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Local government crucial says 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 said.

Pageler came to America at 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."

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

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

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.
Eating disorders brought to forefront

By Rachelle 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 grew up knowing 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 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.

As student body president, Jovet is making strides

By Kaylene Papcnfus
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 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 keep a college-level grade," Jovet said.

When she returned, she took a freshman men's class taught by Tony Castro.

"I was just very impressed 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 tables," 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 president 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 years as Highline president, coupled with the student center renovations have been endless.

Jovet says that the only issue they haven't really worked on 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.

Board members faced with replacing Ed

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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 particulars 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."

"A candidate has to have a good sense of direction, and a lot of the Board members feel that 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 affect how Highline is run.

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

A campus committee that includes Board Member Elizabeth Chen has whisked 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 challenges 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 Ed 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 that is well with faculty, and is also really accessible to everyone on campus. He is also very "down-to-earth."

"That is something that I will look for in the selection process."
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. As the end of the Feb. 7 game, the customary handshake line ended up devolving into a large fight that involved many hands and fans.

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

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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 surprises and omissions that evoke a "what the hell were they thinking?" type response.

So all in, 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 insurmountable.

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 Me, Myself and Irene was a well-crafted biography of the late Andy Kaufman, who has been writing all his life, but seriously for only the last year, and Kilgore from Kirkland.

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Students search for love at Dating Game

By Ericka Wood

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 disastrous questioning of 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, "What kind of dance "move, which Highline's Sarah Hollowell.

The show did have its high points.

After Kyle Maschhoff made a joke about his "Big Booty" and said, "That's the biggest load of crap I've ever heard," Mallory fans everywhere would have been proud.

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 re"fusing to answer Jamey Verdereri's questions after he made rude remarks about her first couple of answers.

The winners all received a rose, and each couple 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.

"The girls were satisfied; we should be happy," said Team Highline's Jamey Verdereri.

Most of the comments 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 Thaddeus who still can't get a date, maybe the best bet for them is to call Chuck Whitley and see if they can get on the real show.
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 ever forced us to go to 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 didn’t 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 Graduated School, Twelfth Night, which toured around Eastern England, and her dissertation production on Cardenio. Cardenio is an apocryphal play, which means 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 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 intense, 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 1996 for an evening 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.

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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 a somewhat melodramatic "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 Martin and Booufinger were in the running, I would ardently salute. As it is, I'm modestly elated.

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

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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 unforgiving 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, and stay with it and see what it has to teach you," said White.

Solution to last issue's crossword puzzle

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Sustainable Quote

"Unfortunately our affluent society has also been an affluent society." - Hubert H. Humphrey
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, 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.

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 anoth-

er bright 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 year to wrestle," 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 600 wrestlers.

The six wrestlers are headed for nationals, which will be visiting Bismarck, N.D. this weekend for these guys, it's the final vote.

"Winning a match is all that matters."

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 bums.

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 spot on the Gorgeous Sports Edition 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 Alleman
and Jahmai 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 immeasurable. 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 Wisecheck 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 "Shotty," can defin-
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 to 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, but will face a test division in the conference, but can possibly finish in second, which would allow them a home game for regional play-offs.

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 fall out.

"Centralia outplayed us for the full 40 minutes. We haven't been getting too many calls lately. They shot about 40 free throws and we had about 15," said Demrell 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 baskets and otherwise finding teammates for open looks at defenders failed 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 play 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 Randel 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 aelter-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 been doing.

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.

"We were 26 points down 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.

Aziz played another strong game, with five points and seven rebounds off the bench.

"We can't always win by outscoring," 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. 10, 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 Mato 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 Taney
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 Knoll.

Pye is a 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 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 Highline.

"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, Knoll, 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.

"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 associates 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 I will determine if I continue playing basketball," she said.

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

By Jahnal 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 manage to overtake the 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 Tammy 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 two game earlier.

Pye had one thing for sure, it was a must-see, another jewel in the team’s collection of recent championship memories.

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 sprang in his head to the lay observer.

Her name was Dawnisa Lis-Braaten.

The 5’8” sophomore guard spoiled French braids and feciples 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 comradery. 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 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, Lieutenant Governor Clark gave a 75-71 advantage bottoming a three-pointer, and then swatting at the ball.

“Kristin Zampetti explained the difficulty,” 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.

“We’ll try to be 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

By Patrick Alcorn
Staff Reporter

Adam and Yusuf 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 Yusuf 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.

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

Their mother, Shytablil Tay-olilof Atlanta, was thrilled that she could finally see her only two sons on the court at the same time.

And when she came to Seat-tdie for Thanksgiving, she got that chance.

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

Adam Aziz

Asst. on the court is his versatility, and Adam believes he 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.

Yusuf 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 Darrell (Ly-

ons), and Milahk (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 Yusuf is a great play-

er, he gets the crowd and his teammates into the game,” Lyons said of the duo.

“Yusuf is undecided on a ma-

ror right now, Adam asks he would like to go into education. After Highline, Adam hopes to attend Bethune-Cookman University in Daytona, Fl.

So who would win in a one-

one match up between these two brothers?

“Yusuf would,” Adam reluc-

tantly admits.

“He’s afraid of me,” Yusuf

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 season.

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 Loren 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 track Brigham named Chris Peterson, Fred Lakonoff, 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 returning member from last year, "but I will hopefully do better. I need a new pole."

Fox says that fellow pole vaulter Rey Ceneno 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 in 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 600 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 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 mascot and be supportive in raising the somewhat large amount. "Team Highline is still continuing its search for donations and will continue to raise money for the mascot."

Bike Expo rolls into Seattle this weekend

By Josh Bliesener
Staff Reporter

If you notice a lot more bicyclists 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 revolutionary," said Dominic Leo, 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."

Leo 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 Gasconay, 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/
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**Women's B-ball**

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**Men's B-ball**

**Upcoming Games**

(games start at 6 p.m.)

Feb. 19 @ Grays Harbor

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

**J. Michael Emerson**

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.

Boeing 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.

**Dr. Elizabeth Chen**

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 statistics 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 modest about her community service, but gives much of her time to the Federal Way City Diversity Commission, South Puget Sound Chinese American Association, and up, 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 said 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.

**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 worked as a television reporter and an official of a labor organization. She has lived in Washington for 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 what 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."

**Esther Patrick**

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.

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."

**Arun Jhaveri**

Looking beyond Arun Jhaveri's soft-spoken tone and calm demeanor, he has been actively involved in the local community for some time now.

Being appointed to the Board of Trustees is not a full-time job.

Jhaveri also works as the regional technology manager for the U.S. Department of Energy.

His job involves helping other federal agencies control their energy efficiently.

Solar energy and water conservation have become key focuses in his life.

He sees the importance of conservation and had solar energy panels installed in his Burien home where he and his wife live.

A radiant glow shines on his face when speaking of his family and home.

And his wife has raised their two children who are now living out of state working towards their future goals.

Jhaveri's dedication to this community is evident in all that he has done.

He is no stranger to this area.

Jhaveri was the first mayor of the city of Burien (1992-1997) before being appointed a Trustee in October of 1998.

Story by Melinda Carlisle
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 social activities in the work environment. At Highline, the staff has moved away from the traditional work 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 personnel secretary. 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 Hunsberger, who then pays 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.

Adding an emotional side to the work day can help. It shows that people you work with care about you, and that is what the Sunshine Committee is all about.

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At least five jurisdictions are involved in this case and they say the criminals are making an income in the seven-figure range. At least four separate banks have been robbed and at least one other bank is being investigated by Highline.

The Banker Police Department and the South Precinct, which is in charge of the investigation in the South Precinct area including Highline, say they are confident they will get the criminals.

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

The criminals are bold and have no fear of being caught, comments De-