Evening security to get upgrade

By Katie Widmer
Staff Reporter

Campus safety for evening students is to the minds of some improvements.

Evening Student Senator Lucy Walker and Educational Planner Dennis Steussy are on the committee to improve campus safety for evening students. The committee met on Monday, Feb. 9, to discuss the safety of the campus.

The committee's efforts include improving the lighting of the campus and ensuring that security officers are available as escorts, if needed.

"We feel that our lighting is not adequate," said Steussy. "We are currently working on upgrading the campus lights.

Over the years, the technology of light has evolved. Now, brighter, more efficient lights are available. We will be replacing the lights that are over 10 years old.

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However, we need to remember that there are some issues that students may find concerning the nighttime environment on campus.

Eric Bear and Emmanuela Agostam went on to produce nine children before their separation. Donna Weber, assistant to Dean Bob Engstrom, and Duke Applegate, Central Services; psychology professor Bob Baugher and Kris Baugher, Worker Retraining; Highline President Ed Command, and Tammy Noyer, administration; and Ron Engstrom, work study, are some who are concerned about the campus environment.

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Love crimes heat up as Valentine's Day approaches

As Valentine's Day draws near, incidents of love crimes increase. 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 over a cup of hot chocolate out of her hands. The ex then stormed away, churning up the scene. The incidents occurred on Feb. 5.

Car damaged, victim keys in on culprit

A similar incident transpired, when another student found her car had been keyed. The car was parked in the East lot on Feb. 9.

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

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

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.

Introduction to Islam, and free food

The Muslim Student Association will be holding an introduction 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 Linton Prenovost at ext. 3878.

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HCC reaching out to local high schools

By Gerry DiPietro and Talitha Vanzo

Staff Reporters

Highline’s Outreach Program may not have hands, but it’s grabbing the attention of area high schools. The purpose of the Outreach program is to develop a connection between Highline and high school students. This gives them a chance to look at what we have to offer to them as prospective students.

“Giving presentations and organizing events like High School Principal Counselor Day is a chance for these people to tour the campus and see what the college has to offer,” said Heather Overman, a first year member as an outreach specialist.

Outreach also works with other programs here on campus to help target different students and schools in the area. They also use these programs to help present to the community at fairs and business what we are and what we stand for.

Once they have talked to the students, mostly graduating seniors, they go and talk to parents and helps them understand what is it that Highline has to offer and work out plans for possible enrollment the next year. “It’s easy to sell Highline because the people are nice and there are many good things that go on here,” said Overman. Overman also is the assistant softball coach here at Highline and was just accepted to join the firefighters work force. She is considering taking a leave of absence to pursue a firefighting career.

Jason Prenovost, one of the five outreach specialists, believes he has a much better understanding of the students when he recruits them himself. He also recruits for soccer. “I like seeing students come in as freshmen and moving on whether it’s with an AA or just transferring to a university.”

Prenovost said, “I have a lot of pride in this college and student athletes because it’s more than just a job, it’s something you truly dedicate yourself through.”

He has been recruiting for about five years and says it’s been a real pleasure dealing with prospective students while selling the school and sports teams to them.

“I went to Highline and then transferred to a university and graduated. I believe going here made a difference and I enjoy sharing this with students,” said Prenovost.

He also enjoys recruiting students one year and then seeing them the year after, knowing he had a part in bringing them to campus.

As a result of the Outreach Program efforts they are able to put on programs such as Principal Counselor Day. On this day, high school students come to Highline and get a chance to see the campus. Counselors have a chance to learn more about the programs and classes the college has to offer.

This year’s Principal Counselor Day will be held on March 18.

To any students thinking of coming to Highline, Prenovost urges students coming to Highline to “find a support network on campus, through various clubs and organizations we have.”

To find out more info on Outreach call 878-7370 ext. 3935.

Speaker says science creates unhappiness

By Solana Kloby

Staff Reporter

Different scientific advances can result in our happiness. Dr. Edward Perrin, Internationally known bio-statistician from the UW School of Public Health, talked to students Wednesday morning in Contemporary Voices about the advances in science that has brought happiness into our lives.

“What do you think are the most scientific advances that have happened in your lifetime?” Perrin said. Students raised their hands in response and said things such as cell phones, decoding of the genome, fax machines, etc.

Perrin then placed an overhead of examples of scientific advances that took place when he was growing up and those included the Polio vaccine, television, radio, etc.

“There is a difference between pleasure and happiness according to the Webster Dictionary,” said Perrin.

These scientific advances that our society is making may or may not make people happy. “The more we learn the more unhappy we can be,” said Perrin.

An example of this was with television. Students expressed that television can teach about other cultures, which can be pleasurable, but it has its negative influences, which do not create happiness.

Perrin took this idea and applied it to the genetic decoding. Perrin told students that there is enough technology now that it would be possible for scientists to take a little bit of someone’s DNA and figure out that person’s genetic makeup. “Scientists are always trying to find answers,” Perrin said.

This genetic makeup would show which diseases you have in your DNA. Perrin explained the positive side to this, which was if this was done with us embryos the DNA that contained the diseased makeup could be replaced with one that was not. This would altogether solve that problem.

The negative effects that were mentioned was this fear could be used to eliminate certain individuals.

“There is a sort of competition in science,” said Perrin. “Coming in second in science makes coming in second in a football game.”

“Science and happiness can be related but it depends very much how scientific technology plays out and how you respond to it,” said Perrin.
Opinion

Smoke-free campus would do more good than harm

Highline should go smoke-free. The smokers on this campus are in a constant battle with the non-smokers over smoking rights. The college could solve this problem once and for all by declaring Highline smoke-free.

The college has considered this before but threw it out because it would cause students to leave. This is true but what is overlooked is the fact that this feature would also draw students. Institutions such as restaurants which have gone smoke-free actually report an increase in business plus big reductions in cleaning costs.

The argument that a smoke-free campus would discourage enrollment is bogus. The few people who would leave the college over this feature would be offset by the number of people who would be inspired to walk around campus and not have to inhale other people’s second-hand smoke.

Secondhand smoke has been demonstrated fairly conclusively to be a serious health risk and it is not the place of a person who chooses not to smoke to violate a non-smoker’s right to clean air. Smokers often complain that banning smoking is an infringement of their rights, but an institution has the right to ban smoking on its property. It is not an infringement of anyone’s rights.

The estimated two-thirds of Highline students who choose not to smoke have a right to smoke-free air. The fact that Highline allows smoking is as big an infringement on their rights as a smoke-free campus would be on smokers.

A no-smoking rule would not be nearly as difficult to enforce as one which merely restrict and regulate smoking. An all-out ban would be the best way to deal with the smoking issue.

Women’s B-ball is on a roll

The Women’s basketball team is on a roll. Even with their recent loss to Whidbey they are 10-1 in their division and 17-6 overall. Women basketball is on a roll the Lady T-birds appear to be the team to beat in the division and in the state.

This year however, the Lady T-birds are on a roll. Even with their recent loss to Whatcom they are 10-1 in their division and 17-6 overall. The season is a long way from over but the Lady Thunderbirds appear to be making a huge comeback both from the beginning of the season and from last season.

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Swimsuit issue much like fine art

Yes ladies and gentleman (especially the ladies) it’s that time of year again.

No, not Chinese New Year. The annual Sports Illustrated Swimsuit Edition has finally hit the newsstands.

Now before you decide that I am just another male chauvinist pig, let me explain. I am only expressing my appreciation for the female form. Just like someone admires Mona Lisa, Venus de Milo, or any other piece of classic renaissance art, I admire this bevy of scientifically clad womans.

[Side note: Any guy who claims he is buying this magazine just to read the articles is full of crap.]

This year’s masterpiece was shot in the not-so-Virgin Islands. Land of tropical beaches and apparently swimsuit models.

It even has six supermodels to boot! All in nothing but their birthday suits. They are actually covered... kind of... in paint.

My favorite model? Chandra North. Do you think I have a chance?

Inspired by the spirit of Valentine’s Day I have written the following poem for my favorite superhero:

You are my magnetic north.

You draw my compass point toward you.

Now, I go forth.

Hoping one day to find you.

Your skimpy bikini fits so well.

Oh, how you make my heart swell.

For all of the men out there who have not yet perfected their poetic versifies I have the perfect solution. I have found the perfect gift to give to the love of your life. Just what every woman needs.

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Happy New Year from Vietnam

By Miyoung Tran

International Student Senator

Happy Lunar New Year! Yes, it is time to celebrate Vietnam New Year, a very important festival in the Vietnamese culture.

The Chinese New Year is very similar and probably sounds more familiar. Tet, the Vietnamese word for New Year, celebrates the beginning of spring, new hopes, and promises for the year.

So let’s celebrate!

This is exactly what the student government plans to do. On Feb. 17, there will be the All Around the World Celebration.

This is a great opportunity for students as well as staff and faculty to learn a little bit more about the Vietnamese culture and their ways of celebrating New Year.

Along with learning more about the Vietnamese culture, the traditions of other cultures around the world will be displayed in the fashion show part of the event.

This celebration takes place in the upper level of Building 8 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Some of the events that will be happening are Lion/Dragon Dance along with fireworks, international essay contest, and the food festival.

So come and experience for yourself a little bit of the Lunar New Year and traditions from ‘All Around the World.’

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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 wry writers who make around $50,000 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 scientific list:
1. The president has a former cabinet member, Henry Cisnaros, under indictment for lying about sex under oath. His former mistress has already served a year in jail for black-mailing Henry.
2. The Oval Office is not a bedroom. Having to point this out is a bit like saying that the room is just barely a bedroom.
3. The Lincoln bed-chamber is not a在床上. Actually, the Lincoln bedroom is just barely a bedroom.
4. The world is confused by these impeachment procedures over sex. The world is also confused by the sexual harassment 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.
6. 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.
7. If the Republicans were to play the Dick Morris-Clinton game, they would get a far 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.
8. "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 artist historian from a prestigious university on the east coast, I am certain that, then 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.
9. Ken Starr is the meanest, sickest ex-judge ever. He is a total crank who displays a 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 surplus which they now hide.
10. 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 surplus which they now hide.
11. Clinton is a shallow, superficial person who displays a powerful emoii and sincere desire to be a real, whole person, but his difficult childhood and adolescence closed the door on all that.
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.
15. Clinton should resign.

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 from 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 effort lessly 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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Roman Gods and Goddesses. She was also known as the Goddess of women and marriage. A festival to commemorate Queen Juno, 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, so 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!

Song’s favorite candle heart is the pink "be mine" heart.

Valentine’s Day? I say bah, humbug, this isn’t romance.

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 Valentine’s Day would have to be toned down and we’d get "Happy Mid-Winter!" cards with lovely snowcaps and small festive 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, 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, isn’t 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.

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

-- Paris

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

-- O"

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

HAPPY VALENTINE’S DAY!

Jonathan —

My dearest husband:

love, always, Sphyxter Girl

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

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

A book of essays from parents 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 sting 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 pursuing the magazine rack when I came across a children's book. It had thumbprint, green-colored characters.

Apparently, the 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 inferior and that they should be exterminated with "faggots." The father also responded that his "responsibility." "I wonder if this group of 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.

By Derek Roche
Staff Reporter

For a film like My Favorite Martian to work, a certain amount of charm is necessary. Without it, the end result is an empty feeling, coming to a plot. We leave the theater with an obvious direction, much like that. What we have here is yet another retread of the "Fish Out of Water" genre. This particular film deviates from the original Beverly Hills Cop movie in that it has scenes - they're heavy on effects but they create very little impact. MFM has scenes like that.

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With this being open to all students, faculty, and anyone off the street, everyone is more than 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.

'Swimming with zing' / 'Last Days' tells survivors' stories

By Marta D. Pelayo
Staff Reporter

'Swimming with zing' at the swing dance held last Thursday, Feb. 4. The dance was sponsored by Team Highline.

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 forced sterilization tests on Jews in the Auschwitz camp.

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

The film focuses on Hungarian Jews because of the intense crimes that occurred there in a short time. The number of deaths that occurred 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 Lak Calaha, teacher Renee Firestone, businesswoman Bill Bush, 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 possibly want from her after having taken her mother, other, siblings and friends, Uszana realized the one thing that could not be stolen, the one thing that would pull her through: "They'll never take my soul."

'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 p.m. in Building 8 in Twarz.

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 for the middle of the day which attracted only afternoon students.

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'Martian' your typical cheezy fare

By Elizabeth Hurley
Invites aliens in 'My Favorite Martian'

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What we have here is yet another rendition 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 unlikeable.

Director Donald Petrie provides a sense of humor, and his comic timing is completely off. 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 watches.

Elizabeth Hurley invites aliens in 'My Favorite Martian'
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 Mi-Young 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 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, "Unequable." Tran and others are performing a Vietnamese dance to a song called, "Tuong Tu Khuc." The variety of foods includes shows mean, fried rice, egg rolls, Thai food, Indonesian cuisine, quesadillas, and Ethopian food.

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

The festival is also an extension of last year's fashion show. This year, the show will be at 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., including fashions of Vietnamese, Cambodian, Thai, Korean, Kihuga, and many other cultures.

The festivities begin at 11 a.m. and end after a mingling session at 2 p.m.

Where it's at

- The Really Big Arts show is coming! Get out your drawings, photos of your puppies, sculptures you made re-enacting the love scene in Ghost and submit your entries by Monday, Feb. 22 in Building 8. If you're more the critic type, then here's your chance to judge the entries on Tuesday, Feb. 23 and Wednesday, Feb. 24.
- The quarterly Comedy Cafe is set for March 5 at 8-10 p.m. in Building 8.
- The Frighthouse Art Gallery in Tacoma presents "People in Motion," where artists, "interpret the human race in visual mode." Hours are Mon-Sat 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sun. 12-5 p.m. Call (253) 383-9765 for details. The exhibit runs until March 29.

Learning the ABC's of Salsa

By Derek Roche
Staff Reporter

Although my once flourish-
ing dance career came to an un-
expected, sudden halt when I pulled my groin muscle in a sor-
ry 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 jive has vanished from the collective conscience of our all too fickles pop-culture.

Widely popular in Miami and California, salsa, merengue, and cumbias 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.

Fims such as the recent Dance With Me, music videos (Will Smith's Salsa) 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. "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 of-fer 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 swinging 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 composed of 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 peri-

do 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 ses-

sion because they always find the first practice remarkably encouraging.

"I loved teaching, but perfor-

mance 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 Solaina Kloboy
Staff Reporter

Get into the spirit of Black History month by attending the Adefua African Dance perfor-

mance. It will be in Building 8, downstairs from 11 a.m. to noon, Thursday, Feb. 18. This event is free. There will be a performance for everyone along with time for students and facult-
	y to learn how to African dance. These African dancers per-

formed here at Highline in 1996. There is a minimum of six dancers in their perfor-

mance, but more are expected to be in the performance here at Highline. The group will perform dances from east Africa and south Africa.

The group, made up of both men and women, performs around the Seattle area at col-

leges and other schools.

"It's for students to learn where African music comes from and to have fun," said Esther Kihuga, member of Team Highline.

The event is one of several commemorating Black History Month on campus.

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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 paint or in any other art form. The Guild meets twice a month and has a membership of approximately 20 students, most of whom have an interest in visual arts. Anyone interested in joining the club may do so by calling Gary Nelson at 206-878-3710, ext. 5506.

Environmental Club looks out for the earth

By CHRISTIAN YELESCUPIDEZ
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 Frueli, a student of chemistry and environmental science, asked whether there would be an environmental club. Barclay's, a science instructor and the Environmental Club advisor. In 1997, Frueli asked Barclay if he was interested in being an advisor for the environmental club. Barclay was interested, and they have been meeting for two years. "She (Frueli) comes back to visit me," Barclay said.

"My goal specifically is to facilitate their activities and try to make sure 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 Environmental Club 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." -Gary Nelson, Highline Artists Guild adviser

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

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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 interest and motivation.

"The people who succeed are those who are willing to give of themselves," Nelson 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 and five-year nursing students, and involve themselves in the community.

The students in the group aid 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 Newel.

The club's goal is to raise enough money doing various fundraisers, such as tuition, books, 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 Fosdy 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 Fosdy or Newel at ext. 3759.

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

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

By YONG ELLIS
Inside Scoop

BSU aims for excellence, achievement

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-esteem 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 are as follows: President, Marvin Lockhart; Vice President, Jarvis Henderson; Deepa Seneviratne, Secretary; Kimberly Turner, Program Director; Erin Wilkla, 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 Ethnics Fashion Show and International Food Fest will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 17.

African Dancers: "Adefus" 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 Tuskegee Airmen Society Chapter in Building 7, 2000-1:00 pm.

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

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

Advertising for clubs is simple. Just make signs, 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. Come see student government today.

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, Transsexuals 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 GLBT's to meet others on campus like them without a club like this. It also provides an opportunity to talk and study with other people.

"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.

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

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 to recruiting the deaf community to come and learn. Community contact was a big reason the club was formed.

"ASL is harder to learn than Mandarin Chinese," -- Dale Bird, ASL president

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 email at asl.hec.honmail or there is a box in the student center, building 8 for questions, comments or concerns.

SPEAK club starting over

By SANTANA VILLA
Inside Scoop

Speak club can help low-income students.

"Speak club lost all its members this year," Gaynorh Winkert, club advisor said. "Kellie 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 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 they special needs," Winkler said.

"The club members work together providing emotional support and encouraging students parents to excel 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.

Activities include general meetings held the first Wednesday of every month, 2 p.m., Building 12-203, induction ceremony for 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 advisor.

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 will be 10 percent of 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 you have 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 educe 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 many students know about earthquakes in our area and in California.

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

The Geology Club on a field trip last summer.

The meeting include Bible study, prayer and other activities to help encourage biblical principles.

"It made a difference just to be around some Christians," said Sill, speaking of a Christian club he was involved in as a student. Real Life organizers and participants in social activities and retreats with other community colleges in the area and the University of Washington.
ESAS 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 interact with other students as well as to create diversity among each other.

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

"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 Manako Fujimura, adviser to the English Speaking Association.

The ESA 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 Ejikura. Other officers include vice-president Keita Kiyura, secretary Naho Saito and Yukiko Sekine, and treasurer Miyuki Umemoto 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 talk in their language and not try to speak English," said Fujimura.

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

Muslim group rises again

By DAVON HOWARD

and ERIC WORDEN

The Muslim Student Association was inactive for a number of years due to loss of interest. In Fall 1998, with new students and advisor Highline student Hiwasa Dujerdjic.

"People have and always will continue to have misconceptions about Islam," said Dujerdjic. "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. Dujerdjic'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 Dujerdjic. "Islamic women wear hijab to cover themselves out of respect for God, their husband and for themselves."

"People wonder why we cover ourselves," Dujerdjic 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 Faye Siraj.

"The Islamic religion is completely different," said Siraj. "Ohio State is also one of the new members of the MSA."

The Nation of Islam started in 1930s to uplift the black race and the Islamic religion is a way of life for all people that are based five main pillars, says Dujerdjic.

To find more information about the club and members 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 Mohammad Jahan, 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 volunteered 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 Shaulandra 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 help children. It's 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.

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 VANZQ

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 as a junior once you get your AA degree at Highline.

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

A community of students to Hiqley 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.

Hiqley thinks that students helping students is one of the best ways of counting. 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.
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Gospel group brings people together

By C. MATHISON Inside Scoop

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 Libbye Patrick. The club currently has 10 active members.

Patrick 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 across 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 next performance. Patrick says that she and the club draw much of their inspiration from Gospel pioneers like Mahalia Jackson and Shelley Caesar. She is looking forward to a Kirk Franklin concert. His new album "New Nation" is a Gospel extravaganza that will take place in April.

Gospel Choir members perform on campus earlier this year.

Photo courtesy of Kristi Neiser

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 Gwenshyn 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 Emmanuell Chabah at ext. 6194 or Windon in Building 23, room 114, ext. 3030 for 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.

"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 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 indispensable source for news on campus," he said. The Thunderword manages to come out every week, even with what one student praised 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 contents 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

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

This club has been around here at Highline for about two years and has about 20-25 members. Jeff Chinglo 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 11:30 A.M. A stance 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.

API club members perform on campus earlier this year.

Photo courtesy of Kristi Neiser

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.

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

Their goals are to support one another as members of a foreign culture, 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 fun and exciting establishment.

For more information, contact Mahmoud in Building 19, room 202; call 206-878-3710, ext. 3032; or via e-mail at amahmoud@hcc.ctc9.edu.

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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 struggled with a largely uninspired ball, repeatedly allowing Whatcom back in the game.

"We probably underestimated Whatcom's talent," Madsen said. After seven lead changes, the teams headed into the half with the Orcas leading 32-29 on the strength of a 7-0 run over the final 1.2 seconds. "You've got to give them credit," Head Coach Jeff Albrecht said. "They're a tough team 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 Herriott three-pointers with 6:31 remaining. 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 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. Herriott led Whatcom with 19 points and six rebounds. Results for Wednesday's battle for third place at Skagit 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. "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 Kustan 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. Alumni and student members make up the booster club." "He (Valentine) never mentioned anything to me," said Kustan.

Hubbard raises his game at Highline

By Shawanna McElroy
Staff Reporter

The Thunderbirds new center, 6'7 freshman Tom Hubbard, is a former Kentwood all-star who brings inside and outside shooting and my weakness is my dribbling," Hubbard said. Hubbard has a passion for life and the game, which shows when he plays," says Dunn. "He displays this with a great attitude.

Tom Hubbard calls a play in the game against Olympic. North first team, all-area, all-tournament, and played in California for the All-star game. 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 defensively," says Head Coach Jeff Albrecht. "He can shoot the three, has great post moves, good passer, and an overall good guy to be around."
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 play, 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 Des White. "No one can underestimate it."

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

The night started off badly for Highline when starting point guard Shawsa 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 court.

Luck seemed to play against the women's team as well. When a multitude of questionable fouls called by the officials found a few players in foul trouble early in 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 foul out, followed by Nicole Ulrich leaving to join Amie Johnson leaving to join McElroy and Goff soon after.

Despite the loss to Whatcom some of the Thunderbirds came away with big gains. 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.

Highline has already put the loss behind them and put all of their concentration into last night's game against Edmonds.

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

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

The results from Wednesday night's 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 prevent a once-bounced scat.

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 two-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."

Johnson started playing basketball in the fifth grade but didn't inherit 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 SeaTuc 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 fiancée 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 dual 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 Olsen. "Dennis, he sees things that no one can see and knows how to bring it out."

And as far as teammates go, she said 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 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 but 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 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 to go.

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

The decision to have a women's team here at Highline was made because of the number of talented athletes already on the team.

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 Pennie.

"This year is definitely a building year for the women's track team," says Brigham. This year's team has big 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.
Highline crowns a champ

In case anyone missed it, the National Junior College Athletic Association Region XVII 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 this championship.

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.

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

Wrestlers head to nationals

By Micah Adams
Staff Reporte

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 with a workmanlike 6-2 decision. NIC will have 10 wrestlers representing them at nationals. "All American -- that would be sweet," said Barnet.

Highline also got the back of the draw by sending Eric Worden at 165 pounds and James Morgan at 184 pounds on wild card spots. 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.

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

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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 warm-up before the meet.

Left: John Henry of Clackamas gets bloodied by Highline's John Morgan in a semi-final match.
College books
library tech program
By Heidi Yi

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.

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

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Tuition equals tax credit
By Sarah Crowley

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 enroll 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 per year. The first two years of college is a full time equivalent for the purpose of the Hope credit. 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.

For more information, call Dr. John Huber, 206-878-3710, ext. 3845.

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GARDINER'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.

In high school, Gardiner was a part of the crew team in the 1956 and 1960 Olympic Games. Taking home the silver medal, he has made him more flexible and has forced him to be more open-minded. His mindfulness shows in his art work.

Gardiner has had many interesting travels and adventures, all of which he says has made him a better artist. Travelling has made him more flexible and has forced him to be more open-minded. His openness 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. In his sculpture, he utilizes almost every material from clay to neon and in his photographs he takes pictures of landscapes and creations he pieces together himself.

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 own 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.

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 'Naked' was taken two years ago. He took the picture because he liked the "funky situation" that symbolized "vulnerability as a human being."
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Eric and Emanuela Baer (both geologists) to... and I think my strengths is wonderful. Yes, 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 reflect what will you do? You would like to see happen at the college? You by saying, 'go read the stra... and that's so compelling that it draws everyone along. I prefer to... and I think my strengths are at any time, with the disposition to promote what's good and strong about the college and have other people developing ideas. And Marge Command has been in Highline for 35 years, her husband for 29, and they seem to enjoy it. Spending ample amounts of time together and enjoying it.

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