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## The Thunderword

## Pool fire being called arson

By THUNDERWORD STAFF

Police continue to hold a suspect in the burning of Highline's pool.

Charges may be filed this week against the man, who was arrested as Des Moines firefighters battled the \$300,000 blaze.

The pool is closed and is not expected to reopen. Highline President Dr. Priscilla Bell said the college is working on making other accommodations for the 42 students who were enrolled in the four swimming classes that were held in the pool and registration for the Winter Quarter classes in the pool have been cancelled.

Also affected were an estimated 800 people who are involved in a swim program through the King Aquatics Club, which leases the pool from the college. Club Director Jerry Olszewski could not be reached for comment.

The college was planning to tear the building down to make way for a new classroom building. Director of Facilities Pete Babington said the pool will be torn down in the next 18 months, and that cleanup will cost the college anywhere from \$100,000 to \$500,000. Like most state facilities, the college is self-insured.

"Because of the risk of in-

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Photo by Joe Walker

The blackened ceiling of the pool shows remains of burned insulation.

## Swanson took the road less traveled to Highline

By CLINT MARAGGUN  
Staff Reporter

Everybody takes a different path to Highline. As for second year student Phillip Swanson, how long he has come is nothing short of a miracle.

After spending most of his youth in the Park Lake neighborhood of West Seattle, where negativity of the street life is cruel and unforgiving, Swanson considers himself a product of his environment.

"I was in and out of jail for various charges, everything from car theft to assault, for most of my childhood," said Swanson. "I grew up around drug addiction, alcohol abuse, and violence. I had my first run-in with the police when I was in kindergarten. I was about four at the time. I was playing with a lighter in the closet, and burned the whole house down."

This experience was the beginning of a disturbing trend for Swanson.

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Ehsan, left, and Farid Karzai talk about their cousin.

## Highline students' cousin named interim prime minister of Afghanistan

By BRYAN SHARICK  
Staff Reporter

Hamid Karzai, who is the cousin of Highline students Ehsan and Farid Karzai, has been chosen as the interim prime minister of Afghanistan.

"Unlike any other leader, he doesn't have the history of lawlessness," explains Farid Karzai.

"He will represent the interests of the people as a whole instead of being a pawn for one certain group."

The Karzai brothers came to the United States in 1993 and became U.S. citizens in 2000. Both are close to graduating. Farid, 30, wants to major in foreign policy, while Ehsan, 26, is majoring in political science.

But while their branch of the family came to the U.S. amid Afghanistan's turmoil, Hamid Karzai remained in the area. A leader of the majority Pashtun ethnic group, he recently has been leading Pashtuns against the Taliban stronghold in

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## Science examines Sept. 11 disaster

By ROBIN COLLINS  
Staff Reporter

Many lessons can be learned from the collapse of the World Trade Center on Sept. 11. Lessons about kindness and hatred, the human condition, and global politics.

It may even be able to teach us a little something about engineering.

At the Science Seminar on Nov. 30, Highline engineering professors Rebecca Sliger and Bob Mapstone showed their audience the mechanics behind this catastrophic disaster.

The towers were designed by Minoru Yamasaki, an architect who graduated from the University of Washington in 1934.

Construction took seven years to complete, and when the towers opened in 1973 they were considered an engineering marvel.

"If you look at the way these things are put together, it's just amazing," said Mapstone.

The towers were a tube box frame construction with a central core. This means that weight was borne along the center of the building, allowing a large amount of open floor space. The perimeter was composed of steel box columns used



Photo by Tomo Yabuuchi

Mapstone teaches how the WTC relates to engineering.

mostly to protect against wind shear rather than to support weight.

Each building had four staircases and 46 elevator shafts, all

located in the central core of the building.

Ironically, a possible airplane impact was taken into account when the towers were

built. "When they did the design work, they did, in fact design for a 707 impact, but not for the aviation fuel fire afterwards," said Mapstone. The much larger size of a 767 was also a factor.

Engineers have presented a number of theories as to how the actual collapses occurred.

"It's difficult to tell from an engineering standpoint just exactly what happened," said Sliger.

The north tower hit at 8:45 a.m. on Sept. 11. The plane hit the building squarely at the 95th floor. It is theorized that this impact destroyed most of the central column, forcing the outer columns to bear the weight of the upper floors.

Already under stress, the steel columns were then subjected to temperatures that compromised their integrity. When they finally gave way, the impact caused the lower floors to pancake. The tower collapsed at 10:28 a.m.

"There's no way those buildings could have withstood that impact and fire. One without the other maybe, but not both," said Mapstone.

The south tower was hit at 9:03 a.m., about 15 minutes after the first tower was hit.

The plane crashed into the building at a downward angle, damaging several floors and destroying one corner of the building. Part of the central column, including at least one staircase, survived intact, as people have reported escaping from above the impact site.

As the steel supports lost their strength during the blaze, the upper section of the tower collapsed towards its missing corner. The impact caused the lower floors to collapse at 10:05 a.m.

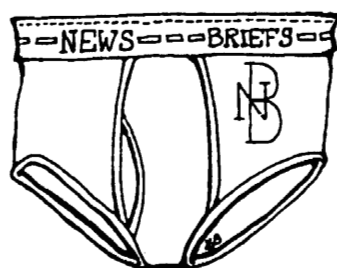
Engineers can use information gleaned from this analysis to design safer buildings. For instance, staircases could be located throughout the building, rather than clumped together.

But engineers can only do so much within the bounds of practicality.

"Engineering is always a balance between cost and benefit," Sliger said. "We could build a bomb-proof building, but would you want to live there?"

Next week's Science Seminar will feature Carolyn Brooks in a presentation entitled "What Can You Do With a Sugar But Burn It?"

Science Seminar meets every Friday at 2:10 p.m. in Building 3, room 102.



### Breakfast will feature Dr. Bell

Highline's Legislative breakfast social has been tentatively scheduled for Friday, Jan. 11 from 7:30-9:15 a.m.

This is an opportunity for Highline students and staff to hear local legislators speak about the upcoming session.

Dr. Priscilla Bell will speak, along with some student speakers to be named later.

### Financial Aid night for students

Outreach services is hosting a financial aid night for high school students.

The forum is being held Tuesday night in Building 7

from 7-8 p.m., is specifically targeted toward high school students who will have to use financial aid next year.

Director of Outreach services, Jason Prenovost says it will basically be an informational night on financial aid.

Some topics that will be discussed will be the different types of financial aid forms, how to fill out the forms, and how the selection process works.

### Students art will be up Dec. 10

An exhibition titled "Women on the Edge: Contemporary Writers, Artists, and Filmmakers," will feature student art.

Students will exhibit collages, shrines, alters and installations and a video in response to the course.

The display will be up in Building 3, room 102 from 10-10:50 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 10.

### Headliners

Nicole Baker was recently

hired as a part of the Human Resources staff.

Baker will be providing support to the full time staff recruitment process.

### Kids show coming to Highline

Tickle Toon Typhoon, a children's show making its annual stop at Highline, will be here Dec. 14 in Building 7. The performance will be from 11 a.m. to noon.

Tickets are available at Student Programs and the Parent Education offices for \$5.

For more information contact Darcie Tocco at 206-878-3710, ext. 3537.

### Correction

Bob Mapstone's name was spelled wrong in the Nov. 29 issue.

### Sign up for Science Seminar

If you are available Friday

afternoons and love science, Science Seminar is perfect for you.

This one credit class, with no homework or tests, will meet every Friday at 2:10 p.m. in Building 3, room 102.

Science Seminar will cover everything from how to build a bridge, outrageous biology, what

holds our bodies together and deep sea vents.

Speakers include Highline faculty members such as Phil Sell, Eric Stavney, Ron Davidson and Helen Burn among others.

Sign up for General Science 190 to be a part of the class.

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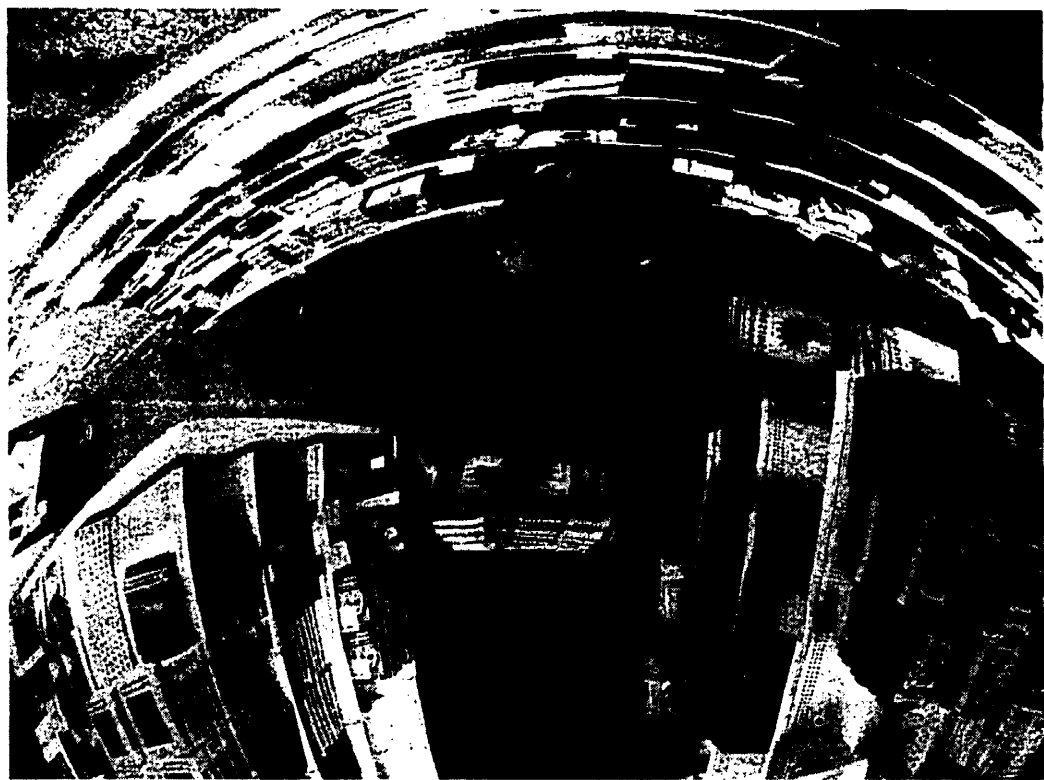
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# Campus life

## Randy's World



## Books, music, and a passion for the arts

As told to Jennifer Espinosa

You might know Randy Fisher as the bookstore manager, or as Highline's newest homecoming queen.

"I was delighted to be nominated homecoming queen," says Fisher. "It was a lot of fun."

Fisher is an openly gay man who enjoys the fine arts.

He graduated from Eastern Washington

University with a major in music and a minor in voice.

Fisher has been in the music scene for a long time.

"I'm the tenor soloist at St. Thomas Episcopal," says Fisher, "I also sing with the Seattle Choral Company."

Fisher performed with the Seattle Choral Company on the weekend of Dec. 1 and 2. *The Bell* is one of the pieces that he performed.

Fisher is very excited because on April 1 he will be going to London to sing.

"This will be my first time away from the bookstore at the beginning of a quarter," said Fisher.

Fisher has worked various bookstores for 25 years. He started as a retail clerk at Spokane Falls Community College.

He then spent 15 years at Eastern Washington University.

He has been the bookstore manager at Highline for the last four and a half years.

"Running a bookstore is a business, however you have to make it fun," says Fisher.

The bookstore, located on the lower level of Building 6, is having a sale currently that is the 12 days of shopping which is a replica of the 12 days of Christmas.

The only difference is that all the specials will spell out the name of Frank Sinatra in celebration of his birthday.

Fisher likes to share his love of music with the students.

"Being around all of these college students makes me feel young, and I really enjoy all of the energy they bring."



Photos by Joe Walker

Top: Fisher has enjoyed working at the Highline bookstore for over four and a half years and, bottom, likes sharing his love for music with students on campus.

## Students decry book prices

By JENNIFER ESPINOSA  
Staff Reporter

Students continue to complain about the high price of textbooks, but bookstore officials say there is nothing they can do about it.

Highline's bookstore is a self-supporting division of the college that provides required and recommended course materials.

Although many students get upset at the costs of books, this is something that cannot be avoided.

"I easily spend over \$150 in books each quarter," says Highline student Vanessa Borden. "I'm not even sure where all that money goes."

If you look closely there are small articles posted in the bookstore that do let the buyer know where the money is going.

According to the articles they state that 76 percent of the money goes to the publishers, while 10 percent goes to bookstore salaries and only 8 percent actually goes to the school.

The bookstore brought in \$2.5 million this year, and Highline received \$150,000 of it.

"Unfortunately most of the money is going to the publishers," says bookstore manager Randy Fisher. "The school really doesn't see much of the money."

In the years that Fisher has

been at Highline he has only seen book prices go up, never down.

"I always tell students to buy used books," said Fisher. "At the end of the quarter when you sell your books back you still get half off of the original price whether you paid that or not."

Brandon Hicks is a current student who is now in his third quarter here at Highline. He is one of the many students who works full-time to pay for his education.

"I just don't feel like it is necessary for books to be so expensive. It is very discouraging for students who want to go to school," says Hicks.

Hicks says that paying for school on his own does push him to get good grades, however paying so much for books is going too far.

"Although the bookstore encourages students to also check for their text books online for better prices when you include shipping and handling the prices remain the same," says Shannon Greiwe, the bookstore buyer. "We do offer coupons and deals when we can."

One special that is going on now is the 12 days of shopping at the bookstore. Everything from school supplies to snacks will be on sale.

"Students should really take advantage of this," says Fisher. "I am here to help and I have a wonderful staff."



Photo by Joe Walker

Fisher and Mavis Kjelland put out candy in the bookstore.



## editorial

### Financial aid office needs better customer service

You can't get far on this campus without hearing a complaint about the Financial Aid office.

The biggest complaint at Highline seems to revolve around Building 6. People are very satisfied with the classroom experience at Highline. They also enjoy the activities and extra-curricular activities that we provide. But having to deal with signing up for classes and getting Financial Aid things taken care of is frequently an unpleasant experience.

A common defense for the slowness of the service is that every school is that way. True, many (certainly not all) schools might be slow in that area of their service. But that is no justification to be slow. That's like the kid who says he did something bad because everyone else was doing it - to which the parent gives the famous reply, "So would you jump off a cliff if everyone else was?"

The same question presents itself here: is it OK for Financial Aid to be slow if all the other schools are? No. In many ways Highline is a paragon of excellence for other community colleges in the region—that notion should be evident in all areas of the school.

Before we dig too much into financial aid, the students themselves must first be chastised. Too many people wait for too long to turn in their forms and applications. If you know that you're going to need financial aid, get it taken care of and out of the way instead of waiting for the deadline. Too many people waiting for the last minute to get things taken care of put a lot of unnecessary strain on the financial aid office.

The college needs to put more emphasis on making sure that the Financial Aid office runs more smoothly. It seems that this end of the campus doesn't understand customer service. The waits can be extraordinarily long in that office. There are many complaints that the people in the office are rude. But of course, some concession to them must be made because the people they deal with are surely no angels.

Perhaps more people need to be on staff in the Financial Aid office. This could help very much in making things run more expeditiously and proficiently. Having one person at the desk with a line all the way out the door and around the corner is just not cutting it. The Financial Aid office is a very important component of Highline, and it should represent the excellence that is achieved throughout the rest of the campus.

#### the opinion page

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### Don't let The Fear hold you back

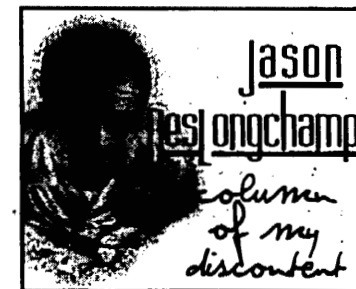
Henry David Thoreau said that most men lead lives of quiet desperation. The longer I live, the more I've come to see that this is true.

This scares the crap out of me.

I know that if there is one thing that holds me back, it's The Fear. I think The Fear is what leads most people to a life of quiet desperation.

This summer I went to my first improv comedy show and I loved it. I totally wanted to get into it. For the first few days after the show, I was looking into classes and practicing with my friends all the time.

Once the initial excitement wore off, I got scared. In getting scared I started to lose interest. I was thinking that I would get up there on stage and I wouldn't be able to come up with anything funny. I would look like an idiot. I was able to rationalize myself out of taking a



chance and trying something new.

I spend so much time thinking and planning and never doing. I sit down to write and when nothing short of Shakespeare doesn't emerge I get frustrated and berate myself and the drivel that I have produced.

The truth is I'm scared that I'm not as good as I hope I am and I find it's much easier to rip myself down than to build myself up.

Why does this bother me? Why am I giving myself and other people so much crap? Because I don't want to hold

back anymore because I'm scared. I don't want to see myself or others capitulate because we are too scared to see what happens when we do something that will get us a reaction that is not familiar or necessarily comfortable. I want us to break out of the conformist mindset and live a life that is truly unique. I want to scrutinize ideas and so-called values and norms to truly discover what I want for myself. We shouldn't let The Fear hold us hostage all our lives.

I think that The Fear will always be there-for everyone-it's just that some people are crazy enough to walk through the fire. Some people take risks-they are brazen enough to dare The Fear, and they find that it was more easily conquerable than they ever imagined...at least I hope that's the way it works.

*Jason still sleeps with a night light because he is afraid of The Dark.*

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# Opinion

## What will Highline look like in 40 years?

So Highline just turned 40 years old. A lot has changed in the last 40 years. Sure, I haven't been alive that long and I really haven't been at Highline that long either (give me a break. Three years really isn't that bad). I began to wonder though...

What will Highline look like in another 40 years?

The first thing that will probably be changed is highly sophisticated robots will replace many of the teachers. These robots will not only teach us about the class we're taking, but also make us better as human beings.

This will still create more jobs because we'll need people to fix the robots.

Even better yet. So the robots can just concentrate on teaching, there will be self-writing and self-erasing white boards. While the robot is teaching, as soon as it says something important, the board will write it up there.

This will also help students who are bad at taking notes because that way they'll know exactly what to write down.

The next thing that will be different will be the parking problem. I see this finally being fixed. Reason being is that 40 years from now, cars will be



able to fly.

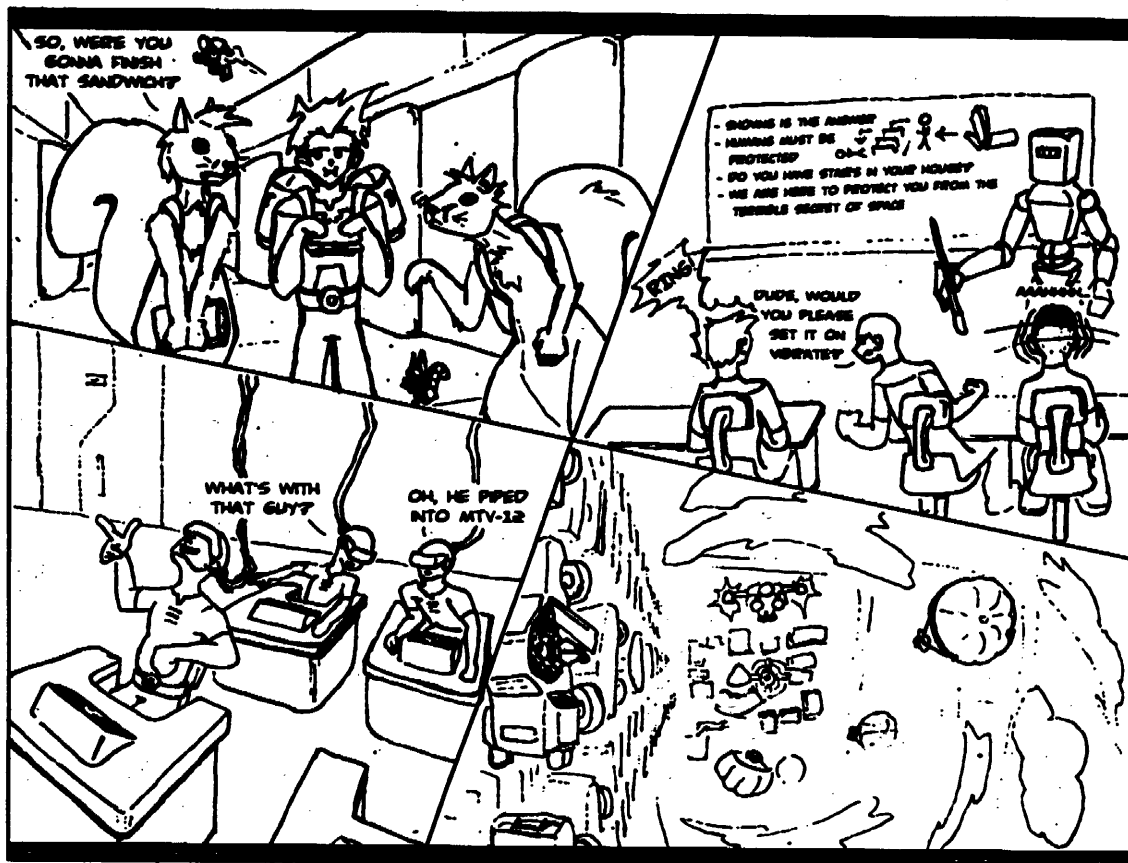
Highline will also install floating parking spaces, so that way the people with the flying cars will get parking easily.

Highline will probably have to come up with some way to get the people up and down from their cars though. People will be able to get down by either rappelling from their cars, or parachutes will be included with parking passes.

Also, instead of the razor scooter craze that is so prevalent now, in 40 years we'll have the razor jet pack.

The jet pack will be solar/electric powered. It will cut down on traffic and it will be better for the environment.

Also in the next 40 years, Highline will start to offer new classes. One of the classes will be a visualization class. In this class, the robots will teach you how to study in your sleep. This will definitely come in handy for me as I fall asleep in all of



my classes anyway.

We'll have jacks implanted in our skulls so we can just plug in and get an hour's worth of lecture in under 10 minutes (really handy considering the time

it'll take to get out of your parachute after parking on the 237th level).

The final thing that will happen at Highline is the squirrels will continue to grow in size and

intelligence. We'll have our first squirrel enrolled by 2040 and our first graduate in 2043.

Bryan also swears that his G.I. Joes come to life when he's not looking.

## I don't care what you do, just do something

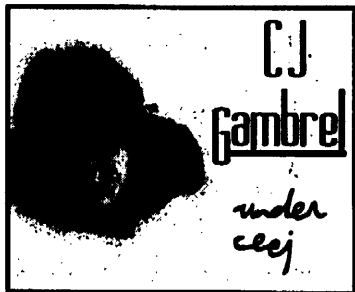
I am a dumbass.

I am given many opportunities that not everyone gets. I am frequently given opportunities that I dream of. And what do I do? I sit back and drink some Smirnoff Ice and dream about tomorrow. I dream so much that tomorrow comes and goes and I don't even notice. My life is a perpetual Rip Van Winkle metaphor.

The worst part about this is, nothing gets done. I'm sick of not doing anything. It's not actually that I don't do anything, because I do, it's just that I never do it to my full potential. I always do just enough to get by.

The Bible says life is but a fleeting vapor. I believe that's true.

Just the other day I was looking in my rearview mirror, and I saw an old guy just sitting in his car, totally unaware of everything. Fifty years ago he was the same as me, and 50 years from now I'll be the same as



him.

Nobody plans, or even wants to become old and unaware, but inevitably it happens to everyone.

So my challenge to you is this. While you're still young, just do something. It doesn't matter what. The best things in life come from the greatest risks.

Talk to that cute girl in your math class. You have nothing to lose. If she doesn't want to give you at least one chance she wasn't worth it anyway.

Write that book you've always wanted to, or paint that picture that you've been thinking of but haven't made the time to do it.

There's no such thing as "not enough time." Everyone has the exact same amount of time per day, it just depends on what you do with it. If you don't get things done, it's because you don't make time. Martha Stewart has the same amount of time to prepare for Christmas as we do, but hers is going to be way more kick-ass.

When you're on your deathbed, are you going to regret not getting enough sleep, or are you going to regret not spending enough time with your family and friends because you didn't feel like it because you were tired?

Are you going to regret missing an episode of *Friends*, or are you going to regret not going out to dinner with your family while they were still alive?

The other day, I had the benefit of going to a friend's sister's sweet 16. Her brother and a couple of friends got together and performed a song they wrote. They put in a lot of effort

and it made her birthday a lot more special.

A couple of other friends wrote a poem for her while the other played a conga. Those people made an extra effort and actually did something that was out of the ordinary and it made for a beautiful birthday party, and a beautiful thing for me to witness.

So just go and do something. Most likely it will make somebody else's life better, and in the end what's more important? How much you pleased one person, yourself, by not doing anything, or how much you did for other people, which will effect a number of people even after you die.

Any fool can please himself, but it takes a truly wise person to sacrifice their time for other people.

Maybe the problem is that you don't know what to do. So try this exercise used in one my all-time favorite movies, *Office Space*. Ask yourself what you

would do if you had a million dollars. Whatever you come up with is what you should do. Granted, you probably don't have a million dollars, but at least you have a goal, and why spend the rest of your life doing something you hate, when you can at least say you tried to do something you love?

Don't be like me and read this and be really encouraged and then forget about it the next day and go back to your normal way of living. If you have to, pin this up somewhere, or do whatever it takes to remind you to live everyday like it's your last, but also the first day of the rest of your life.

Don't be like me. Don't be a dumbass. Take your opportunities, make the best of them, and just do something.

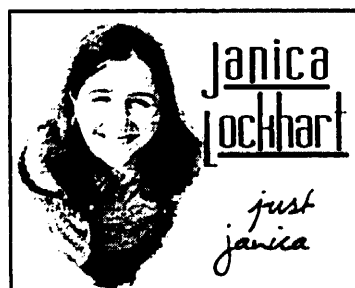
A great journalism professor once said, "There are no such things as problems, just opportunities."

CJ gives a lot of himself on Wednesdays.

## 'Oceans 11' drowns out competition

It is the most wonderful time of the year and I'm not talking about that thing called Christmas.

It is the holiday movie season where the best stars come out to shine and great movies are at the



multiplex.

For Christmas Brad Pitt, Russell Crowe (why haven't you called?), Julia Roberts, Kevin Spacey and even Tom Cruise have new films that are worth seeing.

There are 29 films coming to theaters in December and since a person can't see them all, here is the ultimate movie for this Christmas. It is easy to eliminate the movies not to go see to make sure you see the best film this holiday.

First, let's take away movies that have hot guys kissing really pretty girls. It just gets me so annoyed at seeing beautiful people hooking up.

This takes away the film *Vanilla Sky*, starring Tom Cruise and Penelope Cruz, and *A Beautiful Mind*, with Russell Crowe (you have my number right?) and Jennifer Connelly. I don't want to see these girls kissing my ideal guys.

Academy Award winners need to be in the movie because their films are usually better. Will Smith in *Ali*, Meg Ryan in *Kate and Leopold*, and Jim Carrey in *The Majestic*, will probably never get Academy Awards for their work, so why waste the time at their films?

Books made into movies are usually disappointments so that makes *Lord of the Rings* and *The Shipping News*, with Kevin Spacey, not it either. If you have read the book, you could get upset that they turned such a great piece of work into a junk film.

That leaves the films *Ocean's 11*, *The Royal Tenenbaums*, and *I am Sam*.

*The Royal Tenenbaums*, stars Gwyneth Paltrow, and *I am Sam* which stars Sean Penn, look de-

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## Bands battle for cash, food

### Johnson cruises to victory, fans

By JOE WALKER  
Staff Reporter

Building 7 was rocking to the sounds of local guitar jockeys last Friday night for The Battle of the Bands. The five local bands that played were 7th Avenue, Austin America, Go Ahead and the guitar army of Cruz Johnson.

7th Avenue was up first with a Seattle grunge sound with a hint of surfer added on for flavor.

Following 7th Avenue was Austin America, who gave a tribute to George Harrison, the late Beatle lead guitarist. Their sound is heavily influenced by the '60s style rock with the smooth jazz bass riffs by Mike Steele.

Next up was Cruz Johnson, the idea of three guitarists may sound like hell but actually it sounded pretty good. They came out in different colored jump suits, which were shed throughout their performance.

Jared Hedgers entertained the crowd with his wireless guitar



Photos by Joe Walker  
Cruz Johnson guitarist, Tommy Davis, and Austin America guitarist work their axes at Battle of the Bands.



allowing him free range of the stage. Cruz Johnson brought the crowd into the act by coming out from behind their mics and encouraging people to clap along to their songs.

After Cruz Johnson was Face Plant, who brought in a mixed bag of punk, pop and ska. The lead singer's voice resembled

Scott Stapp from Creed. Their shoeless bass player got into the music by shimmying back and forth behind his mike.

Last but certainly not least was Go Ahead with the standard three player band. With their pop/punk sound was accented by their stand-up comedy act between songs. The bassist

thought he had odor issues and proceeded to apply deodorant on stage and toss the stick into the crowd.

At the end of the night the crowd voted on who was the top band and Cruz Johnson won by a landslide. Cruz Johnson is currently hunting for a music contract.

## Music recitals to show Highline's talent

By CHAZ HOLMES  
Staff Reporter

Highline will be featuring its finest pianists and vocalists in a series of recitals beginning Dec. 9.

Recitals are in Building 7, Dec. 9 at 2 p.m. and Dec. 10 at 10 a.m., 11 a.m., noon and 7 p.m. The recitals are free and open to the public.

The first of five recitals will feature advanced vocalists mostly from Highline, but will also include high school students and one 11-year-old. This recital is actually "one of the preparatory recitals preceding national level competition," said Sandra Glover, head of the Music Conservatory who has also taught many of the performers.

Dec. 10 will have four recitals, and all but the 11 a.m. performance will also be the finals for those who perform. "These students perform for their grade," Glover said. "The finals will take place in Building 7, so students will get use of the Estonia piano."

The students however, have

### Conservatory plans open house

The Conservatory of Music at Highline will host an Open House Saturday, Dec. 8, 2001, noon-3 p.m., in Building 4. The event is free and open to the public and refreshments will be served.

The Open House gives parents and students a chance to meet Conservatory teachers, assess students' needs and to learn about the organization, its standards, and the classes offered during Winter Quarter, kinds of private instruction and upcoming summer programs.

The Conservatory allows students who could not otherwise get a high quality music education will have the chance to be exposed to and be trained by highly specialized professional musicians. A great deal of training is critical for preprofessional musicians to be accepted for upper level conservatory and university, possibly with scholarships. However, the conservatory is not just for those pursuing a career in music. The general public can also enjoy music study as a lifelong enrichment, as well as for the joy of the art.

had previous experience with the Estonia. "They'll get practice on the last class day," Glover said. "They've already performed in a closed public [recital] in front of their peers."

When Glover decides the students' grades, she is not looking for whoever performed the most complex piece. It is not so important how difficult the

piece is, but rather, "how beautifully expressed it is."

Beginning pianists play at 10 a.m. with a guest appearance by Anna Hicks, a Running Start student.

The 11 a.m. recital will feature intermediate students and "the highlight of that recital is the appearance of Dan Tacke, also a running start student."



Sandra Glover

Glover said.

The noon and 7 p.m. recitals feature classical voice students who are also graded on technique and expression.

"The very fine accompanist assisting the voice students of the noon recital is Nancy Warren, director of work-force training on campus. She has been indispensable to the success of singers' performances. Anna Hicks and Dan Tacke accompany the evening recital. We are very lucky to have such talent available on this campus."

Once again the recitals are open to the public. "Please attend these free recitals and you will be helping students strengthen their performance skills," Glover said.



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BY MONICA KOSTECKA  
AND KATIE MCALPIN  
Staff Reporters

The holiday season is here and many Highline students are in the spirit.

"For Christmas this year, I want a happy family gathering with everyone getting along and having a great time," said Highline student Stephanie Moe.

"For Christmas I want to be with everyone in my family," said Michael Boyakins.

In addition to spending time with their families, other students are asking for more lighthearted gifts.

"I want a lot of snowboarding gear for Christmas," said Nick Felt.

Another student said they want a George Foreman grill to cook for her family. Money was another popular item for many students.

"For Christmas I want anything I don't have to clean up after, like money," said Peter Lee.

"I want money for Christmas," said Jared Yamamoto.

Some Christmas requests were a little more unusual.

"I want whips and handcuffs," said Steve Hoyt.

"Cat 'O Nine Tails, and a set of handcuffs," said Sean

McGrady. One student said he wanted a white fluffy bunny with a bag of carrots.

There are many aspects about the holidays that people enjoy.

"I like the colorful lights and the high spirits," said Felt.

"I love the Christmas traditions like the tree decorations, parties, and songs," said Moe.

Others enjoy time off from their daily routines.

"I like the time off of work and the holiday spirit," said Accounting Professor Geoff Turck.

"I like the food and the time off from work," said McGrady. Along with the enjoyments, many people have dislikes about the holidays. Spending a lot of money seems to be a big con-

cern with students.

"I don't enjoy having to spend money I don't have," said Felt.

"I don't like getting together with family and spending a lot of money," said Yamamoto. The time people spend shopping seems to be a problem as well.

"I don't like the crowded shopping malls," said Turck.

"I don't like shopping," said Wes Iverson.

With a long break ahead, different people have a variety of plans. McGrady said he will spend a good amount of time snowboarding. Snowboarding is a popular hobby this season.

"I want to go to Colorado and snowboard," said one student.

"I want to hang out and snowboard, as well as find a job," said Felt. In addition to snowboarding, traveling is something people will be trying to do this season.

"I wanted to go to Montana but couldn't get a ticket, so I'm staying around here," said Turck.

"I will be going home to Alaska," said Yamamoto.

"I am going to St. Louis to visit my uncle and then hanging out at home with family," said Hoyt.

## Gallery show offers emotion

BY CHRIS NUEZ  
Staff Reporter

Vibrant colors drip with emotion from the paintings of Anatoliy Voznyarskiy. Voznyarskiy's art is currently being showcased in the library's Fourth Floor Gallery.

Voznyarskiy is a native of Ukraine and has studied art in Kiev, Ukraine and Riga, Latvia. He has been living in America with his family since January.

Look at Voznyarskiy's paintings and your imagination will tell you stories you've never heard before. His soul is exposed in the depth of his imagery.

The painting *Fluidity of time*, consists of three separate frames in oil. The left frame pictures two female hands caressing each other under raindrops. Backed by sand dunes, the red desert is accentuated by a red candle burning in the right hand corner.

The middle frame shows a beautiful woman growing out of the candle. Her fair face is draped by long brown hair.

A figure of a man takes the right frame. His hands clasped and face to the sky as if thanking the heavens. Flowers grow from the earth below as life falls in forms of raindrops. A candle burns in the left-hand corner.

*The Pain* and "... .." (its real name) are paintings relating to the tragedy of Sept. 11. Voznyarskiy is donating the money from sales of these pieces to the families of policemen and firemen who lost their lives in New York.

Another favorite is *Waking up*, which pictures a tree growing out of the cracked earth. Somehow the tree continues to flourish regardless of the unfertile soil. The top quarter of the frame is separated by horizontal wavelengths boxed off by six vertical lines. In the middle box is two halves of an apple. One half shows the outer side, the other exposing the inside. Each painting invokes a different thought and feeling.

Voznyarskiy's art remains conscious of everything that exists in the world. A sign stands in the entrance to the gallery showing a dissected globe. One side shows an American flag and parents with their child. It states "To Peace, Yes!" and the other side symbolizes the coldness of terrorism through a blue background with white snowflakes. It states "To Terror, No!"

## Here's the perfect gift for under \$10

BY KATIE MCALPIN  
AND MONICA KOSTECKA  
Staff Reporters

Here is an inexpensive way to give a thoughtful gift.

Here is what you will need to get started:

- 1 stocking
- 1 package of Starburst
- 1 stick of gum
- Hershey's Hugs and Kisses
- 1 match
- Tootsie Rolls
- 1 package of Smarties
- 1 package of Lifesavers
- 1 Snickers
- 1 Almond Joy
- 1 100 Grand
- 1 Payday
- 1 package of Nerds
- 1 orange
- 1 candle
- 1 notecard

Place all contents in the stocking except the notecard. Write the following on the

notecard:

New Year's Survival kit:  
Starburst-To give you a burst of energy on days you don't have any.

Stick of gum-to remind you to stick with it.

Hugs&Kisses-to remind you that you are loved and appreciated.

A match-to light a fire when you feel burnt out.

Tootsie rolls-to remind you not to bite off more than you can chew.

Smarties-to help you on days you don't feel so smart.

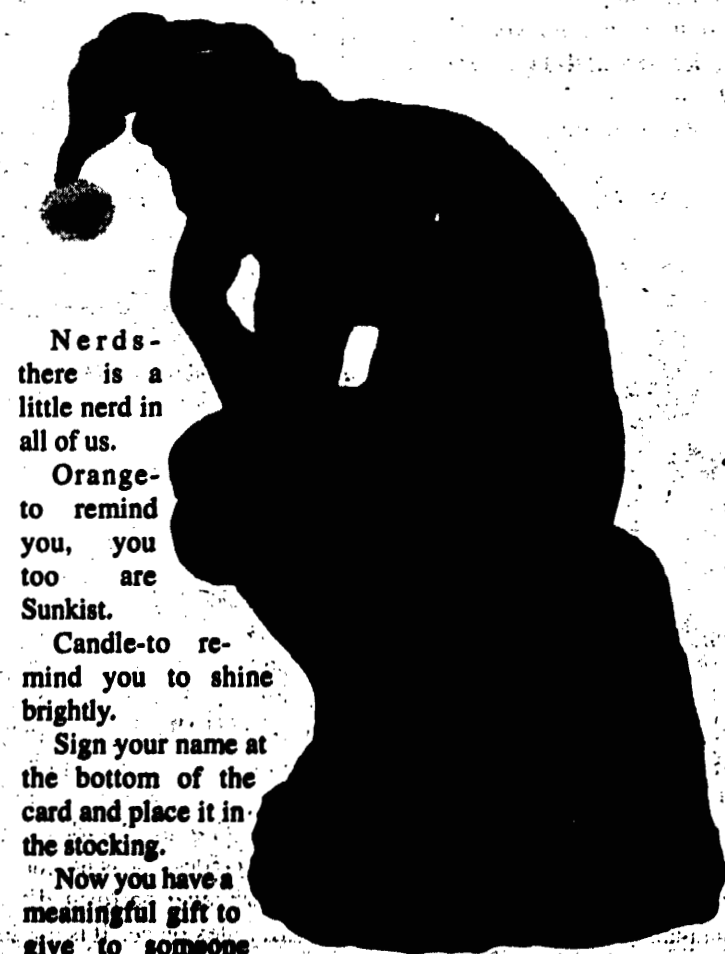
Lifesavers-To help you stay afloat when you have a sinking feeling.

Snickers-to remind you to take time to laugh.

Almond Joy-a reminder to enjoy the simple pleasures.

100 Grand-to remind you to think rich.

Payday-to remind you to show up and you will always be paid.



Nerds- there is a little nerd in all of us.

Orange-to remind you, you too are Sunkist.

Candle-to remind you to shine brightly.

Sign your name at the bottom of the card and place it in the stocking.

Now you have a meaningful gift to give to someone special.

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## Janica

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pressing. Penn plays a mentally challenged man who has to give up his daughter because it is believed he cannot take care of her. Paltrow, in *Tenentbaums*, is part of a messed up family that have too many problems to count. Both films look like downers and for a holiday film we need something peppy and upbeat.

That leaves *Ocean's 11*, starring George Clooney, Brad Pitt, Julia Roberts, and Matt Damon.

The film is a remake of the Frank Sinatra and Dean Martin movie of the same name and has everything. Big stars, a hot director, and funny and quirky script are all a part of the film.

The movie tells the story of Clooney and Pitt, who want to steal money from three Las Vegas casinos. They hire Damon and Don Cheadle to help rob the casinos and they even get Roberts involved as Clooney's ex-wife.

The movie has Steven Soderbergh as a director, who just won an Academy Award for *Traffic*.

That's it. That's the film you should see this season, *Ocean's 11* which open Dec. 7 at a theater near you.

I'm ready in line with my popcorn, Milk Duds, and Sprite in hand.

*Janica will be starring next year in the summer blockbuster, How Russell Crowe Became My Boy.*

## Solution to last week's puzzle

## ANIMAL INSTINCT

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## Crossword 101

## Oscar Offerings

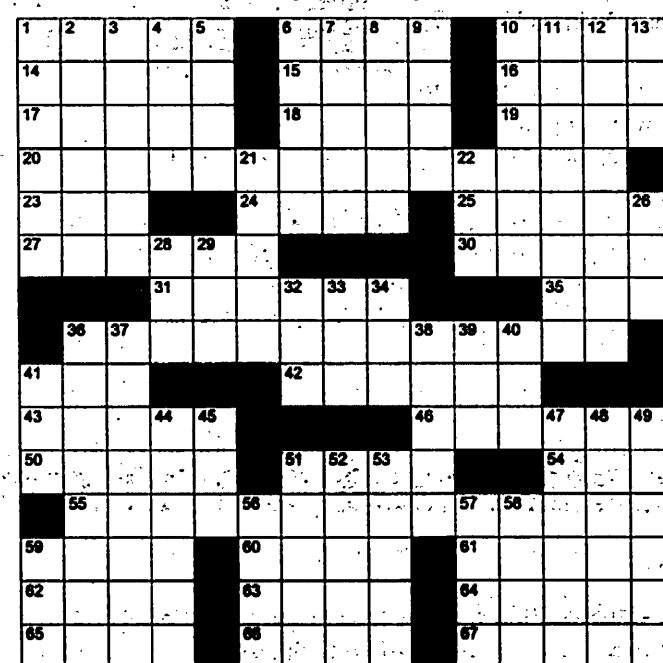
By Ed Cauty

## Across

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- 6 Woe is me
- 10 Natural enclosure
- 14 Din
- 15 Bad tennis score
- 16 Singles
- 17 Actress Sophia
- 18 Hired thug
- 19 Candy bar
- 20 Jack Nicholson & Helen Hunt movie
- 23 Alphabet clincher
- 24 Undesireable plant
- 25 Ms. Merman
- 27 All of your assets
- 30 Subject
- 31 Pollster
- 35 Crazy
- 36 Al Pacino movie
- 41 Chum
- 42 Footstep
- 43 Dwelling
- 46 Goad
- 50 Written records
- 51 College OCS perhaps
- 54 Edge
- 55 George Clooney movie
- 59 Attack
- 60 Church part
- 61 Follows Land
- 62 "A Death in The Family" author
- 63 Oswald & others
- 64 Cake finishing touch
- 65 Oddball
- 66 Scraps of food
- 67 Moon cycle

## Down

- 1 On fire
- 2 Shuts down
- 3 Department store name
- 4 Cookie



- 5 Former divorce capital of the world
- 6 Seaweeds
- 7 Free from restraint
- 8 Put off
- 9 Dispatched
- 10 The Iceman
- 11 Curse
- 12 Poet
- 13 Before tee
- 21 Resided
- 22 Grasp with the mind
- 26 Mr. Zeppelin
- 28 Get old
- 29 Treat skins
- 32 Angeles
- 33 Frequently
- 34 Golfer's reference point
- 36 Undermine
- 37 Haberdasher
- 38 Flinch
- 39 Lyric poem

- 40 Got together
- 41 Search for gold
- 44 Conveyed property
- 45 Summer in NY
- 47 Of small importance
- 48 White goods
- 49 Spring up
- 51 More advanced
- 52 Beginning
- 53 Braid
- 56 Ring
- 57 Plumber's quest
- 58 Ness, for one
- 59 Operated

## Quotable Quote

In Hollywood a marriage is a success if it outlasts milk.

• Rita Rudner



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## Sports

## Leonard leads T-Birds to Championship

By BRYAN SHARICK  
Staff Reporter

Highline traveled to Everett for a tournament and came back the champions. En route to winning, Highline had to beat Yakima Valley, Chemeketa, and Spokane. Overall, for the tournament, the Thunderbirds shot 39.4 percent from the field.

"The tournament was a good thing to see where we were at as a team," said Shalynn Leonard.

With the win, Highline improved its overall record to 4-0.

The tournament took place Nov. 30 - Dec. 2 with Highline playing in three games.

"It was surprising to beat the teams by what we did," said Leonard.

Leonard and Briana Duerr were named to the All-Tournament team. Leonard was also the MVP of the tournament.

In the first game, the Thunderbirds played against the Yakima Valley Yaks. The Lady T-Birds beat Yakima Valley 73-59.

Leonard led the way for Highline with 19 points and 12 rebounds in 25 minutes of play. Ambyr Recchi also rang in with 18 points in 25 minutes. Duerr also had 14 points in 36 minutes. Lauryn Jones also had seven points and snagged seven boards in 34 minutes.

"Our team played really well.

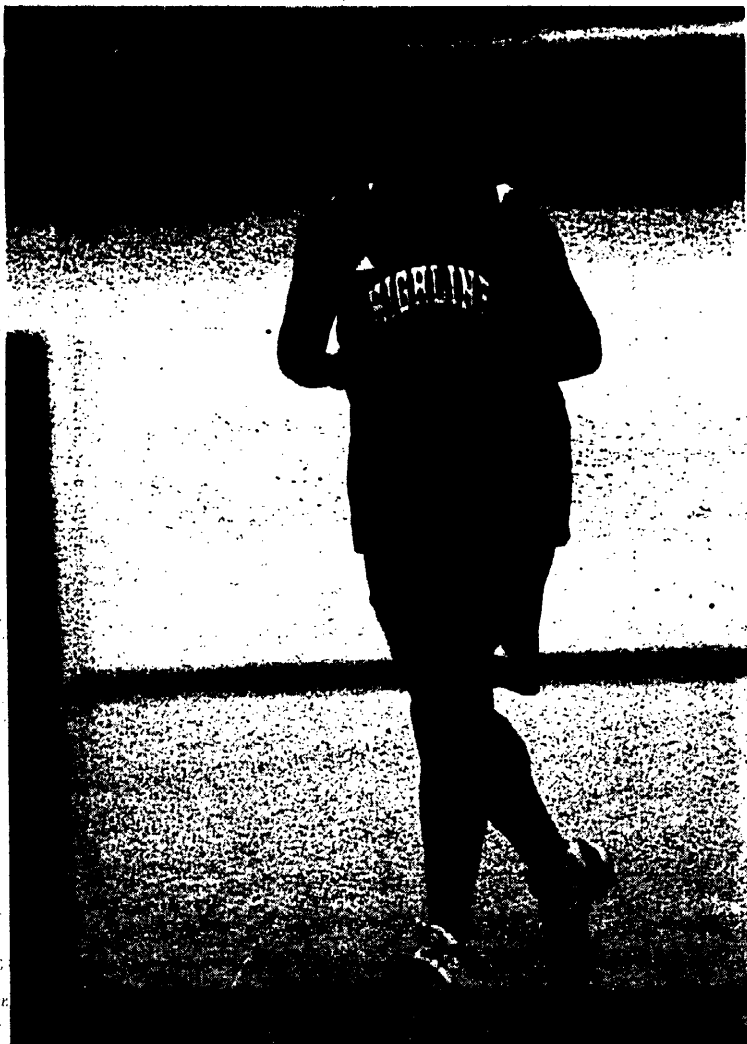


Photo by Joe Walker

Shalynn Leonard dribbles down the court during practice.

We still need to work on defense and boxing out for rebounds," said Duerr.

Shara Brazzle of Yakima Valley also had 26 points for the Yaks in 30 minutes of play.

Meghan Gradert didn't score, but she snagged 11 boards in 25 minutes.

After that victory Highline had to take on the Chemeketa Storm. The Lady T-Birds won

this game by a score of 74-58.

Leonard picked up her second double-double of the tournament with 16 points and 14 rebounds in 27 minutes. Leslie Jeffries added 14 points in 27 minutes. Jeffries also shot four out of seven from three-point-range for the game.

"The tournament was definitely a good test for the beginning of the season," said Jeffries.

For Chemeketa Alicia Andrews had the big game for them with 14 points, 8 rebounds, and four blocked shots in 27 minutes of playing time.

In the final game, which was the championship game of the tournament, the Lady T-Birds took on the Spokane Sasquatch and won 66-60.

"It was a real stepping stone because we played together as one unit," said Jones.

Jones led all scorers with 21 points and five rebounds in 37 minutes. Leonard also rang in with 12 points and 9 boards in 24 minutes. Kristin Boyd also had 10 points and 7 steals in 31 minutes.

For Spokane, Sara Johnson had 16 points and seven rebounds in 27 minutes. Dacia Murillo also had 12 points and 11 boards in 33 minutes.

With winter break around the corner that doesn't mean the basketball team gets a break

from games. The first games over the break are on Friday, Dec. 7 against Whatcom at 6 p.m.

"The game against Whatcom will be a big test for us because we're both undefeated," said Leonard.

Then on Saturday, Dec. 8 the T-Birds host Bellevue. The tip off is at 6 p.m.

Next Highline will travel to Bellingham to play Whatcom on Tuesday, Dec. 11 at 6 p.m.

Highline hosts the annual Crossover Tournament in the Pavilion, Dec. 13-15. Then the Lady T-Birds get a bit of holiday travel as they journey to Hawaii for a tourney Dec. 16-22.

Then league play finally kicks off in big fashion with Highline coming back to the Thunderdome for a home game against rival Clark on Thursday, Jan. 3, 2002. Tip off is at 8 p.m.

Highline then travels to Olympia to take on South Puget Sound on Saturday, Jan. 5. Tip off time for that game is 5 p.m.

Highline then comes home again for a game on Wednesday, Jan. 9 against Green River.

Game time is 8 p.m. On Saturday, Jan. 12 the T-Birds will take on Lower Columbia at home with the tip off scheduled for 5 p.m.

Then Highline travels to Lakewood to take on Pierce on Wednesday, Jan. 16 at 8 p.m.

## McDonald, Cardenas tag team Mt. Hood Saints

By MATTHEW MILLER  
Staff Reporter

Jason Cardenas and Jeelani McDonald helped carry Highline to a victory over Mt. Hood on Saturday as they combined to score 45 points and grab 34 rebounds.

Cardenas led Highline in scoring with 24 points, going 11 of 16 shooting from the field, and grabbing 22 rebounds while McDonald added 21 points and 12 rebounds as the Thunderbirds beat the Saints 87-78 at the Pavilion.

In a game in which Mt. Hood forced Highline to commit 30 turnovers, the Thunderbirds were able to hold off the Saints with great individual efforts in the first half by McDonald and in the second by Cardenas.

Throughout the first half Highline was clicking on all cylinders. Mt. Hood had no answers for McDonald and the T-

Birds as they shot 65 percent from the field.

McDonald, a 6'5" freshman from Clovis Calif., set the tempo for Highline by scoring 14 of his 16 points in the first half. McDonald absolutely dominated the Mt. Hood big men in the first half.

Cardenas Time - after time he was able to get himself in position for his teammates to find him for the open shot. McDonald also helped his own cause by grabbing five offensive rebounds in the first half.

"I just got myself in good position around the boards and my teammates found me when I was open. We played real good in the first half," said McDonald

Highline went into the locker room halftime with a 36-30 lead over Mt. Hood.

As the second half started Mt. Hood began to pressure the T-Birds' ball handlers and were able to force turnovers. Highline looked out of sync for most of the second half but Cardenas, who is a solidly built 6'6", was able to keep Highline in the game with 16 second half points while McDonald was on the bench with four fouls.

"Jeelani is an important key to our team, so when he was sitting out I had to step up a little bit," said Cardenas.

Head Coach Jeff Albrecht was impressed with the efforts of both big men as they stepped up their scoring for Highline while team captain and leading scorer Danny Alderete is sidelined with a knee injury.

"You take your co-captain, your leading scorer, and your point guard all in one out and it

is pretty devastating," said Albrecht.

Cardenas' 22 rebounds was the most that Albrecht has seen in his six years coaching at Highline.

"Jason Cardenas was monstrous. He was a little hesitant the previous four games to score, but he stepped it up offensively tonight and showed what he can do," said Albrecht.

Austin Nicholson who took over for Alderete at point guard

was four rebounds away from a triple double as he scored 15 points, dished out 11 assists and grabbed six rebounds. It was a

Nicholson's first game as a point guard since high school.

"I played point guard in high

school but I never played it for 38 minutes so I'm learning," said Nicholson. "Those guys [Mt. Hood] had good defense. We turned the ball over a lot but we did a lot of good things too, we just played hard and stayed in the game. We didn't put our heads down when we turned the ball over and that's why we won."

Highline is now 4-1 after five preseason games.

Over winter break the Thunderbird men will continue to play as they get closer to league play which begins on Jan. 3 when Clark comes to the Pavilion to take on the defending champs.

Highline will take on the Bellevue Helmsmen on Saturday at 4 p.m. at the Pavilion.

The T-Birds will also be playing in two tournaments over the break, one in Spokane on Dec. 14-16, and one in Shoreline on Dec. 27-29.

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## T-Birds represent well at all-star games

By JASON WALKER  
Staff Reporter

Highline hosted the men's and women's all-star soccer matches last Saturday at McConnaughey Field.

The women played first at 11 a.m. and the men followed at 1 p.m.

On a day that the weather was not the best to see the talent that was on display the four teams put on a good show. A rain soaked field hindered the skill level that was unable to reach its potential.

In the first game the Northeast Division all-stars beat the Southwest all-stars 2-0. The Northeast got all of its offense from the Walla Walla connection of Brandy Johnson and Alyssa Latham.

Johnson put the Northeast on top with the assist coming from Latham. Johnson then returned the favor assisting on Latham's goal that put the Northeast up 2-0.

The Southwest team had two members from the Highline women's team representing them, Breanna Schultz and Sara Short.

In the second game of the day, the men's game was played in a constant downpour.

With neither team able to play to their full potential the



From back left Gabe Andrews, Bo Peterson, Kelly LeProwse, and Coach Jason Prenovost, and front row, left, Daisuke Kimpara, Fanah Mansaray, Ryan Haney, represented the Highline men's soccer team in the 2001 NWAACC All-Star game last weekend at Highline. Earlier in the day Breanna Schultz tangles with an opponent in the women's all-star game.



Photos by Joe Walker

Southwest battled the elements and came away with a 3-0 win.

Despite the Southwest Divisions poor showing in the play-offs, they got a little bit of revenge in the all-star game.

"The middle part of the game was played the best," said Highline and Southwest all-star Coach Jason Prenovost. "The

last 20 minutes of the first half and the first 30 minutes of the second half were played the best."

Chris Brooks of Shoreline put the Southwest up 1-0 off an assist from Scott Corwin of Southwest Oregon.

The Southwest team then went up 2-0 on a goal that was

set up and scored by a trio of Highline players.

Ryan Haney sent a ball to the top of the penalty area where it was flicked on beautifully by Fanah Mansaray to Bo Peterson who took the pass in stride and put the ball into the back of the net.

Kevin Creeley of Pierce Col-

lege tallied the final score for the Southwest. Creeley's goal was unassisted.

Highline had a total of six players that competed for the Southwest all-stars: Gabe Andrews, Daisuke Kimpara, Kelly Laprowse, Haney, Peterson, and Mansaray all represented Highline.

## Wrestling takes it to Canada

### Highline wrestlers do well at dual match in B.C.

By MICAH THECKSTON  
Staff Reporter

The Highline wrestling team split matches in a double dual with our neighbors to the north last Saturday.

The T-Birds beat non-league and Canadian school Douglas 34-17, before losing to Simon Fraser University, 22-21.

"We wrestled well as a team, overall it was a good day," said Head Coach Todd Owens.

The dual was a chance for all of the guys on the team to participate.

"Everyone got to compete," said Owens. "There was a lot of improvement overall."

The team woke up early Saturday morning and drove five hours to Westminster, B.C. When all was said and done with the dual the Highline men packed up their gear and headed home that night.

"You don't notice, or even think about it," said 285 pound freshman Kyle Keeney. "You train the same, and don't let up just because you have to travel."

Highline's next meet is in Parkland, WA against PLU and league opponent Clackamas. The match is set for 7 p.m. on Thursday Dec. 6.

"It'll be a good match. Normally we get to see a conference team by this point in the season," said Coach Owens. "We'll see what we're looking at for the tournament at the end of the year."

Highline has had a modest amount of trouble keeping the team healthy.

"We're a little dinged up and

trying to fill holes," said Coach Owens. "[Chris] Babka is coming back though, we'll see what he's got."

"I'm pumped to be back. I missed three crucial weeks because of torn cartilage in my ribs," said 184 pound sophomore Babka.

After this week the T-Birds will have some time off before getting their first meet at home.

"I'm giving them finals week off," said Coach Owens. "Then they come back for a triple dual against Yakima, Southwest Oregon, and Clackamas [Dec 21 at 2:30 p.m]."

Highline will be at home in January, with duals against Ricks College Jan. 4, North Idaho Jan. 8, and a rematch with Simon Fraser on Jan. 10. All of the duals will be in the Pavilion at 7 p.m.

"Every match is tough and you have to continue to train harder," said Kinney.

## HELP WANTED

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# Aerobics and dance make popular class



Photo by Tomo Yabuuchi

Angela Jenkins, foreground, dances in the Hip Hop Aerobics class with Jewel Fitzgerald.

By CARRIE WOOD  
Staff Reporter

Nine disappointed students were turned away from Highline's new Hip Hop Aerobics class this fall.

"More people wanted the class than we had room for," said Melissa Kiffe, personal trainer and the energetic young teacher of the new Hip Hop Aerobics class. "Because I love this class so much it was hard to turn those students away."

In April, Kiffe subbed a PE class. There was a really good response, so Highline asked her to come back, said Kiffe.

"I saw a need for students for different kinds of choreography, something a little more fun," Kiffe said. Kiffe wrote a paper based on why this class would benefit students and submitted it to Highline and, as a result, the Hip Hop Aerobics class was introduced at Highline.

"I signed up for this class because I thought it would be a fun alternative to the normal aerobics classes that are offered here at Highline," said Jewel Fitzgerald, president of the Stu-

"More people wanted the class than we had room for."

**-Melissa Kiffe,  
instructor**

dent Government and also a student in the Hip Hop Aerobics class.

The average class size is about 30 people. The class consists of the memorization of various dance routines. A different routine is taught and memorized by the class each week to the rhythms of both old and contemporary hip-hop artists. This class is offered to any student, from beginner to expert.

"I haven't danced before, so I wanted to try to learn to dance," said Kana Kuyaga, a student in the class.

"I love to dance and I love the instructor," said Venika Parhar, also a student in the class.

"This is a really good class

and easy to follow," said Kiffe.

"Some people had the idea that the class would consist of club moves, but it's choreographed."

"I had no idea," said Helai Noori, a student in the class.

But students can do it if they try hard enough, says Kiffe.

"I like how we learn the different routines," said Vanessa Casanova, a student in the class.

The Hip Hop Aerobics class may become a requirement for all students who are involved in Highline's cheer squad in the near future, Kiffe says.

"I joined this class because it was actually mandatory for cheer but even if it wasn't mandatory I still would have done it because I love to dance," said Angela Jenkins, a student involved in Cheer and also in the Hip Hop Aerobics class.

The Hip Hop Aerobics class has been such a success that Highline will offer the class again this winter, Kiffe says. But the class is only offered on Mondays and Wednesdays, from noon until 12:50.

"There is a need to schedule this class at different times," Kiffe said.

## Scoreboard

Men's Basketball					Wen. Valley 0 0 2 5		
League Season							
<u>West Division</u>				W	L	W	L
HIGHLINE	0	0	4	1			
Centralia	0	0	3	1	12/1/01		
S. Puget Sound	0	0	3	1	Highline 87, Mt. Hood 78		
Tacoma	0	0	3	1	H: Cardenas 24, 22r, 4blk,		
L. Columbia	0	0	3	2	McDonald, 21, 12r,		
Green River	0	0	2	1	Nicholson, 15, 11a, Caine 14		
Clark	0	0	2	3	11/24/01		
Pierce	0	0	2	4	Highline 75, Linn-Benton 67		
Grays Harbor	0	0	0	5	H: Alderete 25, Nicholson 16,		
<u>North Division</u>							Caine 10, Cardenas 8r
Whatcom	0	0	4	0	11/23/01		
Olympic	0	0	2	1	Highline 70, Wen. Valley 64		
Seattle	0	0	2	3	H: Nicholson 23, Alderete 20,		
Shoreline	0	0	1	2	Caine 10, McDonald 11r		
Skagit Valley	0	0	1	3			
Peninsula	0	0	0	1			
Bellevue	0	0	0	3			
Edmonds	0	0	0	4			
Everett	0	0	0	4			
<u>Southern Division</u>							
Clackamas	0	0	5	0			
Chemeketa	0	0	5	1			
SW Oregon	0	0	4	2			
Mt. Hood	0	0	3	1			
Linn-Benton	0	0	3	2			
Lane	0	0	2	3			
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## Track gets off to a running start

By JEFFREY G. PARKER  
Staff Reporter

They push each other with tough competition, striving to be the fastest runners in their event. These are the 15 individuals who practice each day for spring track.

The track team has been training hard every day since the first week of October for the upcoming track season.

Highline's track team this year picked up two new coaches, distance running coach Robert Yates, and sprinting coach Les Black.

"We got a lot of guys that are just outstanding. The other junior schools don't know what we have," said runner Jershon Foyston.

"I think we will be able to really compete with the other teams," said runner Ezra Bialy.

Coach Black works with the sprinters every day with their form, flexibility, endurance and strength training.

"We push each other to do our best," said Bialy.

"There is a lot of encouragement from one another, we all get along," said runner Telon Walker.

The team expects to improve

its overall performance from last year, and to improve the track team's image.

"We are strong in the sprinting events, but we need a little more depth in the field events," said runner Gunner Argo.

This year the track team will be sending runners to a few indoor meets as part of their conditioning for the outdoor season.

Highline runners will be competing at the Dempsey Indoor Facility at the University of Washington. Dempsey is a state-of-the-art facility that holds a 300-meter track.

Highline will go to at least two meets there on Jan. 12, 2002, and Jan. 21, and possibly a couple of meets in February that have not been set yet.

Some of the distance runners will travel to Vancouver, Wash. to run in the U.S. National Cross Country Championships on Feb. 9 and 10.

"Something like that is to see the best runners in America. And it breaks up the monotony, the boredom of winter training," said Coach Yates.

These meets are, "gearing up for the outdoor season, and a reward for all the hard work these kids have been putting in," said Yates.



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Students put messages on the quilt about AIDS.

## Class makes piece for AIDS quilt

By SUZANNE LONG  
Staff Reporter

Primary colors are the scribbled messages of hope, sadness and fears about a disease for which there is no cure, AIDS.

Deciding to share their new awareness on the subject, the class of Dr. Bob Baugher put up a banner for display in the Student Union in Building 8, in recognition of World AIDS Day which was held on Dec. 1.

Inviting student messages, the banner will be contributed as part of a quilt to "The Names Project" and be part of the 50,000 quilts that travel the country promoting AIDS awareness in a moving memorial.

"Despite all the research, everyday in the U.S. there are 100 new people becoming HIV-positive," said Dr. Baugher, a

psychologist who is teaching "Understanding AIDS" to a class of 21 women and one man.

"It's been 20 years now and we are used to hearing about it and it has been pushed to the side," said Baugher. "But AIDS is still here and it's not going anywhere."

Dr. Bob, as his students refer to him, has been teaching this course since 1989. He had only three students show up for his first class but by word of mouth his class grew then and has continued to grow.

The class educates people on the many aspects of AIDS; its history, the myths and fears associated with it, both risk factors and prevention, the diagnosis, care-giving issues, and dealing with the grief for the person with AIDS and for those close to them.

"AIDS is different from can-

cer," said Baugher. "It can be given to another person and to many people."

"If we can stop one person from spreading this disease," said Baugher, "then the students have saved lives, maybe their own."

The reaction of the class for many of his students before the class was fear about the topic of AIDS.

As the course continues, "their heads start spinning as it starts to hit home," said Baugher. "Sometimes it is the push they need to get tested themselves or tell someone they care about to get tested."

He plans on teaching the course until AIDS is cured or until he retires or dies. "I don't see the cure coming soon," said Baugher. "I hope I am wrong, but the scary thing is I don't believe I will be."

## Give something extra for Xmas

By KRISTEN WALLACE  
AND BRANDACE SPANGLER  
Staff Reporters

The holiday season is not only about receiving; it's about giving also.

Many charities and non-profit organizations rely on this concept throughout the year, including December.

Highline students who look will find more than enough volunteer spots to go around, and no matter how many people charity groups have to help, more are always needed.

Here's a list of some local charities that are in desperate need of volunteers throughout December.

• The Salvation Army's Toy Joy program provides new toys for children 12 and under.

The program lets families in need come to specific locations and choose their own toys for their children. Each family receives one major toy per child, such as a video, book or game.

Each child also receives one stocking stuffer. Every family is also awarded a gift certificate towards food from Fred Meyer.

The Salvation Army needs volunteers to process paperwork, stock shelves and help families while they shop.

"Many of the families don't speak English or become overwhelmed with the selection of items," said Joann Reinikka from the Federal Way Salvation

Army location.

They are expecting to help 400 families this year. Currently, they only have five volunteers, and still have 15 spots that need to be filled.

Volunteers are needed anytime between the hours of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 19.

• Mamma's Hands is an organization for the homeless with a unique concept.

The non-profit organization has soup kitchens in Seattle, as well as a shelter in North Bend, but their main goal is to get the homeless off the streets.

To do this they include a "phone home" program with the purpose connecting the homeless with their estranged family members.

During the holiday season, this organization really flourishes. People are more willing to connect with the family members whom in the past they have felt unable to talk to.

Because of this, Mamma's Hands needs a lot more help during December.

Mamma's Hands needs volunteers to work on two main programs:

First, the mobile kitchen, which travels around Seattle bringing services to the homeless.

The second is the House of Hope, which provides a stable place for the homeless who don't have the ability to be con-

nected with their families, to get on their feet.

The mobile kitchen needs volunteers during the holidays who are willing to prepare and serve meals, assist with the phone home program and provide and pass out clothing, blankets and warm coats.

Mamma's Hands is also in need of year round volunteers who are skilled in coordinating events, offering guidance in job searching, counseling and fundraising.

To volunteer with any part of the Mamma's Hand's program, or to donate food, blankets and coats or to make a financial donation, please contact Denny Hancock at 206-915-2073.

• The Friend To Friend Program provides trained volunteers to visit a specific person twice a month for at least a year at an assisted living facility or nursing home.

The program has been operating for 27 years and serves more than 250 homes and facilities in King, Pierce, and Snohomish County. The volunteers choose the location and are provided training. They either visit with their friend at the home or do an activity outside it.

"It's amazing how much it means to them, when you bring a flower, cookie, or a Krispy Kreme," said Harriet Thomasen, Federal Way coordinator for volunteers and facilities.

"These things help them from feeling isolated."

The volunteers many times become a spokesperson for their friend if they're having a problem and aren't comfortable telling their family or don't have one.

During the holidays many civic groups make visits, which is greatly appreciated, but their needs reach beyond the holiday season.

"After the holidays they're put back on a shelf and are forgotten," said Thomasen.

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## Guite succeeds in business and politics

BY CASSI CORELLA  
Staff Reporter

After years of losing, Jerry Guite has come out on top.

Guite has run for several political offices in his lifetime, including King County councilman in 1993, Washington State Senate in 1994, King County Auditor in 1999, and Highline Water District commissioner in 1999, which he won.

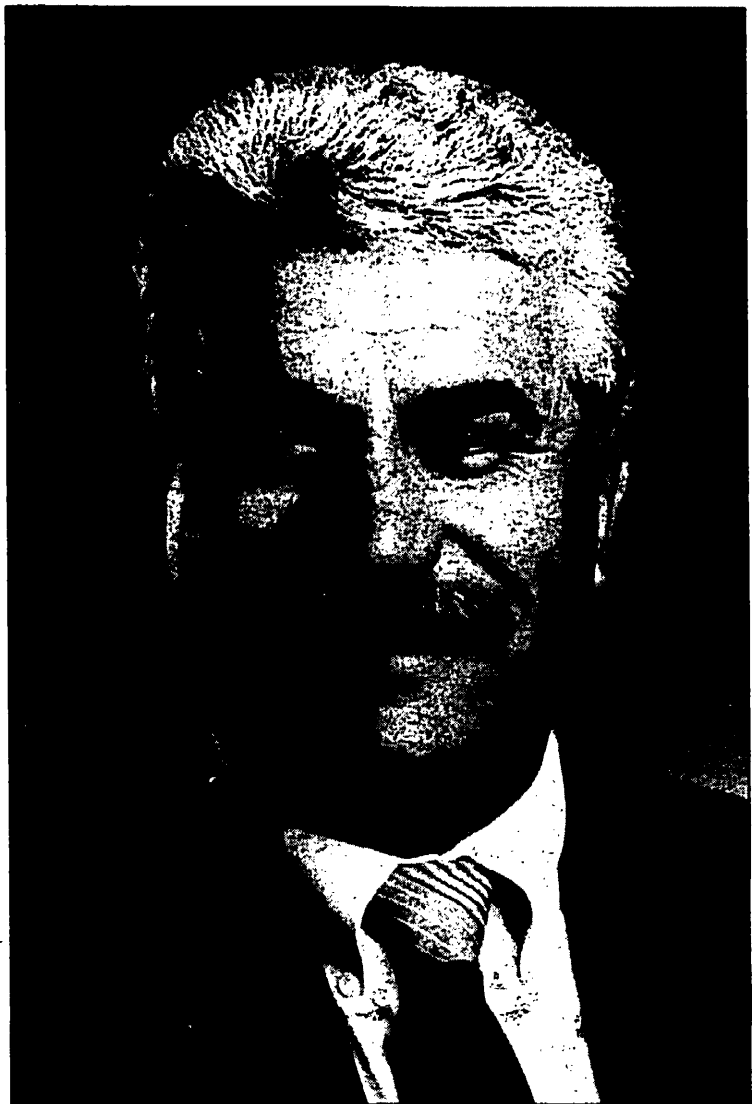
"I guess the fourth time's the charm," said Guite.

Guite has been involved in politics locally, especially in Des Moines, for many years. In the elections held Nov. 6 Guite supported city council candidates Richard Benjamin, Gary Petersen, Maggie Steenrod and Mike Foote.

Petersen and Steenrod won their elections with decisive victories over incumbents Kaplan and Brazil. Benjamin defeated Sherman in a recount. Foote lost overwhelmingly to Susan White. "I'm mostly pleased with the elections results," said Guite.

Guite first became interested in politics due to his owning of a business in Des Moines. He owns two AAA Liquidating stores, one of which is located along Marine View Drive and the other in Normandy Park on First Avenue.

Guite began his business by attending customs auctions where he would buy and sell



Guite owns two AAA Liquidating stores in the Des Moines area.

damaged goods and overfreight. He hooked up with Bob Leggart and they opened the first AAA Liquidating in 1972.

But this was hardly Guite's first business venture. "I can

remember selling rhubarbs out of a jar with a little red wagon when I was 5," said Guite. "I was always buying and selling things - cars, rigs, guns."

Born and raised in Minne-

sota, Guite was the eldest of 11 children. "I know how to work, how to survive," he said.

He quit high school in his junior year to join the Air Force and served in Vietnam.

In February 1966, Guite moved to Seattle where he was quickly caught up in the Boeing hype. Guite went to work as a numerical control technician, which, he explained, "controls hydraulics that operate machinery."

Guite enrolled at Highline in 1966, where he attended summer school and earned his GED. He was married a year later in 1967. "I added a little stability to my life," he said.

Returning to school in January 1968, Guite worked at Boeing while studying at Highline. "I really enjoyed my time at Highline. It gave me a foundation for my formal education."

In 1972, Guite graduated from Seattle University with a master's in business administration. This gave him the necessary background to open his own business.

"I didn't want to work for a big company," said Guite. "I liked electronics, but I didn't like dealing with unions and punching the time clock. They'd get you for working too much. Unions are an artificial thing in the marketplace."

As his business prospered, his interest in politics began to develop. When Guite was elected to the Highline Water District in 1999, he began his long-running dispute with the Airport Communities Coalition. The ACC is a coalition made

up of the elected officials of Des Moines, Burien, Federal Way, Normandy Park, Tukwila and the Highline School District. It was established to fight the third runway at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport.

"The ACC wanted to overturn an agreement between the ACC and the district. I decided to abstain from voting because I didn't feel it was my place to get involved," Guite claims that following this incident he received threatening phone calls from ACC affiliates. This began his personal crusade against the ACC, who has among its main movers Des Moines councilman Bob Sheckler.

"They're basically a bunch of evil people who've managed to hoodwink the public," said Guite. "They've turned public money into private money to finance elections."

Sheckler denies these claims. "How exactly do you turn public money into private money?" said Sheckler. "What Guite means is beyond me."

"I think the ACC has shown how weak they really are in the Nov. 6 election," said Guite. "Three of the candidates that they supported lost. I think the results show how the community feels. I'm elated to see the business owners taking charge."

Guite encourages students at Highline to make something of themselves.

"I would just urge everybody out there to get involved in politics and society in their communities," said Guite. "Once you start something, just finish it and be tenacious. Success builds on success."

## Benjamin and Lasco win in recounts

BY JOHNNY PAK  
AND CASSI CORELLA  
Staff Reporters

Two challengers have finally pulled off upset victories for city council races in SeaTac and Des Moines. The outcome of the races were decided by official recounts held last week by King County Election officials.

Richard Benjamin defeated Dan Sherman for Position No. 1 on the Des Moines City Council in the official recount held on Nov. 29. Benjamin was leading Sherman at the final count last week 3,064 votes to 3,056 but widened the gap in the recount, with 3,076 votes to Sherman's 3,059.

With the final results in from this race, Des Moines City Council finds itself with a group of fresh faces. None of the incumbents won their races for reelection.

Neither Sherman nor Benjamin could be reached for comment.

Kay Lasco defeated incumbent Marion Henry by 14 votes on a recount, 1,926 to 1,912.

Before the recount, Lasco had led Henry by 18 votes.

The race for SeaTac's Council Position No. 2 was tight since the election began on Nov. 6. Henry had an early lead but Lasco had closed in the gap with absentee ballots. In the end, Lasco came out on top and she thinks she might have just gotten lucky.

"When the margin is that close, I can only think the difference is that the voters think I have more experience on my side. But I really think it's luck," Lasco said.

Luck or skill, Lasco is in and she says she is ready to go to work.

"I plan to just come to work

and listen and get ready to participate," she said.

Lasco did her campaigning through mass mailings, making signs, attending community meetings and knocking on people's doors.

But if she had to do it again, "Maybe I would've started earlier because I didn't really start campaigning until I filed."

Lasco filed for her candidacy towards the end of July.

Her opponent Marion Henry had previously accused Lasco of being backed by a political party in a non-partisan race.

"That's absolutely true. ... If I used people to support me to win, I don't find it unfair. ... I received much support from the Democratic Party locally," Lasco said.

She says it is not uncommon for someone to do that and if Henry thinks that is wrong, then she has misunderstood how politics work.

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# Transit tries to get back on track

**Sound Transit hopes to outlast critics and build a regional system**

By JOHN MONTENEGRO  
Staff Reporter

Sound Transit is on the right track to being completed, but not without a few bumps along the way, members of the Sound Transit Board say. Sound Transit is a regional transit system that operates three kinds of transportation: buses, commuter rail (Sounder), and link light rail. A vote in 1996 approved the transit system.

U.S. Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., last week helped scrape up \$31.1 million for Sound Transit.

The bill passed the House last Friday and passed the Senate on Tuesday, Dec. 4 by a 97-2 margin. The bill is awaiting a signature from President Bush.

The money will be split into two different areas: \$20 million to the Sounder Commuter Rail and \$11.1 million to Regional Express, which includes bus service and park and rides.

"She (Murray) drives in the highways and roads of Washington and appreciates the desperate need for good transportation," said Todd Webster, press secretary for Sen. Patty Murray.

Both Dave Earling, Sound Transit Board chairman, and Mary Gates, Federal Way City Council member and board member of Sound Transit, applauded Murray.

"It indicates commitment to Sound Transit," said Gates.

Because of the country's ailing economic situation there is some worry that funding may be cut.

"There is every expectation that the president will sign the bill," said Webster.

The Transportation Appropriations bill earmarked \$190 million for transportation needs in Washington, but only \$31.1 million for Sound Transit.



Photo by Joe Walker

The Sounder train streaks by Kent station on its run South on Wednesday night.

Last Thursday, there was a vote to approve the construction to build a 14-mile segment of their central link light rail. The segment will provide service stops from just north of SeaTac Airport into the downtown Seattle tunnel.

The 14-2 vote means that they may be able to start construction as soon as next summer. The construction of light rail will create 4,200 new jobs in the Puget Sound area.

One of the two dissenting votes came from Jane Hague, King County Council, District 11. Hague said that the proposal was very different from what voters approved in 1996. The original plan was to go from Boeing Access road all the way to the University District. The original plan would have been 21 miles instead of the 14 miles approved last Thursday.

"I would have liked the people to vote for the new plan," said Hague.

The plans to start construction of light rail were "timed out last year because the Sound Transit board wanted a more cost effective way of construction," said Earling.

Since the 1996 vote to provide a regional transit system, Sound Transit as gone through many obstacles, including crucial funding being taken away and delay tactics. Some delay tactics included the cities of SeaTac posing questions that would cause delays in the process.

Last year's I-695, an initiative that put a limit on car tabs, took away \$40 million that was needed to build a light rail track from Tacoma to Seattle. Sound Transit has also had several law-

suits, all of which Sound Transit has won.

Tim Eyman, the author of I-695, has filed another initiative that would effectively take away any possible funding for the Sound Transit Board.

Member Mary Gates says the board is not worried about local initiatives.

"We are worried about initiatives that are statewide... We don't know that people in Spokane will want pay for a transit system in the Puget Sound area," said Gates.

Highline students should also look forward to a lot of added benefits of riding Sound Transit trains. For those students who ride King County metro buses the added comfort is that Sounder Trains will get you to your destination on time. Sounder trains can also run in all kinds of weather unlike their counterpart, the Metro buses.

"Rail has a predictable schedule... and rail can run in snow," said Gates.

Other comforts are that seats are comfortable with several places to do homework and the seats also feature direct laptop plug-ins seats.

"Sound Transit hopes to make the commute pleasurable," said Gates.

Even though light rail won't be completely ready until 2009, commuters can take the commuter rail that has been running for the past 18 months. The commuter rail runs from Tacoma to Seattle with plans to extend to Everett.

"Commuter rail has been enormously popular," said Earling.

The Sound Transit board estimates that it should be done by 2009 and cost an estimated \$2.1 billion for Sound Transit. The Federal Way transit center on 320th at the entrance to I-5 will be building an addition for Sound Transit. The plans are currently on Environmental Assessment if a finding of no significance is found, construction could start soon.

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## Speaker discusses being a vegetarian Policy warns about grades

By JOHN MONTENEGRO  
Staff Reporter

Eating meat and dairy products creates a lot of suffering to animals said the speaker at Veggie Tales.

Veggie Tales was an informational meeting in Building 7 from 11 a.m.-noon Wednesday, Dec. 5 showing the benefits of vegetarianism.

It featured a presentation by Dave Bemel, a representative from Action for Animals and showed a 10-minute video, *Meet your Meat*.

Bemel then started talking about why he decided to become a vegetarian. He became a vegan at the end of eighth grade and decided to really get into it after 10th grade after learning about the types of animal suffering.

"I started because this girl that I liked was a vegan," said Bemel.

Bemel said that Action for Animals does three main things to spread the word.

The first is education and outreach, which includes handing out pamphlets. The second is protests and demonstrations, and the third is social things, which includes going to different colleges.

This year Action for Animals had a booth at the Warp Tour where they had a few thousand teens sign up for informational packets about vegetarianism.

Bemel then went over a few of the nutritional benefits of veganism. He said that the three biggest killers of people in the U.S. are heart disease, stroke, and cancer.

"Eliminating saturated fats

and cholesterol which are in meat reduces the risk of these diseases," said Bemel.

Bemel said the reasons that most people start being vegetarians is personal health, growth of the environment, and lastly animal suffering.

"People start becoming vegetarians because of personal health, but stay because of the animals," said Bemel.

He then played a video *Meet your Meat* which shows the cruelty that animals go through in slaughter farms and dairy plants.

The video was extremely explicit in showing the treatment of animals in these slaughter farms and dairy plants.

Images were of a process called "bleeding out" where cows and pigs are stabbed to calm the animals before they are being slaughtered.

By KENT NUTH  
Staff Reporter

Highline's new academic policy, tries to build a bridge between students and staff. The academic policy was approved last year by the Faculty Senate and is in effect this quarter.

The new academic policy differs from the old one in that it takes into account a student's accumulated grade point average rather than their quarterly grade point average.

"There were three things that prompted the change in policy. For one, the college wanted this policy to reflect with the graduation policy of an accumulated grade point average of 2.0. Secondly we wanted to have some staff involvement with students who are having a tough time with classes," said Gwen Spencer, director of advising and educational planning.

"The third issue was that other colleges and universities in Washington had a policy of evaluating a student's accumulative grade point average rather than a quarter by quarter basis," she said.

The academic policy is based on two probationary quarters and a suspension.

A student attempting six or more credits will be placed on first quarter probation if their cumulative grade point average falls below a 2.0.

Students will receive their grade and a letter from Highline advising them on their academic status and the necessary steps to take.

The student must also meet with their adviser within the first two weeks of the next quarter to discuss their educational plans and what the college can do to help the student.

Students may not be able to register for next quarter unless they have met with their adviser and they are limited to enrolling for no more than 15 credits, without permission from the vice president for students or designee on the recommendation of the adviser.

If a student on first quarter probation falls below a 2.0 GPA, they will be placed on second quarter probation.

In second quarter probation, students must meet with their adviser during the first week of that quarter to make changes in their schedule and to discuss

their educational goals and challenges.

The student is also limited to registering for no more than 12 credits, without permission from the adviser. Any additional credits will be cancelled.

The student will also receive a mid-quarter assessment in all of his or her classes.

If a student on second quarter probation earns less than a 2.0 grade point average, then the office of vice president for students will notify students of their suspension.

Students suspended from Highline will be prohibited from enrolling for any credit classes for three consecutive quarters. Students returning from suspensions will automatically be placed on first quarter probation when they return.

Students who have already registered for the next quarter will have their registration cancelled and tuition and fees refunded.

"It's a good motivator for students not to fall asleep in those morning classes," said Highline student Zach Brown.

The new policy is helpful in setting standards for students," said Derek Greenfield, sociology instructor. "It (the policy) sets a mechanism in place to support and help students,

which will most likely lead to success."

"I think it's a good idea because the college is

Spencer trying to help students out. It shows a lot of support from faculty and administrators. It's like a reality check for students - if you can't pass through these classes, then how will you do in the university level?" said Amy Piaoan, another student at Highline.

"Since this is a new policy, there won't be any students placed on second quarter probation or suspended this following quarter," said Spencer, director of advising and educational planning.

"The new policy wasn't put in effect to be punitive. We wanted to get involved with students, and build an infrastructure within the college to help students achieve their academic goals."



Photo by Joe Walker

The fallen tree was located right in back of Building 10 and was taken down Wednesday.

## Tree falls on Building 10 after windstorm

By JOSH DAVIS  
Staff Reporter

K.W. Tree Topping Service, which specializes in dangerous removals, tackled the duty of removing the huge tree that fell onto Building 10. The tree fell Saturday during one of the biggest windstorms of the year.

"There is no visible damages as of yet," said groundskeeper Joel McCluskey.

They couldn't estimate the damages until the tree has been taken away. The tree fell because of some root damage and

poor soft soil as well as the strong winds.

Kraig Wood, the owner and operator of the business, which consists of a four man crew, will be the man in charge of doing this job. Wood is a native of Montana and has lived in Washington for the past 10 years.

"I can't believe how much Washingtonians will pay to have a tree cut down," said Wood. In Washington he can charge a fee of about \$100 a tree, while in Montana, Wood could cut down 150 trees for a paycheck of only \$150. That is the reason why he

moved west.

The tree is a 55-foot White pine, one of Wood's favorites.

This job was not an easy one, it took more than four hours from start to finish. Wood's first step was to cut off all of the branches that are not holding the tree. He then built a tripod for the tree to rest on from spare two-by-fours.

From there he cut the rest of the branches so the tree would rest only on the handy tripod. From there he could start taking off parts of the tree's main stock.

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## Fire

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jury, we ask that everyone avoid the area," said President Bell.

The fire was spotted by Campus Security Officer Kevin Gunderson at about 2:56 a.m. on Saturday morning.

Gunderson called Fire District 26, which responded at 3:02 a.m. with 30 firefighters, four fire engines, one aid car, one medic unit, three chiefs and one investigator. Fire departments from Kent, Federal Way and SeaTac were also involved.

Fire officials said it took about 15 minutes to get the fire under control, and no one was injured in the two-alarm blaze.

"The fire got a second alarm because there was a lot of fire and there were some challenges ventilating the building," said Vic Pennington, battalion chief of the Des Moines fire department.

"There's a fair amount of fire damage," said Ron Biesold, the Fire Marshal of District No. 26. "There's a lot of heat and smoke damage."

"The fire is being labeled as arson at this time. There's a person of interest being detained at this time also," said Biesold.

Whoever started the fire apparently gained entrance by breaking a window on the south side of the pool. The fire appeared to have started in the pool office. Once the fire broke through the office walls it caught the insulation on fire and started to travel down the back hallway.

A 32-year-old male was apprehended in the south parking lot a little after 3 a.m. He was booked on investigation of second degree arson. Police said the arson was second degree because no one was in the pool at the time.

No charges have been filed in the case, but may come this

week, police said.

The man's name has not been released. He was considered only a witness until he interfered with the fire crew.

"He was interfering with the fire crew and became belligerent with the police officers," said Candace Burt, public relations officer for Des Moines Police.

He was told to leave and when he would not leave he was apprehended and searched. During the search police found glass in his pockets.

Pool patrons on campus expressed disappointment at the facility's demise. The pool only reopened this fall after several

months of closure for repairs.

"They don't build pools like that anymore. The high ceilings gave it good air. In other pools, the chlorine smell was too strong. You could also look out the windows and see the forest," said Highline instructor and frequent pool user Dr. Paul Mori.

"I've been using the pool since 1977. I'm going to miss it," said Highline professor and pool patron Eena Hibbs. "I don't know what I'm going to do now that the pool is gone. There's nowhere else to go."

*Contributions to this story came from Bryan Sharick, Janica Lockhart, Chris Nuez, Cassi Corella and Josh Davis.*

## Swanson

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"I first got my hands on a gun at the age of 12," said Swanson. "That gun made me feel like John Gotti. I started selling heavy dope and was involved in my first drive-by shooting by 14. Seattle was my playground."

The legal system did little to turn the tide of Swanson's life.

"All being incarcerated did for me was to let me know how easy it is to get there. And being around the people in the joint just gave me a chance to get more established in the lifestyle," said Swanson.

There were two things that made Swanson understand that he must make a change.

One was the responsibility that come with fatherhood, the other was Highline, which Swanson views as a positive alternative to being in jail.

"I was at King County jail facing 10 years for felony possession with the intent to distribute. I started to think about what I was going to do with myself," said Swanson.

"When my son was born, I knew I had to do something, but I didn't know what. The seed of change was planted, but it wasn't growing yet. The threat of going to jail for 10 years made me realize that I really had something to lose and for the

first time in my life, I was scared. If I went back, everything that meant something to me will be lost. My kid, education, which I now valued, my motivation, respect from my family—everything would be lost."

Swanson was later convicted on lesser charges, which then led to probation. This is where Highline's atmosphere, especially the people, came into play and offered Swanson an opportunity to change the direction of his turbulent life.

"I lived close to the school, and since I already had my GED, I just walked up here one day and asked if I could get admitted," said Swanson. "When I first got here, I didn't have a

clue to what I was doing. People in Building 6 like April West-Baker, Derek Greenfield and Gum-Lai Ross were the most helpful in my transition."

Because of Greenfield's experience with inner-city kids, Swanson's relationship with Greenfield has flourished throughout his time at Highline.

"He connected with me. He knew what path that I wanted to take. Talking with him helped me stay on the right track," said Swanson.

Swanson's engaging personality is accented by his confident, laid-back delivery.

Swanson is a sociology major, and has plans to transfer to the University of Washington in the spring. After graduating

from the University of Washington, Swanson has aspirations to make an impact on inner-city youths by public speaking, counseling and gang intervention.

"I want to get into helping kids in neighborhoods like the one that I grew up in. I want to let them know about the money that is available for them to go to school," said Swanson.

Although there will still be bumps in the road along the way, Swanson seems to be on the right path.

"I am grateful that God has a hand on my shoulder. Somebody has to be looking out for me. Maybe one day I could look after someone else," said Swanson.

## Karzai

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Kandahar.

The main sponsors of Hamid Karzai were the international observers of the election.

"He is very popular among the rest of the ethnicities in Afghanistan and that's why he won so overwhelmingly," said Farid Karzai.

This will not be Hamid Karzai's first venture in government, however. From 1992 to 1996 he was the deputy minister of foreign affairs for Afghanistan.

Hamid Karzai is in his mid-40s and a highly educated man. He has a master's degree from a university in India.

Hamid Karzai will be the head of the country for six months, with four other people on the council. This is the first democratically-elected government in Afghanistan in more than 60 years.

"Everyone agrees that he'll make a good leader because he's a middle-ground guy," said Ehssan Karzai.

After Hamid Karzai serves his six-month term, there will be

a Loya Jerga, which is an Afghani tradition where the tribal leaders get together and elect the leader of the country. The person that the tribal leaders select will serve a two-year

term. After this two-year term, there will be a popular election involving all Afghan citizens.

"Based on what we hear from Afghanistan, all the people there are tired of the last 23

years of war and were looking forward to the announcement," said Farid Karzai.

Hamid Karzai's safety is a question, as he could be in danger from the Taliban. Ehssan

Karzai didn't seem to think that would be an issue though.

"The degree of danger to him is probably small because the Taliban has lost so much power," he explained.

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