wonderful."

There is room left for improvement, though, said Eric Baer.

"I would recommend getting your own office," he said.

Dr. Ed and Marge Command are well known on Highline's campus for many reasons; including their great working relationship.

Marge Command has been at Highline for 35 years, her husband for 29 years. They both enjoy their time together on and off campus.

All in all the married couples on faculty seem to be having a good time of it. From casual lunches to brisk coffee breaks they are spending ample amounts of time together and enjoying it.

Safety

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on the theme of evening campus safety, Steussy and Walker distributed a survey that would produce feedback from students as to how secure they felt on campus at night. About 30 completed surveys displayed a mixed bag of some positive, but mostly negative results concerning the lighting on campus and visibility of security officers.

"I attend classes in the evening, and it's scary walking to my car from class because the only well-lit area is the main covered path behind Building 6 and directly under the flood lights in the parking lot," one student wrote.

Another student who felt the lighting and security was insufficient, wrote, "Lighting is one of the best deterrents for crime."

In addressing the questions in the survey about the approachability of the security officers in the evening, one student said, "When the library closes at 9:30 p.m. there aren't any security officers by the North parking lot."

Safety whistles were distributed at the social, and a self-defense video was viewed by the approximately 80-120 students in attendance.

"Our next step is to take the information we have and to meet with Chief Fisher...to rectify some areas of concern and see what costs are to replace lights," said Steussy.

Fisher supports the efforts of Walker and Steussy, and is willing to help in any way possible.

Even though Fisher firmly said that he is "not hiring any more officers — that's not going to happen," he will take measures to ensure that the officers who are patrolling in the evenings are more visible.

Likewise, escorts are available at any time, with the disclaimer that you may have to wait a while if there is not one readily available.

For more information concerning escorts or joining a public safety committee, contact Fisher at ext. 3218.

"People have to take responsibility for their own safety, be aware of their surroundings, and don't get into a position where they're likely to get accosted," Fisher said.

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on some kind of project and they almost all call for a pick-up truck. That's why I drive it.

I hear that you're a big outdoorsman.

Ed: We used to do a lot of camping and fishing. We got out of the salmon fishing years ago, in fact it was about 10 years ago when the salmon regulations became so difficult that we sold that particular boat.

So we now do most of our camping in the boat. I have an old ugly boat, it's a '75 cruiser and I'm busy getting it ready for this summer when we plan on spending a couple of weeks in the San Juan Islands in August.

It's a complete change of pace when we go out in the boat. I have a cell phone, but nobody has the number. I'll call in once in awhile to check as I always do when I'm on vacation. No one calls me, if I wanted to see a lot of people I would stay here.

I like to have that change of pace.

After 29 years at the college do you ever have any thoughts about retiring?

Ed: I get that question quite commonly. Yes, someday I will retire. There are a few things I would like to accomplish first. I think you need a new president every once in a while.

When the day comes for you to retire what will you do?

Ed: (laughs) Probably rest.

What are some things that you would like to see happen at the college?

Ed: Well, I usually deflect you by saying, 'go read the strategic plan.' (laughs) I think I try my best to avoid the vision thing, some people are very good at it and that's so compelling that it draws everyone along. I prefer to... and I think my strengths are... to try to promote a common feeling and direction. I try to promote what's good and strong about the college and have other people develop issues.

If the president's vision isn't shared and supported by the faculty and staff it's an illusion.

That summarizes in kind of a... humorous manner, what I think about vision statements. So, I try to avoid them.

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