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Student money boosts building

By THUNDERWORD STAFF

The college moved a step closer to being able to pay for the new student center, thanks to a big gift from Student Government.

The Associated Council of Student Government voted unanimously to give \$608,737 for the new student union center in Tuesday's meeting.

The money comes from the Service & Activities fund balance, which is leftover money from each year's S&A budget. S&A fees are paid by all students as part of tuition and go to pay for non-instructional activities like the Thunderword.

The appropriation leaves the minimum required fund balance, 20 percent of the last year's S&A budget, or about \$140,000. "If the Student Government uses \$608,737, it wouldn't be a huge risk that we are taking because the money is just sitting there at no use," said Stefan Alano, student senator.

To make the vote official Dr. Ivan Gorne, vice president of Student Services, needs to approve it.

Gorne is expected to approve the vote.

"Every bit we give up front lessens the mortgage that we have to pay later," Gorne said.

Each year about \$120,000 to \$150,000 rolls over to the S&A fund balance.

Jonathan Brown, associated dean of Student Programs, told the S&A Budget Committee last week that the college also wants an additional \$200,000 from the fund balance over the next two years.

He also asked the committee for an ongoing appropriation of \$45,000 a year to help pay the financing costs of the \$13-\$15

T-Birds come up short



Photo by Joe Walker

Sophomore Niki White goes up for a jumper against Dacia Murillo of Spokane at the NWAACC tournament in Kennewick. The tournament took place March 8-11. See stories on pages 8 and 9.

million project, which could be open by 2004.

Students also pay an extra \$25 as a part of tuition each quarter to help build the new building. Students voted the \$25 fee in the spring of 1999.

The S&A Committee is in

the middle of hammering out its 2002-2003 budget. Last week, the committee tentatively approved a new ambassadors program. The student ambassadors will be in charge of giving tours around campus to new Highline students.

"I eagerly await the implementation of this bold new program," said Jack Hanton, member of the S&A committee.

Thunderword reporters Joel Studevant, Jessica Lee and John Montenegro contributed to this story.

Religion important to many students

By THUNDERWORD STAFF

Highline's campus is blessed with people who share many different religious beliefs and attitudes.

A non-scientific survey was



given to 500 students on Highline's campus to gather information on the different religions that are spread throughout the school and the feelings of students on the topic of religion. A broad span of beliefs was discovered.

"Diversity is a lovely thing," said Kris Lea, a 27-year-old Highline student.

"Picture each religion as a piece of a pie, all different. Some are filled with different theology, some with different community views. Collectively it makes up the whole of religions, one big tasty beautiful pie. We all like different kinds of pie; I can respect that."

This analogy fits well with Highline's own campus. The college's pie is filled with roughly 17 different religions.

A good majority of the people surveyed, 52 percent, were of Christian faith. Many of these people, approximately 75 percent, said that they went to church one or more times a week.

"I attend church once or twice a week," said Don

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Crime Blotter for March 7- 13 She's mine !

A jealous boyfriend attacked a Highline student on his way home.

As the 21-year-old student was walking to his vehicle in the south lot on March 8, he was approached by another male Highline student who apparently was angry with him for talking to his girlfriend. The attacker started swinging and kicking the student, leaving the victim with a large black and blue bump over his left eye and a bloody mouth. The student jumped into a car with his two friends and departed before security arrived. The victim stated he wanted to press charges but when Des Moines Police arrived at about 12:15 p.m. the student had changed his mind and refused aid.

Gotta pay my bills

A woman was assaulted by her husband after discussing bills.

The woman, who is not a Highline student, told security that her husband had just assaulted her outside Building 30 on March 12. She came to meet with her husband, whom she has a restraining order against, to speak about bills. The husband became angry and elbowed her in the chin. Campus Security contacted Des Moines Police.

After-hours study session broken up

Campus Security might have disturbed two students in the east parking lot.

Security made contact with two persons, one female and one male, in a green Honda Accord on March 9 in the east lot. When security approached the vehicle at about 9:30 p.m. the two were lying down and it appeared as if he interrupted something. The male was a Highline student and both were informed to leave campus. Both complied with no incident.

-Compiled by Deja Pressley

Glozman finds light at end of tunnel

By DAVID McCASLIN
Staff Reporter

Before the 17th century, most people believed that light travels instantaneously, said Highline physics professor Igor Glozman at last Friday's Science Seminar.

Light was later found to have a definite speed. Using the example of lightning and thunder, Glozman said, "Sound travels a mile every five seconds." In other words, if you hear thunder five seconds after lightning, the storm is one mile away.

Galileo was the first to prove, with a lantern, that light has a definite speed.

The next person to establish that the speed of light could be measured was Ole Roemer, a Danish astronomer, in 1675.

In order to determine the speed of light, Glozman asked, "What is light?" At first, he suggested the idea of an electromagnetic wave. There has been much debate throughout physics if light is a wave or a particle.

Ultimately, the most basic source of electromagnetic waves is the atom. Atoms are composed of subatomic particles. These particles have charge, and charge binds the atoms together into an electric field.



Photo by Jessica Dominy

Igor Glozman does the wave for physics.

The electric field is an example of a medium, or as Glozman puts it, "something in space where charges can 'talk' to each other." Other examples

of media include for water, the surface; for sound, the air; or for light, a theoretical "invisible gas" that everything is built on, called the "ether."

Time to apply for money

By KATHY SURA
Staff Reporter

It's time to get real if you think that scholarships are only for straight A students.

Many students are under the misguided assumption that in order to get a scholarship you have to have an extremely high scholastic standing. That, however, is not the case.

There are thousands of scholarships that are offered each year. They all have different and specific parameters and the challenge is to find the one that defines you.

"Scholarships help insure you continue your education," said Krista Fox, Women's Workfirst coordinator. "They are a great way to fund your education without being in debt," she said.

But a lot of scholarships go begging either because we think we don't qualify or we think thousands of others have applied for them so that we don't stand a chance. Since so many are offered it's only a matter of

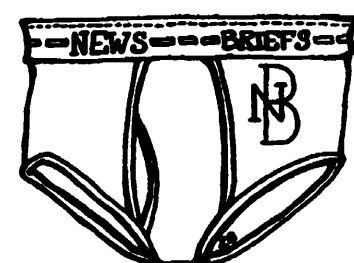
research to find the one(s) that gives you a free ride to your commencement celebration.

Hundreds of books can help educate folks about scholarships and the Internet has a wealth of current information. "You can find hundreds of dollars worth of scholarships in just five minutes," said Fox.

The key to getting a scholarship is submitting an application. Fox suggests you keep a generic updated resume on file so that you can customize it to fit any application.

She also recommends you keep a current file of letters of recommendation. That way when the need arises for a letter, you have them readily available instead of stressing over deadlines to secure them.

Highline also participates in awarding scholarships. For more information, check in with the Financial Aid office in Building 6. These scholarships will be funding the 2002-2003 academic year beginning this fall. Applications must be in by April 19 for Fall Quarter.



Wining and dining to raise money

The Highline College Foundation is hosting its second annual Spring Gala on Friday, April 5. The gala will be held in the banquet hall at Emerald Downs at 6 p.m.

The event will include dinner, entertainment and special guest speakers including KOMO Television's Keith Eldridge, who will also be the master of ceremonies. Former Seattle Mayor Norm Rice who will also be speaking at the gala as the keynote speaker.

Major sponsors of the event include Boeing, Capital One in Federal Way, Key Bank and the Rotary Club of Des Moines.

If you're interested tickets are on sale for \$75 and are available by calling 206-870-3774.

Second chance to help the Krispy Kreme kids

You have a second chance to get your hands on a Krispy Kreme donut. Some 250 dozen have already been sold during the pre-sale and today is your last chance to come forward and make a contribution.

Contributions are going to raise money to fly children who are ill from the fallout of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster. The children will be flown to the United States to receive needed medical treatment.

Pre-order deliveries and day-of sales will be happening in Building 7, today from 8 a.m. until noon.

The great Tingelstad speaks

A Career Connections workshop on professionalism will be held today in Building 23, room 111 from 12:30-1:30 p.m..

Erik Tingelstad will be speaking on "Professionalism: Beyond Knowledge and Experience."

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Campus life

Be smart, or it may cost you your car

Reoccurring car thefts on campus can be stopped by good decisions

By DEJA PRESSLEY
Staff Reporter

Common sense could mean the difference between leaving in your car or taking the bus home, say security officials.

Thousands of cars are stolen every year and Washington state's average car theft rate was expected to increase eight percent this year. While Puget Sound is one of the safest areas as far as violent crimes, the region rated seventh as far as car theft. Places with large parking lots are some of the most common places that car thefts or break-ins occur. So what does this mean for Highline students?

"Students need to take some responsibility for themselves," said Director of Campus Security and Safety Richard Fisher.

With no plans to increase security any time soon, students may need to get a little smarter when it comes to their vehicles.

"One of the silliest things students do is pay all this money for removable CD player face

plates and leave them in the car," said Fisher.

Motor vehicle theft doubled from 1999 to 2000 on campus and as of Fall Quarter 2001 there were six reported car thefts and five break-ins.

"It doesn't matter if you have a fancy car or not," said Fisher.

The most common cars stolen are Nissans and Hondas of any year and model. Most car thefts and break-ins happen between 8 a.m. and noon when the parking lots are most full.

Similar problems are occurring at other Washington state community colleges. South Seattle has had only one car stolen but eight break-ins this quarter alone, compared to 16 break-ins for the entire past school year.

Campus Security stated that just about half of the break-ins occur during the first three weeks of the quarter and this number seems to be increasing.

Tacoma Community College has had a slight increase as well. Tacoma has had six cars stolen this year, all of which were

"Lock your vehicles and don't leave valuables in sight."

Richard Fisher,
director of
campus security

Hondas.

Seattle Central Community College, on the other hand, had their numbers decrease. Last year, they only had three break-ins and two cars stolen, dropping about 50 percent from the previous school year.

"Hopefully this year will have none," said Seattle Central Community College Communications Officer Pin Gilman.

Bellevue Community College has seen a significant drop this year. Only three cars were stolen and no break-ins so far this year compared to 20 cars stolen and 14 break-ins last school year. Campus Security stated that there's no real conclusion they can draw from the numbers, since this can change so much year to year.

Highline has a staff of 10 se-



Richard Fisher

curity officers and someone is always patrolling the parking lots, but that won't guarantee your car will be there when you return.

"I think they look for an easy target," said Fisher. "Lock your vehicles and don't leave valuables in sight. If you have a removable face plate, take it with you."

Chief Fisher has been with Highline for five years and has also had his car stolen. The one night he chose not to use his Club, some kids took his car for a joy ride.

Students can purchase anti-theft devices such as the Club, which locks your steering wheel making it almost impossible for someone to drive off. Students

could also buy a car alarm, even though those may be a little expensive for the average college student, ranging from about \$159 to \$399.

"I believe they do work. If it's a professional car thief it's not going to make a difference, but if it's a kid going out for a joy ride, then yeah. If you go out to the parking lot, my Club is on faithfully everyday," Fisher said.

But if getting an anti-theft device doesn't seem worth it to you, make sure to lock your doors, place your valuables out of sight or don't bring them at all. This could save you the trouble of going down to the police station and getting your empty vehicle out of storage.

Harris helps to take students to new places

By JOYCLYN BELL
Staff Reporter

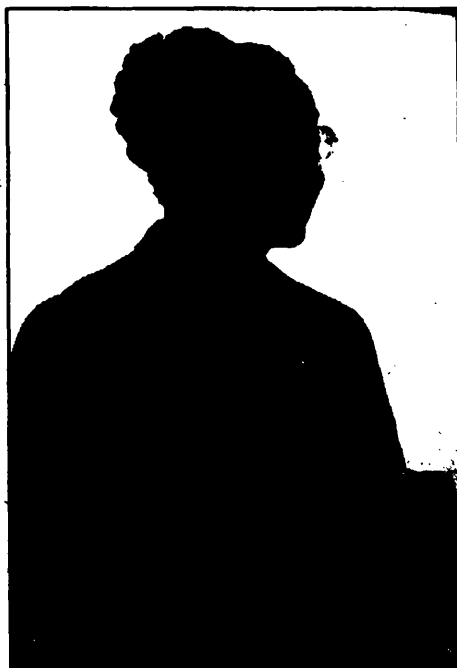
Listening to Jean Harris might move you from the classroom to distant places. Students say her education guides your imagination and illuminates facts and feelings of the past and future.

"Dr. Harris' teaching style is descriptive and motivational," said Loyal Allen Jr., currently a student in Harris' African American Experience class.

Harris, who's going on her fourth year at Highline, has taught previously at South Seattle and Olympic Community College as well as the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where she received her Ph.D. in anthropology.

Growing up was a struggle for Dr. Harris that made her the person she is today. She attributes her overall success to God and her momma.

She was born in Plaquemine, La. and moved to Seattle at the age of one. She was raised by her grandfather's sister (her momma) and found it extremely difficult to find direction or support, being that they had no family here in Washington.



Jean Harris

For that reason, Dr. Harris always wanted to teach in order to help others stay aware of the options that they may be missing in life.

Faith is important to Harris. She be-

"It is so important to be able to communicate with each other and never be ashamed of where you came from."

-Dr. Jean Harris,
anthropology teacher

longs to the Religious Society of Friends (commonly known as Quakers). Although Harris has experienced different denominations, she maintains a deep spiritual belief.

"Everyone is here for a purpose and everyone has a gift and mine is teaching," said Harris.

As a young adult during the civil rights movement, Harris made a trip to Nigeria in 1964 for The Experiment in International Living. It was one of the biggest turning points in her life.

"That summer helped me realize how indisputably I was an American," said Harris.

Harris has spoken with famous people involved with the Civil Rights movement, including Maya Angelou and Dr.

Martin Luther King, Jr. She tries to combine her experience and education in her classroom. She is very interactive with her students and tries to get students to share their experience as well.

Currently she teaches Introduction to Cultural Anthropology 120, Introduction to Anthropology 100, African American Experience, which is available Fall, Winter and Spring and Peoples of the Caribbean 205, available Spring Quarter.

Harris said she tries to promote self love and understanding among people, no matter what their origin may be.

"It is so important to be able to communicate with each other and never be ashamed of where you came from," said Harris.

editorial

Highline's sports teams top-notch this season

It is considered a rarity when each sports team at a school is rated blue-ribbon. Normally a school will have one team that will leave other teams' knees shaking.

Welcome to Highline, home of the three whiz-bang teams who deserve our congratulations on a winter season skillfully played.

Although the teams have faced certain obstacles and despite sprained ligaments and injured legs, Highline's women's and men's basketball and wrestling teams have managed a successful winter season.

Let us give a standing ovation to Highline's wrestling team, led by then-Head Coach Todd Owens who took seven wrestlers to nationals this season. They had three all-Americans; Carlos Adamy, Trevor Smith and Joe Castro, who each placed among the top eight at the National Wrestling Tournament. Highline's wrestling team finished sixth at the National Tournament in Rochester Minn. This is the highest place Highline has ever finished.

Accolades to Highline's women's basketball team who held a record of 15-1 in the Western Division, which was good enough to be crowned champions. The Lady T-Birds played in the NWAACC Tournament this past weekend but fell short of the championship by a pinch.

Forward Lauryn Jones was named to the first team in the Western Division and Brianna Duerr was named to the second team. More players will also be going to the all-star game this weekend as well.

Highline's Lady T-Birds, led by Head Coach Dennis Olson, shot their way through an incredible winter season, with an overall record of 25-7.

And let us not forget the unflagging efforts of Highline's men's basketball team, who were only one game away from the post-season.

As a team, Highline's men's basketball was very competitive and on the verge of passing very good to excellent all season long.

Austin Nicholson was the star player this season, averaging 17 points and 5 assists a game. Nicholson was named to the first team in the Western Division. Cheers to Highline's men's basketball for their perseverance.

We are confident that spring season will witness the same unparalleled success as team players return in fine fettle, ready to smite hip and thigh!

the opinion page

Editorials are the opinion of the management of the newspaper including the Editorial board members: Bryan Sharick, Janica Lockhart, Jennifer Espinosa, Matt Miller, CJ Gambrel, Joe Walker, John Montenegro, and Jordan Whiteley.

Letters to the editor are welcome. Letters should be no more than 300 words long, and are subject to editing for style and length. The Thunderword invites contributions of all types.



When I talk to me, I listen

The other day in class I was just thinking to myself, not really paying attention, when all of a sudden the instructor stopped the lesson and asked me, "What's so funny? Why are you laughing?" Then some classmates turned around and looked at me.

When I start having a conversation with myself I don't really realize it, it just starts happening. It's very natural for me. And yes, sometimes we even laugh together and it's kind of embarrassing, especially when everyone is looking at you like you're just a little unusual.

I usually talk to myself about what I must accomplish that day, what my goals are for the week, how I'm going to deal with an unpleasant situation, encouragement, etc.

You should talk to yourself



– it could help solve a lot of problems and help you get to know yourself better. I mean come on, who is with you more than yourself?

Daydreaming and "talking to yourself" go hand in hand. Most of the conversation is silent. It is all in your head, and it is usually about things you desire and that you wish to obtain. By talking with yourself you can decide what your "real" day is going to be like and how you would like it to end.

For me, it is a way of coping with parts of the day I don't like

but I have to do anyway. It's a way of escaping.

By having the skill of communicating with yourself you will be able to communicate better with other people and make the best out of undesirable situations (i.e. when you get pulled over). If you can start a conversation with yourself and have a good time just writing a paper for class or doing some algebra homework, you'll find that the tough stuff is a challenge you must conquer! And others will be drawn to your enthusiasm.

The greatest advantage of knowing yourself well is you don't need to call your friends for answers because you already know them.

Psst ... Samantha, this is the voice in your head ... Buy some Krispy Kreme donuts. The ones with the little sprinkles.

J-dolf says: Do your stories!

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Arts

Quaid steps up to the plate in 'The Rookie'

By JANICA LOCKHART
AND CHAZ HOLMES
Staff Reporters

As biopics go, a great deal of information is often lost, but *The Rookie* is one such film that manages to maintain truth. The movie is the story of Jim Morris, a high school teacher who became a major league baseball player at 35. He was also the film's consultant, which accounts for its accuracy.

The accuracy of the film also can be attributed to the film's star, Dennis Quaid, who worked with Dodgers pitcher Jim Gott.

"I hadn't been on a baseball field since I was in Little League, so I had to work three months before we started filming to get the pitch down," Quaid said.

"I didn't want to embarrass myself. I am playing a real person and I didn't want to embarrass him either," he said.

The film is accurate in every aspect except that Quaid and Morris do not look alike.

Looking at Quaid at the interview, wearing cowboy boots and a beret, and Morris in jeans and tennis shoes, it would seem that Quaid wouldn't be able to be Morris in the film.

"I tried to capture Morris in



Photo courtesy of Buena Vista Pictures

Dennis Quaid plays Jim Morris in the true-to-life biopic, *The Rookie*. Not only is Morris' baseball career covered, but so is his family life. *The Rookie* is due for release on March 29.

spirit for the film instead of worrying about what I looked like," Quaid said.

The film is not just accurate in dealing with Morris' baseball career, but also his family life.

Morris had a rough relationship with his father growing up, and the film deals with the issue of him and his father reconnecting after years of problems.

Morris is still dealing with his relationship with his father.

"It is an ongoing process but we are closer... time heals wounds," Morris said.

Quaid wanted to do the film because the story goes beyond baseball.

"It was about the fact the movie transcended baseball. It is about second chances in life, second chances with our

dreams," Quaid said.

"It is a movie about second chances—both what you want to do in life and as far as relationships," Morris said.

Quaid was interested in the story early on and was affected by the true story of a man realizing his boyhood dream. "I saw a television magazine story about him in 1999. I thought it would make a good movie back-

then but I didn't think about myself playing it and then I got the script," Quaid said. "I immediately wanted to do it."

The film will most likely inspire many to live out their dreams, and Morris hopes he can do the same by traveling the country as a motivational speaker.

He talks to high school students and their parents about following their lifelong dreams.

In a way, Quaid got to follow his dream by being a major league baseball player. It was like living in a dream world playing a baseball player in the film, Quaid said.

After finishing *The Rookie*, Quaid began on his new film *Far from Heaven* with Julianne Moore.

Far from Heaven is about a perfect family in the '50s. Moore plays Quaid's wife, who goes to bring him lunch and catches him cheating on her with another guy.

"It is the anti-family film," Quaid said.

Quaid has played a wide range of roles, including a crooked lawyer in *Traffic* and a quarterback in *Any Given Sunday*.

The Rookie opens March 29 nationwide and *Far from Heaven* will open later this year.

Artists United showcase their work at arts night

By EMILY FISH
Staff Reporter

The fourth floor Library Art Gallery has been filled with versatile art from members of the Artists United group.

The reception for this group's art took place in the library gallery on March 7 and did very well. This wasn't the first time this group's artwork had been displayed in Highline's gallery, which is why so many people were intrigued to come and see it.

"I heard about the Artists United group from a friend," said Dan Gregory, a student here at Highline. "I decided that it was probably going to be worthwhile and came to check it out."

The group, which began in Burien in 1949 as a small painting company, now consists of almost 80 members. Some of the original, founding members

are still very active in the group.

The group's members come from all over Western Washington, from as far as West Seattle to Federal Way. Members of the group are primarily middle aged, but the group would love to have some young members become a part of the team.

The artwork displayed ranges from oil pastels to watercolors, and pen and ink to acrylic. The group has more recently recruited a photographer.

The group meets on the first Tuesday of every month at the Burien Library to share each other's artwork and provide support amidst the members. One of the perks of being a member of Artists United, is that your artwork will be shown in galleries all over the area, which provides an opportunity for a few pieces to be sold.

"Artists who join Artists United are going to have a great deal of camaraderie, and are

given the opportunity to take workshops," said Liz, a member of Artists United group who has an oil painting called *The Pink Paracell* on display.

Ruth Carpenter, who is also a member, said that camaraderie is primarily what the group is all about.

Carpenter, who paints with watercolors and acrylics, gets her inspiration from things in nature.

She has two beautiful watercolors on display in the library that resemble flowers that one may find in the simplest of places.

"I had picked up this little plant at the store and I thought it was lovely, so I painted it," said Carpenter when describing one of the two paintings that are on display.

"I love the desert and I love

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PLUCK O' THE IRISH

By SHALYNN LEONARD
Staff Reporter

The warm, graceful music of Magical Strings filled the cafeteria with an uplifting spirit.

Team Highline sponsored two professional musicians to perform in Building 8 on Wednesday, March 13.

Phillip Boulding and Pam Boulding were playing a Celtic harp, a hammered dulcimer, which is the ancestor of a piano, and the penny whistle.

"I never heard this type of music before, I really liked it," said Erika Johnson, a student at Highline.

They have performed in many countries including Japan, Ireland and England.

The Bouldings have also been on radio and television networks around the country.

They will be touring the entire U.S. this spring.

The Bouldings have been playing together for 23 years and have recorded 12 albums. Their newest release, *Beneath the Moon*, is a lullaby of their



Photo by CJ Gambrel

Phillip Boulding of Magical Strings plays a Celtic song on his penny whistle.

best original works.

"It was fun, it's not the same like performing at a concert, but we enjoyed it," said Phillip Boulding.

If you're interested in playing and learning about the Celtic harp, then there's a school of Magical Strings for beginners and intermediate in Seattle, Tacoma and Silverdale.

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Harry ain't got nothin' on this potter

Ceramics instructor has art on display at Gallery 6311

By DANNY BERGMAN
Staff Reporter

Highline ceramic instructor Robert Droessler had an opening for his work at Gallery 6311 on March 9 in downtown Ballard.

Walking into the gallery opening, you felt as if you were in a movie. Everyone was dressed up in formal attire, and the person who stood out the most was the artist. Droessler, wearing an all-black suit, looked perfectly aglow among the crowd.

The gallery was set up around Droessler's work, and his long-time friend Brendan Regan's photographs were



Droessler explains his piece *Release*.

hung just below eye level around the ceramic pieces, which were placed on pure white stands.

Regan's work was made up of about a dozen pictures. The room was surrounded with about a dozen of his photographs of uncooked meats and various types of soups.

The turnout for the opening was huge; over 150 people showed up for the event.

"The turnout was more than we expected," said Droessler.

All of Droessler's work was done using a low fire technique.

This involves firing the ceramic at a lower temperature and it gives a different look than most other ceramics that are fired at a higher temperature.

"Low firing gives it more of an organic look," said Droessler.

One of his pieces, *Phantom Organism*, was a perfect example of the texture that results from a low fire piece.

"I like the texture of this piece, it makes you want to touch it," said observer Eleanor Hartmann.

The piece was built upside down leaving the legs to be put on last. Its oblonged shape makes it very delicate and easy to tip over.

Phantom Organism was

listed at \$475.

Many of Droessler's pieces are perched upon railroad spikes. The spikes start to deteriorate during the course of the firing giving the art a very distinctive look.

"This is the first gallery we've done together and we plan to do more," said Regan.



Photos by CJ Gambrel

Droessler's work, *Phantom Organism*, was listed at \$475.

We be clubbin': Seattle's hot spots for cold nights

By DANNY BERGMAN
Staff Reporter

Seattle may be lacking in the club department for underage youth, but there are still a few clubs worth trying out.

For those looking to dance at a more urban, upbeat music club, DV8 and Polly Esther's are both within walking distance of each other.

DV8 is a one-dance-floor club offering mostly hip hop and some '80s music. DV8 is located on the corner of Taylor and John across the street from the Space Needle and down from Déjà Vu. It's open for 18 and over on Sundays for \$10.

Polly Esther's is mainly a '70s and '80s club open to 21 and over but is also open on Sunday night for 18 and over but charges \$20. Polly's was voted Best Club in Seattle by voters on Seattlecitysearch.com. It's located one block over from DV8 on Fifth Avenue, also just down the street from Déjà Vu. You pay more for Polly Esther's but you get two dance floors, one which plays hip hop and the other plays more '80s music.

If you feel like being spendy you could try out both of the clubs in one night.

Club FX was open for *Fever* for the last time on Sunday, March 3, which was put on by



Photo by Joe Walker

Polly Esther's was voted best club in Seattle by voters on Seattlecitysearch.com. Sundays are 18 and over nights.

KUBE 93 fm.

In the south, Jillian's offers a good place to just hang out. It has a large pool hall as well as lots of video games. The club has its own restaurant also. It's located on Broadway in downtown Tacoma.

Although the Tacoma

Jillian's is nice it's not nearly as nice as the Jillian's located in downtown Seattle. With its breathtaking view of Seattle's Lake Union, Jillian's is just one block from the lake on Westlake Avenue and is truly one of the more exclusive hang outs if you're over 21.

The Tacoma Jillian's offers 18 and over nights in the summers on Tuesdays.

The music scene in Seattle is a different song. From small clubs like Graceland to the larger clubs like the Showbox, Seattle definitely gives you a wide selection to choose from.

The Showbox is a larger club catering mostly more popular talent like Ludacris and Weezer. It's located just down the street from The Lusty Lady on First Avenue. Most shows are 21 and over, but there are some that are all-ages. Contact the Showbox for further information.

As for the smaller clubs there is the Crocodile Café, The Paradox and Graceland.

The Crocodile Café is on the corner of Second and Blanchard downtown, and has been home to such bands as Nirvana and Pearl Jam. The Café is open daily for all ages until 9 p.m., then it's 21 and over and offers a variety of food. It's almost like a café by day, club by night.

Graceland is located on Eastlake next to REI and has a bar with limited food. It's not a really good place to sit down and watch a show, but it is a good place to go for a drink and to see a good punk show.

The Paradox has more of a movie theater setting being that it's a theater on the side. This makes it hard to get close to the

stage with the seats taking up so much space, but people still manage to get close to the stage. The Paradox is right in the heart of the U District at the end of University Way, making it a perfect place to get a bite to eat and see a show.

As for the south end, Club Impact is the place to be for an underground punk show. Club Impact is on Puyallup Avenue just below the Tacoma Dome and Freighthouse Square. Shows are always all-ages and you're bound to see a good show. For more info visit clubimpact.org.

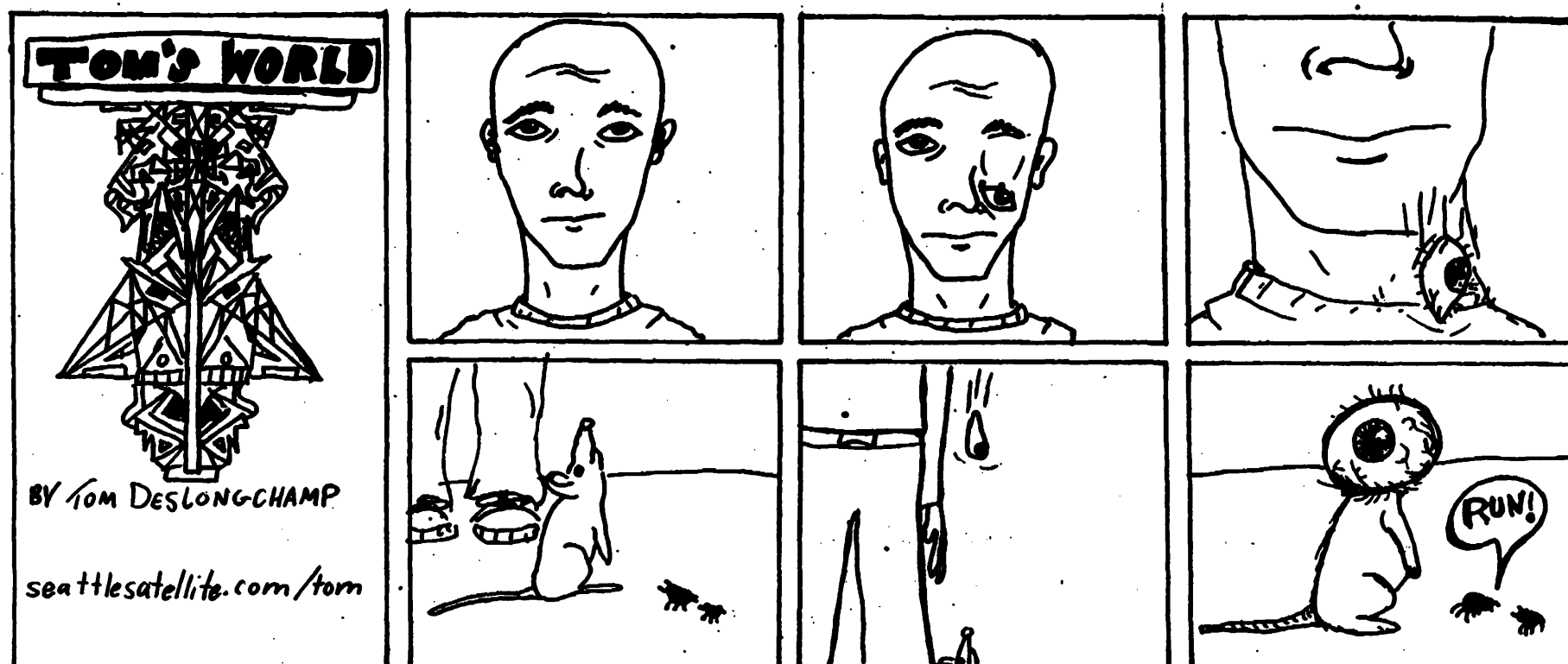
A good show is coming up on March 30 with Special Guest and Ruckus which are both really good underground punk bands so go check them out.

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United

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flowers," said Carpenter. "So that's basically where my inspiration comes from." Carpenter combined her love for both of these elements in her painting *Star of the Desert*, which resembles a lovely flower amidst the burning heat and barrenness of the desert.

The benefits of being a member of this group should already be very apparent; one gets the opportunity to show your art in galleries, and gain camaraderie among fellow artists. Barbara Benebeto, who is one of the more recent members, said that these are not the only reasons one should join.

"I joined because they have demos from different artists, which I really love. I get to know other artists and find places to hang my art," said Benebeto. "I also find out what

is going on in the art community."

The group is always seeking new members. One could join by either attending one of the meetings or by calling Linda Fornas Ladzick at 206-248-1309.

"It's a very nice group, and it's full of people with high energy," said Benebeto.

Many of the members have art displayed in both the Seahurst Art Gallery in Burien and the Burien Art Gallery.

You can also catch the groups featured artwork on April 21 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the Normandy Park Cove Building, where art will be exhibited and for sale. They will be having a show and everyone is welcome.

If you do happen to show up you will be able to indulge yourself with coffee and pastries provided by the Daily Perk, and perhaps have a chance to get your portrait done.

Solution to last week's puzzle

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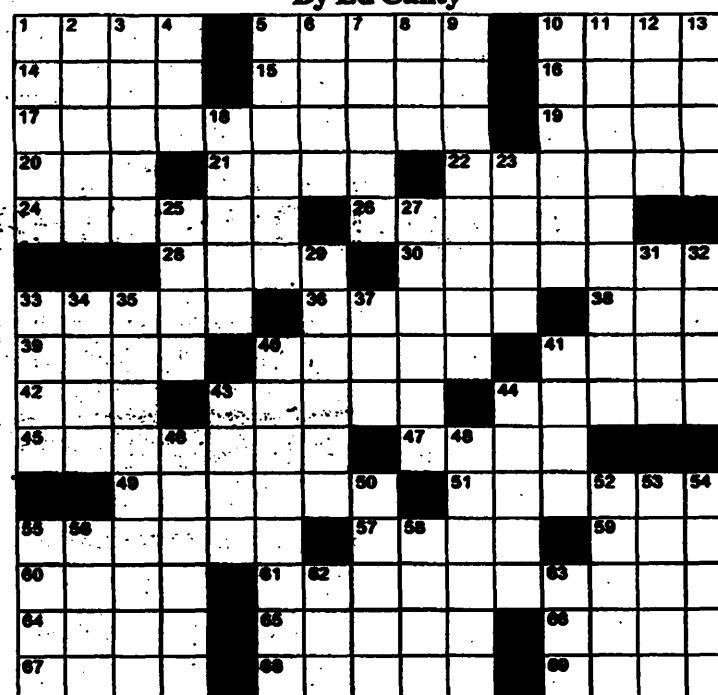
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Crossword 101

By Ed Canty



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- 27 LA players
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- 58 Certain poker cards
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Quotable Quote

In a few years there will be only five kings in the world—the King of England and the four kings in a pack of cards.

... Farouk I,
King of Egypt

Highline's season ends on sour note

By BRYAN SHARICK
Staff Reporter

Kennewick - The Highline Thunderbirds women's basketball team failed to place at the NWAACC tournament for the first time since Dennis Olson has been head coach.

"The tournament was disappointing. I would have liked to have done better," said Olson.

The Highline Thunderbirds women's basketball team came into the NWAACC tournament looking like a potential favorite along with Umpqua. However, with the combination of the inability to beat the full-court press and players being suspended, Highline ended up being bumped from the tournament after only three games.

"They broke a team rule," said Olson about the three women who were suspended.

The first game of the tournament matched up Highline against the Chemeketa Storm. Highline ended up coming out on top of the Storm in a hard-fought game 62-54.

The second game with Wenatchee Valley was a defensive struggle with neither team giving way and a late technical foul giving the Lady Knights the victory 63-58.

In Highline's final game of the tournament, Spokane played their best game of the tournament, blowing out Highline by a score of 90-52.

"They (Highline) were missing their three best players, if they would have been there, the game would have been a lot different," said Spokane Head Coach Bruce Johnson.

Against Chemeketa Highline came out nervous and was sloppy with the ball as their 17 first half turnovers showed.

"In the second half, Highline turned up the pressure



Photos by Joe Walker

Highline forward Shalynn Leonard wrestles with a Wenatchee Valley player for the ball in Saturday's 63-58 loss.

and we couldn't take care of the ball," said Chemeketa Head Coach Marty Branch.

The Storm came into the game with a strong full-court press. A major problem for Highline was that they hadn't faced a team who did a full-court press all season long. Highline was also nervous and for many of these women it was the first big tournament of their college careers.

"We pulled each other up. A lot of people stepped up tonight and we were determined not to lose," said Highline forward Ashley Agnew.

One player who stepped up

big in the Chemeketa game, as well as the whole tournament, was Chelsey Holloway. Holloway had 17 points and 9 rebounds in the game.

"We started out very slow, realized we needed to pick it up in the second half and we came out with a win," said Holloway.

Highline was also hurt by their poor shooting in the first half as well as their turnovers. Chemeketa capitalized on Highline's first half mistakes, scoring 18 points off turnovers.

"We pulled it together at the end, but we weren't playing ball like we can," said Shalynn Leonard.

Next Highline faced off against Wenatchee Valley. The game featured tenacious defense by both teams. At halftime, Highline only had a 30-20 lead. This was surprising because the Lady Knights shot 19.4 percent in the first half.

"It couldn't have gotten any worse than shooting 19 percent in the first half," said Wenatchee Valley Head Coach Marco Azurdia.

Highline again faced a difficult full-court press again. Wenatchee Valley ran the press to perfection and forced 19 turnovers, 10 of which took place in

the first half.

"The fact is that we didn't see any presses all season long," said Olson.

The second half of the game was back and forth for both the Thunderbirds and the Lady Knights. Neither team shot well over the game, with Highline shooting 37.7 percent and Wenatchee Valley only managing 30.2 percent.

"We have a group of nervous nellys, but they showed a lot more poise down the stretch," said Azurdia.

Highline was within two points when they got the ball back on a Wenatchee Valley turnover. Highline then called a time out.

The only problem with this seemingly innocent play is that Highline didn't have any time outs remaining. Coincidentally, the Highline bench was charged with a technical foul and this play gave Wenatchee a couple free-throws and possession of the ball.

"They (Wenatchee Valley) made the plays and we didn't. You gotta give them credit," said Olson.

This play decided the game and gave Highline their first loss of the tournament.

Cody Burgess of Wenatchee Valley had a huge game with 17 points and 7 boards. Shalynn Leonard had a big game for the Thunderbirds with 11 points and 7 boards.

Highline was really hurt by fouls. They had 25 in the game and Wenatchee had 18.

The final game of the tournament was surrounded by contro-

versy as Shalynn Leonard, Leslie Jeffries and Lauryn Jones were suspended for a game for what Head Coach Dennis Olson called violating a team rule.

"Dennis Olson is a class guy. A lot of coaches would not have held out three players. He comes from the old school, just like me," said Johnson.

Athletic Director John Dunn said that he didn't know what they were suspended for and that Coach Olson was the one who handed out the suspension.

"Things happen and the kids played their hearts out. There's nothing more you could do," said Olson.

Missing these three players, the T-Birds were enormously overmatched. By not having Leonard or Jones, Highline was down to only two post players. Olson also said this made things tough because their remaining posts were inexperienced and not in game condition.

Spokane also had its best game of the tournament against the T-Birds.

Lindsay Weiss, Eastern Division MVP, and Dacia Murillo had huge games by scoring 21 points apiece.

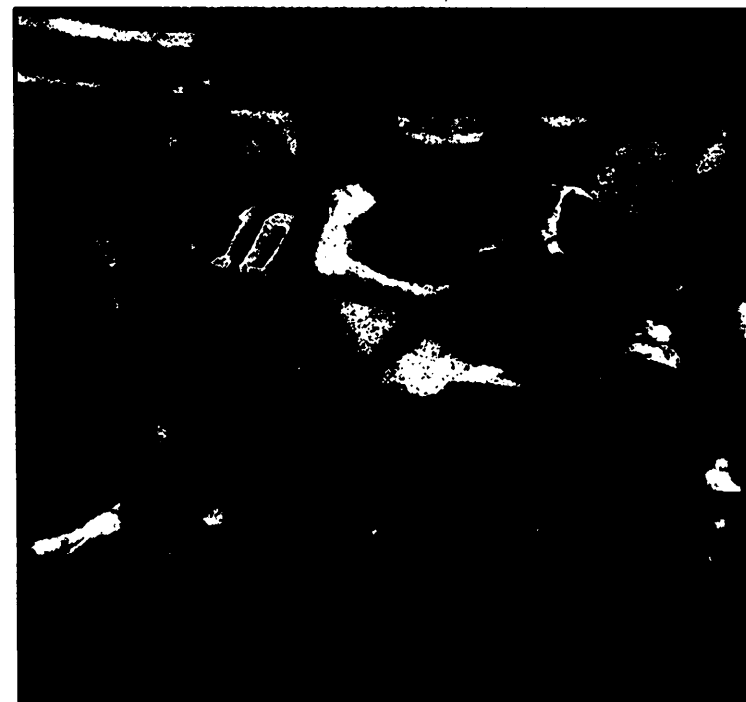
Brianna Duerr and Diane Whitehead led the T-Birds with 9 points.

For a lot of the players this could have been their last big game or tournament, at least at Highline, so Olson would have liked to send them off with a win.

"We're gonna miss them a lot (the women graduating). Both the ones that played and the ones that didn't," said Olson.



Highline's bench reacts to a three-pointer made by Ashley Agnew in their first round win over Chemeketa last Friday.



Sophomore Kristin Boyd played her last game as a T-Bird on Sunday. Boyd averaged 10 points in Highline's three games at the NWAACC tournament.

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NWAACC drama surrounds Highline hoops

By MATTHEW MILLER
Staff Reporter

Coming into last week's NWAACC Tournament, the Highline women's hoops team was a favorite to compete for the title. But after three games, a timeout they didn't have, a few suspensions and a 38-point loss, the T-Birds came home early and well short of the championship they had sought.

After Spokane beat The T-Birds by 38 on Saturday, eliminating Highline from the tournament, fans were left wondering: What happened to Highline? What happened to the Western Division champs? What happened to this team that earlier in the season was so unbeatable?

The T-Birds' tournament meltdown started Saturday night in their second round match-up against Wenatchee Valley with nine seconds remaining in the game. Highline was down 59-58 when Ashley Agnew was called for a flagrant foul on an inbound pass, which allowed Wenatchee Valley two free throws and possession of the ball.

"She [Agnew] did what she was told to do," said Head Coach Dennis Olson. "From the referees' point of view she fouled too hard. Most of the time they [the refs] aren't going to make that call."

Now trailing 61-58 with five seconds to go, it looked hopeless for Highline. As the Lady Knights in-bounded the ball, Wenatchee Valley's Kaci Pipkin darted up court in an attempt to run out the clock. Then a glimmer of hope shined down on the T-Birds like a ray of sunshine breaking through the clouds. Pipkin stepped out of bounds,

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-Niki White

turning the ball over and leaving two seconds on the clock and one last chance for Highline to redeem itself and send the game into overtime.

Highline Head Coach Dennis Olson proceeded to make one of the biggest mistakes in his storied coaching career. Olson called for a timeout in order to script one last play to save to T-Birds' season. However, Highline did not have any timeouts left to call, resulting in a technical foul and two more free throws for Wenatchee Valley.

"The odds of making a three and tying the game weren't great but we thought we had a chance," said Olson. "We thought we had a timeout as far as we knew. It was a big mistake but things like that happen, I don't think I have ever done that before. I still haven't gone over the tape to see if we had one or not."

Just as soon as the hope of pulling off the win had crept into the minds of the Lady T-

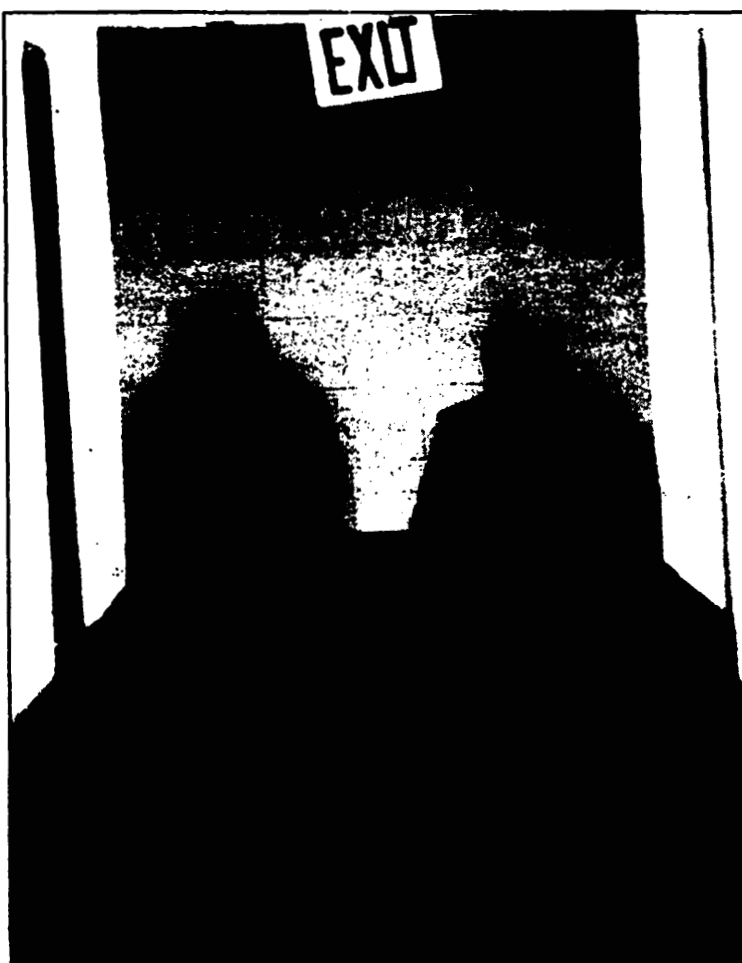


Photo by Joe Walker

Head Coach Dennis Olson and Assistant Coach Terry Walsh after their second round loss to Wenatchee Valley. The loss eliminated Highline from title contention.

Birds and their fans, all excitement was dashed in a heartbeat. Their hopes of winning an NWAACC Championship were snuffed out with two more free throws that sealed a 63-58 upset victory for Wenatchee Valley.

After Highline's disappointing loss a domino effect of detrimental acts took place within the infrastructure of the team.

The sequence of the phantom timeout followed by the loss rattled the Lady T-Birds as well as Olson.

"There was a lot of crying

after that loss. I know I was real sad," said sophomore guard Kristin Boyd.

Because Highline lost to Wenatchee Valley, the best they could finish was fourth place, which meant they would have to win the last two games of the tournament. However, when the Lady T-Birds came onto the floor to warm up for Sunday's game against Spokane they were three players short.

Sophomores Shalynn Leonard, Lauryn Jones and Leslie Jeffries were missing in

action, leaving Highline without a full arsenal in what was the last game of the season.

"They broke a team rule," said Olson. "There wasn't any decision to make. Our kids broke a rule so I had to suspend them."

Which rule the three sophomores broke was not divulged. Interestingly enough Highline professor Derek Greenfield, who made the trip to Kennewick to support the team, gave a pre-game speech about team unity. Greenfield spoke to the Lady T-Birds prior to their opening round game against Chemeketa.

"I wanted to help them unify as a team and give them energy," said Greenfield.

A ribbon was passed around the room and each player said what they were going to do to help the team. Greenfield said the ribbon was passed to help the players remember their commitment to the team and bring a sense of unity.

Although team unity may have been sacrificed and the NWAACC championship was not brought back to Highline, the Lady T-Birds still had a remarkable regular season.

They finished the season 25-7 and have four players representing Highline in the NWAACC all-star game, two feats that not very many teams can say when talking about their seasons.

"We had a great season even though we didn't have a great tournament," said sophomore Niki White. "I had a lot of fun this year and I know the rest of the team did as well. I hope people will remember how we played this season instead of how we ended it."

Disappointing ending doesn't spoil great season

One obstacle couldn't be overcome.

We went into the tournament this past weekend hyped, confident and ready to play ball. We had just received an inspiring speech from sociology professor Derek Greenfield and we were ready for anything. So we thought!

We stepped on the court for our first game and had a great warm-up. The buzzer sounded it was jump ball and all the nervous juices began to flow through our bones. We couldn't catch the ball, dribble or shoot. We had a very tough time break-



ing a press that we worked on every day in practice.

By the grace of God and some unexpected players stepping up, we came out victorious.

The second night we came out focused, and the first-game jitters were gone. We played as

a team and went into halftime leading.

In the second half Wenatchee Valley took us by surprise and went on a run. It was close for the remainder of the game and it came down to the last seconds when we received a technical foul for calling a time out when we didn't have one. That topped off the cake and gave them a five-point lead, which sealed the game.

For the first time, we worked together as a team and didn't come out on top. This loss was detrimental to our team chemistry and morale, as three key

players were suspended from the third game for a team rules violation.

Without these players our best efforts weren't good enough and the result was a 38-point loss to a good Spokane team.

Although the tournament ended abruptly, we as a team are still proud of a successful season and accomplishing our goal of being Western Division champs.

Niki White is a Thunderword staff reporter and a member of the Highline women's basketball team.

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Five T-Birds finish season as all-stars

Lauryn Jones, Austin Nicholson both named to West's first team

By MICAH THECKSTON
Staff Reporter

Five Highline basketball players were selected to play in the NWAACC all-star game this Sunday.

The Lady T-Birds will send four players to the game; Lauryn Jones, Brianna Duerr, Shalynn Leonard and Kristen Boyd. While the men's team will be represented by point guard Austin Nicholson.



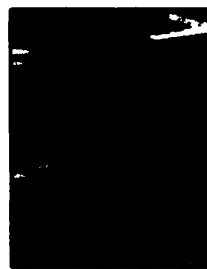
Jones

Coaches from each division picked which players will play in the all-star tournament.

Nicholson, who was named to the first team in the Western Division, averaged 17 points and just over five assists a game this season.

"He was our leading scorer, and he led our team all year," said Head Coach Jeff Albrecht. "He will represent our team and the Western Division well."

Lauryn Jones from the women's team received first team honors for averaging 12.7



Nicholson

points and 6.9 rebounds a game.

"Lauryn was a two year starter. She has great defense and

plays very smart," said women's Head Coach Dennis Olson.

Making the second team was Duerr, averaging 12.8 points and 5 assists a game.

"She was a very good scorer for us with a really good three-point shot," said Olson.

Making honorable mention for Highline were Leonard and Boyd. Leonard led Highline in points, with 13.1 a game and

hauling in 9.2 rebounds. Boyd averaged over 8 points a game.

"We were division champions and had a lot of people who were worthy to go, unfortunately there is only a certain number of spots," said Olson.

This year the All-Star games will be held at Edmonds Community College in Lynwood on Sunday, March 17. The games start at 11 a.m. with the West women's team taking on the South women's team followed at 1 p.m. by the North women's team facing the East women's team.

The men's games start at 3 p.m. with Nicholson and the West taking on the South. The games end at 5 p.m. with the North men facing the East.

Titans and Vikings win NWAACCs

By MATTHEW MILLER
Staff Reporter

Tacoma Head Coach Carl Howell finally won an NWAACC championship Monday night when his Titans beat the Big Bend Vikings 88-78 in the NWAACC title game.

This was Tacoma's sixth championship in school history, but Howell's first in his 10 years at the helm of the Titans.

As the No. 1 seed in the tournament, Tacoma dominated the competition, winning all four of their games by an average of 14 points. The Titans, who Howell says is the best team he has ever coached, never trailed against Big Bend.

"We had not been playing well in the first half of our previous three games, so we made a point to jump out on Big Bend in the first half," said Howell. "We knew they [Big Bend] were too good to have a bad first half against."

Tacoma was led by Tournament MVP Josh Barsh who averaged more than 20 points in the tournament. The Titans' Fabrizio Mendiola and Khary Nicholas earned first team all-tournament honors along with Barsh for their performances at the tournament.

Big Bend guard Jeremy Groth was voted first team all-tournament and also earned most inspirational player of the weekend.

In the women's championship game, Big Bend took home not only their first basketball title, but the first championship in school history by beating Wenatchee Valley 65-63.

Wenatchee Valley ended the game on a 20-4 run, but Big Bend was able to hold on for the marginal two-point victory.

"Our players know how to win. We have a lot of girls who have won championships before, and that's what they did on Monday," said Big Bend Head Coach Eric Spencer.

The leading scorer in the game for Big Bend was forward Becky VanTine, who was also voted Most Valuable Player of the NWAACC tournament.

All four Eastern Division teams placed in the top four at the tournament. Big Bend and Wenatchee Valley took first and second, while Walla Walla and Spokane took third and fourth.

T-Birds outrun the competition

Highline track team continues to compete well

By DAVID HAIDLE
Staff Reporter

Highline's track team finished eighth overall at the Salzman Invite at Pacific Lutheran University last Saturday.

The men's team finished fifth while the women finished 12th out of 17 teams, most of which were four-year schools. Among the two community colleges represented at the invite, Highline beat Clark.

Last weekend's meet was the first opportunity for the entire team to be together, competing in different events.

"As a whole, we looked great. We really did a great job," said Head Coach Robert Yates.

Highline competed against larger universities, such as Central Washington, Western Washington, and the University of Washington. Despite this challenge, Highline still fared well in the competition.

One athlete who ran exceptionally well was Omari Gildon. Gildon ran the 100 meters in 10.91 seconds, beating out the second place finisher by two-tenths of a second.

In the 200 meter dash, Brandon Sutton placed second, with a time of 22.43 seconds. Also running well in the 200 meters was Gildon, who placed ninth,

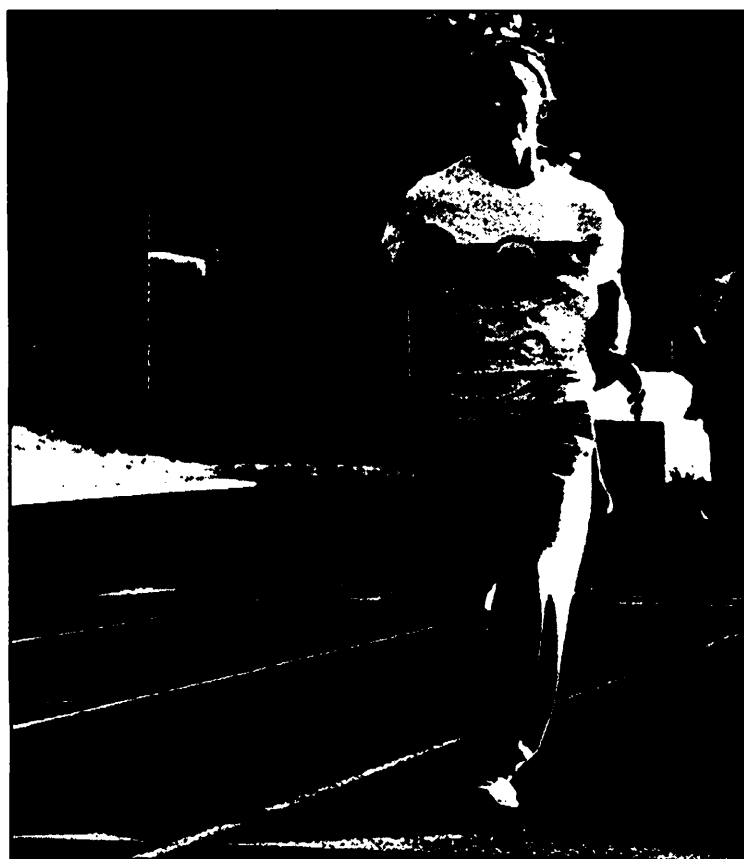


Photo by Joe Walker

Olivia Palermo ran well this week placing fifth in the 400-meter dash.

finishing in 22.78 seconds.

Another athlete who performed well was Aaron Reader, who, despite suffering a broken kneecap last year, placed fourth in the 400-meter dash, with a time of 51.35 seconds.

In the hurdles, Jerushon Foyston placed well, finishing second in the 110-meter high hurdles, with a time of 15.39 seconds. Foyston also excelled in the 400-meter intermediate hurdles, placing fourth, with a time of 56.28 seconds.

Highline's throwers threw well in the shot put, placing

high in the competition. Nathan Carter threw the shot put 48' 1/2", which awarded him third place overall. Corey Lehosky placed fourth with a throw of 46' 5-1/4".

In the men's 4x100-meter relay, Highline placed second overall, with an exceptional time of 42.95 seconds. Coach Yates said it has been hard to collect four men to run in the relay, because by the end of the day the athletes are worn-out and do not want to run another grueling race. However, last Saturday, many athletes were

willing to run.

"We had eight guys, we had two relay teams running; that's just a testament to [sprints] Coach [Les] Black, and the kind of respect that the kids have for him," said Yates. "We just wouldn't be anywhere without him."

On the women's side of the team, the sprinters did well in their events.

Tonika Vickers placed second in the 100-meter dash, with a time of 12.67 seconds. Vickers also competed in the 200-meter dash, in which she placed third, with a time of 25.72 seconds.

Olivia Palermo ran well in the 400-meter dash, placing fifth, with a time of 1:00.5. This time broke the Highline school record for the women's 400 meters.

Running the 10,000 meters for the first time was Wogahata Haile. Haile ran the race in 42:19.29, placing ninth. This time also broke the Highline school record.

To qualify for the conference championship, athletes must achieve certain times and distances. At the end of last year, only five men competed in the championship. Already this year, nine men have qualified, and three women have also qualified.

Highline's next meet will take place on Saturday, March 16, at the Western Double Dual Meet at Western Washington University. Highline will be competing against Clackamas. Clackamas is one of the top teams in the NWAACC.

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Sports

Teamwork makes the dream work

Tight-knit fastpitch team expects big things

By DAVID HAIDLE
Staff Reporter

The Highline women's fastpitch team will be kicking off their season in Tucson, on March 23. The team will be competing in a tournament to get limber for the upcoming season.



Hall

Official division play will begin March 29. The team will have their first game at the season at Skagit Valley

Community College, which will be a doubleheader.

Highline will be trying to live up to the standards of last season, when they entered the division championships with an impressive record of 28-3.

At this time last season, Highline had already lost three starting players to injuries. So far this season, all 14 athletes are healthy, and ready to compete.

"Right now, as healthy as we are, we're deeper than we were last year, and I think overall



Photo by Joe Walker

Lisa Crater takes a swing at a recent practice. Highline is preparing for their first competition on March 23.

we're more talented than we were last year," said Assistant Coach Mark Hall.

One of the strengths of the team is manufacturing runs. Last season, they scored ap-

proximately 60 to 65 percent of their runs by manufacturing them, said Hall.

With 32 games to play in the season, Highline will be implementing a pressure offense, so

they can break down opponents' defenses in order to score more runs.

Highline's team consists of many returning sophomores and talented new freshmen. One of these athletes is freshman Christy McDaniels, who figures to be a mainstay at catcher. McDaniels brings a quick bat and quick feet to Highline's lineup. Switching off with McDaniels at catcher is Jessica Dean.

On the mound will be Teren Edgecomb, a returning player from last season. Edgecomb brings with her a terrific arsenal of pitches. She throws nine pitches in total, including a fastball, curve, riser, and a variety of off-speed pitches.

Playing at shortstop is Cherisse Stumpf, also a returning player.

Niki White, a second-year player, will be stationed in left field.

"She has a great read on the ball, and improves at hitting all the time," said Coach Hall.

Playing center field is Dede Richardson, the fastest player on the team. Richardson can bat on both sides of the plate, and last season had over fifty stolen bases.

"She's a screaming speedster. She's about impossible to put out if she puts the ball on the ground," said Hall.

This season Highline is looking to improve upon last year's record, if that is even possible, considering how well they played.



Stumpf Coach Kirstin Jensen

Highline has high hopes for this season, especially with new Head

Highline hopes to compete for the NWAACC championship at the end of the season. An added bonus to the fastpitch team is the fact that these women have already played with each other and are familiar with each other's game.

"We play better because we play for each other, instead of for ourselves," said Cherisse Stumpf.

This helps, overall, because of the way they play together, which will be as a whole, not as individuals.

"Years past, you've always had one or two or three totally individual, selfish players, and that is not the case this year. They are all about team play, and they really are. They're soldiers, they are there for each other," said Hall.

You can keep skiing through spring

By KENDRA KAY
Staff Reporter

Warmer days may soon be approaching, but that doesn't mean the end of the ski and snowboard season. The spring season is beginning just in time for spring break.

Beginning on March 18, Crystal Mountain not only reduces their lift hours, but they also reduce their lift ticket prices. An all day ticket is only \$20 for adults and teens, and only \$10 for juniors. Kids under 6 get to ski for free.

Along with Crystal Mountain's 34 slopes, they also have tons of free activities for all ages. Spring Fling runs March 15-17, with competitions such as the Silly Slalom and the On Snow Kayak Race.

A season pass will be awarded to the first place winner of the Slush Cup competi-

tion.

"It's kinda like water skiing," said a Crystal Mountain spokesman. "We want to see if they can make it across a pond of water, ice, and slush," either on a snowboard, or by skiing.

Also on March 16, snow friendly participants can compete in the Fourth Annual Jiggle Jump, which is an attempt to ski over a giant pit of gelatin.

The Easter Eggstravaganza offers crafts and games as well as an egg hunt March 29-31.

The Summit at Snoqualmie is also running a special for their spring season as well. The Spring It On! pass is available March 20 for only \$59, plus tax. The pass is valid everyday, anytime, for the remainder of the season.

The end of the ski and snowboard season all depends on Mother Nature.

Crystal Mountain plans to be open through April 7. They sug-



Photo by JIB

A snow boarder gets big air at The Summit.

gest calling their ski condition hotline at 1-800-YOUR-SKI for the latest information regarding any closures.

The Summit will have limited runs, but will remain open until April 19. Their Snowline is 206-236-1600.

Ski conditions for Crystal Mountain and The Summit are available online.

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Interactive Media gets makeover

By EDITH AGOSTON
Staff Reporter

The Interactive Media Program is constantly changing and adapting to the fast paced multimedia and web design industry.

"The program has been drastically altered for the better following an evaluation," said Manager Brian Soderman.

Every program has to go through a review process where the courses are examined to see if changes need to be made. The IMP review committee, which consisted of Highline faculty and the Dean of Professional and Technical Programs at that time, Bob Eley, recommended that changes be implemented after they received feedback from employers.

Soderman, who had been working in Media Services since 1999, took over the Interactive Media Program in January 2001.

New classes were designed and new staff was hired to accommodate the developing program. Because many students already work in the interactive media field or have jobs and are retraining for a new career, the classes are offered in the afternoon and evening, Soderman said.

Don Watson, an IMP 101 student, says that the program has improved a great deal from last



Photo by Joe Walker

Brian Soderman is working on Interactive Media.

year. "There is more hands-on learning of things that I'm going to use in my career," he said.

Another IMP 101 student, Warren Langsford, thinks that the courses are very effective and beneficial to his future career.

"It's geared to overall graphic design," he said. "I like the freedom that we have to explore our ideas."

Watson's goal is to obtain a job working with people and technology. "I'm gaining all the tools for technology that I'm going to be using in the field," he said.

It is important to keep the courses current with what is going on in the industry, Soderman

said, so that students who complete the program will be able to meet the employers' needs. "Two years from now, we could be teaching something that doesn't [currently] exist," he said.

Students in the program receive training in Interactive Media Production to help them enhance the skills they will need for this competitive field.

Before, the emphasis was more on Powerpoint and now the focus has shifted to hand-coding HTML, Hypertext markup language.

"Hand-coding is the hidden language that makes a page (on the Internet) work," Soderman said. Students learn how to read

and write it during the two-year program.

The first year focuses on what appears on the screen. A student can expect to develop the basic knowledge he or she needs in the multimedia field.

The second year concentrates more on what can't be seen. "We move to more complicated issues from the client side to the server side," Soderman said.

These students get more in depth with communication, multimedia design, web design, and current interactive media issues.

"The student gets to see how the whole thing works," he said.

Some of the programs that the classes focus on are Dreamweaver, Fireworks, Freehand and Photoshop. Then they move up to scripting, Dynamic HTML, JavaScript and ColdFusion.

Students learn how to create their very own web sites using Linux and Microsoft servers.

After the completion of the program, each person will have a portfolio containing all of her or his work, displaying their skills and abilities to show potential employers.

"By the time they get to the end, they have a good body of work," Soderman said.

This program helps college students and graduates get a foot in the door. One second-year

student was recently offered a job as a web designer at a firm in Tacoma.

The job market in general has taken a big hit recently and so has the information technology field. Many of the interactive media students are people who have been laid off by Boeing and other major companies.

Here they can be retrained to brush up their skills and learn new programs that they are unfamiliar with.

Soderman said the field currently has an unemployment rate of 6 percent, which is fairly high compared to its previous years.

"The skill base that students have when they leave has greatly increased," said Soderman. "The future looks promising, but the present is challenging."

Soderman is now offering an entry-level class for the first time during Spring Quarter and an additional one next fall. The beginning course is an overview of the field, including how it works and how it came about.

Soderman expects the program to grow dramatically over the next few years. More students will be trying out new things to keep up with the rich and expanding field.

"We are going to constantly modify our course structure to keep up with the industry," he said.

April deadline for Highline Foundation scholarships

By DANNY BERGMAN
Staff Reporter

The Highline Foundation is offering students a chance to apply for 32 scholarships next fall quarter. The deadline is April 19.

Some things to keep in mind when you are applying are:

- Don't forget the deadline
- Follow the directions in the application packet
- Make sure all of the items required for the application are included
- Be sure you qualify for the scholarship you are applying for.

"Students lack the follow through needed when applying," said Mark McKay, Executive director of the Highline foundation.

"If a student is applying for five different scholarships then they need five different pack-

ets," said McKay.

The Highline Foundation started in 1994 with \$15,000 worth of scholarships and now, eight years later, they offer \$34,000 worth of scholarships.

The foundation will offer new scholarships including:

- Key Bank Accounting Business Scholarship- three of these will be given out and are \$2000 a piece for those in the business and accounting field.
- The Hamilton Business and Nursing Scholarship-two of these will be given out, one for nursing and one for business. Each one is worth \$2,000.
- Puget Sound Energy Scholarship-This is for students in business with an interest in utilities. This one is a \$2000 scholarship.

"We send our Scholarships to 50 different high schools but there's still scholarships that aren't applied for by the deadline," said McKay.

By KATHY SURA
Staff Reporter

It's time to start thinking about extraordinary ordinary women.

On May 3, Highline will be recognizing ordinary women who have overcome tremendous obstacles and continued on with lives that inspire and encourage others.

Women's Programs has planned a celebration with a silent auction, a business vendor fair and some live entertainment. There will also be an awards dinner.

A committee from Highline will review the nominees and will present the awards.

"It's difficult to choose," said Krista Fox, Women's Workfirst coordinator. "It would be nice to recognize all of them."

This will be Highline's 20th annual celebration of these ex-

ceptional people.

Nominees for this year's awards are now being accepted. If you would like to nominate

someone that you feel is an extraordinary person, please contact Women's Programs by April 14 in Building 6.

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News

BCM wants to spread the word of God

Students came all the way from Tennessee to help start club

BY CHAZ HOLMES
Staff Reporter

A group of students and their advisors from Cumberland University in Lebanon, Tenn. have come all the way to Highline to spread the Word of God.

The purpose of Baptist Collegiate Ministries is to help students improve their relationship with God and each other. Jesus is very important in this group's life.

"Having Christian friends to count and you don't feel like you're not being pushed away. You get to help other people," said Jennifer Bush.

They are from an organization called BCM and were in Building 8 on Tuesday with free pop and videos which taught about "The Ministry of Jesus,"



Faith
on campus

said Laura Todd, one of the members of BCM. They could also be seen around campus passing out flyers and candy.

Current Highline student Amanda Pendergrass is the Highline Community College BCM Director. Pendergrass attended Cumberland University and now she's going to school here and trying to get this club started.

However, some were viewed suspiciously by Highline students. One particular BCM member, Zac Hightower, was passing out chocolate bars from a box and was asked by someone what he needed to do to get one.

"Reach in the box and take one," said Hightower with a smile on his face.

Some students even won-

dered if they were conducting some kind of psychology experiment.

BCM is hoping that the videos will help teach others what they already know.

"Even though we've done things wrong in the past, all these wrong things are forgiven," said Tim Taylor. "Through Jesus we can be forgiven. That's the reason Jesus died on the cross."

"I came up here to start BCM and I've been here for about six months," said Pendergrass.

She will stay here when the rest of the group returns to Tennessee on Saturday. She's hoping to gather some more strength for BCM. More signatures of support are needed in order for more newcomers to join.

BCM is planning to go to

"Through Jesus we can be forgiven."

-Tim Taylor



Photo by CJ Gambrel

Baptist Collegiate Ministries was on campus on Tuesday handing out soda and candy and spreading the Word of God in Building 8.

Capitol Hill and pass out blankets to the homeless. Each group from BCM selects a destination around spring break to visit.

Other groups from BCM have visited such institutions as Colorado State and Arizona State University.

BCM will be holding a meet-

ing and there will be worship and performance skits today in Building 21, room 207 starting at noon. Everyone is invited to come.

For more information on BCM you can contact Amanda Pendergrass at 206-242-8594 or you can e-mail her at whipsnapper19@hotmail.com.

Church helps those who seek it

We are all students because we want to have a successful life. We go to school to learn, to fill our minds with knowledge and to be competitive within the world. We have the desire to go farther than the rest; to take the



path less traveled. We can achieve all these goals with the proper schooling, but can we achieve happiness? For all the tangible rewards that come with a high income, it does not come with the promise of happiness.

Another place you can go to learn, receive direction and find the answers to a successful future is church.

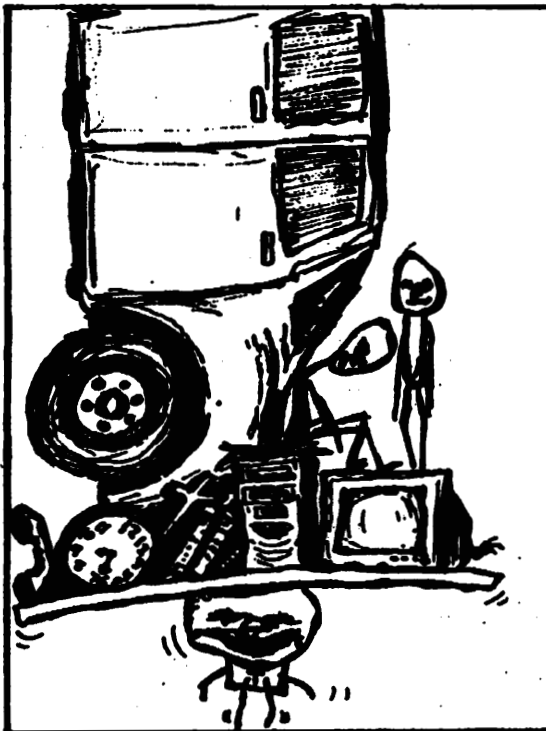
Church has given me more faith, hope, and love for my



family, friends, and for myself than anything ever has. It has given me the strength to make good choices in my life.

We are so lucky to live in a country where we can choose to be a part of any faith we wish. I don't think enough people take advantage of this. I challenge you to pick a faith and stick to it.

This is a huge change for those who have never even entered a church. So here are some things you need to know about church:



• It requires sacrifice. It can mean changing your lifestyle.

• You must be persistent. There are no short cuts in discovering the answers you seek.

• When attending services and reading the scriptures, listen with your third ear; your heart.

• Ask questions with a positive attitude. After all, learning about a religion is about being a better person; negativity is left at the door.

I promise you there are many rewards in attending religious

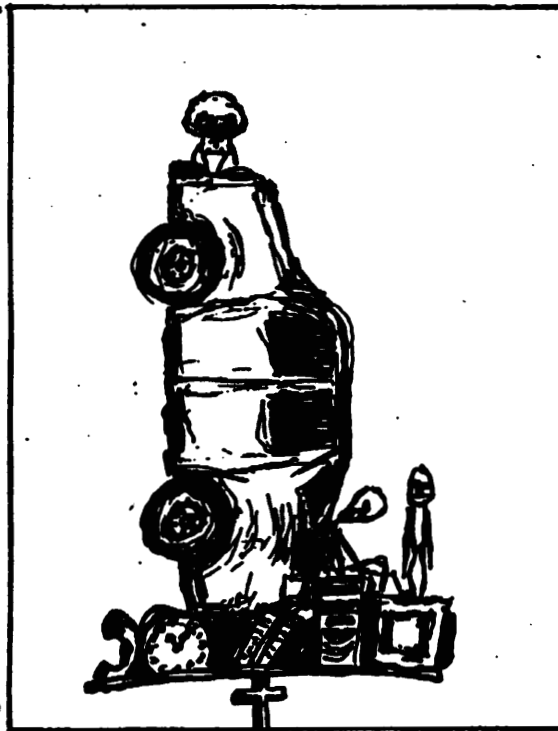
services and becoming active within the church community:

• The promise of a stronger spirit. You will see the world through different eyes.

• Hope, love and faith will come easier to you.

• It will be easy to do selfless acts such as serving others and having compassion for others - because you will do so out of habit.

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self. In fact everything will start to go better and actually be better.

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Christ crusades on campus Students spread word of Islam

By SAMANTHA VAIL
Staff Reporter

Campus Crusade for Christ is an international, nondenominational collegiate ministry that meets at noon on Fridays in Building 10.

"The purpose of Campus Crusade is to teach students about Jesus Christ. We are really laid back. It's students that run Campus Crusade. We get together to share what's been going on in our lives, to support each other and to share the gospel. There are lots of different church styles, but we all rely on the Bible for teaching and authority," said Club Treasurer Miranda Walker.

At noon on Fridays, service usually begins with a prayer, then singing and announcements. The lesson of study is from the Bible and is lead by a student. At the end of the service students usually gather to get to know each other. It is a warm and welcoming place to make friends, said Sam Toy, worker for Campus Crusade.

"Our mission is to give each student the opportunity to have a relationship with Jesus Christ; to learn about His life and the many things He taught, to experience love, hope, forgiveness through Jesus Christ," said Toy.

"We believe students have five facets: physical, mental, social, emotional, and spiritual.



Photo by CJ Gambrel

Emily Kurtz and Gareth Whiteley listen to Andy Pinnell read from the Bible at a Campus Crusade meeting.

What a relationship with Christ specifically does, it helps students make wise decisions based on biblical principals and it helps them understand the art of living life well," said Toy.

The Sept. 11 tragedy helped some find answers with Christ.

"Everyone is going to live their life for something. I've got students who are workaholics, one who roller blades like crazy, I have people who are social butterflies, you name it. I think

9/11 showed that all that kind of stuff that made us so secure can go up in flames," said Dusty Wilson, adviser of Campus Crusade and mathematics instructor.

Changing a student's life is one of Campus Crusade's goals; by changing their habits, helping them become more diligent, pursuing excellence, building stronger relationships with others, and seeing others as Christ would, said Toy.

By JASON BENTON
Staff reporter

The Muslim Association wants to bring peace and understanding among students at Highline, said Dr. Mahmoud, the group's advisor. Established in the fall of 1998, this young organization is faced with its



most difficult task to date.

Though the group reports no crimes being committed against them on campus, they do feel compelled to share the true meaning of Islam.

"Our goal is to acquaint the campus community with Islam and Muslim beliefs," said Mahmoud.

Mahmoud has been the adviser of the Muslim Association since it was founded. They meet every other Friday and allow many of the students to apply what they learn in daily activities.

"It gives me a reason for my existence, values and beliefs to base my life on, to know how to act and treat people," said Zina Dagher, a second-year student.

As president of the associa-

tion, Dagher has held her title since last spring. This ambitious young woman escaped the harsh reality of war in Iraq three years ago. The association has brought her closer to students with similar war-torn experiences, who also fled their home countries for a better life in America.

"A lot of us have come from a place where war is inevitable, so we can understand the fear of war and the stereotype Sept. 11 brought to this country," said Dagher.

Despite the generalization of her people by a small minority, Dagher stays optimistic in bridging the gap of human relations among students and faculty.

There has definitely been no gap in the relationship of faculty members, according to Mahmoud. Following Sept. 11 he has received a showering of support from faculty and students.

"I received phone calls from faculty members, which was a big surprise," said Mahmoud.

Though he took cautious steps in days after integrating back into daily activities, eventually the overwhelming moral support compelled Mahmoud to relay a sense of security to the 35 members of the Muslim Association.

"We are just like everyone else. We strive to do better and make ends meet," said Mahmoud.

Religion

Continued from page 1

Newman. "Religion is very important because I like to think that I am an example of how to be a good Christian by how I live my life everyday."

"I think religion is the center of my life," said 19-year-old Christian student Benjamin Myers. "I go to church at least once a month, but try to go two or three times a week."

Other Christian students feel that religion is just as important, but that they do not need to show their faith through attending church.

"I don't go to church everyday, but I am a Christian every second," said 18-year-old Naomi Ray. "It's not important to be in church, but that church be in you."

Many Christians share the same attitude as Ray or feel it

necessary to go to church only on religious holidays. "I only attend church once a year on Christmas or Easter," said 25-year-old Jennifer Balme.

Although several people on Highline's campus are religious, many are not religious at all.

"I am no religion," said Dan Miller.

Out of the 500 surveyed, approximately 22 percent, claimed to be agnostic or of no religion. This did not affect their attitudes towards people who are religious though. They were all very open-minded.

"I think I am my own religion," said Andria Andrawina. "At this point there are other aspects of life that I prioritize other than religion."

Some people, such as Maiko Horino, age 22, claim to be atheist or practice believing in no God. For some this practice fits perfectly into their way of life, but for others, believing that there is not a God is sometimes distressing.

"Not having God is believing just myself, and it is sometimes hard," said Horino. "I do not deny other religions, but I do not understand the concept of believing 'One God.'"

Members of the Church of Latter Day Saints, or Mormons consisted of 16 percent. Although members of this church are in small numbers, their faith and love for God is very strong.

"Religion is extremely important," said a 20-year-old Mormon student Kim Yeger. "It influences most of my decisions that I make, the way I act, and the things I do and say."

Highline students of other religious affiliations such as Muslim, Buddhist, Catholic and Baptist constitute about 10 percent of those surveyed.

When questioned on how often people attend church or a religious service, 44 percent said they never do. People who attend church at least once a week comprised 37 percent, and 21 percent said they attend less

than once a week.

On the surveys given out, people were asked how they felt about religions other than their own; several individuals shared some mixed views.

Many people were tolerant with persons who shared different religious views than their own, but many felt that other religions were not right, especially if they force their views upon others.

"I think other religions are okay, as long as the people don't force you to believe in what they believe," said Asaka Hayakawa.

Many people on this campus agree with Hayakawa. The attitude here is believe what you want, but keep it to yourself.

"I respect other religions, but I believe mine," said Muslim student Mohammed Axmed.

"I feel that if someone believes strongly in their religion, and lives by the precepts, then the more power to them," said Mormon student Mike Gerstner.

"Everyone is entitled to their own beliefs, as long as I am true to my religion, I really don't worry about the rest," said Catholic student Jessica Rankin.

The results from the religion survey are as follows:

Christian-260
Mormon-71
No religion-69
Buddhist-27
Catholic-15
Atheist-10
Muslim-10
Baptist-9
Lutheran-6
Agnostic-5
Protestant-5
Episcopal-4
Jehovah Witness-3
Wicca-2
Hindu-2
Pagan-1
Sikh-1

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Bird is the word on computers

Former Highline graduate Dale Bird now has his own company called Advantage I.T.

BY SAMANTHA VAIL
Staff Reporter

The Internet boom has become the Internet bust and Dale Bird, a graduate of Highline, found himself competing for entry level jobs with people who have a Ph.D.

Bird's solution was to begin his own company, Advantage Information Technology, because so many of his friends and family would call him asking for computer help.

"I kept getting calls, 'how do I do this?' so I decided to start this company," he said.

Advantage I.T. unites programmers, networkers, and computer specialists together as independent contractors.

Bird graduated from Highline in '99, with an emphasis in computer science and then The Evergreen State College in '01 with a bachelor of arts in computer science.

"Degrees aren't required to work for Advantage. Experi-

ence or knowledge is what counts," Bird said.

"With the downturn in the computer industry, there aren't a lot of jobs out there but there is still the same amount of work to fill. The idea behind this company is to gather independent contractors," said Bird.

"If an I.T. is looking for a permanent position they will want a side job and this can provide that. They can work online, print off resumes, work on getting new employment and update their skills - this is where they have the opportunity to do that," said Bird.

Advantage I.T. offers several computer support services including on-site service, software and hardware repair, providing software to help track inventory and sales, web page development, and e-commerce.

Currently there are four independent contractors with the company who all have different computer skills.

"With small businesses there



Dale Bird

are different skills available, so the more people we have the more variety there is," said Bird.

Along with the success of workers, Bird has successfully found clients.

"I have a pretty good variety

of clients right now," said Bird. Some of his clients include a children's clothing store, Robin's Nest in Auburn, Doug Sutton, "The begging Investor Bible," and Kid's Korner Daycare. He maintains a

website for all these clients.

Along with independent contracting, Advantage I.T. is starting computer training classes to help beginners learn basic computer skills.

Currently the company is focusing on gaining more contractors. Contractors have to work in sales and they all have different rates depending on the type of service they provide.

Different examples of contractors for the company include a Visual Basic programmer, who studies business technology by looking at the company and deciding what kind of technology the business needs, Web Development, and Internet security.

"If it's not a service we can provide, we will shop to find that service for them," said Bird.

As a former student at Highline, Bird's advice to students is to focus on one talent or area of expertise.

"Find the one thing you like and get really good at it. Zero in on what you really like. I was a junior when I found I really liked web development. I'm not a network specialist, but I can keep up with a network specialist. I know how it's suppose to work."

Olander breaks state law Highline school bond could pass

BY AARON ERNST
Staff Reporter

Des Moines City Councilman Bob Sheckler is "distressed" to hear the council wants to remove the city manager.

In a letter read by Councilman Scott Thomasson at last Thursday's council meeting, Sheckler commended City Manager Bob Olander for his service to the city. "He (Olander) is regarded as one of the best city managers in the state by his colleagues," Thomasson said.

Councilwoman Susan White revealed at the Feb. 21 meeting that several members of the council, including the mayor, had asked Olander to resign.

Sheckler said action to fire Olander is "obviously" in response to his actions to rectify the conflict of interest between Councilman Petersen and his towing company. The State Attorney General has ruled that Petersen's serving on the council while the city has a towing

contract with his towing company is in violation of state law. Sheckler blames Petersen for the situation he is in with the towing contract, saying it was brought about "by his own making."

Sheckler gave credit to Olander's service to the city. "He has contributed to the great quality of life in Des Moines," he said.

"Bob is not a whistle blower," he said that efforts to remove Olander "may result in a recall of the council members who seek this."

In city business, Patrice Thorell, park and recreation director, briefed the council about a proposal to collaborate with King County to build an Off-Leash Area. The department was seeking direction from the city regarding participation with a collection of south King County cities to operate and maintain an area that allows dogs to exercise while unleashed.

No action was taken by the council.

BY AARON ERNST
Staff Reporter

Local residents appear to have approved a capital improvements bond for Highline School District in a March 12 election.

As of 12:30 p.m. the vote tally was 62.96 percent in favor of approving the measure. Several absentee ballots have yet to be counted, though.

School bond elections require a supermajority of 60 percent to pass and need to have 40 percent of the number of people who voted in the last general election, which was this past November. Highline College is not a part of the Highline School District.

The vote isn't officially certified until March 22.

The bond was put forward to raise \$189 million for school improvements including rebuilding ones damaged by the February 2001 earthquake. If the bond passes, the Port of Seattle and Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) will provide

matching funds of \$50 million each.

Stuart Jenner, co-chairman of communications for Highline Citizens for Schools felt support from the business community was important.

"There was a lot of involve-

ment from people who sat on the sidelines in the past," Jenner said.

For the first time all the cities served by the school district endorsed the measure, including Des Moines, SeaTac, and Normandy Park.

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Alano does it all and then some

Student Senator Stefan Alano is involved all over campus and brings a special charisma

By JESSICA LEE
Staff Reporter

Stefan Alano believes that his job of a student senator won't be as secretive as his old job in the military.

His foremost goal is to make sure that there is enough student representation for the student union building.

"Stefan brings a special charisma that helps Student Government stick together as a team," said Dan Fortin, club diplomat/ treasurer.

Alano said that he wanted to pursue opportunities that extend beyond classrooms and he saw that Student Government was a great way to get involved in school.

Alano is involved in many school clubs and activities. He is the president of the Chess

Club, member of Phi Theta Kappa, chairman of the Student Union Development Committee, and a student representative for the Foundation.

He still has time to enjoy what he likes to do, for instance, he loves to watch movies, wakeboard during summer, play the piano and just hang out with friends.

Alano feels that Highline doesn't have as much unity as it should. He believes that most of the student body doesn't seem to have pride or be proud of Highline.

"I want the students to use Highline as a springboard to achieve their goals and to be proud of the school," said Alano.

Alano is a 22-year-old freshman. He was in the military full-time for four years. In the

military, he was also a communication analyst. He said that job was and will always remain classified.

Although Alano's life seems to be perfect right now, he had an unpleasant time in the past when he felt lost and despicable. Alano said he was a bad student in high school. He ran away from home for a time when he was 15 years old. His mom wanted him to excel at many things in life that he wasn't ready for and simply didn't feel like doing. He finally came back home his senior year in high school. This consequence led him to sign up for the military since he didn't have many options to choose from.

"All of our past experiences make us the people that we are today," said Alano.

Alano would like to pursue a degree in business and master's in economics of finance. He is also considering studying for a doctorate degree.

"The feeling of success and accomplishment is the doorway to happiness," said Alano.



Photo by Joe Walker

Stefan Alano holding down the fort in the Student Government office.

Class teaches students to cope with death

By APPLE DUQUE
Staff Reporter

Life happens, but death will end it.

Students will explore life's inevitable end in Bob Baughers's Death & Life class Spring Quarter at Highline.

Baughers said the class helps students to become more motivated to live now, take risks, and accomplish life's goals.

"Live now. You're going to die, so what are you waiting for?" he said.

Dr. Baughers is a nationally recognized expert on death and grieving. He was inspired to teach about death and life from learning of his father's massive stroke in 1976. His father survived the stroke, but Baughers was still motivated to explore what loss means to people.

He first taught this class at Seattle Central Community College and has been teaching it since 1977.

Baughers said his favorite thing about this class is what it does to the students. It's scary and energizing, but it helps them understand the importance of our own death and how to cope with it.

The difference when taking



Bob Baughers

this class is that you're more aware about what you're going through when dealing with loss.

"How to deal with grief and loss is to permit yourself to feel the way you do," Baughers said.

"Some people may use device mechanisms such as denial, to help alleviate the pain," he said.

People usually ask themselves, "Why me?" and they may feel guilty or responsible for what happened.

He says that the best response to that question would simply be "I don't know."

This class talks about the do's and don'ts, of how to respond to someone who is dealing with emotional pain.

"Healing means to be able to accept what has happened, and go back to your normal life. But no one can really go back to normal. They will always miss and think of that person that passed away," Baughers said.

Baughers said that the person must figure out a way to apply healing to his or her own life.

The class will discuss some topics such as understanding loss and responses to loss, fear of death, homicide, terminally ill person, the funeral and cemetery, the law and death, suicide, grief, children and death, widowhood, and findings about the after life.

Activities are given, such as filling out a list called "50 things I would like to do before I die," or visiting a funeral home to see how a funeral is set up, and going to the casket selection room, to see how much it costs, etc.

"Do this now, before you have to do it," Baughers said.

Another assignment is to experience what it feels like to walk through a cemetery. You're asked to find the maker of the youngest deceased person, the oldest, and someone the same age as you, and take a picture of it.

Many anticipate going to a

funeral home, or find themselves just not being able to fill out a form or write a paper that prepares their own funeral.

"Society wants us to be our old self again," he said.

Dr. Baughers has worked with bereaved parents and says that they still missed their child whom they lost 11 years ago.

"The public has a hard time dealing with that grief. It's too

painful to watch," Baughers said. "We have to look at death to appreciate life."

This class is great if you want to help improve your life.

Baughers said that students get emotional in the class, yet laughter helps them get through it.

"We're not laughing at death," he said. "We're laughing with death."

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Women speak out about Islam

BY ANNA SULKHANOVA
Staff reporter

People wonder why Muslim women have so much clothing, said a panel of Muslim women students Thursday, March 7.

Zina Dagher, 20, Khadra Mohamed 19, Muna Mohamud, 22 and Najma Jeylani, 19, talked about their lives as young Muslim women. They explained issues of equality, marriage and polygamy and the importance of wearing the hijab under Islam.

"How can hijab be seen as a sign of oppression of a woman, when it's a sign of devotion to her religion?" said Khadra Mohamed.

Islamic women should not display their beauty to strangers, but only to their family and husband. The religion teaches a woman to be modest and therefore she should dress the same way.

"Wearing hijab takes away



Photo by Jessica Dominy

Muna Mohamud talks about women roles in Islam.

the unwanted attention, therefore, it is my protection from being approached sexually by men," said Mohamed.

She explained to women that they are less likely to get raped if they were to be protected by a

cover, rather than being out in the open. "I just feel so safe wearing hijab," said Khadra Mohamed.

Najma Jeylani stressed the equality under Islam between men and women.

She said that the biggest misconception people have is the belief that women get treated worse than men. "It's not true because our religion teaches us that both sexes should be treated fairly, for men and women before God are equal," said Jeylani.

She also specified that under Islam, women have rights to property and distributing the money given through inheritance without sharing it with a man.

"Islam gives a woman a true liberty without submission to anybody, except that God created her," said Jeylani.

All four women talked a lot about marriage and issues of polygamy, where a man can have more than one wife at a time. Under Islam, a man is allowed to have up to four wives only if he is able to support and treat them fairly. A man also has to consult with the first wife if

she'd be comfortable with a new co-wife. She also said that Muslim women don't change their last names after marriage.

Muna Mohamud said polygamy is not imposed by Islam; it is just an accepted practice. "It can be viewed as a lesser of two evils," said Mohamud.

"Islam is a strong advocate of marriage," said Mohamud. She explained that Islamic marriage involves a lot of community, so it's not just between two individuals.

Muna Mohamud also noted that most women always want the security of a husband. They would rather share one than have none, she said.

Khadra Mohamed added that if she had a husband working overseas or just in a country away from her, she would rather prefer him to marry a new wife there also, so that "he'd always have a place to come back to and being taking care of."

Students win scholarships and a space on academic team

BY EMILY FISH
Staff Reporter

Highline students Susan Cox and Roger Henderson were named members of the 2002 All-Washington Academic Team on March 7. This honor comes with a \$250 scholarship from KeyBank and a \$250 scholarship from Highline Foundation.

This event took place at the South Puget Community College and honored more than 60 community and technical college students for their academic achievement and community service. Governor Gary Locke was a keynote speaker and proclaimed March 7 as All-Washington Academic Team Day.

"Our community and technical colleges remain the great equalizers," Locke told the 63 students who represented 32 of the 34 community and technical colleges throughout the state.

"Collectively, you're living proof that we live in a meritocracy. People can earn their way to the top, one homework assignment and one final exam at a time," Locke went on to say.

Cox and Henderson are the "living proof" that Locke was describing.

A 45-year-old nursing major from Normandy Park, Cox has a 3.78 grade point average. Cox balances this G.P.A. and single

motherhood, while holding the position as president of the RN Nursing Program at Highline. For some this may seem like a handful, but Cox handles it with ease.

"You just keep going, quitting is not an option," said Cox. "Just keep your energy up so high, that there never is a chance to quit."

For Cox, this strategy has proved to work well and become very rewarding at the same time.

Being named an All-Washington Academic Team member

is something that doesn't go unnoticed.

"When I was selected to represent the college, I was really thrilled," Cox exclaimed. "It's like a bright light had turned on in my future."

Cox said that it is amazing how many colleges send her and Henderson pamphlets and brochures inviting them to attend their colleges everyday. The thrill wasn't only the scholarship money, but rather the idea that colleges are now pursuing her.

"To put something like that

on your resumé opens your door to a whole lot of universities," said Cox as she named off the more recent letters she had received.

Cox will be graduating in June and then transferring to the University of Washington to pursue a bachelor's degree in nursing.

Henderson, 24, a Sea-Tac resident, holds a 3.76 grade point average and is majoring in accounting, business and computer science.

He is a tutor at Highline and volunteers at local grade schools

and libraries. He also plans to continue studying at the University of Washington.

These two students were recognized through a state program patterned after the All-USA Today Academic Team, initiated by Phi Theta Kappa, a sponsor for the event.

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Bartenders swear by charity for Highline

By KATHY SURA
Staff Reporter

Last Christmas bar patrons' potty mouths cost them 25 cents but produced a royal flush for Highline charity.

At Denny's on 188th and Pacific Highway South, employees and their clients were asked to ante up 25 cents each time their mouths slathered out a cuss word.

Jean Munro, bartender there and staff member at Highline Women's Programs, jokes good naturedly about Denny's back-door charity.

She says the tradition started several years ago and has turned into a fun game.

"The regulars know that when we decorate, the jar goes up. It's that time of the year," said Munro.

The kitty jar stays out about two or three weeks. Every time a person swears they put a quar-

ter in the kitty. A sign on the jar reads, "For Christmas cheer, if you swear, you best be aware, a quarter we will take, for a needy family's sake."

Most money is collected the first week when a lot of the regulars throw in a \$20 or so to keep bartenders Sharon Pittman, Heidi Middlestadt, Jane Eygabroad, Josephine Barb and Munro off their backs. The money is intended as a slush fund for future infringements. Of course money keeps coming in the entire time the jar is out from both patrons and employees.

This past year the bartenders raised \$300. One of them suggested donating it to the Highline emergency student fund. This program provides support for students who might need help with books, tuition, electric, gas, or rent.

"After 9/11 we wanted to keep the money in our community," said Munro.



Photo by Joe Walker

Bartenders Heidi Middlestadt, Sharon Pittman, Jane Eygabroad, and Jean Munro speak no evil.

Diversity Day teaches high schoolers acceptance

By APPLE DUQUE
Staff Reporter

Violence occurs between races because people aren't willing to accept diversity, they don't tolerate it, they're not educated, and they don't understand, Burien Mayor Wing Woo told a group of high school students on Friday.

The mayor attended Diversity Day at Highline high school to tell students about appreciating diversity.

Also participating in Diversity Day was Laura Manning, a teacher of intercultural communications and Speech 200 at Highline College. They presented activities, food and conversation that promoted the appreciation of diversity and enhanced community building.

The mayor kicked off the two-hour program sharing about his own experience with learning from other cultures.

"It's what you can learn from another race or culture that can make this a better place," Woo said.

When Woo was young, he hung out all the time with a friend who was Mexican. He first knew that he wanted to learn more about his culture when he started to relate Mexican burritos to the Chinese egg

rolls.

"You learn a lot when you establish friendship," he said.

"Education is a gift that cannot be taken away once you've learned it."

The mayor said that ethnic pride is very important, however it's wrong if a person uses it incorrectly, like putting down another race.

He talked about the shootings between gangs of the same race and asked students to think of why that happens.

"We as police have to deal with death," said the mayor, who also serves on the city's police force.

He said that violence is more visual than what you see in the

movies.

"In crime, seeing death is different because you can actually smell death."

While students ponder what motivates gang violence, one student felt compelled to share his own thoughts about it.

"I think gang violence is wrong. People are dying for all the wrong reasons," said Justin Fellores, a freshman at Highline high school.

After the mayor's speech, several group activities were conducted to help educate the students about diversity.

First, they were divided into groups of the same astrological sign and got into birthday order, first to last. Laura Manning

then said that in ethnic diversity there should be ethnic pride.

Everyone was asked to look around the room and see that the person standing next to them was different.

"We as a group have a lot in common together, than we are as a group separate," she said.

Second, they had to break

into groups and move around to two different cultural displays. The displays educated students about countries such as Australia, Thailand, Ghana and India. These displays were created by Manning's Speech 200 class.

Then they produced expressions of appreciation for diversity as their last group activity.

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Not really a do-do wins speech slam

BY CARRIE WOOD
Staff Reporter

Three finalists competed for first place during the Speech Slam contest at Wednesday's colloquy in Building 7.

Earlier this week, the students competed and gave speeches in front of four judges to be chosen as the three finalists. The finalists were Elisabeth Larsen, Melody Blanchard and Rachel Platt.

On Wednesday, the finalists delivered their extemporaneous speeches in front of a student and teacher audience.

This time, the audience was the judge; they filled out the ballots at the end of the speeches to determine the best delivery.

Platt was the first to speak and gave her speech on "Alliteracy."

"The Dutch discovered an amazing thing, and no, it wasn't splitting the check," said Platt.



Photo by Jessica Dominy

Rachel Platt wins slam because of her do-do speech.

Platt discussed how the Dutch discovered the do-do bird that is thought of as being very dumb.

She shocked the audience,

using her suave confidence, as her topic turned into a discussion about human ignorance.

"Look at our own bird-brained tendencies," said Platt.

"The less books we read, the more we talk... not so good."

Platt suggested that the partial reasoning behind our ignorance is due to the television and Internet.

"We must begin, as individuals, to open doors to local libraries," Platt said. "The less you read, the more your vocabulary becomes... not so good."

Dressed in a red, traditional Chinese top, Larsen was next at the podium to deliver, "Opening Doors Through Foreign Travel."

Larsen explained that before a trip she took to China, she was warned about the incivility of foreigners.

"It's a social norm to expect poor treatment outside the U.S.," Larsen said. "There has been a hyped paranoia since the Sept. 11 attacks."

Larsen also described a trip she took with a church group to Mexico. She said she was so nervous to do her door-to-door

ministries because of all the prior warnings she had received.

As Americans, we tend to think that we're better than each other as well as others, Larsen said.

"We close doors through misconceptions," she said.

Blanchard delivered her speech on "Learning Styles," without the help of index cards.

Blanchard discussed the three learning styles that people use.

A visual learner creates mental pictures as they study.

Some useful strategies for these types of learners are to make mental pictures and to use a highlighter.

An audio learner remembers best what they hear. She suggested to these learners to repeat and practice everything aloud.

First place for the Speech Slam contest went to Platt, followed by Blanchard in second and Larsen in third.

Transfer Center helps students going to 4-year schools

BY TIA JOHNSON
Staff reporter

There are two main mistakes students make when transferring to colleges. First, it is that you are not talking to an adviser soon enough to help plan your classes, so you do not have useless credits. Second, knowing what you want to do and where you want to go when talking to your adviser will help.

It is best to plan ahead. Not knowing what it takes to transfer from Highline to another school can not only be a problem, but a stress.

When you find out you have been taking classes you do not need it can be extremely frustrating.

Taking the right steps and knowing how to get there is important and can help you.

"Highline's Transferring Center is a service of the Educational Planning and Advising Center in Building 6, upstairs," said Jeff Wagnitz the dean of transfer and pre-college education. "The transfer center offers information, workshops, and a library of transfer materials to support transfer students. The Transfer Center also helps students set up and plan visits to various college campuses to see what they are like."

When students do not get help from an adviser there are two big issues that you have to

deal with.

"First, there's a matter of specific lower-division requirements enforced by specific university departments," said Wagnitz. Earning an AA does not mean you can just jump into any school of your choice.

Certain schools have prerequisite classes to take.

"For example, a psychology major at University X may be supposed to take statistics in his or her freshmen or sophomore year. That's not required by the AA, and even if an AA-holder is admitted as a junior at that uni-

versity, he or she would need to go back and pick up statistics. Another case in point, here: The GPA required to enter a university may be different from the GPA to enter into a specific program. For example, some of the highly competitive programs at the University of Washington like the Computer Science Major may in practice be admitting students that have at least a 3.8 although the published minimum GPA may actually be quite lower," said Wagnitz.

"Second, there's the problem of transferring without a degree

or with the wrong degree for transfer."

When transfer students start to go to a university many people wonder if they are being discriminated and treated unfairly compared to the new freshman students. Many people have different input on this subject, but it is all the matter of experience and opinion.

"No, I don't think transfer students are," said Wagnitz. "If you stay with one school for the full four years, you'll likely get more consistent information and, hence, have fewer prob-

lems than if you move from community college to a university, or from university, for the matter. But I do not think that amounts to discrimination. Generally, universities like to admit transfer students, though there sometimes are limits to the numbers of transfer slots they have available."

Overall, what can help you decide where you want to continue your education is knowing what you want to do, where you want to go, know how to get there, and have an adviser help you help yourself.

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College faces cuts in final budget

By JOHN MONTENEGRO
AND KELLY WALLACE
Staff Reporters

Community and technical colleges will face less of a budget cut under the state supplemental budget still being finalized late Wednesday in Olympia.

The college faces a 3 percent budget cut under the budget being finalized in the state capitol.

Students also may face up to 12 percent increases in tuition next year, plus pay full-time tuition for nine credits or more.

Raises for faculty mandated by Initiative 732 also are likely to survive.

The Legislature also seemed to be leaning for more money for worker retraining, to ease the impact of layoffs.

The House and Senate had a number of differences to work before the session officially ends today.

"Conference committees will likely be going for the next two days on the operating budget," said Erin Speck, legislative assistant to State Sen. Karen Keiser, D-Des Moines.

The two chambers must agree on a single budget which Governor Gary Locke must then sign into law.

The House and Senate budgets started the week with some big differences in how they treat two-year colleges including Highline. One such difference is in community college budget cuts. The Senate budget proposed a \$26.2 million budget cut or 5 percent, plus an additional \$4.6 million which the Senate proposed be made up by making students start paying full-time tuition at nine credits

rather than at 10. The House budget proposed a \$10.9 million or a 2 percent budget cut.

The compromise cut will be \$16 million for the state's more than 30 two-year colleges.

The cuts likely will mean tighter enrollment caps for the colleges. Highline could admit 650 fewer students under the final budget.

The Senate originally proposed a 7 percent tuition increase and the House proposed a 12 percent tuition increase for 2002-03.

The faculty raises will be 3.6

percent, but other employees will not receive raises in 2003 under the new budget. Faculty increments - raises for faculty based on merit - are eliminated.

The Legislature is only providing 88 percent of the I-732 raises, however, leaving the community and technical college system to make up \$1.27 million to cover the raises.

College employees also will pay slightly more for health benefits, with co-payments rising to \$15 from \$10 and premiums averaging \$10 more per month.

Business prof has international flair

By MICHAEL KUBE
Staff Reporter

Reagan Copeland teaches international business at Highline with a flair on the casual.

She tries to keep her classes interesting and current.

Copeland got her undergraduate degree at Florida State University. She then went to Thunderbird University in Glendale, Ariz. and obtained her master's in international management.

After graduation she decided to move up to the Seattle area after visiting for a week in July.

"Actually, coming from Arizona, I don't mind the rain," Copeland said.

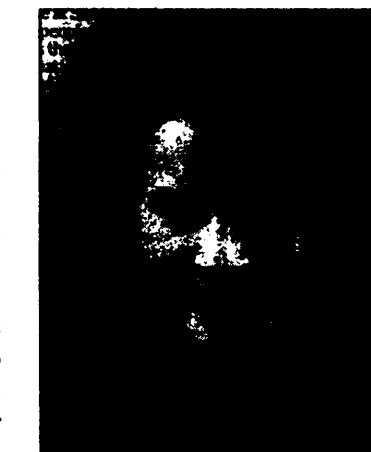
Next quarter, she is teaching International Business at noon and Business Ethics at 10 a.m. three days a week. She is also teaching Ocean Freight and Documentation, and Truck/Rail/Intermodal Freight Forwarding. Copeland describes freight forwarding as being a "travel agent for freight."

After getting her master's, Copeland moved up to Seattle. "It was almost on a whim," she said.

She worked in various jobs in and around the Seattle area. "I took jobs that facilitated my traveling," she said.

Copeland loves to travel. She has been to about 45 countries and hopes to double that number before she is through traveling. But, having a year-and-a-half-old daughter has slowed her down a little.

As far as teaching goes, Copeland tries to keep her classes fresh and interesting by



Reagan Copeland

involving students in discussions and having them work in groups throughout the quarter.

"My goal is to always keep the topic interesting and current," she said.

Having a lot of international students in her classes keeps the courses interesting, Copeland said.

"The most challenging part of the job is taking a class with a lot of different skill levels and keeping them on the same level," Copeland says.

Copeland hopes that students will consider taking business classes no matter what field they are thinking of going into. "Regardless of what you get into, international business will play a part in your life," she said.

Copeland says that international business and trade is especially important in the Seattle/Tacoma area.

"One in four jobs in the... area (are) related to trade," she said.

As far as the future, Copeland says, "I have found a job that I really like and I plan on staying in the field."

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