Budget cuts loom closer

But colleges may not suffer as much as expected

By JOHN MONIENEGRO

OLYMPIA - Highline and other community colleges likely to be hit hardest, even if not as hard as originally feared.

With the 2.5 billion dollars in the state budget, legislators will be forced to cut the operating budgets of community and technical colleges, including K-12 and higher education, all at once.

The governor's plan calls for $9 million in extra state revenues and $6 million in increased tuition to help offset the impact of higher education cuts. The governor's budget calls for a 20 percent cut in state revenues and $6 million in increased tuition to help offset the impact of higher education cuts. The governor's plan calls for $9 million in extra state revenues and $6 million in increased tuition to help offset the impact of higher education cuts.

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Crime Blotter for Feb. 7-14

Car left unlocked

A door left unlocked with keys hanging from the trunk, and a purse left in plain view, in the north parking lot was found by a Highline student security on Feb. 12. Security for safekeeping.

Why not use a door?

Weather broke a faculty member's rear window.

A faculty member reported her rear window was broken on Feb. 11. Security came out to take a look at the window and took a report, stating it looked like no manmade breakage caused it and that weather may have just shatter the glass.

Speak softly

Complaints were made at two students having a very loud argument.

Security was notified on Feb. 12 about two Highline students, one male and one female having an extremely loud argument. Security asked them to keep it down and they stated it was personal and then went on their way.

Compiled by Deja Pressley

Winter gets students S.A.D.

BY JASON BENTON
Staff Reporter

The recent cool temperatures have most students and faculty shut down from their normal outdoor activities. Gloomy gray skies dampen the mood on the most typical day.

According to the National Mental Health Association, your winter blues or winter blahs (a much milder form of depression) may be attributed to a disorder characterized as Seasonal Affective Disorder.

In a workshop held Jan. 29, counselor Patricia Haggerty shed some light on a subject many students may suffer from, but are oblivious to.

"Students would come to me and say I feel different. I don't know what's wrong with me, but I just want to stay in bed all day," said Haggerty.

Students that attended the workshop agreed that they have experienced slight symptoms of SAD.

"When it's sunny it feels different than other days. Yesterday the sun came out and I was like whoa," said Paul Lee, a student at the workshop.

With less sunlight five to six months out of the year too much melatonin secreted in the pineal gland of the brain can cause depression. This happens to occur during the darker months of the year. Increased fatigue, weight gain and irritability in the winter season can be symptoms of this disorder.

"In the more severe cases light is the answer to this disorder whether it's indoor or outdoor you need more light during the darker months," said Haggerty.

Though many people have not been diagnosed, 10 to 20 percent of Washington residents suffer from SAD, according to the National Mental Health Association. The lack of sunlight during the winter months disrupts social life and leaves 7 to 14 percent of Americans depressed during this season.

One student who chose to remain anonymous admitted to being diagnosed with SAD and chose to take medication in order to combat the disorder. However, medication is only prescribed in the most severe cases.

After learning the symptoms, students discussed the many methods used to combat the feeling of depression.

"When I was in India the teacher would run the students through cold water when they were feeling tired," said Harpert Singh.

Standing under the shower until the hot water runs out may seem like a normal way to shake the hibernation feeling you get when experiencing this disorder. However doing so is only half the battle, you must get out of the house. Shed some light in your winter during the winter months and don't ignore the minor symptoms that cause SAD.

"I thought it was normal but the sunlight makes me feel different," said Lee.

If you have experienced any of these symptoms during the winter months remember you are not alone. "Get up and get out into the light even a cloudy day offers ten times more light than being indoors," said Haggerty.

You can contact Patricia Haggerty, counseling facilitator, on campus.

Phi Theta Kappa fundraiser

Phi Theta Kappa will be holding a fundraiser on Valentine's Day from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. to raise funds for their annual trip to the Phi Theta Kappa International convention. This year it is in Nashville. Anyone interested will be able to come to Building 8 and decorate their own Valentine's Day cookies for a special someone for only $1. All proceeds will go to help the Phi Theta Kappa leadership team get to the international convention.

Women's soccer plans meeting

Attention all women interested in playing soccer next year. There will be an information meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 20 at noon in Building 21 room 205. For information email Coach McLaughlin at mac@soccer.com.

Social workers on campus

Every Tuesday for the rest of the quarter in Women's Program, in Building 6, the Department of Social and Health Services will have a social worker on campus from 9 a.m. to noon. Social workers can answer questions concerning Work First, benefits for families, grant payments and refuge assistance.

Health information

Information is now available on campus from a representative of the Seattle Public Health (of Seattle/King County). It will take place in the Women's Center in Building 6 on Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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Fortin is one of Highline's leaders

BY JESSICA LEE
Staff Reporter

Dan Fortin has made the jump from student senator to club diplomat/treasurer look like an easy one.

Fortin was promoted earlier this month when the previous club diplomat/treasurer, Andy Olsen, left due to personal reasons. Fortin will be the third treasurer in student government this year.

One of his first priorities as a club diplomat/treasurer for student government is meeting the requirements that the student body needs and wants.

The responsibility of a club diplomat/treasurer is to sit on the Service and Activity Budget Committee which decides where money goes.

"It is important that as a club diplomat/treasurer to use the resources that are available to me and use those resources to give feedback to the student body." Fortin said.

Fortin currently has an accumulated grade point average of 3.74 and is a sophomore at Highline.

He has always been an active student even before he was elected as a student senator. Fortin also is the vice president of Phi Theta Kappa. That is one of the main reasons he became interested in getting involved with student government.

After he joined Phi Theta Kappa, he was working on a tutoring program at Des Moines Elementary School with Ben McNelley, president of student government last year. Working with McNelley influenced him to get involved with Student Government.

Advocating community involvement is one of the top things on his list to improve at Highline.

"Student government is here to listen to what the student body has to say. We will put our best effort in trying to get what the students want. If anyone has any ideas or issues to share or to improve at Highline, please come by our office. It is located upstairs in Building 8," Fortin said.

Team Highline and Student Government seek more money

By JOEL STUDWANT
Staff Reporter

Team Highline and Student Government asked at the last Student Services and Student Contem- plative for a raise from $6.90 to $8 an hour.

If their request is approved it would require a change in college policy because college policy prohibits students from getting paid over minimum wage. There is some concern over how a student raise would be implemented because the S&A committee does not know where the money would come from if it is allocated the funds for the raise.

"In the past the colleges told them they could not be paid over minimum wage.

This raise would only apply to student workers who work in student government or Team Highline not any other student workers.

"I recognize a lot of people deserve better and someone has to make the first move," said Paul Cappellini, Assistant Director of Student Programs.

His concern is that if students don't get paid enough they will get second jobs and won't be able to focus on their responsibil- ities at Team Highline or student government.

"Both Team Highline and student government have to offer a more attractive salary because the current student pool is poor," he said.

He has admitted that although he is optimistic this may turn out to be a long-term goal and may not happen soon.

"Discussions how to do that (change college policy to allow for more money) are going on right now by Jonathan Brown," said Cappellini. Although he also added that he was unsure how he would go about putting this into practice.

Each year the S&A committee has the responsibility of giving the student non-educational services Highline provides. Student fees taxes on to tuition fees for this. Whomever wants money from the S&A committee has to submit a budget. The S&A committee then formulates questions, interviews to further clarify who needs and why they need it.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 19, at 2:00 in Building 10, room 202.

February celebrates black history, but not on campus

By JOYCEYN BELL
Staff Reporter

February is Black History Month and although there isn't anything planned at Highline, you can still find ways to celebrate and learn at places off campus.

Black History Month made its beginnings as a week in an effort to end ignorance and delibe- rate the distortion of history with respect to people of African Heritage.

There might have not been a Black History Month had it not been for Dr. Carter Godwin Woodson. Woodson was a Harvard trained Ph. D. who left mainstream to devote his life to the scientific study of the Afri- can experience in America, Af- rica and throughout the world. Thanks to Dr. Woodson and the contributions of other African-Americans in "Negro History Week" was brought to life in 1926.

Woodson chose February because it was a time when people who felt they had been detrimental to the lives of African-Americans were born that month. Those two people were Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglas.

Negro History Week has since been elevated to Black History Month. Education goes hand in hand with celebration at the City of Seattle Employees 2002 Black History Month cal- endar.

On Feb. 14, Key Tower Events in downtown Seattle continues with lunch hour performances of jazz, R&B, song, dance and poetry from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Thursday all month.

Feb. 19, there will be a panel discussion on the history of the Black Panther. This discussion will be a historical retrospective of the party and its contributions to the Black Community.

Also featured at the Key Tower is the on-going business fair where you can find various products of African and African- American heritage, as well as the black art gallery. Music and art will display. Both events go from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and will celebrate the history of our culture.

Eunice Warren, a third-year student here at Highline, thought it was "kind of odd," that there wasn't much planned here on campus for Black History Month.

In contrast, Vincent Strong, another student, didn't even notice that there wasn't much planned due to the fact that he works and goes to school.

Officials of Student Programs and Multicultural Services pointed to a lack of Black Student Union, who in the past was responsible for planning events for Black History Month.

Ron Sims, King County Executive says it's the responsibil- ity of everyone in the human race to want to educate ourselves about the contributions of African Americans.

"Black History month should be the whole year round, not just one month, and be integrated into the educational environment a long time ago," said Sims.

We, as a people, have failed to educate everyone. It is a resis- tance because we have a responsibility to educate people about the contributions of African Americans and how they have harmed to shape this country and the human race in the past and the present."
Students should rally for Cram Nights

Highline has decided to put an end to Cram Night. For some students they won’t notice it gone, yet for others it is a great disappointment. Many students found it rewarding to sit up late among their peers, eat snacks and hit the books. Having instructors there made it easy for last minute questions and concerns. Cram Night will be no longer offered due to the lack of student participation and advertisement. This is too bad because if we had enough students involved maybe we could make it a bigger, better event. However, Assistant Director of Student Programs Fred Capesiany doubts that Cram Night will ever come back, yet the door is open for convincing. Students should voice their opinions on the abolishment of Cram Night and prove that it will be missed.

Tuition hikes will hurt us

Students will be affected greatly if a proposed tuition increase is implemented. With a 3 percent budget cut currently planned in Governor Locke’s supplemental budget, it would take a 12 percent tuition increase to minimize the effects of the cut. Several student government members recently went to Olympia to appeal to legislators to help Highline’s supplemental budget, it would take a 12 percent tuition increase to minimize the effects of the cut. Several student government members recently went to Olympia to appeal to legislators to help. With a 3 percent budget cut currently planned in Governor Locke’s supplemental budget, it would take a 12 percent tuition increase to minimize the effects of the cut. Several student government members recently went to Olympia to appeal to legislators to help.

The people you need to know

How many of you know who your senator is? I’m not talking about the federal government, but your local state senator. Who even knows what district they are in? Even though you should know, unfortunately, it’s not too uncommon not to. Well, we in student government want to help make everyone out there well-educated citizens and voters. Since there are about 10 different districts that Highline students come from, I can’t speak for all of them. Highline is in the 33rd district. This means Shy Schuel and Dave Upthegrove represent us in the Washington State House of Representatives. Karen Keiser represents the 33rd district in the senate. Maybe some of those names sound familiar and maybe none of them do, but these legislators are looking out for your best interests. They truly care for Highline’s well being. As college students we have an awesome opportunity to start taking charge on political issues that we believe in. Student government recently had the chance to sit down and have lunch with legislators from our district, State Rep. Mike Miloscia (D-30), Senate Tracie Edit’s aide (D-30), and State Rep. Joe McDermott (D-34). It was a great time to let our legislators know about how issues will affect us as students. We talked about tuition hikes, the cutting of state funding for the college, and we touched on tax-free textbooks.

It was great to hear how much they really care how we think about things. So I encourage all of you to contact your legislators, give the legislative home page (www.leg.wa.gov) a look, or stop by Student Government to see what bills are going up that will affect your future as a student. Miranda Walker is the vice president of administration in Student Government. The Thunderword encourages submissions from students, staff, or faculty. All submissions should be turned in by Monday via email or hard copy if you want to be considered for next week’s issue. They can and will be edited for length and style.

Sweet...

The Thunderword
'Murder, News and Wine' a killer play

By CJ Gambrel
Staff Reporter

Breeder's Theater spawned loads of laughter in Building 7 for Highline's own Tom Sell, was founded and is directed by Howard Boyd, who is a masterful director with a strong script. The play is set in a winery, where news and wine are the main themes. The rest of the characters are pulled off, including a good amount of humor. As murder mystery's ensue, while the food critic (Steve Coffey) with two knives. "One of the things that is remarkable is the way the play maintains equilibrium by hiding the natural color and beauty. Boyd chooses to use simple wood finish that brings out the uniqueness of the wood rather than hide it. Luce said he knows that he has made a truly beautiful piece when the person is showing it to a piece of wood and not know what I am going to do with it," said Boyd. "It's fun to explore, and it naturally hold and look at a piece of wood that way from Kitsap County. They blend together to play jazzy music. You also had a chance to hear the music's uplifting, and..."

Bill cuts Luce on some wood

By Emily Fish
Staff Reporter

Bill Luce, a local woodturner, is the featured artist this month in the fourth floor Library Gallery. This woodturner can turn any ordinary piece of wood into a masterpiece, which is apparent when you see his work. He has exclusive series ranges from functional pieces such as salad bowls to purely decorative hollow vessels. Luce uses wood for his projects that were already taken down for other reasons, such as firewood or landfill. His work is done on a woodturning lathe where the wood is mounted, spun, and cut with a variety of hand held knives and gauges. Although the process may sound easy, Luce said that he works a minimum of two hours on a piece and can work 10 to 12 hours on larger pieces. However, Luce says that the "freedom" of it makes it all worthwhile and very enjoyable. "I love the ability to start out with a piece of wood and to make something beautiful that is unique, because he uses a variety of different woods. The different woods range from honey locust, plum, apple, elm, and many others. The grains and colors of these woods vary so dramatically that each piece has its own creative accents. To enhance the natural color and beauty, Luce chooses to use simple wood finish that brings out the uniqueness of the wood rather than hide it. Luce said he knows that he has made a truly beautiful piece when the person is showing it to the next person is saying "This is the best is so great about woodturnings is the way they feel in your hand," said Luce. "It's great to be an artist who makes things that are meant to be held."

Mardi Gras celebration comes to Highline

By Shalynn Leonard
Staff Reporter

You could hear the jazzy music coming from Building 7; it was an event you wouldn't forget. The Mardi Gras (French for "Fat Tuesday") festival was sponsored by Team Highline. King cake, which is sweet bread, and gumbo were served with beverages for your delight. The band, Prohibition and Loose Acoustic, had your feet tapping and fingers snapping to the two different styles of music. Prohibition comes all the way from Kitsap County. They have been playing together for about eight years. Their set up included the banjo, trumpet, trombone, and bass. "We loved playing at Highline. We had a lot of fun," said Ron Harper, a member of the band. "The music's uplifting, and it's very entertaining," said Mary Buchanan, a student at Highline.

During Loose Acoustic's set, the keyboard, drums, and bass blended together to play jazzy music that made you want to get into the rhythm. You also had a chance to decorate masks with glitter and beads to really get the feel of the Mardi Gras experience. "I loved decorating the masks, I really enjoyed it," said Molly Beeler, a student from Highline.
Married students make it work despite miles in between

BY ANNA SULKHANOVA
Staff Reporter

Dennis Perminov, 20, an accounting major at Highline, is a typical student. He is carrying a wife, whom he met overseas four years ago while on the cruise in Italy and we've been doing the love-thing apart for a while Perminov. Finally got married,” said Dennis Perminov with a smile.

Some students at Highline believe that being in a long-distance relationship makes a person mature faster and value things like friendship and trust better.

Still others like one male student, 26, believe that “women are too evil in nature to stay faithful” and “are a major tempation walking around.”

Temptations, sexual or not, stay in the way of being faithful because cheating is a major fear for those in long-distance relationships.

The rules say just be yourself, dude

With the increasing number of women’s magazines with self-help tips and books such as The Rules on how to land the perfect man, I decided to take the initiative and write the first man’s dating guide. Most men always seem so lost when it comes to the whole dating scene. With my vast knowledge of dating I have great advice to offer.

I think I’ll call my book The Rules for Men. Strong enough for a woman, but ph balanced for a man.

The first thing guys have to do is to be confident. Women look for that first and foremost. I have been told over and over again, no matter what you think of yourself, be confident, because women want that in a man.

The thing I must caution you on though, is don’t act conceited. Women expect a conceited man to an ex-boyfriend they never want to talk to again. You never want to be thought of as a pervert.

Women eat this up like Valentine’s Day candies. The even more important factor is that you really mean it. You cannot be fake because women have this built-in radar where they can sense all the idiots and liars.

Another important rule is the rule of one. This is my own concoction. You must remember that after you’ve doted on one daughter from the family, the other is off limits. I mean, think about it. If you were the father of two daughters and some schmuck comes around and takes one of your little girls out and then breaks her heart and goes for the other. What are you going to think? Two words come to mind here. Shotgun and shovel. Enough said.

And, guys, if you can’t remember this, don’t worry. When my book comes out, it will include a permanent black ink pen. That way, you can write all your cheat notes on your hand and you’ll never be without again. And, finally, most important, just be yourself for the love of God! I don’t know how many times I’ve been at a party and there’s some guy there who’s a rookie for the Backstreet Boys. Remember guys, lies do not impress women.

Just remember, use this wisdom wisely and if it isn’t working then something you’re doing is wrong. It’s because either A, you’re not following instructions or B, you just haven’t met the right woman.

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Students say perfect mate is hard to pin down

BY ANNA SULKHANOVA
Staff Reporter

Whether people are lacking some important inner qualities or simply don’t have the looks, Hightline students agree that it’s hard to find a perfect mate.

Not surprisingly, many women are looking for a genuine kind of man, while men are looking for an honest and trustworthy woman.

“I want my guy to have it all: intelligence, kindness, honesty, personality and a feeling of self-worth, but it’s hard because there’s no such thing as a perfect man,” said one female student, 23.

Some students were specific.

“I’d want him to have an ability to unconditionally love without again,” said Deebi Masser, 18.

Some didn’t seem to care too much.

“As long as she is honest, kind and not selfish, I wouldn’t care about anything else then. She is perfect for me,” said a male student, 26.

Besides the inner qualities, looks matter as well. Most women preferred a man to have an athletic build, mostly taller than them.

Others were quite specific in their choices.

“He has to have dark hair, dark eyes with some depth in them. And, he has to have an athletic build and prominent features,” said Bethany Mathies, 20.

Men were more general.

“Shes has to have a curvy body, height doesn’t matter, and have long straight hair,” said Robert Milianinas, 27.

So whatever guides it is a perfect mate for you, one has to know that “looks can be misleading, and it’s important to know the person from the inside, because personality is the most important part,” said the looks, a male student, 25.
Women want vacations, not lingerie

By Dea Pressley
Staff Reporter

Move over Victoria’s Secret and Tiffany’s—say hello to your local travel agency.

Some 60 percent of a group of Highline students surveyed said they preferred some sort of trip or vacation on Valentine’s Day.

Out of 100 Highline students surveyed—50 men and 50 women—56 percent of the women surveyed said they would like to go on a trip, in contrast to the lines at Victoria’s Secret and jewelry stores at this time of year.

Less than 4 percent chose lingerie as their No. 1 choice and jewelry was the most common second choice. But not all women would like to pack their bags and leave for the weekend.

One Highline student said her perfect Valentine’s Day would be, “To start the day with my honey making me breakfast for me after some good morning you know what, then flowers waiting for me at work, then a romantic dinner followed by more good loving.” Which brings us to the men, who also chose a trip as their No. 1 answer.

Most of the men who chose a trip as their first choice said they wanted something adventurous.

“In the woods camping out or in the mountains backpacking,” said one male Highline student. But ladies will be happy to know not all men had a trip to Mt. Rainier in mind for Valentine’s Day. A few were not afraid to reveal their more sensitive side about the perfect way to spend the day.

“A romantic evening,” “Alone with the right person,” “Next to all the people that you know love you,” were just a few comments from male students who are more into the sharing and caring part of the holiday.

But many of you admit that Valentine’s Day hasn’t exactly been the greatest day.

Some 53 percent of men and women said receiving absolutely nothing on Valentine’s Day is the worst thing that has or could happen. While most of you prefer nice gifts, the thought generally is what is most important. Getting not so much as a hug and a kiss or acknowledgment has ruined or will ruin most of your holidays this year, yet most men and women said quality time or “alone time” would be ideal, preferably accompanied by a gift.

Coming in second: Getting dumped. One Highline student said, “I would hate to get dumped or finding out that my boyfriend is cheating on me.”

One other thing both men and women had in common is that less than 25 percent of those surveyed said they would like to be asked what they would like to do on Valentine’s Day, saying the surprise is one of the most important elements.

But one student said she would like to be surprised only if the surprise isn’t cheap or corny.

The men surveyed chose sexy undergarments as their second most popular choice, maybe a trip to Lover’s Package isn’t such a bad thing; it could be the surprise he was looking for this year.

But if you’re not quite into handing out the heart-shaped boxes and flowers this year, clothing and dinner were the next most popular answers, and jewelry and flowers for women.

Romantic rentals could the right choice

By Craig Holmes
Staff Reporter

You’ve probably been walking around today noticing all the red roses and Hallmark cards in red envelopes, but if you have no idea what you and that special someone are going to do tonight in celebration of Valentine’s Day, read on because this is the article for you.

Later today, swing by the grocery store and pick up the right ingredients for the perfect romantic dinner. Then visit your local video store and pick up one of these romantic titles and you and your sweetheart will be ready to share an unforgettable Valentine’s night together without the cost of going out.

As Good as It Gets is a genuine charmer about the ability love has to make people improve their lives and themselves in the process. Jack Nicholson and Helen Hunt won an Oscar for their performances as a misanthropic, obsessive, womanizer and a hard working, congenial model. The movie also has a little dog in it, so go get, you know that girls will love this.

You’ve Got Mail portrays the very modern trend of e-mail dating. Meg Ryan is the owner of a small bookstore that is being threatened by a large bookstore being built by Tom Hanks.

The two most on-line and send e-mails back and forth before finally meeting each other and realizing that they have been business rivals the whole time. It is a warm and funny story of how differences may sweeten and watching her Valentine’s Day, read on because this is the article for you.

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It’s funny to see Bullock try to convince Gallagher’s family that she is in fact his fiancé and even funnier when the man actually comes out of the coma. Sandra Bullock has never been sweeter and watching her performance will warm Valentine’s Day for anyone.

OK, so this next one is definitely a classic and although it ends tragically, Romeo and Juliet is a timeless romance and a perfect choice for sweethearts’ day. There are a myriad of versions to choose from, but choose Franco Zeffirelli’s 68 film starring Leonard Whiting and Olivia Hussey as the two star-crossed lovers. Also, the teary ending will give couples a perfect opportunity to console each other on the couch.

Or, if you can’t cook and want to go out, then head to a romantic dinner and then go see the best romantic movie in years. A Beautiful Mind. Now nominated for eight Academy Awards, Mind chronicles a gorgeous relationship that teaches patience and demonstrates what it really means to love someone.

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Composer converses about career

BY CARRIE WOOD
Staff Reporter

Composer-in-residence of the Seattle Symphony Dr. Samuel Jones demonstrated at Highline how he has opened doors to his audience through his music and art at Wednesday's colloquy in Building 7.

Jones' compositions include three symphonies and many other orchestral works. Some of these include: Roundings, Palo Duro Canon, Can'ticles of Time and one that is untitled.

Dr. Paul Mori, a music teacher at Highline who has also conducted a number of Jones' work, joined Jones in a conversation that the audience had the opportunity to "eavesdrop" on. Mori asked Jones what a composer-in-residence does.

"Listen to a lot of music," replied Jones.

Jones explained that after his speech, he was planning on going to a young composer's workshop, which consists of students from 7th-12th grade.

"One of the things I do as a composer-in-residence is I work with these young kids," said Jones. Jones said that he also advises and helps Gerard Schwartz, conductor of the Seattle Symphony, and writes for the orchestra.

"Why should we have new music performed?" Mori asked.

Jones explained that it has something to do with the vitality of the arts.

"Music is an ongoing conversation," said Jones. "The music has to jump out - it has to speak."

Jones further explained that music is the greatest expression of human thought; there is something about music that expresses what words can't even say. He said we have to continuously search for that new element; explained Jones.

The Contemporary Voices colloquy is free and open to the public.
T-Birds prepare for Nationals

Wrestlers looking forward to taking national stage

By Matthew Miller
Staff Reporter

With the NICAA National wrestling tournament coming up on Saturday, seven Highline wrestlers are preparing for the culmination of their season in hopes of becoming the best wrestler in the country.

Bobby Brokenshire, Carlos Adamy, Wayne Swartz, Joe Castro, Chris Babka, Trevor Smith, and Tyler Satiacum will all be representing Highline in Rochester, Minn., where they will face some of the top wrestlers in the country.

Two weekends ago at regionals, the seven T-Birds were part of an elite group to place in the top four of their weight class, earning the trip to Rochester. Now all of the hard work and dedication they have put into the season will come down to one weekend and a chance to show why they are worthy of a national tournament berth.

Head Coach Todd Owens feels this season was as good as the last. So when Highline left regionals with seven wrestlers advancing to nationals, he was quite pleased.

"We didn't have an outstanding season like we did last year. We had a good season last year but not a good finish. I'll trade the good finish for the good season any day," said Owens.

This season Highline won 10 dual meets and only lost five. However, injuries made it difficult for the team to be as effective as Owens would have liked them to be.

"We seem to be coming together and hopefully that will continue for the national tournament and that will be a lot of fun," said Owens.

With only roughly 28 wrestlers in each weight class, wrestlers need to win early and often to have a shot at placing in the top eight at nationals.

"If we have a good national tournament we should come away with two All-Americans, but I want more than that. We have three guys that I think definitely should place and we have other guys who have the capability to make it to the finals," said Owens.

Brockenshire, 133 pounds, is thrilled with the opportunity to be headed to nationals and have the chance to wrestle in a tournament with so much talent.

"A lot of these guys (teammates) got to go to state in high school and I was never there, so this is a new thing for me and something I have been looking forward to for a long time. It's a big deal, it's real special for me," said Brokenshire.

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Brockenshire, who has been wrestling since he was 6, says that he is confident in his chances of placing high at the tournament. At regionals Brokenshire faced the No. 1 wrestler in the nation and he was pleased with how well he wrestled, even though he lost.

Brokenshire is using that match as a measuring stick for himself this weekend.

Ty Satiacum, 285 pounds, admits being a little nervous about this weekend's tournament. Satiacum, who has only been wrestling for five years, will be making a rare trip out of the state.

"It's fun to get a chance to travel out of state and go wrestle," said Satiacum. "I feel pressure because my parents will be there and I want to do good for them, but I still have the tournament to go wrestle the best I can and be happy I just made it here." While some T-Birds are a little nervous about this weekend, there are those who view it as just another tournament.

Swartz, 164 pounds, has been wrestling since he was 6 years old and has wrestled in state tournaments as well as attended the national freestyle tournament. Swartz says he is not intimidated by the national stage that he and his teammates are going to be stepping onto.

"It's just another tournament. I'm going to do my best and hopefully place," said Swartz.

Smith feels that preparation for this year's tournament has been more fun for him than last year and he hopes that will equal a better performance.

"I'm real confident. If I don't take first I'm going to be upset with myself." Chris Babka, 184 pounds, has already been to the high school nationals in 1998 and won two high school state titles. New Babka is hoping to finish this season as an All-American.

"I don't know what to expect yet but I know it's going to be big," said Babka.

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Bobby Brokenshire (bottom) prepares for this weekend's national tournament by wrestling teammate Kennie Pewitt earlier this week. Seven Highline wrestlers left for nationals in Rochester, Minn. on Wednesday morning.

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Amid injuries, T-Birds continue winning ways

BY BRYAN SHARICK
Staff Reporter

The Highline women's basketball team (10-1,194) continued their winning ways this weekend by beating the cellar dwellers of the Western Division.

"They [the Western Division] all want to beat us so we have to come out just as prepared to play them as we do the other teams in the Western Division as a better team. There's been lots of ups and downs," said Brianna Duerr.

The new NWAAC/Morizon Air Coaches Poll came out Feb. 10 and has Highline still in the No. 2 position.

Umpqua (22-2) remains No. 1 and Clackamas (19-4), Whatcom (19-2), Big Bend (12-5), Spokane (17-8), and Centralia (17-6) round out the top eight teams according to the votes of NWAACC coaches. The final poll of the season will be available on March 3.

First the T-Birds squeaked by the South Puget Sound Clippers (4-6,14-8) by a score of 69-57. Then Highline took it to the Green River Gators (1-10, 3-19), 79-64.

"I really hope that Clark beat Centralia," said Duerr after the Highline victory over the Clippers.

Sure enough; her wish was granted as Clark helped the T-Birds keep their No. 1 position in the NWAACC Western Division by beating Centralia.

In the first half against South Puget Sound, Highline looked to be on its way to an easy win. However, the Clippers made life difficult for Highline.

Midway through the first half, the Clippers looked like they might be able to keep pace with Highline. However, a 21-9 run at the end of the first half left the Clippers down by 10 at halftime.

In the second half, South Puget Sound just wouldn't go away. The Clippers shot 55 percent from the field in the second half, so this helped them to stay in the game.

With 11:39 to go in the second half, Lauryn Jones went down hard to the floor after a loose ball. She had a grimace on her face and looked to be hurting.

"I was down on the ground going after the ball and I just kept throwing elbows after the whistle," said Agnew.

The T-Birds had the lead 46-39 at this point.

The technical foul seemed to ignite the Clippers as they went on a run and got to within 5 points of the T-Birds. With eight minutes to play in the game, Highline led 52-47.

"They had a big run, but we were able to fight them off and get control of the game," said Head Coach Dennis Olson.

Then in the next six minutes, Highline went on a 13-3 run and took the lead for good.

"This was a great win for us because they were a good team," said Olson.

Toward the end of the second half, Lauryn Jones went down hard to the floor going after a loose ball like she always does. However, something was different about this time. When she came up she had a grimace on her face and looked to be hurting.

"I sprained my knee," said Duerr. After the game, the doctor's prognosis was that Jones had sprained ligaments in her ankle.

"We got done what we needed to do," said Duerr. Leading scores for Highline were Duerr and Jones who both scored 14. Jones also had 8 rebounds. Shalyn Leonard had 12 points and led in rebounds with 11.

"I wanted to come out with a victory, Jones sat out the game with a sore shoulder so this gave many others playing time.

"Nothing really went well and nothing went bad. Everything was OK," said Duerr.

Duerr led in scoring for Highline with 20 points. Kristin Boyd had 12 points for Highline and Notre White lead Highline with 13 rebounds.

"We've all come together and learned our strengths and weaknesses. We're also playing together as a team," said Chelsey Holloway, who scored 11 for the T-Birds.

Highline had had a game last night against Lower Columbia (5-6, 10-12), but results were unavailable at press time.

Highline's next game is at home against Pierce (0-10, 1-19) on Saturday, Feb. 16 at 5 p.m. Then Highline hosts Tacoma (5-5, 9-11) on Wednesday, Feb. 20 with an 8 p.m. tip-off.
Highline men starting to slip in standings

Team loses two games last week

BY MATTHEW MILLER
Staff Reporter

The Highline men's hoops team fell on hard times last week as they lost two division games. The Thunderbirds (5-6, 13-10) are still in fifth place in the Western Division.

Highline started their week off on the wrong foot as they lost to South Puget Sound 74-54 last Wednesday. A big reason for the defeat was the loss of freshman guard Seth Caine who only played eight minutes into the first half before leaving the game with a badly sprained ankle.

The injury to Caine, who is averaging 10 points a contest, forced guards Austin Nicholson and JR Stephens to each play a full 40 minutes. Nicholson led Highline with 14 points, 10 assists, and 7 rebounds while Stephens added 10 points.

With the loss, the T-Birds handed Highline their sixth division loss of the season, 88-77. It was a tale of two halves for Highline as they went into halftime with a 43-40 lead. Nicholson had 10 first half points leading the Thunderbirds while freshman Jason Cardenas and McDonald spent most of the half on the bench in foul trouble.

South Puget Sound ran Highline ragged, exposing the T-Birds' lack of depth at the guard position. Highline also put themselves at a disadvantage by only grabbing four offensive rebounds in the second half, which limited their second chance points. The T-Birds only shot 6 of 18 from the field in the final 20 minutes.

"We haven't put together a whole 40 minutes of tough play this whole season. If we play 40 minutes of the best basketball we know how, we'll beat anybody," said Head Coach Jeff Albrecht. "They're a streaky team, they'll shoot a lot of threes and they just made more runs than we did."

Even after the Gators' star guard Rob Bishop suffered an ankle injury with 14:32 remaining in the game, leaving Green River with only six healthy players, "Highline couldn't mount a significant comeback. The T-Birds trimmed the lead to 79-74 with 2:05 remaining in the game but that was as close as they got."

"We just got beat," said a dejected Nicholson who scored a team high 22 points to go along with 7 rebounds. Highline played at second place Lower Columbia (8-3, 17-7) last night, however, scores and stats were not available at press time. The Thunderbirds' next game is on Saturday at the Pavilion against Pierce (6-6, 11-11) with the tip-off scheduled for 3 p.m.

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- the things that legislators suggest that do imbalance the budget: the school tax is a tax on the parents, not the kids, in other words, state taxes, and state Levies.

- while some legislators claim they don't want to raise taxes, they also continue to vote for them.

- legislators say that one way to help balance the budget is to raise the funds from the state.

- the proposed cost for the project is between $500 and $700 million. This is significant because it is expected to be funded by the state legislature, which is under pressure to cut taxes.

- though the cost is high, the return is expected to be significant, especially for the area.

- a benefit cost analysis found a ratio of 640-1 to 8-1. This means that for every dollar spent on the expansion project, there is an economic benefit of $4 to $8 going into the local economy.

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- "At least because I have more responsibility. When I was in school, I didn't want to go to school, and now I feel like it's the right time for me. I love it," said Woodward.

- she also said that her job is flexible with her schedule, letting her relax a bit.

- "My kids are also at the (campus) day care center. I don't worry about them, plus, we all go to school together," said Woodward.

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