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Vehicle damage, rudeness cause area businesses to tow



Photo by Heather Baker
A student's car is towed from Baskin Robbins last week. Local merchants have lost patience with students whose parking habits cause them trouble.

By Talitha Vanzo
Staff Reporter

The free parking period is over for Highline students as of Feb. 10 when Midway Transmission, Baskin Robbins and Almost New Collectibles II towed at least eight cars from the parking lots.

Storeowners are fed up with the hassles that they and their customers have to deal with on a daily basis.

Initially, store owners al-

lowed some students to park in the outlying parking area if they stayed out of the way of the customers and staff and if they parked in an orderly fashion.

After a while though more students began to park there haphazardly. In one instance a student's car dented a customer's car.

At another time someone flipped off one of the staff at Almost New Collectibles II when he told them that they need to move their car.

Storeowners are also upset that students are blocking their cars into the parking lot so that store owners are unable to move their own cars.

Many times they have come out to tell students to move their cars and they have been yelled and cursed at.

It was actions like these that have caused the store owners to put their feet down and say that

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The people with the power

Highline's trustees have the hammer in hiring decision

By Lora Curdy
and Melinda Charlshe
Staff Reporters

After all of the candidates have been sifted and sorted, the decision on who will replace

Highline's longtime president will be placed into the hands of the Board of Trustees.

From the beginning, when Ed Command announced his retirement last July, the five governor-appointed members of the Board have been at the head of a nationwide search to find a replacement.

"Very clearly the most important thing we're going to do is select the next president for Highline," said J. Michael Emerson, board member.



Photo courtesy of Virg Staiger
Board of Trustees members Arun Jhaveri, left, Elizabeth Chen, J. Michael Emerson, Karen Keiser and Esther Patrick.

The Board of Trustees is a group of five people who have to make decisions for the college, from granting or denying tenure to faculty members to approving changes in academic policy. They have final say on Highline's budget. They set the college's direction.

Choosing a new president will say a lot about where Highline is going. Board members say they are taking the task very seriously.

They have interviewed former Highline trustees to discover what they were looking for when they selected

Board of Trustees members have diverse backgrounds; see profiles, page 14.

Command in 1990.

The Board has also hired Gold Hill Associates, a North Carolina based consulting firm, which has assisted in developing a profile for an ideal presidential candidate. Gold Hill has successfully helped choose presidents for many colleges, including Lake Washington Technical College.

Gold Hill will make recommendations late next week.

"I want to make sure that this is our process," added Board vice chairwoman Esther Patrick, "and I want to actively involve everyone at Highline."

The board is well on their way to finding a new president, following a timeline that concludes with the May 2000 deadline.

According to the Trustees' outline of criteria desired for the position, the next president must have a master's degree, although a doctorate is

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Projector theft ring hits Highline

By Talitha Vanzo
Staff Reporter

Highline is just one of many colleges in the Northwest that have suffered from a string of data projector thefts. Highline was hit Dec. 3, followed by two attempted thefts Jan. 17 and again on Jan. 18.

North Seattle Community College, Shoreline Community College, South Sound Community College, Pacific Lutheran University, University of Puget Sound, Seattle Central Community College, Edmonds Community College, Green River Community College and Bellevue Community College are all of the other known colleges in the area that have been hit by these thieves.

These all have been random hits and this is making it hard on anyone involved in the case since they don't know where they will be next.

"They haven't been using any kind of pattern," said Richard Fisher, chief of Campus Security.

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Crime Blotter for week of Feb. 10- Feb. 16

Portrait of a criminal

A sketch of a cottage in a silver frame was stolen from the fourth floor library art gallery on St. Valentine's day.

Darlene Rangitsch, the artist, and Security would like to be contacted if anyone has any information dealing with the theft. Please call 206-878-3710 ext. 3234 or ext. 3218 if you have any information.

Strange scratches on car

A student parked his '96 Acura Integra in the south lot Feb. 9 at 8:30 a.m. and returned to it at 12:30 p.m. only to find slight scratches on the top of the trunk. Both sides of the front bumper were also pulled out. The damage was estimated at \$127.

Police search runs through campus

Campus Security assisted the Des Moines Police Department Feb. 10 in the search for suspected car prowlers. They were thought to be near the Newport Apartments and might have entered through the north lot.

The suspects were not found at the time.

Lost and found all in one day

A student reported that her Honda was missing on Feb. 15. The case was turned over to the Des Moines Police Department and the car was found later that afternoon by the King County Police Department.

Traffic jam in parking lot

Student and staff cars along with Metro buses were blocked by at least 20 school buses from high schools around Washington State Feb. 11.

Security tried to move all of the buses to the Midway parking lot but student vehicles were still blocking several buses.

Compiled by
Talitha Vanzo

Local government crucial says speaker

Politics differ the world over explains speaker.

By Joy Thrall
Staff Reporter

Margaret Pageler, president of the Seattle City Council, views local politics as an extremely important part of American society.

"Every time you turn on a light or flush a toilet, government works," she said.

Her speech was part of the Contemporary Voices lecture series titled Honors Colloquy, that is held in Building 7 every Wednesday at 11 a.m.

Pageler is especially appreciative of American local government because she was born and raised in China, where her parents were missionaries, during the Communist takeover.

In America we take things such as public sanitation for granted, and we assume that the police are looking out for the best interest of the public, Pageler said.

In China there was no public sanitation, and police officers were representatives of the current government, not protectors of the people.

Pageler came to America at

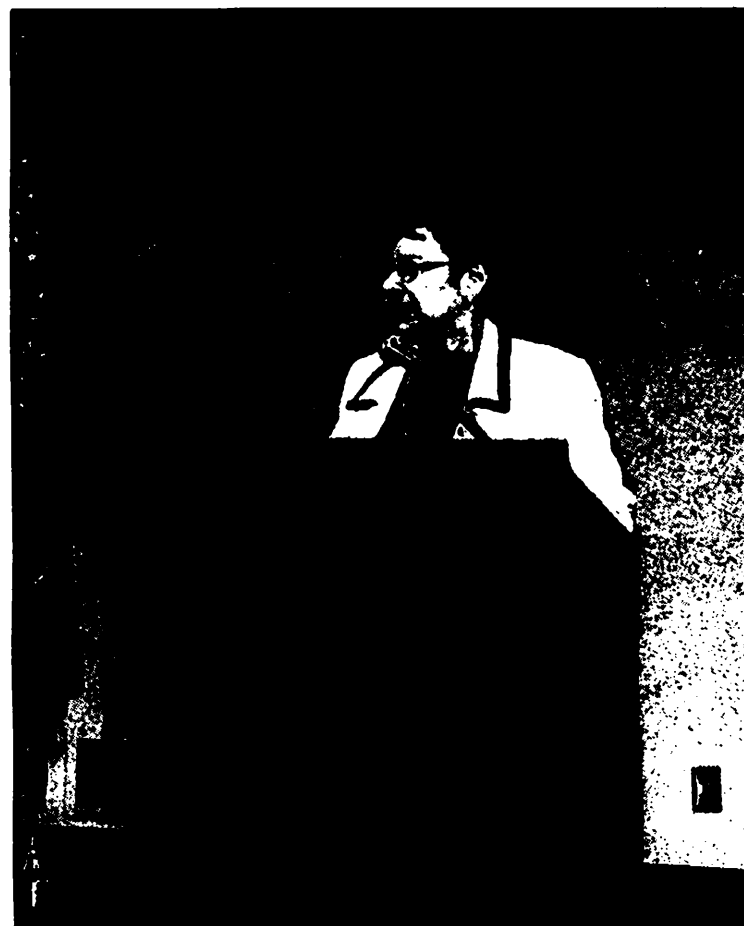


Photo by Yong Ellis
Margaret Pageler talks about the benefits of local government in America on Wednesday in Building 7.

the age of 15, and recalled being fascinated by what she learned in her history classes.

"It was really interesting to me how America has changed over time," she said.

Coming from China, it was

simply amazing to Pageler that American society went through such huge changes without major conflict or war. She attributes much of this to the efficiency of local governments.

Writers of fiction, drama, poetry or other creative nonfiction work are welcome to attend the meetings every Tuesday from 1:15 to 3:15 p.m. in Building 22, room 204

Islam culture explored

A forum entitled: "Sexuality in Islam: Purity, Dignity, Satisfaction" will be held Tuesday Feb. 29 at noon in Building 7. Among the issues being discussed will be female circumcision, family values, Hijab and premarital sex.

Congresswoman to speak on campus

In honor of Black History Month, Congresswoman

"Every time you turn on a light or flush a toilet, government works."

--Margaret Pageler

Trusted elected officials facilitate public change said Pageler.

Our belief and faith in representative democracy is somewhat fading, she said.

"The notion of representative democracy is being challenged by direct democracy."

This is illustrated by I-695, Pageler said.

"The premise that you can elect good, honest, thoughtful leaders is being challenged."

The pendulum is swinging from an interest in the greater good to a search for solutions to individual problems, she said.

Their's a challenge of balancing the public good with special interest says Pageler.

"It's a wonderful time at the turn of the millennium to be an elected official."

Next week's speaker will be Helen Burn from Highline's Math Department.

Maxine Waters will be speaking on Thursday, Feb. 24 at 11 a.m. in Building 7. She is an outspoken advocate for women, children and people of color, and is a leading force in American politics. The forum is titled, "Politics, Activism, and Equality: A Conversation with Congresswoman Maxine Waters."

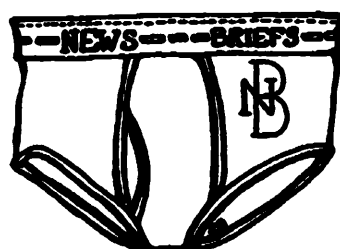
Learn to manage your funds better

Christine Holmes and BECU will hold a series that

is intended to help people better understand their financial responsibilities. The topics to be covered include better budgeting, dealing with debt, understanding credit repair and buying a car. The series is free but pre-registration is required.

Latin film historian coming to campus

Dennis West will hold a workshop, titled "The use of Film and Video in the Classroom," in Building 2 of Feb. 29 from 2:15 to 4 p.m.



University of Phoenix coming to campus

An adviser from the University of Phoenix will be here on campus to answer questions about attending the school. Drop in Feb. 23 in Building 6 from 10:20 a.m. to 1 p.m. No appointment is needed.

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Eating disorders brought to forefront

By Rachele Corella
Staff Reporter

Eating disorders are a serious problem in today's society, a problem that specialist Linda Zobrist compares to hypothermia.

"You get so cold that you can't warm yourself up again," said Zobrist. She said that this is why people with eating disorders need outside help to combat their problem.

A presentation by Zobrist on Tuesday at noon kicked off Highline's activities for Eating Disorder Awareness Week. About 20 people were present, predominantly women.

Zobrist began by introducing herself and explaining that she has personally struggled with an eating disorder. She has struggled with binge eating since a very young age.

"I know the pain of low self-esteem and ... the feeling that my body is unacceptable," Zobrist said.

She attended Highline and graduated with her associate of arts degree, then went on to get her bachelor's from Western Washington University and her master's from Seattle University.

Zobrist said that Swedish Medical Center, where she works, is one of only six eating disorder treatment centers in the country.

They treat about 250 women and six to seven men per year. The center's goal is simple, to prevent eating disorders.



Photo by Yong Ellis

Linda Zobrist speaks about eating disorders, such as bulimia, and anorexia on Tuesday, Feb. 15 in Building 7.

"I would love it if I worked myself out of a job," Zobrist said.

The first half of her presentation was devoted to facts on eating disorders. She distinguished between disordered eating, which is the infrequent practice of slightly unhealthy eating habits, and eating disorders, which are frequent and cause social, school and work problems.

According to Zobrist, more than 15 million Americans suf-

fer from eating disorders, and the average age of onset is 15-17.

Zobrist said that women with eating disorders are often perfectionists and many of them suffer from depression, anxiety disorders, obsessive-compulsive disorder, or substance abuse. Many have had a traumatic experience in their past, such as abuse.

Zobrist places eating disorders into four categories: anor-

exia, bulimia, binge eating, and any eating disorders that do not fit the criteria of the other three.

Anorexia is characterized by massive diet restrictions, while those with bulimia follow a pattern of bingeing and purging. Binge eating is consuming large amounts of food without purging.

Zobrist also addressed the cultural and media influences that impact eating disorders. She showed slides of women from other countries and women from the past to illustrate differing standards of beauty.

Zobrist criticized society's present image of the ideal woman, saying that many of these women on magazine covers are airbrushed. She said that we are being asked to look like pictures in magazines, when the women in those pictures don't even look that perfect without the help of modern technology.

"The message that society gives women is that 'You can never be too rich or too thin.' That's not true. I work with people who are dying because they are too thin," said Zobrist.

She said that our role models have gotten more realistic with women in television such as Rosie O'Donnell and Camryn Manheim, but we still have a long way to go.

Highline's other activity for Eating Disorder Awareness Week, a film viewing and discussion, will take place today.

The film will last from noon to 1 p.m. and will be directly followed by a discussion.

Board members faced with replacing Ed

Trustees

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is preferred. In addition, he or she must be successful at the senior level of administration in higher education, with teaching experience desirable.

The person must have strong, decisive leadership ability, and must have interpersonal, intercultural, and communication skills.

Finally, a candidate should show support of student services that promote student success.

Trustees say they have particular things they are looking for.

Board member Karen Keiser doesn't have one specific quality that she would like to see in the next president; she wants the next president to have a vision for the college, along with good leadership qualities.

As described by Trustee Arun Jhaveri, the process will be very "open and consistent." He said that they are looking for someone who will "think locally and act globally."

He hopes that this philosophy will prepare students for the next millennium.

He also encourages more students to take an active part in the selection process since the Board's selection will effect how Highline is ran.

"A community perspective is important to the college," he said.

A campus committee that includes Board Member Elizabeth Chen has whittled 23 initial applicants down to 10. That means the Trustees will be faced with hard choices in the next few months.

Chen is aware of the challenge that she and the other Board members will face when they will select the next president to succeed Ed Command. "I think it is pretty tough to find someone to succeed Dr. Command because he has been a really wonderful president and leader for Highline."

Emerson said that he hopes they are able to find some of Command's qualities in a new president.

"He (Ed Command) has two of the best attributes because he has been a teacher and works well with faculty, and is also really accessible to everyone on campus," Emerson said. "That is something that I will look for in the selection process."

As student body president, Jovet is making strides

By Kaylene Papenfuss
Staff Reporter

Although Renee Jovet is the student body president of Highline, her passion lies in communications.

Jovet has not taken any journalism classes at Highline. She cites the fact that she would not get any stories to do with the government while she is still in office.

Jovet attended Tyee High School before coming to Highline in Winter Quarter of 1996.

Jovet came here as a Running Start student, but had to drop classes to have her tonsils taken out.

"It was like the third week of classes when they decided to take them out and there was no way I could go to classes and still keep a college-level grade," Jovet said.

When she returned, she took



Jovet

just very inspirational for everyone in the class," Jovet said.

Castro's class is what moved Jovet in the general direction of student government.

"One day I came up here [the Student Center] and they were handing out pamphlets, so I took one," Jovet said.

Jovet decided that she wanted to run for a government position but was unsure which one. Then a friend told her, "you have a good shot at anything you try," Jovet said. "So I figured why not president?"

Jovet has a job off campus along with her night classes, but she has arranged her schedule in such a way that it is possible for almost any student to get a hold of her in the office.

"And if a student needs an appointment, I'm more than willing to work around it," she said. She spends anywhere between 11 and 19 hours a week on campus.

"Working two jobs and going to school is extremely difficult," Jovet said.

Being able to set her own hours in the office is something she sees as a positive aspect of the job.

Jovet believes that she has done a reasonably good job so far.

"We've dealt with the issues that were on the table," said Jovet in reference to issues at hand when she was elected in May.

Some of the issues she has had to deal with include the selection of a new college presi-

dent and the issue of a new student center.

"No student government has had to deal with these issues before," Jovet said.

Issues dealing with Ed Command, who is retiring after 10 year as Highline president, coupled with the student center renovations have been endless.

Jovet says that the only issue they haven't really worked with is the smoking on campus.

"Last year there was really a lot of backing for it, but it's not here this year. We plan to hold a forum to see if this is even an issue we want to deal with," Jovet said.

Part of the problem with the smoking committee is that only three people showed up for it. "Three people making decisions for the whole campus... isn't right," she said.

Jovet needs 15 more credits and is planning on taking one class per quarter to maintain her G.P.A.

Editorial

League should take longer look at crowd control issue

The Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges needs to get serious about violence and crowd control at basketball games. The league's quixotic policies so far seem to penalize good citizens and let troublemakers off easy.

Last fall, the league declared Highline basketball player Rob Stafford academically ineligible, despite the fact that he was almost finished with his two-year degree and had an above-average GPA. Stafford's sin was to have too many credits from an accredited, but non-NWAACC, community college (Ricks in Idaho). The team has done well even without Stafford, but the conference removed one of its best students and citizens from competition.

Contrast that with the league's relatively tepid response to the recent brawl after a Highline game at Lower Columbia. At the end of the Feb. 7 game, the customary handshake line ended up dissolving into a large fight that involved many players and fans.

Videotape from the game showed very little about what really happened, except for a big mob of people surging toward the Lower Columbia locker room. The tape, however, led NWAACC officials to suspend Highline's leading scorer, Bruce Williams, for one game.

Officials also placed both teams on probation and issued reprimands to the coaches, which are effectively just slaps on the wrist. No Lower Columbia players, coaches, or staff members were suspended, despite the fact that they were as involved in the near-riot as anyone. Eyewitness accounts indicate that at least two of Lower Columbia's players appeared to play strong roles in the fight's instigation.

Lower Columbia and the league are supposed to be investigating the incident. Apparently their investigation hasn't gone beyond talking to administrators from the two schools.

If this were an isolated incident, perhaps the lack of authoritative action coming from the NWAACC would be excusable. But it's not. The powers of the NWAACC should have taken steps, based on prior behaviors, to make sure this kind of situation, which could have very easily been avoided, did not happen.

To suspend Williams, but not suspend the Lower Columbia players involved, or the coaches whose argument seemed to ignite the melee, is wrong. Williams' suspension was based on a videotape which did not show any punches thrown - which was cited as the reason why others were not suspended.

Lower Columbia officials claimed that only Highline players threw punches. But the only person bloodied in the whole event was a Highline player. If there is one thing that people can be absolutely sure about, it is that Highline players didn't decide to suddenly beat on each other.

Both Lower Columbia players who were involved in the fight's formation remained in action for the Red Devils as Williams served his suspension, then played over the weekend in a 38-point drubbing at the hands of Tacoma. At that contest, a Lower Columbia player reportedly punched a Tacoma player. Under the announced terms of the probation placed upon the team, Lower Columbia should be forced to forfeit their remaining games, but nothing has been done about it; the player involved has not even been suspended by the league. The NWAACC claims that they will not do anything about it unless it is reported by an athletic director for either school - but this obviously will not happen, since it requires teams to report on themselves.

Again, the NWAACC says they are investigating the incident.

Overshadowing the whole situation is the fact that Lower Columbia hosts the NWAACC Men's Basketball Championship this season. The league and the host school must do something to ensure the safety of all the athletes involved.

The conference must step up and make it very clear to not only its athletic and administrative participants, but also its fans, that this kind of hooliganism will not be allowed, and they must do so before somebody gets hurt.

At least one of the Lower Columbia players involved should be suspended; to suspend one Highline player but no Lower Columbia players sends the wrong message. The officials who worked the game, who were a veteran crew who should have been able to control the rising tension, but instead did nothing, should be given clearer directions if not reprimanded.

If Lower Columbia cannot guarantee crowd control and athlete safety, the conference should consider moving the playoffs to a more neutral site.

GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP HAS TAKEN AN UGLY TURN...



Baby, I was born to run

I am crazy. Or at least almost everyone that I know thinks I am.

I have decided to run track. This may sound like another one of my small adventures, but it is actually one of the greatest challenges I will ever take on.

This is the first time I have ever tried to run competitively. It may be a little bit late to start. But better late than never.

Currently I am watching the back of everyone's shoes and sprinting as far as most people can spit.

Nonetheless, I am giving it my best shot. Everyday I force myself to go to practice.

Giving up at this point would be easy. But when you want something the most, there really is no easy way out.

I haven't run any races, therefore I haven't lost to anyone. But if I quit I would be losing to

The Island Of
Dr.
Moreau

By Teresa C. Moreau

myself.

Sometimes I creep into the starting position and glance over at the others I am about to run with.

I know they're on the verge of kicking my buns.

In this case it is almost impossible to psych myself out. I still make myself run. And even though I cannot run as fast for as long as they can, I will try to keep up.

I feel like a baby taking its first steps. Luckily everyone on the team is nice. It makes it

easier to keep trying. I hope to improve and even if I don't win any races I would still be happy that I tried my best.

I made myself do this because I did not want to look back on this time in my life and think to myself, "Why didn't I at least try?"

Now at least I will know that I tried and did my best. Every morning I wake up and look in the mirror and think to myself. I say what would you attempt, if you knew that you would not fail.

Thank you Paris, Jenoa, Tracy, and Dusty. My four little angels.

Never an also-ran, Teresa is in the running for performing a running-gag in a long-running serial, Women Who Run with Runners, which runs opposite Teresa's infomercial on rhythmic gymnastics.

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Academy Award nominees announced

At the crack of dawn on Tuesday, nominees for the 64th annual Academy Awards were announced.

Nicole Kidman must have suspended her daily Evian water bath to awake hubby Tom Cruise to the news that his charismatic performance in *Magnolia* was being recognized in the best supporting actor category.

Like years past, there were surprise omissions and nominations that evoke a "what the hell

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By Derek Roche

were they thinking?" type response.

But all in all, Hollywood successfully capped a year in film that has been as unpredictable and perhaps as original as any in recent memory.

Any superlatives, accolades, or nominations thrown *The Sixth Sense's* way are deserving and entirely refreshing.

Not since *The Exorcist* (1974) has a horror film garnered such Academy appreciation.

Haley Joel Osment, nominated for a Best Supporting Actor statue, gave the most unsettling, convincing, and inspired performance of the year - his age being the obvious hurdle, which may ultimately be unconquerable.

His competition, which includes Cruise, Michael Clark Duncan, Jude Law, and Michael Caine, all gave fine portrayals in fine films, but Osment, no pun intended, was dead-on.

Rubber face Jim Carrey was surprisingly excluded yet again from the best actor category. Two factors perhaps inspired Carrey's slight.

His performance in *Man On the Moon*, a well-crafted biography on the late Andy Kaufman, was arguably more of an imitation than an intimate portrayal.

Also, comic actors, save for Robin Williams, rarely cross over successfully to experience Oscar bliss.

Sean Penn? Perhaps the best American actor alive, Hollywood's bad boy (nomi-

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Poetry reading celebrates heritage

Reading featuring Kirkland, Moore discusses black culture, history

By Rachel Tanev
Staff Reporter

Highline conducted its first ever African-American Authors Reading in celebration of Black History Month.

Team Highline sponsored the hour-long event.

A scattered crowd of students and faculty gathered in Building 7 on Thursday, Feb. 10 to listen to poetry that reflected the life, culture and heritage of African-Americans.

The two speakers were Mikael Moore, a member of Highline's men's basketball team who has been writing all his life, but seriously for only the last year, and Kipchoge Kirkland.

The two speakers sat at a table with all their poetry laid in front of them deciding which ones to read.

Moore started first.

He was very poised and spoke in a deep voice as he read.

One of Moore's poems addressed the issue of how black ancestors were treated.

His poem was of a pregnant



Mikael Moore

woman who is being kicked, punched and beaten as she is being called slut, bitch and nigger.

He then went on to say, "Remember when you call someone slut, bitch, and nigger that's exactly what your ancestors were called before they were lynched."

Kirkland's strong voice aroused the audience.

He involved the audience with his poem entitled, *Can You Dig It*.

This poem dealt with black heritage, ancestors and the society of today.

Every time he asked the crowd, "Can you dig it?"

"Remember that when you call someone slut, bitch, and nigger, that's exactly what your ancestors were called before they were lynched."

--Mikael Moore

The crowd responded with a loud, resonating, "Amen."

He then ended his poem with "Let the messages move you to action; turn Dr. King's dream into reality."

Moore read a poem he referred to as *Happy*.

It was about a relationship between two people who love each other.

He said, "Love is close to completion. Your eyes whisper I love you. Your voice heals my scars."

Kirkland then read a poem entitled, *Enough is Enough*.

"Too many unreturned messages means a loss of communication. Too much of anything can kill you," he said.

Moore's last poem he read was entitled, *How Thick is the Line?*

He poised the question of black versus white.

He went on to say, "If black is beautiful, what is ugly? If

white is right, what is wrong?"

Kirkland's last poem was very inspiring and powerful, called, *Black Is*.

The poem was about black culture and life.

He talked about black hair and society.

His message was strong as he ended the poem with "black is deep."

After they finished, there was an open mic session where they encouraged the audience to read any poetry they would like to share.

One student came forth and read three untitled poems.

Both men were incredible speakers and writers.

They conveyed powerful and propelling messages through their poetry.

If you missed the African-American Authors Reading, and would like to hear the men read, contact Team Highline for more information.

Students search for love at Dating Game

By Ericka Wood
Staff Reporter

Students in desperate need of a Valentine's date found an outlet last Friday at the Team Highline-sponsored Dating Game.

The show consisted of five rounds of strenuous questioning with some crazy answers most of which had nothing to do with the truth, or for that matter, reality.

The questions were somewhat similar to the real show; "Why would you be a better date than the bachelor to the right of you?" "Describe your perfect date." "What kind of special thing would you do to show the person you like how you feel?"

The show did have its highlights. After Kyle Maschhoff said that he would make the girl he liked a CD to show her how much he cared, Ryan Doerge grabbed the mic and said, "That's the biggest load of crap I've ever heard!" *Mallrats* fans everywhere would have been proud.



Photo by Yong Ellis

Jarvis Henderson asks intimate questions of the three bachelorettes.

There were many more laugh-out-loud moments, like Joe Castro's strip tease as his favorite dance move, which caused audience uproar.

As well as Amy Studley refusing to answer Jamey Verderico's questions after he made rude remarks about her first couple of answers.

The winners all received a pair of tickets to the Team Highline-sponsored dance,

Cupid's Jam.

"We were pretty happy with how it went," said Team Highline's Sarah Hollowell.

Most of the contestants had a good time too. John Fox, though not picked, said he thought "it was fun, and it was humorous."

Fox also said that he was "a little nervous at first"; he didn't want to be asked to sing or dance on stage.

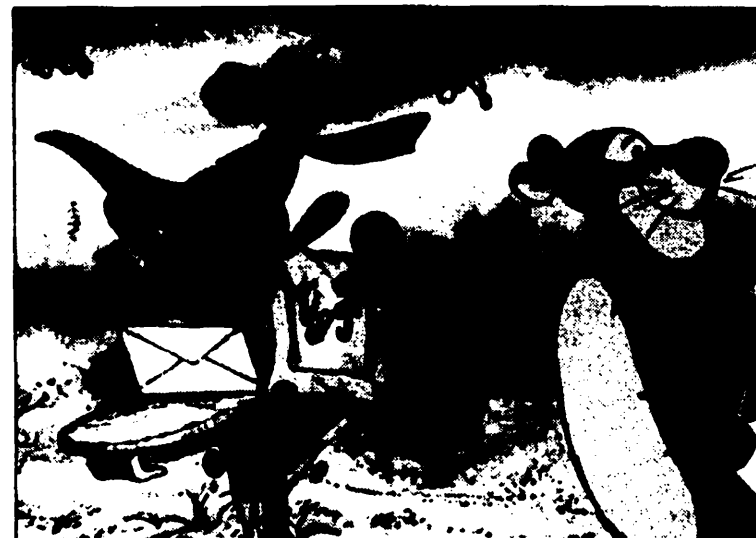
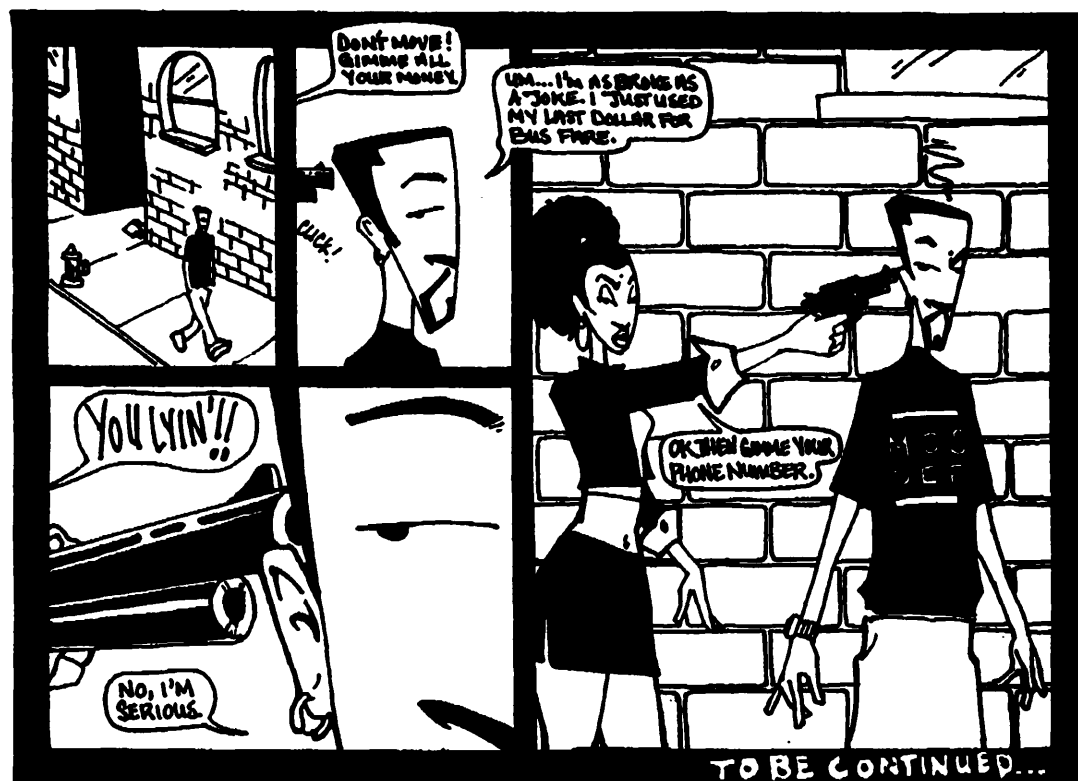
Luckily for him, and possibly

everyone in the audience, Fox didn't get a chance to showcase his talents.

As for future dating games, Hollowell said, "We [Team Highline] are thinking about doing it in the future; next year maybe."

That doesn't leave a lot of hope for Thunderbirds who still can't get a date, maybe the best bet for them is to call Chuck Whollery and see if they can get on the real show.

Snackies
by Scott Brown



Buena Vista Pictures

Roo and Tigger discuss the particulars of their plan to send a letter in *The Tigger Movie*.

Children's film another steady Disney effort

By Aaron Lewis
Staff Reporter

drawings, instead of the modern standard - computer-aided drawings.

In *The Tigger Movie*, Tigger (and Disney) bounce back in true Winnie the Pooh style.

If you like Winnie the Pooh, or more importantly Tigger, then this movie will appeal to you because the center piece of this movie is (of course) the energetic Tigger.

He runs, bounces, and enjoys life until no one wants to bounce with him, and that is where the plot begins.

Several things help this movie to be fun to watch despite that the plot is idiot simple and semi-boring.

For instance, the animation is more of the older hand drawn pictures in a style very similar to the original Winnie the Pooh

The voices of the characters are the same (or at least close to the original) and all of the old jokes are used in creative new ways.

In addition, there are quite a few humorous scenes throughout the movie, and to contrast the humor, there are scenes where the seriousness of the movie is easily understood by children - whom the movie is really intended for.

So, if you enjoy Winnie the Pooh or have a younger sibling who wants to see a movie and you don't want to take them to one of the PG blood baths that are coming out these days, then *The Tigger Movie* is it - but I wouldn't spend \$7.50 on it.

Director journeys to Highline

By Connie Harshman
Staff Reporter

The last time Melanie White directed college students she was one herself.

White is the guest director for this quarter's play, *As You Like It*. She was chosen out of about 50 applicants who were screened and interviewed. Drama Department Coordinator Dr. Christiana Taylor said, "She had particularly nice credentials for this quarter's play. She is bright and interesting."

White grew up in Albany, NY, where her father is a surgeon and her mother is a nurse midwife.

"My parents used to take us, me and my brother, to the theater. They made us realize what was out there and because we enjoyed it so much they took us to more things. I don't think they set out for us to go in theater, but they certainly never discouraged it," White said.

She went to school in Providence, RI.

After college she went to the old Globe Theater in San Diego for a year then on to Los Angeles for three years, and New York for four years working on off-off Broadway.

Then she was off to England for graduate school.

After that, White and her husband moved to Seattle.

"England was really amazing, we got to work with people at the top of their profession. We worked with Richard Oliver, who was a director working at the Globe Theater. We had access to people that you couldn't get to in a million years in America," said White.

Even though White loves the theater she realized that she was

more interested in directing than acting.

In her junior year of college she went to London to study acting in the British America Drama Academy.

"I was there for about four months," White said. "It took about two months to realize I did not like acting, I did not like studying acting, I did not like being on stage."

At the same time she was going to the theater a lot at night and realized she was interested in directing.

"I could look at a production and see what the director had done to make it that production and I decided that was what I was interested in pursuing," she said.

Most of the work White did in New York was working with playwrights and helping them develop new scripts and staging shows that have not been performed before.

Her master's degree is in Shakespeare performance from the University of Essex in Colchester, England, east of London.

They offered a contemporary practice of Shakespearean theater which she and her husband took together.

She directed two shows in Graduate School, *Twelfth Night*, which toured around Eastern England, and her dissertation production on *Cardenio*.

Cardenio is an apocryphal play, which means that it is believed to be written by

Shakespeare but it has not been proven.

"As far as I know, I am only one of two living directors who have ever staged that script," White said.

She then took *Cardenio* to London and performed it on the Globe stage.

The two things she likes to do best is work on the development of a script and to work on plays with a lot of language.

Melanie White is a classic workaholic.

She works part-time for the Arts Commission in Auburn as an arts assistant, part-time in the box office in Seattle Children's Theater, and she also volunteers to tutor kids in the SR housing project in Seattle.

Added to that, she teaches a Shakespeare camp for junior high kids in Auburn and an Introduction to Shakespeare class for adults through the experimental college in the University of Washington.

"I don't have a lot of free time," said White.

The only drawback of her work is the hours.

"It can be very boring and it can be very tedious, but it does pay off in the end," she said.

She was nominated for an LA Weekly award for best performance for a leading actress in 1994 for a play called *Gertrude Stein and Alice B. Toklas*.

White was also awarded an editors choice award from the off-off Broadway review in 1996 for an evenings of one-acts called *Love is Not Concerned*.

In 10 years White would like to be the artistic director of a regional theater, maybe a Shakespeare theater.

See White, page 7



White

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ready have a fireplace mantle draped with little gold men.

His work in *Sweet and Low Down* (unseen by me) is said to be exemplary and his nomination indeed merited.

American Beauty had moments of true brilliance, but scenes of pure absurdity, and *The Hurricane*, directed by old-pro Norman Jewison, packed an emotional punch that overshadowed an overmelodramatic, "by the numbers" screenplay.

Point being: There are no

sure-fire winners. No *Titanic*, *Schindler's List*, or *English Patient*.

Except for *The Green Mile*, and *The Insider*, this year's crop have all been critical and box office sleepers - out of nowhere home runs, consummating a year in filmmaking that many critics are calling a revolutionary period in filmmaking.

If only *Matrix* and *Bowfinger* were in the running, I would ardently accede. As it is, I'm moderately elated.

Derek's next film will be *The 13th Columnist*, in which he will play Antonio Banderas playing a film critic who has strange visions.

White

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White has some advice for people who want to go into the drama profession.

"Make sure it is the thing you want to do more than anything

else because it is such a hard and unrewarding lifestyle at times. If that is the only thing that you love, then learn as much as you can, study as much as you can, do it as much as you can. Stay with it and see what it has to teach you," said White.

Solution to last issue's crossword puzzle

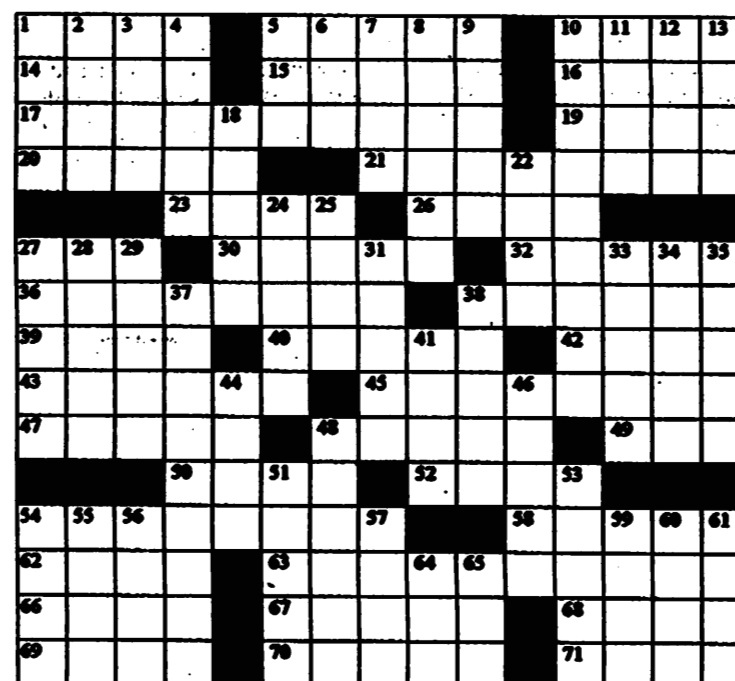
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Crossword 101

By Ed Canty

"Hydrotherapy"

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 - Wagner's overture
 - Read instrument
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 - Troublemaker
 - Camden Yard player
 - Tolstoy's Karenina
 - Excuse
 - Spat
 - More humble
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 - Bligh or Kidd
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 - Remain as is
 - Stairs
 - Fish eggs
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 - Volcanic rock
 - Italian city
 - Craze
 - carte



- Arm bone
- Pole's specialty
- Famous Boss
- New Jersey resort
- Catamaran
- Belgian River
- Newts
- Jewish leader
- Precedes down or up
- "Pomp & Circumstance" composer
- Distribute
- Disgrace
- DOA
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- Lit
- Petite
- Remove flab
- Freshwater fish
- Edmonton player
- Poison
- Dutch treat
- Fabled person
- Fix a chair
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Quotable Quote

"Unfortunately our affluent society has also been an affluent society."

... Hubert H. Humphrey

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Minnesota here they come

By Evan Keck
Staff Reporter

Six Highline wrestlers are traveling to Minneapolis, Minnesota for the NJCAA national tournament.

They include: Shad Lierly at 141 pounds, Brian Wiehle at 165, Jeremiah Barney at 174, Brian Loska at 197, Anthony Hamilton at heavyweight, and Joe Castro at 157 as an alternate.

Lierly, who qualified by wild card, has arguably the toughest division in the country at the junior college level.

He has an opportunity to face his region opponents like Andy Messersmith, the Region 18 champion, and CJ Cambell from Southwestern Oregon, again at the tournament.

"I want to wrestle them again," said Lierly. "I'm sure I could beat them."

Head Coach Todd Owens, though disappointed with Lierly's regional results last Saturday in Coos Bay, Ore. is confident that he will have a better performance.

"He's the only one who's beaten him (Messersmith) this season," said Owens.

Lierly could very well face him again if he overcomes the seeding. He will have to face a champion from another region first.

Wiehle, at 165 pounds, has had a disappointing season by his standards.

Plagued with injuries, he has missed a lot of matches and has had minimal mat time for an All-American hopeful.

After his third place finish at regionals, Wiehle had extra time to get healthy.

He is expecting to be at full strength for the tournament.



Photo by Petra Sokolova

Thunderbird wrestlers spent the earlier part of the week preparing mentally and physically for nationals. The six men who traveled to Minnesota left Wednesday afternoon.

Wiehle also is expecting the best performance of his career. Nothing short of victory will be good enough for this competitor.

At 174 pounds, Jeremiah Barney earned a surprising spot at the national tournament.

Barney competed at different weight classes all season and clinched a third place finish at regionals.

He has a good chance to place at the tournament if he can get by his first match.

"A lot of times your first match is the toughest one of the tournament," said Owens. "If you beat him you may not have a tough match for three or four rounds."

"I think that he (Jeremiah) has more wind then they (his opponents) have . . . he'll beat them in the third round," said teammate Andy Olson.

Brian Loska has been another great spot of the team this season.

At 197 pounds, he has come

through as a favored wrestler in the nation.

Though at regionals he could only come away with a third place finish, Loska is certain he will not let himself down.

"This is pretty much my last chance," said Loska. "One year I got hurt so this is probably my last year to wrestle."

Loska has had a lot of success this season but has had some eligibility problems and has missed some time.

"I've been a little out of shape and I ran out of gas in my first match. I have to have a better performance. I think I can do it," said Loska.

Anthony Hamilton is traveling to nationals at heavyweight. Only weighing 215 pounds, Hamilton often gives up 60-70 pounds every match.

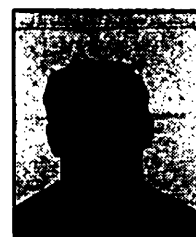
"They're heavier, but I'm faster and that can be an advantage," Hamilton said.

The tournament will house around 50 teams with 24-man brackets.

National Spotlight

Shad Lierly:

141 pounds
season record: 19-15
placed fourth at regionals
"If everything comes together at the right time I will do well."



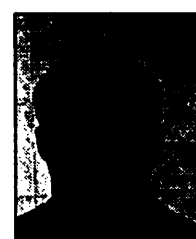
Brian Wiehle:

165 pounds
season record: 10-9
placed third at regionals
"I'm really looking forward to nationals."



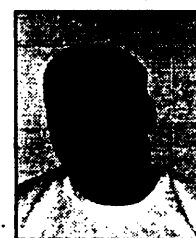
Jeremiah Barney:

174 pounds
season record: 5-4
placed third at regionals
"Winning a match is all that matters."



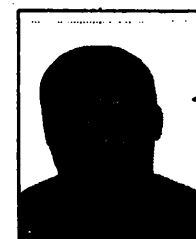
Brian Loska:

197 pounds
season record: 15-8
placed third at regionals
"I think I can do it."



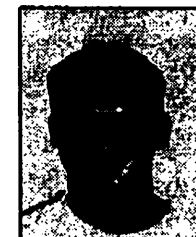
Anthony Hamilton:

heavyweight
season record: 11-10
placed third at regionals
"I'm thankful for the opportunity."



Joe Castro:

alternate
157 pounds
season record: 11-13
placed fourth at regionals
"I have a good chance to wrestle."



Intensity and determination should serve wrestlers well

Six of Highline's wrestlers left Wednesday afternoon along with their coaches for a weekend in Minnesota.

Now this isn't just any old weekend for these guys, it's the big one.

This is the weekend where they get to show their stuff to the nation.

The six wrestlers are headed to the NJCAA national tournament in Minneapolis, Minn. to try to receive top honors in their respective weight class. The tournament usually is in some centrally located winter garden spot. For a couple of years it was in Bismarck, N.D.

But the location won't matter once the Thunderbirds and the hundreds of other wrestlers hit

Time Out



By Paris Hansen

the mats. It's a competitive tournament, with a lot of solid talent.

Heading into what is considered the toughest weight class in the junior college level is Shad Lierly at 141 pounds.

Lierly is from the great state of Alaska. He moved to Washington to find a quality wrestling school and found one in Highline.

Watching him in practice earlier this week, I could see why he was expected to do well in the regional tournament and then voted into nationals by the coaches.

Lierly is focused and dedicated to his sport and will do whatever it takes to get the pin.

There is a good chance that Lierly will have to match up against the Region 18 champion whom he met at the regional tournament, which could go either way for him.

Also, headed to nationals are Brian Wiehle, Jeremiah Barney, Brian Loska and Anthony Hamilton. These four all placed third in their respective weight classes at the regional tournament.

I've watched these four during practice also and have noticed the intensity in their eyes when working towards the win. They never want to give up even when they've hurt themselves or are just too tired to go on.

Traveling with the team as an alternate is Joe Castro. Castro will get to wrestle if anyone in his weight class is either injured or too sick to wrestle.

There is always a good chance that the alternate will get to wrestle because people tend to push themselves hard during practice and in some cases push themselves too hard.

Castro placed fourth at regionals and was tied for the wildcard spot, but lost it in a revote.

These six men have pushed themselves and practiced hard all season to get to this point. If they remain as focused and determined as I have seen them in practice then I believe that they will kick some major bunny.

All of them have the potential and the drive to do it, they just need to concentrate and not let the pressure get to them.

I just wish they had had a chance to read this before they left so I could give them a shout out that they would notice for good luck.

Paris is hoping to earn a sport on the Gorgeous Sports Editors of College Journalism tour, which will be visiting Sedro-Woolley in the near future. Get your tickets now.



Remembering Meghann

Highline's softball team faces the season, carrying memories of a friend and teammate lost too soon

By Patrick Allcorn
and Jahmal Corner
Staff Reporters

The Highline women's fastpitch team is going to make sure that their fallen teammate, Meghann Hall, will not be forgotten.

Hall was a passenger on the Alaska Airlines flight that crashed off the coast of California Jan. 31. For those acquainted with her, there is no question that the memory of this date will stand the test of time.

The list of those she captivated with her inner joy is innumerable. And the outpour of loving testimonies speaks volumes about the kind of person she was, and the kind of void she'll leave behind.

The women's fastpitch team is now minus a vocal leader, a darn good player, and most of all a friend, Lacey Wisebeck said.

"She always had something to say, and that kept the team going," she said. "Her absence is so noticed, because she was the center of attention."

One of the team's catchers Sara Short, who goes by the name of "Shorty," can definitely



Meghann Hall and Tiffany Martinez pose with squirt guns.

ly relate to the emptiness. In Meghann, she lost a best friend.

"We needed each other, we spent everyday last summer together," she said. "I just miss her presence, everything was fun to her, and if it wasn't she made it fun."

The team is doing just about everything they can to pay tribute to their friend.

Thursday, March 10 at 1 p.m. the team is hosting an event on

the softball field to celebrate Hall's life. Anybody who wishes to attend is welcome.

During the tribute, Hall's jersey will be retired, meaning that no other Highline softball player will ever wear the number 22.

The team is also placing a board in centerfield with Hall's jersey on it and a message that will read, "In loving memory of Meghann Hall."

They are planning to wear

Photos courtesy of Cara Hoyt

patches adorned with Hall's number, dedicating the 2000 season to her.

Formal services are being held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20 at Enumclaw High School for Hall, as well as Ryan Sparks, her boyfriend, and Rachel Janosik, a friend the couple was traveling with.

Hall's official memorial service is being held at 10 a.m., Tuesday, Feb. 20 at Sacred Heart Church in Enumclaw.

Teams throughout the league have sent condolences to Head Coach Cara Hoyt and the rest of the team.

"We've gotten quite a few cards, e-mails, and phone messages from an overwhelming

Memorials

• A Formal Service for Meghann Hall, Ryan Sparks and Rachel Janosik will be held at Enumclaw High School in Enumclaw, Washington on Sunday, Feb. 20 at 2 p.m.

• Meghann's official memorial service will be Tuesday, Feb. 22 at Sacred Heart Church in Enumclaw at 10 a.m.

amount of people in the league," Hoyt said.

Hall's body was among the first recovered from Flight 261 and Hoyt said that it gave everyone a sense of closure.

"When we heard we thought, 'that's Meghann,' even in something like this she had to be the first one," Hoyt said with a smile.

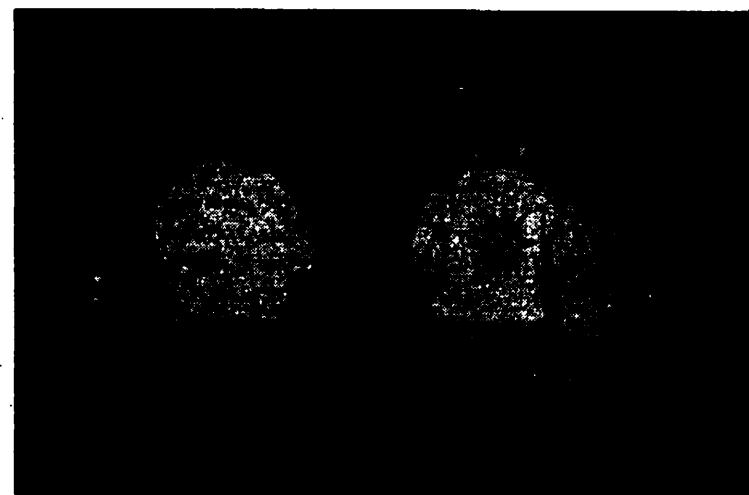
The beginning of practice was postponed from Feb. 1 until Feb. 8 and Hoyt says that this incident has definitely brought the team closer together.

The season must go on. But as fellow softball players search for that unheard voice that dominated the earlier part of their year, they know things just won't be the same.

"Shorty" knows all too well. "It was all I was looking forward to," she said. "Pushing Meg."



Hall, left, Jody Case and Tiffany Martinez enjoy a relaxed moment on a camping trip, above. At right, Coach Cara Hoyt talks to her team at a recent morning practice.



Men drop to third after two losses on the road

Team looks to regroup before going into regional playoffs next week

By K.M. Petersen
Staff Reporter

Without the services of their leading scorer, the Highline Thunderbirds dropped a key game at Centralia before rebounding to defeat Clark at home.

The loss, following a road loss at Lower Columbia, marked the first time this season that the T-Birds dropped two straight games.

Highline now stands a half game behind Centralia in third place, pending Wednesday's results, which were unavailable at press time.

The Thunderbirds have clinched finishing in at least third place in the NWAACC's Western Region, the toughest division in the conference, but can possibly finish in second, which would allow them a home game for regional playoffs.

The team could have climbed over Centralia and placed a virtual stranglehold on second place, and still be in position for first place contention if they'd beaten the Blazers.

Unfortunately, it was not meant to be, as Centralia hit most of its key shots, and Highline's fell out.

"Centralia outplayed us for the full 40 minutes. We haven't been getting too many calls lately. They shot about 40 free

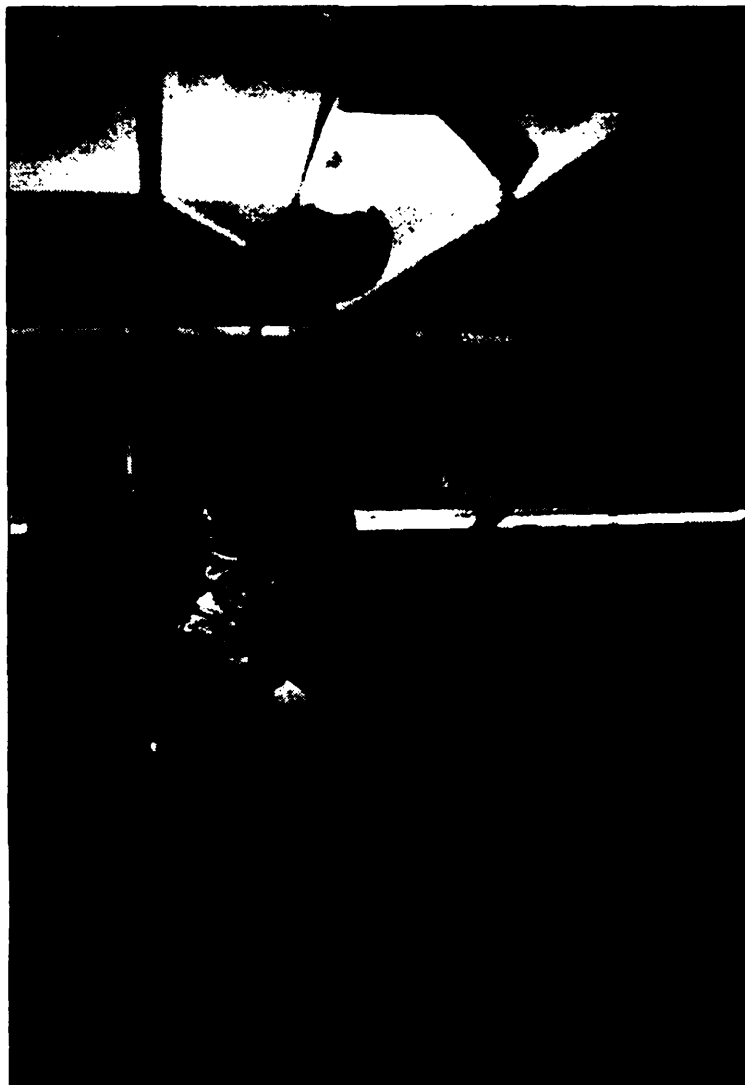


Photo by Paris Hansen

Yusef Aziz flies through the defense to score two for Highline.

throws and we had about 15," said Darnell Lyons.

The Thunderbirds, missing scoring leader Bruce Williams, who served a one-game suspension for entering the brawl at Lower Columbia, suffered some defensive breakdowns in the first half, which led to numerous Blazer opportunities.

"There were setbacks right before the game with Bruce being suspended," said Adam

Aziz. "It changes the game plan when one of the leading scorers isn't there."

Tyler Jeans took advantage of the opportunities throughout, hitting all five of Centralia's three-point buckets and otherwise finding teammates for open looks as defenders flailed to contest his shots.

Although Centralia jumped out to an eight-point lead, strong play toward halftime by

Highline cut the Blazer lead to four points.

As the second half progressed, the Thunderbirds found themselves in some tough situations, being down by as much as 10 points, but they kept fighting back, and even took a quick lead.

But cold shooting ended Highline's hopes.

They only hit 38 percent of their second half shots, and were a dismal 5 for 29 from three point range over the game.

In comparison, Centralia shot 52 percent over the course of the game, on the way to a 78-75 victory.

"The next game will be a lot different," said Adam Aziz. "We're going to go real hard at practice and then we get to see them (Centralia) again."

Highline, who only turned the ball over nine times in the game, received strong contributions from Lyons, who led the way with 18 points and eight rebounds, Yusef Aziz, with 17 points, eight boards, and seven assists, and Tom Hubbard, with 13 points and eight rebounds.

Ross Randleman had eight points and seven assists off the bench, and Adam Aziz contributed seven rebounds.

Following what were two rough games, the Thunderbirds returned home as Williams returned to the lineup for a huge game against Clark.

Highline was in for a rough time, as the Penguins forced the game to a helter-skelter pace, so, as opposed to the single-digit turnover effort against Centralia, the T-Birds turned the ball over 23 times.

Clark held leads throughout

much of the game, including a seven point one after a first half in which Highline didn't defend as well as they should have.

Again Highline came back, but this time, they pulled away in the end for an 85-80 victory.

"We showed a lot of heart because we were down the whole game and pulled out a win," Adam Aziz said.

"They outplayed us for the first 35 minutes but we played really hard in the last five," Lyons said of the Clark game.

Williams poured in 25 points in the game, Yusef Aziz played well with 17 points and 11 rebounds, and Hubbard scored 10. Adam Aziz played another strong game, with five points and seven rebounds off the bench.

"We can't always win by out-scoring," said Williams. "We have to play good defense."

Some players were unsatisfied with the way the game was played against Clark.

"It was a sloppy game," Adam Aziz said.

The next game for the Thunderbirds will be at Grays Harbor on Saturday, Feb. 19, at 6 p.m.

Following that game, Highline will be playing a regional playoff game on Thursday, Feb. 24. The time, place, and opponent will be determined over the weekend.

"Us and Tacoma don't deserve not to be in the final eight," said Mateo Jack. "Centralia is not good enough to deserve to be in there."

"We play Centralia again next Thursday and we need to get off to a fast start and take their crowd out of it," Lyons said.

Size is no obstacle for Lady Thunderbird point guard

By Rachel Tanev
Staff Reporter

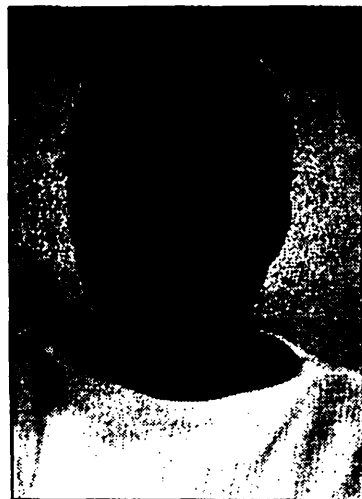
For many basketball players, a key component of their game is their scoring. For freshman Tianna Pye, reserve point guard for the Thunderbird women's basketball team, it's all about defense.

"Tianna brings a lot of intensity and is great at defense. Once she gets after it, everyone does," said teammate Melinda Kuolt.

Pye is a true point guard - she passes first and shoots second.

"Tianna goes in the game when there is a crucial situation and we need a defensive stop. She is a good ball handler and runs the team," said Head Coach Dennis Olson.

Coming out of high school, Pye was accepted by many universities such as Pacific Lutheran University, Seattle Pacific



Tianna Pye

University, Seattle University and the University of Puget Sound.

She wanted to attend SU, but when she found out they didn't give out athletic scholarships, she decided to attend Higline.

"I thought Highline would be a better adjustment, and I could

also receive an athletic scholarship," said Pye.

Pye also decided on Highline because of Coach Olson, the open gym sessions she attended, and her best friend, Kuolt, was also attending Highline.

"Coach Olson is the best coach in NWAACC; he knows what he's doing," she said.

At 5 feet, 3 inches, Pye doesn't view her height as an obstacle.

"I don't view it as a lack of height. I just use my speed and defense," said Pye.

Pye is proud to be a member of the basketball team.

"Our basketball team is like a family and I'm glad I'm a part of that," said Pye.

Pye has been playing basketball since third grade.

Her dad taught her how to play and was her coach from third to ninth grade.

"My dad influenced my

whole athletic career and my mom supported me," she said.

Pye graduated from Kentwood High School in 1999 where she was very involved.

She was in student government for three years, participated in jazz and choir, was in leadership class and played softball.

Pye will also play softball for Highline.

Although Pye likes softball, she prefers basketball.

"In softball it's just you and the ball, but basketball is a team

effort, everyone playing as one," she said.

Pye plans on graduating from Highline with her associate of arts degree, and then transferring to Washington State University or Pacific Lutheran University.

Pye is unsure if she will continue playing basketball beyond Highline.

"Depending on how I do at Highline will determine if I continue playing basketball," she said.



Lady T-Birds win one, lose one to fall to second

By Jahmal Corner
Staff Reporter

While Tiger Woods' winning streak received all the attention, the Highline women's basketball team strung together a pretty impressive stretch of their own.

Both streaks ended this weekend. Highline's seven-game tear was halted courtesy of Clark on Feb. 12, after beating Centralia Wednesday Feb. 9, and Woods' loss came at the hands of Phil Mickelson.

But enough about Tiger, how did Clark College manage to overtake our high and mighty T-Birds?

It was a game that had been anticipated ever since Highline's loss to them earlier this season.

A game that freshman Tianna Pye had labeled, "a must-see contest," two weeks prior. And one that probably occupied the thoughts of Highline even while beating Centralia 72-62 one game earlier.

Pye had one thing for sure, it was a must-see, another jewel in the team's collection of recent close-game thrillers.

The Thunderbirds controlled the tempo in the first half, taking a 42-35 lead into halftime.

Head Coach Dennis Olson seemed fairly pleased, as did the enthusiastic crowd. Only one subtle worry sprung its ugly head to the key observer.

Her name was Dawnita Lia Braaten.

The 5'8 sophomore guard sported French braids and freckles that drew more comparisons to Pippi Longstocking than a basketball player.

Her play however, created mismatches for every T-Bird defender trying to stay with her.

Not only did she pose a strong scoring presence, but she also ran the offense, pointing teammates to their appropriate positions, and transcending her obvious cockiness into her comrades. She had to be stopped.

The second half rolled on, immediately taking an opposite turn. The momentum was now in the hands of Clark, and they were gripping with all they had.

The Thunderbirds trailed 50-54, but led by five consecutive Cal-Jean Lloyd points, took a slim 55-54 lead.

They would lose their edge with 3:30 left in regulation.

With Clark behind 70-71, Lia Braaten gave Clark a 73-71 advantage hitting a three-pointer, and then scowling at the heckling Highline audience.



Photo by Petra Sokolova
Lisa Milne goes in for a shot during a recent game at Centralia Community College.

The second half buzzer sounded and both teams were tied at 77, sending the game into overtime.

Clark seized the moment.

The five-minute extra period belonged to them.

Lisa Milne missed a rare lay-up with 31.3 seconds left, that would've tied the game at 83, and the rest is history - quarter, game, and streak. Clark won 87-81.

Following the game, tears were common for Highline, and smiles were not.

Kristin Zompetti explained the difficulty.

"We really dislike Clark," she said. "When we played them at their place they really made us mad, that makes it more tough to lose to them."

It wasn't an enjoyable experience, but as Olson explains, it's not the end of the world.

"Sure, we would have been better off winning, but second place is still good enough to make the playoffs," he said. "It will just be a little harder for us now."

The T-Birds finish up the season with Grays Harbor Feb. 19, on the road. From there they'll prepare for the NWAACC Championships at Clark - their favorite place to play.

Brothers finally play together and make mom proud

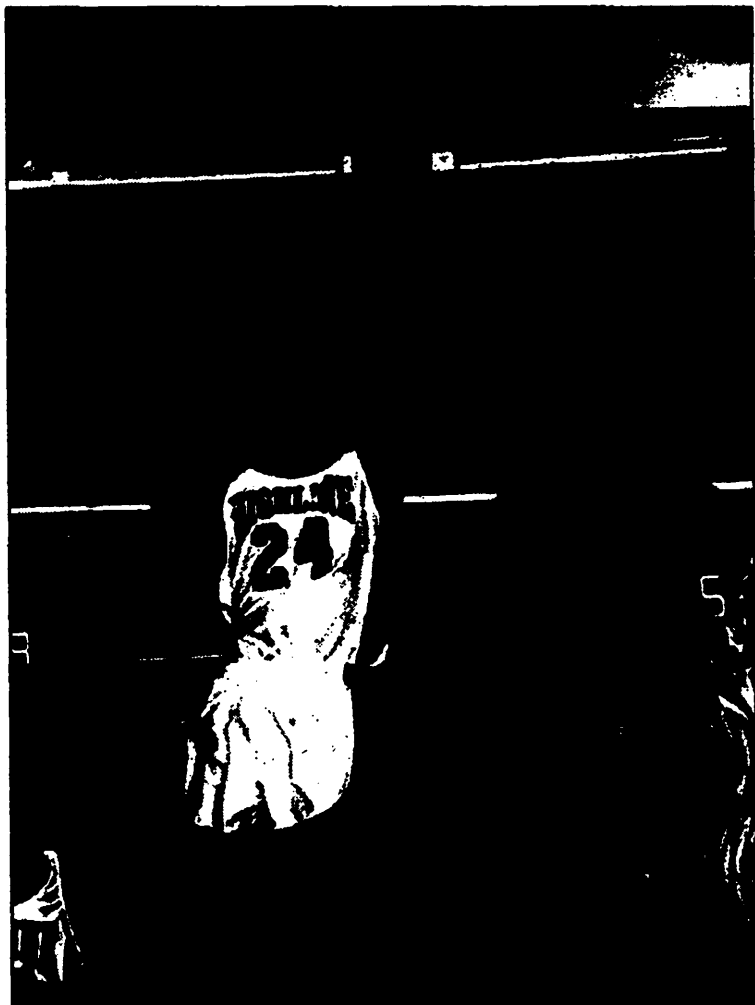


Photo by Petra Sokolova

For the first time Yusef Aziz is able to play on the same team as his older brother Adam. The brothers both played high school basketball at Foster High school in Tukwila, but never played together because of their age difference.

By Patrick Allcorn
Staff Reporter

Adam and Yusef Aziz have made their mother very happy by becoming teammates.

The two, both 6'4", each attended Foster High School and both played basketball there. But since Adam is 22 and Yusef is just 18, they never had a chance to be teammates.

After high school graduation Adam didn't feel he was ready to move on to college just yet.

So he waited a few years and then decided to come to Highline.

He is now in his second year as a student and his first as a member of the basketball team.

Yusef decided to attend Highline the year after graduation and the two brothers finally had a chance to play together.

Their mother, Tayyibah Tayloi of Atlanta, was thrilled that she could finally see her only two sons on the court in the same uniforms.

And when she came to Seattle to visit for Thanksgiving, she got that chance.

Yusef is a starting guard for the Thunderbirds, and Adam gives some valuable minutes off the bench.

Yusef believes his strongest



Adam Aziz

asset on the court is his versatility, and Adam believes his is his rebounding.

The pair's father, Zaid Abdul-Aziz, was also a talented basketball player.

Then known as Don Smith, he played nine years in the NBA for the Seattle Supersonics, Houston Rockets, and Milwaukee Bucks.

Neither of the brothers can be certain if an NBA career is in their future, but they're liking where they are at right now.

Adam might come back to play next year but he is uncertain right now.

Yusef says this will be his only year here and has been getting looks from Division I schools such as Gonzaga Uni-

versity, the University of Utah, and UC-Irvine.

Though Adam knows the four years off hurt his game a little bit, he is thankful for the opportunity he's received and the people he has met.

"I'm glad I got a chance to meet people like Darnell (Lyons), and Mikael (Moore), and I thank Alby (coach Albrecht) for that opportunity," Adam said.

Highline's Head Coach Jeff Albrecht said of the duo, "They're quiet competitors, and great individuals to be around and to coach."

They're apparently good teammates as well.

"Adam is a hard worker and does the things you don't want to do. And Yusef is a great player, he gets the crowd and his teammates into the game," Lyons said of the duo.

Yusef is undecided on a major right now, Adam thinks he would like to go into education.

After Highline, Adam hopes to attend Bethune-Cookman University in Daytona, Fla.

So who would win in a one-on-one match up between these two brothers?

"Yusef would," Adam reluctantly admits.

"He's afraid of me," Yusef whispers.

Highline track heads to Idaho for indoor meet

By Paris Hansen
Staff Reporter

The men's and women's track teams are scheduled to travel to Idaho this weekend for the first and only indoor meet of the preseason.

Heading to Idaho are 22 men and 10 women, all of whom are participating unattached because the spring sports season has not officially started yet.

Women's high jumper Jenoa Potter hopes that she can get a decent jump at the meet.

"I haven't had a lot of time to practice yet this year," said Potter. "Hopefully, I can turn in at least a decent performance."

Potter along with Jenny Trujillo and Monica Angeline are among the women who track Coach Tracy Brigham believes will do well this weekend.

"It's hard to say because it's our first meet," Brigham said.

Angeline, who will participate in the 200-meter dash and the long jump this weekend, is looking forward to the competition.

"I think I'll do pretty good," Angeline said. "I'm just excited to see the competition and where I am at the beginning of the season."

Among the men's team Brigham named Chris Peterson, Fred Lekanoff, Pat Boyd, Tim Richart and Buford Brown. She also said that the pole vaulters should do well.

"Brian (Darvi) will be over 15 (feet)," said John Fox, a returner from last years pole vault team. "I'm expecting 14-6, but I will hopefully do better. I need a new pole."

Fox says that fellow pole vaulter Rey Centeno should also have high marks.

Richart, who will participate in the 800 and possibly the 200, is really unsure how he will do.

"I'm hoping for a 2:02 or better for the 800," said Richart. "I will run the 200 depending on how I feel after the 800."

Richart ran the 400 last year, but decided to change his event after running cross country this past fall.

Jarvis Henderson, who has been plagued by injuries the last two years, is hoping for a good time in the 60m dash.

"I need to take care of my legs," he said. "That's been the problem the last two years. I've got to get rid of that ghost."

The track season officially starts Saturday, March 4 at the University of Washington Invitational.

Concessions raises money for mascot

By Paris Hansen
Staff Reporter

Team Highline has begun raising funds for a new Thunderbird mascot costume.

Team member Richard MacLean found himself thinking about how to raise funds for the school and decided that the best way to do that was to raise funds for the newly extinct cheerleaders.

MacLean knew that there were a few people out there trying to get the cheer squad back on its feet by making it a club. He thought that maybe raising money to get them a mascot costume would make more people come and get involved.

"Getting a mascot would hopefully make it (the cheer squad) last for a while," said MacLean.

When MacLean first approached Athletic Director John Dunn about his idea, he did not get the reaction he had expected.

"John didn't seem too into it," MacLean said. "Then after a while he was all for it and suggested getting money outside of normal fundraisers."

Dunn looked at the Athletic budget, but found that there was



Above: The drawing, by former Highline student Jon Ruan, that Team Highline member Richard MacLean sent various costume companies.

Right: One company's reply to MacLean's request. This costume would cost Team Highline around \$2,000.



no money to spare for help with the costume.

MacLean and the other Team Highline members have done 50/50 raffles and other various game fundraisers, along with donating the concession stand proceeds at each basketball home game, to help raise the over \$5,000 needed to buy a really great costume.

MacLean hopes that people will take a look at the cheaper version of the Thunderbird mas-

cot and be supportive in raising the somewhat large amount.

Team Highline is still con-

tinuing its search for donations and will continue to raise money for the mascot.

Bike Expo rolls into Seattle this weekend

By Josh Siebenaler
Staff Reporter

If you notice a lot more bicyclist on the road this week don't be alarmed. The Seattle International Bike Expo is coming to Seattle and it is going to be bigger than ever.

The Bike Expo is an annual show that lets bike companies from around the world show off their new products. Huge bicycle companies such as Schwinn, GT, and Specialized will be showcasing their 2000 bicycle line up.

Ziegler-Lam Cycling will be showing off their Super Gear. The Super Gear allows a rider to move forward while pedaling backwards. "The idea is revolu-

tionary," said Dominic Lee, regional account manager of ZLC. "The idea is to help riders who have knee problems. The revolution while turning the pedals is hard on a rider's knees, our idea is to eliminate that." Lee continued. ZLC will be giving test rides of their Super Gear for all riders who are interested. Bicycles West, a local bike shop, will be at the Expo advertising and selling products. "It is going to be a great show," said Dave Gastonauy, district manager of Bicycles West.

The Bike Expo will be Feb. 18-20. During the first day of the Expo is a lot of the companies raffle off products and bikes. Also there is a signing session from some of the pro-

expert riders from around the world. Two years ago, Greg Herbold, national downhill champion sat down to sign pictures. The second day, Satur-

day, has a bike swap where people can bring bike merchandise

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Feb. 19 @ Grays Harbor

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Clark	13-1	21-5
Highline	13-2	17-8
Green River	10-4	14-11
S. P. Sound	9-5	18-6
Centralia	6-8	14-12
Pierce	5-10	10-15
Lo. Columbia	4-10	5-19
Tacoma	3-11	10-15
Grays Harbor	1-13	5-21

Northern	Lea	Sea
Peninsula	13-1	19-7
Skagit Valley	13-1	22-2
Everett	9-5	15-12
Whatcom	8-5	12-12
Shoreline	7-6	9-14
Bellevue	5-8	5-17
Olympic	3-10	3-19
Edmonds	2-11	3-19
Seattle	0-13	0-21

Eastern	Lea	Sea
Spokane	9-2	23-3
Wenatchee	8-2	24-3
Yakima Valley	7-3	15-9
Big Bend	5-5	13-11
Walla Walla	5-5	14-11
Columbia Basin	1-9	6-16
Blue Mountain	1-10	8-18

Southern	Lea	Sea
Chemeketa	11-1	24-2
Umpqua	11-1	24-1
SW Oregon	9-3	16-11
Clackamas	8-4	16-9
Mt. Hood	3-9	9-17
Lane	3-9	8-16
Linn-Benton	3-9	9-16
Portland	0-12	2-23

Men's B-ball

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(games start at 6 p.m.)

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Expo

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to trade and sell to other bicycle enthusiasts. Also sign ups for the Seattle to Portland ride (STP) and the Chilli Hilly will be going on throughout the Bike Expo.

At Last year's Expo the best deal in the bike swap was wheels. A set of SPIN wheels sold for around \$200. The retail price for a set of these wheels is more than \$500.

Other such deals on rims and Shimano Deore wheel sets were among the first things to go at the swap. Countless deals were everywhere to be seen. V brakes sets for \$20 and complete bikes for less than \$500.

The possibilities were endless for anyone who needed some new bike parts or for someone who needed to sell some merchandise. This year's

swap will be the same and probably better.

The bike expo is a lot more than bikes and parts. The expo will also have seminars and demonstrations. Local bike shops will have sales on there merchandise such as shoes, jerseys, and accessories. Over the years the favorite demo was the trials riders.

These riders jump and hop onto manmade obstacles. With such tricks as a bunny hop, 360° tail whip, and trackstands these trials riders light up the crowd that is ah struck with their skill.

Other demonstrations scheduled during the Expo are a bicycle police demo and a riding with safety seminar.

The entrance fee for the Bike Expo is \$7 for general admittance and \$5 for those who are under sixteen years old and over sixty-five. The entrance fee for the bike swap is \$5. "The bike show is fun to go to," said Jake

Videen, Bicycles West employee.

The atmosphere surrounding the expo is lively. It seems like your part of a club. By telling a company representative that you ride a mountain bike, your possibilities of getting free stuff are endless. A lot of the companies are more than happy to give away stickers and brochures.

After the Expo your hands start to hurt from carrying bags full of catalogs, stickers, riding club brochures and anything else that was available for the taking.

The Bike Expo is this weekend, so ask off work, grab your bike and enjoy yourself in the largest bike show that you will ever find in Seattle.

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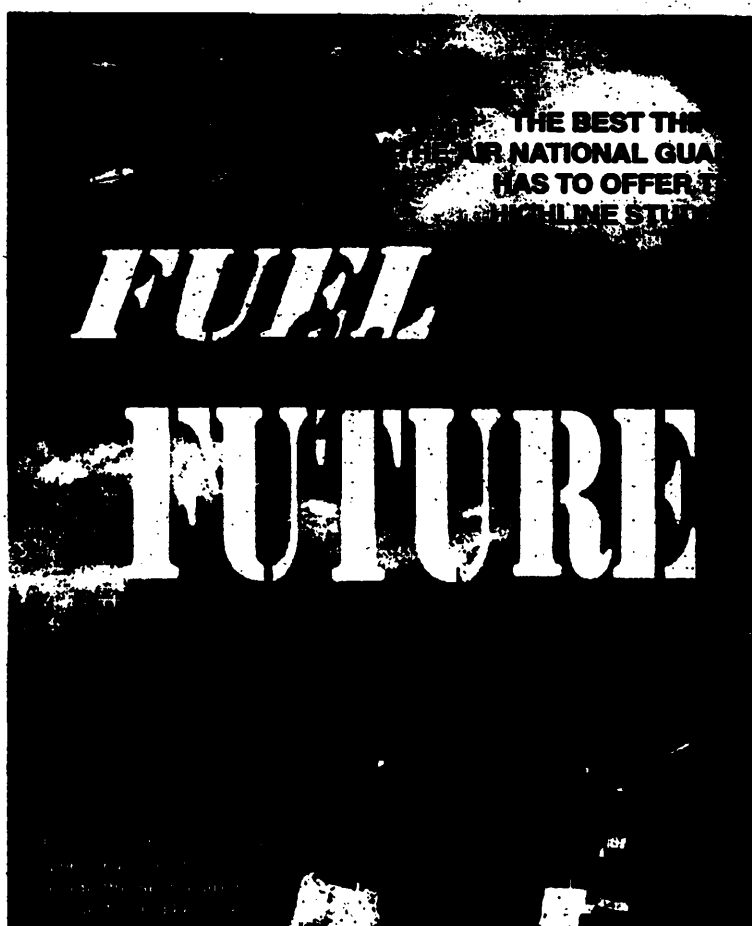
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Board of Trustees come from different backgrounds, but are equally concerned about the college's future



J. Michael Emerson

J. Michael Emerson was appointed to the Board of Trustees in November 1996.

Emerson's involvement with Highline first began in 1992 when he became active in the Foundation.

Emerson received his MBA from Dartmouth College, and his law degree from Stanford. Currently, Emerson works for

Boeing as the director of sales contracts for all of Asia.

This all around skill that Emerson has received from his past education and work experiences he feels makes him a benefit to the board.

Also, he credits his work with the board as a benefit to his job. "This job as a trustee makes me a bigger thinker."

Among the most important

things that Emerson is doing for Highline is choosing the next president and trying to find money to pay for a new student activities building.

"It will be a challenge because it (the building) will never get the state support we would like, so we will have to do it ourselves, the students, faculty, and the community," he said.

Story by Lora Curdy



Arun Jharveri

Born in North China, Dr. Elizabeth Chen has taken quite a journey to get to Highline's Board of Trustees.

Early on, Chen's family moved from North China to Taiwan to escape communism. It was in Taiwan that she received most of her college education.

In 1970 Chen made the decision to move to the United States and further her education.

She received her doctorate in statistics from the University of Wyoming.

Formerly a calculus and sta-



tistics instructor at the University of Puget Sound, now Chen spends a large amount of her time giving to others through her volunteer efforts. She is

Dr. Elizabeth Chen

modest about her community service, but gives much of her time to the Federal Way City Diversity Commission, South Puget Sound Chinese American Club, South Puget Sound Chinese Language School and is also a Highline Foundation board member.

Before her involvement with Highline, Chen had no knowledge of the community college system. Since then, Chen said she has enjoyed learning about Highline and what community colleges have to offer.

"I truly believe in the community college system," she said noting the diversity and community involvement with the school. In addition, Chen noted the quality and accessibility of an education at Highline.

"I believe that education is the solution to almost every problem," said Chen.

In 1995, Chen was appointed to the Board of Trustees.

Story by Lora Curdy and Allison Pringle

Karen Keiser

Karen Keiser is a woman devoted to her causes.

Appointed to the Board of Trustees in 1994, and appointed to the Washington State Legislature in 1996, elected to the position that same year and re-elected in 1998, Keiser is a busy woman.

In addition, State Rep. Keiser, D-33rd District, has three children who she says receive the vast majority of her attention.

Keiser, though originally from Iowa, went to college in California, married and moved to Seattle.

She has worked as a television reporter and as an official of a labor organization. She has lived in Washington for the last 23 years.

Because Keiser has been on the Board longer than any of the other Trustees, she had the opportunity to work on Highline's mission statement, a job that she said was "an effort to change

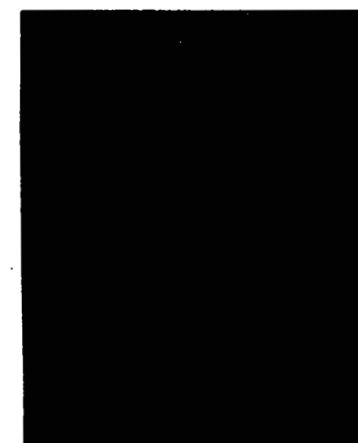
where we were (the college), and where we were going."

Keiser notes this as one of her accomplishments on the Board.

"We successfully turned the vision (of the college) from an inward vision to an outward vision."

Now, however, Keiser's focus is on the selection of the next president.

"I'm really pleased with the progress we've made," she said. "We will shape the institution



with our choice."

Story by Lora Curdy



Board of Trustee member Esther Patrick summed up what the Board is looking for in Highline's next president when she said, "[we want] the best president for Highline Community College."

After being nominated for the Board by a Democrat from the 30th district, then selected by Gov. Gary Locke in April of 1998, Patrick has acted as the vice chairwoman for the Board.

Patrick also acted as the

Board representative when she was involved in the developing of a job screening process for the new president.

She along with an accumulation of representatives of Highline created the job description the future president should adhere to.

Selecting the new president will be an "inclusive process," Patrick said.

Community interest and involvement are welcomed by the Board.

Esther Patrick

When she is not attending the many special meetings to discuss school and presidential issues, Patrick works as the human resource manager for the King County District Courts. She lives in Federal Way, and in her spare time she loves spending time with her granddaughter Mikaila.

Patrick is committed to finding a president that will "take us where we want to go."

Story by Melinda Carlsh

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Committee brings Sunshine to campus

By Josh Siebenaler
Staff Reporter

Over the years, the work

place has grown more and more impersonal. The reason for this is the lack of caring and social activities in the work environment. At Highline, the staff has moved away from the business aspect of work, and more toward the personal side.

The Sunshine Committee at Highline helps bring a caring atmosphere to the work place.

"We try to bring a positive influence into work life," said Liz Cantrell, head of the Sunshine Committee and womens program office assistant.

The committee helps those staff members who have lost a loved one or have a family member who has an illness. They send flowers, cards, and gifts for those who need comfort

and support.

The funding for the Sunshine Committee comes from the Washington Public Employees Association (WPEA). The bill for the gifts is sent to the WPEA Treasurer, Margaret Hunsperger, who then takes it out of the budget. The goal for the Sunshine Committee is to have a community atmosphere in the work

place. The communication between staff members helps keep people informed as to what is going on with their fellow co-workers.

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Thefts

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At least five jurisdictions are involved in this case and they say that they are close to making an arrest in the near future.

At least four suspects have been identified and at least two of them hit Highline three times.

The Seattle Police Department's South Precinct, which is in charge of the investigation in the South Seattle area including Highline, was able to identify one of the suspects.

"The Seattle police Department has good leads and they will get them," said Richard Fisher, Chief of Campus Security.

These criminals are bold and have no fear at being caught and commit most of their crimes out in the open, commented a Detective from S.P.D. They most likely don't even know that they are being investigated.

"These guys that did it are smooth," said Fisher.

At a couple of schools the suspects walked into classes that were in progress and presented themselves as employees who needed to take the data projector. They then wheeled the data projector out of the classroom saying that they were taking it in to be repaired.

The data projectors never returned and the staff and faculty didn't find out until later what really was happening.

Another incident that happened at South Seattle was when they asked an instructor to let them into a room. He said that he didn't have his keys with him so he couldn't help them. The instructor got suspicious of the two and followed them out to their car and got their license plate number.

"They know that if the walk onto a college campus no one will challenge them if they act like they belong," said Fisher.

Data projectors, which are used in applications such as PowerPoint presentations, are in high demand and expensive, fetching retail prices in the \$5,000-\$6,000 range. They are starting to show up on the black market for at least \$300-500, which is a more appealing price to some consumers.

This is making data projectors a hot target for thieves, who find them easy money.

The Center for Information Services (CIS) ended up sending out letters to all of the community colleges stating that there was a rash of data projector thefts and that the colleges needed to take measures to protect themselves.

"We shut the barn door after the horse was gone," said Fisher.

Highline has put locks on all of the data projectors to ensure that they stay where they belong, on campus.

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students will not be able to park there at all.

The owners say they mean business and they are not afraid to tow students' cars.

The problem has come up before, with local business owners sometimes letting students park and then saying no after the number of cars overwhelmed their lots. The lot next to the former Wendy's restaurant on Pacific Highway South continues to charge \$1 for parking.

One proprietor commented that it was a shame that this didn't work out.

Almost New Collectibles II is planning on fencing off the area to keep out unwanted cars.

At the moment signs are placed around the parking lots reminding students that their cars will be towed at the owner's expense.

New public relations person leaves fastBy Jennifer Crofton
Staff Reporter

Highline lost another public information officer last week. Michele Herzberg left after holding the position for only a short time.

Her predecessor, Kristin Baldwin, left after less than a year as acting public information officer to take a job with John L. Scott Real Estate. Baldwin had been a finalist for the permanent position.

Herzberg, who declined to comment on her reasons for

leaving, held what appeared to be a very demanding job.

The PIO is in charge of managing all of the college's publications including the college catalog, the quarterly, and all public related publications. The work doesn't stop there. They must also maintain the college's web site, coordinate media relations, assist in special events, and help assist the vice president of students.

While the position is posted at \$46,000 a year, the amount of work required has been described by some on campus as

humanly impossible for one person to do.

The new PIO will be the fourth person to hold the position in only four years.

College administrators could not be reached for comment on Herzberg's sudden departure.

Right now the office employs only one other full time staff member, Helen Buller, public information specialist II. Buller will act as interim PIO until the position can be filled.

The office also employs Joan Bunten part time and four student designers.

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