Sundays at Polly Esther's gives minors a new place to party

By Chris Nore
Staff Reporter

Next to Millen of Milles' Bar last look in the mirror before finally accepting the image:

"It takes me like an hour to do my hair. I'm so picky," Millen said.

Vicki Melewski, a Highline student, is so picky of when her hair is just right. It was the same when she was in high school.

Melewski is another Highline student and the third member of the party already with Mann. Will Woo is another Highline student.

The Honda Civic's horn honks daintily, but loud enough to let Melewski know his ride is here.

"All three are tired, but believe in the philosophy that you can't let school or work interfere with your social life. Work hard and play harder," Melewski said.

As they get out of the car they realize they've all worn plaid short-sleeved Oxford shirts. Nevertheless the mission had to continue. They'd just keep their distance.

"Damn, we should have pre-funked," Woo said. The line wasn't too long, but it wasn't exactly warm outside.

"Once inside the ritual, people aren't going to miss out. Hip-hop and electronic music are the most played and requested. The dress code isn't strict; outfits vary with different types of music and what better way than to smell the air is smoky from cigarettes. The men are all wearing jeans and T-shirts and there are so many bodies, it's hard to even dance because there are so many bodies. Sometimes we can smell the body odor from our synthetic club gear.

The dance floor isn't too crowded. Clubbers vary with differen-..." said Melewski.

Meanwhile student and member of the band "Beggars" gets money from the cash register. "I 시행 for the financial aid money," Beggars said.

"I informed the students of the money that was under the table, but could be the final night of the semester," said Melewski.

Melewski noticed she received only a portion of what she was supposed to get.

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Student hurt

A Highline student was injured while working out in the weight room on Nov. 26 at approximately 3:30 p.m. After the student dropped a weight on his foot another student drove him to Highline Hospital.

Purse is stolen

When a student was shopping in the bookstore someone stole her purse from the table outside, at 11:15 a.m. on Nov. 26. A few moments later the victim went to the security office to report the theft.

Chief Fisher later found the stolen purse in the men's bathroom, but with a couple of credit cards, $800, and two party checks worth $2,500 missing.

It is nap time!

A minor was found passed out in front of Building 20 on Nov. 25. After the second separate attempt to wake him up he finally sat up and stated, "Don't call the police, I'll get into trouble." He also stated that he is under age to be drinking.

After an identification check it came back that he was in a dispute earlier in the day. He was detained until Des Moines Police were on the scene.

Student suffers allergic reaction

A female student had an allergic reaction to her medication on Nov. 27 in Building 6. When help arrived the student was found recovering and requested not to be checked out. She told security she would bring a note to explain when it is needed to call for assistance.

-Compiled by Josh Davis

'Blue' and art lead First Thursday

Art from Ukraine and drama from Arkansas will highlight December's edition of Highline's First Thursday/Arts Night on Nov. 29.

The night will begin by showcasing the art of Anatoliy Voznyarsky in the Library's Fourth Floor Gallery at 6 p.m.

Voznyarsky is from Ukraine and has studied art in Kiev, Ukraine, and Riga, Latvia. His art reflects philosophical mo- tives of life and conditions of the human soul.

Programs of oil, acrylic, tempera, watercolor, and pastels are used in his paintings.

Through his paintings Voznyarsky demonstrates his feelings and experiences regarding a man's place in the universe.

Following the art show is the Drama Department's production of Blue Collar Blues at 8 p.m. in the Little Theater, Building 4.

Denise Kay Dillard's play is about the last day of operation of the only big employer in a small Midwestern town.

The stage is set up as a beauty shop, radio station, and local bar through which the audience experiences the daily lives of the townspeople.

Highline's production of the play is also entered in this year's American College Theatre Festival and will be adjudicated following the show. The audience is invited to stay after the show for the adjudication.

Blue Collar Blues opens Nov. 15 with remaining shows on Nov. 20, 29, and Dec. 1. Tickets are $5 for students/seniors and $6 for the general public.

All proceeds benefit the Highline Drama Department.

Learn about the vegan way of life

By BRANDACE SPENCER
Staff Reporter

Veggie Tales, an event about vegetarianism and veganism sponsored by Team Highline, will be held Dec. 5 in Building 7 at 11 a.m. until noon.

Vegetarianism is when a per- son eliminates meat from their diet versus veganism, which eliminates animal, dairy, and egg products. Dave Bemel, co-ordinator for Action For Ani- mals, will speak about his expe- rience as a vegan for the last eight years.

He first became a vegetarian in eighth grade in part because of the fact that the meat he ate was an animal. He also said vegetarianism was an act of rebellion.

A couple years later, he received literature on the killing of chickens and said he realized this includes eggs, which were part of his vegetarian diet. He became serious about not sup- porting the killing of animals and decided vegan was the choice for him.

He not only made this decision for himself, but also for his cat. Bemel will discuss the benefits of vegetarianism and veganism. Then he will show a video from People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals called Meet Your Meat.

 Afterwards there will be time to answer questions.

There will be a booth near the entrance with informational literature and vegan merchan- dise.

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The The Thunderword
November 29, 2001
Health requires vigilance

Speaker and scavenger hunt bring awareness

BY SUZANNE LONG
Staff Reporter

Every three minutes a woman is diagnosed with breast cancer, according to the American Cancer Association. Each year 41,000 women die from breast cancer.

The Women’s Center, in Building 6, sponsored two events that concluded Highline’s recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Randy Hale from the American Cancer Society, spoke on Monday, Nov. 26 about empowering women to take charge of their breast health. Hale, ACA volunteer and a licensed clinical social worker, spoke with a sense of urgency, while stressing to the 24 women in the audience the importance of preventing breast cancer.

Food and prizes highlighted the Women’s Center’s Scavenger Hunt which was held Wednesday. It started at the Women’s Center with the women gathering information from around Highline while discovering how to help each of them become more active in their own health.

The Women’s Center decided to put fun in the forefront of breast cancer, since it is a fearful subject for many women.

“It’s something you read in the paper but it doesn’t happen to you,” said Hale.

Breast Cancer became more than words in an article to her when a friend, at age 35, was diagnosed. “It made it all real,” said Hale. “Breast Cancer became a reality for me.”

Jean Mastro, left, and Tenaya Wright join in the fun at the scavenger hunt.

Jean Mastro, left, and Tenaya Wright join in the fun at the scavenger hunt.

instead of this scary thing that may or may not happen.”

There is no known preventative, but the best path is an awareness of one’s own breast tissue, since early detection raises the chances for survival. Every year in Washington, 3,500 women are diagnosed with no apparent risk factors other than age, according to Hale. But being young doesn’t preclude women from having breast cancer.

“It’s a good roadmap for the future,” said Highline President Dr. Priscilla Bell.

“Highline’s recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month reflects a shared interest in the health and quality of life of our students and the surrounding community,” said Dr. Bell.

Highline Community College needs to be open and diverse for its students, while serving the surrounding community. Presenting these goals, the Highline Community Board of Trustees pointed to the future when it invited the public to envision the four key initiatives of the college’s 2001 Strategic Plan.

Students, former trustees and members of the community made up the two dozen observers that came to the Open Board Meeting held in the Des Moines City Hall Chambers on Nov. 20.

The trustees introduced the following four strategic initiatives:

• Achieve excellence in teaching and learning.

• Enhance a college climate that values diversity and global perspectives.

• Strengthen and expand the presence and role of the college within the communities it serves.

• Continue to foster a college climate that nourishes the well-being and productivity of the college community.

“It’s a good roadmap for the future,” said Highline President Dr. Priscilla Bell.

“In holding to the college’s core beliefs of excellence towards education, diversity and a sense of community, these initiatives were drawn up to shape the future of the college,” said Dr. Bell.

“It’s to direct us, rather than let things just happen.”

Working with school districts and prospective students, the initiatives strive to nurture these relationships. “It tells the community what we are about,” said Trustee Michael Allen. “And it gives the community a chance to tell us what we can do better.”

“Diversity is a big part of the faculty and its students,” said Trustee Ann Jaren. “It’s the keystone of our strategic plan.”

These initiatives continue to foster a climate in which both students and faculty prepare to work in a diverse workforce,” said Ivan Gornc, vice president of student services.

“With the Board of Trustees, we have been able to chart the course,” said Dr. Bell. “This plan is not just sitting on a shelf. It is being discussed and guided by what we do at the college.”

Plan brings direction for Highline

Brown comes to Highline for the opportunities

BY CLINT MARAGOU Staff Reporter

The Jonathan Brown era has begun at Highline. Brown was selected to be the next associate dean of student programs from a pool of five finalists last month.

Each of the finalists visited campus and spoke with open forums that were held in Building 7 last month.

“What brings me to Highline are the opportunities that are here,” said Brown. “The new building will offer a dynamic environment to be working in,” said Brown.

Brown is a Cum Laude graduate from Seattle University in philosophy and English. He also has a master of arts in student development administration from Seattle University, and a doctoral candidate in Educational Leadership and policy studies at the University of Washington.

With over seven years of working in the field of student programs under his belt, he is looking to make an immediate impact on student programs through meeting students, interacting with the staff, and providing leadership to help his colleagues accomplish goals.

This is important to Brown.

Brown is currently serving as the director of student programs at Shoreline Community College, but is expected to make the transition to Highline early next month.

“It would like to let every student know that there is something for everyone in student programs by inviting people to participate,” said Brown.
How do we solve the part-time faculty pay problem?

Part-time teachers in this state do not get paid enough money. Many times part-time faculty are doing the same amount of work that full-time faculty members are doing. As an instructor at Highline, you are tenured, on tenure track, or are on a one year contract. All of these include benefits and a higher rate of pay. Any instructor that doesn’t fall into one of these categories is part-time.

Part-time faculty members are limited to teaching two classes at any one campus. Part-time faculty members get no benefits and are paid less than a full-time instructor for teaching the same class. The complaint is, “I’m teaching full-time in the system, but am a part-timer could be teaching up to five classes just to make enough money to live on. A full-time teacher only has to teach three classes. The complaint is, “I’m teaching full-time, but I’m not being compensated for that.”

Obviously, this is unfair. It is especially an issue for those teachers who are trying to make a living out of teaching part-time. There is a serious equity problem that these part-timers paid less than a full-time instructor for teaching the same class.

The solution, of course, is more money. There is probably not much disagreement there. Where is the money going to come from to give part-time faculty more money? There are no easy answers to this problematic situation. One obvious source of money would be raising the cost of tuition, which has already been raised this year. It will also be going up for the next few years. It doesn’t seem likely that many students would be willing to pay more tuition to help these teachers out. This is not to say that students are selfish—it is to say that students are poor. There’s probably not much disagreement there.

Another possibility is the raising of taxes to compensate the part-time faculty members. But this seems highly unlikely because college-aged people are the least likely to vote and therefore are generally last on the appeasement list of most politicians. These are the issues that the Legislature needs to address. Public education is indispensable to the future of this nation, and it should be addressed and attended to accordingly.

cheap christmas ideas

A lot of us are on a tight budget this year, so here are a few thrifty ways to save money this holiday season.

• Christmas cards - At drug stores you can purchase Christmas cards for $1.99 in comparison to the typical $7.99. And if you are really low on funds but want to let relatives and friends know you care, send them an online greeting card from blumountain.com.

• Cookies - Christmas cookies and other baked goods are great presents for relatives and friends. For recipes on how to make decorative Christmas cookies go to christmascookies.com.

• Arts & Crafts - If you are an artistic person you could always make someone a gift, like cinnamon-scented ornaments, Santa pops, and colored burning pine cones. There are lots of Christmas craft ideas with instructions at www.christmasactivities.com. Even if you are not an artistic person you could always burn CDs for your friends.

• Used book stores - They have a wide selection of books in really good condition and also carry games, CDs, movies, and puzzles.

• Movies - Buy VHS instead of DVD.

• Discount stores - Discount stores carry the same products at lower prices.

• For friends - Let’s face it, every Christmas we wish we could buy our close friends nice gifts but never can afford to. An idea I came up with would be to purchase holiday mugs at a second hand store—they usually are under a dollar. Stuff them with Christmas candy. You have taken care of five friends for under $10.

• For parents - The coupon book! I don’t mean buy a coupon book, but make a coupon book. I did this when I was little and it still works. The coupon book consists of coupons around the house. Like one free car wash, good until 2000, baking cookies, or a free dinner downtown. You can think of all kinds of ideas that won’t cost you a penny, but will show your thoughtfulness. However, don’t make the coupon book or someone you are newly dating.

• For grandparents - Think about your grandparents’ hobbies and interests. What music do they listen to? Do they own a cassette player? Your grandma might like to garden. Buy her saves packages of seeds she can plant next spring. Sam wants gift certificates for Nordstrom this year.
Voice of the students
November 29, 2001

Arts

Whole latté love
Highline barista brews ballads

BY MONICA KOSTICKA
Staff Reporter

t every morning people
walk by him as he
stands behind the counter
and cheerfully makes coffee
for the exhausted students. The "coffee
guy" is how he is typically re-
ferred to, but there is more to
him than just mochas and lattes.

Johnny Smokes is the name
he chooses to go by. His small
build and rugged appearance
don't even begin to describe the
friendly person underneath.

Smokes is 28 years old, and
has lived in the Seattle area for
just over three years. Smokes is
originally from Reno, and
moved up here with a band mate
to pursue his music career.

"During the first year I was here it was hard to
adjust to the changes," Smokes said. "The band
I wanted didn't happen, I had to work seven days a
week, and I met the love of my life and she broke
my heart," he said.

"After being here for
over three years, I have
learned a lot and realized
that the people of Seattle
see the most friendly and
intelligent people they have
encountered," he said.

While we see his
hands making coffee,
what's in his heart is music.
Smokes has been a musician
for more than 16 years. Not only can he sing, he also writes his
own music and plays the bass
guitar and keyboard.

"Anything with keys or
strings I am able to pick it up
and learn how to play," he said.

Smokes hopes to release a
solo album this spring, featuring
a collection of songs he has re-
corded over the years. On the
album he sings and plays the
instruments by himself, and he
wrote all the music.

"I want people to know that
I don't suck like so many other
bands, I am very meticulous and
I work intensively on my vocals," Smokes said.

Smokes also plays in a cover
band named The Empty Spaces.
The band plays acoustic Pink
Floyd along with original mu-
sic all mixed into one," he said.

Smokes hopes the band will
start playing at community col-
gen, cafes, and ski resorts.

"It is too distracting to play at
clubs because not only do we
play music, we put on a theatric-
al show," he said.

"We rock our asses off to
put on a good show and make
sure everyone gets their money's
worth," he said.

His goal is rock stardom and
health, wealth, and happiness.

Music is not his only hobby.
His lifestyle also includes being
a vegan and snowboarding.

Smokes has been a vegan for
five years. The longer you do
this, the easier it is to be disci-
plined, he said.

"I read a book called Diet for
a New America, and basically
scared my self away from ever-
thing I had been eating," he said.

"Over the years I have no-
ticed many spiritual, mental
and physical changes from this," he said.

Smokes has been snowboarding for more than
four years. He also represents Inca Snowboards, a company
out of Portland. This involves
training lessons, selling boards,
and talking to people about the
company.

"I like to do it because it is
good exercise, and the moun-
tains are very meditative and
calming," Smokes said.

"Because it is somewhat life-
threatening, you can only con-
centrate on the moment and for-
get everything else for that
time," he said.

Smokes has snowboarded at
ten different mountains in five
states and two countries.

"Whistler is my all-time fa-
vorite place. My dream is to
somehow live in a condo up
there," he said.

In order to pursue both
dreams, he must find time to
make money. Smokes origi-
nally got involved with the cof-
fee business because of its
convenient location.

"I hate getting up in the
morning, I am nocturnal by na-	ur," Smokes said.

Johnny Smokes brews up some tunes at the Heavenly
Cappucino stand outside Building 6.

"Everyone may get the im-
pression that I am happy all of
the time, but I am not. It doesn't
help to project my negative ex-
periences on to others, so I dish
out friendly energy in hopes it
will reach them; but I
want it to be that," Johnny Smokes is leaving

Highline next quarter to pursue
his dreams and be a full-time
musician.

"I am a musician. To do any-
thing else is denying myself and
everyone else the gifts I am
meant to give."

Sugar plum fairies are dancing in our town

BY JANICE LOCKHART
Staff Reporter

Imagine a world with pastel
colors of pink, blue and yellow
everywhere, with people in
elaborate gowns dancing around
with happy faces.

It is a world rarely seen to-
day, but for two hours you can
become a part of this place, at the
Pacific Northwest Ballet's produc-
tion of Nutcracker.

It has become a holiday tradi-
tion in Seattle to go see Nut-
cracker and it never fails to dis-
appoint.

Nutcracker tells the story of
Clara (the young girl played by
Erica Baidgeley and the older
one played by Patricia Barber),
a young girl who receives a nut-
cracker as a gift from her godfa-
thor, Herr Drosselmeyer (Flamming Halby).

The night she receives the
gift, she dreams of a world of
Mice Kings, soldiers and her
nurturcracker. After the battle be-
tween the Mouse King and the
Nutcracker, he turns to a beauti-
ful prince who takes her to a
place of sugar plum fairies and
peacocks.

Each dancer brings a unique
touch to Nutcracker that is en-
joyable. The adult Clara and the
Prince (Stanko Milov) together
bring the dream to life and
dance with grace and elegance.

One of the most special per-
formances of the ballet is that of
the Peacock (Melanie Skinner),
who is smooth and gracious.
Skinner's solo performance is
full of confidence and finnessedly
displays her talent.

The sets are full of original
and unique artwork by Maurice
Sendak, which gives a childish
feel to the production. The sets
are so full of artwork that it
takes the whole ballet to notice
every little picture or trinket on the
stage.

From the dancers to the CD-
sounding orchestra Nutcracker
is a joy for the eyes and ear.

Nutcracker will be at the Se-
ttle Center Opera House from
now until Dec. 27. Tickets
range from $20-$84 for peak
times and $15-$75 for matinees.

Sugar plum fairies are
dancing in our town.

PNB Company dancer Kimberly Dawey
in Nutcracker.

Family packs are also available
for cheaper tickets.

For more ticket information
call 206-292-ARTS or go to
www.pnb.org or www.
ticketsmaster.com.
Carlos Calvo aims at future through acting

BY CHAZ HOLMES
Staff Reporter

Anyone tired of those famous Hollywood actors who are too high on themselves would be pleased to meet Carlos Calvo. A second year drama student here at Highline, he speaks with a great deal of professionalism, yet without a hint of the arrogance sometimes associated with those in his field.

Calvo attended John F. Kennedy High School on the small island of Guam, an American territory. It was there that he first got a taste of acting, although he considers his classes here at Highline as his first real acting lessons.

Calvo feels he is learning a lot from both experience and his instructor, Dr. Christiana Taylor.

BY CHRIS NUEZ
Staff Reporter

Bands will be vying for the chance to be crowned the winner of the Battle of the Bands on Nov. 30 from 6-9 p.m. The event will take place in Building 7.

Five bands will get 30 minutes to play a set. The audience then votes on the winner.

Performing bands include 7th Avenue, Austin America, Cruz Johnson, Go Ahead, and Face Plant. At least one member from each band is enrolled at Highline.

"We're the best band to come out of Des Moines since REO Speedwagon," said Micah Theckston of his band Cruz Johnson. After guaranteeing a win, however, Theckston said the main purpose for entering the battle is to get their band's name out.

Calvo desires to attend NYU and enroll in its drama program. "I would just love to go to New York," he says.

Dec. 1, but he has plenty of plans for acting in the future.

Calvo says his ultimate goal is "to cover a wide range of characters, to have the freedom (to play different parts)."
WINTER SPORTS PREVIEW

December 29, 2001
T-Birds reload with big-time talent

Men’s hoops looks to keep dominance with new faces

BY MATHEW MILLER
Inside Scoop

This year the Highline Men’s Basketball team has to play the role of defense. As in, defending the Northwest to continue his education and help Highline win another title before he has to report to spring training in March.

Seth Caine Guard 6’3” Frosh Seattle Lutheran

Sophomore Austin Nicholson who started a few games last year is a threat to hit the three-pointer at any time of the season. Nicholson has shown his ability to score points. He is averaging 16 points after four games in the preseason.

Nicholson T-Birds have only one active player from last year’s NWAACC title team.

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Nicholson will be replacing the injured Alderete until January, when freshman Gerald Smiley will take over at point guard.

"Danny is a big part of the team, so losing him means that everyone is just going to have to step it up," said Nicholson.

Smiley, who played for Rainier Beach last year and helped the Vikings to the 3A state playoffs, Rainier Beach and Smiley made it all the way to the championship game before losing to Mount Vernon.

"I always thought that Gerald was one of the best point guards in the state last year," said Head Coach Jeff Albrecht.

Smiley will need to come up big for the T-Birds once the regular season begins to compensate for the loss of Alderete.

Smiley is a quick guard with a good outside shot. If he can do for Highline what he did in high school, the T-Birds will have a lot of excitement this season.

Another player who is ineligible at this point in the season is freshman Peter Perez. Perez is a high flying big man from Federal Way High School. Perez returns in late December and Albrecht anticipates him to play a big role on this year’s team.

"After the injury to Danny, adding Smiley and a player like Perez is a big part of the team," said Albrecht.

Albrecht does not worry too much about preseason games and tournaments. He knows that it’s what you do in your league games that makes or breaks your season.

Albrecht knows how tough the Western Division is. He and the other coaches predict the division will be tough. They also predict that Highline will be the same this season.

2001-2002 Men’s Basketball Roster

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HEAD COACH: JEFF ALBRECHT
ASSISTANT COACHES: DAVE ROCKWOOD, FRED HARRISON, AND K.C. MISON
Teams look tough in Western Division

By MATT MILLER,
Inside Scoop

If you are a basketball coach in the Western Division, you know you have work cut out for you. Last year Highline was one of three Western Division teams to make NWAACC.

Jim Roffler, head coach of the Lower Columbia Red Devils, feels if a Western Division team can make it to the playoffs, they will have a great shot at the title.

"The league is so tough that the season really prepares you for the playoffs if you want to make it," said Roffler.

Going into the playoffs the T-Birds did not look to be the best team. However, Head Coach Jeff Albrecht was able to use his players wisely and Highline won the NWAACC championship, beating league rival and heavily favored Tacoma.

One reason for the league's dominance could be contributed to the highly populated cities around Western Division schools like Tacoma and Highline are located in the state's most populated areas with good sized high schools to recruit from. This is a primeason look at who's who in the NWAACC Western Division this year.

Tacoma Titans

The Titans come into the season ranked No. 1 in the NWAACC. They have a combined record of 58-9 over the past two seasons. Last year they came up disappointedly short to Centralia in the Western Division and a final record of 23-10; Head Coach Jim Roffler said Roffler.

Lower Columbia

The upper Columbia did lose two all-conference players after coaching the South Puget Sound, and the task of making a competitive transfer Tyler Zornes has any reason to be excited at this point.

Centralia

Returns center Jay VanHoolsk, who set a school record with 115 blocks last season. VanHoolsk also posses a scoring threat after averaging 15 points and grabbing the seven rebounds per contest last season. Lower Columbia did lose two all-league freshmen from last season.

Gary Arthur is only returning five players.

Centralia was picked to finish ninth in the Western Division this season.

Grays Harbor Chokers

Grays Harbor's season this year.

Green River Gators

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Grays Harbor Chokers

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Last year Grays Harbor was 13-14 and did not go to the playoffs.

This season Head Coach Gary Arthur is only returning two players, and neither of them are starters. Arthur is in his 14th season as head coach of the Chokers. He feels this his team is young and inexperienced, and they deserve their low preseason rank in the Western Division.

"We need someone to step up and become a leader for this team," said Arthur.

Teams look tough in Western Division

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Nicholson could Highline's big gun

Shooting guard is one of two returners off last year's squad

By Jacob Marx
Inside Scoop

Last year Nicholson was the sixth man, but now he is the man. He has worked hard and is now a threat to opposing teams. He is attempting to lead the Thunderbirds to their fourth NWAACC championship. Austin Nicholson was an athlete of all sports at Lindbergh High School in Renton, but he decided basketball was his best.

"I played every sport in high school, but I just basically liked basketball. I like the competition, it's more fun, and I have made a lot of friends because of basketball," said Nicholson.

In high school Nicholson considered himself more of a jumper since he came to High School in Renton, but he has worked hard and is now a threat to opposing teams. He has been working on his long-range jumper since he came to Highline a year ago.

"When I came here I had to learn how to become a better shooter. So the coaches really worked with me a lot to help me with my three-point shot," said Nicholson.

Albrecht seems to be very confident in Nicholson's ability; Nicholson also has gained the confidence of his teammates and has even got the attention of local four-year schools. Seattle University, Western Washington and Central Washington are a few schools that are interested in Nicholson's ability to play ball.

"Austin's strength is his shooting. His defense is solid; although I'm pretty picky with defense, but I still think it could be better," said Albrecht.

Nicholson will be asked to carry an ever greater load this season after starting point guard Daniel Alderete injured his knee last weekend. Alderete could be out for the season.

Nicholson is a good student with great expectations in his ability to play basketball.

Multi-sport Peterson moves to basketball

By Jacob Marx
Inside Scoop

A walk-on is defined as an athlete who tries out for a team and works her tail off, showing the coach her hard work, leadership, and competitive skills.

Here at Highline Nellie Peterson has walked onto the women's basketball team. She was rusty since she has not played since high school, but Coach Dennis Olson urged her to try out, simply because of her athletic ability.

Peterson plays women's volleyball and women's fastpitch here at Highline. She plans on graduating this year after two years here at Highline, and will be sticking around to work in Seattle, or she will work in Hawaii.

Peterson stands at 5'9" and is center/post player for the Thunderbirds.

"She is a very competitive and determined athlete, and she has a great work ethic," said Assistant Coach Lisa Rakoz. Rakoz is new to the Highline community, but says that she enjoys being here. She also is a positive role model, and a good friend for anyone who needs her, teammates say.

Peterson has not played basketball in three years, but what motivated her to join the team was actually watching the games.

"Every time I saw a game I would say to myself, 'I should be out there,' and I just plain missed playing basketball," said Peterson.

Peterson was a three-year varsity player at Kenridge High School. Peterson came to Highline for two reasons: one the fastpitch program is a great program, and two, she said, Green River would be too much like high school.

Peterson will bring a lot to the team, as far as offense and defense but her intensity level is where she is most impressive.

"She is a great, unselfish player, and she is a great team player as well as a positive role model," said Rakoz.

"Peterson's offensive game is coming along," says Rakoz. Rakoz has a nice turnaround fade-away jump shot, and she is very physical with her defense, but she will improve," said Rakoz.

Rakoz is very confident in Peterson's abilities, and hopes that everything will turn out all right.

Peterson is also confident in her abilities. "I'm not the worst on the team, and I'm not the best on the team," said Peterson.

Peterson's experience from last year is going to play a huge role this season due to the lack of returning players. This season Head Coach Jeff Albrecht named Nicholson co-captain of the team.

"Austin is a good ball handler, good shooter and an overall smart basketball player. He brings a lot of leadership and ability to the team, and that is why I have made him one of the three captains this season," said Albrecht.

Albrecht is entering his third season as Highline's head coach.

Last year Nicholson helped lead the T-Birds to their third NWAACC championship in five years. At the beginning of last season Nicholson was a play away from starting, and then he got his chance. He ended up starting a handful of games, ultimately playing a major role in the T-Birds' title run.

"I've improved a lot; last year I wasn't a scorer, and this season I am a captain and I'm looking to shoot more," said Nicholson.

"Austin can play good against anybody. Last season he led in three-point field goals," said Albrecht.

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The Thunderbirds look to reload after last years sixth place finish in the NWAACC Championships

BY BRYAN SHARICK
Inside Scoop

The Highline women’s basketball team comes off a successful season last year, finishing fourth place in the NWAACC tournament.

However, Head Coach Dennis Olson looks to improve on that. Olson also got his 500th win ‘Tuesday night with a victory over Franklin Pierce.

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Northern Division will be fun to watch

Clark and Highline should lead the pack again and the final two spots will be up for grabs

By Bryan Sharick

It's winter again, and everyone is catching basketball fever.

The Northern Division should be tough again with Hightline and Clark leading the way. The other two playoff spots will be up for grabs for the rest of the Northern Division. Two teams that look to be in contention are Centralia and Lower Columbia.

Centralia should be in the running because they have the most players returning to their team. That gives them experience which should come in handy in close games. Lower Columbia could also surprise a lot of people in the league with a good recruiting class.

Here's a brief bio of all the teams in the league, and what the coaches had to say:

**Centralia Trailblazers**

Last year the Trailblazers were 12-4 in League, finishing third place in the Western Division. The Trailblazers return nine out of 12 players from last year's team. The leadership should be there for the Trailblazers. Also, next year was only the fourth time since 1925 that Centralia had made it to NWAACC.

"At the very least, they (Centralia) should finish third. They have the most experience in the league," said Lower Columbia Head Coach Jason Hoseney.

**Clark Penguins**

If there is a favorite in the league, the Penguins are it. The Penguins finished 14-2 in league last year, and claimed second place. The Penguins will be fighting it out again for the top spot with Hightline. They're also one of the taller teams in the division. Clark also has some key people returning from last year's squad.

Clark's head coach was not available for comment.

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Highline’s Steve Grimm, top, puts the hurt on an opponent in Yakima.

Thunderbird wrestlers face tough league

BY MICAH THECISTON
Inside Scoop

Very few schools, at any level, can boast a nationally recognized team. Highline’s students and staff are fortunate enough to witness a wrestling team that has attained this type of status.

Currently the Thunderbirds are ranked No. 8 in the nation. As good as it is to be recognized as a national power, what the Thunderbirds really want is to do well at the end of the season tournament.

“We’re not nearly as solid a line-up this year as last,” said head Coach Todd Owens. “We should finish better this year because we know what it takes to get to the top.”

This year’s squad is anchored by senior captain Carlos Adamy, 133 pounds and Trevor Smith, 197. Both Adamy and Smith are the heart and soul of the T-Bird squad that is trying to establish itself as one of the best teams around.

“We have a bunch of quality individuals, with hard work and dedication, a couple guys should go far,” said Coach Owens.

Owens.

Each year Highline is faced with a tough task of competing against national powers in wrestling. The competition that the wrestlers face during the season prepares them for the tournament so that hopefully they will win their weight class.

“We’re in the best league in the nation,” said Coach Owens. “North Idaho is last year’s national champion, and Rick’s College isn’t as powerful, but is still a national champion as well.”

Even with all of the stiff competition, the T-Birds are right at the top of the league. With wrestlers such as Darryl Gardner, 141, who has a banged up knee, and others who are out because of injuries, Highline may yet have a lot of people placing at the tournament.

Gardner, who graduated from Ferris High School in Spokane, took first in the state his senior year. Last season Gardner red-shirted, and if it were not for his knee, he would be one of the best wrestlers nationally in his weight class.

“I think 141 is the toughest weight class right now. When I go to a tournament I have 42 people in my weight bracket. I know I will do a lot better when I am 100 percent,” said Gardner. Heavyweight Ty Satlacum feels that Highline is a well-conditioned team that will be a force as the season goes on. Satlacum placed fourth at the state tournament last year. This season he wants to be an academic All-American and a freshman All-American.

“As a team we’re right up there beneath North Idaho.”

said 125 pound freshman Gabe Ramos.

In a league that includes Division I schools these Highline wrestlers are at the top of their game.

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Smith leads charge for T-Birds on the mat

BY MICAIAH THEICKSTON
Inside Scoop

If Highline were to go to war, the first wave would be made up entirely of its wrestlers. Not because they are expendable, but because they would probably win so quickly that there wouldn’t be a second one.

184 pound Trevor Smith, the toughest kid you’ll ever meet with the biggest grin you’ll ever see, would lead that charge. Smith, a second-year student at Highline, got started wrestling his sophomore year at Mark Morris High School.

“All my uncles wrestled, so they got me started,” said Smith. “Wrestling just got me in shape for football season.”

By his senior year at Mark Morris, Smith had earned several awards for his leadership and work ethic on the football field as well as the wrestling mat.

“I got awards like ‘most athletic’ and ‘hardest worker’ in high school,” said Smith.

Smith came to Highline, via Longview, because of its record of having the only proven wrestling team in the area.

Smith’s unparalleled work ethic has gotten Yakima earlier this month.

Smith is already looking at getting back at the 197 pound national champion from Lassen College who knocked him out of last year’s tournament.

Smith plans on majoring in business administration. He holds a steady 3.0 GPA and will graduate from Highline at the end of Spring Quarter 2002.

The best course Smith has taken at Highline has been a political science class. “Glennon has definitely been my favorite teacher,” said Smith.

Smith has two younger brothers in high school. “They’ve tried wrestling and didn’t really like it,” said Smith.

After Highline, Smith plans to take his impressive wrestling career to the next level. “I’m looking to go to Arizona State. I don’t know; we’ll see what happens,” he said.

Photos by Joe Walker

Highline’s Trevor Smith hammers opponents in matches with the biggest grin you’ll ever see.

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Coach Olson wins 500th game

Thunderbird women's coach reaches magic milestone

BY JOE WALKER
Staff Reporter

Dennis Olson achieved his 500th victory Tuesday night when Highline trounced Bellevue. The 29-year veteran of coaching women's basketball stepped into a select circle Tuesday night. Highline dominated Bellevue throughout the game.

Olson's starters took the lead early in the game capitalizing on Bellevue's poor ball handling and passing.

Highline used a string of steals to improve their score to 12-4 in the first 10 minutes of the game.

Freshman Diane Whitehead showed her stuff as she sank 3-pointers throughout the game, helping Highline increase their lead.

When it was all over, Bellevue lay defeated and Highline began yelling "500 H.C.C.!!" in commemoration of Coach Olson's 500th win.

Lisi Rakoz, the women's basketball assistant coach, played for Olson when she was attending Auburn High School. "I think he is very approachable," said Rakoz.

"I loved playing for Olson in high school," said Rakoz.

"He is a lot more than when I was at high school," said Rakoz.

Since high school she has noticed that Olson's philosophy has changed.

"He is such a fundamentalist," said Rakoz.

"Olson is known for sticking to the basics when bringing up new players. "He knows when to make the right pass and the right cut," said Rakoz.

One of last year's assistant coaches, Nicole Ulrich, is now purusing to coach her own team. Ulrich credited Olson with teaching her a lot about the game that she's still using now.

Ulrich said Olson was the best coach she has ever had and that he is one of the funnest she has played for.

Olson was very modest about reaching 500 victories.

"I've been coaching a long time and it's been fairly consistent," said Olson.

Olson continues to coach because he enjoys being around kids and it keeps him occupied.

Over 29 years of coaching Olson has seen women's basketball progress.

"The players are better when I first started. Most players had never played before," said Olson.

"Also the players have gotten taller over the years.

"We used to think a 5'10" post was a pretty good size," said Olson.

My most memorable experience coaching was my first state championship at Auburn, and we were undefeated in the season, said Olson.

A tribute to Olson's coaching talents was his first year at Highline.

"We weren't expected to do anything but we went all the way to the NWAACC championship game," he said.

Olson will continue to coach into the foreseeable future.

"I think I'd take a long time to hit 1,000. I'm happy with 500."
Once a T-Bird, Scalabrine is now a Net

By Matthew Miller
Staff Reporter

From Enumclaw to Des Moines, from Des Moines to Los Angeles, and from Los Angeles to New Jersey. That is the road that Highline graduate Brian Scalabrine took to get to the NBA. At 6’9” and 240 pounds Scalabrine has a perfect sized body for the NBA. With his bright orange hair and pale, freckly face that don’t quite fit the image of a present-day NBA player.

Scalabrine came to Highline after graduating from Enumclaw High School in 1996. While at Highline Scalabrine averaged 163 points and 9.3 rebounds. He also led Highline to a 31-1 record that was good enough to win the 1997 NWAACC Championship. Scalabrine says that nothing compares to the time he spent at Highline.

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Scalabrine, stars never mattered to Scalabrine; all he wanted to do was win and have fun. It wasn’t necessarily Scalabrine’s good stats while playing at Highline that got him into the University of Southern California however. He feels that his work ethic and dedication to improve as a player is what earned him his chance.

“Brian is the hardest working player I have ever coached,” said Highline assistant coach Fred Harrisons, who is one of many people who feel Scalabrine’s work ethic is one of his best traits.

Scalabrine gives a lot of credit to Highline and its stuff for his success. Coaches get Scalabrine’s appreciation for his skills on the court. However, he feels that you can’t be successful at one thing unless the rest of your life is in order.

“Enumclaw is the reason why I came to Highline. I couldn’t be anywhere else because of my grades. People like Mego Buchen and teachers I’ve had have changed my life around,” said Scalabrine.

Scalabrine’s appreciation for his work ethic is one of his best traits.

I propose that Highline change its mascot from a Thunderbird to a squirrel. When was the last time have you saw a Thunderbird on campus? The only Thunderbirds I have ever seen have been Fords. Squirrels, on the other hand, Seminary and Presbyterian United States, coincidentally both in Virginia, have a squirrel as their mascot, Mary Baldwin have a squirrel as their mascot, should be replaced. A squirrel is a better mascot.

Squirrels are indigenous to that part of California. Possibly Richmond University could say their mascot, a squirrel, has been spotted every now and then on their campus.

Introducing the Highline Fighting Squirrels

That is why the proposition of a squirrel as a mascot should be upgraded to a fighting squirrel. People do not take it all it would make for some cool art in the Pavilion. Imagine, if you will, a giant painting of a muscle bound squirrel with its’ tusk’s up looking over indoor sporting events. The change of mascots at Highline will cost some money for uniforms and the paper that would have to change to name to the Weekly Nut.

But just think, the next time you are walking on campus and you see a squirrel run up a tree you will think of the Weekly Nut. Maybe also has a three-legged squirrel named Tripod who all ready beat up two neighborhood dogs.

Got lice? You should probably see a doctor. If you got sports news call 206-878-3710 ext. 3317.
Frantz lets students evaluate their lives

By KRISTEN WALLACE
Staff Reporter

Highline's new psychology teacher, Sue Frantz, wasn't always interested in a psychology degree.

"Until college I had always been under the impression that a psychologist had to be a therapist. It was in Intro to Psychology that I first realized there were other places a degree in psychology could get you--like research or teaching," said Frantz.

It was then, in her freshman year of college, Frantz decided to major in psychology. Frantz obtained her bachelor's degree from Indiana University of Pennsylvania, where she had grown up. Then she moved to Kansas for five years where she served masters at the University of Kansas.

Frantz next headed to New Mexico where she began her teaching career at New Mexico State University. During her time there she taught many types of psychology classes including Introduction to Psychology, Human Sexuality, Developmental Adjustment, and Women's Studies.

"Introduction to Psychology is my favorite class to teach. We cover a lot of space in a very chapter there is something that touches every student. I like seeing people get excited about a class that they were just taking to fulfill a course requirement," said Frantz in her enthusiastic tone. This is Frantz's first quarter at Highline where she is currently teaching Introduction to Psychology and Human Sexuality.

"I heard a lot of wonderful things about Highline. I feel that the opportunities Highline creates for students are excellent and I wanted to be a part of it," said Frantz.

Dressed in jeans and a button down shirt, Frantz's appearance replicates her down to earth demeanor. Frantz loves to teach, and has trouble thinking about anything she doesn't like about it. "My favorite thing about teaching is that I get to help students evaluate their values and beliefs and see them use what we cover in their day-to-day lives. The rewards in that respect are great and immediate," said Frantz passionately. "It's hard to think of anything I don't like, because even the things that are hard I look at as challenges."

Frantz just began noshing here at Highline Fall Quarter.

Frantz is not just a local teacher; she also enjoys the work she does on a national level.

"I currently review the ins and outs of my own psychology textbook. I also review a site for the American Psychological Association," said Frantz, who speaks of her accomplishments in a straightforward manner.

She really enjoys this work, and hopes to do more things on a national level in the future.

"A big goal of mine is to give back to past psychologists. I want to give something back to the people who gave so much to me," said Frantz.

When thinking of her role models, Frantz's mind goes directly to her friends in New Mexico.

"They taught me to continue striving for knowledge, but to remember that there are other things to life than just work," said Frantz.

When not in the classroom, Frantz enjoys a number of activities. She is currently learning to play the piano. She loves jogging, reading, hiking and going on leisurely walks with her dogs. Frantz currently resides with her partner, Verla and her two Rottweiler mixes, Ripley and Max.

Welfare deadline won't hit Highline

By CARRIE WOOD
Staff Reporter

Students at Highline should not be affected as the end draws near to the five-year time limit on benefits provided by the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families.

"We may see misinformation, we may see students who think that they are going to get cut off, that has certainly been the message up to this point," said Kelli Johnston, director of the state program at their office on the top floor of the Student Services building.

The 1997 Legislature enacted WorkFirst, Washington's welfare reform mandate to decrease the state's welfare caseload. WorkFirst is based on the belief that everyone has abilities needed in the workforce, and those who can work should work.

A participant must work a certain amount of hours per week under the WorkFirst program in order to receive Temporary Assistance for Needy Families.

This month, Gov. Gary Locke announced the extension of Assistance for Needy Families benefits, past the 60-month time limit on Aug. 1, 2002. Even though Locke's office sent a notice of the extension, it did not have all the details on how the extension would occur, or what it would mean to the students.

"The state has been getting a lot of questions on this," said Johnston. "What we hope we can do in the next few days is reach out and answer some of those questions, as things come up."

"Students who fear they may be affected by the cut-off are urged to go to the Women's Center with any questions and for guidance."

"What we hope is that they can come in and talk to us, so we're asking all the other departments, people on campus as well as other students who have questions whether they could be referred to come to us and we'll help work with you to address those issues," said Johnston.

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Helping gives a hand

By RICHARD MULLEN
Staff Reporter

Highline students are invited to support Des Moines Elementary in the Helping Hand program.

Helping Hand is designed to help kindergarten through sixth grade students understand and excel in their education.

"This program affects not only students but teachers as well. It gives teachers the chance to elaborate on various topics without leaving any students behind," said Dan Fortin, student senator for Highline.

Two volunteers have engaged themselves in this program up to this point; if anyone chooses to exceed 30 hours a quarter they will be eligible for one education credit.

"I encourage students to contribute to the lives of the younger generations," said Fortin.

The Helping Hand Program adopted Des Moines Elementary.

Let fall the students did so well with the program that it is returning this winter.

Last year the student's grade point averages went up a tremendous amount after they received the assistance. This made Helping Hand a success.

Fortin works with struggling students. Last year he gained from the students more than he expected.

"After all the meetings and long hours with the students I would ask myself if I'm doing it worth my time? Then when the students' grades came out I found that the students were coming out on top and heads down, but this time was different. All of the students' grades went up at least one letter grade. That made all the long hours and hard work worth it," said Fortin.

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Recount for two Des Moines races to take place

Leads in races are less than 0.5 percent ahead

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Two local city council races will be subject to an automatic recount this week after the first round of counting failed to identify clear winners.

King County elections officials finished their initial count on Nov. 21. But races in SeaTac and Des Moines were within 0.5 percent, necessitating the automatic recount.

The races for SeaTac’s City Council Position No. 3 and Des Moines City Council Position No. 1 are each separated by less than 15 votes.

Newcomer Kay Lasco leads incumbent Marion Henry by only 14 votes in SeaTac, with few returns expected, and 18 votes before the final tally. Lasco received 50.18 percent and Henry received 49.82 percent of the vote.

The Lasco-Henry recount was to occur Wednesday afternoon. Results were unavailable at press time.

In Des Moines, Richard Benjamin leads incumbent Dan Sherman by a mere eight votes in the race for Position No. 1 on the City Council.

In the final official count, which was posted on Nov. 21, Benjamin holds 3,064 votes and 50.07 percent of the vote. Sherman trails behind with 3,056 votes and 49.93 percent of the vote.

The official recount is scheduled for today, Thursday, Nov. 29 at 9 a.m.

If the races are still too close to call, another recount can take place, but only if the candidate requesting it pays a fee. And if there is a tie, the candidate can choose to pay for a recount or they can flip a coin.

Patterson creates changes for the 33rd District

By JOHN MONTENEGRO
Staff Reporter

State Sen. Julia Patterson’s election to the King County Council will create some change in the 33rd Legislative District.

The SeaTac Democrat defeated Republican Pam Roach for the council’s 13th District seat. Patterson is expected to officially resign her Senate seat on Dec. 9. That will create at least one vacancy, and probably two.

Karen Keiser, D-33rd, is expected to fill Patterson’s Senate seat. Keiser was officially nominated by the 33rd District Democratic precinct officers on Monday night and is expected to be formally appointed Dec. 10 by the County Council. She will have to stand for election in the seat in fall of 2002.

Keiser’s vacant House seat is expected to be filled by Patterson’s former legislative assistant, Dave Uphogrove.

Uphogrove still needs to be nominated by the 33rd District Democrats, who will meet next on Dec. 17.

Uphogrove currently lives in Des Moines. He got his start in politics at the University of Colorado, where he majored in environmental conservation and biology. Uphogrove wanted to go into a profession that would affect people so he went into public service. “Public service has the ability to make changes in the world around you,” he said.

When he returned to Washington, he got a job with the state Legislature and has been Julia Patterson’s senior legislative aide for the past six years.

Professors bring U.S. issues to the forefront

“The U.S. needs more humanitarian policies after the conflict in Afghanistan ends,” said faculty and students at a U.S.-Afghanistan forum last week.

The town meeting was on Wednesday, Nov. 21. It was the second part of a two-part forum on the U.S.-Afghanistan conflict sponsored by the Political Science Department, and featured short presentations by Dr. Emmanuelle Chiabi and Dr. Kraig Schwartz.

The forum started with Schwartz, who talked about the possible consequences the U.S. would face if it kept going with its current foreign and national policies. Schwartz said that the U.S. would face the same fate as other empires, that it would eventually fall.

“All empires fall because they try to control too much,” said Schwartz.

Schwartz went on to say that interest groups influence U.S. policy. Schwartz later said that the U.S. government only goes into conflicts that the U.S. has a national interest in.

Schwartz also said that when the war in Afghanistan is over in a few years there would be another group of people in another country to have a war against. He said that the Caspian Sea will be the next place for the U.S. to have a conflict over because of the sea’s immense oil resources.

Schwartz did say that it is possible to change what could happen, however.

“The U.S. needs to change its foreign policy,” said Schwartz.

Schwartz policies after the U.S. can do two things to improve the situation. The first is to support the United Nations. “The U.S. only uses the U.N. to help pave the way for its wars,” said Schwartz.

The second was to be a good global citizen, saying that the U.S. should try to aid different countries.

Dr. Emmanuelle Chiabi followed. In his presentation, Chiabi talked about why the terrorists hate the U.S. and what the U.S. could do to avoid another situation like the events of Sept. 11.

Chiabi said that most terrorist groups have a political agenda that they want to fill.

“Terrorism is a means, not an end,” said Chiabi.

Chiabi said that the current U.S. foreign policy directly motivates the actions of the terrorist groups, saying also that the two weeks after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks were of great concern and that the U.S. should consider religious and social issues of other nations.

Chiabi later said that the U.S. fails to give economic aid to the countries in the Middle East and instead give aid to those countries that are of national interest to the U.S.

“The U.S. must re-evaluate globalization of the world economy and the culture of dissent,” said Chiabi.

Chiabi also gave suggestions to improve the situation in the Middle East. He said that the U.S. should repackag and sell America to try to persuade the world that our system is the best.

The town meeting concluded with an hour-long question and answer period in which faculty and students discussed different issues.

Amp! Mahmoud, a faculty member here at UV, began the discussion by saying that during the liberation of Kabul, the U.S. had bombed the Al-Jazeera office so the U.S. should stop trying to have two different cultures that would not be able to know the atrocities perpetrated by the Northern Alliance. Al-Jazeera is a Qatar-based news network that broadcasts across the Middle East.

Most students agreed that the U.S. should use more humanitarian policies when going into countries instead give aid to those countries.

Some faculty members said that the U.S. is influenced by interest groups, explaining that many of the national policies including the proposed drilling of the North Slope in Alaska would only line the pockets of the oil companies, which directly affects the president and vice-president.

One student argued that the U.S. is also trying to send a Jewish “lloyd” to help aid Israel in its fight against the Palestinians for control of Jerusalem.

Faculty and students agreed that the U.S. must change its national and foreign policy to accommodate the needs of nations that we enter into so that the U.S. can avoid another situation like the ones that will have serious repercussions in the future.

“America must become a good international citizen,” said Schwartz.
low cut, backless halter-tops are everywhere. A lot of women wear open-shoulder tees to top off their outfits, even the girls, said Mann. These lovely ladies welcome the guys with hugs. "I missed you," one of the women says. Meeting people you know at the club can be sort of a Catch-22. On one hand, you have someone to dance with the whole night. On the other hand, you might want to dance with someone else and feel obligated to come with instead. Then again, it would all depend on your personality. "I'm not gonna go and try to dance with someone I don't even know because I can't dance that good," said Mann. 

"There's not too many hot girls here tonight anyway," said Mann. More girls means more business for dance clubs. It's never going to be the same faces and same girls every night. Some people agree that a lot of it is about potential. "I like to dance with every girl that I'm attracted to all the time," Mann said. 

"Some people agree that a lot of it is about potential. "I like to dance with every girl that I'm attracted to all the same in the same way. I'm not looking for a girlfriend; but if a girl gives me her number then it's all good," one dancer said. At dance clubs physical attraction is the only thing that matters. If someone looks good and can dance they have a higher chance of attracting others. "Dancing makes me feel free," said a girl. Freedom doesn't last forever though. As a 2 a.m. nears the girls are ready to call it a night. School begins again tomorrow and the guys will be working for the weekend.

"So you guys down for next Sunday?" Mann asks. "For sure," Melewski says.
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