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Men win hoop dreams

T-Birds win
the NWAACCs
in upset victory

By ROB SCHEIDER
Staff Reporter

SHORELINE- After playing as individuals all year long, the men's team gelled together at tournament time, winning all four games and taking home the Northwest Athletic Association for Community Colleges championship.

Despite winning the NWAACCs this year, the Highline men's basketball team had a rough season that sometimes resembled a roller coaster.

Most other teams gelled together and played their best ball at some point during the regular season.

This was not so for Highline. Until the tournament the T-Birds never put everything together and played the full 40 minutes as a team. After some games this left them disturbed and angry, to say the least. "The season is over, I don't care anymore," one player said. Some players questioned the calls the coaches had made and some felt as though the season was a lost cause. But something made them stick with it and keep playing hard.

As soon as they hit the NWAACC tournament, things started to slide into place and they surprised a lot of teams.

"It took the tournament to bring us together, and when we're together we're unstoppable," said point guard Wes Newton.

After their crazy win over



Photo by Joe Walker

Head Coach Jeff Albrecht and player Yusef Aziz celebrate after their Cinderella win at the NWAACC championships Sunday, March 11.

Shoreline in the first round and their win over heavily favored Clackamas in the second round, the team had no doubts about what the outcome would be against Lower Columbia.

The T-Birds were playing so well as a team they could count on everyone to step up and take care of business. And that they did. They smoked the Red Devils by 20 points. This was a good win considering they lost two close games against Lower Columbia in the regular season before banding together.

Going into the game against Tacoma, most people would have thought that after two losses in the regular season by a total of 57 points the players would be a little worried. But it was just the opposite.

"We came into this game

knowing we could win and we did. Back in earlier match-ups we thought they were unbeatable," said tournament MVP Damell Lyons.

One person who stuck with his plan throughout the season was Head Coach Jeff Albrecht. After the losses and during the hard times he kept his cool, knowing that things would be all right in the end.

"I think we had the big picture in mind that we needed to continue to get better until tour-

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City worried about crimes

By MARGO HORNER
Staff Reporter

Des Moines citizens are concerned and a little scared in the wake of five murders in less than a week.

Des Moines Policeman Steven J. Underwood was shot on March 7. Two days later, four people were found dead in a quiet Des Moines neighborhood less than a mile away.

Des Moines has formerly had a reputation of safety and minimal crime. The recent violence has left many people confused and some even scared.

Auntie Irene's is a well-known coffee shop in Des Moines. The customers range from high school kids to the elderly.

Lori Steele of Auntie Irene's has witnessed the change in atmosphere in Des Moines.

"When they're your customers you know them very well, you see them every day," she said. "They have heavy hearts, it doesn't matter their age group or their gender. They don't have the same zip, a lot of concern I think."

Debra's Coffee is a cozy little espresso shop on Marine View Drive, in the heart of the city. Debra has lived in Des Moines for 25 years and her coffee shop has been a popular hang-out for the seven years that it's been there. Seeing so many people every day, Debra also has an inside view on the community's reactions.

"I think we have a real sad community right now. I feel bad for everyone," said Debra. "Everyone's very quiet, very sad. They want closure and they want to move on."

"I don't think that the 18-year-old looked at the man he

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Highline security pitches in

An armed robbery suspect was spotted walking down 240th near the college on March 11. Federal Way Police called and notified Highline Security of the perpetrator at 5:10 p.m. Campus police rushed to the scene and blocked off the area at 20th Ave. South, inhibiting any vehicles from proceeding up to 240th. Federal Way Police gracefully caught the bad guy and took him into custody without incident.

A thief without a driver's license

A mountain bike was stolen from campus on March 9. It had been left unsupervised in front of Building 24-A at 7 a.m. The estimated value of the bike was \$200.

Use a rock

The window on Building 20 room 105 was damaged on March 7. Five scratches were spotted on the outside of the glass. It appeared as though someone had used some sort of hard metal or a glass cutter. No entry into the building was made. The window is still solid and safe.

Father in rage

A man was screaming and yelling profanities in the child care center at Highline on March 7. Children and staff were all upset. The father and Highline student had attempted to drop his two 4-year-old children off at the daycare early that morning. He was told what time the child care center opened and that it was against policy to accept children any earlier than that. The father brought his kids back to Building 18-A at the proper time.

Compiled by
Margo Horner

Winner holds audience in Thrall

By JENNIFER MARSHALL
Staff Reporter

Joy Thrall came up the champion of the Speech Slam on Wednesday at the event finals. Following Thrall in second place was Kat Chappell and in third place was Dan Fortin.

The three Speech Slam competitors met with their game faces on for their final speech confrontation.

Competition began at 1:10 p.m. in Building 7.

Phi Theta Kappa is the sponsor for the Speech Slam.

During the Speech Slam the participants competed against other Highline students for a chance at \$50. The second place competitor receives \$20 and the third place competitor receives \$15.

Each competitor gives their speech in front of other students, who are evaluating them on context and form.



Kat Chappell

Within the category of context, evaluators were to look at organization, support, development, and language choice.

For form, the judges were to focus on the speaker's eye contact, gestures, volume, and articulation.

The first speaker for the finals was Fortin, who spoke about the future of computer memory.

Computer memory is going to continue increasing as the years go on.

Soon computers will be able to hold more than twice the amount of information than they can now.

The computers are going to be able to take in a whole page of information instead of taking them bit by bit.

Fortin's speech gave the audience just a taste of what is to come in computer development.

After Fortin, Thrall spoke about the Washington Assessment of Student Learning test.

The Washington Assessment of Student Learning test is taken by students in the grade levels four, seven, and 10. This test evaluates each student on his or her reading, writing, and arithmetic skills.

This test comes into effect in the 2008 school year.

"These students must pass this test in order to obtain their high school diplomas," said Thrall.

Thrall's speech showed the

audience the problems with the test and what the government is trying to do to make it better.

"It does not evaluate students for being well-rounded," said Thrall.

The final speech was given by Chappell, who spoke about the importance of water.

"Out of all the water in the world only 1 percent is pure enough to consume," said Chappell.

Chappell had five topics on different aspects of water, which were bottled water, flush toilets, water slides, water shortage, and water pollution.

From these five topics she allowed the audience to choose three for her to elaborate on.

After all the speeches had finished, the evaluations began. Anticipation could be found in the faces of the competitors.

Chappell showed the audience a larger picture of what water is really worth to humans.

After 24 years, Stauffer says goodbye

By AARON WILLIAMS
Staff Reporter

After 24 years of service, telephone/network support technician Lee Stauffer is hitting the road.

Stauffer, who is in charge of technical support for phone administrative services, voicemail services and also network support on campus, is retiring on March 31.

Stauffer's position will be filled by Don Sagmo and Kurt Keltner, both of whom have gone to school for technical support.

Stauffer, who is originally from Montana, quit his job as a truck driver and moved to Seattle when he realized that he was a "city boy." After moving to Seattle he lived in various towns around the area. This is when he replied to an ad in the paper for a job as a service technician at Highline. When he was hired, he was one of the only service technicians that Highline had. Stauffer learned some of his skills at IBM where he worked as an electronic repairman for 10 years. Stauffer also worked on some of the first desktop computers, the Apple IIE.

During his 24 years of employment Stauffer has seen many cosmetic and technological changes take place here at Highline.

Some of these changes include the construction of Building 25 and the library being moved from Building 6.

"When I first started here the top floor of Building 6 was empty, students would walk in and have no clue what was going on. Now there are all kinds of cubicles. It is much more student-oriented," said Stauffer. "Another big change was when we got office computers. We



Lee Stauffer

went from 40 or 50 computers on campus in the lab to all of the computers we now have in the offices. We now have approximately 800 to 900 computers on campus."

Stauffer said that the addition of the computers has greatly helped the college, but they have also added a great deal of responsibility to his position.

One improvement here at

Highline, that Stauffer is personally responsible for, happened when a P/X phone circuit died, which caused half of the campus phones to go down. Security, teachers and administrators had no way of sending or receiving calls. Stauffer saw that one board was controlling all of these phones and decided to rewire them and put in different phone boards so that this would never happen again.

Stauffer's retirement plans include selling his house and all of his stuff to buy a big motor home to travel the U.S. with a longtime friend from New Mexico and visit his family in California.

Since he's been here Stauffer has "met a lot of nice people." But he also said that "24 years is long enough." And he's ready to get on with retirement.

Stauffer's one piece of advice for students here at Highline is "Get that sheepskin, it helps."

Class explores new ideas about race

By JOY ROTHWELL
Staff Reporter

If you think that race doesn't matter, think again. Register for Anthropology 161, Intro to Human Variation, and discover just how much race is a part of our culture.

Denise Glover, a doctoral candidate at the University of Washington, and wife of Highline philosophy professor Glen Avantaggio, is teaching this course next quarter. The course meets daily, 8-8:50 a.m., and will explore the biological

bases of human variation and the social construction of race.

"The course has been taught at Highline before," Glover said. "But it focused more on biology, not much cultural variation. We're taking a different approach."

Glover will be using the book *Biological Variation of Humans*. She said one of the goals of the class is to show there is no biological basis for the idea of race. "I want to be able to talk about human diversity from a biological and cultural perspective. I also want students to be

able to think intelligibly about race."

Besides our diversity, many things bring us together and Glover will explore this aspect of anthropology.

She also will be teaching Culture, Gender and Global Studies, Anthropology 110, which will focus on Chinese anthropology. Glover has done field research in China and has near fluency in Mandarin Chinese.

"I taught last quarter (winter) at the UW and I've taught Chinese at Tacoma Community

College," Glover said.

This will be her first quarter at Highline. Glover is excited to teach a course that she hopes will help students understand why race is treated as it is.

"Race is a really important subject matter. I want students to know, what is race? And be able to think about it. They can learn about anthropology and how it approaches race."

The class also qualifies for diversity and globalism credit. For more information, contact Glover by e-mail at dglover@U.Washington.edu.

New lights should improve safety

By JANAEE WEBB
Staff Reporter

The south parking lot was the last of Highline's three parking lots to get new lights over President's Day weekend.

All three parking lots at Highline got the lights changed from 200-watt bulbs to 400-watt bulbs to improve the safety in the parking lots at night.

Evening students often have complained about the relative darkness on campus. The college has attempted to address the issue by adding the brighter bulbs.



Babington

Not only did they change to higher watt bulbs, they also changed from the orange-colored (high-pressure sodium) lights to the white-colored (metal halide) lights. Although the white-colored



Lights on campus, shown here, and in the parking lots are a main concern for evening students in regards to safety.

lights are more expensive, the switch was made for safety reasons.

Recent studies have shown

that the human eye differentiates substantially better in the metal halide's white light than the orange light of the HPS.

Photo by Stephanie Adams

"Parking lot safety should improve because a person will be more able to see their car keys at the bottom of their bag,

to see the keyhole, and/or to see a bad guy lurking in the bushes," said Pete Babington, director of Facilities.

The lights were changed despite the energy crunch and despite the cost of doubling electricity consumption.

"In this case, we felt that investing in the safety of the campus was more important," said Babington.

Putting new lights up was not a sudden decision, the college decided to do this a while ago, but all of the parts had to be ordered, manufactured, and shipped, which takes several weeks.

Not everything went as planned when the new lights were installed. Some of the old wiring between the poles could not handle the added current and failed, leaving all of the fixtures on that circuit dead until the wiring was replaced.

"Such failures are not surprising on a 35-year-old, cheaply-built campus," said Babington.

New bill will change student S&A to make cuts identification numbers

By JEFFERY DAVOLT
Staff Reporter

Ever worry about your Social Security number being stolen from as simple a document as your Highline schedule?

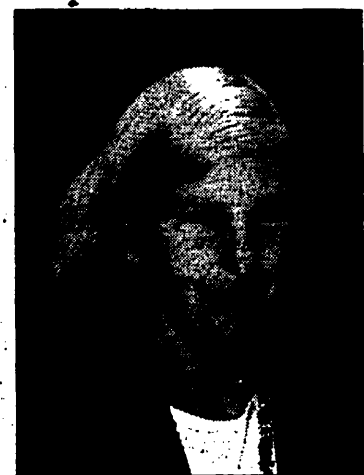
Your fears may soon be over. The Legislature is working on a bill that would forbid Highline and any other institution of higher education from using Social Security numbers as student identification.

"We need to be reminded of the need to keep (Social Security numbers) secure. There are just too many examples of problems," said Laura Saunders, vice president of administration.

House Bill 1381 still allows for the collection of Social Security numbers, but greatly restricts their usage.

The bill states that Social Security numbers be used only, "for the purposes of employment and financial aid or as otherwise required by state or federal law."

Upon passage of the bill, Highline and other schools would have to develop a specific alternative to using Social Security numbers by Dec. 1, with implementation being made by June 30, 2002.



"We need to be reminded of the need to keep (Social Security numbers) secure. There are just too many examples of problems."

- Laura Saunders

Students would then be assigned a randomly generated identification number, which would be used as the primary log-in for registration and web transactions, said Robert Kurtz, director of Student Services at Highline.

The bill has been written due to the recent increase of identity theft. Identity theft occurs when information regarding a person's identity is stolen. This information which may include a Social Security number and driver's license, and is used to obtain credit and make purchases in the victim's name.

According to the Washington State Attorney General's Jan. 10, 2000 report from the consumer privacy workgroup, an

estimated 500,000 people per year are victims of identity theft.

In its current form, the bill will restrict a key use of Social Security numbers at Highline and other colleges: research. "They (Social Security numbers) are there for research purposes and for state and federal reporting requirements which may lead to determining the success of the institution or additional funding for the campus," said Kurtz.

Highline uses Social Security numbers to track students once they have left the college. The college uses these numbers to see how many Highline students attend a four-year school and how many of those earn a degree, among other things.

By ED JOHNSON
Staff Reporter

The Service and Activities Budget Committee must cut \$69,000 in requests. There is roughly \$794,000 in request but only about \$725,000 to distribute to programs and activities. The Service and Activities Budget Committee has the hard duty of hammering out the 2001-02 budget.

S&A funds come from activity fees all Highline students pay as part of tuition.

The committee will now split into three subgroups to discuss the budget in detail. The committee will meet again in the second or third week of the Spring Quarter. The budget will be finalized some time in May. Some programs will not receive to funds they have requested due to the figures that the committee has to work with.

"Some of the activities that the committee will look at seriously will be the new request for cross country, athletic work study, and the general fund reimbursement," said Leanna Albrecht, program coordinator of student services.

The cross country team has asked for funds to run as a team separate from the track budget. The budget committee will look at the \$6,000 request carefully. A \$10,000 request for work-

ers at athletic events will be under review.

It has been at least four years since the budget committee has heard a presentation from the general fund reimbursement, says Albrecht.

The committee was puzzled on what exactly the general fund was for. The general fund receives matching funds from federal work-study programs and the funds from S&A are used to match the federal funds.

The general fund reimbursement was presented by Financial Aid director Steve Seeman on Tuesday. He has requested \$50,276 in funds from the S&A Budget Committee.

"Only people who are eligible for federal work study can receive it," said Seeman.

Some members of the S&A Budget Committee have questioned if the general fund reimbursement is an S&A matter.

Another program that the committee will look at carefully will be childcare. They have requested \$97,551, up by \$17,551.

The increase will help maintain child care at the level it is currently ran, says Childcare Director Joyce Riley.

Equipment requests by the drama department are \$8,750. The funds would go to cover lighting systems to air filter equipment used in the production of plays.

editorial

Crimes show evidence of societal decline

With the recent events in and around the city of Des Moines it has been clearly demonstrated that our society is losing respect for authority and each other.

The theft that has occurred at Highline shows that the very people who walk around this campus every day have no respect for the people around them. Stealing is one of the most distinct forms of disloyalty and lack of respect for a person or establishment. The person who is doing the taking has no consideration for the people who went through the expense to acquire the very thing they are taking from them. Or for that matter, they have no respect for the people that may have a need for the object that is now missing. Case in point: the projectors that have been disappearing from various places around campus.

The missing backpacks and purses are also an example. The thief has no consideration or respect for the people that they are stealing from. The people in society who do have respect for others and themselves are not the ones perpetrating crimes on society. They are the ones trying to stop it.

Officer Steven J. Underwood of the Des Moines Police Department paid the ultimate price in the attempt to stop crime and disrespect in our society. The people who are responsible for his death were the total opposite of him. They are the ones causing harm to our society.

Respect for other people is decreasing, and for laws and rules in general. In recent years family values have been questioned and obvious patterns ignored. More and more young people are allowed to be on their own, with no strong parental influence. Or if there is a parent present, there is a lack of control and positive influence in that young person's life.

It is necessary for every child from every demographic, religious or ethnic background and family structure to have boundaries. Every person must be taught boundaries in their own lives and in society. Every person has a set of rules they must follow in order to contribute in a positive way.

Those who do not have boundaries and choose not to follow rules, like the participants in the Mardi Gras riot, have no positive influence on society. They will perpetuate bad behavior in themselves and future generations. They have no consequences and feel they have full reign and can do what they please.

Seattle Police were ordered by the chief of police and the mayor to stand down, to not get involved and to use no force to control the crowd. As a result Kris Kime, a 20-year-old student from Highline, was killed in the street while police officers stood only feet away. Many others were harassed and beaten.

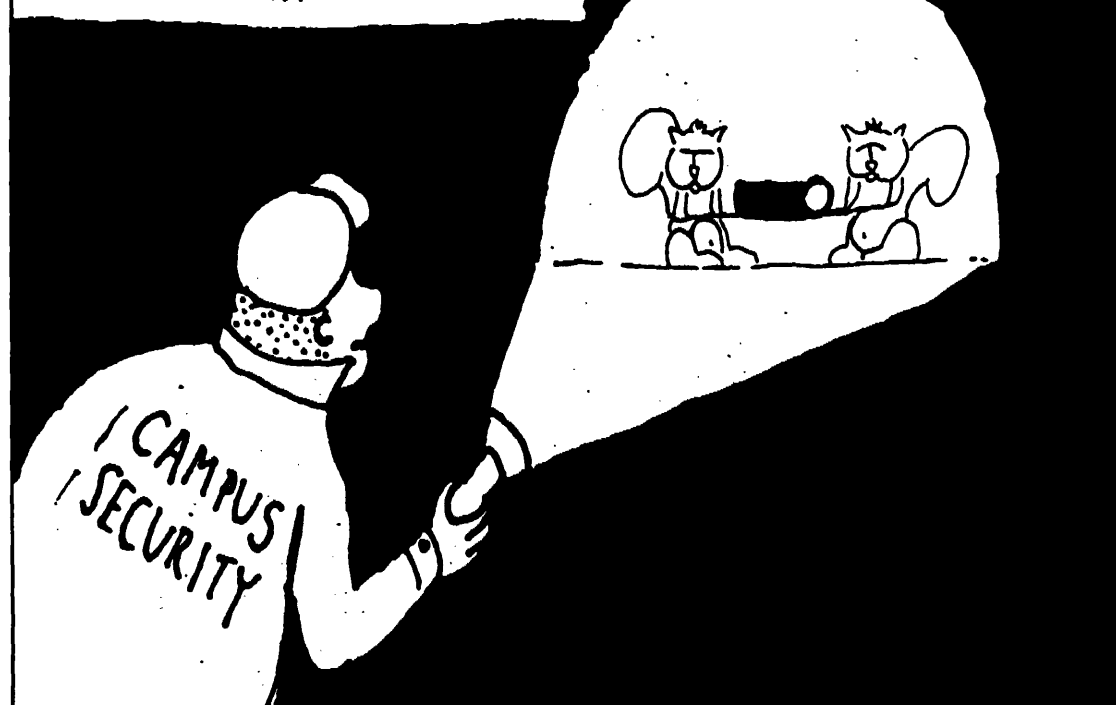
One officer did break ranks to rescue someone who was being beaten and probably saved that person's life. For that, the officer may be punished.

This is the message that is being conveyed to the next generations. Whose footsteps will they follow in, the angry mob that had the control or the police, the designated authority figures who did nothing? People in general will follow and respect the group with the most power.

With that knowledge, power should never be willingly handed over to a mob. respect and some fear should be demanded by the authority figures. If there were actual consequences for crimes, there would be a decline in those crimes.

In this modern and supposedly advanced society too many people have no fear of consequences for breaking the rules. In order for advances in society to continue law and order must be prevalent.

THE SEARCH FOR THE VIDEO PROJECTOR THIEVES AT HIGHLINE COMES TO A SURPRISING HALT...



We need a really good party

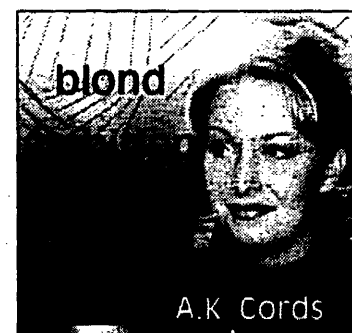
What would be a better way to reward all the staff and students for all their hard work this quarter than to have a party in the student union building?

In my opinion that would be the best way for all of us to kick off our Spring Break, but I'm sure the Powers That Be would have a different opinion. Regardless of where we party for spring break, party we will.

Winter Quarter is drawing to a close, finally. We have survived blizzards, wind storms and not to mention earthquakes. We should all be very proud of ourselves for making it through this quarter with our sanity. Our great reward: Spring Break 2001.

Yes, we all deserve a little time to party, more so than during the regular school days. Now we have at least seven days to party in the truest fashion. Mexico sounds great! At this point I would even settle for San Francisco for a few days. To just be able to be in the sun and listen to the ocean and party like a rock star would be a dream come true.

To be honest, most of the college students I know do their



fare share of regular everyday partying throughout the quarter. But Spring Break is a whole 'nother story, ya'll. We have an obligation to make our predecessors proud and give the youngsters something to look forward to.

Now there will be no more rioting, I find that terribly unacceptable and besides it has been done. Let's have some good clean, safe fun. Is anyone besides me in the mood for a rousing game of Scrabble? Or better yet Cranium - I have a game at my house that is just begging to be played.

Come on, let's be original. Everyone goes to Fort Lauderdale, everyone gets drunk and takes off all their clothes and rollerskates down the street. OK well maybe it was just me,

but there were other people that wanted to.

I know we all want to be able to leave town and get down like the party weasels we are. But the truth is most of us are broke.

Canada is close and still cheap. There is still snow in Eastern Washington, the Oregon Coast is nice and the San Juan Islands are good too. It just depends on what you're looking for.

I would like to hole up some where and forget the world exists. My big plans will probably consist of at least one Spa Day, renting some good mellow movies and snuggling up on my couch in front of my fireplace.

Maybe I can get a cute boy to snuggle up with me. I know I sound boring, but it is hard being me. So much to do, so little time.

Get wild, get funky but stay safe. After all we all have Spring Quarter to look forward to. You never know what will happen when the sun comes out.

Often known as queen of the rumpus room, A.K. is a woman among gerbils when it comes to the party animals of the world.

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No, wait, professor, that's not what I meant to say.

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What's with all the drama?

Running Start student shows that he's good at acting up

By CONNIE HARSHMAN
Staff Reporter

He looks like an average teenager with a backpack, a backwards baseball cap over his short sandy blonde hair, and dark rimmed glasses resting gently on his face. But Underneath DJ Taylor's exterior lurks a cunning intellect and an enormous amount of passion for life and what it has to offer.

Taylor, a 17-year-old Running Start student at Highline, was born and raised in Seattle and from an early age he has felt as though something about him was different. Taylor has been a professional actor and writer since he was 9.

"I entered a writing competition when I was nine, won \$15 and got published in a book of short stories," he said.

He hasn't had a novel accepted, yet, but he has two manuscripts being reviewed at Random House.

They are a part of a series called *The End and The Beginning*. *The End* signifying the end of the protagonist's way of living and the sequel signifies the beginning of his new life.

To summarize them would be to say that they are his fictional take on human psychology," he said.

"I don't believe in side stepping or sugar coating issues. My books are about the discovery of one's self through interactions with others. It will make you stop and say 'I never thought of it like that,'" Taylor said.

Tested for I.Q. at age 13, Taylor scored a 206, which put him in the top 95 percent of the nation's high school and college students.

"My ability to learn was higher than Einstein's," he said.

Don't misunderstand Taylor, he doesn't put too much credit into the I.Q. test.

He is surprisingly humble, given his test score.

"It's dumb. The I.Q. tests your mental aptitude. I think it should test your mental acuity," he said.

"I.Q. doesn't mean you're a genius. I know I am really smart, but I'm not a genius," he said.

It was for this reason that Taylor decided to do the Running Start program through Mount Rainier High School.

"College is definitely more my environment. I feel like I can have an intelligent conversation with more people here than in high school," he said.

Double majoring in English and Drama, Taylor has future hopes of joining the Air Force. "I want to be in either Military Intelligence or Field Surveillance," he said.

But the military is not where Taylor sees himself in 20 years. He sees the military as a means to an end, and the end would be joining the Central Intelligence Agency.

"I want to be a spy," he said. He is secretive about his reasons but is adamant about being in the spy business.

Even though Taylor did not like high school, some of his fondest memories are of junior high.

He had taken a school trip to Washington D.C. and Virginia in the eighth grade, and it was when he and his classmates visited the Capitol that he had an experience that he'd never forget.

"It was 100 to 110 percent humidity, and just horrible. We were taking a tour of the Capitol building and a friend of mine slipped, and this was not a tiny friend, he is about 235 pounds," Taylor said.

Apparently he had twisted so much because of



Photo by Stephanie Adams

DJ Taylor in the Drama Department's production of *Man Equals Man*.

the humidity, that the sweat from his feet had soaked into his shoes and he landed on the floor with a loud bang," he said.

"It actually shook the entire building and everyone stopped and stared like a missile had just gone off, it was so funny," he said with a huge smile and tears in his eyes from laughing so hard.

Taylor, naturally outgoing and talkative immediately jumps into another story.

He tells another story from his junior high days in which he and his classmates went to Leavenworth, Wash.

They were in their cabin and in one of the rooms there were nine beds. They kids had decided to make a huge moose pit, so they put eight of the beds in the center and one in the corner. One of his friends decided to be adventurous and started to do flips from the bed in the corner to the center beds.

Apparently this friend was almost as tall as the ceiling.

"He fell straight down on his head after hitting his foot on the ceiling with a huge thwap!" Taylor said.

With a 206 score on an I.Q. test, a person would wonder why Taylor is at Highline.

He says it is simple. He wants to pursue whatever tickles his fancy and although he knows what he wants to do, he doesn't know what he wants to be.

"I am here to get a degree and an education. As my age I think I am not mature enough to decide

what I want to do except for military intelligence. Don't pay much attention to I.Q. testing. It is misleading," he said.

He also praises Highline's learning environment and teachers.

The one instructor who stands out in his mind is Dr. Christiana Taylor, drama instructor and director of the department.

Christiana Taylor develops a distinct bond with her students and DJ Taylor believes that is a great hallmark for a teacher.

Taylor's first quarter at Highline he was cast by Dr. Taylor in her production of *Medea* and Taylor recalls one moment, of watching her direct the cast that stunned him into silence.

"Christy is a rather breathtaking actress. She wasn't even acting, she was showing a part of what she wanted in the performance. And I was standing there with my mouth open and Jim Cooper, another actor in the play, walked by and whispered in my ear 'I know,'" Taylor said with a dazed look of remembrance.

"There is nothing at Harvard that I can't get at Highline," he said.

Taylor just finished up his stage manager position, as well as his performance as Jeriah Hipp in the Drama Department's production of *Man Equals Man*, a part that took him only three days to prepare for.

Quaint cafe houses a lot of poetic talent

By PETRA SOKOLOVA
Staff Reporter

It's like standing naked in the middle of a shopping mall.

Poetry, music and other kinds of self expression headline Open Mic Night at the Globe Café downtown Seattle. Come and show a side of yourself even your closest friends never experienced. And all that in front of approximately 20 strangers. Or just show up and experience others exposing their own deep thoughts and experiences.

The host for the night introduced the first reader. It was a female in her 20s. She jumped into her poetry-reading like kids dive in cold water -- with a certain enthusiasm and excitement combined with a fear of the unexpected. It was her first time reading and as she modestly, but without a sense of regret announced, this was something she had to do. As the level of attention rose and the audience slowly got quiet, a painful, self

revealing poetry resounded through the space. The delivery was too fast for the listeners to absorb all depths and metaphors, yet so true and real that it was almost breathtaking. She gained more courage toward the end of her performance and became even more intense in conveying a mad poetic reflection of life and world that surrounds her. The reaction was a silent contemplation.

The host did a great job in bringing the audience back to reality and providing artists with a deserved applause. However the technical equipment, not really necessary for such small space, caused many funny, yet at times distracting moments. Perhaps a too heavy and passionate start or simply the wrong kind of audience caused an uncertain reaction to the second artist's act. As he started off with a simple intro in a hip-hop

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That's all, Folk

Celtic folk dancers come to Highline

By JENNY TAYLOR
Staff Reporter

Celtic celebration will begin a day early this year. The Northwest Irish Dancers will be visiting Highline this Friday, March 16, to perform traditional Celtic dance and music.

This will be the organization's first time performing at Highline, and they will be promoting cultural enrichment amongst students and staff through their performances of traditional step dancing and Ceili folk dancing.

In addition to dance, this celebration will represent Celtic culture with traditional, cultural costumes, singing and instrumental music.

The Northwest Irish Dancers is a non-profit organization that teaches and performs all forms of traditional Irish dance. The organization provides Irish dancers with a non-competitive atmosphere to develop their skills and to entertain audiences all over the Pacific Northwest.

Started by Mary Eileen O'Doherty in 1990, the organization was originally aimed at teaching Celtic dance to adults. However, it has branched out to offer several levels of dance classes, including those intended for younger dancers.

Melissa Curtis is the lead dance instructor for the Northwest Irish Dancers.

"The purpose of the organization is to promote the three Irish dance forms as well as Celtic culture and to support the community," Curtis said.

Although the organization is new to Highline, they have performed for such celebrations as the Folk Life Festival and the SeaFair parade, as well as for several private organizations.

"We were also involved in making a video for Bill Gates," Curtis said.

Team Highline member Steve Scribner is optimistic about the organization's visit to Highline.

"It's an art that's been around for centuries and it's just powerful," Scribner said of Celtic culture. "You're missing out if you're not there because these guys are good."

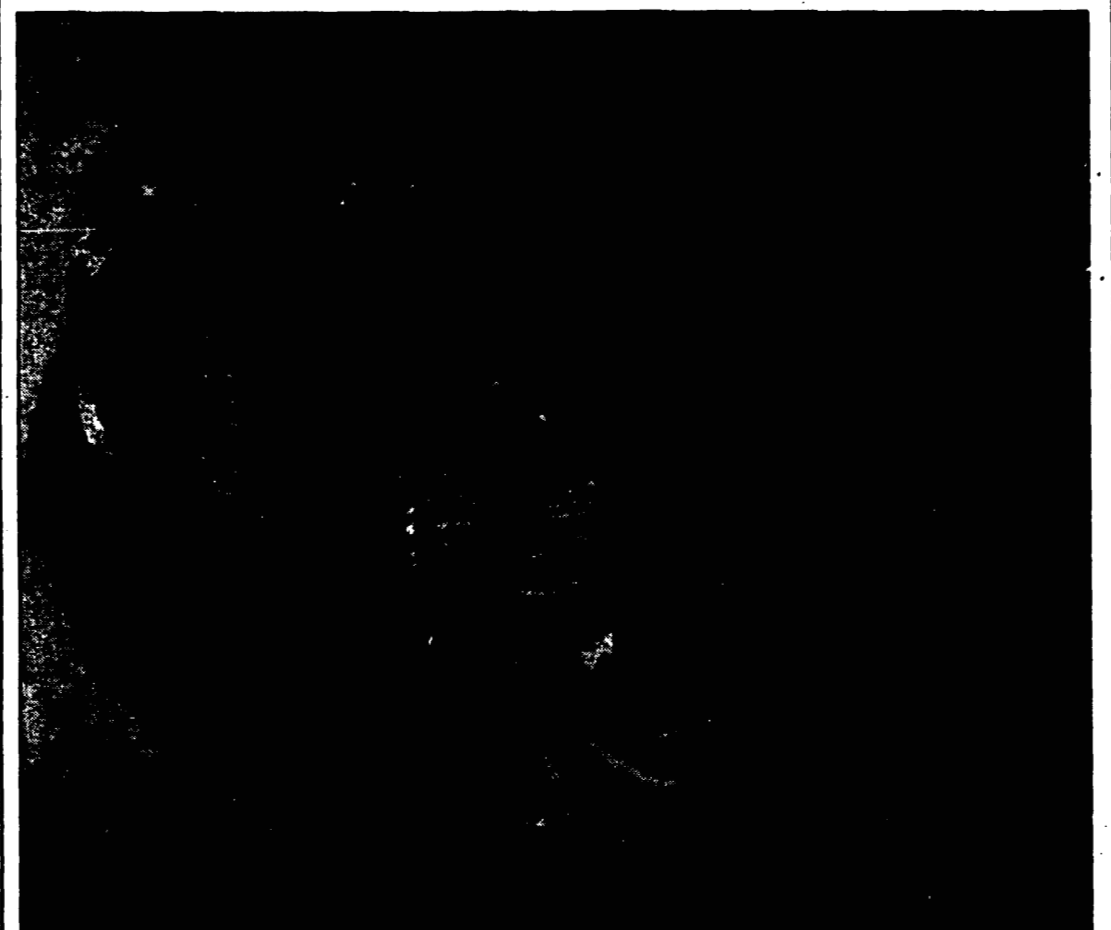
The event is being sponsored by Team Highline and will be held Upstairs in Building 8 from 11 a.m. until noon.

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Gallery incorporates hairstyle with art

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Art's 1999 Northwest Annual Show. Franz has shown at the Tacoma Art Museum, Bellevue Art Museum and other notable exhibition spaces.

The exhibition is titled Neacra's Crown and the main idea is to symbolize our culture's emphasis on appearance. Colorful, semi-abstract paintings hide in shapes and

contours of hair styles hinting various styles and personalities of women.

The exhibition is going to run through March 31 and it can be seen on the fourth floor of the HCC Library. For next month, the Library Gallery will present the HCC Cooperative Preschool's Annual Children's Art Show.

arts calendar

A show put on by a group of Celtic dancers, sponsored by Team Highline, will be held Upstairs in Building 8 from 11 a.m. until noon on Friday, March 16.

Your last chance to get involved with an interactive scholarship workshop is on Monday, March 19. There is a \$10 fee. Contact

Women's Programs in Building 6, or dial 206-878-3710, ext. 3340.

A photography lecture series at the Wing Luke Museum will be scattered through March. Lectures begin at 6 p.m. and admission is free. On March 15 the work of Samuella Samaniago will take you through a slideshow and

engaging talk. Paul Pakhing Lee will discuss how he uses technology with his art on March 22. The work of Teresa Tamura shows her personal connection between Japanese gardens and her memories of her grandparents, and will be shown through her slide show on March 29.

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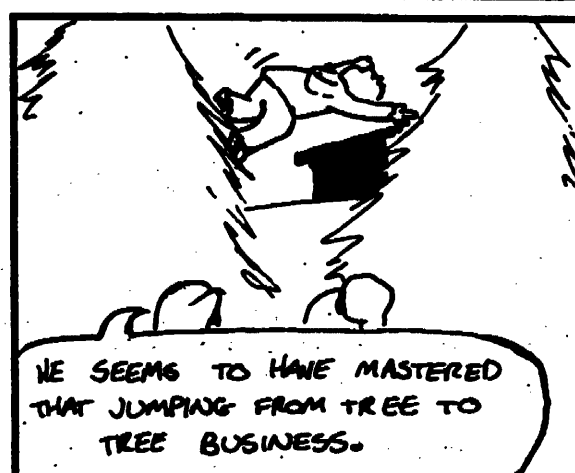
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style, a male about 25 then started to relax each muscle in his body and for awhile gave the impression that he was going to entertain the viewers with some kind of exercise. Within a couple seconds he accompanied the strange moves with humming that naturally resonated as his muscle groups were loose and shaking. His performance lasted about three minutes. Three girls that only came to observe that night were trying to hold back their laughter, but eventually they burst into quiet snickers. Only few of the audience members seemed to comprehend the extent of the personal revelation and individual expression that had been communicated to them.

The next performance was a combination of poetry and music; again with the force and authenticity that left the audience just immersed in thoughts. Serious topics like the purpose of

life mixed in with personal experience of a first love, created a chaotic blend that naturally leaves many questions open and unanswered.

Altogether, visitors experienced about ten performances, the majority of them were poetry, but there were also two musical acts and some essays. Each one of them had something that created an unbelievable atmosphere of appreciation for spoken word and the beauty of verbal expression. Purity, and an uneducated raw gift of letting things out, and questioning what's given is what's so attractive and magical about open microphone nights.

The amount of talent that can be seen at a tiny hidden dark café will be surprising to those who spend hours at book stores looking for published poetry that would satisfy their hunger for something real, original and sincere. At the Globe Café, in the UW district, every Tuesday night, for the price of cup of coffee or apple juice, that's where the muses meet. Everyone is welcome. Globe Cafe can be found at 1531 14th Ave Seattle.

Solution to last week's puzzle

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Crossword 101

By Ed Canty

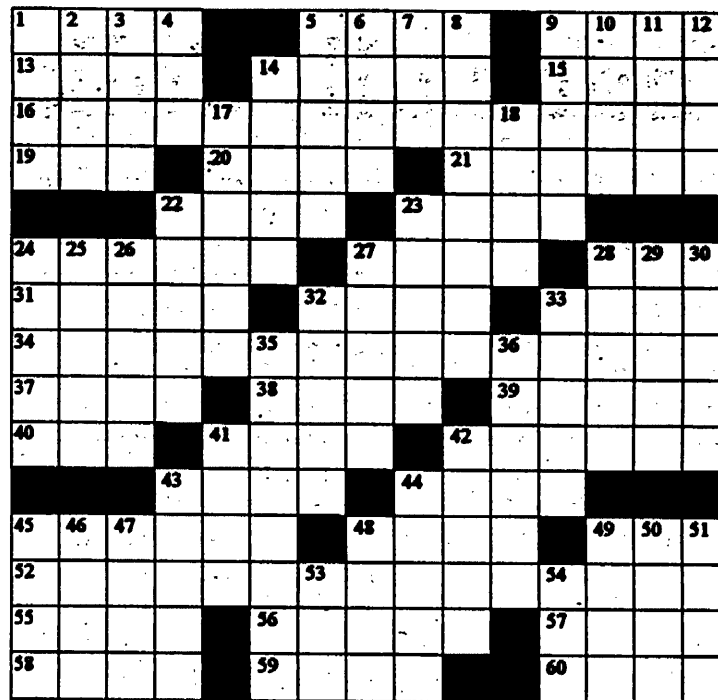
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Quotable Quote

"It is the mark of an educated man to entertain a thought without accepting it."
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T-Bird men are NWAACC champs

Lyons named MVP and King is most inspirational

By ROB SCHEIDER
Staff Reporter

SHORELINE — The Highline men's basketball team showed what team work can do last weekend at the NWAACC tournament by winning all four of their games and bringing the championship back to Highline for the first time since 1998.

The T-Birds squeezed past Shoreline in a thriller 92-90 in the first round.

Next, they knocked out No.1-ranked Clackamas, stunning them 78-74.

In the third round, the T-Birds faced a Lower Columbia team that buzzed past them twice during the regular season, but ran right over the Red Devils 93-73.

In the championship game, Highline came out strong and took it to the house, rolling past the Tacoma Titans 71-64.

The opener against Shoreline was a wild one. Throughout the entire game both teams were hitting shots to stay in the game. It was close but in the end Highline prevailed with the victory.

"It was just a total team effort," Head Coach Jeff Albrecht said. "We played probably one of our better games tonight."

Highline was led in points by

Darnell Lyons and Yusef Aziz with 34 points each. Jason Reed had 11 rebounds and Wes Newton had eight assists.

David King came up big by coming off the bench to score 13 points in just over 15 minutes of play.

"We played hard, we played smart, and we had fun, that's basically it," King said.

After pulling out the win against Shoreline they received the task of playing the No.1 team in the NWAACC with a record of 27-3, Clackamas.

The game was close until midway through the first half when things just stopped working for Highline. As the half wound down they pulled together to bring themselves within two points at 39-37.

The T-Birds recharged in the locker room and came out storming to a 10-point lead.

With time running out on the clock, Clackamas decided to use the press. This produced a few Highline turnovers, which brought the Cougars back into the game. The last few minutes were tense. The crowd was pretty vocal and everyone was on the edge of their seats. But in the end the T-Birds were just too strong and wanted the win more than Clackamas.

"We kept our heads up when we were down in the first half and basically our bench came in and played well," Albrecht said.

Highline had a great team effort. Four guys ended up with double digits in points. Yusef Aziz and Jason Reed controlled the boards with 15 and 14, respectively.

The highlight of the game

was how well the bench played. They hustled for over half of the team's total points.

"Everybody just played their role," Adam Aziz said. "The bench was a key for us."

Ross Randleman stepped up big, shooting five for eight from three-point range and scoring 17 points.

Next, the T-Birds had



Photo by Joe Walker

Jason Reed looks for an opening in the championship game against the Tacoma Titans.

to face a Lower Columbia team they lost twice to in the regular season.

"We came in knowing we were going to win and we took care of business," said Randleman.

That they did. The entire game was dominated by the T-Birds.

In the first half, Wes Newton was making key passes while Darnell Lyons and Yusef Aziz were making some key buckets.

For the second night in a row, Ross Randleman came up big by shooting six of eight from three-point range. The T-Birds carried a 45-36 lead into the locker room.

The T-Birds came out and finished the game strong, increasing their lead to 20 points before the clock stopped the humiliation of Lower Columbia.

"Everyone stepped up and played as a team. We're just gelling at the right time," King said.

"The key to the win was us hitting our shots and being unselfish," Coach Albrecht said.

After three hard nights of long, tiring games, Highline had made it to the championship game. They now anxiously awaited the winner of the Tacoma/Edmonds game.

To no one's surprise, Tacoma came out on top and the players and staff headed home knowing

defense throughout the first half.

The T-Birds did a great job of exploiting this mistake. It was close during the first half before Tacoma pulled away with a small lead, but as the half ended Highline rallied back to take the lead at 35-32.

In the second half, the Titans tried to tie up the T-Birds' explosive offense with zone defense, but nothing could stop them, they were on fire. Highline kept pounding away at Tacoma until finally with a couple minutes left the T-Birds put Tacoma away for good.

Highline won the NWAACC Championship against Tacoma, a team that pounded them twice during the regular season. The feeling of joy swept over the team and their fans.

Leading Highline was tournament MVP Darnell Lyons with 25 points and seven assists.

Right behind him was Yusef Aziz who had 15 points and five assists and also made first team of the All-Tournament Team.

Wes Newton also came up big with eight assists and 11 points. David King came off the bench to score 14 points while creating terror on the post. He was awarded with the most inspirational award after the win.

Ben Beeles came off the bench and provided a spark to the T-Birds. His hustle was one of the many small things Highline needed to win the championship.

"There were key things that everyone did to chip in to the win," Jason Reed said.

Despite the talk that Highline couldn't do it and that the real championship game was the night before, the T-Birds stuck together and pulled out the win.

"It was a team effort and everybody played well and we won it," Yusef Aziz said. "People didn't think we could do it and we did."



Photo by Joe Walker

Jason Reed goes up for a hook shot amid a plethora of Tacoma defenders.



Photo by Joe Walker

Adam, holding his child, and Yusef Aziz pose together with the championship trophy after the T-Birds' victory.

Lady T-Birds place fourth at NWAACC

By BRYAN SHARICK
Staff reporter

MOUNT VERNON – The Lady Thunderbirds went to the NWAACC Championships with visions of a title dancing in their heads. Unfortunately, the T-Birds had one bad game and finished in fourth place.

Highline's first game of the tournament was a loser-out game against the Everett Trojans, which the T-Birds ultimately won, 74-62.

In the second game, Highline lost to the eventual NWAACC Champions, Walla Walla, 74-64.

A combination of Highline shooting the ball very poorly and Walla Walla playing excellent defense led to the T-Birds' demise.

After this loss, the Lady T-Birds' next games were all for pride. The Thunderbirds first beat up on the Clackamas Cougars 66-62. With this win, the T-Birds were assured at worst a sixth-place finish.

The T-Bird ladies won this final game against the Chemeketa Storm 74-62 and claimed the fourth-place trophy.

Their finish was an improvement over last year's sixth place showing, but it still was not what the Thunderbirds had hoped for.

Against Everett, Highline started out nervous and fell behind 12-3.

The Trojans also seemed to have the officials on their side because the T-Birds got called for nine fouls while Everett had only four.

"Lisa Milne picked up three quick fouls in the half and it's tough for us to compensate for that," said Olson.

"We're coming out aggressive, but it's a little too aggressive," said Milne.

The Lady T-Birds started out the second half by going on a



Photo by Joe Walker

Lisa Milne brings the ball up court against Chemeketa in the T-Birds fourth place victory.

20-8 run, capped off by a Briana Duerr three-pointer that gave Highline the lead 48-39 with 12:04 left in the game, and coasted in from there.

"We toughed it out and didn't play really well, but at least we played well enough to win," said Olson.

Cal-Jean Lloyd led all scorers with 22 points and she also snagged 10 rebounds.

"We came out a little flat tonight, but we'll be all right," said Lloyd. "Against a really good team like Walla Walla we'll have to play good D."

Chandra Rathke added 15 points and six assists.

"Chandra played the best game she's had in a long time," said Olson.

In Highline's second game, Walla Walla's swarming defense held the Thunderbirds scoreless for the first four minutes of the game. Despite shooting a cold 34.8 percent, the T-Birds went in at halftime tied at 27.

"I thought the first half went well considering we didn't play well offensively," said Olson.

Although Highline stayed close for most of the second half, the Warriors pulled away to win 74-64. And with the loss, all hopes of a championship for the T-Birds were now dashed.

"They were just a better team than we were today," said Olson.

The leading scorer for the

game was Walla Walla's Lindy Kirkland with 26 points, 24 of which came in the second half.

"It wasn't for lack of effort, but they just played a better game," said Lloyd, who had 21 points and 10 boards. "We're gonna have to refocus ourselves."

Duerr led the Thunderbirds in scoring with 23 points on eight of 12 shooting from the field, while Milne scored only seven points on two of 12 shooting.

"I think the kids will bounce back tomorrow," said Olson.

With the loss, it turned the Thunderbirds' third game into a must-win situation if they wanted to come home with some hardware. The T-Birds third opponent was the Clackamas Cougars.

In the first half, Clackamas was giving Highline some trouble down low and in the post. "They have really physical and strong players on their team," said Olson.

But Highline hung on and went ahead. With 13:34 to go in the game, the Thunderbirds had a commanding lead of 53-40. Clackamas then held the Thunderbirds scoreless for the next six minutes to come within two points and gave Highline only a 60-58 lead.

"We didn't handle the press very well and let them back into the game," said Olson.

and 13 rebounds. This was also her third straight double double.

"We played a lot better than yesterday," said Rathke.

The final game for the Thunderbirds was against the Chemeketa Storm.

Chemeketa won the opening tip, but Highline wasted no time lighting up the scoreboard early and often. The Lady T-Birds went on a 12-4 run in the first six minutes of the game. After 14 minutes had passed, the Thunderbirds were leading 26-14.

"That was the best team offense I've seen this year," said Assistant Coach Nicole Ulrich.

The Thunderbirds went into the locker room at half leading 33-24.

"We had a little lapse at the end, but it wasn't anything like yesterday," said Milne.

After 10 minutes had gone by in the second half, the Lady T-Birds had a 56-37 lead over the Storm.

Highline was playing with the intensity and desire that had made them the No. 1 team in the rankings all year long and Chemeketa just seemed to want to get the game over with. The T-Birds stretched their lead to 64-47 with 4:36 left and the game was all but over.

"It just feels good to be over. We should've been No. 1, but we took fourth," said Rathke.

Lloyd led the way for the T-Birds with 20 points and eight rebounds. Milne also rang in with 19.

"I'm satisfied with the season, but I'm not satisfied with how we played," said Milne.



Photo by Joe Walker

Lisa Milne goes up for two.

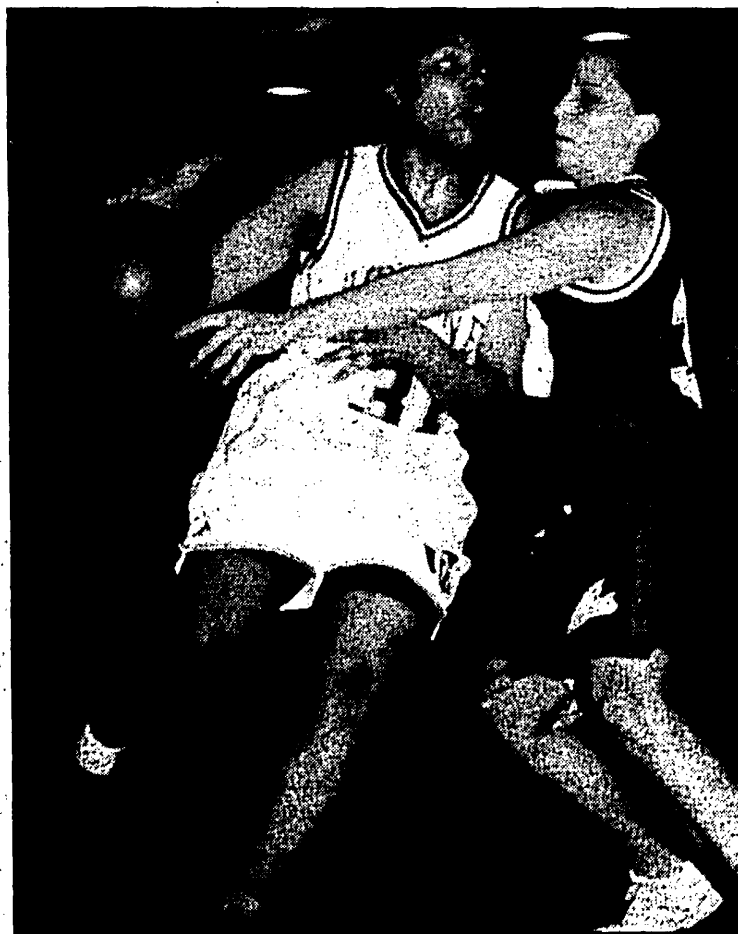


Photo by Joe Walker

Cal-Jean Lloyd works hard down in the post to try to drive past the unwilling defender.

Married with hoops and children

By NINA WILLIAMS
Staff Reporter

Leslie Jeffries has a full schedule being a wife, mother, student and playing on the women's basketball team.

Jeffries's commitment to basketball is strong, so strong that she brings her 18-month-old son to most of her practices.

The blond-haired, blue eyed baby boy pulls himself up to a standing position and peers out of the wooden cage that holds him captive.

His eyes move back and forth as he watches women run furiously up and down the basketball court.

A smile appears on his round face, as his eyes light up with excitement. A slender figure approaches. Her long blond braid swings from side to side, gently brushing her shoulders.

She calls out, "Keygan." She quickly lifts him out of captivity and he squeals with delight, "mommy."

"My son is usually pretty good at practice, but when he gets a little fussy, one of my team members or myself will just give him a toy and he settles right down," said Jeffries.

The slender 5'7" Jeffries was born and raised in Ketchikan, Alaska.

She started her basketball career at the age of 12. Jeffries attended Ketchikan High School, where she played basketball for two of her three years.

In her senior year she experienced something she thought would never happen. Jeffries was cut from the basketball team, after starting the majority of her two years there.

"There were a lot of politics involved," Jeffries said.

Although Jeffries participated in cross-country and track during her sophomore and junior years, now she could totally focus on running track.

Jeffries ran various relays and other events, but she was most successful in the 800-meter race. Jeffries won first place in districts and second in state in the 800 meter race.

Jeffries graduated in 1998 from Ketchikan and moved to Colorado, where she met her husband, Ryan, also from Alaska.

Unhappy in Colorado, September 1999, the Jeffries moved to Seattle and soon after had they had a baby, got married and found work, which was one of the reasons why they left Colorado.

To keep up with her basketball skills, Jeffries played pick-



Photo by Joe Walker

Leslie Jeffries, left, cheers on her teammates at the NWAACC tournament.

up ball at local gyms.

Head Coach Dennis Olson spotted her and asked if she would be interested in coming to Highline to play.

"I was worried about my academics at first, because I had been away for a year," said Jeffries. "Once I started school and was settled, everything came to-

gether."

Jeffries enjoys playing for Olson and has learned a lot this year, but knows that she still needs to keep working on her offensive skills. Jeffries feels defense is where she contributes the most on the court because of her scrappy style of play and defensive rebounding.

"This team has great chemistry. We all get along so well, we pass and play as a team and on the defensive end it shows," said Jeffries.

Jeffries feels that there is a lot of determination on the team and hopes that it will carry over onto next year's team.

"We will be losing a lot of great players and is going to be hard to fill their shoes," Jeffries said.

Jeffries looks forward to playing the remaining of the season and knows it won't be easy being the No. 1 team.

"Being the No. 1 team in the division is hard, because everyone is out to knock you out of first place. They hammer you inside and make you pay, but that's what goes with being No. 1," Jeffries said.

Jeffries has not selected a major yet, but wants to pursue an associate of arts transfer degree to a four year university to continue her education and play basketball if given the opportunity.

"My husband is very supportive," said Jeffries.

Jeffries' schedule will remain full though out college. She gives a lot of praise to her husband for helping her to be successful in school and on the basketball court.

Thanks for the ride Highline, it was great

MOUNT VERNON- We finished fourth place at the North West Athletic Association for Community Colleges championship tournament this weekend, at Skagit Valley Community College.

Although our team was obviously disappointed with not taking the championship, I was still happy with the character that we displayed after the goal of being No. 1 was gone.

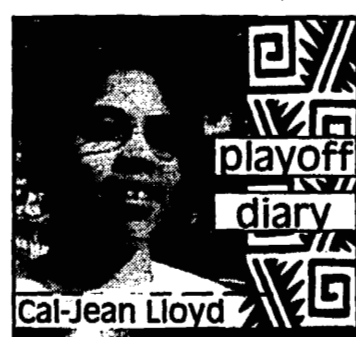
The first game against Everett on Thursday night was an immediate test of our mental toughness because it was so late at night. We weren't even able to warm up until about 10:45 p.m.

Although we had previously beaten Everett handily in pre-season, they were not going to go home in the loser-out first round without a fight.

We led for most of the game, but we could never quite seal the deal against them, as we were so accustomed to doing to teams. We did play well enough to win 74-62 and get out of the first round.

Now came the real test against Walla Walla.

Our offense was not run well at all, but we were still in the game at halftime. Every time



we made a run at them, they answered back with a run of their own. Our team made one last push with a couple of minutes to go but to our immediate dismay, Walla Walla had the final run of the game, beating us 74-64.

It was really hard to see the championship dream crumble.

That's what we'd been working on all year long and it was wiped away with one game.

We had to find a way to refocus and not end the season on the wrong note. We still had the opportunity to place as high as fourth if we won our last two games.

Our team decided that we didn't want to go home early and we wanted to finish the season with as high a finishing as we could get.

We met Clackamas in a loser out game on Saturday.

The game was hard fought on both sides. Clackamas obvi-

ously didn't want to go home that day either, but we built a 15-point lead with about six minutes to go and Clackamas decided to press us. We hadn't really seen the press all year so it rattled us a little bit. We had a mental lapse and let Clackamas back into the game, but held on to win it 66-62.

We were so happy that we made it to the last day of the tournament.

My final game as a Thunderbird was against Chemeketa. They may have had the Southern Division MVP, but we had the will to come home with some hardware and the best overall record in NWAACC.

The game was tough in the beginning, but Chemeketa gave in and we ended 74-62 to receive the fourth place trophy.

It wasn't first, but it wasn't sixth and we didn't go home after one or two days either. So all in all it was a very successful season.

The Highline women's basketball team would just like to say thank you to all of the fans, friends, and family members who have supported us for the last six months. It was a fun ride to the championships.

Cheer squad is back again to root on Thunderbird athletics

By LERIN FARRISON
Staff Reporter

The cheer squad is making a comeback and next year you should be seeing a lot more of them.

Tuwalole Mwamba is the captain and spokes-person for the new cheer squad. Mwamba is a full-time student as well as a mother.

Due to only three weeks of practice time, the squad had a late start, only getting one opportunity to cheer at one of the basketball games.

"I think we could have been more precise, but we had fun. Next year, my goal is to get out there and look spectacular," said Mwamba.

The squad is not very big, but everyone had either some experience in dance, cheer, or gymnastics.

"I had so much fun because it just happened. It was amazing that we pulled it off, and it gave me a lot of energy for next year," said Mwamba.

The squad hopes to get started right away for next year.

The squad will be having an informational meeting March

23, in Building 21, room 202, about what they want for the squad and what is to be expected.

The reasons for the early start is to get a full squad of 15 together to participate in cheer camps for technique and to raise money for the squad's funds.

The cheer squad is not part of Highline's athletic program at this time, but hopes to be soon.

For this, all of the money for uniforms or any other items that the squad might need must be paid for by the squad.

The squad is in search for a coach and hopes to find one as soon as possible.

"I want us to have a real coach, I think we will benefit from that more," said Mwamba.

The squad plans on cheering for wrestling, basketball and track next year, but if one sport had to be picked they will go with basketball.

"I created the squad for basketball," Mwamba said.

If this sounds like an interest for you, contact Tuwalole Mwamba in Building 8, in Student Programs, or the squad's advisor, Leanna Albrecht at ext.3255.

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Fastpitch ready to get the season rolling

After beating Tacoma in the championship game, the players and coaches were overwhelmed with happiness and delight. Their minds were clear of the painful losses to Tacoma in the regular season and it was time to take the moment in stride and enjoy it. Their faces had huge smiles on them, knowing that they finally played to the best of their ability for 40 minutes.

For many players on the team it was one of the best moments of their basketball careers and it was the best way they could have ended their careers here at Highline.

Out of the 12 players on the team only Dan Alderete and Austin Nicholson will be back next season. Neither were starters this season.

"I am so happy, this is one of the best experiences I've had in basketball," center Jason Reed said.

"I've never felt anything like this before," said Ben Beeles.

This win was everything that Highline had worked for all year. "These kids just played so well and they believed in each other and they kept composure and stayed in it for 40 minutes. And that is what guys need to do to win championships," Albrecht said.

Team raises cash for Hawaii trip, tunes up for season

By JOSEPH CASTRO
Staff Reporter

No one trains longer than Highline's fastpitch team. Since August the team has constantly been in training to prepare for the spring season. They have put an enormous amount of time and effort into having a fun and successful year.

Fall Quarter was spent competing against other teams scheduled exhibition style, followed by conditioning in the winter.

"We actually had a really good fall ball season, so that kind of sets the tone for spring. We played well against the four-year colleges, and if you do well against them, that gives us a good idea of what we will do in the spring," said Head Coach Cara Hoyt.

As well as being well prepared, the team has had a few changes from last season.

The team includes five returning players and nine new



Photo by Joe Walker

Taren Edgecomb winds up to deliver a pitch in a recent Thunderbird practice.

players. Assistant Coach Mark Hall is also a new addition to the team.

"We are a lot better prepared for the season this year than we were last year because we are

more focused, better prepared and we have more power hitters this year," said Hoyt.

The T-Birds start the regular season by hosting Skagit Valley on March 30.

As well as training, the women have been busy raising money for their five-day trip to Hawaii over spring break.

The team organized a hit-a-thon as well as an auction where they raised about \$4,500.

While in Hawaii, the team will play five games, competing against Spokane Community College, BYU Hawaii and Southern Colorado.

"It's nice to play the four-year colleges because we get an opportunity for recruiting. Recruiting is one of the reasons we are going to Hawaii," said Hoyt.

The team has been preparing for the trip for months, raising money and training. "For two months we practiced in the gym at 6:30 in the morning to get ready for Hawaii," said team captain Sara Short, aka Shorty.

Lately injuries have plagued the team and cost three players their seasons. "We've had three knee injuries in three weeks; we lost our catcher last week because of a blown ACL," said Hoyt.

The team is confident that their hard work and talent will take them far this season.

"I think we have a very good chance of winning NWAACC, we just need everyone to stay healthy," said Shorty.

Yeater comes back to Washington after bad experience in Oregon

By LERIN FARRISON
Staff Reporter

A combination of speed, agility and determination makes soft-spoken Alexis Yeater one of the fastest young women in the Pacific Northwest.

Yeater was born in New Mexico and moved to Washington when she was 8 years old. Yeater began running at age 13 for Pioneer Middle School in Steilacoom.

Yeater credits her parents for her success in track, after they pushed her to do another sport after her gymnastics career.

During her high school career at Steilacoom, Yeater won three state gold medals, twice in the 200, her junior and senior year, and once in the 100, her senior year.

Yeater placed seventh in the nation in the 200 meters her junior year at the Junior Olympics, with a time that would have placed her third in the Pac-10.

"I like to compete. It's an individual sport and I don't have to rely on anyone," said Yeater.

Yeater is a 21-year-old transfer from the University of Oregon, who left the college because of severe allergies.

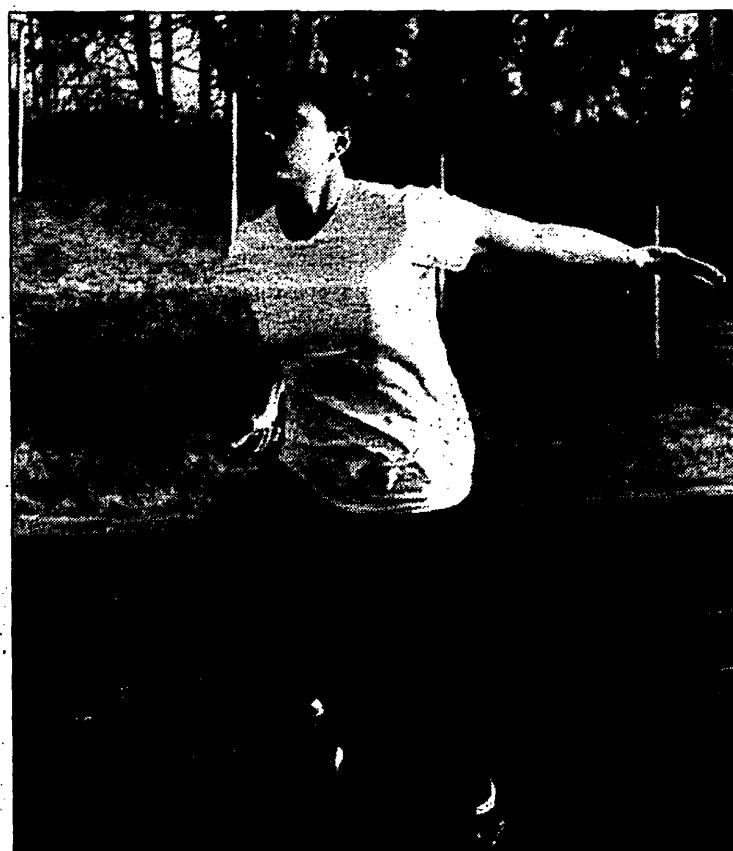


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Alexis Yeater at a recent practice.

While at the University of Oregon, Yeater was ridiculed by a Eugene newspaper. She was slammed for not being able to perform at the Pac-10 level.

They thought she choked under pressure because she was brought out there and was expected to lead the women's team

in sprinting.

"I felt embarrassed and that I let my coaches down. It took away my confidence," said Yeater.

Yeater works out five to six days a week.

"I plan to pick up where I left off and improve my time," said

Yeater.

The intense workout usually consists of a lot of squats and leg lunges in the gym. When she hits outside training, uphill running and short sprints without much recovery time is her main focus.

"I plan to run well and get recruited by another Division I school," said Yeater, who has no particular school in mind, but just wants to leave Washington. She also made it clear that she

would rather not run at the University of Oregon again.

Yeater's 11.6-second time in the 100-meter dash along with her 24-flat 200-meter time, could make her the NWAACC's new sprint champion of 2001.

"I like the team a lot. The people on the team are good people and talented athletes," said Yeater.

"My dream is to make it to the Olympics, or get to pro level," she said.

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Gorne has high hopes for Highline

By JOY ROTHWELL
Staff Reporter

Ivan Gorne would like to be Highline's new vice president of Student Services, and he wouldn't mind becoming president of the college someday either.



On Monday, March 12, Gorne introduced himself to the college at an open forum. He is one of three candidates running for the position of Vice President for Student Services. Jeffrey Dimsdale presented on Tuesday, March 13, and Margaret Haig will present today.

The gray, dismal sky greeted the man who is currently the Vice President of Student Affairs at Southern Oregon University.

"You should really close the curtains next time," joked Gorne, motioning to the window he faced. He had just been asked why he wanted to come to Highline.

"This weather doesn't help

my argument."

Gorne stressed to his audience that if appointed vice president, he will make sure that he will promote services to students and make them feel that they have enough resources and help from faculty.

"As a community college, you take anyone who comes through the doors. We need to make sure that we can help everyone," Gorne said.

"Everyone has a right to an education."

Gorne's plans for becoming president of Highline aren't definite. He said he would like to possibly advance to that position if selected vice president; but this wouldn't be an immediate goal.

"It'd probably be five to seven years down the line, I'd have a lot to learn before I could be president."

Gorne says his passion for student services comes from his previous work in student programs and from his 20 years experience working in community colleges. At Edmonds Community College, he was the associate dean of students in 1997 as well as the director of Student Programs. Within these titles, he worked on managing and developing comprehensive student activities and services to provide social, cultural, recreational and leadership activities. Gorne



Photo by Connie Harshman

Candidate Ivan Gorne speaks to Highline at a forum.

also was the Assistant to the President for Government Relations at Edmonds College. He managed the college's Legislative Contact Team and program with the Washington State Leg-

islature and Congress.

Before coming to Edmonds in 1996, Gorne was the Assistant Director of Career Planning and Placement from 1973-1977 at Central Washington Univer-

sity. He developed job search and life/work planning workshops for students as well as managing services provided for education graduates and alumni.

"For me the passion is about what we can do for students in and out of class," Gorne said.

Gorne came to Southern Oregon University in 1998 and served as the chief student affairs officer, managing student activities and organizations, as well as financial aid, and academic enhancement advising. He directed over 120 full-time staff members.

A man born in the Midwest, Gorne has brown hair and brown eyes, and a pleasant smile. He speaks knowledgeably about his passion, emphasizing his words with a wave of his hands. Gorne appears easy-going and friendly, a man who would be approachable to students. He smiled as he spoke about his children and their achievements and mentioned them as one of the reasons he would like to work at Highline.

"My daughter lives in Bellevue and my son is going to Central, so my wife and I want to be close to our kids. My wife also is from Steilacoom," Gorne said.

"I'd also like to get back to the community college, and I know that Highline is one of the best in the system."

Dimsdale looks beyond California retirement

By JOSEPH CASTRO
Staff Reporter

Jeffrey Dimsdale wants to be Highline's new vice president for students. He is one of three candidates applying for the position.

"There are high qualifications and all of the candidates have very impressive backgrounds," said Toni Castro, associate dean of diversity, student development services and multicultural services.

In December, Dimsdale will retire from Orange Coast College in California, where he has been for the last 33 years.

State law prohibits anyone to hold any position at a college in the state of California after retiring.

"If I intend to continue working, it has to be outside of California," he said.

Dimsdale visited Highline on Tuesday for interviews, meetings and a tour of the campus. He met with President Bell, presidential staff, the student services cabinet and Student Government.

Open forums were also held on the fifth floor of the Library,



Jeffrey Dimsdale

where students and staff asked questions. Issues that were brought up ranged from student diversity to enrollment.

"My passion is student leadership. Leadership can occur across the campus in different ways, parent advisory committees, club presidents or the captain of an athletic team," said

Dimsdale.


Dimsdale is currently serving as the interim vice president at Orange Coast College. He has also held the positions of dean of students, associate dean of instruction, director of instructional development and professor of math and computer science.

"My management style is an open door style. I personally visit every student service twice a week," he said.

Dimsdale earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in mathematics at UCLA followed by his doctorate in In-

structional Technology at the University of Southern California.

The search committee will make final recommendations to President Bell by March 22. The new vice president is expected to start by July 1, 2001.



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DeVry is Highline's new neighbor

By JANAE WEBB
Staff Reporter

DeVry is opening its first Washington campus in summer 2001. This new campus is located in Federal Way near Weyerhaeuser.

DeVry is a private four-year school with campuses located throughout the United States and one in Canada.

Unlike most public colleges, DeVry has limited programs.

DeVry is a business and technology institution providing programs in areas such as computer science, electronics, engineering, business administration, and other related fields.

Because DeVry is private institution, students do not have to take classes not related to their degree, which sounds like a bonus.

However, DeVry students also pay about 10 times what a community college student pays



Photo by Stephanie Adams

DeVry's campus in Federal Way may be seen by some as a rival to Highline.

for tuition.

DeVry students pay anywhere from \$270 per credit up to \$325 per credit at some cam-

puses, as opposed to Highline students, who pay \$54.70 per credit.

DeVry is also a year-round

school, so students don't get a summer break until they're finished with their degrees.

Going to school year-round

helps students remember what they just learned and be able to easily continue, a DeVry official said.

"When you're in programs like the ones at DeVry, it is best to just keep going so you won't forget what you've just learned," said Cynthia Tracey, a DeVry admissions representative.

This new DeVry campus will bring some competition for Highline.

"I think all educational opportunity is competition," said Jason Prenovost, Highline's Registrar. "I think we do a better job and are a little more cost effective."

DeVry officials say a benefit of going to their school is that you don't have to take any extra classes that aren't related to your degree, while Highline officials argue that here you have the opportunity to learn from areas that fall outside of your declared major.

Transferring is harder than most students think

By JANAE WEBB
Staff Reporter

Transferring from a community college to a university with an AA degree is not always as easy as universities make it sound.

About half of the students at Highline plan to transfer to a four-year school.

Washington state universities have a direct transfer agreement that says a student can directly transfer with their AA degree, no questions asked. This is hardly ever the case.

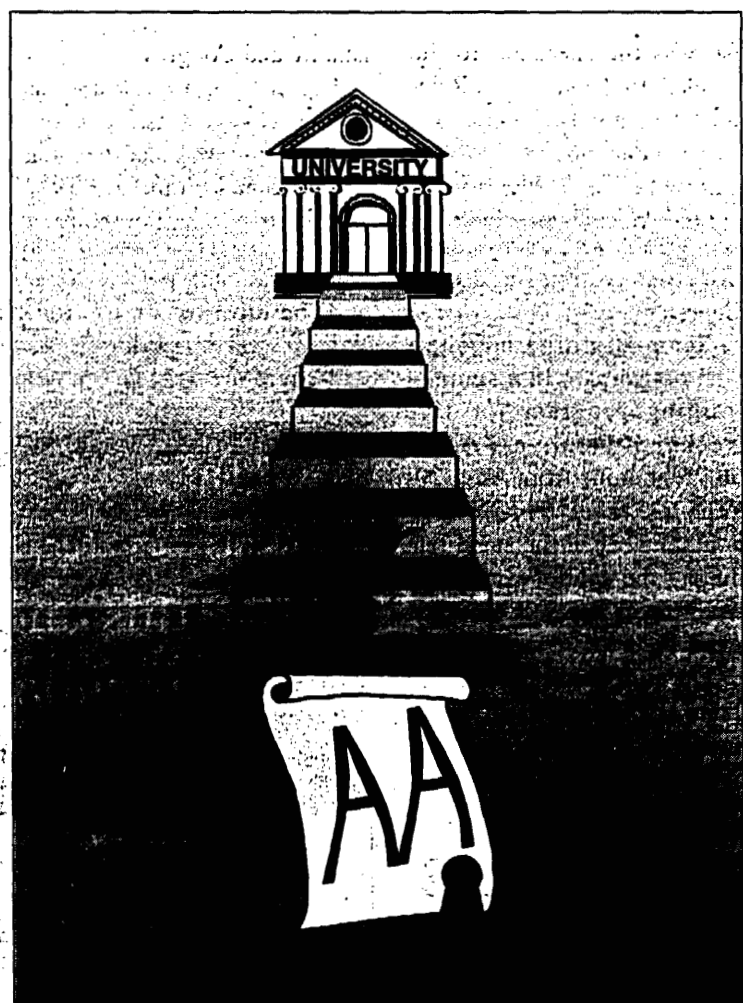
Each university is different, but most of them have requirements beyond having an AA degree in order to transfer.

The University of Washington Seattle and Tacoma branches require that you take extra classes depending on what program you're applying for.

Pacific Lutheran University doesn't require that students take extra classes before transferring, however, they do require students to take more classes sometime throughout their education after entering the school.

"If you have your AA, we will guarantee there is a seat for you at PLU," said Brian Miller, transfer coordinator for Pacific Lutheran University. Of course, this is what students want to hear, but they don't tell you right away that you have to finish more requirements once you enter their school.

Central Washington University accepts the direct transfer degrees from the state community colleges.



Graphic by Petra Sokolova

"All students with the direct transfer degree are admitted to Central Washington University," said NadaLee Brady, Program Support Supervisor at Central's Sea-Tac branch.

For Central transfer students, the confusion seems to be when students apply for a specific major or program. Students must first apply for the school and will be accepted with an AA, but then if they want to apply for a specific major or program, they will have to complete more requirements than

just the AA.

Although most universities have requirements beyond having an AA, some will accept students before they even finish their AA.

Antioch University students can transfer before they even finish their AA degree.

"We are probably one of the most flexible and easiest schools to transfer to. We take people on an individual basis," said Vicki Lopez, admissions associate for Antioch University.

Another common mistake among transfer students is thinking that when they transfer they will have junior status. At most schools this is incorrect.

At Western Washington University, transfer students will spend their first quarter with freshman status.

"Because it takes so long for paperwork to go through, transfer students don't register until a week or two before classes start, so they don't get all of the classes they want and won't have junior status until their second quarter," said a Western admissions representative.

Highline alum Christi Croft knows what it's like to transfer to Western. "It was really frustrating because my first quarter up here I had to register the day before classes started and ev-

erything was closed except for 100 level classes, most of which I already took at Highline. That first quarter is the whole reason I haven't graduated yet. I was set back a quarter or two because I could only get eight credits," she said.

"I definitely had a rough time getting classes and continued to have a rough time the rest of the year," said Croft.

It is always wise for students who plan to transfer to use their advisers so when they're ready to transfer, they won't be stuck finishing up program requirements for another quarter at a community college.

"We encourage students to use their faculty advisers," said Gwen Spencer, Highline's director of Educational Planning and Advising.

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Alex Bashinskiy (left) and Bau Phan test a bridge of popsicle sticks which held 808 pounds and weighed .926 pounds in Rebecca Sliger's Engineering 151 class.

CARE club focuses on helping others

By JENNY TAYLOR
Staff Reporter

If you're interested in volunteering and helping out your community, join the club.

The C.A.R.E. (Community Action Reaches Everyone) club is a new group at Highline that is geared toward community service and fund-raising for the good of others.

The club was started in January by student Lily Tran with the help of Derek Greenfield, the club's adviser.

"The purpose of the club is to try to encourage people to volunteer and to get them to recognize that volunteering is so important and it really helps the community," said Tran.

The club's first event took place less than a month after the club was formed. The members invested hours in their Valentine's Day fund-raiser. Club members used cellophane pink and red wrapping to adorn Hershey Kisses and created long green stems for the floral confectations out of wire and green tape.

Proceeds from the candy-rose fund-raiser will be donated to charitable organizations, Tran said.

The C.A.R.E. club also is about to begin working with children from the Highline School District. Some club members, such as Yee Wong, will be tutoring first graders twice a week on reading.

"There are so many people

who need help. If we can, why not use our strengths to help people?" said Wong. "You really get appreciated sometimes, so you really feel good about yourself."

Club leader Lily Tran says she is hopeful about the future of C.A.R.E. Club. Tran said the club members plan to collaborate with Team Highline on a teacher appreciation project.

"The purpose of the project would be to honor a teacher or staff member and to recognize their importance in helping out at Highline," said Tran.

Being involved in C.A.R.E. Club is a very positive experience, according to member Joysha Fajardo.

"Everyone should come and join because I think it's a really good way to come and meet people and help others. It's a really fun group," she said.

The club currently has about 20 members, Tran said, but everyone is welcome to join at any time.

"We need people to get involved and make changes. That's why this club is here - to make change happen. When you get involved you think, 'wow, you made a difference.' It doesn't matter how big or small. You still made a difference."

For more information contact on Care Club Lily Tran at hserveclub2000@hotmail.com or Derek Greenfield at 206-878-3710, ext. 3402.

Team needs new talent

By BECKY DELZELL
Staff Reporter

Want to learn about organizing and publicizing events, get paid and not have to leave campus? Team Highline may have a place for you.

Student Programs is currently accepting applications for Team Highline for the 2001-2002 school year.

Team Highline is a group of seven students responsible for developing and implementing programs and events on campus. They also participate in such events within the surrounding community, said Erin Blakeney, interim director of Student Programs.

Members of Team Highline must possess initiative, leadership potential, volunteer experi-



Erin Blakeney

ence, an ability to interact with different populations, and an interest in serving the campus in a variety of ways, Blakeney said.

"Students will gain leadership experience while getting involved on campus.

Being on Team Highline also gives an opportunity to create

fun events on campus and make an impact," said Fred Capestany, Multicultural Student Programs adviser.

Getting to know faculty members on campus through Team Highline, will help student greatly with references for different colleges and jobs, Capestany said.

Team Highline members will participate in a summer training program for five weeks, 30 hours a week at \$6.75 an hour from Aug. 20-Sept. 21. They will work 15 hours a week at the same rate during the school year. The deadline to apply is Monday, April 16.

For more information about Team Highline contact Capestany at 206-878-3710, ext. 3904, or Blakeney at ext. 3256.

Clubs have planned many events

By BECKY DELZELL
Staff Reporter

Highline's clubs are busy planning many activities, ranging from dances to camps.

A couple of these clubs include the American Sign Language Club, the Black Student Union and the Asian Pacific Islanders Club.

ASL is planning a "silent camp" from Friday, March 16 through Sunday, March 18 and the cost is \$145. This camp is recommended for students who have had the equivalent of three quarters of ASL.

es, games, panel discussions and a variety of other activities, students will learn more about deaf culture and American Sign Language," said ASL teacher Roman Wright.

Students will have to go through the whole weekend without using their voices. Wright recommends that students who would like to attend this camp sign up right away because it fills up fast. For more information contact Roman Wright at 206-878-3710, ext. 3999.

The Asian Pacific Islanders Club and the Black Student

March 23. The dance will be held from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. in the upstairs of Building 8, and the cost is \$3 in advance, and \$5 at the door.

Make sure to dress to impress for this dance which is also a hip hop festival to kick off Spring Break. It will include a fashion show, dance party, and hip hop battle.

Auditions will be held for anyone who may be interested in participating in the fashion show.

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Heeding the call

Highline student aims for priesthood

By JENNY TAYLOR
Staff Reporter

John McCormack, SSF sat across the table, his dark, expressive eyes relaxing as he leaned against his chair. Like many students, he often wears black shirts and slacks -- the kind that would attract little attention in a haze of passing figures at Highline. However, sometimes McCormack's clothes reveal an important part of who he is. On some days, a white collar peeks below his chin, symbolizing a passionate lifelong commitment.

"I knew at 4 years old," McCormack said, recounting the age he knew he was called to priesthood. "You have a spirit

raves. I went to clubs. I went to the Baltic Room. I had a year of the devil," McCormack said, laughing. "And what I found in my investigation of that life is that boy, it's a lot of fun but it's an empty lifestyle. They're all depressed. At the end of the night you'll always find three or four people crying in the corner. They have no spiritual insides . . . and they can't even find happiness in themselves. It only fortified my will to go into brotherhood."

McCormack belongs to Sodalates Sanctus Fraters which is Latin for "The Society of Most Holy Brothers." He lives at Our Lady of Sorrows rectory on the weekdays and then on the weekends he goes home to a

monastery near Olympia. All of his education and cost of living expenses are paid for by the monastery.

"I am about five years away," McCormack said as he nodded in contemplation of the road ahead of him. To become a priest he must earn a bachelor's degree in philosophy, go into seminary and obtain a master's de-

gree in theology before he will receive ordination.

McCormack's ultimate goal is to earn a doctorate in Dogmatic Theology.

"That's my dream," McCormack said.

In the mean time he keeps busy with psychology and social science classes at Highline as well as classes at Seattle University.

McCormack has received a great deal of support from friends and family. This support helps him with his vows of poverty, chastity, celibacy and obedience that he took upon entering the brotherhood.

"Celibacy is not easy. It is a big sacrifice. We always won-



Brother John McCormack.

der what's out there," McCormack said slowly, his eyes fixed on his hands. "The grass is always greener on the other side."

McCormack looked up, his tense brow revealing the sobering honesty of his concerns. "There have been times when I've wanted to just run out of the door of the rectory," McCormack said. "I'd just get an apartment, be a student and just live freely and not under bondage -- because we're under bondage, in a way. Maybe I'd get married, or just date, but then what? And that's the thing--then what?"

McCormack's boundless compassion is what keeps him motivated. He devotes his time to many causes, including the

fight against AIDS and is involved in the Catholic Commission for pro-choice rights.

"We are anti-abortion but we believe in a woman's right to choose," McCormack said.

He is also the Extra Ordinary Chaplain to the Society of St. Patrick, a Catholic support group for men ages 18-25.

McCormack's compassion also reaches the gay community. He served as president of the Rainbow Pride Club and strongly supports gay rights.

"What many people don't know is that the Catholic Church openly and respectfully accepts the memberships of gays and lesbians," McCormack said.

McCormack's motivation also lies in his belief that broth-

erhood and sisterhood is an essential vocation.

"We are all called to dispense the grace of God and the love of God through a gentle and compassionate way. We witness to the fact that God loves us so deeply and that love has to overflow to all people," McCormack said, pausing for a moment. "It's falling in love with the world because you're in love with God."

One big struggle McCormack faces with his compassion is choosing his battles. He said this was difficult for him because he wanted to be able to reach out in so many different ways but that he knew he couldn't reach everybody. For McCormack, it is worth the effort.

"Once you start to give away what little bit you do have," he said, "you start to receive a whole lot more in abundance."

McCormack stood up and carefully picked up his bright red jacket. He pushed his arms into the white striped sleeves, the vibrance of the colors swallowing his black shirt.

"One common thing with people," McCormack said, "is that they want us to be God. They want us never to swear, never to get an attitude, never to get upset—but that's impossible. We're human beings and the quicker people realize that, the better off they are understanding us."

McCormack straightened his jacket and pulled it up around his neck. His white collar covered now, he walked down the hallway passed a large group of students and slipped out the door, barely stirring notice.



"I knew at 4 years old. You have a spirit in you that tells you that you're called to serve."

- John McCormack

in you that tells you that you're called to serve. Then you show it through the way you are as a child—how you treat people, how you interact with people, how you love, how you show love and how you receive love, too."

Born in the small island of Molokai in Hawaii, the 21-year-old Irish descendent moved to Washington at the age of 4. Here he was enrolled in Catholic school and served as an altar boy most of his life. Then, at the age of 19 he began to lose sight of his calling.

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Student government cutting a senator position

By JANICA LOCKHART
AND DIEGO REVELO
Staff Reporter

Student Government wants to cut one senatorial position for next year.

With elections around the corner on May 10-11, the Student Government executive council is scrambling to get changes in the group's by-laws to eliminate one position from the eight-member body.

The move comes in part be-

cause of lack of money. Student Government is close to spending all of its \$20,300 budget, most of which goes to salaries for student officials.

"Overall it all comes down to money, by cutting the position it will free up the money necessary to allow Student Government to put on more events," said Laura Soracco, international student senator. She feels that the proposed cut will actually benefit the student body here at Highline rather than hurt

it.

The loss of a student senator would leave the positions of president, vice-presidents for administration and legislation, treasurer, and three student senators beginning in fall 2001. "We don't want to," said current president Ben McNelley, "but it is not economically feasible to continue with the extra position."

Student Government is asking for an additional \$5,000 in S&A budget funding for the 2001-2002 school year. This is due to the increase in minimum wage and will allow the people in Student Government to be paid for all the hours they work.

McNelley said Student Government members are not getting paid all the hours they currently work. Most are accepting reduced hours this year in order to help the organization make its budget.

If a position is lost, there will be one less voice speaking for the students at council meetings.

"Students come to us with concerns and we listen. We are losing a piece of the puzzle and someone's ideas but we still will be the voice of the students," McNelley said.

Student senators plan an event each quarter for students, attend all Executive Council and Associated Council meetings, keep a record of all programs

and maintain five office hours a week. Student senators also must be an active part of student government and take on the responsibility of making a difference in students' lives.

"Pretty much we have run with three senators for this entire year, so there wouldn't be too big of conflict for next year's government to run with just three senators," Jovanna Harrietha, student vice president of administration explains.

A packet will be handed out for students interested in running for Student Government April 2-6. Students interested will have to get 50 signatures of students attending Highline and answer essay questions. The due date for the packet is Friday, April 20.

Contact the Student Government office for more information on a position for the 2001-2002 school year.



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was shooting and realized that he was leaving a wife and a 2-year-old child behind," Debra said.

"It's created a sense of uneasiness that hasn't been seen in generations," said Chuck Swesey, a longtime resident of Des Moines. "The disturbance in the neighborhood runs very deep."

Swesey and his 14-year-old daughter live only four blocks from the home where the family was found murdered.

"It has created a disturbance in her life too. She feels less safe now," Swesey said of his daughter.

Swesey thinks the lack of punishment for youth violence is the problem. "There is very little deterrent," he said. "Kids feel invincible, until we as a society remove that invincibility from them, they're gonna continue to act upon their impulses without regard to society or others."

Despite the murders, it's not clear whether the crime rate in Des Moines is up or down. Des Moines and King County police officials said they don't have statistics. Highline campus statistics show only a slight rise in the number of car thefts.

Doug Froland drives a Harley Davidson motorcycle, wears black leather and has tattoos all over, including a giant threatening skull covering his forearm. Froland is a classic example of a big, bald, scary biker guy. He is angry about what's been going on in Des Moines.

Froland grew up in White Center, an area with a bad reputation for crime. He moved to Des Moines to clean up his act, slightly.

"I moved here because it's a sleepy little town, a nice little town, and things like that don't happen here," he said. "Obviously I'm disturbed. Where do

you have to move where you don't have to deal with that?"

"I was a member of an outlaw motorcycle club for years, I've lived the gangster crap before," he said. "As disrespectful as I was back then, I had a little bit more respect for human life than that."

Froland was annoyed when he heard about some kids defacing Officer Steven Underwood's memorial. "I wouldn't have wasted the energy to do something like that. I think it's disgusting what they did. They have no respect for human life, obviously."

Barbara Gladding is the nutrition coordinator at the Des Moines Senior Center. "I'm very disgusted that it happened to our wonderful quiet little community," she said. "I've lived in Des Moines ever since I was a young girl. I feel safe here."

"Everybody is welcomed into the community, but they're here to cause mayhem," Gladding said.

Michael Slish is an attorney who has had his law office in Des Moines since 1985. "I'm really worried because my son is on the State Patrol. It seems like officers are getting shot or injured more and more," said Slish.

"I think it's part of the deterioration of the family structure. Kids don't go to Grandma's house after school anymore, they go and run around with a gang," said Slish.

"The media kind of makes heroes of these kids, like in school shootings. In the neighborhood where I grew up they wouldn't accept that, that was not macho."

Charles Laycock owns Today's Chiropractic Clinic in Des Moines. He has a slightly more optimistic outlook. "It is a shame that just a few individuals had to make our whole town look bad," he said. "It's an eye opener. I think the community is coming together a little bit because of it."

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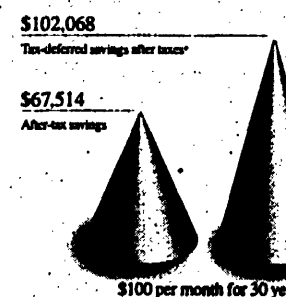
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