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Highline asks for student center loan

By David Edwards
Staff Reporter

Highline wants to borrow $11 million from the state to help fund a new student center.

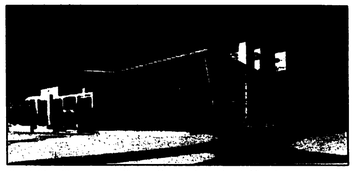
The loan would cover 73 percent of the expected $15 million cost of replacing Building 8.

If approved by the state Legislature, the loan will put the college - and Highline students — on the hook for paying it back. Students have been paying a $25 a quarter fee to help build the new center since a campus-wide referendum was approved last spring.

Highline is asking the state treasurer to tap into the state's bonding authority. The state would issue bonds that Highline will repay. Many colleges have used this mechanism to borrow money for projects that the Legislature will not fund directly, said Laura Saunders, vice president of administration.

"Highline is hopeful that the Legislature will grant approval for the school to borrow the funds," Saunders said.

The original referendum on the fee asked students whether they would be willing to pay the $2.50 per credit fee until the new building is paid off. That could keep students paying until 2015, Saunders said.



Architect's conception of new Student Center.

"The bonds are 15-year bonds and at the end of that time there would need to be a re-examination of the use of the funds," she said. "The vote of the student body that approved the self assessment did not have an ending date specified, but we talked about 15-year bonds when we did the initial financing plan that was presented to the students."

As far as the project, Saunders also said that "everything is going as scheduled. Based on the Legislature's approval which will be decided

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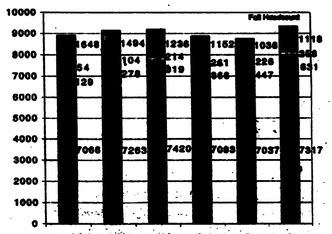
Something to crow about

Photo illustration by Petra Sokolova and Joe Walker

A fearsome scarecrow guards the gourds at the Pumpkin Hollow pumpkin patch in Des Moines. Students no doubt hope for tricks and not treats as mid-terms approach.



Enrollment for 1995-2000; the bottom portion of the bar represents regular students, followed by Running Start, international and Extended Learning students.

Enrollment going up, up , and up

By Autumn Mittelstaedt
Staff reporter

After two years of decline, Highline's student enrollement, is up again. Head count for Fall Quarter is at 9,324.

That's 578 more students than last fall's total of 8,746.

"Highline is cheaper and closer to home," said Carla Miller, a transfer student who spent three quarters at Western. "Highline offers the same classes as Western, but at Western there were 250 people in a class, and here there's only 30, so there's a lot more interaction."

Erin Blakeney, interim registar, said that one of the reasons for the increase in enrollment is because of Running Start students.

"Outreach does a great job going to high schools and exposing those students to a great opportunity," said Blakeney. "It's enticing to get college credits while you're still in high school. Students are learning more about Running Start and making the decision to do it."

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Speakers address domestic abuse

By Chelsey Eck
Staff Reporter

Domestic violence is a community responsibility, a representative of an awareness group said here Wednesday.

"We don't want to try to change people we want to change the environment and community," said Cristien Storms, executive director of the group Home Alive.

Storms and Home Alive Development Coordinator Sara Johnston discussed the issue with a crowd of approximately 80 people in Building 7. The presentation was part of Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Storms and Johnston opened the discussion by explaining that domestic abuse does not begin with physical abuse but progresses through control and power.

"Control and power are what distinguish domestic violence from an argument between partners," said Johnston.

Johnston explained that we cannot recognize an abuser or a victim and that there are no quick and easy steps that will help people to easily recognize the signs of domestic violence.

> "Control and power are what distinguish domestic violence from an argument between partners."
>
> -- Sara Johnston

Instead, to prevent domestic violence, we need to bring it outside of the relationship and into the community. She believes that we need to bring it out into to the open so that people can become aware that domestic violence is occurring in their community.

Yet they both agreed that isolation is one clear sign that someone could be in an abusive relationship. One way to prevent isolation, said Storms, is to ask your friends where they have been, and stay in close contact with them.

Once you know that someone is being abused, the best thing to do is to approach them, let them know you care about them and tell them that they need to get out of this abusive relationship.

The pair said that the best way to do this is to build it into the conversation. Once it is in the open, the victim needs to address how he or she wants to be treated.

During the discussion people were able to ask questions and have a chance to share personal experiences.

"My friends told me that I was in trouble and that I needed to get out" said one victim, who had recently ended an abusive relationship.

The abuser is currently in jail but the pain of the abuse is still with her.

"There's the physical recovery, but there is also the emotional recovery as well," said the victim. "This discussion was beneficial because it allowed me to open up about my experience:"

"We need each other to help heal the pain," she said.

Johnston said talking openly about domestic violence is a good thing.

"The purpose of this event was not to give hard facts but to allow people to begin talking about how domestic violence affects them as well as the community," said Johnston. "The key is for people to begin conversations and get it out in the open."

Crime blotter for Oct. 19-26

Runaway bag

A student reported that on Oct. 19 at 4:45 p.m. while walking through campus, he found a bag with a green leafy substance inside. Before he could take the bag to Security, he reported that a man came from his back side and took the bag and ran away.

Accident report

A member of Highline's staff reported that while working, she grabbed a cabinet for support and a metal box fell of the cabinet and hit her left ankle, causing it to swell.

Hungry?

Food that had been sitting for more 24 hours was removed from Building 3. The food was spoiled.

Found Property

One blue wallet and a pair of black gloves were found on campus.

An umbrella was found in Building 2.

One earring was found in Building 9.

One black wallet was found in Building 19, room 203.

One day planner was found with a key alarm, a tan and yellow baseball cap, and a TI-83 graphing calculator.

One white sweatshirt and one pink jacket were found in Building 30.

Two pictures, one dictionary, one single key, one Rubbermaid bowl with a lid, a spiral notebook, a text book, a blue three-ring binder, and a folder with a fall schedule enclosed were also found in Building 30.

Lost Property

One pager and a Swiss Military watch were lost on campus.

A silver CD player was lost in Building 30.

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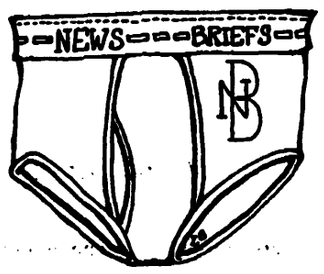

College transfer workshop on tap

Two workshops entitled "Paint Your Own Future With A Highline AA Transfer Degree" will be put on by the Educational Planning and Advising Center.

These workshops will offer information to students, faculty, and staff on the details of the Associate of Arts transfer degree.

Both will be held on Thursday, Nov. 2, at noon and 6 p.m. in Building 21, room 205. Refreshments will be provided, and the workshops should last about one hour each.

For more information, contact Denny Steussy at 206-878-3710, ext. 3534.

Panel to discuss E-Commerce

A panel constructed by E-Commerce instructor Ann Paulson will be in Building 7 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 30.

The panelists include Tatyana Mishel, former vice president of Web Experience for the ePod Corporation; Ann Naumann, corporate account manager of icopyright.com; Andrew Lippert, chief technology officer for Brandfly, and Dr. Carmine Mangione, programmer and founder of X-Spaces.

The panelists will discuss their experiences in the E-commerce world, and they will also be available to answer questions.

All students are welcome to attend the presentation, regardless of whether or not they are enrolled in the class.

Cole sailors honored

Photo by Evan Keck

Members of Highline's Veterans Club honored the 11 sailors who died in the bomb attack on the U.S.S. Cole. Club President Sunnie Price-Cooper gave a eulogy at the ceremony. Price-Cooper is a full time pre-med student and is in the Army Reserves stationed at Fort Lewis. "I choose to do it to give respect and honor to not only the dead but the families as well," she said.

Seminar tackles marine life

Highline professor Sam Shabb will be lecturing on the marine life of Puget Sound at this week's Science Seminar. The seminar will be on Friday, Oct. 27 from 2:10-3 p.m. in Building 3, room 102.

Shabb is considered a marine expert, and his presentation will include a slide show of sponges, anemones, sea stars, nudibranchs, and tunicates.

Business class manages campaign

Highline's Business 138 class is working as the marketing agency for Jet Chevrolet in Federal Way. The class will be responsible for coming up with a campaign for the company using a $2,500 budget.

The class will be doing an agency-style presentation for their client on Oct. 30 from 11 a.m. to noon in the Library boardroom.

Newsmakers

Highline alumnus Jamie Waterfall has joined the United States Army's Delayed Entry Program as a Personnel Administration Specialist.

Editor's note: Anyone who has done something fabulous is fair game for Newsmakers. Send your stories of achievement and wonder to thunderword@hotmail.com.

Clubs require hard work

By Autumn Mittelstaedt
Staff Reporter

If you are looking for a way to get involved at Highline, starting a club is simple and rewarding.

"It's a mistake that people just come here for classes," said Fred Capestany, multicultural student programs adviser. "Clubs provide a lot of different opportunities to meet people, learn skills, and gain experiences that will help you down the road."

In order to start a club, you need five currently enrolled Highline students with a minimum of three credits each and a faculty or staff member to be your adviser.

The next step is to go to the Student Programs Office in Building 8, where you will receive a packet including a Club and Organization Recognition Form. On this form you will need to write a statement of purpose for your club, its name, and the time and location of its meetings.

As of now, a current list of the clubs that have been firmly established is not available, says Capestany. The lack of leadership for clubs has been a concern in years past and overall student involvement has also impeded headway in keeping a particular club rolling.

Denny Steussy, co-adviser for the Vietnamese Student Association, says that those who are starting a club should not be afraid of starting small and utilizing the resources available.

In order for your club to be officially recognized, you must attend at least one Student Government meeting. At this time you will be able to access your club's budget.

Each club receives $100 in seed money (with the exception of political and religious clubs). Additional funds can be granted by the Club Contingency Fund Committee if determined necessary.

Many join Vietnamese club

By Thaihang Vu
Staff Reporter

The Vietnamese Student Association is one of the most successful clubs on campus.

With the help of advisers Nga Pham and Denny Steussy, they have managed to become a club that is widely known on campus. The association has been an active club for more than five years. This year's president is Thinh Ho. The club has a total of eight officers: three vice presidents, two external and one internal, a secretary, treasurer, publicists, and an action coordinator. These people help plan activities throughout the whole year.

"We are very united, we carry out our plans and put actions into our word," said Amy Le, who serves as the external vice president.

The club has about 300 members, with about 50 active on a regular basis.

About 97 percent of the members are Vietnamese. Even though the club is called the Vietnamese Student Association, anyone who is interested is welcome to join.

The VSA engages in a number of activities, including making new friends, going to dances, camping trips, playing sports, and fund-raising parties. They also hold meetings that are every other Thursday or twice a month.

"I like the activities we do in the club. I feel connected to the people and the environment," said club member My Dung Nguyen.

The association not only plans activities for themselves, but they also plan for Highline students. Each year they have a New Year's celebration, cultural fashion show, and a boat cruise filled with people from different colleges.

"Students get a chance to explore Vietnamese heritage. We get an opportunity to let people know about the Vietnamese culture," said Denny Steussy.

Many other schools have Vietnamese student associations on campus, including the University of Washington, Washington State University, and South Seattle, Seattle Central, Tacoma, Shoreline, and North Seattle. Some functions bring the groups together for large-scale events.

The association not only raises money for its own expenses, but also to donates money to the Red Cross.

For more information about the Vietnamese Student Association, contact Steussy at 206-878-3710, ext. 3534, or Nga Pham at ext. 3988.

Campus Crusade unites Christians

By Fawn Fowler
Staff Reporter

Some students say a new quarter doesn't have to focus on just hitting the books, but can center on growing together mentally and spiritually with fellow students on Highline's campus. Campus Crusade for Christ meetings have sparked a large interest, with a turnout of 45 students at the first gathering.

This quarter, the meetings are held in Building 10, room 103 on Fridays. An average meeting includes time of fellowship, music and worship, prayer, and discussions on the Bible.

Campus Crusade is a group constantly changing to reach innovative levels of understandings, said one member of Campus Crusade. Anyone and everyone who has or who wants to experience a relationship with Jesus Christ is welcome. "I go to the Campus Crusade so I can be part of a Bible study," said student member Laura Molt.

For others, it is a time to drop by, relax, make some new friends and get the year started. This club would like to concentrate on unity of the student body and to provide a refuge for those who need guidance.

"We don't like to consider ourselves as just a club, but rather a group of people hoping to build community on campus and to share the love of Jesus Christ," said member Jacob Mertens.

A main focal point of the group is close relationships between members through their religious beliefs, allowing students to practice and share their freedom of religion.

"(The group is) a way to remember and remind each other of what we're here to do as Christ's disciples," Mertens said.

For more information, contact club adviser Shannon Proctor at 206-878-3710 ext. 3198.

PTK is more than grades

By Rachele Corella
Staff Reporter

Phi Theta Kappa is a service fraternity that recognizes students of high scholarship.

"It's a way to get the best and the brightest involved," said Shannon Proctor, one of the advisers of the Pi Sigma chapter at Highline.

The four basic principles behind Phi Theta Kappa are service, leadership, fellowship, and scholarship. Members are required to have a minimum 3.5 grade point average and have completed 12 credits. Prospective members are sent a letter after the quarter during which they qualify.

This year's Phi Theta Kappa organization has around 300 members, Proctor said, though not all of these are active. "It's always been a pretty big club," she said.

"I think the best thing is just the people that I've been able to meet," said Kat Chappell, a Phi Theta Kappa member since Spring1999, who serves as the vice president for the greater Northwest region.

Photo courtesy of Russ Higley

Phi Theta Kappa members do many service projects, including last year's highway cleanup, pictured here.

Chappell's duties as regional vice president include helping to plan the region's quarterly conferences, visiting chapters in the region, and helping out members in other regions.

Chappell says that what attracted her initially to Phi Theta Kappa was "the fact that they recognize not only scholarship, but service as well."

Chappell says that her main goal for the year is "to increase our visibility, not only here on campus, but in the community as well."

Phi Theta Kappa has an office on the fourth floor of the library, where they can be reached to answer questions. They can also be reached at 206-878-3710 ext. 6116.

editorials

Initiative process may be outdated, hurtful

Six initiatives are on the November ballot. Some would argue that the entire initiative process is outdated.

The initiative process was enacted nearly a century ago when the Legislature was dictated by the railroad interests. It was difficult for the citizens of this state to have their voices heard in government.

While all the initiatives in this election have genuinely good ideas behind them, the initiative process itself may be the wrong approach. It costs hundreds of thousands of dollars to get these initiatives on the ballot and passed. Then more money often is spent by the state to defend the initiatives against inevitable court challenges.

For instance, the initiative that made the medical use of marijuana legal in Washington state is still being challenged in federal court.

Some initiatives can be very detrimental to our day-to-day lives, such as the initiative that eliminated affirmative action and I-695 that brought license tabs down to a standard $30 per car. This severely affected the budget and resulted in the loss of many state jobs.

Some of the initiatives on this ballot have the potential to do the very same thing.

I-722 and I-745, both inspired by the creator of I-695, Tim Eyman, would severely affect the funds allocated to public transportation. Both of these measures convey the notion of road repair and relieving congestion on our roads.

I-722 would push back property taxes to 1999 levels and only allow a 2 percent or rate-of-inflation increase annually per year, whichever is less. In truth no one wants to pay higher taxes or exorbitant license fees, but there is always a trade off. In this case it would be a cost to the state of over $1 billion by 2006.

I-745 would eliminate carpool lanes to allow other motorists to utilize them. The idea is to relieve congestion in the other two to five lanes. When the carpool lanes were installed they were paid for by federally granted funds. By eliminating these lanes, that encourage carpooling and reduce pollution, federal funding could be lost.

The initiative says 90 percent of transportation funds would have to be spent on road repairs and expansion (80 percent already is). The American Paving Association, who could stand to gain considerably from this project, backs this bill.

Meanwhile, more than 1 million hours of transit service could be cut from an already strained system.

Solutions to traffic problems in the Puget Sound should be pursued with an environmentally responsible view. The answer should be to encourage more carpool participants, increase public transportation, and design and fund a functional light rail system covering the north and south ends, downtown Seattle and the eastside.

Initiative 728 would increase the number of teachers in public schools K-12 to lower class sizes and improve learning. The funding for this would come from lottery dollars and money drawn from property tax funds.

The next initiative on the ballot is I-729, which would establish charter schools as an option in Washington state. Teachers unions oppose charter schools because they are continually tested and required to meet higher standards than in public schools. This could be the way our educational system goes if the traditional public school system does not improve.

I-732 proposes an annual cost of living increase for all teachers and faculty of K-12, all technical and community colleges and also increases the salaries of school administrators. To fund the wage increase, money to other programs will be cut, although the initiative does not state where the funding would come from. While the increase is warranted, a concrete funding plan should be established.

This election carries with it very serious budget concerns that will effect everyone in our state. Once again it must be emphasized that it is crucial for each and every one of us to vote.

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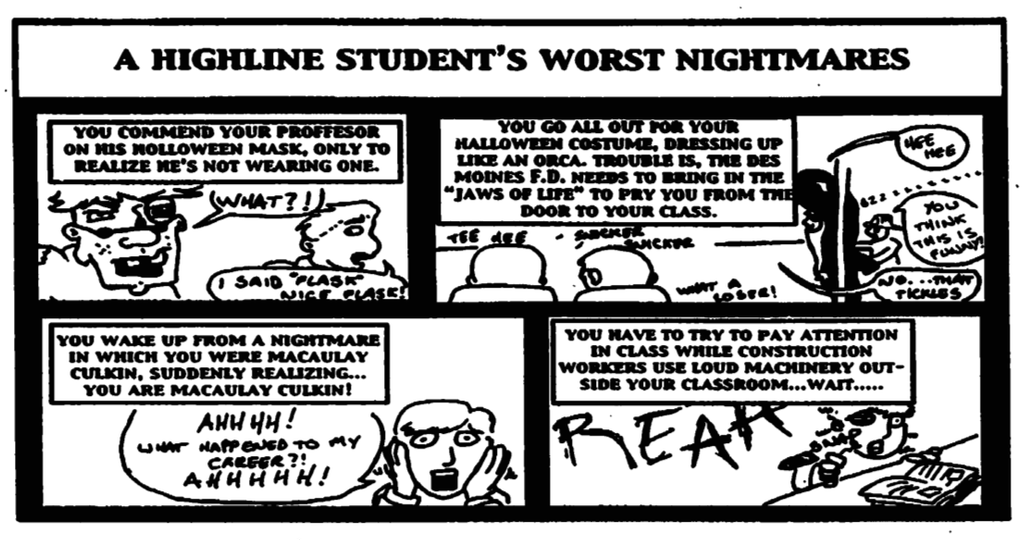
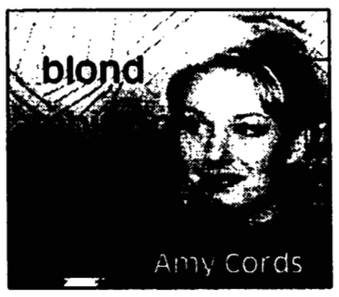


Why wait for Halloween to dress up?



One of my favorite Holidays is fast approaching -- Halloween. It's my favorite because it gives us all a perfectly good excuse to dress up in silly outfits and scary masks and forget how to be adults for at least one day.

So many other holidays people say are made for the young. As we get older we lose our enthusiasm for tearing into our Christmas presents at 6 a.m. on Dec. 25. Now, sleeping until noon and then finally getting to the things you know you are already getting is a little more appealing.

Easter is the same way. How many "grown-ups" do you see dressed up in frilly dresses or pastel plaid suits running around in a field searching for brightly colored eggs? Sadly, not many.

It seems the only holiday we get halfway excited over anymore is Thanksgiving because of the food and the football. And maybe the 4th of July, because who among us could say no to booze and explosives?

This Halloween I propose that we make a campuswide effort to dress up. Dress up as anything, a rock star, a pregnant nun, Little Red Riding Whore, a big bunny rabbit, or even a superhero.

Don't feel silly, feel empowered. You are regaining your childhood. You know there is a small child in you; let it come out and play.

The costumes can range from sensual and seductive to hideous and disgusting to just plain weird. But be inventive and have fun with it.

Since you are going to go through all the trouble of thinking up a great costume, wouldn't it be fun to get a little more use out of it?

Next suggestion: weekly dress-up days in the costume of your choice. Once a week you could be anything you wanted to be. You could be a fireman, a ballerina, an astronaut, or the ever-popular crazy guy who talks to his shoe. It would relieve stress, and make us all feel better, don't you think?

Remember when you were a kid and you'd go to the store about two weeks before Halloween and pick out your costume, but you couldn't wait to wear it. So for the next two weeks, you wore that costume every chance you had. Didn't that make you feel free?

Now is the time to feel that free again. I challenge you, Highline, to find the best Halloween costume you can and wear it with pride.

I long to see all the ghosts and goblins, big animals and superheroes. Batman where are you? Your cat women is waiting.

Much of the newsroom will be dressing up as Amy for Halloween.

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Alston shares her spiritual experience

By Sam Abraham
Staff Reporter

Thressa Alston hopes to help Highline's choir sing out.

And not just anything. The recently hired counselor will work with the choir to share her expertise in African American Spirituals.

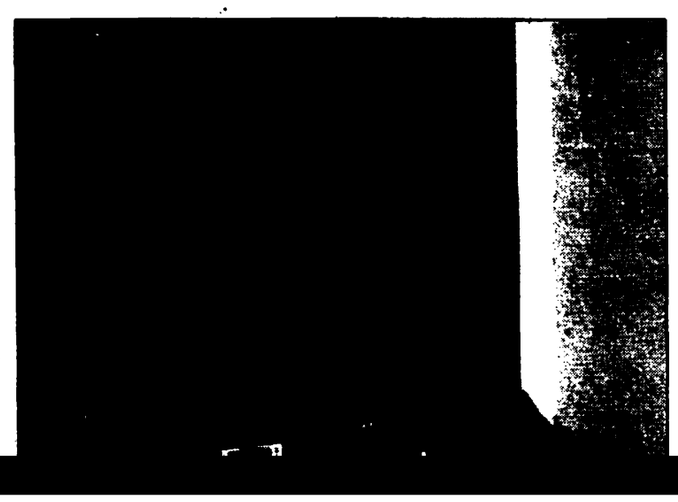
Originally from North Carolina, Alston says that the spirituals represent the type of music she listened to growing up.

She moved to California later in her life, but the interest fol-

tage, because it helps people understand me better," said Alston.

Paul Mori, director of Highline's choir, sees this as a great opportunity for this to be taught first hand as it has been traditionally. You learn more from spoken word than from a book, he said.

Alston said spirituals are something of a lost art form, but remain alive today due to a long line of oral tradition. Often, traditions are confused with mod-



reflected the fact that slaves were not allowed to learn.

The lyrics to spirituals are a combination of things that the writers picked up from oral tradition, the Bible, and from songs heard commonly in churches.

This explains many of the misconstructions and mistakes found throughout the songs, in that the writers only saw bits and pieces of their inspirations.

The songs were written to express the feelings of the writers and attempt to ease their bur-

[illegible] the feelings held by [illegible] a searching group lyrics so [illegible] people," said Alston.

'Pay it Forward' gleams

By Patrick Allcorn
Staff Reporter

Movie theaters will soon be filled with old television shows turned into movies, sequels to movies that weren't that good in the first place, and real-life versions of old cartoon movies. If you're looking for originality in this sea of conformity, maybe you should see *Pay it Forward.*

An all-star cast shines brilliantly in this new movie, which was inspired by a Catherine Ryan Hyde novel of the same title. Kevin Spacey follows up his Academy Award winning role in *American Beauty* with yet another prize-worthy performance.

He stars as Eugene Simonet, a seventh-grade Social Studies teacher who is so focused on maintaining his everyday routines that he is unwilling to display any emotions or share his life with anybody. The scars on his body are matched equally by the scars on heart, and the scars that he sees on the world.

Simonet gives his class the same assignment every year: Think of something you don't like about the world and change it. He doesn't expect the children to actually change the world but hopes that the effort will be enough to help them become better people.

Haley Joel Osment expains his idea in 'Pay it Forward

Haley Joel Osment plays Trevor McKinney, a student in Simonet's class who takes the assignment to heart and develops a plan to make things better. He decides to help three people do something that they couldn't do on their own. Those three people would repay him by helping three other people, and so on.

Osment once again shows that he has no peers among child actors. It was sometimes hard to distinguish his character in this movie from his scared character in *The Sixth Sense,* but on the whole he comes through. His range extended from childish exuberance to anger to bravery.

Helen Hunt (*As Good as it Gets, Twister*) also stars as Trevor's mother, Arlene. She is an alcoholic, single mother, working two jobs to make her son's life better. *Pay it Forward* is a movie that everyone can enjoy as long as you don't go in expecting to laugh or to be blown away by special effects.

But if you're tired of being able to guess what will happen in the next scene or at the end of the movie, see this one, you'd have to be really good to guess this ending.

Local comedy clubs good for laughs

By Ann Namyniuk
Staff Reporter

Doing the same old boring stuff every night can get to be so depressing. So this weekend put a smile on your face and a deep down laugh in your tummy at one of your local comedy clubs.

There are many different types of comedy shows to be seen. There is stand-up comedy with practiced and organized routine.

There is improvisational stand up where the stand up comedian has no routine and is making jokes on the fly.

Also, sketch comedy has grown very popular here in Seattle. Sketch Comedy is when a group of performers get together to create an entertaining sketch to share with the audience.

An improvisational sketch is one that has not been previously prepared, often with audience participation.

One of the places to get a glimpse at how funny stand-up comedy can be in Seattle and Tacoma, is The Comedy Underground.

The Underground has shows throughout the entire week starting Sunday night with Auditions.

Monday night is open mike night, Tuesday has a feature called Queer as a $3 bill, Wednesday night boasts The Tracy Tuffs show and, Thursday through Saturday, there are many different features performed at Seattle Underground.

Show times are 8 p.m. nightly with late shows on Friday and Saturday starting at 10:00 p.m. Going the other direction to the Tacoma Club, shows only run from Wednesday night through Friday starting at 9 and Saturday night at 8:30 and 10:30 p.m. One feature is performed Wednesday through Saturday and the features change every week.

All shows are 21 and over and ID is required.

For directions and ticket information call The Comedy Underground inSeattle at 206 628-0303 or Tacoma at 253-272-2489

Another popular Seattle stand-up club is the Giggles Comedy Club, located in the University District.

This week, Thursday starts with open mike night at 8:00 p.m. and there is no charge for admission.

This week the main feature is big movie star, Taylor Negroni.

"One of Giggles favorite comedians is back to share some laughs," said Giggles owner Terry Talor.

Negron has played in movies such as: *Fast times at Ridgemont High, Last Boy Scout, Angels in the Outfield, Stuart Little,* and *Money Pit.*

"This show is Rated R but we're gonna have a lot of fun," said Talor.

The first show is at 8 p.m. for a 21 and over crowd at 10 p.m. Ticket prices range from $6-$12 plus tax. For reservations and directions, contact Giggles at 206-526-JOKE.

Some Kind of Cult provides group oriented live improv. On Saturday Nov. 4 Some Kind of Cult will rejuvenate all of their improv shows at Two Bells Tavern in downtown Seattle.

If you have never seen live comedy before or if you love the Cult's past shows you won't want to miss this one.

"Not only will this be fall-down, pee-your-pants, 'Jane get me off this crazy thing fun,'" said actor Troy Fischnaller. "And it won't cost you a thing."

Historical flicks are for character-focused drama

For those of you who scoff at Hollywood regarding the blatant liberty filmmakers exercise when portraying historical events, I have but three words. Read a book.

Derek Roche

The physical logistics are simply not there for complex, extensive historical episodes to be accurately illustrated onto celluloid. Filmmakers have but 90 minutes, sometimes longer, oftentimes shorter to tell their story. Movies, for that reason precisely, are not about World War II or the Great Depression, but rather narrowing the sweeping, comprehensive scope to more intimate circumstances - using the broad event as a backdrop for intriguing, character focused drama.

Titanic has the benefit of depicting a moment in history that was merely that, "a moment." James Cameron's painstaking effort to, in essence, simulate the last hours of the unsinkable ship was nothing short of commendable. Despite the film's stalwart attention to detail, however, the sinking was simply the framework for a fictional, arguably hokey, but effective star-crossed-lovers tale.

When a film begins with the admonition "based on a true story," as an audience, it's forewarning that one's willing suspension of disbelief is a prerequisite for further viewing.

Oliver Stone, more often that not, has come under fire for his distortion regarding historical exactitude. That's not fair. *JFK* is not a commentary on the events that befell that gloomy Dallas afternoon when America lost its president. It's not even director Stone's interpretation. The remarkably well-crafted movie is about a far-fetched conspiracy held by fanatical prosecuting attorney Jim Garrison.

Two recent films, *U-571* and *The Perfect Storm* have been garnering criticism from historians and film purists for its massacre of record.

The basis for *U-571* is taken from a similar story involving British herorics. And no one knows exactly what took place on the fishing boat that was at the central story of *The Perfect Storm.*

They all perished that fateful night. This is no way means that a dramatization of what may have taken place is not indeed warranted.

Coincidentally, both films end with a gratuitous dedication to the courageous men and women who have lost their lives in similar situations. Why? Neither film claims their stories are true, only that they are inspired by truth. There's a difference.

Braveheart was indeed a historical embellishment. Yes a William Wallace did exist (the screenwriter's ancestor in fact), and he did valiantly lead a Scottish rebellion against the English. Beyond this, Mel Gibson's Oscar-winning epic is an unsubtle blend of myth and verity. I knew little about Wallace prior to seeing the film and knew just about the same afterwards. No harm done.

Going to the theater to gain insight into history is like going to McDonald's expecting caviar.

Derek's favorite historical epic: Short Circuit 2. *He still cries at the end.*

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Pros and cons of free music on 'Napster'

I'll never have to buy a CD again, and I love it. With artists all up in arms, claiming Napster steals their music, many Napster users back the online Mp3-trading site. They say that they are merely "sharing," the files. Right. Truth is, Napster users get music for absolutely free, cutting back on CD sales, which in turn, cuts paychecks down the line of corporate execs, and eventually even hurts the artists income.

If I were to receive a paycheck for significantly less than the time I worked, I'd be pretty peeved. Then, if my boss were to tell me he thought I was just "sharing" my time, I can't say I'd be too happy.

Then again, how long can the industry charge the public outrageous CD prices and expect us not to find an easier way to get our favorite music and discover new talent?

How long can we sit back and watch musicians show off their billion-dollar houses on shows like *MTV Cribs,* only to see them turn around and whine about how we take their "hard-earned" money?

What makes no sense to me is how rap aficionado Dr. Dre has pending lawsuits with Napster. Would this be the same Dr. Dre that speaks of "busting caps," "slapping hoes," and "smoking dank." Copyright infringement may very well be a bad thing to encourage, but Murder One, Domestic Violence, and Possession of Illegal Narcotics might just be more serious offenses there, Dre.

CD sales are not as much of a significant portion of a musician's earnings as concert tickets or merchandising. Therefore I simply don't see any reason for any artist to get directly angry with Napster, or any of its users for that matter.

The only group of individuals that I feel have a right to be upset would be the record companies themselves. Record companies rely on CD sales to stay alive, and they see Napster as a change in the way the public gets its music. I think they realize that this isn't just any change, it's one that has a chance of knocking them out of the picture.

Over the years, we have seen a number of different formats of music and how it reaches it's audience, all of which have required a middle-man to get the music to the general public. Records required a company to put up money to produce it, as did 8-tracks, tapes, and CDs.

The Mp3 format only requires that the listener have a computer with Internet access, which makes it so the music doesn't need to be sold to the public anymore; they can simply download it. Talent scouts are unnecessary now, as the public can learn about musicians in their favorite genres and decide whether they like them or not, without ever having to be told who they should listen to.

All of the record company executives are crying their eyes out in their triple-shot lattes. They realize they may only be making seven figures for a couple more years before the world of e-music takes over. You know what Fred Durst? Maybe you should hold off on buying those 36 Jaguars.

This presents a solution to the epidemic of many poppy groups, in that it weeds out those that are only in the business for the money. Bands can rely on touring, TV appearances, music videos, and merchandising for paychecks. They could easily still make seven figures for that.

The world of e-music, however, also breeds problems for us. Bands that have a great studio sound that don't want to tour, or aren't very good on tour, still want to make money — what do we do with them? They have no means of income, therefore resort to other jobs, creating the complete destruction, or even lack of discovery of some really good bands.

Regardless, with the abundance of computers in modern-day society, I think this is truly where music is going to go. Frankly, I feel resistance is futile. If Napster is destroyed, people will use Scour. If Scour is destroyed, people will use some other online Mp3 source. It can't be stopped. Now if you'll excuse me, I'm off to download the new Limp Bizkit CD (sorry Fred.)

Sam will soon be recording his debut album, which he will "share" with the public.

Solution to last week's puzzle...

FILM FLAM

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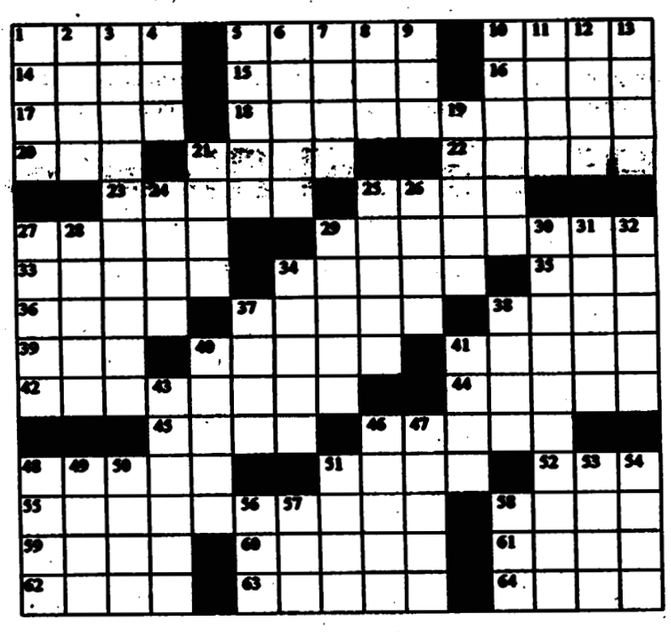
Crossword 101

" High Cost of Loving "

By Ed Canty



ACROSS
1 Rave's partner
5 Precedes boss and hat
10 Barnyard baby
14 Bard's river
15 Childhood
16 Track for one
17 Hide
18 "Stop *in the* ____ ____":*Supremes*
20 Bdwy. sign
21 Brick troughs
22 Sculled
23 Cancels
25 City in France
27 Infiltrates
29 Deli side
33 French river
34 Ann & May
35 Kimono sash
36 Laughing bird
37 Matador's concerns
38 Smooth
39 Handouts
40 Vented
41 Vertical position
42 Prevented
44 Girders
45 Hodges & McDougald
46 Ireland photo op
48 Task
51 October birthstone
52 School org.
55 *Valentine*
58 Leaked out
59 Affirmative votes
60 Malt
61 Peruse
62 Rowan & Ackroyd
63 Free:Slang
64 Seeks an answer

DOWN
1 Sings a la Ice-T
2 Affirm
3 *Hatred*
4 Explosive letters
5 Church council
6 Amphibians
7 Intoxicating beverages
8 Eroded
9 The ____:Brit. rock group
10 Punctuation marks
11 Concede
12 Wash
13 Left in a hurry
19 Relieves
21 Villain's greeting
24 Unobstructed
25 Overcame difficulty
26 Brews
27 Follows shrimp or lobster
28 Crumble away
29 Sympathized with
30 *Tomatoes*
31 At right angles to the keel
32 Flickers the eyelash
34 Hollows
37 Young woman
38 Olympic event
40 The Little Mermaid
41 Eve's son
43 Exit
46 Tiny amount
47 Rabbits
48 Dressed
49 Georgetown player
50 Baker's need
51 Relating to the ear
53 Wood
54 Totes
56 Asner & Begley
57 London custom
58 Bikini part

Quotable Quote

" There is no love sincerer than the love of food. "

. . . George Bernard Shaw

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Sports fans need some perspective

Last week the Seattle Mariners were knocked out of the playoffs and surprisingly, no riots ensued in Pioneer Square and the Space Needle is still standing.

Today's world is so full of people whose lives revolve around sports that I do not use the word "surprisingly" in jest.

Had the Mariners lost on a bad call, or maybe if they would have won the World Series, the riots from last year's World Trade Organization meeting would have looked like a rendition of Ring Around the Rosies in comparison.

In Brazil, soccer fans have actually lost their lives while in the stands at a match.

At some point sports have stopped being a source of entertainment and became an obsession that blinds people to the important issues in the world.

A couple of weeks ago, Oklahoma University's football team beat their arch-rival, the University of Texas. The following Monday the school's president cancelled all classes.

Is a football victory really reason enough to cancel classes?

Is a player's error in a soccer match really reason enough to take his life?

Should we place athletes on pedestals while we basically ignore people who are trying to make the world a better place?

By the way, you are still in the sports section and I am still a sports reporter, but I am also aware of a world that exists outside of commercial sports venues and television sets.

Don't get me wrong, I enjoy watching sports too, but I watch with the understanding that I am merely a spectator. I guarantee that the outcome of the 2004 Olympic handball finals will not cause me to wreak havoc in the Seattle streets or to call in sick for work two days after the match so I can continue celebrating. A simple "woo hoo" is all you'll get from me.

Patrick promises to say "woo hoo" at least twice if the Mariners ever win the Series.

T-Birds score on Oregon trail

By Anthony Hamilton
Staff Reporter

The Highline men's soccer team had an amazing weekend on the road this past week going 2-0.

Highline beat Umpqua 2-1 before dumping Southwest Oregon 5-0. The victories moved Highline into a second-place tie with Tacoma with a 10-3-2 record and 32 points. The T-Birds also are only two points behind first-place Pierce.

The T-Birds got a chance Wednesday to break that tie with a game at Tacoma. Results from that match were unavailable at press time.

The T-Birds first made a grueling eight-hour trip to southern Oregon, where they took on Umpqua.

Highline played a tough game and came out with a 2-1 win. "We just played a gutsy game," Head Coach Jason Prenovost said.

Scoring for the T-Birds was Hiromasa Fukui and Fawzi Bellal, who each had one goal.

The men then traveled to Southwest Oregon Community College, where the Thunderbirds blanked the Lakers 5-0.

"We came in and just blew them out," said Bellal, the team captain.

Scoring for Highline were Keelan Harvey, Gabe Andrews, Hiromasa Fukui, Dustin Rodes, and Bellal on an amazing assist from Daisuke Kimpara.

"This was the best weekend so far," Bellal said.

The Thunderbirds are now 10-3-2, and currently tied for 2nd with Tacoma.

"We got some really big games this week," Prenovost said.

Highline will do battle this weekend on the road against Grays Harbor, 1 p.m. Saturday. The 'Birds host South Puget Sound at 3 p.m. next Wednesday at Zenith Field.

Photo by Shaun Goodman

Fawzi Bellal sneaks up on a Seattle player before swiping the ball from him. Highline went on to a 3-0 shutout win against the Storm last Wednesday.

Lady T-Birds earn two shutout wins

By Dustin Rodes
Staff Reporter

The women's soccer team went 2-0 last week to remain in fourth place in the Southwest Division of the NWAACC.

The Lady T-Birds beat Seattle 7-0 before thumping Southwest Oregon 5-0.

Highline now has a 5-3-2 record, leaving them in the last available playoff berth. They trail third-place Clark by two points.

Highline played first-place Tacoma Wednesday with results unavailable at press time. The T-Birds host Lower Columbia at noon Saturday at Zenith Park.

They started off their undefeated week by kicking last-place Seattle.

After only scoring one goal in the first half, the T-Birds picked it up in the second half with six more scores.

"We used South Seattle as a practice for Southwest Oregon," said Assistant Coach Teresa Aloe.

Goalkeeper Amanda Ross recorded another shutout. Highline had beaten Seattle 10-0 in the teams' first meeting. Although they didn't score as many goals this time, they came out strong and didn't let down throughout the game.

With the day off on Friday, the women took a road trip down south to Coos Bay to face Southwest Oregon.

Highline's women lost to them the first time around so they were going down with something to prove.

Field conditions weren't great. Rain on Friday left SWOCC's field with up to six inches of mud in many places.

Nonetheless, it was a great game for Highline. The Lady T-Birds dominated throughout, with Brea Shultz and Kim Oberbillig completing the game with two goals each. The other goal came in the waning minutes from C.C. Morgan

"It was one of the best games we have played all year, we had a lot of fun," said freshman midfielder Oberbillig.

It was a fun game to watch with people slipping and sliding every time someone touched the ball.

"There was a lot of team bonding those couple of days. We stayed at the Red Lion and braided each other's hair," said freshman Shultz.

"SWOCC is a much better team than South Seattle but we still took it to them. We controlled the ball," said Aloe.

"SWOCC showed us that we can handle a team like Tacoma," said Aloe. "Practices have been serious and game-like."

"We are ready for Tacoma," said Shultz.

Photo by Shaun Goodman

Elizebeth Mansfield battles a Seattle player for possession of the ball. Highline stomped Seattle 7-0 last Wednesday and outscored opponents 12-0 for the week.

V-ball team picks up a win

By Maria Williams
Staff Reporter

Win, lose, but no draw. The Highline volleyball team won their game against Tacoma Community College in three straight matches, and Friday, lost to Centralia in four matches.

The Tacoma Titans haven't won any games so far this season, yet they are definitely capable of doing so. Earlier this season, they won against the first place team, Green River, in a single match.

Although the Lady T-Birds had some great practices just days before the game, errors still plagued the team.

Highline was without their customary setter, Kayla Drewry, who was unable to play due to back injuries and tendonitis in her wrists.

T-Bird Shelley Markham filled in for Drewry Wednesday night. Head Coach Andrea Lancaster was very happy with her effort.

"Shelley is a great athlete, and very mature. She is a great team player, and did her very best," Lancaster said.

The Lady T-Birds accomplished their goal of defeating Tacoma, although many errors were made throughout the game, such as serving and being called on the net.

The women are capable of playing much better than they did in Wednesday's game.

Friday's game against Centralia did not go as anticipated.

Everything started off great when the women claimed victory in the first match, by a score of 15-9.

The next four matches went downhill from there.

Photo by Joe Walker

Melinda Kuolt leaps up to smash the ball in Friday's home loss to Centralia. The Lady T-Birds fought hard but lost the fifth set 15-9.

In a volleyball game, players are constantly communicating with each other - usually very loudly.

However, when on the court, the T-Birds were very quiet and reserved. Their communication level was low, and they were playing more as individuals rather than as a team.

The T-birds were digging themselves in a hole, and were not able to get back out of it.

Volleyball is a sport where every single player will have physical contact with the ball at some point in the game. This is why it is crucial to work as a team, rather than an individual.

"It's definitely not a sport like basketball, where you can pass the ball between your two key players and still win the game," said Lancaster. " With volleyball, they will always come into contact with the ball at some point."

Highline played Clark on Wednesday with results unavailable at press time.

The Lady T-Birds will face off with Green River tonight at 7 p.m. in the Thunderdome.

Bellal is happy to be a Thunderbird

By Anthony Hamilton
Staff Reporter

In the post season other teams beware of the Algerian Nightmare.

The second place and 10-3-2 Highline men's soccer team's success is largely do the leadership and play of sophomore sensation and Team Captain Fawzi (pronounced foo-zi) Bellal.

Bellal currently leads the Thunderbirds in goals scored with 10 in just 15 games.

He first came to the United States from Algeria at the age of 11. He has been playing soccer for as long as he can remember. Bellal played his high school soccer at nearby Mt. Rainier High School.

Fawzi Bellal dances around defenders earlier this year.

Bellal came to Highline on a soccer scholarship and has had direct impact on the team's success since his arrival.

Bellal's performance has not only earned him recognition locally, but he has also caught the eye of some other collegiate institutions as well. He has been already offered a scholarship from Hawaii Pacific University and Seattle Pacific University has recently been expressing interest.

His extracurricular interests include working out, and playing basketball, but when it comes down to it, "I just play soccer," Bellal said.

Bellal is pursuing a pre-med degree and has aspirations in playing professional soccer.

This year he plans on Highline taking the NWAACC title.

"This is the best team I've ever played on, and our coaches are the best," he said.

Bellal trains relentlessly, and still manages a 3.1 grade point average.

Wrestlers practicing smackdown

By Evan Keck
Staff Reporter

In what could be the most successful off-season recruiting the Highline wrestling team has had in recent years, Head Coach Todd Owens looks to have a season he can continue to build on.

Though Owens considers last season as a building year, he has another youth movement again this year. The coach hopes his key returning wrestlers will provide the leadership and be an example for the team to continue doing well down the road.

Returners such as Anthony Hamilton and Shad Lierly, who both have national tournament experience, will try to lead the team to a successful season.

Hamilton, the only returning All-American at the 285 pound weight class, leads by example.

"He is soft-spoken; the young guys look up to him," said assistant coach John Clemens. "He is not an arm-waver, but his actions speak as loud as words."

Lierly, the team captain, though he was put out earlier than expected at the national tournament last year, expects to do better this year.

Last year the T-Birds took third place at regionals and sent five wrestlers overall to the national tournament in Minnesota. Hamilton was the only one who placed. The team also took the Academic All-American championship.

This year, with a lot more depth and commitment, Owens knows the program is headed in the right direction.

"We look pretty good," said Owens. "We have a lot of youth but have key returners."

At 125 pounds, sophomore Bobby Brokenshire is returning from a redshirt year.

Freshman Steve Holbrook, from Lake Chelan, is a two-time state place winner and is expecting to get some time on the mat.

Freshmen Steve Mertens and Javonn Albert-Rainwater both hope to gain experience this year as well.

Freshmen Brandon Howard and Carlos Adamy will battle it out for the top 133 pound spot. Both have distinguished careers at the high school level. Howard is a three-time high school state-finalist and a state champion. Adamy is a two-

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pion. Howard defeated Adamy in the state finals at the Mat Classic the previous year.

Sophomore James Warren will also make a bid at the starting role.

Lierly is the returning starter at 141 pounds. Freshman Daryl Gardner and sophomore Andy Twardus will gain experience behind Lierly.

At 149, Jason King hopes to have a successful year. The NJCAA Academic All-American fell short of the national tournament after a tough season last year.

Freshmen Nick Sisemore from Spanaway Lake and Steve Grimm from Port Townsend are learning the ropes at the college level.

Chad Keck and Ben Barkley will face off for the 157 pound spot. Barkley is a two-time state champion from Orting High School. However, he will not be eligible until winter quarter. Keck has improved from the previous season and will be tough to beat as he tries to break out this year. Dan Villalobos and Derek Norton will also try to fit into the picture at 157.

Tanner Stahl, who has not missed a practice in two seasons, will make the best out of this year. Stahl is a two-time Academic All-American and has been a leader on the team. Preston Crow is a two-time state champion and is expected to contribute as well.

Joe Castro is a redshirt sophomore at 165. Castro was an alternate at the national tournament last year, but wants to take the year off to save his eligibility for next season. He will be needed to help the young guys gain experience.

Andy Olson, at 174 pounds, is expected to place high at nationals this year. The wrestler from Lake Stevens is in his second year at Highline. Olson missed nationals last year due to eligibility problems but is in good contention for a national championship this year.

Curt Cresson is also for his sophomore year and will back up Olson well at 174 pounds.

At 184 pounds, Jamey Verderico and Trevor Smith will both due well. Verderico was injured late last year with a shoulder separation. He will have a strong chance at nationals this season. Smith is a freshman from Mark Morris High School in Longview. There, he won a state title and hopes to be get a lot of experience this year. Currently he is recovering from knee surgery but will be in the lineup soon.

Ryan Doerge and Chris Babke will both be strong competitors at 197 pounds. Doerge earned extensive mat time last year and will keep working hard this year. Babke is a two-time state champion but with two years away from the sport he is getting back into it.

Heavyweight Hamilton will anchor the squad with his speed and strength and is also expected to bring in a national championship. Freshman Bryce Emmett will gain experience behind Hamilton.

With the beginning of the season rapidly approaching, a bit of excitement lives in the training room.

"There's a lot of good wrestling in here," Olson said. "We look pretty good."

Though many teams like to ease into a season, this year, Highline won't have that luxury. The T-Birds will face North Idaho College next week. NIC is one of the top ranked junior colleges in the nation.

"This let's us know where we're at," said Owens. "It's a good indicator even if it is early in the season."

The wrestlers have intersquad challenges tomorrow at 5 p.m. in the Pavilion.

scoreboard

Women's Volleyball

Northern Division	W	L
Skagit Valley	8	0
Edmonds	6	3
Whatcom	5	4
Shoreline	4	4
Bellevue	4	5
Everett	3	6
Olympic	0	8

Eastern Division		
Columbia Basin	7	0
Spokane	5	2
Walla Walla	4	3
Big Bend	3	4
Blue Mountain	1	6
Yakima Valley	1	6

Western Division		
Green River	9	1
Lower Columbia	8	2
Pierce	7	2
Grays Harbor	6	4
Clark	4	6
HIGHLINE	3	7
Centralia	2	8
Tacoma	0	9

Southern Division		
Mt. Hood	10	0
Chemeketa	8	2
Linn-Benton	6	3
Clackamas	5	5
SW Oregon	3	7
Umpqua	2	8
Lane	0	9

Scores

Centralia def. Highline, 8-15, 15-7, 17-15, 10-15, 15-9

10/26 vs. Green River 7 p.m.
11/1 vs. Pierce 7 p.m.
11/3-4 Bellevue Crossover
11/8 @ Grays Harbor 7 p.m.
11/10 TieBreaker Play-off
11/11 Regional Play-offs

Men's Soccer

NE Division	W	L	T	Pts
Edmonds	13	0	0	39
Spokane	9	2	2	29
North Idaho	9	3	1	28
Bellevue	6	3	4	22
Skagit Valley	6	7	0	18
Columbia Basin	5	7	1	16
Walla Walla	3	10	0	9
Everett	1	11	0	3
Peninsula	0	9	0	0

SW Division	W	L	T	Pts
Pierce	11	2	1	34
Tacoma	9	1	5	32
HIGHLINE	10	3	2	32
Clark	9	3	2	29
Shoreline	8	5	3	27
SW Oregon	7	6	2	23
Seattle	3	7	3	12
Umpqua	3	10	2	11
Green River	3	10	1	10
Grays Harbor	3	11	1	10
S. Puget Sound	2	10	2	8

Scores

10/20
Columbia Basin 2, Everett 1
North Idaho 4, Bellevue 1
Skagit Valley 6, Walla Walla 1
Clark 2, Grays Harbor 0
SW Oregon 2, Green River 0
Highline 2, Umpqua 1
Pierce 1, Tacoma 0
Seattle 2, S. Puget Sound 1
10/21
Skagit Valley 2, Columbia Basin 1
Edmonds 4, North Idaho 1
Spokane 1, Bellevue 1
Walla Walla 1, Everett 0
Clark 0, Shoreline 0
Pierce 3, Grays Harbor 1
Umpqua 6, Green River 3
Highline 5, SW Oregon 0
Tacoma 3, S. Puget Sound 2

Women's Soccer

NE Division	W	L	T	Pts
Edmonds	11	1	1	34
Columbia Basin	11	2	0	33
North Idaho	10	3	0	30
Walla Walla	8	4	1	25
Wenatchee	4	4	1	13
Skagit Valley	4	7	1	13
Spokane	4	8	1	13
Bellevue	1	11	1	4
Everett	0	13	0	0

SW Division	W	L	T	Pts
Tacoma	10	0	0	30
SW Oregon	8	3	0	24
Clark	6	2	1	19
HIGHLINE	5	3	2	17
Shoreline	4	4	2	14
Green River	2	7	2	8
Lower Columbia	1	8	1	4
Seattle	0	9	0	0

Scores

10/20
Columbia Basin 7, Everett 0
North Idaho 3, Bellevue 0
Skagit Valley 1, Walla Walla 0
SW Oregon 1, Green River 0
Tacoma 3, Seattle 0
10/21
Columbia Basin 5, Skagit Valley 1
Edmonds 2, North Idaho 0
Spokane 3, Bellevue 2
Walla Walla 3, Everett 0
Highline 5, SW Oregon 0
Clark 2, Lower Columbia 0
10/22
Edmonds 3, Spokane 0

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Chinese learn new business techniques

By Tiffany Eck
Staff Reporter

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Former Highline president Ed Command, center, gives Chinese delagates a tour of the campus.

Even though the delegates from Yangzhou, China are only here for a two-week period, they have built a lifetime friendship with Highline and the city of Kent.

The 15 delegates were greeted at a welcoming ceremony at Highline on Oct. 23. About 25 other people attended from Kent and Highline.

The ceremony included speeches by College President Priscilla Bell, Kent Mayor Jim White, and delegation leader Jia Dianhua.

The ceremony included a mixture of English and Chinese so everyone felt included.

Dianhua was overwhelmed with gratitude and emotionally expressed his gratefulness for the opportunity given to him and his colleagues.

"We are very pleased with the amount of energy and time invested in this program for our benefit. I know it took much dedication and we greatly appreciate it," said Dianhua. "Therefore we wish to extend a very cordial thanks to the Highline and Kent people for all that they have done."

The delegation members are eager to learn and take back to China what they have learned.

"I want to learn about the technology used here as well as how management skills are developed," said Dianhua.

Another member of the delegation, Sun Huazhou, also expressed the same feelings as Dianhua.

"I think there is a lot to learn in the Unites States. We especially want to learn about technology and economic methods used here," said Huazhou.

Director of Yangzhou Baojun Radio Factory Jin Changshan said he is also very excited about what he will learn here.

"During the following two weeks we look forward to learning about the new business techniques and bring them back and apply them to our daily work practices and we also hope that what we learn will help improve our social and economic situation in Yangzhou," said Changshan.

The delegates were not only impressed with the programs created for them but also the beauty of the land.

"We are very impressed by the natural and beautiful environment here, and we have a very deep impression of the harmonious protection of the environment," said Dianhua.

Huazhou also commented on the beauty of the land.

"All of us are very impressed. We enjoy the fresh clean air and beautiful environment. It is very pleasant and there are many trees," said Huazhou.

The Chinese businessmen were not the only ones impressed. Joanne Schaut, Kent international programs coordinator, was also impressed with the development of China especially in the city of Yangzhou.

"What is so fascinating about China is that it is growing so fast and has changed so much in just one year," said Schaut. "Yangzhou is one of my most favorite cities in the world because it is so dynamic and colorful. It is a very exiting place."

She said she is proud that the city of Kent was able to be apart of this relationship with Yangzhou.

"I believe our program has helped the development of Yangzhou because it creates an awareness of such institutions as education, culture, and recreational exchanges and it is through this heightened awareness that gives the people of Yangzhou confidence and an attitude of 'I can do it'," said Schaut.

Yangzhou is the first city out of five that Kent has a relationship with to come to Highline and receive training in American business practices.

While they are here, the delegation will attend a series of lectures on manufacturing, marketing, and capital management.

Faculty at Highline, the University of Washington, Pacific Lutheran University, and the University of Puget Sound will be providing the theoretical basis for this program.

"These professors are very knowledgeable and the Chinese businessmen will have an opportunity to learn much from them," said Highline's Dr. Bell.

In addition, there will be several opportunities for them to hear directly from business leaders as well as visit many businesses such as Boeing, Fluke, Kenworth, PACCAR, Northwest Metals, Mikron Industries and Washington First International Bank.

Kent Mayor White also had an opportunity to welcome the Chinese delegates. He also expressed his appreciation for the relationship Kent has with Yangzhou.

"We are excited to welcome them to Kent for the purpose of building their knowledge about American business practices and I am certain we can learn much from each other," said White. "I also believe we have a very fruitful relationship with Yangzhou, which includes numerous cultural and educational exchanges."

It was a mutual feeling and desire by the people from Highline, Kent and Yangzhou to continue their relationship into the future.

Instead of departing as colleagues and acquaintances, the delegation left as old friends seeming to have known each other for years. Their relationship surely will last a lifetime.

Elections and food drive

Team Highline and Student Government,are sponsoring a prelude to the canned food drive beginning on Monday Oct. 30 through Nov. 22.

Titled "Kick off," the event is an opportunity for students and faculty to participate in the local, state, and national elections by using cans of food from home.

Bins located upstairs and downstairs in Building 8 are labeled with names of those running in the presidential election.

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Executive Sims stresses right to vote

By A.K. Cords
Staff Reporter

Our right to vote was fought for and we as Americans have a responsibiity to utilize it at every turn, King County Executive Ron Sims said here on Monday.

Sims, here as part of Just Vote It week, told of witnessing the first free elections in Zambia and how seriously people took the opportunity to vote.

Sponsored by Team Highline and Student Government, Just Vote It Week continues with Presidential Jeopardy at noon today in Building 8, and Election Activity Day at noon on Friday, also in Building 8. The goal of the week's activities is to encourage students to vote, organizers say.

Sims was involved in helping people vote on his trip to Africa. In the mid-'90s he was invited by former President Jimmy Carter to be a part of a delegation to travel to Africa to promote the first free election in Zambia.

Sims told of the poverty and suffering he witnessed in one of the most remote villages of Zambia. What he also witnessed, while he was there, was the dedication and endurance of the people.

The ruling government didn't encourage voting, requiring, for example, voters to return to their birthplaces to cast ballots. Some people trekked for days to reach polls — waiting in extreme heat while the elderly voted first.

Despite all that, voter turnout was 88 percent, versus turnout as low as 30 percent in some U.S. elections.

As a result, the Zambian incumbent was outsted and new leadership installed.

As Sims addressed the crowd on Monday, he illustrated the importance of voting.

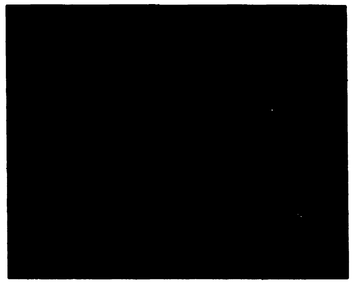
"Everything that you deal with on a daily basis, including traffic, parking, the environment, public transportation and taxes, is affected by the way you vote," said Sims.

Sims also spoke briefly on some of the initiatives that will be on the November ballot. The six initiatives include I-728, the initiative to lower class sizes in Washington state and also I-732, which would enact an annual cost of living raise for teachers and faculty of K-12 schools, technical and community colleges as well as school administrators.

Sims pointed out that by increasing the services provided by the state, the amount of money needed to fund these programs will increase. This could mean higher taxes and cuts to other programs.

"There is no such thing as a free lunch. If it is too good to be true than you probably don't want it," said Sims.

Sims addressed the issue of traffic congestion and public transportation. He said I-745 threatens 1 million hours of public transportation on Metro bus lines, due to the proposed cuts in property taxes.



King County Executive, Ron Sims speaks to a packed house in Building 7 on the importance of voting.

Sims stated after the forum that the light rail system is an excellent and much needed option for the Puget Sound area. It is just a matter of organizing the budget and acquiring the funding to begin development of the light rail line, he said. Sims also said that road development and maintenance are still vital.

Sims said that whatever you believe government ought to do, if you don't vote, your thoughts won't matter.

"When people come to me and complain about the way things are being done, I ask them if they voted in the last election," said Sims.

"If you fail to exercise your right, than don't complain when you disagree with what I do."

Center

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year 2001, the construction is estimated to begin in June of 2001 and be finished around November of 2002."

College officials say the aging building will be replaced with a facility that will be a centerpiece for the college.

The new student center will be taking shape within the next couple of years and will swell from its original size of 17,000 square feet to 40,000 square feet.

"New improvements and expansions are going to be made," said Diane Anderson, associate dean of Student Programs.

Some of the new features will include a recreation area, information desk, art gallery/performance space, three meeting rooms, large performance stage, dining area, quiet study, lounge areas, food services, cafe, kitchen, (non-alcoholic) espresso bar with a pub-like atmosphere, and office space for Student Programs, Team Highline, and the Thunderword.

Enrollment

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The number of Running Start students has increased from 447 last fall, to 631 students this quarter.

International Student Programs has also contributed to the increase in enrollment with 258 students this fall, as opposed to 226 last fall.

Mariko Fujiwara, Mike Gruberg, and Sophia Iliakis are the three assistant directors who travel to places, such as Japan, Indonesia, Taiwan,and Hong Kong in order to recruit international students to attend Highline's programs.

"We tell them what activities we have and what programs we offer at Highline," said Fujiwara. "We explain our academic excellency, high standards, and friendly, mult-cultural atmosphere on campus."

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