Mooin’ at the mountain

Highline\’s Student Government will address the issue in its March 13 meeting. The Student Government is voting on whether to move $600,000 from the Student Services & Activities fund balance to help pay for the building. The fund balance has accumulated over many years from unspent money from the Student Services & Activities fund balance.

The goal of the Student Services & Activities fund balance is to help students. One possibility for additional money could be the Highline Foundation, a nonprofit organization that raises money for scholarships and programs at Highline Community College.

"The Foundation is very supportive of the new building," said Jonathan Brown, executive director of Student Programs. "We hope to have $1.1 million a year for new buildings."

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Crime Blotter for Feb. 21-27

My advice: Don't drive Hondas

Car thieves made three Highline students very unhappy on the same day.

Two Hondas were broken into and one was stolen all in the morning hours of Feb. 23. All three were '90s Accords parked in the north parking lot. The two students whose cars were broken into were done in the same manner; glass cars were broken into vehicles through the driver side window by prying the glass. No items missing. All three instances were turned over to Des Moines Police Department.

Car impounded

The Camry left on campus turned out to be a stolen car after all.

After continuous checking on the vehicle, it was never reported stolen. But after further investigation by both campus security and the Des Moines Police, the vehicle turned out to be registered to Enterprise, a car rental company. Car rental companies don't report cars stolen, which is why they have trouble deciding on what to do with the vehicle. The Des Moines Police had the car impounded.

Student passes out

A Highline student passed out in class.

The student complained of having heavy menstrual flow and said she has lost consciousness before and had very low blood pressure. The fire department arrived on campus at 11:45 a.m. and 10 minutes later an ambulance came as well to attend the student. The ambulance transported the student to Highline Hospital in Burien.

-Compiled by Deja Presley

Freaks all around in nature

BY DAVID MCCASLIN
Staff Reporter

Some animals adapt in interesting ways, which help them to survive, Kaddee Lawrence said. First, Lawrence set out to define evolution. A widely known idea associated with it is the survival of the fittest. Other ideas suggested were natural selection, where nature chooses what species will survive, and the idea that if a trait existed in an animal, that trait was designed for a specific function.

The first animal she described was the long-tailed hermit. Its body is six inches long, but its long tail, at 2.4 inches, gives the hermit its name. Its bill, used for absorbing nectar out of flowers, is also longer than its body.

Widow birds adapted a tail twice their body length for survival through reproduction. "The length—girls dig it," said Lawrence.

The next animal mentioned was a primate found in Madagascar called the aye-aye, which has an abnormally long middle finger. It is used to make tapping vibrations in a log. The responding larvae are caught for food by the monkey's little finger. This is primarily a food function, adapted for survival.

This is true in the case of the gulper eel as well, which lives near the bottom of the ocean where no light gets through. It is bright red because red is the least energetic and most likely to absorb. Its mouth is its largest feature. Its jaws can open up completely flat and eat an animal as big as itself.

The hairy anglerfish contains an interesting trait. It can detect objects from light emitted in its spine and antennae tips, allowing it to detect food.

The hairy angler female is so much larger than the male (beach ball size) that the female has to distinguish the male from food by the sense of smell. The male hangs onto the female to survive. After that, their blood systems fuse and the male gets closer to the eggs, and when they are released, they are fertilized.

Finally, the star-nosed mole was discussed. A unique species, it is a regular mole with tentacles on its nose, adapted for food and environmental survival. Its nose is seven times more sensitive than a regular nose.

The next seminar will feature Engineering professor Dr. Philip Sell, speaking on "How to Build a Bridge" in Building 3, room 102 at 2:10 p.m.

International events on campus

International student program has many events scheduled for the rest of winter quarter.

The first Friday dinner will be next Friday, March 1 at 5 p.m. at International Student Programs. Bring a friend and have some good conversation with some new international friends.

International Women's Day Potluck takes place on Wednesday, March 6 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Building 8, Upper Level. Come Celebrate International Women's Day with an International Potluck. This will be in place of the regular Global Lunch Table.

Sonic tickets still available

Team Highline is selling tickets to a March 5 Sonics game. Stop by Student Programs in Building 8 to buy your tickets today. There are only 25 tickets remaining so act quickly.

Hip, hip, hop battle

Come enjoy some Hip Hop music in Building 8 starting at 7 p.m. on Friday, March 1. This is another event sponsored by Team Highline.

Intramurals off and running

Intramurals take place on the Highline campus with 3-on-3 basketball every Monday from 12:15 to 1:15 p.m. Indoor soccer takes place every Wednesday from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. For more information contact Kristin Jensen at 206-878-3710 ext. 3439, or e-mail her at kjensin@hcc.ctc.edu.

Students win scholarships

The winners of the Highline Academic Achievement Scholarships have been announced. The list will be posted in Building 6, room 202 and students will receive a letter in the mail.

Individuals who display financial need and live in the Tukwila School District are eligible for the scholarships, which can be used at Highline during the 2002-2003 academic year. The scholarship application deadline is April 19, 2002 and winners will be announced by May 17. Application packets are available by calling Highline's Foundation at 206-870-3774.

Muslim culture seminar

There will be a seminar on women in Muslim Cultures on Tuesday, March 5. This panel will discuss women's lives, issues and context in which they live by in countries including Afghanistan, Palestine, Jordan, and the United States. The panel takes place 1:05 p.m. to 1:55 p.m. with a discussion to follow from 2:05 p.m. to 2:55 p.m. in Building 7.
Namibian ambassador visits Highline

Leonard Iipumbu spoke about Namibia's partnership with Highline and his country

By Joyclynn Bell
Staff Reporter

Namibia has made progress with help from many sources, its ambassador said here Tuesday.

Ambassador Leonard Iipumbu spoke proudly of the partnership between Highline and Namibia, as well as the economic and educational prosperity gained since it was granted freedom from apartheid on March 21, 1990.

"Partnerships will strengthen our country and keep goals on top," said Iipumbu.

He stressed the use of education for development in Namibia and how it helped reshape the country.

Highline President Priscilla Bell spoke of her trip to Namibia and how beautiful the country is from the coast often shrouded in fog.

Namibia is the world's fifth largest producer of diamonds, copper and uranium.

"Many times diamonds are sold to finance war.

As a prevention method we try to associate each diamond with the country that purchased them," said Iipumbu.

Iipumbu served as Namibia's ambassador to France and then in Washington, D.C.

It was not until 1990 when control was relinquished and Iipumbu no longer had to spend his time outside of Namibia and restructuring could finally begin.

As a result of the division that apartheid created, blacks were denied the right to quality education, to come and go as they wished and much more.

Everything was divided by race. Less than five schools were run by missionaries, which were considered to be the best schools at that time. Unfortunately, very few families qualified to go.

"Namibians thought to do something else, like go outside of Namibia, which was a thought about a partnership for help," said Iipumbu.

Iipumbu went on to stress how vital the various partnerships are to Namibia.

Iipumbu named a few partnerships but said that the United Nations really set an example that others soon followed as far as reorganization of the civil service.

Iipumbu said that many Namibians were going back to school once they realized that as laborers they could not advance to managers and so on.

Thanks to the many partnerships created, political and economic foundations were reviewed with investment programs and an actual center, as well as a fine trade zone.

"South Africa continues to change and is changing every day," said Iipumbu. "We ask for investment by approaching business with education and thus result in growth."

Budget crisis will effect Highline, but not as much as expected

By Kelly Wallace

Highline is getting $3.1 million in capital budget funds to finish three construction projects on campus.

The supplemental capital budget was released on Monday. It includes $26 million in funds for 26 different community and technical colleges around the state.

The capital-burdens that pay for large construction plans around the state.

The bipartisan capital budget was sponsored by state Sen. Darlene Fairley, D-32nd District, and Sen. Joseph Zarelli, R-18th District.

The $3.1 million will be directed toward paying for a utility tunnel, roof repairs, and repairs to earthquake damage to the Redondo pier.

The initial cost of the utility tunnel was somewhere around $4.5 million.

The Redondo pier has been closed since the earthquake on Feb. 28, 2001.

Last week, several legislators said that it was a possibility that they would overrule Initiative 732. I-732 promised to give K-12 and community and technical college faculty mandatory annual cost of living adjustments.

Several legislators said that it was not something that they wanted to do but it was something that they had to consider to balance the budget.

This week legislators decided that eliminating the cost of living increases was a bad thing and the Legislature decided not to go ahead with the plan.

"Senator Eide is highly opposed to cutting those cost-of-living increases," said Peter Dodd, Legislative assistant to state Sen. Tracy eide, D-30th District.

Governor Gary Locke proposed a hiring freeze to go into effect on Feb. 22 to help ease the budget deficit. With the proposed hiring freeze the only state agency workers who would be exempted would be positions that "directly serve public safety and essential health and welfare activities of state government."

The college may be spared the worst of the governors restrictions however. Laura Saunders, vice president of administration, said there is no freeze in effect at Highline.

"We have seen a little more guidance from the governor."

-Laura Saunders, vice president of administration

Ambassador Iipumbu (left). Highline President Dr. Priscilla Bell (center), and Board of Trustees member Elizabeth Chen (right) talk about their partnership.
**Opinion**

**February 28, 2002**

**Editorial**

Highline needs the state to help out

The state should fund our colleges so that we do not have to cancel classes. Community colleges offer our students many different options. Students can earn a degree and transfer successfully to a four-year college or pursue a career through an occupational program. Both of these programs are beneficial for retraining workers.

The state is in a recession. Unemployment is reaching 7.5 percent and people need retraining.

When the unemployment rates climb, students will want to attend college rather than try to find a job. The problem that arises is that there is a cap on enrollment. The state pays 75 percent of what it costs to educate a student and the college has to make up the difference. With the college being unable to get any more money from the state, they resort to canceling classes.

This makes it very difficult for graduating students who need specific classes. If they are unable to take a class because it is canceled then they may have to come back as an extra quarter. For students who are going away to school in a different state this can be a huge setback.

Another group of students that this affects is the full-time workers. There are many single parents and students who work all day and need to take night classes. It so happens that the evening classes are typically the ones that get canceled first.

This complicates things for all students. It can be a hassle enough just getting the classes you want with the times that will work for you. Students who have extracurricular activities or work need to plan their schedules accordingly and this can become a difficult process.

Currently more than 100 classes have been canceled from all departments for Spring Quarter. Many of them are weekend and evening courses. Most students were surprised that a Writing 101 class and seven math sections were included in the canceled list.

College officials say that they are currently working to solve this problem to the best of their ability. They do not see the problem getting any better in the future unless the Legislature gives the college more money.

The state revenue forecast predicts that Washington state's budget is short $1.5 billion. Meanwhile the college is faced with having to turn students away.

We need the state to support our college with the appropriate funds so that our students can take the classes they need to be successful. Many students want this problem fixed and they realize how these issues affect us all. What you the students can do is write to the Legislature and voice your opinions. Or call your legislators at 1-800-562-6000 (the toll-free legislative hotline) and let them know how you feel.

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Dr. Stegall is psycho for Alfred Hitchcock, and wants to share the insanity with students

BY JEANETTE RIGNEY
Staff Reporter

Suspense, murders, and psychos will be coming to a campus near you.

Spring Quarter a film appreciation course featuring the life of Alfred Hitchcock is being offered, and it counts as a Humanities credit.

The course offers an introduction to the interpretation of Hitchcock’s films.

"Hitchcock is a unique artist. He leaves a thumbprint on his work where you instantly know; within one cut, that it is a Hitchcock film. He is a genius," said Dr. Sydney Stegall, instructor of the Humanities 105 course.

Alfred Hitchcock was known to his audience as the "Master of Suspense" and he mastered the art of filmmaking.

"He creates the genre," said Stegall.

Stegall. "Alfred Hitchcock is an icon, a dominant influence in American pop culture," Stegall said. "He was the first director to become a superstar. He was more famous than his own actors.

The class will look at Hitchcock’s personal life, and also will examine the contributions of his wife, Alma, who was one of his greatest collaborators for writing.

The class will also interpret Hitchcock’s special language by viewing and analyzing many of his films and his evolution of style and themes.

Stegall hopes to have students experience real suspense movies. "I want to give students a whole new appreciation of Alfred Hitchcock, a feeling of what a real suspense film is. Current Hollywood films are as suspenseful as a busy signal. They’re abysmally boring.

Students can count on a passionate and informed instructor. For Stegall, Hitchcock is something of an obsession.

"I know Hitchcock films backward and forward. I’ve had a life-long fascination with Hitchcock since I was a kid. He’s never ceased to capture my attention. I learn something new everyday I watch Hitchcock. I’ve seen all his movies."

Hitchcock directed more than 60 films, and wrote and produced many of them. Stegall will show some of Hitchcock’s most notable films such as, The Birds, Psycho, Vertigo, The Man Who Knew Too Much, Rear Window, Notorious and Dial M for Murder.

Students will endure a full schedule in this film appreciation course. Dr. Stegall feels one quarter is not enough time to fully analyze Alfred Hitchcock, but students will learn a great deal about Hitchcock.

Young composer starts musical career at Highline

BY DANNY BERGMAN
Staff Reporter

Dan Tackle is proof that age is just a number. Tackle is bound for success.

At the ripe age of 16 he has already completed high school and is involved with a workshop with the Seattle Symphony. Tackle is truly a gifted pianist. He plays contemporary classical and hopes that school will give him different viewpoints of style.

Tackle finished his pre-college education from fall 2000 to fall 2001.

Dr. Paul Mori of Highline’s music department knew Tackle was destined for greatness the first time he heard him play and he said he feels fortunate to have him as a student.

Tackle has been playing the piano now for 13 years and does small gigs on the side accompanying various choirs.

"There is no doubt in my mind that Dan is bound for success. He has so many sides to his talent and his musical ideas are amazing," Mori said.

Next year Tackle hopes to be in a music school in England or back east. He has applied to four schools and hopes to hear from them around April.

Tackle has applied to The Curtis Institute, Eastman School of Music, and Oberlin College which are all schools back east, as well as the Royal College of Music in England.

"Age should not affect my enrollment into any of the schools I applied to," Tackle said. "I usually forget that I’m 16."

"Dan is one of the most accomplished musicians I’ve ever had," said Highline music professor Sydney Stegall. "I hope for Dan to be accepted to a conservatory. He is well capable of it,"said Stegall.

"Dan is in the perfect age to really get in to the rigor and discipline that is required to become a good composer," said Stegall.

"We don’t have many students that are taken in to the Seattle Symphony," said Stegall.
Arcturus needs art for new edition

Highline has many artistic ways of expressing the different styles of art. On Monday, Feb. 25 a human statue outside of Building 8. The man was dressed in all white sheets that was covered from head to toe. He wouldn’t make a move, as his audience looked closely in amazement. On Tuesday, Feb. 26, Left Foot Swing came and performed in Building 8. They did many numbers from Lindy Hop, which is a original swing dance created in the '20s, '30s, and '40s. “We had lots of fun performing at Highline. There are so many opportunities in meeting new people,” said Chris Chapman, one of the swing dancers.

On Wednesday Feb. 27, a character artist came and drew your face and put your head on a little body for your enjoyment. Today, Feb. 28, a Henna artist will be in Building 8 from 10 a.m. to noon. This is a temporary tattoo. On Friday March 1, a folk singer will be singing in Building 8 at 11 a.m. to noon. “We did Art Week so we can get more students involved,” said Ania Michnika, Team Highline member.

Hey cats: Play big-time jazz with professionals

Jazz students will have a chance to play with a professional jazz rhythm section on April 4. All Highline students are invited to audition. “We want to give students a chance to showcase their talent,” said Dr. Paul Mori who has teamed up with Ben Thomas from Highline’s Music Department to put this together. These students have already auditioned for the performance and both Mori and Thomas are contacted and your artwork returned.

The deadline for this will be Monday, March 11. This magazine only comes out once a year, so this is a really good opportunity to have your work displayed. This year’s magazine will come out in May. If you have any questions, call Sharon Hashimoto at 878-3710, ext. 3158.

Arts week continues

BY SHALYN LEONARD
Staff Reporter

Feeling a little art this week, then don’t miss the artistic events planned for you.

It’s Art Week. Team Highline has many artistic ways of expressing the different styles of art.

Arts Night events are designed to highlight talent among students and staff while raising proceeds to benefit programs at Highline.

The March 7 show is organized by Glover, who teaches in the Music Department. All the money raised from this show will go to benefit the music department scholarships.

The evening begins with a reception in the college library’s fourth floor gallery featuring art by Artists United. Artists United began in Burien and has 76 members. The group features artists from all over the Southwest King County.

The artwork that the group will be displaying for the show ranges from pen and ink, to watercolor and oil paintings.

This reception is free and open to the public. This might be a good time to meet some of the actual artists and learn some information on the paintings. The Artists United work will be displayed through March 31.

Students sing out on First Thursday/Arts Night

BY EMILY FISH
Staff Reporter

Sandra Glover and her advanced voice and class piano students bring a night of Debussy, Beethoven, and Bach to Highline for the First Thursday/Arts Night on March 7.

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The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Building 7 Lecture Hall, and ranges from wide variety of musical styles. Tickets are what you will.

Guitar and piano solos will be performed first. The selection of pieces the students have chosen to perform will be from some of the most respected classical composers.

Vocal performers will follow, singing everything from Broadway musicals to classical love songs.

Many of the students will be performing solos in French and German. Glover said that she makes sure all the students are fluent in diction. She teaches them what each song means and also what character you should have for each song.

Many of the young musicians who will perform began their musical studies within the last year and go on to move onto four year institutions to major in music.

“These are students who started at the beginning with no musical knowledge,” said Glover.

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Sub-Motive's performance not sub par

BY EMILY FISH
Staff Reporter

After rocking the bedroom for almost a year, teen punk rock band Sub Motive got a chance to make it big.

This chance happened at the first ever Sound Off! Competition, which came to an end on Saturday, February 23. The competition, which was hosted by the Experience Music Project, was designed to bring together teen bands from around the area to battle for a variety of prizes, including the right to open for a large act at a future EMP show.

There were three stages to get through in order to compete in the final round. Out of the over 100 CD entries, only nine bands were selected.

These auspicious nine were divided into three groups to compete. The winner of each group was entered in the final competition, which was hosted by the Experience Music Project. The band that won the competition was awarded a CD from the band, you can e-mail the band at submotiveband@yahoo.com.

Sub-Motive does have a more soulful side which is distinct from their bedroom sound. The band was first formed by 17-year-old Jason Edwards, lead guitarist, and 16-year-old Josh Bogle, bassist, about two years ago. The band did not feel completely satisfied until 17-year-old Jason Edwards was recruited as the drummer.

The band has performed at smaller venues than the EMP such as Starbucks and Club Impact. They have also gotten some experience in front of crowds at various bars and friends' house parties.

To perform at the Sky Stage is truly any band's dream come true. For Sub-Motive, the experience was nothing less than an accomplishment.

The members of Sub-Motive have been inspired by some of rock's most notable artists. "The Beatles have definitely been inspiring for us," said Bogle. "Stevie Ray Vaughan is very much into Aeros." "Our style is like Black 182 and Green Day meets Van Halen," said Edwards. "We're kind of jazzy too."

Sub-Motive has a desire and passion for music which is apparent when you see them perform. For the time being, just to be able to successfully produce intelligent, thoughtful and heartfelt music is what is important, which is why the band said that it's not all about the "bling thing."

Although Sub-Motive was not awarded the first place prize at the Sound Off! Competition, they were in good spirits and motivated to do it all over again.

The next time to see Sub-Motive in action is "Phat Fest" at Kentlake High School in Black Diamond on March 8. The program starts at 8 p.m.

If you want to find out about other Sub-Motive shows or buy a CD from the band, you can e-mail the band at submotiveband@yahoo.com.
Arterberry emerges, T-Birds need one win

Highline men play for playoffs on Saturday

BY MATTHEW MILLER
Staff Reporter

After a two-game winning streak which included a three-point upset win at Lower Columbia and a double-overtime win against Pierce, the Highline men’s basketball team hit the wall against Tacoma last Wednesday.

It was an average game for Tacoma (14-9, 23-2), as they won by their average 27 points and scored more than their average 90 points en route to a 94-68 win over Highline. Five Titans scored in double figures, as Tacoma stayed unbeaten in the Western Division.

Tacoma seems to have Highline’s number this season, beating the T-Birds twice before time by more than 23 points. Highline (8-7, 16-11) hung with “Tacoma for the first 12 minutes of the game but Highline was unable to regain their defensive composure after the Titans put on a little run halfway through the first half.

“We stuck to the game plan for a while and then we went away from the game plan. When you do that against a team like Tacoma you find yourself in trouble,” said Head Coach Jeff Albrecht. “We’re young and we need to learn that and we will. I think we learned some lessons tonight which is fine.”

In the midst of the average Tacoma victory, Highline’s TJ Arterberry exploded for a game and career high 25 points.

Arterberry, a 6’7” freshman was the lone bright spot for Highline as he shot 10 of 15 from the field, went 4 of 4 from the free throw line, grabbed 9 boards, and had 4 assists. In a game which Highline couldn’t buy a break, Arterberry looked unstoppable.

Tacoma’s big men had no answer for Arterberry or his post move all game long.

“I think we found another player: TJ played outstanding tonight. He’s a freshman, but he’s almost a sophomore now. He’s had his ups and downs and he’s trying to do what we teach him to do and you get to see that,” said Albrecht.

Highline was dominated by Tacoma in nearly every facet of the game including rebounds as they out rebounded Highline 47-29. Titans’ forward Calvin Ento was a monster in the paint, grabbing 12 boards and scoring 8 of his 12 points in the paint.

Highline bounced back from the Tacoma loss with a win against Grays Harbor as they traveled to Aberdeen to take on the lowly Chokers last Saturday.

The Chokers, who have yet to win a game, were no match for Highline as the T-Birds controlled the tempo and the game came away with a much needed 75-69 win.

Austin Nicholson rebounded from a 3-17 shooting night against Tacoma to lead Highline with 19 points on 7-13 shooting, including four three-pointers. Arterberry added 13 points to go along with 4 rebounds, as he was the go-to guy in the post while Jeff Albrecht sat out with a hamstring injury.

Freshman guard Seth Caine made his return to the lineup after sitting out the previous four games with an ankle injury. Caine was productive in his return, scoring 9 points and grabbing 3 rebounds.

The victory over Grays Harbor kept Highline in position to make the playoffs with a win this Saturday in their last game of the season against Centralia. Highline could still make the post season with a loss on Saturday, however a win would assure their spot in the tournament.

The Centralia game is scheduled for a 3 p.m. tip-off at the pavilion. Centralia beat Highline in their first meeting back on Jan. 30.

With Highline in control of their own destiny, Head Coach Jeff Albrecht is confident with his team’s chances for success.

The Centralia game determines who’s going to the playoffs and that’s good position to be in because as long as you control your own destiny, life is good,” said Albrecht.

Stephens stepped up when his team needed him

BY NIKI WHITE
Staff Reporter

Coming into the season, freshmen KR Stephens anticipated seeing limited playing time for the Highline men’s basketball team.

Stephens’ opportunity came when sophomore point guard Danny Aldrete injured his meniscus last four games into the season.

Stephens was thrust into the starting lineup when sophomore Austin Nicholson took over for Aldrete at point guard.

“Coming into this basketball season I thought I was going to average 12 minutes a game, but the last three games I have played almost the whole game,” said Stephens.

Stephens is currently averaging 11.5 points, 4 rebounds, and 3 assists a game. He also plays close to 40 minutes each time he takes the court.

The 6-foot Stephens has filled the shoes of shooting guard well this season. On Feb. 2 against Clark, Stephens hit seven three pointers in a game, tying the school record.

“He’s a great shooter, one of the best on the team,” said Head Coach Jeff Albrecht. “I didn’t think he would be starting, he earned his way onto starting line up. He has played a lot of minutes and shot the ball really well.”

Stephens graduated from Evergreen High School. In his senior season at Evergreen, Stephens was second in the Seamount League in scoring with 27 points per game and was named team MVP.

As a child Stephens moved around a lot because both of his parents were in the service. His mother, Peggy Standring was a nurse and his father, Kerry Stephens was a sergeant in the Army. Stephens has lived in Germany, Texas, California, Oregon, and Washington.

“I don’t think the moving shaped who I am as a person, I basically think of myself as coming from around here (Seattle),” said Stephens.

The most important person in Stephens’ life is his mother. Standing encouraged Stephens not to give up on basketball when he was younger. Stephens was cut from a few teams and she was there to urge him not to give up on basketball.

“She’s the type of person that can joke about anything with. She kept me in it (basketball) when I wanted to quit,” said Stephens.

Stephens wasn’t expecting much from this basketball season but now he is attempting to lead Highline into the postseason. His season experience will pay off if the T-Birds make it into the NWAC tourney.

“I just want to behere for my team and help them anyway I can. We’re living together and we’re capable of a lot,” said Stephens.
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February 28, 2002

Sports

Lady T-Birds set to take west with two wins

BY BRYAN SHARICK
Staff Reporter

The Lady Thunderbirds picked up two more victories and sealed their berth in the NWAACC tournament March 8-11. Now all that's left for Highline (14-1, 23-5) is for them to determine if they want to be No. 1 or No. 2 in the Western Division.

In the first game against the Tacoma Titans (6-8, 10-14), it all nearly fell apart as Highline squeaked out a win in the final minutes by a score of 70-66. "It's important to be able to win close games because it helps prepare for the tournament," said Head Coach Dennis Olson.

In the second game, the Lady Thunderbirds came out and played Highline Harbor Chokers (6-8, 7-17) a whooping by a score of 88-68. In the first half against the chokers, Highline did not play to its potential. The Titans had the game of their lives and were out to get Highline.

With 6:31 to go in the half, Highline took its first lead of the game by a score of 21-19 thanks in part to a Kristen Boyd steal. At halftime, Highline was down 31-29 to the Titans. This would be the first half time deficit they'd have to overcome in some time.

Three minutes into the second half, the Titans had expanded their own-growing lead to 50-42. This led to Olson calling a timeout to regroup.

With 4:07 to go in the game, Highline's Leslie Jeffries drained a three-pointer to give the T-Birds the lead 58-57.

The final four minutes of the game consisted of Highline and Grays Harbor trading leads. Lauryn Jones sealed the victory for Highline with two final free throws for the T-Birds.

A major contributor to the closeness of the game was the fact that Highline shot 34 percent from the field.

"I'm glad we got out with a win. The other team played very well and we didn't shoot well," said Olson.

The leading scorer for the T-Birds was Shalynn Leonard with 16 points and 10 boards. The leading scorer for the game was Heather Hyde from Tacoma with 29 points and 10 rebounds.

Tacoma was out to get us, but we managed to pull it off," said Leslie Jeffries.

The Grays Harbor game wasn't a very exciting one, but Highline came out better-prepared in comparison to the Tacoma game.

"Grays Harbor was another tough test and Centralia will be tougher than that," said Jeffries.

The leading scorer for the T-Birds was Lauryn Jones with 17.

"The kids are looking forward to the playoffs and especially playing Centralia again," said Olson.

The final game of the regular season for the T-Birds is on Saturday, March 2 at the Thunderdome against the Centralia Trailblazers (12-2, 20-6). Game time is at 5 p.m. Centralia sits at No. 2 in the Western Division and is stepping on Highline's heels. The last meeting of these two names resulted in a Highline loss by a score of 87-72. This game will decide the Western Division.

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Kristen Boyd receives instructions from Head Coach Dennis Olson to last week's game.

Lauryn Jones (32) and Brianna Durell work to secure a rebound last week against Tacoma.
Thunderbird track season looks promising

By DAVID HAIDLE
Staff Reporter

Highline's track and field team is gearing up for a new season starting this Saturday. Highline will be participating in the Linfield Icebreaker Meet at the Dempsey Indoor Facility in Seattle.

With another season comes new talent, and, this year, new coaches. Head Coach Robert Yates previously was an assistant at Spokane. New sprint Coach Les Black has more than 15 years of experience at many levels.

Now that Highline has acquired Yates, the team has high hopes for the future, and has been happy with the addition of Black to the coaching staff.

The team is strongest in sprints, but needs work in the distance events.

"We have right now about 12 to 15 sprinters that Coach Black is working with, and they are definitely going to be the strength of this team," said Yates.

Highline also excels at other events, even though the team has only a handful of throwers.

"We don't have a large number of throwers, but the ones that we have are really strong," said Yates.

Right now, the main aspect the team needs to work on is being reliable in practices. "What we've got to work on in the most is just having consistent efforts at practices. The coaches are constantly reminding them that it has to get done at practice in order for it to happen at the meet," said Yates.

Heading up the men's team is Gunner Argo, who is in his first year at Highline. Argo attended White River High School, where he holds the school record for the high jump. Argo also participates in the decathlon, in which he hopes to better himself in the events where he is not so strong.

"This year I'm just hoping to get a good base, and then in the decathlon try to improve the events that are weak right now, like the hurdles and the long jump," said Argo, who also placed fifth in the same in the discus. Jeroshun Foyoston is a freshman from Keni-Meridian High School, where he holds the school records in the hurdles. Foyoston hopes to break Highline's 400-meter hurdle record.

Freshman Brandon Sutton attended Payupnp High School where he placed second in state competitions for the 200-meter and the 400-meter. Sutton has the ninth fastest 400-meter record for high school runners in Washington.

Freshman Omari Gildon went to Thomas Jefferson High School where he was named Most Valuable Athlete and was team captain of the men's track team. In his junior and senior years, Gildon competed at state, and placed sixth in the 100-meters.

Another integral part of the Highline track team is the women's team. The women's team, although it is smaller in size than the men's team, has many fierce competitors. Last year, the women's team placed fifth in the NWAACC. This year, they hope to break into the top three.

Leading the female sprinters is Torina Vickers, a sophomore, who is the defending champion of the NWAACC in the 100-meters. She also placed second in the 200-meters.

Also on the women's team is sprinter Darilynn Harris. Harris went to Decatur High School and went to State in her sophomore year. Harris was also named Most Outstanding Player at Decatur.

Freshman Olivia Palermo attended Mt. Rainier High School, where she broke a 22-year-old school record in the 400 meters.

"If I can get a couple more women, we'll be a real force in this league. We have a potential to score a lot of points at the conference championships," said Yates.

Overall, Highline has some exciting prospects to lookout for this year. At the end of the season, Highline hopes to compete for top three in the NWAACC.

"If things go our way, if we don't get injuries, we should be able to do that. And if things really go good, we have a chance to get a championship," said Yates.

Les Black helps track team any way he can

New track coach brings knowledge and experience to Highline

By DAVID HAIDLE
Staff Reporter

Les Black was coached by a former Olympian, and now he brings his knowledge of track to Highline. Black is the new assistant coach for Highline's track and field team.

As a former athlete, Black has had many years of experience. Born in Hartford, Conn., he attend Hartford Public High School. While at Hartford, Black was a running back and linebacker for the football team. During his time at Hartford, Black's accomplishments included All-League, and second team All-State.

Black was also a member of the track and field team, which was coached by Lindy Remington, who ran the 100-meters and the Helsinki Olympics in 1952. The track and field team was undefeated for four straight years in state competitions.

After an illustrious high school career, Black accepted a football scholarship from the University of Washington. Unfortunately, he had to undergo surgery twice in college, which held him back from achieving more accomplishments in college.

Black started coaching in 1980, when he instructed young athletes in the Central Area Youth Association (CAYA). In 1983, Black started his first year as coach of the Sammamish High School track team. In the same year, the men's track and field team won the league championship. Seven years later in 1990, the women's track and field team won the state championship.

Black continued coaching at Sammamish until 1995, before taking a hiatus from coaching until 2000, when he started coaching high jump and long jump at the University of Washington. Under Black's training, the men's track and field team beat UCLA in a dual meet for the first time ever.

Black coached at the UW for one season before returning to coach high school track at Newport High School in Bellevue. There Black helped the women's track and field team win a league championship in 2001.

This is Black's first season as coach at Highline. Now that Black is coaching for Highline, Head Coach Robert Yates has high hopes for the future. "He is very fair-minded and he is willing to work with kids, but at the same time, he's very demanding and they really appreciate that," said Head Coach Robert Yates.

Highline has many young athletes who need adjustments to make the difficult switch from high school to college. Black has both the experience of an athlete and a coach to help the athletes make that transition.

Black will be working with the athletes in sprints and hurdles, but his area of expertise extends further, including the long jump and triple jump. "I'm a coach, I'll coach anything that needs to be coached," said Black.

When Black used to run, he ran on talent alone. However, from his years of experience, he can now impart his wisdom to the younger players who are not blessed with raw talent.

"There's more to running than running," said Black.

Already at competitions, other coaches have commented on how Highline's team is budding with promise. "You can tell a team that's coaching," said Black.

With Highline in a rebuilding phase, it is only fitting they have a coach like Black to help them along the way. Black is enjoying his coaching endeavors, and plans to continue coaching for as long as he can.

"I hope to coach until they bury me in the ground," said Black.
Cheer club is self supported

By CHAE HOLMES
Staff Reporter

Clubs and organizations are often backed by lots of funding, but this is not the case for one particular club at Highline.
The school's cheer squad was essentially built from the ground up by the cheerleaders themselves and was established with a mere $100 from the college.
However, the path to that $100 was paved with more obstacles than most clubs face.
The current president of the squad also is co-captain is Kelli Jameson, who fellow member Jessica Rankin regards as one of the pioneers of the squad. Rankin has learned from the cheerleader will “have to be dedicated” thus enthusiastic. She also says that a pre-camp event took place, “will have to be eager.”
While trying to get into the official club, one will “have to be enthusiastic.”
Co-captain Angie Jenkins is also co-captain is Kelli Jameson, who fellow member Jessica Rankin regards as one of the pioneers of the squad. Rankin has learned from the cheerleader will “have to be dedicated” thus enthusiastic. She also says that a pre-camp event took place, “will have to be eager.”
While trying to get into the official club, one will “have to be enthusiastic.”

Eagerness is important as well. The squad recently suffered a setback as two of its members quit, but will soon have an opportunity to recruit new members.
In March, notices will be placed around the campus providing information about the upcoming tryouts, which will be held in April. Prior to the actual tryouts, there will be a three to four-day period in which prospective newcomers will get the opportunity to practice with experienced cheerleaders in order to prepare.
Co-captain Angie Jenkins is excited about what next year will bring for the squad. “I see a lot of potential,” she says of her current teammates and is also looking to bring in some new talent.
Everyone is welcome to try out, and that means everyone. “We want guys to try out,” Jenkins said.
Jenkins says guys are wanted on the squad because they are perfect for lifting the other cheerleaders up and boosting them into the air, activities referred to as cheerleading as stunting.
However, the cheerleaders are not allowed to do stunting until they get insurance. This will entail a two-week cheer camp over the summer and probably a large sum of money, in which case, the as of yet unspent $100 will come in handy.
The squad met on Tuesday to discuss requirements for the April tryouts and is looking to keep the squad at no more than 15 members for next year, since they are often given a small amount of space in which to perform.
Those who come for tryouts should be ready to work hard, because “it takes a lot of dedication,” said Jenkins.

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Co-captain Angela Jenkins cheers at a basketball game.

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Playing with mommy

Nicole Hedstrom and her daughter Kylee enjoy an unusually sunny February day playing by the fountain near Building 5 at Highline. Hedstrom attends classes at Highline while being a full-time parent.

Citizens sue Gary Petersen

BY AARON ERNST
Staff Reporter

The Des Moines City Council is in turmoil. Councilmembers have asked for the resignation of City Manager Bob Olander.

The election of four new councilmembers has changed a lot on the City Council, and led to friction between the old and the new guard.

* Angry citizens filed suit against Councilman Gary Petersen in an effort to remove him from the council.

Petersen owns Pete's Towing, which contracts with the Des Moines Police to provide several hundred thousand dollars worth of services.

State Auditor Brian Sonntag has said that a conflict of interest exists by Petersen serving on the council.

State law prohibits someone serving on a city council while receiving business from that city. Petersen has said that he would refrain from voting in matters that involved towing contracts with the city.

* The Des Moines City Council is reconsidering the idea of putting a conveyor system through the city to move fill material to Sea-Tac Airport.

At the council's study session on Thursday night, the Wescot Company briefed the council about its plans to supply for a permit to build a conveyor system through the city.

The conveyor would be used to haul gravel, shipped in on barges, from Des Moines Marina to the runway project at Sea-Tac Airport.

Wescot previously applied for permits in 1997 but its request was unanimously denied by the council.

"I don't understand why we want to entertain the idea of putting a conveyor through Des Moines," Councilwoman Susan White said, expressing her dissatisfaction about the plan.

Councilwoman Maggie Steenrod asked why permits should be given for a new runway that was going to be even built.

City staff urged the council to reject Wescot's overtures.

The council chamber was standing-room only with angry citizens upset with the idea of a conveyor system through the city and a third runway at the airport. But Mayor Don Wasson said that public comment was not allowed.

* Councilmember Bob Sheckler apparently has been hospitalized with an undisclosed illness.

Councilwoman Susan White revealed Sheckler's misfortune at Thursday's meeting.

Sheckler was defeated by Wasson in a vote on the council to choose a new mayor in January.

* Councilwoman Susan White ended the meeting by reading an emotional letter where she announced that City Manager Bob Olander had been asked to resign by Mayor Wasson, and Councilmembers Steenrod and Richard Benjamin.

White said how "foolish it is to fire a talented city manager."

Olander was asked to resign as he began looking for a new towing contract to settle the issue involving Councilman Petersen.

She also accused the three along with Councilman Petersen of backroom politics and conniving to put forth their own agenda. No comment was heard from the group.

In other business, the council passed a resolution, 4-2, endorsing the passage of the Highline school bond.

Councilmembers Steenrod and Benjamin voted against the resolution, saying that this wasn't appropriate for the council to consider.

Women's Day finds Highline

BY KATHY SURA
Staff Reporter

Women have struggled throughout history and now will get some recognition. Women around the world will be honored during International Women's Day. Highline will sponsor special events on campus in recognition of this important day on Wednesday, March 6.

"In some countries it's a national holiday," said Louise Story, Highline Women's Programs coordinator. "They've given the day off from work and are treated to flowers and candy."

International Women's Day was founded in the United States in 1909 when the Socialist Party was trying to secure suffrage for women.

The movement was internationally cemented, however, in the 1917 Russian Revolution in which their actions led to the forced abdication of Nicholas II. During this time women left the fields and factories to protest the food shortages and living conditions.

Women's and International Programs will be jointly sponsoring campus activities and a podcast from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. upstairs in Building 8.

There will be cultural crafts and clothing displays, music and dancing.

If you or your group would be interested in sponsoring a display or presenting music, dance, or another activity, you are asked to contact Louise Story at 206-878-3710 ext. 3842 or Marie Braining, ext. 3004.

The events are free and everyone is invited to attend.

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Class offers dual education

Speech, biology speak together in one class

By Ross Timbrook
Staff Reporter

The food that we eat, the way that we see ourselves as a species, how we reproduce, all of these are topics that are covered in the coordinated study called "Talkin' Bout My Gene-ra-tion here at Highline."

"A coordinated study is when two distinct disciplines, such as genetics and speech, are brought together under a specific theme to coordinate the topics of the studies with each other," said Shannon Proctor, the speech instructor for this coordinated study.

The two classes offered in this coordinated study are Speech 100 or 213 and Biology 121. It is a 10-credit class that counts as a lab science and satisfies the speech requirement.

"This is a very unique coordinated study because there is no other science that effects people the way that genetics does," said Gerry Barclay, who teaches the genetics section of the class.

Many of the aspects of our daily lives are affected by our distinct genetic makeup, said Barclay, things like who we are and why we do the things we do have a direct correlation to genetics.

The curriculum of the class involves such things as speeches about genetic diseases and debates about genetically modified organisms.

Group participation is encouraged in the class so all students get to speak.

Another possible answer is "raising student fees. The current $25 fee stems from an election that was held in spring of '99 when fewer than 300 students voted to approve the fee.

"We are very sensitive to student fees," said Brown. Although fees could increase, students will not be asked to pay the whole bill, he said.

Still, administrators are not completely finished figuring out how the new building will be funded.

"We're still studying the situation. Yes, we know this is a problem," said Laura Saunders, vice president of administration. College officials will be meeting for the next few days to discuss the money problem for funding the project.

"We will be contributing from the bookstore," said Saunders. A bookstore fund helped with previous projects like the Building 6 project.

"It gets used for projects like this," said Saunders. Saunders said the student union building project could be ended because of a lack of funding.

"That is a possibility. We are working hard to not have to say that," said Saunders.

When the project is under way, the college will provide some alternative services and structures for students, said Saunders.

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Terrorism awareness strikes Highline

BY ANNA SULKHANOVA
Staff Reporter

Americans need to be careful when thinking about and responding to terrorism. "We haven't really taken an analytical approach to this problem since Sept. 11," said N. Brian Hallaq during the terrorism seminar Tuesday, Feb. 26. Hallaq is an attorney who has worked with the King County Sheriff's Department Counterintelligence Unit and Bomb Disposal Unit in creating different strategies to deal with criminal actions across jurisdictions. Hallaq has a bachelor's degree from the Society & Justice Department at the University of Washington with a focus on dealing with terrorism within a democratic nation. "Terrorism is a complex and controversial subject that doesn't lend itself to simple analysis and that only through a comprehensive look at the act and actors can we then develop any kind of understanding of terrorism and its solutions," said Hallaq.

Hallaq explained that terrorism became a target for discussion and definition after the attack on the World Trade Center. "Defining terrorism is an important analytical subject because 15 years ago those Taliban soldiers were freedom fighters," said Hallaq. Terrorism is subject to various interpretations. Hallaq stressed that social and political movements lose legitimacy if they are associated with terrorism. "The problem is that these movements are on the brink of being associated with terrorism acts," said Hallaq.

Hallaq explained that governments try to avoid falling under the terrorist category by their acts. Hallaq also wanted to point out the fact that we call terrorism depends on how it was interpreted and transmitted to us through the media. Hallaq presented two facts formulated by the media. "In 1987, the USS Stark was attacked by Iraqi air-to-sea missile and severely damaged. Thirty sailors were killed in the attack, which Iraq claimed was accidental. On Oct. 12, 2000, the USS Cole was attacked in a harbor in Yemen by suicide bombers. Seventeen sailors were killed," he said. Both of these situations are very much alike, yet the first one was not considered a terrorist act. The second one was due to the fact that it was tied to the Al-Qaeda and Osama bin Laden, explained Hallaq. "You can have the very same act, but if you have the purpose of deliberate, then it's a terrorism act," said Hallaq.

Also he stressed that people of other countries have real issues with the U.S. because "our policies are not intellectually consistent." When Afghans were fighting Russians they were freedom fighters, but when they were fighting Americans they were terrorists, explained Hallaq.

Hallaq also stressed the importance of examining the motivations of the act in order to determine its nature. One has to see if the act was mean to have significance beyond the immediate violence, he explained. "Don't confuse a terrorist with his or her cause. They can have a whole host of things attached to them, like a particular religion, a certain ideology, ethnic group, etc," Hallaq said.

Hallaq suggests that part of the analytical process should also involve people to be objective, wise and good thinkers when defining terrorism. "The best way to define terrorism is to look at the elements, look at the nature of the act, the victim and the deliberateness and desire for social or political change. Only then you'll know if it's the act of war, political or revolutionary, or else," said Hallaq.

S&A committee to decide who gets more money

BY JOEL STUDENAVT
Staff Reporter

The Services and Activities committee has chosen who to call for presentations. "The committee to decide who gets more money this year include the Athletics department, the new Ambassadors program, the Thunderword and the Student Handbook," said Hallaq.

People requesting money from the S&A budget are invited to give a presentation to explain to the committee why they should get more money. The lucky people on the list this year include the Athletics department, the new Ambassadors program, the Thunderword and the Student Handbook.

The list of presentations this year is smaller than any year in the past because the committee reformed the way they do budget requests earlier this year. Instead of making almost everyone present their budgets, now only the budgets with more questionable requests will be required to present to the committee.

"The S&A committee is trying to streamline the entire process," said Jonna Brown, associate dean of student programs.

The next S&A meeting will be held Thursday, Feb. 28 in building 10, room 24 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Azteca keeps it all in the family

Locally started business mixes good food with hospitality

BY SAMANTHA VAIL
Staff Reporter

Through determination, faith, and love for each other, the Ramos family has successfully created a multi-million dollar corporation, Azteca.

Pepe Ramos, from Burien founded the Mexican restaurant back in 1974. The business makes over $50 million a year. Azteca was formally called Torero back when Ramos started out as a dishwasher for the company.

After much work and perseverance he bought the company and changed the name to Azteca and added his own recipes. Within five years he opened five more restaurants.

Azteca now has 22 restaurants in Washington, seven in Oregon, five in California, one in Puerto Vallarta, and one in Florida. Currently there are five owners of Azteca: Pepe Ramos, Hector Ramos, Hector Ramos Jr., Victor Ramos, and Jaime Ramos.

There is a younger generation rising within the company.

“Kids are a lot. But it hurts a little bit when I make mistakes, but at the same time it’s a positive experience when you have your family there to support you, to make sure you do better in the future,” said Hector Ramos Jr.

Ram Jr. is vice president of operations. His job focuses on marketing and human resources. He started out like his siblings, working for Azteca as a young age.

At age 10 he started working as a dishwasher and from there went through all the positions in order to understand how to run and manage the company.

His three sisters, Hira, Hilda and Lydia all play active roles within the company, as do many relatives of the Ramos family.

Hilda Ramos is currently managing a Mexican restaurant in Burien called La Costa. The key to the Ramos family’s success is their relationship with each other and with their staff. “We care about our employees. When we get a complaint it honestly hurts us. It affects us in an emotional way,” said Ramos.

Many employees of Azteca have been working for the company for over 25 years, said Ramos.

“They don’t leave Azteca and when they do they always come back. That’s a joke with us. When they leave we say ‘ah’ they’ll be back in a few weeks,” said Ramos.

The Ramos family believes in strong family values.

“All family members have certain obligations and in order for the job to be successful the family must be successful. But we still go through the usual family squabbles,” said Hector Ramos Jr., one of the owners.

Every Friday and Saturday night there is karaoke in the lounge of Azteca. Even though they have shed away from a nightclub atmosphere, they are opening a salsa-dancing club in Everett.

The owners of Azteca have no plans of expanding and would rather work on maintaining the stores they have now.

“We have more than enough work to keep us busy and focusing on the second generation. They are beginning to take on a more active role and more responsibility,” said Ramos Jr.

The hope is that the children will take over Azteca. And from my personal point of view I really hope we will respect to the original owners.”

Residents vote to approve money for Highline schools

BY AARON ERNST
Staff Reporter

Local residents will vote on a school bond March 12 to approve $189 million for the Highline School District. The bond is being put forward to raise funds for several projects that are overdue in the schools. Though several projects are outstanding in the school district, the money being sought in the bond only covers eight schools that are in need of repair or rebuilding.

Stuart Jenner, co-chairman of communications for Highline Citizens for Schools said that time is crucial.

“The longer we delay, the more costs go up,” he said. He notes that interest rates are lower now than when similar measures were put to the voters last year.

School bonds are taxed based on property values. If approved, the bond will add $1.09 to every thousand dollars of assessed value on a home or property. That will mean about $14 to $17 per month for the average home.

Highline School District has 31 schools serving about 19,000 students. The district does not include Highline College.

School bonds in Washington require a majority of 60 percent to pass. For the vote to be valid, though, there needs to be a voter turnout of 40 percent of the last general election, which was in November.

A school bond has not passed in the district since 1986. U.S. Rep. Adam Smith, speaking to the Des Moines City Council, said the bond was “absolutely, critically important.” He reasoned that “schools are a deciding factor” in which people choose to live.

The Des Moines City Council voted to endorse the measure at their Feb. 21 meeting. If the bond passes, the Port of Seattle and the federal government will provide matching funds of $100 million for airport related renovations. Those include soundproofing and ventilation systems.

Jenner says that is a prime reason that voters need to approve this bond. “With matching funds available... ‘let’s act now,” he insists.

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looking inward into the future. Not just in the student body, faculty or staff but also in the courses offered. The appreciation for both humanities and global awareness like the Culture, Gender and Global Awareness Center, has been here for four years. Don't miss out on the following opportunities:

New students, faculty, and staff want to hit the ground running. That makes Highline number four in the system for community. "It is really important that our future students, faculty, and staff understand that Highline is a part of something bigger." Gibson also said that you do not get the same feeling of being a member of a group when it is just students and a college. "It is important that they are a part of something bigger."

Being one of the first member five of Highline, Gibson has seen many changes at the school since most others and he feels that Highline is on the right course for a prosperous future if it is able to continue maintaining an even balance between diversity and technology. "Technology will not replace the internet, but it might compliment it," said Wilson. "Although the Library and Wilson's Library Technician class were "the first program on campus to go online and have a website," Wilson stresses the need for a technology plan that has become an essential part of everyday life.

"This technology is wonderful, but there are places where we should be technologically savvy," Wilson. "It is important that we use technology to our advantage." Gibson, director of counseling services, "Technology will not replace the technology that you find in the classroom."

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