Men win hoop dreams

By Ron Schumers

T-Birds win the NWAACCs in upset victory

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This was not so for Highline. Head Coach Jeff Albrecht and player Yusef Newton.

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Highline condominiums

Men beat Idaho, women lose to Boise

Highline Community College

T-Birds compete in NWAACC tournament

City worried about crimes

By Margo Horner

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

Des Moines Police Chief Spencer Stonebaker said the recent downtown killing of a woman was not a targeted killing.

The recent violence has left many people concerned and some even scared.

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Highline security pitches in

An armed robbery suspect was spotted walking downtown 2400 feet 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 entering the scene and blocked off the area.

Highline Security of the perimeter police rushed to the building to take 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.

Class explores new ideas about race

Highline, that Staufer is personally responsible for happened when a PIX 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. Staufer did say that one board was controlling all of those phones and decided to rewrite them and put in different phone boards so that this would never happen again.

Staufer’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 he has visited his family in California. Since he’s been here Staufer has met a lot of nice people.” But he also said that “24 years is long enough.” And he’s ready to go.

Staufer’s one piece of advice for students here at Highline is “Get that sheepskin, it helps.”

Winner holds audience in Thrall

BY JENNIFER MARSHALL
Staff Reporter

Joy Thrall came up the champion of the Speech Slam on Wednesday in 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 competition.

Competition began at 1:10 p.m. in Building 2.

Phi Theta Kappa is the sponsor for the Speech Slam.

During the Speech Slam the participants competed against other Highline students for a chance to win. 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.

By AARON WILLIAMS
Staff Reporter

After 24 years of service, telephonet echnical support technician Lee Staufer is hitting the road.

Staufer, who is in charge of technical support for phone administrative services, voicemail services and also network support on campus, is retiring on March 15.

Staufer’s position will be filled by Don Sagmo and Kurt Kettner, both of whom have gone to school for technical support.

Staufer, who is originally from Monaca, 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. Staufer learned some of his skills at IBM where he worked as an electronic repairman for 10 years. Staufer also worked on some of the first desktop computers, the Apple III.

During his 24 years of employment Staufer 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 to Building 25.

“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 Staufer.

Another big change was when we got office computers. We

Can computers 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 wide range of information instead of taking them bit by bit.

Fortin’s speech gave the audience the use of what 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 ten. 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 Campbell.

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 continued in the faces of the competitors.

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

After 24 years, Staufer says goodbye

BY JOY ROTHVELL
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 Avamaggio, 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 intelligently about race.”

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

She will also be teaching Culture, Gender and Global Studies, Anthropology 110, which will focus on Chinese anthropology. Glover has done field research in China and has some 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 fourth 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@UW.edu.
New lights should improve safety

BY JANAE WEBB
Staff Reporter

President's Day weekend, lots to get new lights over the Highline's three parking lots to improve the safety in the parking lots at night. Evening students often have complained about the relative darkness on campus. The college has at least four years to keep the lights secure, and recently they have been replaced.

S&A to make cuts

BY ED JOHNSON
Staff Reporter

The Service and Activities Budget Committee must cut $69,000 in requests. There is rough $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.

Some members of the S&A committee have requested 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 Committee have questions to the general fund reimbursement as an S&A matter.

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

Equipment requests by the drama department are $8,750. The budgets would go to cover lighting systems to air filter equipment used in the production of plays.
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 mellow fashion. Mexico sounds great! At least it has been acceptable 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 rollerblades down the street. OK 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 somewhere 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 rampus room, A.K. is a woman among gerbils when it comes to the party animals of the world.

THE SEARCH FOR THE VIDEO PROJECTOR: THEIVES AT HIGHLINE COMES IN A SURPRISING HALT...
What's with all the drama?

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

BY CONNIE HARDMAN
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 later had a novel accepted, 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 video games or video games issues. My books are about the discovery of one's self through interactions with others. It will make you feel good, and I feel good when I am good."

Taylor said.

Tested for I.Q. at age 13, Taylor scored a 200, which put him in the top 99.9 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 get too much credit into the I.Q test.

He is surprisingly humble, given his accomplishments.

"It's dumb. The I.Q. test your mental acuity," he said.

"I don'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 Renton Valley 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 high 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 to join the Central Intelligence Agency.

"I want to be a spy," he said. He is receptive 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 job as a waiter at a McDonald's in Virginia in the eighth grade, and it was there he and his classmates insulted the Capitan that he had had experience with. Taylor is no longer...

It was 100 to 150 percent humility, and just horrible. We were taking a tour of the Capitol building and a friend of mine played April 15th and an April Fool's joke, he is about 215 pounds, when he walked in he said "I am the President of the United States and I am in charge of the country." And I was the one who was about 900 pounds and I lost him on the way up the stairs, he fell off the side.

Taylor said.

What he wants to do except for military intelligence, doesn'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.

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

Taylor's first course at Highline was cast by Dr. Taylor in her production of Measure for Measure. He recalls one moment, of watching her direct the cast that stunned him into silence.

"Christina is a rather breathing actress. She wasn't even acting, she was showing a part of what she wanted 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 massive look of remembrance.

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

Taylor just finished up his stage acting position as well as his performance in English Pop in the Running Start production of Maus Equus.

"I think it's a part that will help only when you're trying to do things..."
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 Cafe 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 to video games - with a certain enthusiasm and excitement combined with a fear of the unknown. 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 metaphores, 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 surrounded her. The reaction was a silent contemplation.

The host did a great job in bringing the audience back to reality and providing others 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 into a hip-hop see poets page 7

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 among students and staff through their performances of traditional step dancing and Celtic 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'Dubhghaill in 1998, 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.
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. These 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 them had something that created an unbelievable atmosphere of appreciation for spoken word and the beauty of verbal expression. Purify, and an uneducated new gift of letting things out, and questioning what’s given in what’s so attractive and magical about open microphone nights.

The amount of talent that can be seen at a tiny hidden dark cafe will be surprising to those who spend hours at bookstores looking for published poetry that would satisfy their hunger for something real and sincere. At the Globe Cafe, 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.
Lyons named MVP and King is most inspirational

By Ron Schneider
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, running 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.

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

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Darnell Lyons and Yusef Aziz take the ball down the court with time winding down. Lyons named MVP and King is most inspirational.

During the regular season, the Thunderbirds met the Titans twice, losing both games. The first meeting was a blowout win for the Titans, 84-75. The second meeting was a close game, with the Thunderbirds winning 78-72; however, the Titans were able to come back and win the next day's consolation game 79-71.

"They hustled for over half of the team's total points," Ross Randleman 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.

The highlight of the game was how well the bench played. 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.

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The T-Birds had 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.

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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, 74-64.

In the second game, Highline lost to the eventual NWAACC Champions, Walla Walla, 74-64. A combination of Highline's 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 the fourth 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 20-8 run, capped off by a Briana Duer three-pointer that gave Highline the lead 49-39 with 12:04 left in the game, and coasted in from there.

"We fought 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 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.

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 Lindsey 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."

Duer 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 Chemeketa 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.

Cal-Jean Lloyd works hard down in the post to try to drive past the unmoving 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 pokes 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, "Heygan." She quickly lifts him out of captivity and he squalls 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 sorting 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 relay 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 pickup ball at local gym.

Head Coach Dennis Olson spotted her and asked if she Olson and hair learned a lot this season, but knew that she still needed to keep working on her defensive skills. Jeffries feels defense is where she contributes the most on the court because of her scrappy style of play and defensive rebounding.

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

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

"My husband is very supportive," said Jeffries.

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

"My husband is very supportive," said Jeffries.

Jeffries 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 couldn't 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 on 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 it would've been working on all year long and it was wiped away with one game.

We had to find a way to rebound and not end the season in 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 went Clackamas in a loser out game on Saturday.

The game was hard fought on both sides. Clackamas obviously 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 them to win 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 NWAC.

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 athletes

BY LAUREN FARRAR
Staff Reporter

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

Tawalole Mbamba is the captain and spokesperson for the new cheer squad. Mbamba 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 Mbamba.

The 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 Mbamba.

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

I created the squad for basketball," Mbamba said.

"I hoped this would be an interest for you, contact Tawalole Mbamba in Building 8, Student Programs, or the squad’s advisor, Leanna Alfrecht at ext. 3255.
Fastpitch ready to get the season rolling

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 players. Assistant Coach Mark Yeater said, "People and athletes, we have 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.

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

Yeater comes back to Washington after bad experience in Oregon

By LEIGH FARMAN
Staff Reporter

A combination of speed, agility and determination makes self-proclaimed 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 junior 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.

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 try to keep up where I left off and improve my time," said Yeater.

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 bi-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.

Recreating 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 Shiny.

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 NWACCC, we just need everyone to stay healthy," said Shiny.
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 windows of the building as he entered. It was the first time he had been asked why he wanted to come to Highline.

"This weather doesn't help my argument," said Gorne.

Gorne stressed to his audience that if appointed vice president, he will make sure 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 defined. 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 to learn a lot before I could be president," Gorne said.

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 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 Legislature.

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

Jeffrey 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, assistant to the president for student affairs. 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.

"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 instructional technology at the University of Southern California.

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

"It'd also like to get back to the community college, and I know that Highline is one of the best in the system."
DeVry is opening its first Washington campus in summer 2001. This new campus is located in Federal Way near Tukwila.

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

However, DeVry students also pay about 3 times what a community college student pays for tuition. DeVry students pay anywhere from $270 per credit up to $323 per credit at some community colleges, 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 Purrev, 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 are 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 Janie 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 them a a spot for your 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.

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

For Central transfer students, the conclusion 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.

"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 freshmen 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 even then it was closed except for 180 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 Apsner, Highline's director of Educational Planning and Advising.
Popsicles carry weight

CARE club focuses on helping others

Team needs new talent

Clubs have planned many events

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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 fundraising 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 cell phone pink and red wrapping to adorn Hershey Kisses and created long green stems for the floral creations out of wire and green tape. Proceeds from the candy-raspberry 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 collabo-

"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 Team Highline member Roman Wright at 206-878-3710, ext. 3999, or Blakeney at ext. 3526.
voice of the students

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 peaks 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 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 altar boy most of his life. Then, at the age of 19 he began to lose sight of his calling.

“For about a year and a half I was hanging out, you know, just really interested,” I went to Mass, I went to classes. 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 also very depressed. At the end of the night you’ll always find three or four people crying in the corner. They have no spiritual inside, and they can’t even find happiness in themselves. It only fortified my will to go into brotherhood.”

McCormack belongs to the Society of St. Francis, a religious order that works in the hospital in Seattle.

“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 degree 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 vocation, “It’s definitely a sacrifice. We always wonder what’s out there,” McCormack said slowly, his eyes fixed on his hands. “The grass is always greener on the other side.”

His compassion has also been key to his motivation. He devotes his time to many causes, including the fight against AIDS and is involved in the Catholic Committee for pro-choice rights.

“We are anti-abortion but we believe in a woman’s right to choose,” McCormack said. He is also the Chaplain 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 brotherhood and sisterhood is an essential vocation.

“We are all called to discern 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, passing for a moment. “It’s failing 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 he was difficult for him because he was not able to reach out in so many different ways but that he knew he couldn’t reach everyone. For McCormack, it is worth the effort.

“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 vibration of the colors swirling his black shirt.

“One common thing with people,” McCormack said, “is that they want us to be God. They want us to never to swear, never to be angry 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 his bright red tie. He walked down the hallway past a large group of students and slipped out the door, barely sitting notice.

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At 10 May 2011, the Student Government announced a change in the student body's representation. The current eight-member body is expected to lose one senatorial position, in an effort to cut costs and benefit the student body.

Laura Soracco, internal student senator, feels the proposal will actually increase the budget, as it eliminates one position from the current setup without directly addressing the need for more money. Soracco suggests that the proposal is made due to the increase in minimum wage, which would cost the student government $20,000.

Douglas McNulty, president of the Associated Council, wants to maintain the current number of positions. McNulty feels that the proposal is being pushed too fast and doesn't take into account the needs of the student body.

Barbara Gladding, nutrition coordinator at the Des Moines Senior Center, is concerned about the lack of representation in student government and the impact it will have on the student body.

Micheal Slish, an attorney who has practiced law in Des Moines since 1985, feels that the proposal is a bad idea, as it would leave the positions of executive council and legislative council vacant.

Charles Laycock owns a Harley Davidson motorcycle, which is a great way to get around town. Laycock's motorcycle is black and he's an ex-con, including a gun. Laycock's motorcycle is also a great way to get around town, as it's a great way to get around town.

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