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A Heavenly cup of coffee

By Derek Roche
Staff Reporter

There's an art to formulating the perfect latte -- a stylized, flawlessly refined method that perhaps only tried and true Seattleites can truly appreciate. The espresso, pulled as to produce the most savory and balanced shot for each individual cup of coffee. The milk steamed to a delicate froth, akin to a shaving cream texture - then poured gently over the espresso leaving a dollop of dense foam inert slightly above the rim. An immaculately made latte is a beautiful thing. The Emerald City mind you, is the Coffee Kingdom -- dwelling to three of the largest coffee house chains in the nation (Tully's, Seattle's Best, and Starbucks). We crave our caffeine.

Highline has its own coffee contractor, a charming café residing in the corner of the cafeteria called Heavenly Cappuccino. This is the outlet's first quarter at the college and Heavenly



Photo by Connie Harshman

Heavenly Cappuccino manger Tiffany Jay and fellow employee Kasey Wise utilize teamwork to make a satisfying espresso drink for the people of Highline.

Cappuccino President Brett Willard is happy to serve the students, staff and faculty of Highline.

"Everyone has been really terrific here," said Willard. "It's a really close-knit society inside a college, but

Highline, from what I've seen and heard, isn't like that."

In it's 10th year, Heavenly Cappuccino began its reign at Bellevue Community College, and branched out to several colleges up and down

Western Washington before making its way to Highline. After a bidding war, (details of which Heavenly Cappuccino is not a luxury to

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West quits as VP

By Derek Roche
Staff Reporter

Student Government is again undergoing some reshuffling within the ranks. Dustin West, Vice President of Administration, has announced his resignation and subsequent departure from the college, effective Winter Quarter.

West let his decision been known privately to his colleagues weeks ago, but made the announcement public only yesterday.

Although an election will be held to fill the opening left from West's exit, it will not be for vice president, but rather for student senator.

Jovanna Harrietha, currently occupying one of the two senator positions, will be appointed as Vice President in congruence with West's farewell.

"She (Harrietha) has been working closely with me to learn the position, and I think she'll do a good job," said West.

An election for the vacant student senator position will be held sometime within the first couple weeks of Winter Quarter, said West, but dates have not yet been made absolute. Details regarding the obligatory application process have not been made

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Local aid for the homeless in dire need

By Rachelle Flynn
and Rachele Corella
Staff Reporters

Homelessness is a growing problem in King County and Seattle.

Georgia Conti, homeless planner for the city of Seattle, said the numbers have been inching up from 5,500 last year to 7,000 this year.

"A lot of people are homeless because of a health crisis or eviction from their house because they can't afford it," Conti said.

Conti says that not all are on the streets because they are bums.



"It's a myth that they are bums on the streets," Conti said. "The truth is a lot of them are unemployed, two-parent families."

Misconceptions about the causes of homelessness may contribute to a lack of public support.

"There's a lot of education needed by the general public about reasons for homelessness," said Tamara Brown, family support services program manager for Catholic Community Services.

"Being homeless is a very complex problem," said Salvation Army Community Relations Director Cindy Cothorn. "Homelessness isn't just something that happens due to someone making a poor choice."

Walt Adam, housing planner for the mental health, chemical abuse and dependency services division, confirmed that 25-40 percent of homeless have a mental illness and a third of

them have alcohol and drug abuse problems, much lower numbers than most people would expect.

In more rural areas of King County, homeless people may have a harder time getting the help they need.

"Most shelters and food programs that homeless people need are in Seattle. It's a myth that all homeless are in Seattle, when really they are spread throughout Kent, Auburn, Renton and Federal Way," said Adam.

Cothorn agrees. "The sce-

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Crime blotter for Nov. 22-30

Stereo stealing

Someone reported that their stereo, worth \$550.50, was stolen out of the North lot on Nov. 27 at 12:30.

Bumper cars

A student from Women's Programs reported that someone had hit her car on Nov. 27 at 10:18 p.m. Another student witnessed the occurrence and left a note. A report was filled out.

Someone reported that a student hit her license plate with their Honda Accord on Nov. 28 at 8:20 a.m.

Personal injury

A staff member reported that their pinkie finger on their right hand had been injured on Nov. 28 at 10 a.m.

Found property

A Voicestream cell phone was found in Building 6 on Nov. 27 at 1:35 p.m.

At 9 p.m. one pair of Stanley thermos was found.

One plastic wallet was found in Building 10, room 102 on Nov. 28 at 1 p.m.

A Boeing badge and a pair of copper-frame glasses were found at 9:45 p.m.

Lost property

A student reported that she lost a pair of sunglasses in Building 30, room 207 on Nov. 28 at 8:30 a.m.

At 12:10 a student reported that a black leather wallet was missing from Building 14 or 17.

At 12:15 a student reported that a black file was missing.

A student reported on Nov. 29 that a black leather lace-up tap-dancing shoe was missing from her bag.

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Michael Perez

Holocaust survivor shares his story

By Fawn Fowler
Staff Reporter

Thomas Blatt's thick Polish accent reverberated through Building 7. An overflow crowd of students, faculty, and staff intensely lingered on his every word - words that portrayed tragedy, loss, and triumph.

Blatt, a survivor of the Holocaust, shared his heartbreaking story of how he suffered and was able to regain his freedom.

Blatt was born in Izbica, a small town in Poland. After the Nazi occupation of his town in 1939, he escaped from the ghetto, but was caught and imprisoned at the age of 15. Later he managed to escape and return to Izbica.

On April 28, 1943, Blatt and his family were deported to Sobibor death camp. There, his father, mother, and little brother were gassed to death, but he was selected to be a slave laborer for



Thomas Blatt

the Nazis.

"What is always there when everything else is gone - hope," said Blatt.

In Sobibor, he became a member of a secret underground Jewish group and on Oct. 14, 1943, he actively participated in the revolt which resulted in the killing of most of the Nazi staff and enabled more than 300 fellow slave laborers to break free. Unfortunately, many of these escapees lost their lives in the minefields surrounding the camp. An eight-minute clip of a movie based on his horrifying experiences was shown to illustrate the reality of the event.

The revolt was the most successful uprising from a concentration/death camp during the Holocaust.

Blatt and two young fellow prisoners were able to escape and found a farmer who agreed to hide them. But the three boys were eventually betrayed and mercilessly shot. Blatt, left for dead with a bullet in his chin, escaped once more.

Blatt told his story in hopes making students conscious of the issues still faced today.

"If I could reach a few of you and make you think and aware of intolerance, that's an accomplishment. We can't hate each other, we must look to each other to coexist," said Blatt.

Since the end of the war, Blatt has spent his time and en-



Photo by Joe Walker

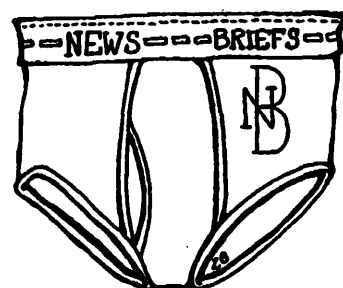
Holocaust survivor Thomas Blatt signs copies of one of his three books during a visit at Highline.

ergy setting the record straight in memory of the more than 250,000 Jews who were murdered at Sobibor death camp through speaking and three books. These books were entitled *Sobibor: The Forgotten Revolt*, *Nur Die Schatten Bleiben*, and *From the Ashes of Sobibor*. He also was chief adviser to the award-winning made for television movie *Es-*

cape From Sobibor.

Near the end of the presentation, Blatt took questions from the audience. Few raised their hands, but all seemed to be greatly affected by his detailed stories.

"That was the most moving and humbling experience, to hear someone's life from that time," said student Tim McClelland.



Food drive

A Team Highline-sponsored food drive is currently underway in Building 8, upstairs and downstairs, and will go on until Dec. 15.

All bins will go to the Des Moines Food Bank. Students and instructors are encouraged to participate in this event.

Universities plan to visit Highline

Four-year representatives will be at Highline on a series of dates.

The University of Washington Nursing and School of Social Work will have representatives at Highline Dec. 4 from 9:30 a.m. to noon in Building 6, lower level, to discuss programs offered.

Washington State University, Extended Degree Programs will

have a representative on campus Dec. 5 from 9 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., in Building 6, lower level to meet with students about programs and transferring options.

University of Washington, Tacoma will be on campus to meet with students on Dec. 6 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Building 6, lower level.

Central Washington University will have representatives at Highline on Dec. 6 from 3 p.m. until 7 p.m. To sign up go to the Transfer Center in Building 6 or call Nga at 206-878-3710 ext. 3988.

If attending any of these dates, feel free to bring your transcripts with you when you go to meet a representative.

Resource Center dedicated

A dedication ceremony will be held for the Faculty Resource Center on Thursday, Dec. 7 at 1 p.m.

Highline President Dr. Priscilla J. Bell and Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Jack Bermingham will speak at this event, and coffee and cookies will be available.

The Faculty Resource Center project has been under development for the last year.

calendar

A blood drive will be held on **Thursday, Nov. 30** from 9-11 a.m. and 11:45 a.m.-3 p.m. in Building 2.

A Science Seminar addressing the topic "The Power of the Ocean" will be given by physics instructor Igor Gloszman on **Friday, Dec. 1** from 2:10-3 p.m. in Building 3, room 102.

A Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) employee will be on campus to help students on **Tuesdays** from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. in

the Women's Center in Building 6.

International Lunch Table brings together students, faculty and staff of all nationalities for lunch on **Wednesdays** from noon to 1 p.m. in the cafeteria.

The Drop-in Resume clinic has experts available for assistance and advice for current resumes or with help creating a first resume on **Wednesdays** from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the lower lobby of Building 8.

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THE FLAVOR OF LOVE

Cafeteria meeting cooks up romance for couple

By JoAnne Wolff
Staff Reporter

An unlikely meeting occurred in fall 1996. Two people from different backgrounds, living oceans apart, crossed paths in the Highline cafeteria. It must have been fate.

Judy Harrod was born Oct. 20, 1960, in Seattle. Walter Redfern was born on Aug. 20, 1944, in Birmingham, England. Most people feel life starts at birth. Harrod and Redfern felt their lives didn't truly begin until they met.

It was the first night of Harrod's archaeology class. She went to the cafeteria, something she had never done before, and purchased a bowl of soup.

She heard an English accent. It was intoxicating; it belonged to the man sitting at the table next to her. After his companion left, she approached him to see what she could find out.

"Please may I borrow your salt and pepper?" she asked, knowing she needed spice in her life in more ways than one.

"Certainly," he replied.

She asked him questions. Why was he here? Was he a teacher? It turned out that he was a college professor sent here to see what colleges might be best suited to host a student exchange program from the school where he taught in Sweden. Before she knew it, she had to leave for class.

They wanted to see each other again but hadn't made arrangements. They both decided to go to the cafeteria the following Wednesday night to see if the other would be there. They became fast friends and found they had much in common.

"We both had a compelling need to keep in touch. We knew we'd met someone who would be of great significance in our life someday," Redfern said.

This is where their version of *You've Got Mail* began. They e-mailed each other once a week.



Walter and Judy Redfern revisit the scene of the crime.

Photo by Connie Harshman

They went on virtual dates. Harrod took Redfern to the Space Needle, Cannon Beach, and Mt. Rainier. Redfern took Harrod around Sweden and England.

They remained cautious as they tried to get to know each other.

Then Redfern called to wish her a happy New Year.

Harrod had already toasted in the New Year with someone else. "My heart jumped a beat and I thought, 'wow, another disappointment in life,'" Redfern said. But Harrod had already fallen for him in a big way. Redfern sent a dozen virtual red roses attached to an e-mail. The text of the note said, "In appreciation of the wonderful friendship that has come to mean so much to me."

"Those roses were as real to me as any that could have been delivered," Harrod said.

The exchanges

"Like a sister?" Harrod asked unbelieving.

"Like a sister and much more. I love you," he replied.

They didn't see each other again until February 1998, for a 10-day holiday.

"Meeting him at

"Those roses were as real to me as any that could have been delivered."

— Judy Harrod

the airport was surreal. Everything had been 'virtual' up to then. I made a candlelight dinner and had Nat King Cole playing in the background," Harrod said.

"We confirmed our feelings for one another and petals opened and rockets were launched," said Redfern.

The next day Harrod took Redfern to "meet the family."

This first meeting was tense.

"It seemed more like an interview," she said. "Wally sat in a chair with the family sitting opposite him on the couch."

Redfern returned to Seattle in the summer of 1998.

They lived together while Redfern attended a college studies program and Harrod worked full time. They got a taste of what real life together would be like. It was during this visit that

they became engaged.

They were married on Feb. 13, 1999. Their wedding colors were red, white and blue - kind of a love-American-style theme with the colors of both the American and British flags.

They were now Judy and Walter Redfern. But after the wedding, Walter had to return to Sweden to finish his year

of teaching. Their e-mail and faxes continued. Many letters and pictures were exchanged.

Walter returned to the states in June 1999. It was then that they began the difficult process of applying for permanent residency. It took five months from start to finish. The Redferns took their wedding pictures and notebooks of correspondence, which they had both kept, to prove their relationship was authentic.

Since then Walter substitute teaches in the Renton School District and does freelance translation work in three languages - German, Sweden and Norwegian. Judy takes classes at Highline and continues to pursue her associate of arts degree, with an emphasis in history.

They bought a house in Des Moines last spring and plan to continue their future together by starting a family of their own.

Who would have guessed that a chance meeting in the Highline cafeteria would change the two lives forever? But as they say, the best is yet to come.

Student concerns served at breakfast

By Kiara Stephenson
Staff Reporter

Highline students are invited to attend a Legislative Breakfast to be held next Tuesday, Dec. 7. Guests will include State Reps. Karen Keiser and Shay Schual-Berke, Democrats from the 33rd District, and State Sens. Julia Patterson, D-33rd, and Tracy Eide, D-30th.

Student speakers will be representing Highline's Work First and Child Care programs. The college is looking for state funding to build a new building for the Child Care Center. If the money makes it into the governor's budget plan, it must make it past the state legislature in the spring.

The breakfast will be a chance to inform local legislators of the college's need for the new building.

Student Government President Ben McNelley will also be speaking about the tax-free textbooks bill, of which Rep. Keiser is the author. Keiser also serves on Highline's Board of Trustees. The tax-free textbooks issue was previously discussed at a meeting on Oct. 26, which featured representatives from community colleges across the state.

"I think the breakfast is a great opportunity for students to have direct contact with some important people in our community. I would love to see students attend who have questions or concerns they would like voiced to our legislators," said Laura Soracco, international student senator.

The breakfast is being planned by Vice President of Legislation Bryan Sharick. "I hope to see many students attend the breakfast. If we show interest in having the legislators on our campus then they will be more likely to listen to the issues important to us and to take action on these issues," said Sharick.

The breakfast will be held at 7:30 a.m. in the Union Bay Room in Building 8. Coffee, tea, and a continental breakfast will be served.



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editorial

ASHCC in for a change, again

Highline is beginning to resemble our state and national government, leaderless. We are losing yet another member of our elected student government.

Dustin West, vice-president of administration for Student Government for Highline, is resigning to pursue educational opportunities elsewhere. He has decided to pursue a career as an Emergency Medical Technician.

Like any student, West has a right to pursue the course that's best for him. We wish him well.

While this campus will miss West, it is disappointing to see Student Government try to sit on this news. While they were scrambling around internally, they could have made the announcement so others could run for the position.

The decision was made by West in mid-November, but the official announcement was not released until this week. West said he wanted to give Student Government time to address the issue.

Earlier this quarter the elected Vice-President of Administration, Byron Gaylord, was replaced by West. Gaylord failed to report for office and classes at the beginning of Fall Quarter. To fill that vacant position, West was promoted from vice-president of Legislation.

West's departure creates a new vacancy. According to Student Government's own Constitution and By-Laws, a replacement can be appointed but an election must be held to fill whatever vacancy remains.

What will probably happen in the coming weeks is that positions in student government will be swapped internally. Currently residing officials will be promoted up through the chain and a position of less power will be up for grabs. It is still unknown which position will be vacated.

By keeping the upcoming availability of an open position in Student Government unpublicized, preparation time for potential candidates has been cut short. Every advantage should be afforded the potential candidates to ensure a quality field and attract more attention to the elections.

In light of last years elections, and the lack of candidates and the very low voter turn out, the promoters of this election have an obligation to get people more involved. With the vast array of talented people on this campus, it should not be difficult to find several qualified candidates.

In the wake of disappearing elected officials and a short list of candidates, this year's Student Government has fared quite well. But there is always room for improvement. Those who have strong positions on current campus issues should be encouraged to run for any office.

In an effort to encourage a larger turnout for the approaching student government elections, more effective advertisement is needed. In past elections the attempts to make the races known have been limited to hand drawn posters placed in the cafeteria and Building 6. While they make attractive wall hangings for a few weeks, a more dedicated attempt should be made to reach all corners of the campus. Put posters and fliers in places that people who don't know about student government might be. In short put them everywhere. Make presentations in the classes of sympathetic professors. Put together a real media campaign.

Every election is important, and everyone should have access to the information. There are several government classes on campus at all hours of the day and evening scheduled that could provide a good forum to potential candidates. It is possible that the instructors of this class would be willing to help promote the existence of the election.

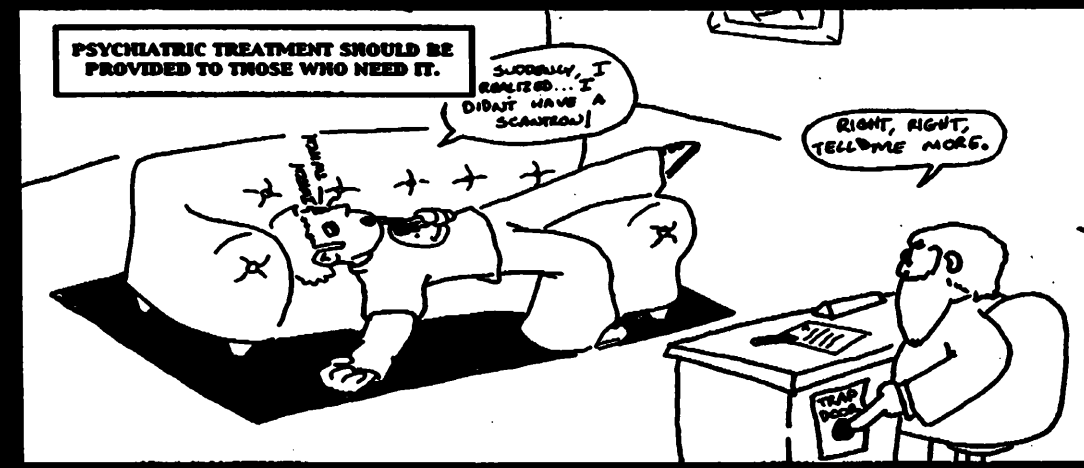
It would be a preferable for people who have an interest in government to run in this election. It would be even more beneficial if they have some knowledge or experience in the political field.

So, all Highline students seeking fame and fortune in the political realm, this is a great place to start. Visit the Student Government offices, upstairs in Building 8 today and throw your hat in the ring. It is however, imperative that the next person to be elected in to student government shows up, and intends on staying at least through the quarter.

write to us

Letters to the editor are welcome. Letters should be no more than 300 words long, and are subject to editing for style and length. The Thunderword invites contributions of all types from the campus community. Please send submissions to Thunderword@hotmail.com or deliver them to Building 10, room 106.

JUST AN IDEA TO HELP STUDENTS STRUGGLING WITH FINALS



Finals are here; I've got Percocet

Yes it's that time in the quarter when students everywhere are running to the libraries and digging through the trunks of their cars to find that text book they know they purchased a few weeks ago. You guessed it my friends, it's FINALS time.

For some that word brings with it headaches, ulcers and rashes. For others, it's just another day that will pass just like the rest.

For the portion of the student population who will spend days before finals reviewing, making outlines and forming study groups that will last into the wee hours of the morning, I applaud you.

I have personally been successful in six quarters of community college without allowing the impending doom of a test, quiz, midterm or final to cause me more than a split second of terror.

Although in every class, every assignment and test is important, and we all know that midterms and finals do deserve more attention. So with that in mind, every student should strive to do his or her best. The mantra of my scholastic career has always been, "If I have



made a concerted effort to be in class, pay attention and complete the regular assignments, I will do fine on the test." I have rarely participated in a hard core study session before a test.

It has been proven time after time those students who cram the night before tests have a lower success rate than those who are consistent in the learning process.

Now I don't want anyone out there to think that I am standing on a soapbox declaring what a committed student I become. I am the first to admit that there are much better students than myself. I have a life and work and have regular stress just like everyone else. That is exactly why I refuse to let myself get all worked up over an itty-bitty test that will last no longer than an hour or so. Life will throw out

much more sanity-threatening obstacles than a midterm or final.

To all the faculty, I'm not saying the work you put into these tests is wasted. All of the students who receive the syllabus know the test schedule. Their unpreparedness is their own fault.

So please, all students of Highline, I implore you to do the right thing. Start studying now, get help from your instructors and the ever-ready Tutoring Center. Don't wait until the last minute to try to learn everything you missed while you slept through that 8 a.m. class all quarter.

If you truly made an effort, relax have faith in your own abilities and don't let the knowledge of your final cause high stress levels. No one wants to sit next to the sweaty guy with a bad rash.

It has been medically proven that stress can cause hair loss and depression, neither of which will help you get a date for New Years Eve.

A.K. Cords will be wearing last year's fashions to demonstrate her lack of fear of her finals.

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Shakespeare actors land at Highline

By Angela Yeoh
Staff Reporter

Shakespeare is alive and will be visiting Highline on Friday, Dec. 1.

Two actors from the Oregon Shakespeare Festival will perform excerpts from some of the Bard's greatest works, 10 a.m. and noon in Building 7.

Actors Carolyn Hitt and Gerson Dacanay are putting on two one-hour performances for Highline students and faculty.

Highline hosted Oregon Shakespeare Festival actors last year. Team Highline has organized this Shakespeare event after requests from the



Gerson Dacanay

Drama Department to bring them back for another visit.

According to a press release, the school visit program is part of the Oregon Shakespeare Festival's

"commitment to bringing theatre to young people and young people to theatre."



Carolyn Hitt

Team Highline member Kit Timeus hopes students will come and have a good time.

"And hopefully people will get an appreciation for Shakespeare," she added.

The actors will also run an interactive workshop at 1 p.m. for the Drama 121 class (Acting).

The Oregon Shakespeare Festival, based in Ashland, Ore. is noted for its Shakespeare performances as well as contemporary theater work. Its season runs from February through October.

The Festival's presence in Ashland has drawn other theater companies to the area, making Ashland a top vacation destination for theater fans up and down the coast.

For more information on the Festival's Highline visit, contact Kit Timeus at 206-878-3710, ext. 3903.

MEDEA

revenge is sweet



Medea begs King Creon (Jim Cooper) to allow her to stay in Corinth.

Medea attempts to seduce her husband Jason (Jason Holtzclaw) into coming back to her after he has left her for a younger, more powerful woman.

Medea commits suicide on Dec. 1 at 8 p.m. and Dec. 1 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for students and seniors and \$6 for general admission.

Jason Holtzclaw (right) conspires against her husband as her nurse (left) Mimi

'Unbreakable' a well crafted film

By Sam Abraham
Staff Reporter

Bruce Willis and Samuel L. Jackson tear up the screen in M. Night Shyamalan's latest film, *Unbreakable*.

The award-winning director of *The Sixth Sense* has done it again, creating a beautifully crafted film, with first class acting, and an amazing display of screenwriting ability.

Willis stars as David Dunn, a security guard who has hit rock bottom. He has been distancing himself from his family life and has reached a time of confusion toward his life's purpose.

He steps on a train bound for his Philadelphia home, returning from a job interview in New York. The train derails and 132 of its passengers die. Somehow Dunn survives, and remains unscathed, without a scratch on him.

He is left without explanation for his miraculous survival.

When he finds a confusing note on his windshield, he begins a search for answers.

The note leads him to his meeting with an odd man named Elijah, played by Samuel L. Jackson. Elijah has a rare disease that causes his bones to break with the slightest amount of force.

A comic book art dealer and collector, Elijah offers Dunn a very strange explanation for his situation.

His explanation is one that is hard for Dunn to acknowledge, but as he continues on his search, it becomes more and more believable.

Shyamalan is developing a distinct style as a writer and director that brings thrills, laughs, and surprises through creative character development.

He has so far perfectly written and casted two movies, and I look forward to any of his future projects. The idea for *Unbreakable* is so far-fetched and



Elijah (Jackson) and David Dunn (Willis) stroll through the University stadium where Dunn works.

off-the-wall, it's a surprise that any filmmaker could pull it off with such a realistic feel.

But Shyamalan does it, and does it gracefully.

A great script, cast, and awe-

some cinematography make *Unbreakable* one of the most engrossing films I have seen. Go see this one, and witness the surreal vision of a talented up-and-coming filmmaker.

Rainier Symphony to give holiday concert

'Tis the season to be jolly with Dr. Paul Mori and his Rainier Symphony. This Saturday, Dec. 2 at 7:30p.m. in Kent Meridian High School's Performing Arts Center, as well as on Dec.3 at 3:00 p.m. at Foster High School in Tukwila, Mori will lead the group in a variety of classical peices, traditional carols, and even holiday lullabies. Soloists Song Kim and Julian Schrenzel will also be performing.

The first half of the show will feature a sort of tribute to Mozart and will include one of the last pieces he wrote. The second will feature Nutcracker selections as well as traditional carols and songs.

Tickets are only \$9 for students and seniors and \$14 for general admission, so there's no reason not to show up.



Photo By Sam Abraham

Highline's choir rehearses for the holiday show

Concert and sing-along bring holiday spirit

By Sam Abraham
Staff Reporter

Jolly Ol' Saint Paul Mori and his merry choir promise to bring Highline a not-so-silent night.

Mori and the College Choir, in collaboration with professional singer Sandra Glover and her voice class, will present a Holiday Choir Concert on Dec. 6 at 7:30p.m. in Building 7.

In addition to the holiday concert, Mori will help host a holiday sing-along of traditional and favorite carols on Dec. 7 in Building 8 at noon. Mori expects both events to have big turnouts, and encourages all staff and students to come enjoy themselves.

Mori describes the choir as a close-knit group who have exhibited a great attitude about learning, as well as having fun.

"Like a family, it takes time for everyone to figure out their

role in the group," said Mori.

The choir director feels the style of this concert has created a whole new type of challenge for the group. It's difficult because there is such a variety of music, explained Mori. It wouldn't be so hard if there was a focus on one style.

The concert will feature holiday tunes from just about every walk of life; from places such as Russia, France, Africa, and there will even be a Jewish Hanukah carol. The concert will also include an African-American Spiritual courtesy of Thressa Alston.

Mori feels that his first quarter as choir director has seen the building of a foundation, and while it's hard for him to predict the future, he remains optimistic.

"Everyone has been working so hard," said Mori, "and this is a reflection of that work."

After diddly daddling up and down the aisle of Blockbuster for nearly 20 minutes, I finally decided to go with an oldie but goodie, a jolly, blithe camp classic to ring in the holiday season: Oliver Stone's *Platoon*.

I handed the acne ridden, un-knowledgeable-about-anything-cinematic, teenager ragamuffin my Blockbuster card and voila, my personal boycott of "Planet Blockbuster" was about to be officially launched.

Let us be kind and rewind first shall we? I've been a satisfied frequenter of the mammoth size video store chain known as Blockbuster for some time. They guarantee certain new releases, multiple copies of popular titles line the rows, and like their mercantile juggernaut, partner-in-crime Starbucks, there's always an outlet within canter distance. If a nuclear holocaust should commence, roaches, Cher, and Blockbuster will be all that's left standing when the fallout clears.

Now keep in mind, I'm not defiant of all things mainstream. I prefer Barnes and Noble to the shabby book shop around the corner. I enjoy Hollywood movies, shop at the Gap and a rock band only sells out, I believe, if they become streetwalking prostitutes.

Every now and again, however, my eyes are fastened open, I come to my senses and realize commercialism, for all its perks and conveniences, has a reputation that precedes itself. In



other words, they pinch pennies like Clinton pinches interns.

I have a late fee of \$4.01. "There must be a mistake," I said to myself, then transferring my introspection over to the brat in blue. I asked if I could pay next time. His unfavorable return glare was as though I asked him to sanitize the adult film section, which, by the way, Blockbuster doesn't have — another qualm I harvest, but that's another column - a much seedier one.

The movie, I insist, can in no way be late, using the intelligible, patronizing logic that it was turned in on time.

"Sorry sir, you rented *Gladiator* on Wednesday and returned

it on Friday. It's a day late."

Ah, my pimple popping pal, your sign on the window, as well as the disclaimer on the box holding the cassette lucidly states "Two-day rental." If I indeed rented on Wednesday and returned it that same Friday, that qualifies — unless this particular store is located smack in the center of a space-time continuum worm hole — under the two-day umbrella. It's crude math, no recount necessary, manual or otherwise.

His retort was classic — unwittingly inane, naive, yet curiously sincere. He actually believed in his banal logic. "What that means," he said, "is that you get the movie one night, the next day, and then must return it by noon."

At this point, the light is reflecting off his damp forehead, palm-puddles blanket the counter from his clammy hands, and his upper lip begins to quiver. Apparently, confrontation

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Winter sports preview 2001

T-Birds want redemption

By Bryan Sharick
Staff Reporter

This year's Highline men's basketball team is stacked with talented upper-classmen. The team has high hopes and are hungry for an NWAACC Championship.

This year's starter at the point guard position and co-captain will be 5'10" sophomore Wes Newton. Newton is in his second year at Highline and came to the school from Sammamish High School.

"Last year Wes had a five-to-one assist to turnover ratio, so we're looking for him to do the same this year and score a little more also," said Head Coach Jeff Albrecht. Newton also has improved his shooting from last year.

Backing up Newton will be 5'10" red-shirt freshman Danny Alderete. Alderete is in his second year at Highline and came here from Mt. Rainier High School.

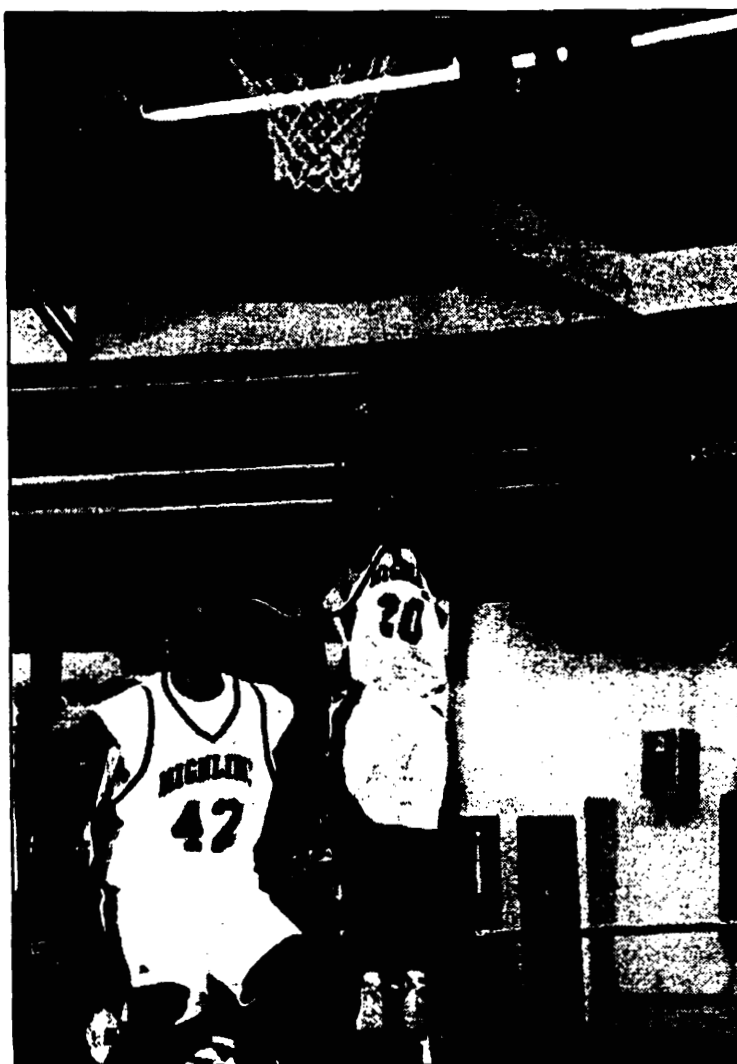
"Alderete is an excellent shooter and should help a lot against teams that zone us," said Albrecht.

The starting shooting guard is 6'3" sophomore Mateo Jack. Jack is in his second year at Highline and went to high school at Rainier Beach.

"Mateo is an excellent shooter, a good passer, and he is getting better defensively," said Albrecht.

"We're looking to win a championship this year. We have unfinished business from last year," said Jack. "We need to finish strong this year and play consistent all year long."

Last year the men's basketball team had a 22-6 overall record and were 12-4 in the di-



Photos by Connie Harshman

Highline guard Ross Randleman launches a three-point shot in the T-Birds' 92-86 victory over Olympic.

vision. The T-Birds lost in the division playoffs and did not make it to the NWAACC tournament.

The back up shooting guard is 6'3" sophomore Ross Randleman. Randleman is in his second year at Highline and came here from Cle Elum High School.

"Ross is a very athletic player and a good shooter," said Albrecht.

The starting center is 6'8"

sophomore Jason Reed. Reed attended high school at Kentlake.

"Jason is by far the most improved player from last year. He has potential to be one of the best, if not the best, player in the league," said Albrecht.

The back-up center is 6'4" sophomore Adam Aziz. Aziz is in his second year at Highline and came here from Foster High School. Aziz is ineligible for this quarter, but will be ready to play once league games start.

"Adam is an excellent defender and rebounder. He comes to work every day," said Albrecht.

The starting power forward is 6'5" sophomore Darnell Lyons. Lyons is in his second year at Highline and came here from Foster High School.

"Darnell is one of the best offensive players in the league. He is getting better defensively and rebounding-wise," said Albrecht.

"We should be good this year. We don't have as much talent, but we play better as a team," said Lyons. "As soon as everyone's eligible we should be contenders for the NWAACC championship. We also need to do well so the sophomores can get good looks to be able to transfer to a four-year college."

The back up power forward is 6'2" sophomore Ben Beeles. Beeles is in his second year at Highline and came here from Kentridge High School.

"Ben is a very smart player," said Albrecht. Beeles also has the ability to play power forward, small forward, and center. This should be helpful to the T-Birds if any of their players get into foul trouble.

The other co-captain and starting small forward is 6'4" sophomore Yusef Aziz. Aziz is in his second year at Highline and also came here from Foster High School.

"Yusef is the best player in the league," said Albrecht.

The back up small forward is 6'2" true freshman Austin Nicholson. Nicholson came to Highline from Lindbergh High School. Nicholson was first team All-State and the Co-MVP of the Seamount League in 2000.

"Austin is a flat-out scorer and a very heady player," said Albrecht.

Also joining the team in winter quarter will be 6'5" sophomore David King. King can play both center and forward for the Thunderbirds. King is in his first year at Highline and transferred here from Modesto Community College. King is from the state of Washington though. He played high school basketball at Rainier Beach.

"Dave can pass the ball well and is very good offensively," said Albrecht.

Another shooting guard is 6'2" sophomore Nick McLean. McLean is in his second year at Highline and came here from Cle Elum High School.

"Nick is a pure shooter and a good role player for us," said Albrecht.

Another forward coming off the bench is 6'3" red-shirt freshman Stephen Currie. Currie is in his first year at Highline and came here from Curtis High School.

"Stephen might be the most athletic kid on the team. He has the potential to be pretty good, but he needs to fine tune his fundamentals," said Albrecht.

The final forward is 6'3" red-shirt freshman Chris Hill. Hill is in his first year at Highline and came here from Curtis High School.

"Chris has the potential to be pretty good, but he needs to fine tune his fundamentals," said Albrecht.

"I think we have a chance to be a contender for the title this year if we continue to improve throughout the year," said Albrecht.



Highline center Jason Reed dishes off the ball in Saturday's game against Olympic. The T-Birds are 2-0.

A sophomore set to sparkle

Jason Reed moves into starting role

By Maria Williams
Staff Reporter

Some people call him a secret weapon; some call him naturally talented. To those who know him, Jason Reed is just another guy that loves basketball.

Every morning at 5:30 Reed stumbles out of bed and prepares himself for the upcoming day. At about 6:45 he arrives at Highline.

However, Reed won't be going to the typical classroom here on campus. Instead, he makes his way down to the Thunderdome for an hour and a half of basketball practice.

Standing at 6'8" with a size 15 shoe, he towers over the rest of his teammates. The hunter green practice jersey that he wears hangs loosely off his wiry athletic frame. His hands rest softly on his hips as he impatiently waits to get out on the court.

Whether he is in practice, playing a game, or just shooting hoops by himself, Reed always tries his hardest to succeed.

"Jason is the nicest guy in the world," said Head Coach Jeff Albrecht. "He doesn't say much but he goes out there and does the job."

Reed's basketball career all started when he was in the seventh grade. Unfortunately, he was cut from the team. He didn't think that he had much of a chance after being rejected in the seventh grade, therefore didn't attend the tryouts in eighth grade.

With a lot of hard work, dedication, and support from his friends and family, Reed decided to tryout once again in ninth grade - and made it. This was the first time he had ever played basketball with a team.

As the years went by, Reed improved his playing skills immensely, practicing every day and attending summer league programs.

This was where he was first introduced to Albrecht.

Albrecht was traveling from school to school, recruiting and working with high school students in the area. He recognized Reed's talent and determination, and continued to follow his path of success.

In Reed's junior year of high



Photos by Connie Harshman

Highline's Jason Reed skies towards the hoop for the jam in a recent game against Olympic. Reed went from being cut in junior high to being one of Highline's best.

school at Kentlake, he suffered from a severe ankle injury and could not play for the rest of the summer league season.

"I remember just looking down at my leg when I got the cast off, and all the muscle was completely gone," said Reed. "All that was left was literally skin and bones."

Luckily, Reed's strong will and devotion had him back playing just in time for his senior year, but he was still getting used to playing with his hurt ankle.

When he graduated in 1999, Reed wasn't too sure where he would be headed next. With the persuasion from coaches, friends and family, he decided to attend Highline and continue his basketball career.

Throughout the summer, he practiced every single day with either the coaching staff, or individually, to improve his game.

During his freshman year at Highline, Reed didn't play often, which in fact had a positive impact on him.

It gave him a reason to work even harder, and devote himself even more to the game.

Now, returning as a sophomore, he is a starter and one of the team's most valued players.

In the season's first game, Reed scored 19 points and pulled down 20 rebounds. The second game he scored 20 points with 15 rebounds.

"He's doing great so far," said Albrecht. "The average stats for a player is eight points and four rebounds. He's gone



Jason Reed practices his shot before Highline's first game. Reed will be the starting center for the Thunderbirds this year.

way past that, and is keeping it on a constant level."

Reed's goal for the season is simple, yet practical. He wants to get better every day that he plays.

"I think of the days that I got cut," said Reed. "It makes me want to play harder all the time."

Reed hopes to get his Associates of Arts degree at Highline and continue on to a four-year university, but he is not quite sure where yet.

He hopes to one day play professional basketball.

A typical day for the basketball player goes a little something like this: wake up at 5:30 a.m., go to basketball practice. He then attends his photography, math, PE, and college success classes. At about 3 p.m. he arrives at home and practices basketball, watches TV and spends time with his girlfriend, whom he is currently living with.

Reed is heavily supported by his family (mother, stepfather, and four brothers and sisters.)

His oldest brother, Pete, has been a role model for Reed, giving him advice and pointers in basketball, and life in general.

His mother has also been there for him, going to his games and giving him constructive criticism.

Reed looks forward to the season he has ahead of him with great anticipation not only for himself, but for the team as well.

He believes that with a little hard work and dedication, they can come out on top and win the division championship.

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Lady T-Birds will fly high

By Emily Hathaway
Staff Reporter

The up-tempo style of play brought throughout practices, scrimmages, and games, gives the 2000-2001 women's basketball team the ability to run with the best of them.

The team is well equipped with speed, intensity, and dedication, which will enable the women to play aggressive man-to-man defense, and hopefully pull out the win at the end of each 40-minute game.

The team is hoping for greater results than their sixth place finish in the NWAACC tournament last year, already beating Skagit Valley and Seattle University in two pre-season games.

Under the experienced coaching staff of Dennis Olson, well into his third season at Highline, and assistant coaches Amie Ludwig, Nicole Ulrich, and Dru White, who each played basketball at Highline, the team is hoping to do well.

"It is really good having the three assistant coaches around because they all played here and most of the team knows them well," sophomore guard Kristin Zompetti said.

Olson came to Highline from Auburn High School where he coached for almost two decades, 1973-1992. He then took some time off from coaching before returning to the bench to coach at Bothell High School during



Photo by Connie Harshman

Highline center Cal-Jean Lloyd burries a jumper in the Lady T-Bird's first game of the season against Shoreline. Lloyd was named league MVP last year.

the 1997-1998 season.

Olson's coaching resume includes League Coach of the Year eight times, Seattle Startimes Coach of the Year twice, State Coach of the Year in 1992, and in 1990 he was selected as Coach of the Year for all sports in the western United States, National Federation District.

The team is returning five key players, including 5'10" center Cal-Jean Lloyd, who was MVP of the conference in the 1999-2000 season, as well as 5'7" guard Lisa Milne, 5'5" guard Tiana Pye, 5'9" forward Chandra Rathke, and 5'5" guard Zompetti.

Seven new members to the team include Briana Duerr a

5'7" guard from Lake Washington; Nikki White, a 5'7" guard from Mt. Tahoma; Kristin Boyd, a 5'7" guard from South Kitsap; Lauryn Jones, a 5'10" forward from Arlington; Leslie Jeffries a 5'7" guard from Ketchikan, Alaska; Jessica McMillon, a 5'10" center from Spanaway Lake; and 6'0" forward Deena Dennis, a sophomore transfer from Olympic Community College and a Foster High School graduate.

"Here, everyone is on the same level skill wise. Everyone wants to play, there's dedication, and lots of speed," Dennis said.

The five returners have one year of college ball under their belt, and are more mature.

"The difference between last year's team and this year's is that we are more mature and intense in practice. We are focused and have great leaders," Zompetti said.

They are well equipped with guards, experience and speed.

"Our team has a lot of young guards, and tons of speed. The only thing is we don't have that much height," Jeffries said.

Zompetti agrees that they have a height disadvantage, but says the team's skills and speed will make up for it.

Check out the Thunderbirds in some non-league action before league play kicks off in January. The next home non-league game will be Tuesday, Dec. 19 versus Peninsula at 6 p.m.

Players to keep an eye on

Cal-Jean Lloyd- Last year's NWAACC Western Division MVP. Lloyd averaged 21.2 points and 11.6 rebounds per game last year, the only player in the division to average double figures in two offensive categories. She is 5'10" and should dominate many teams in the post.

Lisa Milne- A second team all-star out of the Western Division last year, Milne will look to make first team this year. In the first two games of this season she averaged a hardy 14.5 points and seven assists. Milne will provide valuable sophomore leadership from the guard position.

Kristin Boyd- A 5'7" freshman guard from South Kitsap High School, Boyd will provide the Lady T-Birds with a lot of energy off the bench. She finished third in the state in the high hurdles last year, and is an excellent defender. She had seven steals in each of the team's first two games.

Chandra Rathke- The 5'9" forward out of Highline High School will be starting again for the Lady T-Birds this year after an impressive freshman year. Rathke is a great perimeter player who is unstoppable when her shot is on. She scored 28 points in less than 18 minutes in Highline's first game.

Kristin Zompetti- This 5'5" sophomore guard will move from the bench to a starting role this year. She is absolutely deadly from the outside, never afraid to shoot a three. She will have a lot of competition for playing time at the guard spot but should see her fair share of action.

Zompetti is always ready

By Emily Hathaway
Staff Reporter

An essential link to the 2000-2001 women's basketball team at Highline is 5'5" sophomore guard Kristin Zompetti.

Zompetti graduated from Kennedy High School in 1999, where she was named first team All-League, Team MVP, led the Seamount league in assists, was second in steals and fourth in scoring, all in her senior year as a Lancer. She also ran for Kennedy's cross country team.

Playing basketball has been something Zompetti has done naturally most of her life.

"One of my greatest basketball highlights was when we won league my senior year because we overcame odds. Nobody thought we could do it," Zompetti said.

"Another achievement was scoring 32 points (12 in the last four minutes) versus Rainier Beach," she said.

Zompetti's role models throughout her life have consisted of a high school teammate who received a basketball scholarship to Gonzaga University, and her dad, because of how hard of a worker he is.

Zompetti, who almost played at South Puget Sound Community College in Olympia, de-



Photo by Connie Harshman

Highline's Kristin Zompetti, left, prepares to receive the ball on a fastbreak. Zompetti will be a starting guard for the Lady T-Birds.

cided to attend Highline because she heard how good of a coach Dennis Olson is, Highline is close to home, and Highline is known for its winning program.

Zompetti is known on the court as a perimeter shooter. Off the court she works about 20 hours during the weekend and is currently taking 17 credits this fall, including economics, math, and accounting.

After graduating from a small, private, four-year univer-

sity, where she hopes to play ball, Zompetti is interested in politics, and law, and hopes to become a defense attorney.

A typical day for Zompetti involves going to school, practice, and home to eat and relax. Some hobbies besides basketball include eating, sleeping, and watching movies, but according to Zompetti she doesn't have much free time, with school, basketball, and work taking up most of her day.

Last year, Zompetti was a part of the team that finished sixth place in the NWAACC tournament, and finished near the top of the conference in 3-point percentage.

This year however, Zompetti predicts the team will win their conference, go to the tournament, and come home with a better placing than last year.

"We are a small team, but we have lots of speed and are very focused," she said.

Assistant coach is a quality addition

By Bryan Sharick
Staff Reporter

The desire to coach and the love of basketball brought Central Washington University alum Dave Rockwood to Highline.

Rockwood learned about the job through his friend and current head coach at Highline, Jeff Albrecht.

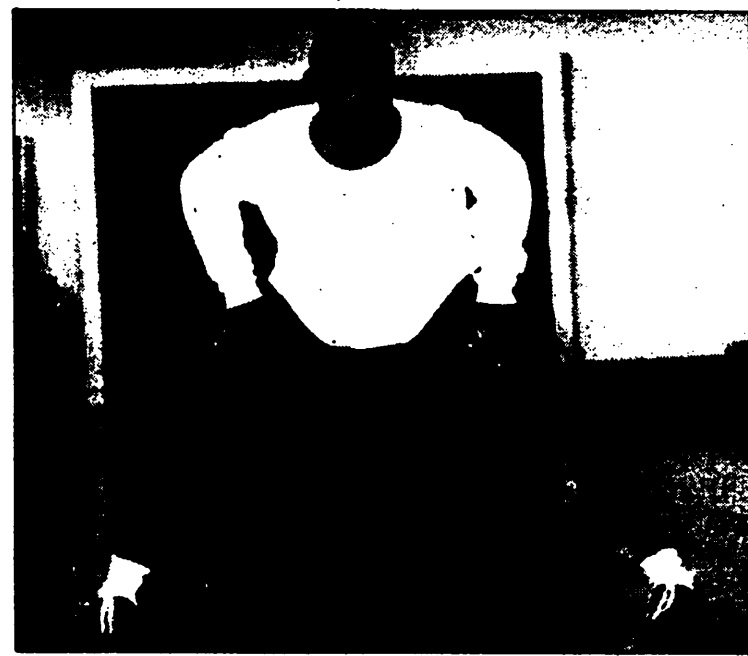
"I played against Jeff in high school and he was also my teammate and coach in college. Jeff mentioned that he had a talented squad coming back and asked if I'd like to help," said Rockwood.

Rockwood got into coaching because it was something that he's always wanted to do.

"I am definitely not in coaching for the money, but because I love the game of basketball," said Rockwood.

Rockwood comes to this year's team with high goals and expectations. "My goal for this years team is to turn these kids into NWAACC Champions," said Rockwood.

Rockwood, 29, was born and



Highline's new assistant coach David Rockwood.

raised in Kirkland where he still resides. Along with coaching here at Highline, Rockwood also owns his own painting business. He is not married but, was quick to add that he does have a "special lady."

Rockwood is a Redmond High School graduate and played basketball there too. He

was a part of two state championship teams at Redmond High from 1987 to 1989.

After Rockwood graduated high school he took a year off. He then went to Chemeketa Community College in Salem, Ore. While he played at Chemeketa the team won 33 games and lost zero coinciden-

tally winning the NWAACC Championship during the '90-'91 season.

After one year at Chemeketa, Rockwood then went to Central Washington University in Ellensburg from '91 to '95 taking one year off. During his years at Central, Rockwood went on to become the second all-time assists leader.

"If you looked at my field goal percentage, you'd understand why I had so many assists," joked Rockwood. Rockwood graduated from Central with a degree in public relations.

The third all-time assist leader is none other than Albrecht. "I may have Jeff's record, but don't forget to mention that he lit me up for 26 points in high school, twice," said Rockwood.

Rockwood's previous coaching experience includes coaching at Newport High School in 1992 and at Eastlake High school during the '98-'99 and '99-'00 seasons.

Rockwood would like to be a head coach at some point.

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Wrestlers ready to rumble

T-Birds anxious for first homestand

By Evan Keck
Staff Reporter

The Highline wrestling team is looking forward to winter break.

After their double dual match at Pacific Lutheran yesterday, the T-Birds have a five-match homestand against very tough opponents.

"It will be nice not to travel," said Assistant Coach John Clemens. "We were on the road four days this week and three last."

In the first four weeks, the men have had over 15 matches, travelling a total of over 1,2600 miles going to North Idaho College, Clackamas Community College, Southern Oregon University, and then Reno, for a tournament. They are looking for a break from the road.

The men will have an advantage of facing tough opponents like Ricks and Simon Fraser under the dome without having to go back to school the following day.

Their first match at home will be a double dual with Ricks, from Idaho and Pima, from Arizona on Friday, Dec. 8 at 5:30 p.m.

The following day will be a triple dual with Pima, Clackamas, Yakima Valley, Southwestern Oregon and Ricks all in attendance.



Photo by Joe Walker

Thunderbirds Bobby Brokenshire, in white, and Steve Holbrook practice their technique. Highline looks to match its Academic National Championship of last year.

Highline will face three of these teams in a dual match format. The other teams will all face three other teams as well. The competition will start at 10 a.m.

On Friday, Dec. 16 the T-Birds face off against Yakima Valley in a dual match at 6 p.m.

The men will then meet NIC and PLU in another double dual on Thursday, Jan. 4 at 4 p.m. Highline has faced both teams this year and will know what to expect. PLU is not as strong as they have been in the past, but NIC is. The competition will be tough between Highline and NIC. The last time the two teams met, NIC beat the T-Birds 34-13.

Highline will see Douglas

College for the last of the homestand. Douglas will travel from New Westminster, B.C. to challenge the T-Birds on Friday, Jan. 5 at 7 p.m.

The last event before the start of Winter Quarter will be an open tournament at PLU. Many smaller colleges will be there to compete as well as unattached wrestlers from clubs in the area.

Central Washington, PLU, Southern Oregon and Simon Fraser are some of the larger colleges that are expected to attend. The tournament will start at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 6.

The men will drive over the pass on Jan. 10 to face CWU in a dual match.

The match is normally competitive in several weight divisions. However, the drive over Snoqualmie Pass tends to be the toughest obstacle of the event.

The wrestlers have only three weeks after their return to school to prepare for regionals and then they're on to nationals.

Simon Fraser will come to town on Jan. 12. Then another triple dual with Lassen and Embury-Riddle on Jan. 20 in Tuscon, Ariz.



Photo by Evan Keck

Highline's Andy Olson tries to eye gouge teammate Joe Castro. Olson is one of Highline's team captains.

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Olson steps out of a shadow

By Evan Keck
Staff Reporter

Some people know Andy Olson by his sense of humor. Many know him by his wrestling.

His cheerful sarcasm and witty pointers lighten the darkest moods. Olson can joke in the most serious of moments but don't be fooled; he can still kick your ass.

Olson is a team captain for the Highline wrestling team.

He has wrestled since he was 5 years old. But he didn't get into the sport by choice.

"My dad put me in it," said Olson. "We would wrestle in two weight classes or two age brackets."

Olson and his older brother would wrestle in whichever bracket they were allowed at one tournament.

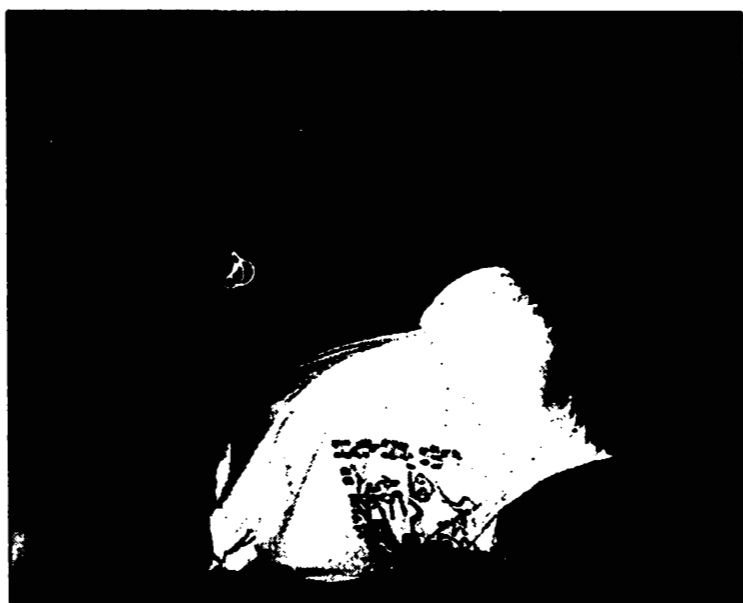
His dad created a lot of pressure in wrestling and in his life.

"He is big on the family name having a good name. I'm not doing it for our name. I'm doing it for myself. I like to do it."

"(My dad) likes to tell people he has two boys wrestling in college."

Olson's dad is not the only person who has created pressure in his life.

He is the younger brother of



Photos by Evan Keck

Highline's Andy Olson twists friend and fellow wrestler Joe Castro like a pretzel in a recent wrestling practice.

Otto Olson, a No. 1-ranked wrestler from the University of Michigan.

"There were huge expectations from everybody," said Olson. "It sucked. Leave me the F— alone!"

Otto Olson graduated from Everett High School as a three-time state champion in 1996. Andy Olson lived in his brother's shadow most of his life. He was always known as Otto's little brother.

In high school, Olson did not concentrate on work.

"I went to school to find out where the parties were. If it wasn't for wrestling I probably wouldn't have completed high school."

When he was not wrestling, Olson played football and golf. He was the quarterback in the fall and in the spring took things easy on the golf course. Wrestling was his main focus all year.

His freshman year, Olson broke his wrist and had to sit the year out.

The following year was better. When he ended up making

it to the state tournament and finished 12th.

Olson did not wrestle the next season because he transferred to Lake Stevens High School and had to wait a year before he could compete.

His senior year was his best year. Wrestling up a weight class, Olson took second in regionals and placed fifth at state at 178 pounds.

"I chose (to transfer to) Lake Stevens because it had a better wrestling team. Another big benefit—I was still Otto's little brother, but not as bad."

"I started enjoying (wrestling) when I got to Lake Stevens."

Originally, Olson did not plan on going to college but was dissatisfied with how he finished wrestling and wanted to give it another shot.

Since he has been at Highline, Olson has flourished at 174. Last year he was having a lot of success until he had academic trouble and was ineligible the second half of the season. This year, Olson is undefeated in NJCAA competition and has an overall record of 10-3.

Olson has not decided what he wants to major in other than wrestling. For now the team captain is focusing on this season and preparing for the championships.

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Gentle giant is only mean on the mat

By Evan Keck
Staff Reporter

You may recognize Anthony Hamilton; he's hard to miss. The 6'4" 225 pound Highline heavyweight wrestler is lean and mean without the mean.

Hamilton may look intimidating if you step up on a wrestling mat and shake his hand three seconds before a referee blows a whistle to make it legal for him to beat on you.

But off the mat he is one of the nicest guys in the world. The quiet and almost shy giant always has a smile on his face.

This is the life of Hamilton.

Hamilton has been an athlete as long as he can remember. He has done most of them: football, basketball, track, and even soccer.

In high school, he won honors and accolades for athletics, but more importantly he got them for academics as well.

In football, he was All-League, in track, he was a conference qualifier in the 400-

meter dash and triple jump and had a 23-1 record his senior year, before getting injured in wrestling. Hamilton has also been on the Honor Roll throughout his education.

Here at Highline, Hamilton continues his work ethic earning Academic All-American and All-American accolades in wrestling last year.

The Kentwood graduate came to Highline on a wrestling scholarship after blowing off several opportunities in football. Though he has not given up his favorite sport, he is concentrating on a national wrestling championship.

"I want to win it all this year," he said. "I gotta work harder and I gotta keep progressing. The coach is working us this year."

In the off-season last summer, Hamilton traveled to Alaska to work and train for wrestling.

Off the mat Hamilton gives a lot of time to friends and family. From his involvement with his



Highline wrestling star Anthony Hamilton takes time out of practice to strike a pose.

church to his girlfriend Lerin, Hamilton devotes his time to his priorities as much as possible.

Hamilton has strong ties with his community. He is currently majoring in criminal justice and wants to give back by becoming a police officer.

With everything he has done

in his life, he is quick to give thanks and praise to those he loves.

"I give a lot of credit to my mom and grandma. They helped me get through a lot of things I wouldn't have been able to do without them," Hamilton said.



Men's basketball

Home games in bold capitals		
Friday, Dec. 1	Peninsula	7 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 9	Olympic	7 p.m.
Friday-Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 15-17		
Edmonds Crossover Tournament		TBA
Tuesday, Dec. 19	PENINSULA	8 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 21	Everett	8 p.m.
Wednesday-Thursday, Friday, Dec. 27-29		
Shoreline Tournament		TBA

League Games		
Wednesday, Jan. 3	TACOMA	8 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 6	Green River	8 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 10	S. PUGET SOUND	8 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 13	PIERCE	8 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 17	Lower Columbia	8 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 20	Centralia	8 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 24	CLARK	8 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 31	Grays Harbor	8 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 3	Tacoma	8 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 7	GREEN RIVER	8 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 10	South Puget Sound	8 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 14	Pierce	8 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 17	LOWER COLUMBIA	8 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 21	CENTRALIA	8 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 24	Clark	8 p.m.
Saturday, March 3	GRAYS HARBOR	8 p.m.

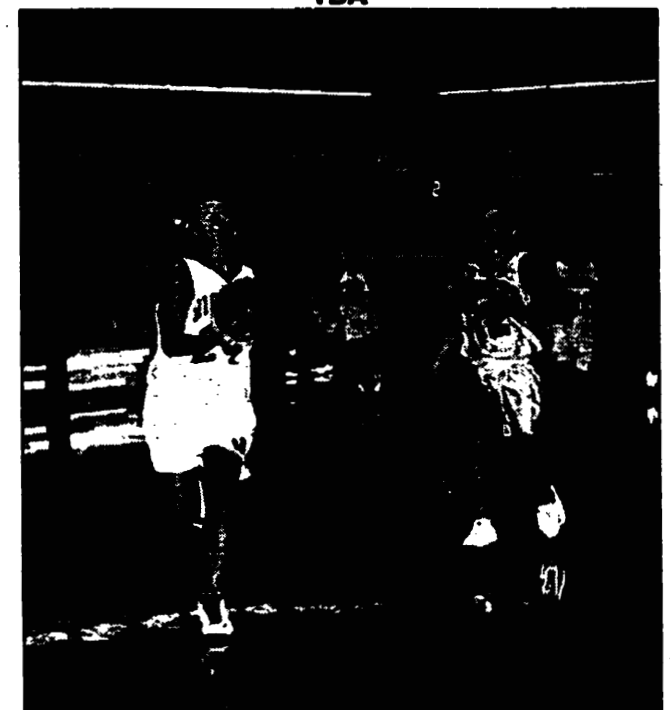
Thursday-Friday-Saturday-Sunday
March 8-11
NWAACC Championships
Shoreline CC
TBA

Women's basketball

Friday, Dec. 1	Peninsula	5 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 9	Olympic	5 p.m.
Thursday-Friday-Saturday, Dec. 14, 15, 16		
Crossover Tourney, Whatcom CC		TBA
Tuesday, Dec. 19	PENINSULA	6 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 21	Everett	6 p.m.
Thursday-Friday-Saturday, Dec. 28, 29, 30		
Big Bend Tournament, Moses Lake		TBA

League games		
Wednesday, Jan. 3	Tacoma	6 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 6	Green River	6 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 10	S Puget Sound	6 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 13	Pierce	6 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 17	Lower Columbia	6 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 20	Centralia	6 p.m.
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Saturday, Feb. 17	Lower Columbia	6 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 21	Centralia	6 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 24	Clark	6 p.m.
Saturday, March 3	Grays Harbor	6 p.m.

Thursday-Friday-Saturday
March 8, 9, 10
NWAACC Championships
Skagit Valley CC
Mount Vernon
TBA



Wrestling

Home meets in bold capitals		
Friday, Dec. 8	RICKS	5:30 p.m.
	PIMA	7 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 9	PIMA	10 a.m.
	CLACKAMAS	
	YAKIMA VALLEY	
	SW OREGON	
	RICKS	
Friday, Dec. 15	YAKIMA	6 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 4	NORTHERN IDAHO	5:30 p.m.
	PACIFIC LUTHERAN	7 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 5	DOUGLAS	7 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 6	Pacific Lutheran	9 a.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 10	Central Washington	7 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 12	SIMON FRASER	7 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 13	Clackamas	10 a.m.
Saturday, Jan. 20	PIMA	10 a.m.
	Lassen	
	Embry-Riddle	

Region 18 Tournament
Saturday, Feb. 3 Yakima Valley 10 a.m.

National Tournament
Saturday-Sunday
Feb. 17, 2001
Mayo Civic Center
Rochester, Minn.

Teen slasher epidemic plagues theaters

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Man wields killing apparatus, man kills teenagers doing naughty things, man gets killed by survivors. It's been made abundantly clear to the world: horror movies have lost their edge.

One of the saddest elements by far in the world of movies are these terrible horror sequels. Some people actually look forward to these things, as if by some chance the 17th installment in the *Friday the 13th* series might be better than the first.

Filmmakers don't seem to know when to stop. Sadly, *Child's Play*, *Friday the 13th*, and *Nightmare on Elm Street* couldn't simply stay horror cult classics, but rather had to be turned into awful franchises.

While perusing through my local video store lately, I decided to take a detour through the horror section and maybe see what sort of new gore-fests have hit the shelves.

Suddenly I felt a surge of anger. Not the kind of anger you get when someone cuts you off on the freeway, but that unbridled kind of anger that you get when you finish watching a Steve Gutenberg movie.

There's a movie on the shelf called *Jack Frost*. No, this isn't



the Michael Keaton, soul-in-a-snowman heartwarmer, but rather the story of a murderer struck by a chemical truck, thus transforming him into a killer snowman of sorts.

Who wrote this screenplay? And why are they not being brutally beaten with their own severed limbs?

Meanwhile the silver screen is littered with piles of trash like the sequel to *The Blair Witch Project*, which holds nothing of the originality or value the well-crafted student film had. The acting is nothing short of laughable, and not one character is remotely accessible.

And it all goes with the pattern of Kevin Williamson teen-bopper horror flicks with "surprise endings" that are simply bad soap opera twists.

The Sixth Sense is an amazing example of beautiful filmmaking. And it was due to the

extraordinary acting, wonderful cinematography, and a killer screenplay. It's quality and originality makes it stand out amongst the slough of terrible horror films.

Teen slashers lack every aforementioned element that made *The Sixth Sense* such a good film.

You've got *I Know What You Did Last Summer* and *I Still Know What You Did Last Summer*, what's next? *Hey Remember Last Summer?* *I Really Still Know What You Did That Summer Last Year.*

Where is the character development required to make these movies simply watchable? Our killer is inevitably always someone who seems good, but is suddenly revealed to be not so good.

You're led to believe others committed the murders, but, surprise, it wasn't them. It's like an episode of *Scooby-Doo* minus the bad animation.



Now step back and make room for my sarcasm: The quality screenwriting and immense originality displayed in formulaic teen horror flicks is beautifully astounding.

Moreover, I want to know how the decent teen slasher that started this whole mess, was made into arguably the worst trilogy in horror history.

I swear to God, if they make a *Scream 4* I'm marching down to the set of *Dawson's Creek* and personally making Williamson apologize to me.

Sam is working on a screenplay, *Return of the Son of the Night of the Living Newsroom Dead*.

tion is not his cup of tea.

So I make it simple. The sign says two-day rental. Now unless their ad suggests that I take the video home for one day, bring it back that very night, go home, come back the next morning to pick up the video for yet another day, then two days, my friend, means 48 hours. Correct?

You hear that? Silence. It was a Friday evening and the once massive, loquacious group of patrons waiting in line were now entirely intrigued by my challenging bravado.

"Maximus! Maximus!" they cried out. OK, that's a bit of a fabrication, but never you mind.

I resentfully paid the late charge. Hey, I put up a fight - acted as somewhat of an ambassador for those against false advertising and fiscal commercialism. I defied. Some may even call me an activist.

I went home and plopped in *Platoon* - an eerily authentic film about the brutality, and barbaric nature of warfare. Tonight, if only for a brief moment, I too was a warrior.

Derek's mug shot can now be seen in every Blockbuster in Washington earning himself the title, "Blockbuster Bandit."

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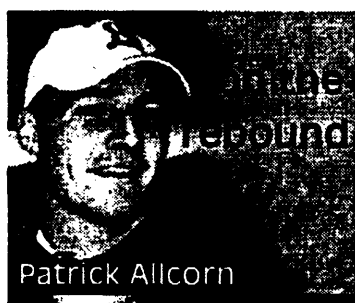
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Women's sports are evolving

After a weekend of dominating performances by the Highline women's basketball team, it seems more than appropriate to use this space to praise the progression of the female sports genre.



Patrick Allcorn

Women are starting to move their way into sports in which, as recently as 15 years ago, would have been male-dominated without question.

There is now a professional women's basketball league, women's hockey is an Olympic sport, and there are quite a few women taking to the mat and wrestling. And I'm not talking about Chyna and all of her scantily dressed pals. Women with fake breasts throwing each other around to the delight of thousands of horny teenagers is hardly how I define progression.

Not only has the range of sports in which women participate increased, but their skill levels in the ones which they have participated in for decades has risen dramatically.

Women in distance races are gaining ever so close to the times that men post. Some women now have the ability to dunk a basketball (I'm 6'6" and I need a trampoline and moon boots to do it), and some women now have tennis serves over the 100 mph mark.

Men have also showed improvements in these sports, not as drastic as women, leading me to believe that someday, in some sports, men and women will be equal, or close enough to it to compete against each other.

In 1984 the Highline women's basketball challenged the men's squad to a game. Athletic Director Fred Harrison declined and instead the women played a game against the faculty. They have won every year since and now it may be time to allow them to play the men.

The men may hold an advantage in physical strength but I don't think there is much of a difference in the skill category.

Patrick will begin his athletic career when Highline gets a women's gymnastics team.

Women set scoring record

By Patrick Allcorn
Staff Reporter

The Highline women's basketball team is off to an amazing start.

The Lady T-Birds played their first two games of the season this weekend winning with scores of 143-75 and 125-41.

Highline opened up non-league play on Friday at the Thunderdome against Shoreline Community College and made the Dolphins wish they hadn't made the trip.

The women's victory was fueled by amazing team defense and equally amazing shooting.

The Lady T-Birds had 34 steals. Sophomore Chandra Rathke led the team with eight, and forced Shoreline into an embarrassing 54 turnovers. Highline shot an incredible 55 percent from the field. The 143 points that the women scored set a new school record.

"We murdered them. I just hope we don't get too big-headed, all of the games won't be that easy," said Highline assistant coach and former player Nicole Ulrich.

Highline made 37 out of their 47 foul shots for a very respectable 78.7 percent. This was a category the team struggled in last year so the output was a good sign.

Rathke was on fire, leading the team with 28 points in just under 18 minutes of playing time.

"We have so many good shooters, this was just a team effort," Rathke said.

Nine Lady T-Birds scored in double figures and the team had



Photo by Connie Harshman

Highline freshman Lauryn Jones stretches out between two Olympic defenders to grab the rebound.

only 20 turnovers for the game.

Though they won by 68 points, Highline Head Coach Dennis Olson sees room for improvement.

"We need to run our offense better. A lot of those points came from our defense. We need to improve our rebounding too."

Shoreline out rebounded Highline 41-35 Friday night.

Kristin Boyd was spectacular in her first game as a T-bird scoring 18 points and swiping the ball seven times.

Freshman guard Nikki White scored 10 points and added 11 assists to post a double-double in her first collegiate game.

Center Cal-Jean Lloyd had the teams other double-double with 19 points and 10 rebounds.

Just when the Lady T-Birds

thought things couldn't possibly get any better they did.

On Saturday night Highline was visited by lowly Olympic Community College.

The Lady T-Birds scored more than 70 points in the first half for the second game in a row, going into the locker room with a comfortable 71-24 lead. They never looked back and gave up just 17 points in the second half to finish off the Rangers 125-41.

Lloyd led the way for Highline scoring 34 points and grabbing 13 rebounds (11 offensive).

Freshman guard Briana Duerr was on fire, shooting 75 percent from the field including five out of six from three-point range for a total of 29 points.

Boyd had her second good outing with another seven steals to go along with her 12 points, six rebounds, and six assists.

Sophomore guard Lisa Milne had an excellent all-around game with 17 points, seven assists and six steals.

Highline won their first two games by a total of 152 points, scoring a total of 268 points, but Olson isn't reading too much into the great start.

"Those teams aren't super strong," he said.

Olson did however see some things that he really liked.

"We played very hard on defense. I was happy with the press and we passed well, the kids were pretty unselfish," Olson said.

Highline's next game will be tomorrow at Peninsula and their next home game is Dec. 19 at 6 p.m., also against Peninsula.

Cross country team may be cooked

By Monica Angeline
Staff reporter

Highline's cross country program may have ran its last race.

This January at the Service & Activities Budget Committee meeting, there will be a proposal to stop funding the program.

Highline Athletic Director John Dunn, Assistant Athletic Director Connie Johnson and the Associate Dean of Student Programs Diane Anderson have evaluated the cross country program. The conclusion from this evaluation was that the emphasis should be put on the track program to build its program and numbers up.

"The cross country team's numbers were very low this year, the men with eight runners

and the women with only two," Dunn said.

Dunn believes that the concentration should be put on the track program to establish a strong program that people will want to be a part of and join.

"When looking at the students it is never easy to cut a program, but I need to look at the future of the overall athletic program, and determine what will be best," Dunn said.

Right now the cross country team is funded by a chunk of what is given to the track program. What will be proposed at the next meeting will be the same amount of money but all of it will go to the track program.

It may sound easy to just cut a program but in actuality it is

not.

The S&A Budget Committee is made up of five students, three faculty members, and three non-voting members. The student members consist of Student Government President Ben McNeley, Club Representative and Treasurer Sylvie Jovet, Russ Garman, Tuan Diah Bui, and Brian Duhaime.

The faculty members are speech professor Shannon Proctor, political science and journalism professor Dr. T.M. Sell, and library reference instructor Jack Harton.

There are also non-voting members, Associate Dean Diane Anderson, Program Coordinator Leanna Albrecht, and interim Vice President of Students Scott Hardin. The committee sends

out forms to all of the programs at Highline, then in mid-February the different programs present their requests. The budget committee then makes their decision for the new-year's budget and sends out their decisions to the various programs.

In April open hearings are held for those who would like to say something about the committee's decisions on the new budget.

Even if the committee stops funding the program, the team can still compete as a club but would be unable to compete in the NWAACC finals. Since most of the meets that Highline has ran in the past are in remote cities, it may be hard for a club team to raise enough money to make the trips.

T-Birds start season on right foot

Highline looks good in first bit of competition

By Bryan Sharick
Staff reporter

The men's Thunderbird basketball team opened up non-league play last week by thumping Shoreline 84-61, on Friday. The next night, Highline morphed the Olympic Rangers 92-86.

The T-Birds started out by harpooning the Shoreline Dolphins and winning their first game of the season last week.

Against Shoreline the Thunderbirds looked to have the game in hand after the first half when they were leading 41-29. Highline center Jason Reed led the way in rebounds with 10 at half-time. Reed also had numerous tip-ins on missed shots for the Thunderbirds.

The Thunderbirds came out of the locker room and shot ice-cold. The Dolphins had a 17-5 run at the beginning of the quar-

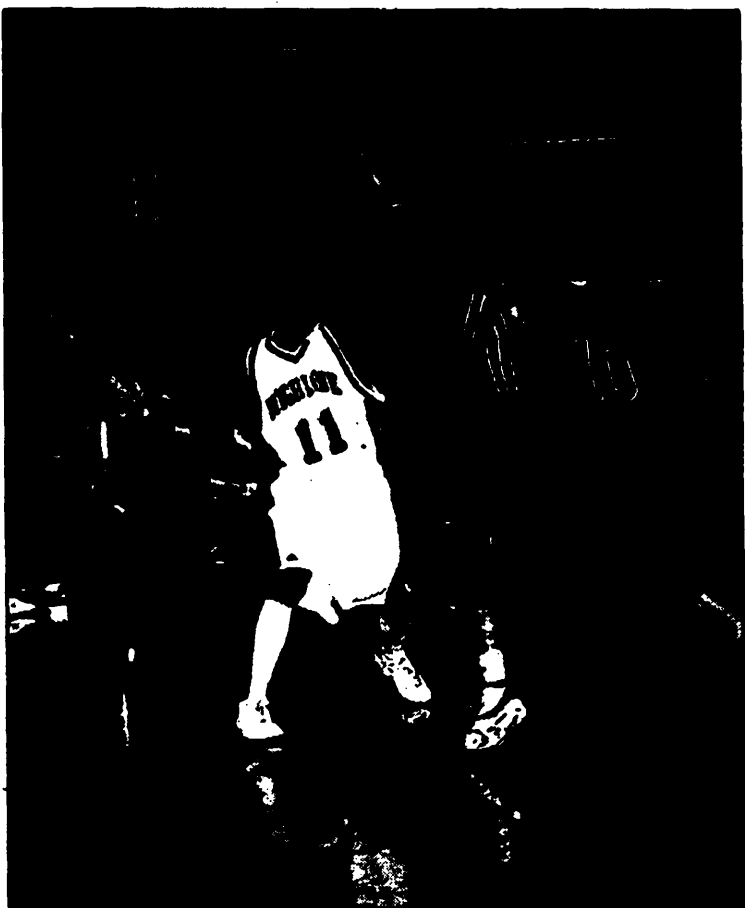


Photo by Connie Hesterman

Highline's Wes Newton prepares to pass the ball inside against Olympic. The T-Birds won the game 92-86.

ter to tie the game up at 46.

The Dolphins scored 13 unanswered points before Highline's Ross Randleman

ended the drought with a bucket that reignited the offense and helped T-Birds fry flipper 84 to 61.

"We should be a lot better. In a couple more weeks we'll be solid," said Highline Co-captain Wes Newton.

Highline dominated on the boards with 63 rebounds to Shoreline's 38.

Yusef Aziz led Highline in scoring with 23 points while shooting 10 of 22 from the field. Aziz also had 13 rebounds. True freshman Austin Nicholson lead the way coming off the bench with 19 points in 17 minutes. Nicholson shot 7 of 9 from the field and 3 of 4 from beyond the arch. Nicholson was also 2 of 2 from the free throw line.

There's 40 minutes in a game and you have to concentrate for all 40 minutes," said Head Coach Jeff Albrecht.

In the second game on Saturday night the T-Birds improved their overall record to 2-0 against the Olympic Rangers.

Once again the Thunderbirds seemed to have the game well in hand at the end of the first half with the lead 42-30.

Once again the Thunderbirds came out of the locker room flat and cocky, but got knocked flat by the power Rangers 16-7 point run to open the second half.

Highline also allowed 56 points in the second half against the Rangers.

"We need to work on our defense. We allowed almost 60 points," said Highline Assistant Coach Dave Rockwood.

In the end, the deciding factor was free throws. The T-Birds shot 18 of 20 from the free throw line in the second half and the Rangers shot 16 of 28. Highline also shot 83 percent from the charity stripe while the Rangers only managed 63 percent.

Yusef Aziz once again led the way with 28 points and 9 of 9 on free-throws.

Aziz also hit four key free-throws at the end of the game to seal the victory.

Jason Reed led the way again with 20 points and 15 rebounds.

"We lost our concentration a little bit towards the end of the game, but you need to have enough concentration to where nothing should effect you," said Albrecht. "I feel we played two good teams and got Ws."

Highline next plays Friday, Dec. 1 at Peninsula at 7 p.m. The following game is on Saturday, Dec. 9 at Olympic at 7 p.m. Their next home game is Dec. 19 at 8 p.m. against Peninsula.

Skiers and snowboarders have many options

By Emily Hathaway
Staff Reporter

The Northwest is known for some of the most popular ski resorts in the country. Whether you already have your favorite resort, or are searching for one, it's important to find out the inside scoop on Mt. Baker, Whistler, and other ski areas.

Located east of Bellingham in the North Cascade Mountains, Mt. Baker is more than 1,000 acres large.

According to a Powder Magazine study, Mt. Baker Ski Area received the highest amount of average snowfall of any ski area in North America, with more than 615 inches a year.

Snowboarding and trails are two other events you can also participate in while at Mt. Baker. This resort is home to eight chair lifts, as well as two lodges, including the White Salmon Day Lodge, which won Snow County Magazine's National Ski Area award for best new day lodge.

For more information, call 360-734-6771 or visit www.mtbakerskiarea.com

On the border of Mt. Rainier National Park, at 33914 Crystal Mountain Blvd., Crystal Moun-

tain offers 54 snowboarding trails.

"Crystal Mountain has the best terrain in the state of Washington," said David Wheeler, communications employee at the resort.

Chinook Express, which is their second high-speed, six passenger chair lift taking only five minutes in to reach the top, was finished in 1999.

Tickets for adults are \$40 for all day, \$35 for a half day, and \$20 for a night.

For information on Crystal Mountain and daily lift rates, dial 360-663-2265, or visit www.skicrystal.com

Placed on the crest of the Cascade Range and on two national forests, the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie on the west side, and the Wenatchee National Forest on the east, Stevens Pass is located off U.S. Highway 2.

"We have great terrain. Our designated major runs are well maintained with excellent grooming and we offer something for everyone. We have a great staff that is friendly and wants to promote a fun experience for our guests," said Cindy Jackson, employee at the resort.

With 37 snowboarding trails and 1,125 acres, Stevens Pass is the only area in the Northwest

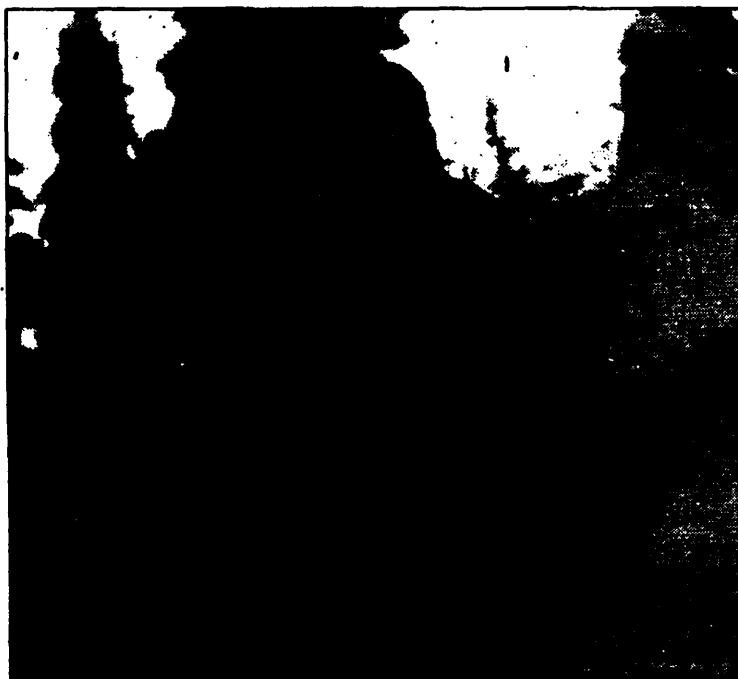


Photo courtesy of Skicrystal.com

A skier swooshes down a back trail at Crystal Mountain. Crystal is just one of many ski venues in the Northwest.

with two high-speed quads (four person chair lifts) open for night skiing.

Daily ticket prices for an adult are \$41, at 9 a.m., \$34, at noon, and \$26, after 4 p.m.

For more information, call 360-973-2441 or visit www.stevenspass.com

The Summit at Snoqualmie is less than an hour from Seattle, heading toward Ellensburg. The

Summit offers the largest night skiing and snowboarding area in the world, spread over four different ski areas. There have been many pricey improvements, including 65 snowboarding trails.

"The Summit offers more parking than Stevens and Crystal, which means we don't have to turn people away due to overcrowding," said Jason Bergman,

marketing/internet projects manager.

"We also offer the BIG 'S' Season Pass which allows skiers to play at the Summit at a low price. It's the best season pass deal in the area," Bergman said.

Call 206-236-7277 for more information.

British Columbia is home to one of the top rated ski resorts in the world. The Whistler and Blackcomb Mountains, located at 4545 Blackcomb in British Columbia, features three glaciers, and more than 200 trails.

Whistler's award-winning resort has been rated No. 1 in North America for terrain, and rated No. 1 in the world for high-speed lifts.

Whistler has three new high-speed lifts, 100 snowboarding trails, and 12 express lifts, which is the most in the world.

Prices range depending on the season, but a one-day ticket is approximately \$60.

Call 604-932-3434 for ticket information or reservations.

This winter season is a good time to try skiing or snowboarding at any of the Washington ski resorts. Beforehand, make sure you know the road conditions, call ahead for hotel reservations, and be cautious.

T-Birds hit jackpot in Reno meet

By Evan Keck
Staff Reporter

Highline's wrestling team rolled the dice and came up big in Reno this weekend in a national junior college tournament.

The team flew down on Thanksgiving and wrestled on Friday in dual matches and Saturday in an open tournament.

Highline won all three of their dual matches Friday, 39-7 over Neosho College from Kansas, 27-18 over Elsworth College from Iowa and 49-3 over Lincoln College from Illinois.

Highline first faced the defending national junior college champions Neosho.

Javonn Albert-Rainwater could not come up with a win at 125 pounds, giving up a pin to a tough opponent, John Stevenson.

Carlos Adamy stepped up next at 133 pounds, but also lost in a 5-4 decision to Trel Miller.

Shad Lierly had the first win of the evening, beating Curtis Hawke 12-3. Throughout the match, Hawke had put chokeholds on Lierly. The referee did not stop the illegal holds or award penalty points but did caution several times.

The match turned more physical and finally came to blows. When Lierly had Hawke on his back, he put another chokehold around Lierly's neck. Lierly then punched his opponent several times in the kidney to stop the choking. The referee saw everything and still did not stop the match.

"I couldn't believe he didn't say anything," said Lierly. "He saw everything and he just stood there and watched."

Jason King's match was less dramatic but was as exciting because he had an upset win over Bobby Lyons.

King had a blue-collar tie up and went to a perfect head-and-arm throw to put Lyons on his back for the pin in the first round.

Ben Barkley had an easy victory, beating Bioud Ali 16-2 at 157. At 165, Preston Crowe lost.

Andy Olson made quick work of his opponent, Nate Owens, winning 7-3. Jamey Verderico pinned Mike Williams for an easy victory. Trevor Smith had a forfeit at 197 pounds and Anthony Hamilton ended the dual with a bang, beating Scott Owens 10-2.

The T-Birds next faced off with Elsworth. Albert-Rainwater earned an impressive victory over Justin Waters winning 12-5. Adamy lost his second match of the night 8-4 to Troy Fratzki. Lierly pinned his opponent, Tyler Hildaburg, for his second



Photo by Joe Walker

Andy Olson tries to drop teammate Chris Babka in a Highline wrestling practice.

win.

King lost his match by a pin to Bart Mehlert. Barkley picked up another victory with a pin over Carl Crilshak.

Crowe continued a tough weekend, losing another one.

Olson again dominated his opponent, pinning Dallas O'Brien for the win. Smith won his only match of the night, beating Erick Jones 10-2 and Hamilton lost a close one to Bill Stuart 5-4.

The men went up against Lincoln in a one-sided victory for their last dual of the night.

Albert-Rainwater lost to Doug Lehman, 12-9. Adamy earned his first victory of the evening, pinning Keith Eimer. Lierly and Barkley did not compete due to Lincoln forfeits in both classes. Olson won his third match of the night, pinning Matt Morrell. Hamilton won his second match overall, 11-6 over Nathan Welsh.

"I liked a lot of the things that show good signs," said Assistant Coach John Clemens. "We're encouraged by what we're seeing so far."

"They're picking up on technique," said Head Coach Todd Owens. "Conditioning is a key. [We're] still inexperienced here and there."

Saturday, the T-Birds had four place winners.

Lierly won the championship at 141 pounds, going 4-0 in the

tournament. Lierly started by pinning Jose Sosa of Western Wyoming. He then beat Toby Sunnell from Clackamas 9-1 and Oliver Vasquez from Lassen 8-1.

In the semifinal match with Vasquez, Lierly was ahead 3-1 going into the final round. Vasquez tried to shoot in but Lierly dragged him by, spun around and got the takedown. Vasquez then tried to counter by sitting out and working for a reversal, but Lierly counter-attacked by sucking him back, exposing Vasquez's back for near-fall points.

"The match was actually closer than what the score showed," said Lierly.

Lierly's finals match was against Pat Williams from Neosho. This match was closer with a final score of 6-4.

Williams came out strong, taking Lierly's offense away with a Russian tie-up hanging on his arm. The match turned into scrambling around the edge of the mat.

Going into the final round, Lierly led 4-3. Lierly started the round on top as Williams tried to execute Gramby rolls, trying for a reversal and earning an escape to tie the score. But Lierly came back with a takedown by turning into Williams and getting behind him, then holding on for the win.

Andy Olson took second in

the tournament at 174 pounds with a 2-1 record. His first match was a major decision, 18-2, over Todd Weaver of Ricks College. Olson's next match was a win of 6-5 over Kenyata Carter from Iowa Central College. The championship round was against Ryan Schumann from Southern Oregon. Olson lost with a score of 9-4.

The match started off bad for Olson when Schumann got a quick takedown that took Olson straight to his back. He was able to keep from getting pinned, but found himself down by five points at the start. Olson wrestled hard the rest of the match but was unable to overcome that deficit.

This is the second time in two weeks Olson has lost to Schumann. Schumann edged him 3-2 at the Southern Oregon Classic.

Both Lierly and Olson are undefeated in NJCAA competition. With season records of 14-2 and 10-3, they have not lost to anyone they will see at nationals.

Trevor Smith did well also, taking fourth place with a record of 3-2. His first match was a win over Justin Elliott from Clackamas and his second was an overtime victory over Jeremy Lewis from Ricks College 8-6. Smith lost his third match of the evening, 6-2 by Rich Palikons of Lassen. Smith bounced back to beat Eric Jones from Elsworth, 8-1. The victory sent him into the consolation finals for third place. There, Smith faced Lewis again, but this time Lewis prevailed, 3-2.

Carlos Adamy also took fourth at 133 pounds. Adamy won his first match over Eric Wright 5-2. He lost his next 11-2 by Troy Fratzki from Elsworth. Adamy won his consolation semifinal match 6-4 in overtime. From there, he competed against Gabe Smith from

Lassen. Adamy came out on top in overtime, winning 4-2.

King did well with a 2-2 record. This was King's first competition after coming off a minor back injury. King won his first match 12-2 over Duane Foote from West Wyoming. He lost his next match by two points and won his third match by two. King lost his last match to knock him out of the tournament.

Barkley had a tough weekend, but did well. He lost his first in a close score 4-3 to Ashton Buswell. He bounced back to pin his next opponent, Terry Flake, from Southwestern Oregon Community College. Barkley was not able to get some momentum going before he was eliminated from the tournament by J.J. Holmes of Neosho 21-3.

Verderico at 184 and Hamilton at heavyweight had good showings on Saturday. Verderico finished 2-2, just out of reach from placing. Verderico lost his first match, but won his next two with a pin and a decision of 11-9. He lost his fourth match 12-5 by Josh Porter from Iowa Central.

Hamilton had tough matches all the way through losing his first 12-7, winning his second 11-5, and losing his third by a pin.

The wrestlers were happy with the experience they had obtained from the trip and are eager to apply it the rest of the season. Many saw glimpses of opponents they will face at regionals and possibly nationals. All they can do at this point is keep working hard and learning from experience.

The T-Birds have one more away match before beginning a long homestand over the break. Results from Wednesday's double-dual match against Pacific Lutheran and Clackamas were unavailable at press time.



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New Des Moines fire house on way

By Andrew Westfall
Staff Reporter

The Des Moines Fire Department has been operating from the same building since 1970, and is now building a new \$2.6 million fire house.

"In short, we had simply outgrown our old station," said Jim Polhamus, fire chief of Fire District 26, whose service area covers the city of Des Moines.

The fire department is a special purpose district, an independent local government run by an elected board of commissioners and supported by property taxes. It serves Des Moines as well as southwest King County from Redondo to Normandy Park (under a contract).

With only one fire station, District 26's headquarters are among the busiest in South King County.

"In 1970, when the station

was originally completed, the fire station had two employees and answered around 300 calls. Today we have 20 employees and answer between 2,600 and 2,800 calls in a year," said Polhamus.

The need for a new fire house grew along with the community.

In the last 30 years the fire station has undergone several renovations, but recently everything began to come to a climax and something different needed to be done.

"It all came down to 'do we add more here and there, or go with a wholesale rebuild?'" said Polhamus.

The new building will be replacing two existing buildings (which total 13,000 square feet) and will place one roof over 20,000 square feet. The planned fire house will meet all Washington state requirements and regulations and house new utili-



Photo by Joe Walker

The new building is replacing several renovations and will cover 20,000 sq. ft. rather than the previous 13,000.

ties. It's just a good thing for the fire department, Polhamus said.

The district currently has a volunteer force 10 strong. "We hope to increase that number (of volunteers) with the completion of this project," said Polhamus.

Knowing the station is one of the busiest in the south end raises the question of what keeps them so busy.

"Seventy percent of our calls are medically related. Twenty percent are automatic fire alarms, service calls and broken water lines. Only 5 percent of our calls are fires," Polhamus said.

The fire chief said the new station should help them serve the community effectively for some time to come.

"We figure that this will get us on solid ground that should serve us for many years to come," Polhamus said.

New Associate of Science degree approved statewide

By Melissa Johnston
Staff Reporter

Science majors at Highline now may have an easier time of transferring to four-year colleges.

Last spring quarter, a new associate of science (A.S.) degree was approved and accepted statewide.

"It's a very positive change for the students," said Rebecca Slinger, engineering instructor. "They will have transferable benefits associated with the A.A. degree, but still be able to complete prerequisites for their programs."

The A.S. degree is designed to prepare students who transfer to a four-year institution and plan to complete a bachelor's degree in the sciences or engineering. Previously, students pursuing a regular associate of arts degree could get too far behind in specific, time-sensitive sequences of engineering and science courses.

"It's going to allow these students to better plan their curriculum and then transfer in as juniors," said Bob Maplestone, chairman of the Engineering and Applied Sciences Division.

As with the A.A. degree, two options are available when earning the A.S. degree. Both have a minimum of 90 credits required for completion.

Option 1 is intended for students majoring in the Biological Sciences, Environmental/Resource Sciences, Chemistry, Geology, or Earth Science, said Maplestone.

For those students interested in majoring in Engineering, Computer Sciences, Physics, or Atmospheric Sciences, option 2 was designed, Maplestone said.

"The old system basically forced the students to take all of their humanities and social science classes here at Highline," he said.

The new A.S. degree will allow for a "more rounded education as you go through the system," said Maplestone. He said it allows students to "spread all of their science and non-science courses over four years."

Some courses are only offered once or twice a year and some programs require different courses depending on what transfer school, Maplestone said.

Advisers keep up with the needs of institutions and can help make courses at Highline count toward your degree, he said. Consequently, advising is essential for all A.S. degree students, said Maplestone.

Students can be assigned an adviser by visiting the Educational Planning & Advising Center in Building 6, upper level.

Survey says college is tougher than high school

By Nicole Gilliam,
Jennifer Upshaw
and Steve McMahon
Staff Reporters

Most Highline students say they study harder than they did in high school, but their grades aren't as good, according to a recent unscientific survey.

The survey of 173 students found that most think college is harder than high school, too.

Out of the students who were surveyed, 78 percent had attended high school within the last five years. Twenty-two percent of those surveyed were of 24 years of age or older.

Some 68 percent said they study more for Highline than for high school.

"Teachers don't feel sorry for you anymore. You have to do more than just attend class to pass," said Highline student Alicia Bowles.

Another 17 percent surveyed said that they studied around the same amount, while 15 percent said that they actually study less for their college classes compared to the classes they took in high school.

"I think that Highline is easier than high school. It's like a glorified high school," student Terry Weir said.

"I think class is a breeze. Half of the time I am under the influence of something when I do show up to class," said one student who wished to remain

anonymous.

While 68 percent surveyed said that they studied more, 67 percent said that their grades at Highline have declined compared with how they did in high school.

"Highline is hella harder than high school," one respondent said. "I was so used to just showing up to high school and falling asleep that when I got to Highline, I was like totally swamped with homework and never had enough time to do it."

The survey also showed that more than 50 percent of the students have a harder time balancing

their priorities while attending college.

On the average, the students surveyed had attended Highline for three quarters and most are planning to attend Highline until they finish their Associate of Arts degree. Only 8 percent of those polled were or are currently enrolled in Running Start.

Some 71 percent of those Running Start students are on track to graduate with their degrees.

Most regular students felt like they were behind with their credits, but weren't exactly sure how far behind they are.

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official either, but not unlike past elections, all students maintaining a 2.5 GPA are eligible for nomination.

West said that his exodus from Highline is strictly for academic reasons - currently he's debating whether to either enroll at Tacoma Community College, where they offer his major in the Emergency Medical Technician program, or at American Medical Response, which will pay for similar training.

Nevertheless, West is rather pleased with his brief but productive experience in Student Government, but admits that although some internal conflict and friction does indeed exist within the order, they have not influenced his reasoning behind the resignation.

"There has been some conflict with some of the people in Student Government, but I really don't care to comment on it," said West.

West's decision to sit on the announcement, going so far as to go off the record weeks earlier, have left some wondering why. West, however, insists he had his personal, as well as professional reasons for the awkward delay.

"I didn't want to cause more trouble in student government. I wanted to give them a chance to get some things done before having to deal with this," said West. "There are a lot of projects going on right now that they have to deal with."

West, who began the year with high expectations as vice president, will miss the overall Student Government experience, but is also quite despondent to be leaving Highline in general.

"Student Government is really a great group of people. Despite some of the conflicts, we've accomplished some good things as a group," said West. "It's given me a good experience as a leader on a leadership level."

Duties of vice president of Administration include moderating Associated Council meetings, being a key figure in organizing Spring Quarter commencement ceremonies, and is required to attend all Student Government functions.

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disclose because of legalities, Willard said) they moved in after the owners of Tazza decided to close up shop.

"I have met the original owners of Tazza, and they are really terrific people. They actually moved to North Carolina recently," said Willard.

The atmosphere at Tazza, as most students will vouch for, fit Highline perfectly. The new kid on the block has no delusions that Tazza is indeed a formidable predecessor to live up to, and Willard believes it will take time to be fully embraced.

In attempts to make the café their own, gray paint was splashed over the Tazza logo, and the quaint posters were taken down, but Willard feels after careful consideration, it was the only choice in creating the trademark Heavenly Cappuccino milieu.

But not everyone feels Heavenly Cappuccino is a god-send.

"I think I preferred the atmosphere at Tazza. It seemed more personal and less corporate than Heavenly Cappuccino, and there have been some slight price changes under Heavenly



Photo by Connie Harshman
Tiffany Jay grabs a tasty pastry from behind the glass case for a hungry student.

Cappuccino which I don't think is really cool," said one Highline student who frequents the establishment.

Tiffany Jay, Manager of Heavenly Cappuccino, says there's a reason for the price increase, which in actuality is a mathematical misconception.

"There was no price increase," because Tazza's prices only included a single, and all are prices here are doubles, so it includes a double shot in the prices. So actually all of their tall drinks came

with a single, and ours come with a double," said Jay. Heavenly Cappuccino prides itself on first-rate customer service.

Willard understands, unlike some of the other coffeehouses, Heavenly Cappuccino acts as more of an in-and-out type environment. Starbucks encourages loitering, as do the customers, but the patrons who visit Heavenly Cappuccino want their coffee made swiftly, said Willard. Still, friendly service is crucial.

"The most important aspect is customer service. This is a relationship business. We try to have a low turn-over rate with our employees," said Willard. "We feel the best atmosphere is to provide a clean and welcoming environment."

Jay also believes pleasing the customer is what keeps the café in business.

"It's your profit, so you have to satisfy the customer, getting to know them and being personable. It's important," said Jay.

Blood Drive coming to Highline

By Melissa Johnston
Staff Reporter

Here is your chance to become a hero by giving blood to the Puget Sound Blood Center.

"Every time you donate, you have the possibility of saving three or four lives," said Mellaine Shade, donor resources representative for South King County.

The Puget Sound Blood Center will be at Highline on Nov. 30 from 9 to 11:45 a.m. and will resume again from 1 until 3 p.m. in Building 2.

"We are hoping to get around 40 donors," said Shade.

"Even with National shortages," said Shade, "we continue to provide over 70 hospitals in 14 counties with blood and byproducts of blood."

"The process takes about 45 minutes to an hour for first time donors," said Shade.

This process entails coming into register, filling out medical history, and a screening with a technician, said Shade.

The screening encompasses checking blood pressure, temperature, and iron levels to make

sure the donor is an eligible candidate to give blood, she said.

The actual time of taking the blood donation is only five to eight minutes, Shade said.

"A lot of people are afraid of needles," said Shade. "The pain is minimal."

Drinking lots of water 24 to 48 hours before giving blood helps to hydrate the skin for the needle to go in easier, Shade said.

"Get a good night's sleep, eat a healthy breakfast, and drink plenty of water," Shade said. "Cut back on coffee."

Within 24 hours the plasma and platelets will have been regained and it takes two to four weeks to regain the red blood cells lost, said Shade.

"It's a small sacrifice - to donate blood - to maybe save the life of someone," Shade said.

Juice and cookies will be served after donating.

If you wish to but are unable to donate today, visit Puget Sound Blood Center's website at www.psbcc.org to find the blood bank that is closest to you, and additional information regarding blood donation.

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nario of the homeless living on the city streets is a stereotype," she said. "Homelessness happens in the suburbs and rural areas too."

Cothern feels that most people do not understand how to truly solve the problem of homelessness.

"A lot of people who are concerned about homelessness do blanket drives," said Cothern. "But a blanket, once it's wet, doesn't do anything. It's a

Band-Aid; it doesn't fix the problem. Teaching people how to prepare a budget, to find affordable housing, and to live within what they make - those are long-term solutions. They're a little more costly than a blanket, but they really do solve the problem."

Representatives from organizations geared toward helping the homeless seem to generally agree that there are not enough services available and resources dedicated to remedying the problem of homelessness.

"Most shelters tell them to leave in the morning. People who are homeless have no place to go during the day," Adam

said.

Adam also says shelters can be under-funded, with just a mat on the floor and restrooms.

"They are not much more than a place to crash," Adam said.

"There are many more homeless families than we can possibly serve," said Brown. "We are under-funded."

Transportation for homeless in King County is also a problem too, said Adam. Buses in Seattle run more often than they do in King County.

Though the amount and quality of resources may not be ideal, many people and organizations remain devoted to help-

ing the homeless in the more suburban parts of King County.

"The true focus is to see that families and individuals are stable and self-sufficient," said Cothern.

The Salvation Army and Catholic Community Services provide a variety of options for long-term and short-term care for the homeless, including counseling, emergency financial aid, shelters, transitional housing, rehabilitation, food, and clothing.

For more information, contact Catholic Community Services at 1-800-499-5979(phone number) or the Salvation Army at 206-447-9944.