A Heavenly cup of coffee

By Derek Roche
Staff Reporter

There's an art to formulating the perfect cup—a stylized, flawlessly refined method that perhaps only tried and true aficionados 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 pushed gently over the espresso, leaving a delicate layer slightly above the rim. An immaculately made latte is a beautiful thing. The Emerald City, mind you, is the Coffee Kingdom dwelling to the minds of the coffee lovers in the nation (Smith's, Seattle's Best, and Starbucks). We crave our coffee.

Highline has its own coffee contractor, a charming cafe residing in the corner of the cafeteria called Heavenly Cappuccino. This is the outlet's first quarter at the college and Heavenly Cappuccino manager Tiffany Jay and fellow employee Nancy Wise entered the competition to make a satisfying espresso drink for the people of Highline.

Local aid for the homeless in dire need

By Rachelle Flynn and Rachel Corallo
Staff Reporters

Homelessness is a growing problem in King County and Seattle. Georgia Cant, homeless planner for the city of Seattle, said the numbers have been increasing by 5,500 last year to 7,000 this year. The problem is worse because of a lack of shelters or services from the state because they can't afford it,” Cant said.

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West quits as VP

By Derek Roche
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Student Government is again witnessing some shuffling within its ranks. Dustin West, Vice President of Administration, has announced his resignation and subsequent departure from the college. Effective Winter Quarter, his decision has become permanent as he continues his studies in his new capacity.

West let his decision be known privately to his colleagues weeks ago, but made the announcement public only yesterday. An election for the vacant position will be held to fill the opening left from West's exit, it will not be the vice president, but rather for student senators. Victoria Blanda, currently occupying one of the two senator positions, has indicated her desire to run.

Although the election will be held in conjunction with West’s departure, “The (Student) Senate has been working closely with me to learn the position, and it's a good fit,” said West. The student senate position will be held concurrently within the same role.

“West was a very skillful legislator,” said Cristiano. “He was an excellent leader.”

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 Sarah Conti, homeless planner for the city of Seattle. “Most shelters and food programs that homeless people need are in Seattle. It is a myth that all homeless are in Seattle, when really they are spread throughout Kent, Auburn, Renton and Federal Way,” said Conti. Cothern agrees. “The truth is a lot of them are unemployed, two-parent families.”

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campus life

Holocaust survivor shares his story

By Fawn Fowler
Staff Reporter

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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 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 200 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.

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Food drive

A Team Highline-sponsored food drive is currently underway in Building 6. It’s open to students, faculty, and staff.

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.

Crime blotter

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 filed 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 11:55 p.m. At 9 p.m. one pair of Stanley thermo was found.

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

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

Lost property

A student reported that he 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.

Compiled by Michael Perez

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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 full 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 Aug. 20, 1944, in Birmingham, England. They might not feel like they belong in the same city.

It was the first night of Harrod's archaeology class. She was in the cafeteria to get the thing she had never done before, a bowl of soup. She heard an English accent. She turned her head to see him, his parrotian and what she could find about him. Why was he here? Was he a teacher? It turned out that he had just returned from a meeting in Seattle.

When he introduced himself, she went to sit next to him, her associate of arts degree. Walter returned to the space needle, Cannon Beach, and Mt. Rainier. They both decided to go to the dining hall together to eat. They bought a house in Des Moines by 1997. They were married on Feb. 13, 1999. Their wedding colors were red, white and blue - kind of love-American-style theme with the colors of both the American and British flags.

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

-Judy Harrod

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

-Walter Redfern

Student concerns served at breakfast

By Klara 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 Shy Schwal-Berger, Democratic from the 33rd District, and State Sens. Julia Patterson, D-33rd, and Tracy Elise, 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 Children's 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 McNelky will also be speaking about the tax-free textbooks bill, of which Rep. Keiser is the author. Keiser also serves on Highline's Keiser Board of Trustees. The tax-free textbook 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 to voice 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.
ASHC 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 mid-terms have been cut short. Every advantage should be afforded the candidate. People on this campus, it should not be difficult to find several qualified people for these positions. Every election is important, and everyone should have access to the political field. In an effort to encourage a larger turnout for the approaching elections, more effective advertisement is needed. In past elections the attempt to make the races known has 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.

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 schedule 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.

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 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.
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 Hilt 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 event after requests from the 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 theater to young people and young people to theater."

"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.
'Unbreakable' a well crafted film

By Sam Abraham
Staff Reporter

Bruce Willis and Samuel L. Jackson star in the screen hit, 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 his rock bottom. He has been distancing himself from his family life and has reached a time of confusion.

Jackson lcar up the scrccn in M. The train derails and 132 scarred, without a scratch on Dunn survives, and remains un-scared, 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 dealer and collector, Elijah offers Dunn a very suave 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 cast two movies, and I look forward to any of his future projects. The idea for Unbreakable is so far-fetched and 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 awsome 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 Satur-
day, Dec. 2 at 7:30 p.m. in East Meridian High School's Performing Arts Center, as well as on Dec. 3 at 7:30 p.m. at Foster High School in Tukwila. Mori will lead the group in a variety of classical pieces, traditional carols, and even holiday lullabies. Soloists Song Kim and Juliam 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 Handel's Messiah 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.

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 7:30 p.m. in Building 7.

In addition to the holiday concert, Mori will host a Haiti Fundraiser 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 Hymn.

The concert will also include an African-American Spiritual courtesy of Theresa Alson.

Mori feels that his first quartermatic as a 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."
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 NWACCC Championship.

This year’s starter at point guard position and co-captain will be 6’10” sophomore Wes Newton. Newton is in his second year at Highline and came here 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 Mato Jack. Jack is in his second year at Highline and went to high school at Rainier Beach.

“Mato 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 12-6 overall record and were 1-4 in the division. The T-Birds lost in the division playoffs and did not make it to the NWACCC tournament.

The back up shooting guard is 6’3” sophomore Ross Meban. Meban 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 Rez. Rez 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 very athletic and is very good offensively,” said Albrecht.

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

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“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 starting power forward is 6’5” sophomore Damien Lyons. Lyons is in his second year at Highline and came here from Foster High School.

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

“We should be able to do this year what we didn’t do last year,” said Lyons. “As soon as everyone’s eligible we should be contenders for the NWACCC 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” true freshman Austin Nicholson. Nicholson came to Highline from Lindbergh High School.

“Nicholson is first team All-State and the Co-MVP of the SoundRegion League in 2008,” said Albrecht.

“Austin is a flat-out scorer and a very heady player,” said Albrecht.
A sophomore set to sparkle

Jason Reed moves into starting role

By Maria Williams

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 stumble out of bed and prepares himself for the upcoming day. At about 6:30 he arrives at Highline.

However, Reed won’t be going to the typical classroom here on campus. Instead, he heads 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 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 go 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.

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.

Highline’s Jason Reed skies towards the hoop for the team’s most valued player.

The Inside Scoop

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.
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 60-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 the 1997-1998 season.

Olson’s coaching resume includes League Coach of the Year eight times, Seattle Times 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 Py, 5’9” forward Chandra Rathke, and 5’5” guard Zompetti.

Seven new members to the team include Brianna Duer a 5’7” guard from Lake Washington; Kristin Boyd, 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 McMillo, a 5’10” center from Spanaway Lake; and 6’0” forward Dena 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 belts, 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.
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, but 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 South Puget Sound Community College in Olympia, decided to attend Highline because she heard how good of a coach Dave Rockwood 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 university, 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.

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 NWAC Champions," said Rockwood.

Rockwood, 29, was born and 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 coincidentally winning the NWAC 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 look 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 hit 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.
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 1,600 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.

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.

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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 Stehekin 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 Embry-Riddle on Jan. 20 in Tucson, Ariz.
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. He didn't get into the sport by choice...

The Kentwood graduate came to Highline in 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 on 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.

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 through a lot of things I wouldn't have been able to do without them," Hamilton said.

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

Hamilton 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.
### Men's Basketball

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Teen slasher epidemic plagues theaters

Man wields killing apparatus, man kills teenagers doing naughty things, man gets killed by survivors. It's been abundantly clear to the world; some people actually look for these terrible horror sequels. Horror movies have lost their vitality and originality makes it stand out amongst the sea of terrible horror films. Teen slashers lack every storied mention element that made The Sixth Sense such a good film. Now step back and make room for my sarcasm: The quality screenwriting and immense originality displayed in formularic 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 Scary Movie 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 Newroom Deal.

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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 progress of the female sports genre.

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 wrestling. And I'm not talking about basketball (I'm gaining ever so close to the great new Dr. J), and some women have participated in for decades sports, men and women will now have tennis serves over the net. They have won every year since and now it may be time to allow them to play the men.

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The Highline women's cross country program has been on a roll. This January at the Service & Activities Budget Committee meeting, there will be a proposal to stop funding the program. Highline Cross Country Director Dave Rathke and the Associate Dean of Student Programs Diane Anderson have both been asked to defend the program. Rathke will defend the program on Tuesday, and Anderson will defend it on Thursday.

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Kristin Boyd was spectacular in her first game as a freshman, 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 team with only 20 turnovers for the game. Though they won by 68 points, Highline Head Coach Dennis Omen 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.

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"The cross country team's members were very low this year, the men with eight runners and the women with only two," Dunn said. Dunn believes that the cross country program 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 McNelley, Club Representative and Treasurer Sylvia Javert, Russ Garman, Tuan Dinh Bui, and Brian Duhaime. The faculty members are speech professor Shanon Proc- tor, political science and journalism professor Dr. T.M. Dell, and library reference instructor Jack Haron. 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 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 NWCAC finals. Since most of the meets that Highline runs in the past are in remote cities, it may be hard for a club team to raise enough money to make the trips.

By Patrick Allcorn

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T-Birds start season on right foot

Highline looks good in first bit of competition

By Bryan Sharick

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 a surprising tip-in on missed shots for the Thunderbirds.

The T-Birds came out of the locker room and shot ice-cold. The Dolphins had a 17-5 run at the beginning of the quarter to tie the game up at 46. The Dolphins scored 13 unanswered points before Highline's Ross Rossman ended the drought with a bucket that reigned the offense and helped T-Birds fly ripper 84 to 61.

"We should be a lot better. In a couple more weeks we'll be solid," said Highline Co-captain Yusef Aziz. 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 arc. 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 rocky, but got knocked flat by the power Rangers 16-7 point run to open the second half.

Highline also allowed 56 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.

The Summit at Snoqualmie

According to a Powder magazine study, Mt. Baker Ski Resort has been rated No. 1 in the world for terrain, and 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 number 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.

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By Emily Hathaway

The Northwest is known for some of the most popular ski resorts in the country. Whether you already have your ski season pass or you're looking to try skiing or snowboarding at any of the ski resorts, here's what you need to know.

Located east of Gig Harbor 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.

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**T-Birds hit jackpot in Reno meet**

By Evan Keck

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, 38-7 over Mendocino College from Kanas, 27-18 over Elsworth College from Iowa and 49-3 over Lincoln College from Illinois.

Highline first faced the defending national junior college champions Noosha. Javon 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 showed up in a 5-4 decision to Tiel Miller.

Shad Lierly had the first win of the evening, beating Curtis Hawke 12-3. Throughout the match, Hawke had put checkholds 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 checkhold around Lierly's neck. Lierly then punched his opponent several times in the kidney and watched.

Javon King's match was less dramatic but was as exciting because he had an upset win over Bobby Lyons. King had a blue-collared tie up and went to a perfect head-and-arm throw to pin Lyons on his back for the pin in the first round.

Ben Barkley had an easy victory, beating Biola All 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.

T-Birds next faced off with Elsworth. Albert-Rainwater earned an impressive victory over Justin Wight winning 6-4. Adamy lost his second match of the night 8-4 to Troy Fratzi. Lierly pinned his opponent, Tyler Hiltaburg, for his second win.

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

Crows 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, 12-3. Adamy earned his first victory of the evening, pinning Keith Eimer. Lierly and Barkley did not compete due to Lincoln forfeits in both classes.

Olsen won his third match of the night, pinning Matt Morrell. Hamilton won his second match overall, 11-6 over Nathan Walsh.

"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 techniques," 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 Todd Sumnall 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 Hoover. 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 Grumby 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 Ricktau College. Olson's next match was a win of 6-5 over Kenyatta 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 take down 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 NSCCAA 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 Ricktau College 8-6. Smith lost his third match of the evening to 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. Then, 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 Fratzi from Elsworth. Adamy won his consolation match 6-4 in overtime. From there, he competed against Gabe Smith from Lassen.

Smith worked hard with the experience they had obtained from the trip and was eager to apply it the rest of the season. Many saw glimpses of opponents they will face at Nationals and possibly nationals. All they can do at this point is keep working hard and learning from experience.

The T-Birds have one more match before heading home, beginning a long homestretch over the break. Results from Wednesday's double 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 that facility," said Capt. Jim Polhamus, elected board of commissioners chairman for District 26, whose service area covers Des Moines as well as southwest 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.

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New Associate of Science degree approved statewide

By Melissa Johnston
Staff Reporter

Science majors at Highline now have an easier and faster path to graduating. Last spring quarter, a new associate degree program was approved and accredited statewide.

"It's a very positive change for the students," said Rebecca Eklar, engineering instructor. "They will have transferable credits associated with the A.A. degree, but still be able to complete their degree at a four-year institution and plan to complete a bachelor's degree in the sciences or engineering.

"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 bachelor's degree in the sciences and engineering faced a long, arduous process and required many prerequisites for their programs."

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"Some courses are only offered once or twice a year, and some programs may require different courses depending on what transfer school you wind up at," said Mapleton.

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

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

Survey says college is tougher than high school

By Nicole Williams
Jennifer Upshaw
Steve McMahon

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

"Highline is held harder than high school," one respondent said. "I was so used to just showing up 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 30 percent of those surveyed were more than 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 Bowes.

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