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Dancing the night away

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

By CHRIS NUEZ
Staff Reporter

Nick Melewski of Milton takes one last look in the mirror before finally accepting the image he sees.

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

Virak Mann, a Highline student, is on his way to pick everybody up. Tonight was his idea.

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

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 either. Once inside the ritual would begin.

Polly's is gonna be poppin' tonight and these three bachelors aren't going to miss out.

Sunday is 18-and-over night at Club Polly Esther's. Polly Esthers is located on the corner of Fifth and Harrison, in Seattle, across the street from the Experience Music Project. KISS 106.1 sponsors the night and has had much success. It's now the biggest 18-and-over dance night in the area.

DJ Tamm is the house DJ,

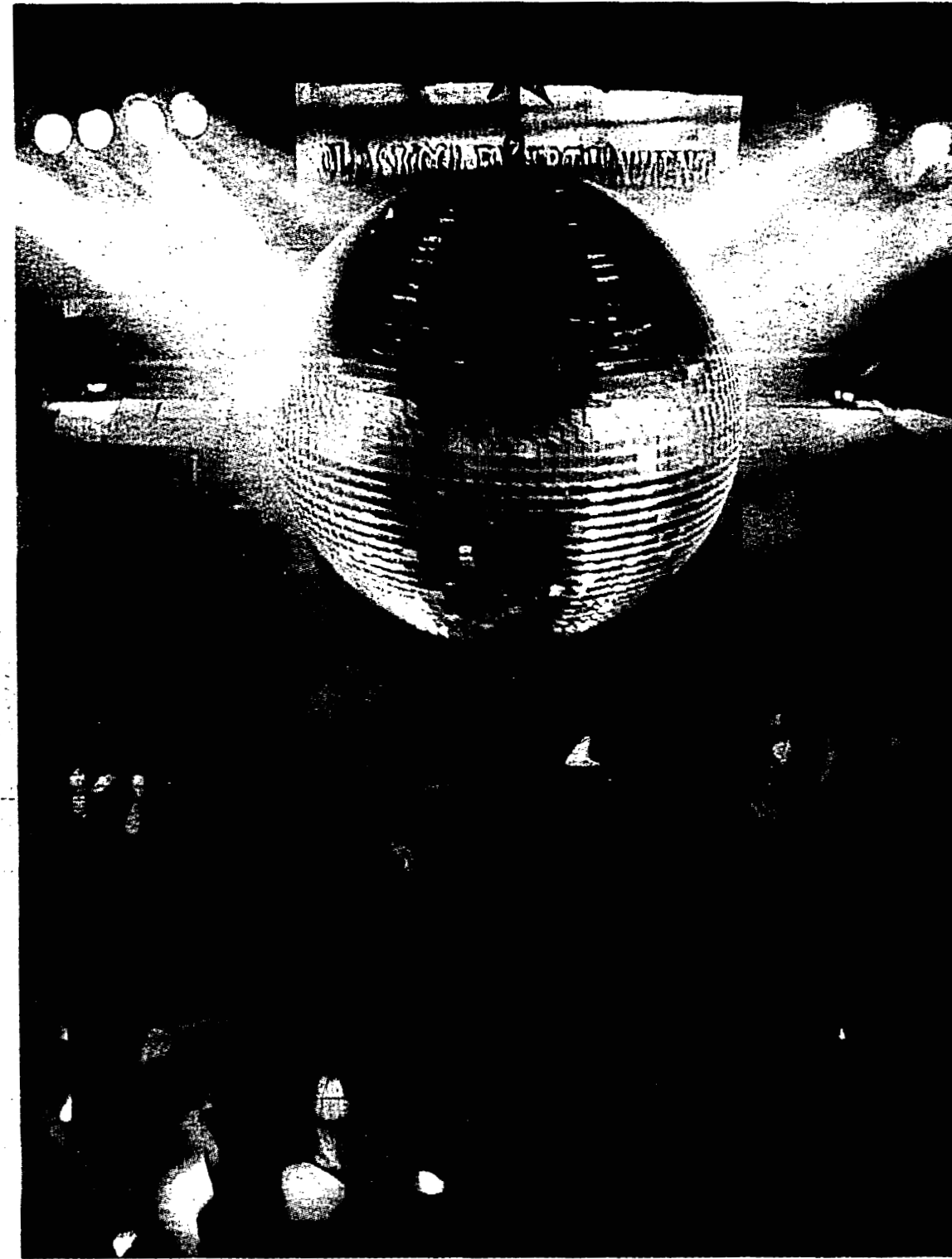


Photo by Joe Walker

Clubbers get down under the disco ball on a Sunday night at Polly Esther's.

spinning today's top dance music. Hip-hop and electronic music are the most played and popular. The music ranges from Britney Spears to DMX.

Polly Esther's is really two clubs in one. The other half, "Culture Club," plays retro dance music and still manages to keep a full dance floor.

Dance clubs have been around since before your momma's momma. Young

adults want to get out there and experience things. Their hormones are raging to be released and what better way than performing the mating ritual.

As these three strapping men enter the club they scan the dance floor for familiar faces or anything potential.

The dance floor is full and the air is smoky from cigarettes. It's hard to even dance because there are so many bodies.

Sometimes you can smell the sweat and body odor from unhygienic club goers.

The dress code isn't too strict. Outfits vary with different people. T-shirts and jeans are fine for guys, but the women tend to try a little harder to impress.

Tight pants, short skirts, and

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Financial aid leaves people short of money

By JOHNNY PAK
Staff Reporter

Many Highline students are getting their financial aid late this year.

Staffing problems may be to blame, but the associate dean of enrollment services says several factors contribute to when students got their money.

The director of Financial Aid says the delay may also be students turning their FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) form late.

Whatever the blame may be, many students are frustrated and they have lined up in front of the financial aid office day after day throughout the quarter to check their status.

Some students said they did not get their money until several weeks after Fall Quarter had started and some received only a portion of what they thought they would get.

"I submitted the form on Jan. 8 and I still haven't gotten anything yet," said second-year student Yvonne Espinoza.

She said if it wasn't for her scholarship, she might have been dropped from her class.

"My scholarship paid for it. I'm still waiting for the financial aid to pay for my gas and books."

Espinoza ended up getting her money about halfway through the quarter.

Meanwhile student and mother of two Sharleen Metje got her money fairly early.

"I applied for it in January or February and I received the first initial amount in the end of August," said Metje.

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

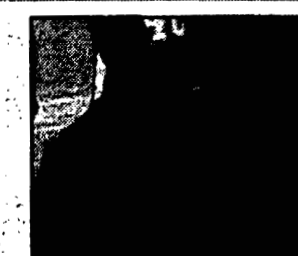
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Campus life

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Crime Blotter for Nov. 21-29

Student hurt

A Highline student was injured while working out in the weight room on Nov. 26 at approximately 1:30 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. 23.

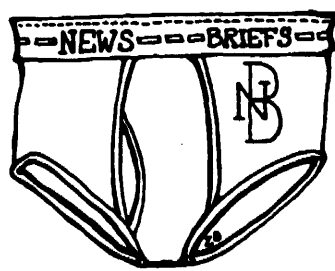
After the second separate attempt to wake him up he finally sat up and stated "Don't call the police, I'll get into trouble." He also stated that he is underage to be drinking.

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 was needed to call for assistance.

-Compiled by
Josh Davis



Student recitals set for December

Recitals for students at Highline are happening throughout the month of December. They are free and open to the public.

The advanced vocal recital is Sunday, Dec. 9 at 2:00 p.m. in Building 7.

All other recitals are on Monday, Dec. 10. The beginning piano recital is at 10:00 a.m. and the advance piano recital is at 11:00 a.m.

The class voice recitals are at noon with Nancy Warren as an accompanist and at 7:00 p.m. with Dan Tacke and Anna Hicks as accompanists.

Give a gift

You can help a person in need this Christmas.

Team Highline and Women's Programs are sponsoring a giving tree that allows students, staff and faculty to buy a gift for someone in need.

Ornaments on the tree include the name, age, sex, and the desired gift by someone who is in need.

The tree is in Building 8 from now until December 14.

All that is needed is your name and phone number so that Team Highline can contact you to make sure you have made the gift purchase.

For more information call Shawna Hubbard at 206-878-3710 ext. 3903.



Randy Fisher

Fisher to sing at Benaroya Hall

Randy Fisher, the bookstore manager, will be performing with the Seattle Choral Company at Benaroya Hall in downtown Seattle.

Fisher has a solo in a piece called *The Bells* that depicts a sleigh ride and the sound of horse bells.

It is reserved seating and performances at on Saturday, Dec. 1 at 2:30 p.m. and on Sunday, Dec. 2 at 7:30 p.m. For more ticket information call 206-363-1100 or call Ronda O'Brien at 206-878-3710 ext. 3540. O'Brien is getting a group together to get tickets at a cheaper price.

WTC center of Science Seminar

Science Seminar, a weekly lecture series featuring Highline faculty, will be resuming Friday, Nov. 30.

This week, Rebecca Sliger and Bob Makepeace will be discussing the causes of the World Trade Center disaster. The lecture will be held at 3:10 p.m. in Building 3, room 102.

'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 Voznyarskiy in the Library's Fourth Floor Gallery at 6:30 p.m.

Voznyarskiy is from Ukraine and has studied art in Kiev, Ukraine, and Riga, Latvia. His art reflects philosophical motives of life and conditions of the human soul.

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

Through his paintings Voznyarskiy 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 Theater Festival and will be adjudicated following the show. The audience is invited to stay after the show for the adjudication.

Blue Collar Blues opened Nov. 15 with remaining shows on Nov. 29, 30, and Dec. 1.

Tickets are \$5 for students/public and \$6 for the general public.

All proceeds benefit the Highline Drama Department.

Learn about the vegan way of life

BY BRANDACE SPANGLER
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 person eliminates meat from their diet versus veganism, which eliminates animal, dairy, and egg products. Dave Bemel, coordinator for Action For Animals, will speak about his experience as a vegan for the last eight years.

He first became a vegetarian in eighth grade in part because of crush he had on a girl who opened his eyes to 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 supporting the killing of animals and decided vegan was the choice for him.

He not only made this choice 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 merchandise.

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Campus life

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 just how important prevention is in taking control of this disease.

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 to 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 familiar



Photo by Tomo Yabuuchi

Jean Munro, 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.

"Be informed and know your options. It's your body and your life, so ask," said Hale. "Pass the word along."

Plan brings direction for Highline

By SUZANNE LONG
Staff Reporter

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 Arun Jhaveri. "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 Gorne, 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 living, breathing and guiding what we do at the college."

Brown comes to Highline for the opportunities

By CLINT MARAGGUN
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 week.

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

"What brings me to Highline are the great opportunities that are here. The new building will

offer a dynamic environment to be working in," said Brown.

Among Brown's new responsibilities are overlooking current events involving student programs, such as school dances and elections, and representing student programs at campus meetings.

Another aspect that has drawn Brown to Highline is its unique atmosphere.

"The level of offerings here at Highline is not too common in other community colleges around Washington," 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 is 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 aiming to make an immediate impact on student programs

through meeting students, interacting with the staff, as well as 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.

"I would like to let every student know that there is something for everyone in student programs by inviting people to participate," said Brown.

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editorial

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.

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 in the system, 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 are facing. The solution, of course, is more money.

Public institutions of learning are taking some hits this year in the lack of funds department. There isn't much money to go around—Highline is feeling this strain with the freezing of the capital budget by Gary Locke that halts the construction projects going on at Highline.

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.

the opinion page

Editorials are the opinion of the management of the newspaper which includes the Editorial board members Bryan Sharick, Janica Lockhart, Jason DesLongchamp, CJ Gambrel, Joe Walker, and Jordan Whiteley. Columns represent the opinions of the individual authors. Letters to the editor represent the opinions of the readers.

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

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 thrift stores you can purchase 14 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 bluemountain.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 christmas-cookies.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.christmas-activities.com. And 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 chores around the house. Like one free car wash, good until xx/xx/xx, baking cookies, or a free dinner down town. 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 for 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 several packages of seeds she can plant next spring.

Sam wants gift certificates from Nordstrom this year.

Letter to the editor

Dear Editor:

Reading through the Nov. 15 edition of the Thunderword, I came across an article by Mr. Bruce Richardson entitled "The Flag Means Many Things to Many People."

I was sorely disappointed to find that though the title appears to set up an objective and unbiased piece examining the many things that the flag means to many people, it was merely a platform for Mr. Richardson to spew disparaging and judgmental leftist rhetoric.

The primary problem with Mr. Richardson's indictment of the "war on terror" is that he uses his "feelings" as justification for opposing our

government's response to the terrorist attack.

Mr. Richardson, however, dismisses the sincerity of every flag-waving American with the accusation that we are attempting to "outpatriotize" one another. Why is he disturbed that George W. Bush, with an astoundingly high approval rating, has effectively united the nation behind efforts to free the world from the irrationality of suicidal terrorist extremists?

Willingness to reason and respond to the attack on a logical and effective basis takes an effort which many to the far left clearly refuse to exert.

Further, there is certainly a contingent of Americans who

feel that, regarding America, you can "love it or leave it," but for Mr. Richardson to characterize all flag-waving Americans as subscribers to such extremism is absurd and inaccurate. The right to dissent is secured in order that through the free exchange of ideas, we may find truth. In his dissension, however, Mr. Richardson presents NO alternative to the war on terror, and how could he?

The alternative is that we sit idly by and allow terrorists who seek the ultimate destruction of Western civilization and do not respect diplomacy, to run rampant, free of any and all restraint!

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Voice of the students

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Whole latté love

Highline barista brews ballads

By MONICA KOSTECKA
Staff Reporter

Every morning people walk by him as he strums on his guitar and cheerfully makes coffee for exhausted students. The "coffee guy" is how he is typically referred to, but there is more to him than just mochas and lattés.

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 are the most friendly and intelligent people I 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 recorded 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 intensely 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-

of music all mixed into one," he said.

Smokes hopes the band will start playing at community colleges, cafes, and ski resorts.

"It is too distracting to play at clubs because not only do we play music, we put on a theatrical 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 disciplined, he said.

"I read a book called *Diet for a New America*, and basically scared myself away from everything I had been eating."

"Over the years I have noticed 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 teaching lessons, selling boards, and talking to people about the company.

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

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



Photos by Joe Walker

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

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 favorite place. My dream is to someday live in a condo up there," he said.

In order to pursue both dreams, he must find time to make money. Smokes originally got involved with the coffee business because of its convenient location.

"I hate getting up in the morning, I am nocturnal by nature," Smokes said.

"Everyone may get the impression that I am happy all of the time, but I am not. It doesn't help to project my negative experiences on to others, so I dish out friendly energy in hopes it will return," Smokes said. "Smiles are contagious, if I am going to spread something 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 anything else is denying myself and everyone else the gifts I am meant to give."



Smokes makes a steamin' latté.

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

Sugar plum fairies are dancing in our town

By JANICA LOCKHART
Staff Reporter

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

It is a world rarely seen today, but for two hours you can be a part of this place, at the Pacific Northwest Ballet's production of *Nutcracker*.

It has become a holiday tradition in Seattle to go see *Nutcracker* and it never fails to disappoint.

Nutcracker tells the story of Clara (the younger one played by Erica Badgeley and the older one played by Patricia Barker),

a young girl who receives a nutcracker as a gift from her godfather, Herr Drosselmeier (Flemming Halby).

The night she receives the gift, she dreams of a world of Mouse Kings, soldiers and her nutcracker. After the battle between the Mouse King and the Nutcracker, he turns to a beautiful prince who takes her to a place of sugar plum fairies and peacocks.

Each dancer brings a unique touch to *Nutcracker* that is enjoyable. 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 performances of the ballet is that of

the Peacock (Melanie Skinner), who is smooth and gracious. Skinner's solo performance is full of confidence and definitely 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 ears.

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

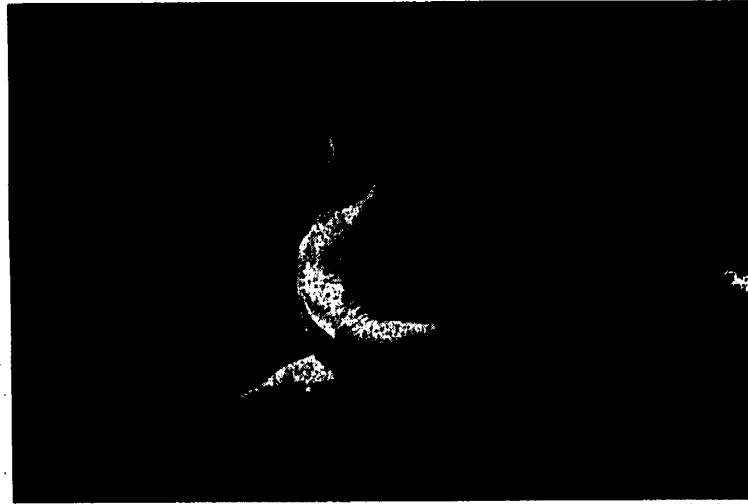


Photo by Angela Sterling

PNB Company dancer Kimberly Davey 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.ticketmaster.com.

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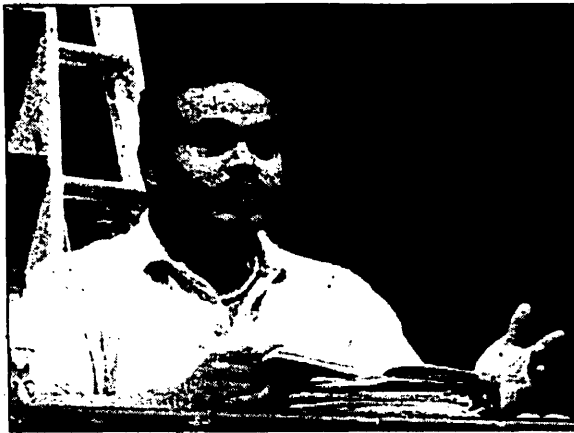
Carlos Calvo aims at future through acting

By CHAZ HOLMES
Staff Reporter

Anyone tired of those famous Hollywood actors who are way 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.



File photo Carlos Calvo is a mainstay of the Highline drama department.

"She knows so much about the business and has so much to teach," he says.

He says he was an outgoing individual to begin with, but that taking drama and being on stage has made him "a lot more confident."

"You have to have confi-

dence to get on stage."

There is no way that a person can rely on talent alone, Calvo says. "There's so much to the craft that I don't think you could get by without studying."

Acting has taught Calvo that everyone needs improvement, not meaning that actors are inherently bad, but rather that acting is an area in which there is so much

to learn and master that it is an ongoing and unyielding process.

Besides rehearsing, he has also had to teach himself some tricks to ensure a good performance. Prior to each show, Calvo reviews his lines by doing a complete run through. Also, just before going on stage he does some stretching to relax himself and finally, as he walks out, he takes some deep breaths.

He does admit that mistakes, involving botched lines during a performance, do happen, but that if an actor can improvise well, he or she can prevent the audience from realizing the faux pas.

He is currently playing Old Cow Poke, the radio D.J. in *Blue Collar Blues*, which ends

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

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

He also has ambitions to attend Cal Arts, and although he missed the cutoff age for Julliard admissions by just one year at age 25, he would also like to go to the London Academy for Music and Dramatic Art. This highly prestigious school accepts fewer than 10 applicants from America per year, but it does hold annual auditions here at Highline.

Calvo says his ultimate goal is "to cover a wide range of characters, to have the freedom [to play different parts]."

Bands brawl Friday

By CHRIS NUEZ
Staff Reporter

Bands will be duking it out at Team Highline's Battle of the Bands on Nov. 30 from 6-9 p.m. The event will take place in Building 7. Five bands will be competing for \$150, \$75, and \$50 prizes. Each band 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.

Battle of the Bands is being held to showcase local talent, said Rachel Platt from Team Highline.

"It's important for people to see music from the area," she said.

Cost for this event is \$2 or two cans of food. The cans will be donated to the Des Moines foodbank.

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Crossword 101

By Ed Canty

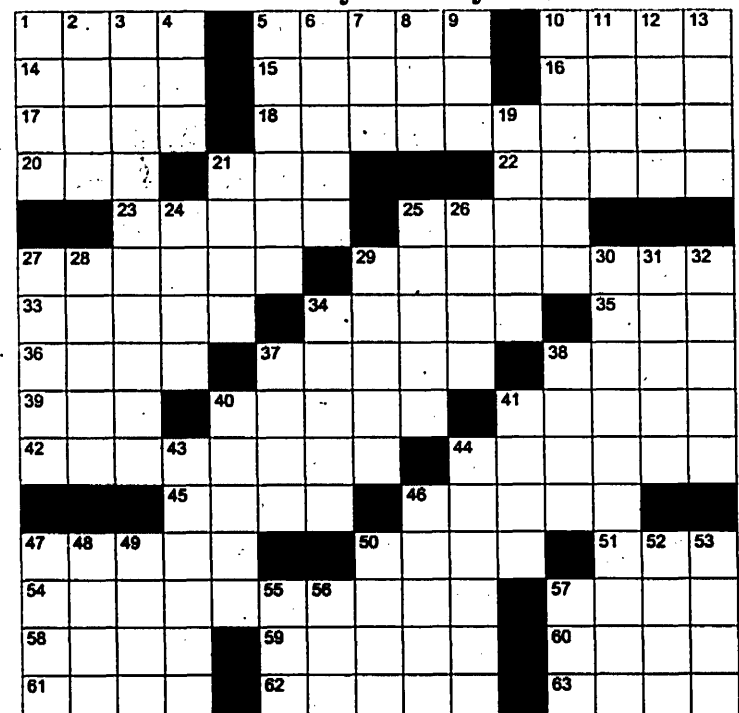
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Noah took into the Ark two taxes, one male and one female. And did they multiply bountifully! Next to guinea pigs, taxes are the most prolific animals.

• Will Rogers

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T-Birds reload with big-time talent

Men's hoops looks to keep dominance with new faces

BY MATTHEW MILLER
Inside Scoop

This year the Highline Men's Basketball team has to play the role of defense. As in, defending their NWAACC title from last season.

With a preseason injury to sophomore guard Danny Alderete, the

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

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

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 Ever-

green High School before transferring to Rainier Beach High School his senior year, was drafted by the Texas Rangers last spring. He is still a part of the Rangers organization but came back to the Northwest to continue his education and help Highline win another title before he has to report to spring training in March.

Smiley 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.



Photo by Joe Walker

Freshman Simon Cruz (right) defends Ray Robinson during practice earlier this week. Highline plays their first home game against Mt. Hood this Saturday at 4 p.m.

After the injury to Danny, adding Smiley and a player like Peter makes us a lot better, personnel-wise," 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



McDonald

his players also know that since the T-Birds are the defending NWAACC champions, they have a bull's-eye on their back.

"It's pretty typical that teams are shooting for us. This year it is a little tougher because of in-



Caine

juries and players being ineligible," said Albrecht. "Right now all we're thinking about is getting better each day to reach that goal. It's easier said than done, winning the title, so we'll worry about that when it comes."

This season the T-Birds have two freshman post players from California. TJ Arterberry is 6'7" from Westwood, Calif. and Jeelani McDonald is 6'5" from Clovis, Calif. Already this preseason both players have proven to be good additions to the team. Size is something that is always helpful in basketball and along with Perez, McDonald and Arterberry will be a force in the paint this season for Highline.

Other freshman additions to this year's team are Jason Cardenas

Cardenas from Mount Rainier and 2001 all-stater Seth Caine from Seattle Lutheran. Both Cardenas and Caine have played big roles in Highline's preseason success. Caine is averaging a little over 14 points a game and Cardenas is developing himself as a dominant rebounder.

Opposing coaches predict the division will be tough. They also predict that Highline will be the same this season.

2001-2002 Men's Basketball Roster

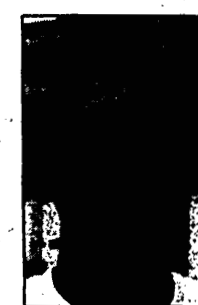
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3	Seth Caine	Guard	6'3"	Frosh	Seattle Lutheran
5	Austin Nicholson	Guard	6'2"	Soph	Lindberg
10	Danny Alderete	Guard	5'10"	Frosh	Mt. Rainier
13	Jeelani McDonald	Forward	6'5"	Frosh	Clovis (California)
20	J.R. Stephens	Guard	6'0"	Frosh	Evergreen
21	Simon Cruz	G/F	6'1"	Frosh	Auburn
22	T.L. Terrell	Forward	6'7"	Frosh	Federal Way
23	Gerald Smiley	Guard	5'11"	Frosh	Rainier Beach
24	Ray Robinson	G/F	6'2"	Frosh	Evergreen
32	Jason Cardenas	Center	6'6"	Frosh	Mt. Rainier
33	Ricky Jackson	Guard	6'2"	Frosh	Mt. Tacoma
42	T.J. Arterberry	F/C	6'7"	Frosh	Westwood (California)

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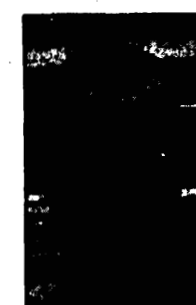
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Teams look tough in Western Division

By MATT MILLER
Inside Scoop

If you are a basketball coach in the Western Division of the NWAACC, you know you have your 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 that 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 are lucky enough to get there," 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 dominant teams can be contributed to the highly populated cities around western Washington and northwest Oregon. Schools like Tacoma and Highline are located in and near highly populated areas with good sized high schools to recruit from. This is a preseason 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 a surging Highline team in the championship game.

Head Coach Carl Howell lost three players to Division I schools. Keith Browne, NWAACC MVP, and Brandon Merritt, NWAACC first team, went to Eastern Washington and post Josh Barnard is now playing for the University of Washington.

Even so, Tacoma is not lacking size or talent. They have six players over 6'5" and have three high school all-state players. Sophomore forward Calvin Ento averaged 10 points and 9 rebounds last season for Tacoma and Freshman Neko Nunogawa from Decatur High School led all 4A players in scoring as a senior.

"We definitely have better depth than last year. We could be a factor in the NWAACCs, but I do think we are overrated," said Howell.

•Lower Columbia Red Devils

Lower Columbia made it all the way to the NWAACC last season before being ousted by

Highline. The team ended with a final record of 23-10. Head Coach Jim Roffler enters his 11th season as a Red Devil and he is excited about his team's chances this year.

"I think we have a good chance to make the tournament. We could be a top four team," said Roffler. Lower Columbia returns center Jay VanHook, who set a school record with 115 blocks last season. VanHook also poses as a scoring threat after averaging 15 points and grabbing seven rebounds per contest last season. Lower Columbia did lose two all-league freshman from last season. Guards Lance Pitts and Justin Cotrone left Roffler with the task of making a competitive team out of young, raw talent.

•Clark Penguins

Clark, 18-11 last year, ended their season with a double overtime loss to Edmonds in the first round of the playoffs. The team is short on experience, with no returning players and only two sophomores on the squad.

Dave Waldow enters his 13th season as Head Coach at Clark. Waldow feels that the team must mature quickly and get used to each other fast.

"We need to develop before we can compete with the better teams in the Western Division," said Waldow. Players to watch are guard Chaz Davis, forward Mike Browne and forward Garrett Johnson.

•Pierce Raiders

Jeff Estis is Pierce's third head coach in as many years. He is primed and ready to do

everything in his power to turn the Pierce College hoops team around.

Estis spent the 1990s in Division I as an assistant coach for such programs as Long Beach State and Syracuse. He feels that there is a bevy of talent in the greater Puget Sound area and he wants Pierce to become a springboard for players who want to go to Division I schools.

Last season, Pierce finished fifth in the Western Division with a record of 16-11. They haven't been to NWAACCs since 1990.

Guard Demetrius Crosby led Pierce in scoring last year with an average of 17.5 points. Florida Atlantic University transfer Tyler Zornes has anywhere-in-the-gym-type range. Zornes, originally from Kentucky, led his high school team to the state finals three straight years.

•South Puget Sound Clippers

Bill Mendleson is trying his hand at coaching the men's team after coaching the South Puget Sound women for the last six years. The Clipper men didn't do so well last season, dropping 22 out of 26 games.

South Puget Sound has only had a basketball team since 1992 and they have yet to make the playoffs. With the division as top-heavy as it is, the Clippers are in for a long season. One positive the Clippers have going into the season is their five returning players.

Coach Mendleson made it to the playoffs four times as coach of the women's team and once

to the final four, but the men's game is a little different and Mendleson will soon find out just how different it is.

The Clippers start the regular season against defending champion Highline on Jan. 5.

•Green River Gators

Travis Decuire is another first year coach in the Western Division trying to stake his claim as coach of a dominant program.

Dominating was certainly something that the Gators' opponents were able to do last season. They ended the season with an embarrassing record of 3-26.

However, last year is over and all that matters is what the Gators can do this year. Coaches in the division were

surprisingly kind to rank Green River sixth in the league.

Decuire feels that the Gators have their work cut out for them to be successful, but that they do have some weapons to build a team around. Sophomore Nate Robbins averaged 10 points last season and all-state guard Robert Bishop (averaged 22 points as a senior) will lead the Gators' fast paced offence.

•Centralia Trailblazers

Dave Klov Dahl thinks his Trailblazers will be much better than they were last year. However, the rest of the coaches in the league do not feel the same way. Centralia was picked to finish ninth in the Western Division this season.

Last year they went 8-18 and were led by Puyallup High School grad, Ben Riipi. Riipi led the team in scoring with 13.5 points per game. Centralia also returns three starters and five returners overall. One negative is the teams lack of size. The Blazers will get some much needed height in the middle when a 6'8" transfer becomes eligible midway through the season.

•Grays Harbor Chokers

The Chokers have only been to the NWAACC title game once in the past 13 years. That year was 1998 and they lost to Highline.

Last season 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 that his team is young and inexperienced, and they deserve their low preseason rank in the Western Division.

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

2001-2002 Men's Basketball Schedule

Day	Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Non-League Games				
Fri, Sat	November 16-17, 2001	Mt Hood Tournament	Away	TBA
Fri, Sat	November 23-24	Skagit Tournament	Away	TBA
Saturday	December 1	Mt Hood	Home	4:00 p.m.
Saturday	December 8	Bellevue	Home	4:00 p.m.
Fri, Sat, Sun	December 14-16	Crossover Tournament	Spokane	TBA
Thur, Fri, Sat	December 27-29	Shoreline Tournament	Away	TBA
League Games				
Thursday	January 3, 2002	Clark	Home	6:00 p.m.
Saturday	January 5	South Puget Sound	Away	3:00 p.m.
Wednesday	January 9	Green River	Home	6:00 p.m.
Saturday	January 12	Lower Columbia	Home	3:00 p.m.
Wednesday	January 16	Pierce	Away	6:00 p.m.
Saturday	January 19	Tacoma	Away	3:00 p.m.
Wednesday	January 23	Grays Harbor	Home	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday	January 30	Centralia	Away	6:00 p.m.
Saturday	February 2	Clark	Away	3:00 p.m.
Wednesday	February 6	South Puget Sound	Home	6:00 p.m.
Saturday	February 9	Green River	Away	3:00 p.m.
Wednesday	February 13	Lower Columbia	Away	6:00 p.m.
Saturday	February 16	Pierce	Home	3:00 p.m.
Wednesday	February 20	Tacoma	Home	6:00 p.m.
Saturday	February 23	Grays Harbor	Away	3:00 p.m.
Saturday	March 2	Centralia	Home	3:00 p.m.
Thur, Fri, Sat, Sun	March 7-10	NWAACC Championships	Tri-Cities	TBA

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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 slashing guard who liked to drive the lane. Now opposing teams in the NWAACC should fear Nicholson's ability to hit the outside shot. He has been working on his long-range jumper since he came to



Photo by Joe Walker

Austin Nicholson is going from sixth man to first option for the T-Birds.

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.

Nicholson'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 stability 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.

Albrecht seems to be very confident in Nicholson's abilities; 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.

When Nicholson was in high school, universities encouraged him to come to Highline to gain experience and work on his game. So far he has done nothing short of what he was encouraged to do. He came to Highline a good basketball player and he will leave Highline a better player than when he arrived on campus. He already has one championship, when he graduates he may have two.

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 winter after two years here at Highline, and will be sticking around to work in Seattle, or she will work in Hawaii.

Peterson stands at 5'8" 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 Kentridge 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. "She 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

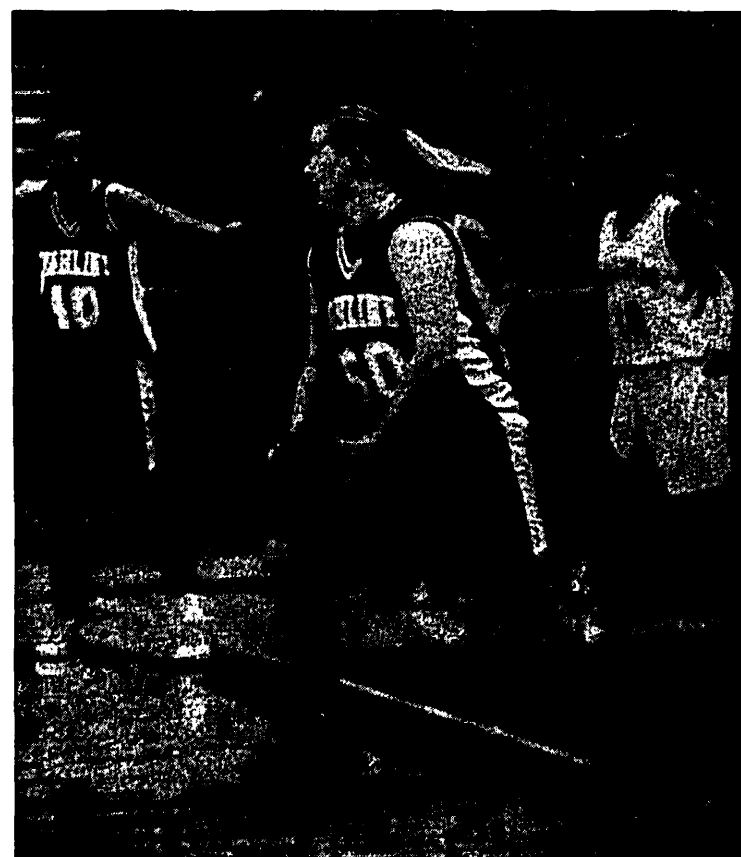


Photo by Joe Walker

Highline's Nellie Peterson looks for a pass Tuesday night.

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.

In the meantime, the season is ready to get under way with the Thunderbirds waiting patiently to pounce on their victims.

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Getting to know your Lady T-Birds

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 of 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 Bellevue.

The Thunderbirds return five players off last year's team.

The team is struggling a little right now with a lot of injuries and illness plaguing them.

"I've never gone through anything like this year with kids being injured and sick. It's crazy," said Olson.

This year's team includes six new freshmen, one transfer, one sophomore, and a new assistant coach.



Lisa Rakoz is the new assistant coach for the T-Birds and played for Olson when he coached at Auburn High School.

"He's (Olson) such a remarkable and outstanding coach, therefore it's a privilege to get new ideas from him," said Rakoz.

Rakoz comes to Highline from Centralia High School where she was the head women's basketball coach for many years. This year will be Rakoz's first year as an assistant coach.

Rakoz has been coaching for 19 years and she brings new recruiting areas because she knows all the coaches from Olympia to Vancouver, Wash.

5'8" returning starter and sophomore co-captain Briana



Duerr brings back her deadly aim from beyond the arc. Duerr plays the point guard and wing positions

for the Thunderbirds. Duerr went to high school at Lake Washington.

However, Duerr has had a stress fracture in her foot but hopefully this injury will not slow her down. Duerr was the third leading scorer on last year's team.

"Duerr is a very good outside shooter," said Olson.

Lauryn Jones, a 5'10" returning sophomore from Arlington High School, will be playing one of the forward positions for the T-Birds.

She was the second leading rebounder on the team last year and also was a very steady player.

"Lauryn doesn't make a lot of mistakes. She's a smart player," said Olson.

Sophomore Kristin Boyd stands at 5'7" tall and returns at the point guard position that she started at last year. Boyd attended high school at South Kitsap.

Boyd also does track here as well so that helps her with speed in basketball.

"Kristin is very athletic and plays good defense," said Olson.

Sophomore Niki White brings her 5'7" frame back to play the point guard and wing positions. White went to high school at Mt. Tahoma.

"Niki is a very good ball handler. She's improved her shooting and looking hard to cut



White Jeffries who came to Highline from Anchorage, Alaska. Jeffries will be playing the wing position.

"Leslie is very athletic and has the potential to be a very good player as she gains more experience," Olson said.

Sophomore transfer Shalynn Leonard, who stands at 6', came to Highline from North Seattle Community College. Leonard, who went to high school at Rainier Beach, will be featured

in the post position. Leonard is a very good rebounder and a good scorer in the paint.

"Shalynn is getting better as she gets into shape," said Olson.

Sophomore Nellie Peterson will also be playing her first year on the team. She also tried out for the team when she was a freshman. At 5'10", Peterson

will be playing the post position. She went to high school at Kentridge.

Peterson also has played volleyball and softball here for two years.

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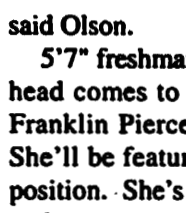
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Highline Thunderbird 2001-2002 roster

Number	Player	Position	Height	Year	High School
10	Kristin Boyd	G	5'7"	S	South Kitsap
12	Briana Duerr	G	5'8"	S	Lake Washington
20	Niki White	G	5'7"	S	Mt. Tahoma
24	Diane Whitehead	G	5'7"	F	Franklin Pierce
24	Leslie Jeffries	G	5'8"	S	Anchorage
30	Erin Bender	G	5'8"	F	Auburn
32	Lauryn Jones	F	5'10"	S	Arlington
40	Ambyr Recchi	P	6'0"	F	Mercer Island
42	Shalynn Leonard	P	6'0"	S	Rainier Beach
44	Ashley Agnew	G	5'9"	F	Centralia
50	Nellie Peterson	P	5'10"	S	Kentridge
54	Chelsey Holloway	P	6'3"	F	Lake Stevens

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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
Inside Scoop

It's winter again, and everyone is catching basketball fever. The Northern Division should be tough again with Highline 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, last year was only the fourth time since 1925 that Centralia had made it to NWAACCs.

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

• 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 Highline. They're also one of the taller teams in the division. Clark also has some key people returning off of last year's squad.

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available for comment.

• Grays Harbor Chokers

The Chokers finished sixth place last year in the Western Division with a record of 4-12. The Chokers also have a new head coach.

The Chokers' head coach was not available for comment.

• Green River Gators

The Gators came in last place last year with a record of 2-14. They're looking for things to change with a new head coach. Green River's head coach was not available for comment.

• Highline Thunderbirds

The Thunderbirds won the Western Division last year with a record of 15-1. They're looking to improve on their sixth place finish in NWAACC last year. However Head Coach Dennis Olson is still modest, saying his team should be in the middle of the pack fighting it out for one of the four playoff spots.

The team is a perennial favorite to win the division with lots of talent, shooters and athletes.

"The league seems to have gotten stronger every year I've been here," said Olson.

Out of the 12 players this year, five of them were playing for Highline last year.

"They got the best player in Centralia," said Centralia Head Coach Gary Viggers referring to Ashley Agnew.

One of the players to watch out for on the T-Birds is sophomore Briana Duerr. She is the most deadly shooter from the outside on the team.

Shalynn Leonard should also surprise a lot of people with her play in the paint.

The Thunderbirds also have a new assistant coach in Lisa Rakoz who brings them new recruiting areas.

The Thunderbirds have been picked to win the division and the whole NWAACC. We'll just have to see what the rest of the teams have to say about that.

• Lower Columbia Red Devils

The Red Devils finished seventh last year in league with a record of 4-12. The Red Devils return three players off of last year's team. Lower Columbia's success will depend a lot on how quickly the new high school recruits adjust to college ball.

Head Coach Jason Hosenev is in his second year at Lower

2001-2002 Women's Basketball Schedule

Day	Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Non-League Games				
Tue.	Nov. 27, 2001	Bellevue	Away	7:00 pm
Fri., Sat., Sun.	Nov. 3 -Dec. 2	Everett Tournament	Away	4:00 pm
Fri.	Dec. 7	Whatcom	Home	6:00 pm
Sat.	Dec. 8	Bellevue	Home	6:00 pm
Tue.	Dec. 11	Whatcom	Away	6:00 pm
Thur., Fri., Sat.	Dec. 13-15	Crossover Tournament	Home	TBA
Sun.-Sat.	Dec. 16-22	Hawaii Tournament	Away	TBA
League Games				
Thur.	Jan. 3, 2002	Clark	Home	8:00 pm
Sat.	Jan. 5	South Puget Sound	Away	5:00 pm
Wed.	Jan. 9	Green River	Home	8:00 pm
Sat.	Jan. 12	Lower Columbia	Home	5:00 pm
Wed.	Jan. 16	Pierce	Away	8:00 pm
Sat.	Jan. 19	Tacoma	Away	5:00 pm
Wed.	Jan. 23	Grays Harbor	Home	8:00 pm
Wed.	Jan. 30	Centralia	Away	8:00 pm
Sat.	Feb. 2	Clark	Away	5:00 pm
Wed.	Feb. 6	South Puget Sound	Home	8:00 pm
Sat.	Feb. 9	Green River	Away	5:00 pm
Wed.	Feb. 13	Lower Columbia	Away	8:00 pm
Sat.	Feb. 16	Pierce	Home	5:00 pm
Wed.	Feb. 20	Tacoma	Home	8:00 pm
Sat.	Feb. 23	Grays Harbor	Away	5:00 pm
Sat.	March 2	Centralia	Home	5:00 pm
Thur., Fri., Sat., Sun.	March 7-10	NWAACC	Tri-Cities, Wash.	TBA

Columbia.

"I think they'll be in contention (for NWAACCs)," said Centralia Head Coach Gary Viggers.

The Red Devils have also had a few injuries, so they have 10 players.

Forward Jamie Seymour who averaged 11 points per game, and guard Krista Olofson who also averaged 11 points per game, are the key returnees for Lower Columbia.

Crystal Seward, a point guard from Eagle River High School in Alaska, is a new key-player for the Red Devils.

"Lower Columbia is scrappy, tough, and tenacious," said South Puget Sound Head Coach Tim Malroy.

Lower Columbia also has nice chemistry together and play well defensively.

"Highline, Clark, and Centralia should be the top three and everyone else will be battling for the fourth spot," said Hosenev.

• Pierce Raiders

The Raiders finished eighth last year in the Northern Division with a record of 3-13. Pierce's head coach was not available for comment.

• South Puget Sound Clippers

South Puget Sound finished fourth last year in the Northern Division with a record of 11-5. The Clippers have also gone through a coaching change with their old head coach now coaching the men's basketball team.

The Clippers have good shooters, defenders and rebounders.

"I'm excited to see how we play as a team," said Head Coach Tim Malroy.

The new head coach, Malroy,

was an assistant coach with Western Washington University for three years.

"I like the way we play as a team. We don't have a real strong scorer like we did last year," said Malroy.

• Tacoma Titans

Tacoma finished 5th last year with a record of 7-9 in the league. The Titans also have a new head coach.

Tacoma's head coach was not available for comment.

Highline Community College Women's Basketball 2001 Crossover Tournament

December 13-15
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South Puget Sound CC
Everett CC
Tacoma CC
Edmonds CC
Mt. Hood CC



December 13 - Games begin at 2:00 pm
(Highline plays at 8:00pm)

December 14 - Games begin at 2:00 pm
December 15 - Games begin at 10:00 am



Photo by Joe Walker

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

Thunderbird wrestlers face tough league

By MICAH THECKSTON
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 stature.

Currently the Thunderbirds are ranked No. 8 in the nation. As good as it is to be recognized as a national power, what the T-Birds 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 team captains 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



Todd 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 Ricks 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

Date	Event	Location	Time
Saturday, Dec. 1	SFU & Douglas Double Dual	Westminster, B.C.	5 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 6	PLU & CCC Double Dual	Parkland	7 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 21	YVCC, CCC, SWOCC Double Dual	HCC Pavilion	2:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 22	High School Team Tourney	HCC Pavilion	9 a.m.
Friday, Jan. 4	Ricks Dual	HCC Pavilion	7 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 8	NIC Dual	HCC Pavilion	7 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 10	SFU Dual	HCC Pavilion	7 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 18	Clackamas Dual	Oregon City	7 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 19	Clackamas Open	Oregon City	10 a.m.
Saturday, Jan. 26	Douglas Dual	HCC Pavilion	5 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 2	Region 18 Championship	Rexburg, ID	10 a.m.
Friday, Feb. 15	National Championships	Mayo Civic Center Rochester, Minn.	9:30 a.m.
Saturday, Feb. 16	National Championships (finals)		10 a.m.

Name	Weight	Year	Hometown
Carlos Adamy	133	So	Moses Lake
Javonn Albert-Rainwater	125	So	Kent
Chris Babka	184	So	Chehalis
Bobby Brokenshire	125	So	Tacoma
Joe Castro	165	So	Moses Lake
Curtis Creson	174	Fr	Graham
Preston Crow	165	So	Raymond
Bryce Emmett	285	So	Spanaway
Daryl Gardner	141	Fr	Spokane
Stephen Grimm	149	So	Port Townsend
Jason Hartle	174	So	Seattle
Kyle Keeney	285	Fr	Lacey
Joben Neusse	Redshirt	So	Chattaroy
Derek Norton	157	So	Shoreline
Kennie Pewitt	141	Fr	Puyallup
Peter Puccio, IV	141	Fr	Redmond
Gabriel Ramos	125	Fr	Yakima
Justin Reich	149	Fr	Puyallup
Steve Rider	285	Fr	Sumner
Ty Satiacum	285	Fr	Spanaway
Shay Scribner	141	Fr	Kent
Trevor Smith	184	So	Longview
Wayne Swartz	165	Fr	Auburn
Sean Walsh	149	Fr	Tahoma
Sean Winters	156	Fr	Marysville

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 Satiacum feels that Highline is a well-conditioned team that will be a force as the season goes on. Satiacum 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 underneath North Idaho,"

said 125 pound freshman Gabe Ramos.

In a league that includes Di-

vision 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 MICAH THECKSTON
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 him to the top of his game.

"I've been a state champion, and a national qualifier," said Smith.

In his second year at Highline, Smith is ranked third in the nation and poised to go the distance.

"[Smith] has already proven that he can do some damage this year," said Head Coach Todd Owens.

In last week's tournament at Southern Oregon, an injured Smith took fourth in a tourney



Photos by Joe Walker

Highline's Trevor Smith hammers opponents in matches in Yakima earlier this month.

that could gauge who will qualify for nationals.

"That was the toughest loss I've ever had to face. I just got caught on my back," said Smith.

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.



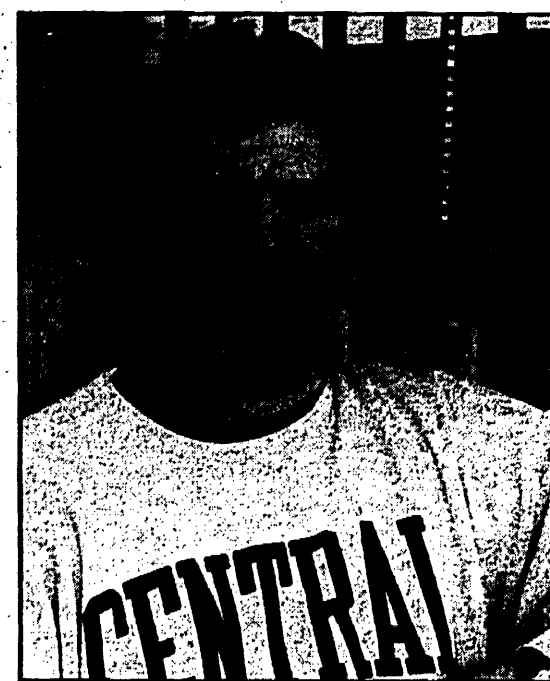
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November 29, 2001

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.



Photos by Joe Walker

Dennis Olson, above, goes over strategies with his players during a time out in the Bellevue game. The 2001-2002 Thunderbirds, above right, are all smiles after the game and Olson picked up his 500th win with ease.

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.

Lisa 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 nicer 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 years assistant coaches, Nicole Ulrich, is now pursuing to coach her own team. Ulrich credits 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 funniest 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 said Olson.

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."

Men's Thunderbird point guard injures knee

By MATTHEW MILLER
Staff Reporter

Point guard Danny Alderete tore the meniscus in his knee at the Skagit Valley Tournament last weekend. The injury could possibly keep Alderete sidelined for the entire season.

As if the task of defending last year's NWAACC title wasn't difficult enough, now the T-Birds will have to try and defend it without their top player.

Alderete was averaging a little over 25 points per game

before the injury occurred. He accounted for 30 percent of the T-Birds offense.

Last weekend Alderete had games of 20 and 25 points and was named tournament MVP for the second straight week.

The injury occurred with two minutes remaining in the championship game against Linn-Benton on Saturday. Alderete planted his foot and was going up for a lay-up when he heard his knee pop. He knew as soon as it happened that it wasn't good.

Alderete went in for surgery on Tuesday. The doctor believes that it will take 6-8 weeks before he is able to walk without crutches. "I'm a pretty fast healer so hopefully I will be back in six weeks," said Alderete.

Sophomore Austin Nicholson, who was named to the all-tournament team, will take over for Alderete at point guard.

"Austin is a veteran and I know he will step up," said Alderete.



Point guard Danny Alderete could be out for the whole season with his torn meniscus. He underwent surgery Tuesday morning.

File Photo

November 29, 2001

Once a T-Bird, Scalabrino 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 Scalabrino took to get to the NBA.

At 6'9" and 240 pounds Scalabrino has a perfect sized body for the NBA. With his bright orange hair and pale, freckly face that don't quite fit the mold of a present-day NBA player.

Scalabrino came to Highline after graduating from Enumclaw High School in 1996. While at Highline Scalabrino averaged 16.3 points and 9.3 rebounds. He also led Highline to a 31-1 record that was good enough to win the 1997 NWAACC Championship. Scalabrino says that nothing compares to the time he spent at Highline.

"That year was the best time I have ever had playing basketball. I could go on for hours talking about all the great times I had at Highline," said

Scalabrino.

Stats never mattered to Scalabrino; all he wanted to do was win and have a good time.

It wasn't necessarily Scalabrino's good stats while playing at Highline that got him into the University of Southern California however. He feels that his work ethic and determination 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 Harrison, who is one of many people who feel Scalabrino's work ethic is one of his best traits.

Scalabrino gives a lot of credit to Highline and it's staff for his success. Coaches get Scalabrino'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 go anywhere else because of my grades. People like Margo Buchan and teachers I've had have changed my life around," said Scalabrino.

"Coach Albrecht should get a raise for all the extra work and time he put in with me."

Scalabrino sat out his sophomore year at Highline so he would have an extra year of eligibility at USC. In three seasons at USC, Scalabrino averaged 15.7 points and he finished sixth on the school's all-time scoring list. Last season, Scalabrino and USC were one game away from the Final Four. They lost 79-69 to the Duke Blue Devils in the elite eight. Scalabrino scored 13 points in his final game as a Trojan.

Before the NBA Draft, Scalabrino attended two pre-draft camps, one in Phoenix and one in Chicago. The camps are set up to showcase the top college players in the country for every NBA team. Amazingly, with so much at stake, Scalabrino was not nervous

about pressures brought on by the camps.

"I just tried to play to win and I tried to play as hard as I can and just let everything take care of itself," said Scalabrino.

Scalabrino also roomed with USC teammates in Phoenix and Chicago. He feels that because he was with people he knew so well it was easier to relax and enjoy the once-in-a-lifetime experience.

Now Scalabrino is a New Jersey Net and he couldn't be happier.

The Nets selected Scalabrino with the sixth pick of the second round, 35th overall in the 2001 NBA Draft. When the Nets made the selection Scalabrino was sitting on his front porch.

"I was watching it [the draft] but they didn't call my name so I was getting nervous. My agent called me and told me the Nets were going to draft me and it was like a relief," said Scalabrino.

However, the draft was simply another step that Scalabrino had to take to fulfill his dream of becoming a NBA player.

Since he was picked in the

second round, Scalabrino was not guaranteed a spot on the Nets roster. That meant that until final cuts were made he was not an NBA player.

Scalabrino averaged 28 minutes a game during the preseason. During training camp the Nets saw just what kind of player he was. Everything they had heard about from other coaches about his abilities and work ethic were correct. They decided to make him an official New Jersey Net, signing him to a multi-year deal worth a lot of money.

"I don't want to say how much I make, but it is a lot. That means that I have to take this as serious as possible and play to the best of my ability. If I don't they won't hesitate to cut me," said Scalabrino.

During the last game of the preseason, Scalabrino had an unfortunate injury. He broke his fifth metatarsal in his right foot while playing against the Detroit Pistons. The injury was the first since he has been playing basketball.

The injury means that Scalabrino will have to wait until Jan. 10 before he can suit up for a regular season game. He was depressed for about three days. However, Scalabrino says that he likes the saying "you got to get better and not bitter." Even though the injury was untimely, Scalabrino did not feel that his chance to make it in the NBA was gone.

"Once I get back and start doing stuff to make myself better again I will be ready to go out there and play. I still think my opportunity is going to come. I was playing well at the time and it [the injury] just gives me another thing to come back from," said Scalabrino.

Even without ever playing a regular season game, Scalabrino has accomplished more than a lot of people ever thought possible. But he knows that he is capable of so much more. Scalabrino feels that he is a T-Bird for life. He wants to continue to go where no Highline graduate has gone before.



Scalabrino

Introducing the Highline Fighting Squirrels

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, come a dime a dozen at Highline.

I'm sure students would agree that you can't walk from one class to another without seeing at least one squirrel scampering about.

For this reason I think the Thunderbird should be replaced by a squirrel.

How many schools can say that their mascot lives on campus and can be seen at all times?

The University of Santa Cruz has the Banana Slug as its mascot. Reason being, the banana slug is indigenous to that part of California. Possibly Richmond University could say their mascot, a spider, has been spotted every now and then on their campus.

When it comes to Highline, squirrels are basically a permanent fixture on campus. Cer-

tainly a squirrel is a better mascot than a banana slug or a spider.

Only two colleges in the United States, coincidentally both in Virginia, have a squirrel as their mascot, Mary Baldwin College and Union Theological Seminary and Presbyterian School of Christian Education (try putting that on a sweatshirt). Therefore the change from a thunderbird to a squirrel would be almost groundbreaking.

Certainly the change would pay homage to the seldom regarded and often forgotten squirrel.

Some schools around the country have chosen mascots to represent their school that are far worse than a squirrel. For example, the Southwestern College of Christian Ministries Moundbuilders, or the Whittier College Poets, and the Centenary College Gentlemen. Cer-



tainly a squirrel is a better choice than these ridiculous school mascots.

Now I am aware that a squirrel is not all that intimidating.



That is why the proposition of a squirrel as the mascot should be upgraded to a fighting squirrel. If anything at 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 dukes up looking over indoor sporting events.

Sure the change of mascots at Highline will cost some money for uniforms and the paper would have to change its 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 could say, there goes the Highline Fighting Squirrel.

Matt 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.

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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 bachelors from Indiana University of Pennsylvania, where she had grown up. She then moved to Kansas for five years where she got her 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 short amount of time. With every 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



Photo by Tomo Yabuuchi

Frantz just began teaching here at Highline Fall Quarter.

like, because even the things that are hard I look at as challenges."

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

level.

"I currently revise the instructor's manual for the intro to 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 juggling, reading, hiking and going on leisurely walks with her dogs.

Frantz currently resides with her partner, Verla and her two Rotweiler mixes, Ripley and Max.

Welfare deadline won't hit at Highline Helping gives a hand

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 Women's Programs and WorkFirst Services.

The 1997 Legislature enacted WorkFirst, Washington's welfare reform mandated 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.

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 Washington chose to limit federally funded cash benefits to 60 months in a lifetime, the state is free to use state funds to provide assistance to families in excess of 20 percent of their caseload. Upon announcing this extension, Locke outlined new policies for three categories of WorkFirst families about to reach the 60-month time limit.

- Individuals who cannot and should not be expected to work.
- Those playing by the rules.
- Those who refuse to participate.

Parents who fit into the first two categories will receive extended benefits past the 60-month time limit. But parents who fall into the last category—those who refuse to work—will lose their Needy Families grant when they reach the time limit.

The Women's Center works with most of the students who might be receiving assistance, says Johnston, so they have a

perspective on the students who are participating in educational opportunities. Parents who are receiving pre-employment training are participating, said Johnston. For parents who are accessing the tuition assistance program, they have to be working. This means that they are working and participating in educational opportunities, as outlined by Locke's new policy.

"But no, we don't see it affecting individuals who are currently here because they are meeting what the governor has set out—they are participating by issue of being here," said Johnston.

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 we can do in our office is to calm those fears, so we're asking all the other departments, people on campus as well as other students who have questions whether they could be affected to come to us and we'll help work with you to address those issues," Johnston said.

BY RICHARD MULLEN
Staff Reporter

Highline students are invited to support Des Moines Elementary kids 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.

Ten 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.

Last 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 help. 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 what I'm doing is worth my time? Then the students' grades came out and I thought the same old reactions would occur, sad faces 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.

"One of the reasons the tutoring programs are necessary is struggling students need one on one attention," said DJ Taylor, vice president of legislation.

If you would like to lend a Helping Hand, contact Dan Fortin or any student government office on the top floor of Building 8.

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Recount for two Des Moines races to take place

Leads in races are less than 0.5 percent ahead

By JOHNNY PAK
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Staff Reporters

Two local city council races will be subject to 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. 2 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's City Council. Lasco previously led by only 18 votes before the final



Dan Sherman

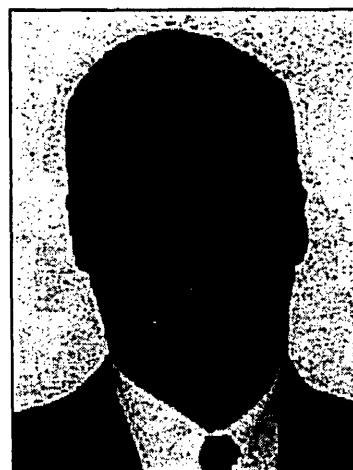
tally.

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,



Richard Benjamin

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 candidates can choose to pay for a recount or they can flip a coin.

Professors bring U.S. issues to the forefront

By JOHN MONTENEGRO
Staff Reporter

The U.S. needs more humanitarian policies after the conflict in Afghanistan ends, said faculty and students at a U.S.-Afghan 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 said that 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 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 that really need 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 discontent," said Chiabi.

Chiabi also gave suggestions to improve the situation in the Middle East. He said that the U.S. should repack 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.

Amal Mahmoud, a faculty member here at Highline, began the discussion by saying that during the liberation of Kabul two weeks ago the U.S. had bombed the Al-Jazeera office so that the rest of the world 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. 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 National Arctic Wildlife Refuge 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 forced by the "Jewish lobby" 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 problems that will have serious repercussions in the future.

"The U.S. must become a good international citizen," said Schwartz.

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.



Patterson

That will create at least one vacancy, and probably Patterson two.

State Rep. Karen Keiser, D-33rd, is expected to fill Patterson's Senate seat. Keiser was officially



Karen Keiser

nominated by the 33rd District Democratic precinct committee officers on Monday night and is expected to be formally appointed Dec. 10 by the County Council. She will have to stand for election for the seat in fall of 2002.

Keiser's vacant House seat is

expected to be filled by Patterson's former legislative assistant, Dave Upthegrove. Upthegrove still needs to be nominated by the 33rd District Democrats, who will meet next on Dec. 17.

Upthegrove currently lives in Des Moines. He got his start in politics at the University of Colorado, where he majored in environmental conservation and biology. Upthegrove 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.

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Club

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low cut, backless halter-tops are everywhere. A lot of women wear open-toed heels to top off their outfits.

"There's the girls," said Mann.

Three 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 dance with the person you came 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 Melewski.

"There's not too many hot girls here tonight anyway," said Mann.

More girls means more business for dance clubs. It's never hard to find guys looking for entertainment, so a lot of clubs don't charge women a cover before a certain time. At other times women's cover costs less than guys'.

Tonight cover is \$5 for everyone all night long. Other times ladies get in free before 9 p.m. and \$10 for everyone until 11 p.m. Cover is \$15 anytime



Photo by Joe Walker

The line at Polly Esther's grows longer as a bouncer checks people entering the club.

after 11 p.m. because that's when everyone wants to get inside. Nobody wants to dance in an empty club so they show up later and have no choice but to pay the extra \$5.

"The only reason I came is because it was only \$5. This place gets boring if you come all the time," Melewski said.

"It's the same faces and same music every Sunday, but there's nowhere else to go," one clubber said.

If you're under 21 that's the truth. Minors don't have many

places to kick it or hang out. That's one of the main reasons Polly Esther's is so successful.

The 18-and-over Sundays started over the summer. Another popular club for the underage is DV8, but it's been around for a while and people are getting tired of it.

"DV8 is whack now guy. There's no girls there," Mann said.

Different clubs bring different crowds. Polly Esther's has one of the most diverse dance scenes right now. More people

are satisfied with just dancing.

Few go out dancing purely for the dancing, but those few probably came with their boyfriend or girlfriend.

"If you see a guy and girl dancing with each other for more than an hour or two then they're probably together and you don't wanna get your ass kicked," said Mann.

"Clubbing with your girlfriend is a bad idea. I always want to go dance with other girls and then I get myself in trouble," an anonymous clubber 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 in the same night. 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 has evolved a lot since Elvis' pelvic thrusts were banned from television. Some people are practically dry humping on the dance floor tonight, a style of dance that is known as freaking.

"I don't like it when girls come up and start freaking me. I don't know what to do and then I feel stupid," Melewski said.

The majority of males at dance clubs say they enjoy having girls shake their booty against them. Bragging rights

still exist and many males say the night is incomplete if no women are danced with.

"I came here with my boys, but I didn't come here to dance with my boys," Mann said.

Women are just as guilty as the men are, but body language plays more of a role. A lot of the time you can tell when a woman wants you to come over and dance with her.

"I love it when I make eye contact with a guy and know at that instant he wants me. I know it sounds bad, but everyone likes attention," one woman said.

Sex isn't exactly being solicited in dance clubs, but in some cases it's the fantasy of potential. A lot of times it's all about the possibility.

"As long as I know all I'd have to do is try, then it's all good. I don't think I'd ever go to a club to try and meet someone, but it's cool to have the option," Melewski said.

Dancing is an escape from the daily grind of school or work. It's a chance to forget about everything and let yourself loose releasing tension. For those four or five hours nothing else matters.

"Dancing makes me feel free," one girl said.

Freedom doesn't last forever though. As 2 a.m. nears the guys 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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"I asked for a certain amount. When I finally got the paperwork in the mail, it was just one-fourth of the amount."

Another student, Tina Johnson, was told the department was having a staff shortage problem.

"It was indicated to me they had staffing problems. People were ill ... another person was on vacation, someone else quit. They didn't have adequate staffing," Johnson said.

Associate Dean of Enrollment Services Scott Hardin admits the Financial Aid Office did not finish processing students' aid awards before Fall Quarter had started.

Hardin also admits it is not the first year this has happened. But he points out it has been this way historically and Highline is not the only school with late

awards.

"I don't recall any years in which all awarding was completed before the start of the quarter. I also don't know of any community college in the state that completes all of its awarding before the start of the quarter."

Hardin says the reason for the delay is that several factors are in play on the awarding of financial aid.

"The timely processing of financial aid awards depends on several things, including staffing, federal processing timeliness, state budgeting processes, and programming support from the computing consortium that serves all community colleges in Washington."

The delays might also be the result of students turning in their financial aid forms after the deadline, says Director of Financial Aid Steve Seeman.

"We have a what we call a Fall Quarter awarding cycle date. If a student applies for the

FAFSA ... by June 14, 2001, then we endeavor to give their award to them before the quarter started. But if they filed after June 14, or they didn't get us documents in a timely fashion, then they would be awarded sometime after the quarter started. We're actually awarding people right now for Fall Quarter because they applied late," said Seeman.

Regarding students like Sharleen Metje, who received only a portion of her financial aid, Seeman says there may have been some additional paperwork needing signatures depending on the type of grant she is eligible for.

"Maybe they were awarded for the Pell, the State Need Grant and Highline Grant. The Pell and Highline Grant are immediately available to them. The State Need Grant requires additional paperwork that needs to be signed. So they may receive one check today and it's another two weeks to get the

other one if they don't sign their form right away," Seeman said.

As for the staffing problem, Seeman said a member of the staff did leave sometime in the summer to take positions elsewhere.

"We did have a staff member leave in July or early August, I don't remember the date right now. She went down to Oregon to be the financial aid director at a different school. So we were a person short for part of the summer and going into fall," said Seeman.

Seeman says that position has been filled, but another person who has been in the department for nine years just retired in late October, leaving the staff currently one short.

Associate Dean Scott Hardin realizes financial assistance is essential in order for students to attend school. Hardin says he is not satisfied with the amount of time it is currently taking to award students but things have improved and it can get even

better.

"Time has been shortened considerably over the past two years, mainly as a result of improved staffing and better communication with students. Our next steps are to carefully analyze the current financial aid awarding process at Highline and then design a more efficient and client-focused system that delivers financial aid faster," said Hardin.

While Hardin and the Financial Aid department are finding ways to improve their services, Seeman has some advice for students who want to avoid the hassle of waiting in line.

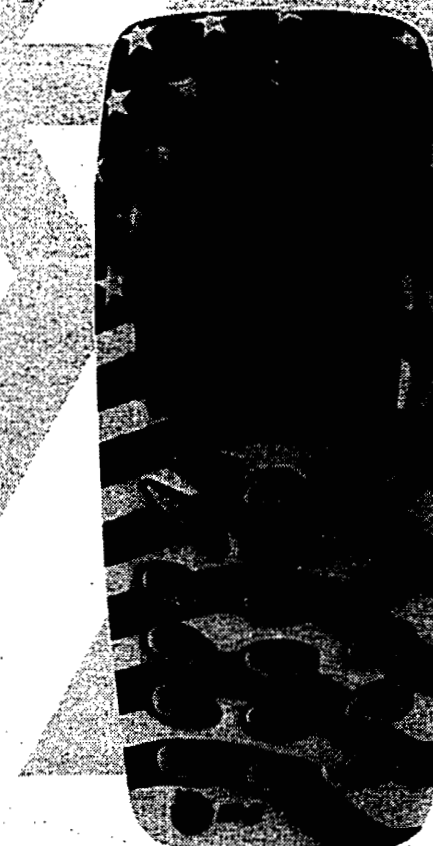
"My advice is to apply well before the deadline. And I also advise students they check their status of their file touch-tone or through the Highline website so they don't have to stand in line. And the other final piece of advice I can give is if we send them a letter asking them for something, that they respond promptly," said Seeman.



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