Student money boosts building

By THUNDERWORD STAFF

The college moved a step closer to being able to pay for a big gift from Student Government.

The Associated Council of Student Government voted unanimously to give $608,737 to the new student center.

The money comes from the Student & Activities fund balance, which is leftover money from each year's S&A budget.

The appropriation leaves the minimum required fund balance, 20 percent of the last year's S&A budget, or about $150,000, said Jack Harton, member of the Student Services committee.

Each year about $120,000 to $150,000 rolls over to the S&A fund balance, or about 20 percent of the last year's S&A budget, or about $150,000, said Don Dnessler, member of the Student Services committee.

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He also asked the committee to keep in mind that the college also wants to save additional $100,000 each year to help pay the financing costs of the $13-$15 million project, which could be open by 2002.

Students also pay an extra $20 as a part of tuition each quarter to help build the new building. Students voted $25 as a part of tuition each quarter to help build the new building.

The S&A Committee is in the middle of hammering out the 2002-2003 budget. Last week, the committee tentatively approved a new baseball field.

The Student Government will be in charge of giving new student center.

"I hope they want an improvement of the baseball program," said Don Dnessler, member of the S&A committee.

Thunderword reporters Joe Walker, Stefan Alano and John Harton contributed to this story.
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.

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 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.

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.

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.”

Second chance to help the Krispy Kreme kids

You have a second chance to get your hands on a Krispy Kreme doughnut. Some 250 doughnuts 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 Tinglestad speaks

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

Erik Tinglestad will be speaking on "Professionalism: Beyond Knowledge and Experience."
Be smart, or it may cost you your car

Reoccurring car thefts on campus can be stopped by good decisions

**BY DEJA PRESSLEV**
Staff Reporter

Common sense could mean the difference between leaving in your car or taking it 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 rates seventh as far as car theft. Places with large parking lots are some of the most popular 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 a 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 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 a slight increase as well. Tacoma has had six cars stolen this year, all of which were security 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 every day," 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 JOYCEYN 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 mother.

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

"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 belongs 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 indescribable 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 experiences 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 203, 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 Head Coach Todd Owens who took seven wrestlers to nationals this season. They had three All-Americans; Carlos Adams, 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 NWAC Tournament this past weekend but fell short of the championship by a pinch.

Forward Lauren Jones was named to the first team in the Western Division and Brianna Deuer 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. 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 effort.

We are confident that spring season will witness the same unparalleled success as team players return in fine fettle, ready to smile 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 Whitely.

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.

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.

Past... Samantha, this is the voice in your head... Buy some Krispy Kreme donuts. The ones with the little sprinkles.
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, 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 tennis shoes, it would seem that Quaid wouldn’t be able to be Morris. A "I tried to capture Morris in spirit for the film instead of worrying about what I looked like," Quaid said.

"The film is not just accurate in dealing with Morris’s 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."

Dennis Quaid play 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.

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 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. "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.

The group consists of 50 people. The group members come from as far as Seattle, and anyone is welcome to join. The group 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 Parasol on display.

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 loved it," said Liz, a member of Artists United, of one of the paintings that are on display. "I love the desert and I love flowers, and I have a good eye for that."

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PLUCK O’ THE IRISH

BY SHALONI LEONARD
Staff Reporter

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

Tuck 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 Buildings have also been on radio and television networks all over the country.

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

The Buildings have been playing together for 23 years and have recorded 12 albums. Their newest release, Beneath the Moon, is a collection of their best original works.

"It was fun, it’s not the same as 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.
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 also on display. The turnout was more than 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 leg to be put on last. Its oblong 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 distinct texture.

“This is the first gallery we’ve done together and we plan to do more,” said Regan.

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 Deka 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 Deka 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 Jillian’s photographs were also on display. The turnout was more than 150 people showed up for the event.

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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 Ladizak at 206-268-1309.

“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 Seaburn 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 Park, and perhaps have a chance to get your portrait done.

Solution to last week’s puzzle

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Crossword 101

By Ed County

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5 Rebates
6 Aliments
7 Big toe inflammations
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10 Involuntary act
11 Poker game
12 Waterless
13 Dams momentarily
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24 Grasslands
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33 Construction plan
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35 Poker hand
37 Anger
40 Supplement
41 Grain
43 Helper
44 Sharpens

Chubbie Cheats

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

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Highline's season ends on sour note

BY BRIAN SHARICK
Staff Reporter

Kennewick - The Highline Thunderbirds women's basketball team failed to place at the NWACC 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 NWACC 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 win 69-66.

In Highline's final game of the tournament, Spokane played their best game of the season after only missing the their best player for the tournament against the T-Birds 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 nellies, but they showed a lot more poise down the stretch," said Olson.

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

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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 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 Ageraw was called for a flagrant foul on an inbound pass, which allowed Wenatchee Valley two free throw attempts and possession of the ball.

"She [Ageraw] 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 inbounded the ball, Wenatchee Valley's Kei Phipkin darted up court in an attempt to run out the clock. Then a glimmer of hope shined down on the T-Birds as a ray of sunshine breaking through the clouds. Phipkin stepped out of bounds, 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 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-Birds and their fans, all excitement was dashed in a heartbeat. Their hopes of winning an NWAACC Championship were smothered 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 turned the Lady T-Birds as well.

"There was a lot of crying after that loss," I don't think I have ever done that," said sophomore guard Krista 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.

Spokesmen: Shalynn Leonard, Lauryn Jones and Leslie Jeffers 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 season.

They finished the season 25-7 and have four players representing Highline in the NWAACC all-star game, two feats that not 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 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."
Five T-Birds finish season as all-stars

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

BY MICAH THICKSTON
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, Britannia Dunn, Shalynn Leonard and Kristen Boyd. While the men's team will be represented by point guard Austin Nicholson.

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 Saltman 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 Rob 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, finishing in 22.78 seconds.

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

In the hurdles, Jershon Foyton placed second, finishing second in the 110-meter hurdles, with a time of 15.39 seconds. Foyton 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 of 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 track, the sprinters did well in their events.

Tomika 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 1:00.3. 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 32:19.29, 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 Central Washington and Northwest Nazarene.

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 big game.

This was Tacoma's sixth championship in school history, but Howell's Big Bend was favored 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.

"I 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.

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 games, and I think that is the biggest thing they have done this year," said Big Bend Head Coach Eric Spencer.

The leading scorer in the game, Big Bend's Edward BeckVane, who was also named Tournament MVP, had 25 points. BeckVane was also selected as the Tournament MVP and was also named All-Conference Player of the NWAACC tournament.

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

Tight-knit fastpitch team expects big things

BY DAVID HADLE
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.

Official division play will begin March 29. The team will have their first game of 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 we're deeper," said Coach Mark Hall.

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

You can keep skiing through spring

BY KENDRA KAY
Staff Reporter

Warmer days may soon be on the horizon, 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 in for free.

Also at Crystal Mountain, 34 slopes, they also have tons of free activities for all ages. Spring Ping runs March 15-17, with competitions such as the Silly Staloom and the On Snow Kayak Race.

A season pass will be awarded to the first place winner of the Sush Cup competition.

"It's kinda like water skiing," said a Crystal Mountain spokeswoman. "We want to see if you 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 Bettev 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 & Sol 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 suggest 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.
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.

Dan Watson, an IMP 101 student, says that the program has improved a great deal from last 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 Langford, 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. 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 into 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. They then 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 $12,000 worth of scholarships and now, eight years later, they offer $54,000 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. One of these 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.

Women’s awards coming in May

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 their 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 Work First coordinator. "It would be nice to recognize all of them."

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

ceptional people.

Nominations for this year’s awards are now being accepted. If you would like to nominate someone that you feel is an extra-ordinary person, please contact Women’s Programs by April 14 in Building 6.

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BCM wants to spread the word of God

Students came all the way from Tennessee to help start club

By Ciao 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 9 at Tuesday with free pop and videos which taught about "The Ministry of Jesus.”

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 be competitive within the world. We have the desire to go further 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 everything else 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 heart and 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 it out of habit.
- Better grades. Yes, it is true. Your grades will improve because you have faith in yourself. In fact everything will start to go better and actually be better.

I encourage you to give it a try.

Samantha is destined for salvation and she wants you to come with her.

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Christ crusades on campus

BY SAMANTHA VAL
Staff Reporter

Campus Crusade for Christ is an international, non-denominational collegiate ministry that meets about one to two Fridays in Building 10.

"The purpose of Campus Crusade is to teach students about Jesus Christ. We are really laid back. It's a student-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 led 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 forgiveness, to share the forgiveness through Jesus Christ," said Toy.

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

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. "One of the students was affected. He went to church once a year on Christmas, but I am a Christian everyday," said Muslim student Arafat Al Arfi. "I think other religions are all right. Other religions, the one thing I do not understand the concept of believing 'One God.'"

Faith on campus

The Sept. 11 tragedy helped changing a student's life is 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.

Mormad 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, and a reason to base my life on, to know how to act and treat people," said Zina Daghir, a junior student.

As president of the association, Daghir has held her title since the 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 find 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 Daghir.

Despite the generalization of her people by a small minority, Daghir 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 work to meet up with others," said Mahmoud.

Religion

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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 23-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 Andreasen. "At this point there are other aspects of life that I prioritize other than religion."

Some people, such as Muslim Horino, age 22, claim to be atheistic 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 students 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 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 Assem.

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

"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-360
Mormon-71
Buddhist-27
Catholic-15
Research-10
Muslim-10
Baptist-9
Lutheran-6
Agnostic-5
Protestant-5
Episcopalian-4
Jewish-6
Witnesses-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 be come the Internet bust and Dale Bird, a graduate of Highline, found himself competing for entry-level jobs with people who have a Ph.D. or their equivalent.

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. offers several computer support services including on-site service, software and hardware repair, providing software and web help and service, software and web development, and e-commerce.

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

“As small businesses there 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 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 supposed to work.”

Olander breaks state law

BY AARON ERNST
Staff Reporter

Des Moines City Councilman Bob Sheckler is “distressed” to hear the council voted to remove the city manager.

In a letter read by Councilman Scott Thomason at last Thursday’s council meeting, Sheckler commended City Manager Bob Olander for his service to the city. “I’m glad (Olander) is regarded as one of the best city managers in the state by his colleagues,” Thomason 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 Snohomish County State Attorney General has ruled that Petersen’s service 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 Thomason 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 council 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.

Highline school bond could pass

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 a big part of the equation.

“Suffolk [Construction] was 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 supposed to work.”

FOOTNOTES

* Some of his clients include 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.

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"Highline school bond could pass"
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 diplomatic 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, wake-board 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.

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 and in Bob Baugher’s Death & Life class Spring Quarter at Highline.

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

“Live now. You’re going to die, so what are you waiting for?” he said.

Dr. Baugher 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 Baugher 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.

Baugher 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 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,” Baugher said.

“Some people may use defense 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,” Baugher said.

Baugher 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 persons, 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,” Baugher 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 them selves 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. Baugher has worked with bereaved parents and says that they still missed their child whom they lost 11 years ago.

They have a hard time dealing with that grief. It’s too painful to watch,” Baugher said.

“We have to look at death to appreciate life.”

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

Baugher 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.”
Women speak out about Islam

By Anna Sukhmanova
Staff reporter

People wonder why Muslim women have so much clothing, said a panel of Muslim women students Thursday, March 7. Zina Daghiri, 20, Khadra Mohamed, 19, Muna Mohamed, 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 in 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.

Women speak out about Islam

"Wearing hijab takes away 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.

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

Muna Mohamed 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 to marry a new wife there also, so that "he'd always have a place to come back to and being taken 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 can 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 GPA and single motherhood, while holding the position as president of the RN Nursing Program at Highline.

"You just keep going, quitting is not an option," said Cox.

"Just keep your energy up so high, that they never see 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 shocked," 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 resume 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 Benno Then 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 curse.

Jean Munro, bartender there and staff member at Highline Women's Programs, joked 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 do-oh, 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 quarter 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 Eyegabroad, Josephine Barb and Munro off their backs.

The money is intended as a stash 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 do something," said Munro.

As part of the Highline College's diversity efforts, the mayor attended Diversity Day at Highline high school to tell students about appreciating diversity.

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

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"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.

Diversity Day teaches high school students acceptance

BY APPLE DUQUE
Staff Reporter

Violence occurs between racines 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 said a group of high school students on Friday.

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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 choose 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 ballots at the end of the speeches to determine the best delivery.

Platt was the first to speak and gave her speech on “Allimony.” “The Dutch discovered an amazing thing, that wasn’t splitting the check,” said Platt.

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 sparse 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 sat 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 too nervous to do her door-to-door canvassing. Photo by Jessica Dominy

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 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 Wag nit. The dean of transfer and pre-college education. “The center offers information workshops, and a library of transfer material to support transfer students. The Transferring 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 Wag nit. “At least an AA degree is a must that you can just jump into any school of your choice. Certain schools have prerequisites to take.

“For example, a psychology major at University X may be supposed to take statistics in his or her freshman or sophomore year. That’s not required by the AA, and even if an AA-holder is admitted as a junior at that university, he or she would need to go back and pick up statistics. Another case is in point, here. The GPA required to enter a university may be different from the GPA required to enter a specific program. For example, some of the highly competitive programs at the University of Washington may require the Computer Science major to practice in practice be admitting students that have at least a 3.8 although the published minimum GPA may actually be quite lower,” said Wag nit.

“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 freshmen students. Many people have different input on this subject, but it is not at all the matter of experience and opinion. “No, I don’t think transfer students are,” said Wag nit. “If you stay with one school for the full four years, you’re likely to make more consistent information and, hence, have fewer problems 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 sometimes they are limited 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 JOSE MONTERO and KELLY WALLACE
Staff Reporters

Community and technical colleges will face less of a budget cut under the state's proposed
budget. The Senate agreed to Gov. Gary Locke's original 10 percent
budget cut Wednesday in Olympia.

The college faces a 2 percent cut in the budget being
finalized on the state's books.

Students also may face increased
fees per credit hour this winter.

The state's college system has cut
pay raises for faculty members and
budget reductions.